Finding aid to the Noe Valley Community Archives Records Circa 1890-2003
SFH 589

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Abstract: The Noe Valley Community Archives was started in 1979 but became inactive shortly afterwards because of lack of members. The group restarted in 1988 with its first meeting at the Noe Valley branch library. Paul Kantus served as president.
Physical Location: The collection is stored off-site.
Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English.
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Provenance
Acquired from the Noe Valley Community Archives, July 2017.
Related materials
Researchers are encouraged to see Corbett Heights by Michael R. Corbett and Rancho San Miguel by Mae Silver.
Conservation Note
During processing, part of the collection was re-foldered and re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes. Some metal staples remain.
Materials Transferred
Photographs have been transferred to the San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection. Newspapers and periodicals have been transferred to San Francisco History Periodicals and Newspapers.
Biography or Administrative History
The Noe Valley Community Archives was started in 1979 but became inactive shortly afterwards because of lack of members. The group restarted in 1988 with its first meeting at the Noe Valley branch library. Paul Kantus served as president.
The collection contains materials from the East and West of Castro Street Improvement Club (formed 1902), Friends of Noe Valley (formed 1971), the Noe Valley Community Archives (formed 1979), the Twin Peaks Improvement Club (formed circa 1911) and the Upper Noe Valley Neighborhood Council (formed 1958). Many individual community members also donated materials.
Scope and Content
The collection contains meeting minutes and membership ledgers for the East and West of Castro Improvement Club, Newsletters for the Friends of Noe Valley, resource files for the Noe Valley Archives, a membership roster for the Twin Peaks Improvement Club, meeting minutes and newsletter for the Upper Noe Valley Neighborhood Council, scrapbooks, photographs, videos and artifacts.

Arrangement

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Noe Valley -- San Francisco (Calif.)
Neighborhoods-California-San Francisco.

Series 1 Clubs / Associations Resource Files
Arrangement
Arranged by date.

Sub-Series 1.1 East and West of Castro Improvement Club
box 1, folder 1 West of Castro Street Improvement Club Meeting Minutes 1902-1929
box 1, folder 2 West of Castro Club Meeting Minutes 1905-1909
box 1, folder 3 East and West Castro Improvement Club Meeting Minutes 1947-1957
box 1, folder 4 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 1950-1975
box 1, folder 5 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 1977-1978
box 1, folder 6 [East West Improvement Club] Membership Ledger 1958-1969
box 1 East and West of Castro Street Improvement Club Newsletter 1974-2002
box 8 West of Castro Street Improvement Club Scrapbook 1923-1937

Sub-Series 1.2 Friends of Noe Valley
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically.

Businesses
box 6, folder 1 Bakers of Paris, Wrap Works, La Salon 1998
box 6, folder 2 Courtyard Cafe, Cafe Savor 1996
box 6, folder 3 Haan’s Hibachi 1997-1998
box 6, folder 4 Miss Millie’s History 1995-1996
box 6, folder 5 Posh Bagels, Noe Bagels 1995

Buildings
box 6, folder 6 3953 24th Street 2003
box 6, folder 7 4181 24th Street

Development: 21st and Sanchez 1995
box 1, folder 9-11 Friends of Noe Valley Newsletter 1978-2003
box 6, folder 10 Friends of Planning Commission 1997
box 6, folder 11 Homelessness 1999
box 6, folder 12 Restaurant Permit, Clippings 1995
box 6, folder 13 Restaurant Survey 1998
box 6, folder 14 Street Signs on Poles and Banners Removal 1998

Zoning
box 6, folder 15 Ban on Coffee Houses and Juice Bars 1998
box 6, folder 16 Chain Store Moratorium on Retail 1998-1999
box 6, folder 17 Noe Valley Survey and Moratorium on Restaurants 1996
Sub-Series 1.4 Upper Noe Valley Neighborhood Council

Scope and Contents
Includes council meeting minutes and the Upper Noe Valley Neighborhood Council Bulletin Board, the newsletter of the Upper Noe Valley Neighborhood Council.

Arrangement
Resource files are arranged chronologically by date.

box 2, folder 1-13  1958-1970
box 3, folder 1-13  1971-1974
box 4, folder 1-8   1974-1976

Sub-Series 1.5 Noe Valley Community Archives

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically in original order.

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Resources 1979
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Mental Health Clinic Action 1971
Noe Valley Arts Forum 1978-1979
Upper Noe Valley Neighborhood Council 1978
Bay Area Reference Center 1988
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Blaustein, Miriam 1983-1997
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Brunn, Sally 1991
Kantus, Paul 2008-2009
McCunn, Ruthanne Lum 1983-1995
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- Star Outfitting Co. (Radio Boys) 1930s
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  - Neighborhood Anti-Littering Group

- **Bags**
  - Noe Jeans Et. Al.
  - Books Plus
  - The Wooden Heel

- **Commemorative Coins**
  - Angelo Rossi Award, San Francisco Clean City Coalition, SF One Neat City
  - San Francisco Examiner, Distinguished 10, Fred Methner 1974
  - Gambling Peg Board: Card Game Every Card a Winner
  - Noe Valley Merchants Trading Stamp
  - San Francisco Fair Ribbon 1983
  - Twin Peaks Imp. Club Banner Circa 1920