

# Friends of Duboce Park

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This is smaller scale event meant for local families around Duboce Park and the neighborhood.

There are a number of [Halloween events in other San Francisco parks](#):

Randall Museum's Family Halloween on October 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Nightmare on Elk Street at Glen Canyon Park Recreation Center on October 21, 4-9 p.m., and the return of Scaregrove to Stern Grove on Friday,

## **PUMPKIN CARVING OCTOBER 29**

Friends of Duboce Park is hosting a free pumpkin carving party on Sunday, October 29, from 2-4 p.m. on the Upper Lawn. Although the event is free, please bring your own pumpkin and carving tools. We will have extras in case you forgot.

The classic jack-o'-lantern is an established Halloween icon. For those who grew up trick-or-treating, it evokes sweet memories of childhood, costumes and candy.

October 27, 4-9 p.m.



### **SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE, K9 HEROES BIG SUCCESSSES**



Outdoor Movie Night returned to Duboce Park on Saturday September 30 with *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*. Attendance was estimated to be in the hundreds and many thought this was the biggest crowd ever for a movie in Duboce Park. The free family-friendly event was held on the Upper Lawn. Friends of Duboce Park provided a refreshment stand with popcorn and home-baked cookies and brownies and many people brought their own picnics and snacks.

The weather was prefect, the screen went up with no problem, and a good time was had by all. The 2023 computer-animated adventure comedy film is based on the popular video game of the same name and featured an original story for the brothers Mario and Luigi. A special thanks to Otra Mexican restaurant on Haight Street and Rec & Park for their support.

Fleet Week celebrated K9 Heroes, an event that brings dog-loving attendees, vendor booths from pet services providers, and various agencies together to celebrate our canine friends, was once again held in Duboce Park on last Saturday.

Regional and national K9 services bring their canine stars to demonstrate their abilities, including search and rescue, therapy tasks, drug and food detection, law enforcement, and bomb detection. In the field or in the home, military and civilian working dogs save and change lives.



## **VOLUNTEER IN THE PARK THIS SATURDAY**

Our next volunteer day in the park is this Saturday, October 14, from 10 a.m.-noon. This month we will planting and mulching the planted areas around the Scott Street Labyrinth. We also planted 30 *Ceanothus* in the raised planter bed along the sloped area between the stairs and the MUNI retaining wall at one of our recent volunteer days.

All gloves and tools are provided and young children are always welcome! Rec & Park has



asked us to sign up in advance at this link <https://sfrpd.my.salesforce-sites.com/SFRPDCalendar> (scroll down to Duboce Park) if you plan on attending.

Even 30 minutes of your time makes a big difference in the appearance of Duboce Park. Our volunteer day is always the second Saturday of every month. Contact Rose at [rose@friendsofdubocepark.org](mailto:rose@friendsofdubocepark.org) for more information or with any questions or comments.

## **VENDORS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR DECEMBER 11**

The Harvey Milk Center for the Arts is hosting its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, December 10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Booths are available for \$60 and applications are due November 4. Last year, over 60 local artists applied for a space, but there was only room to showcase 32 artists.

Besides the two levels of tables of unique handmade gifts, there were arts and craft activities for kids in the Photo Center and the always popular free Photo Booth in the main lobby. Free hot apple cider was served and popcorn and pastries were available for purchase. For more information, contacts Kristin Borup at [hmcaevents@sfgov.org](mailto:hmcaevents@sfgov.org) or 415-554-8742.



## TEEN CLASSES AT HARVEY MILK

Registration for Rec & Park's fall activities, programs, and classes is underway. 23 different classes will be offered at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts this fall, including seven courses for teenagers: Portfolio Development Workshop, Teen Audio Lab, Theater Tech with YPTMTC, Tween Art Exploration, Young People's Teen Musical Theater Company Theater, and, Zines for Teens.



Teen Audio Lab will give teens a chance to explore audio concepts in a way they can easily understand. Students will explore making beats, song structure, basics of production, and how to upload their songs to different streaming services. Students will learn the basics of Ableton Live, which is software used by working professionals all over the world. A complete listing with descriptions, times, and costs for all classes at Harvey Milk and other Recreation Centers in San Francisco is [online](#) or in the 80-page catalog available at the Harvey Milk Center or Photo Center. There are other courses for all ages: preschoolers; youth; tweens & teens; adults; and,

adults 55 and older.

Register online at [sfrecpark.org/register](https://sfrecpark.org/register) or call the registration hotline at (628) 652-2900. Rec and Park offer annual Recreation Scholarships to eligible, low-income individuals and families. Call Lillian Bautista, Scholarship Coordinator, at (415) 831-2717 for more information.



### **LEARN INKJET PRINTING, DARKROOM ESSENTIALS**

Take your images off the screen and into the printed form! Introduction to Inkjet Printing will be offered on Wednesdays, 5-8:30 p.m. from October 24-November 14. will cover best practices in shooting, editing, preparing images for print, and archival storage methods. The class will utilize the Epson Stylus Pro, an inkjet printer capable of

delivering stunning professional-quality prints on multiple types of media. Passing familiarity with Adobe Photoshop and/or Lightroom are highly recommended. Please bring a laptop with current version of Adobe Photoshop or Lightroom and thumb drive. This class will supply (2) 8 x 10 inch prints. Should students wish to print more, a materials fee will be charged according to the size and number of prints created.

Darkroom Essentials & Processes is an introductory class that covers all of the key basics in Black and White Darkroom printing. Learn the essential steps and key processes to get you on your way to printing your images! Students will gain the techniques to grow in skill and confidence. Offered Thursdays, October 5-November 9, 6-8:30 p.m.0

Full descriptions, class dates, and costs of all Photo Center classes can be found in the Fall 2023 Catalogue available at the Photo Center or [online](#) or the [Harvey Milk Photo Center website](#).

### **UNCANNY BEAUTY PHOTO SHOW CLOSES OCTOBER 21**

Uncanny Beauty, an exhibition of contemporary fine art photography by 18 members of the Bay Area Photographers Collective continues through October 21. Curator Emmanuelle Namont says, "These photographs offer a fresh and captivating vision of life's strange, eerie and unique beauty."



Namont also made this curatorial statement: "When encountering the work of the Bay Area Photographers Collective, I was struck by the diverse practices, from street to abstract, from landscape to documentary. The common thread was an exploration of what is beautiful today.

Photography is always a surprise; you master your camera's controls and look at the world around you, but once you press the shutter, you discover another facet of life.

From everyday occurrences transformed into bizarre moments by a unique combination of color, tones, and framing to an exploration of the natural world and the sublime, the use of the camera is all about the reinterpretation of reality. In that gesture, these photographers offer a fresh and captivating vision of life's strange, eerie, and unique beauty."

## MAINTENANCE UPDATE



Friends of Duboce Park met with Michelle Pallavicini, Park Services Manager, in September to get an update on various maintenance issues in the park and the responses we got are very encouraging.

**Signage.** Many of the signs and stencils are very worn and difficult to read. Pallavicini said that Duboce Park is on the list for replacement signs this fall. She also has submitted work orders to repaint the stencils to remind people that dogs are not allowed in the People Only Area (Upper Lawn) and are required to be on leash on the hill behind the bulletin board. We also requested a band of color around the People Only area as a reminder.

**Benches.** We can always use additional benches. Benches from Boedekker Park were added around the Potomac entry circle but there is still a need for more.

**Garbage cans.** Almost all of the garbage cans in Duboce Park are the plastic bins provided by Recology. We would love to see those cans replaced with something more modern and attractive, similar to the ones at Dolores Park. Pallavicini said Rec & Park will look into something that is suitable for Duboce.

**Turf conditions.** There are many bare, worn, and brown spots on all of Duboce Park Lawns. Pallavicini said that the recent sod replacement in the Dog Play Area just could not handle the impact of so many dogs so quickly. Urine, digging, and dog owners loitering in specific areas is the cause for some of the failure. The gardener regularly aerates and adds seed to many worn areas.

**Playground resurfacing.** We have been asking for repairs to the playground and YPA for years and finally we received some good news on the playground resurfacing. We are on this next round of repairs and bids have just gone out for the work.

**Water fountain.** The fountain near the Pierce St. entrance is no longer operating. The bottom of the unit has corroded and there is a leak underneath it. A new fountain is on order.



## PARKS IN THE NEWS

Calling all buskers! Busking is the activity of playing music in the street or another public place for voluntary donations. Rec & Park is excited to share that they are now allowing license holding buskers to book multiple three-hour slots for weekends in **Golden Gate Park**. There are six busking locations in the park. The goal is to create an environment that encourages and supports local artists, while adding to the vibrancy of the park. For buskers with licenses, you can [select your time slots at this link](#). To apply for a busking license, [click this link](#).



Come out to **Jerry Garcia Amphitheater** (40 John F. Shelley Drive) for Rock Fest 2023 in **McLaren Park** on Saturday, October 14 from noon to 4 p.m. This free show will feature Unchained, a Van Halen tribute band and Gods of Thunder, a Kiss tribute band. The event will be emceed by Will Carroll of Death Angel and is presented by Help McLaren Park and Friends of the AMP. For more information, click the [link](#) below.

MC'd by **Will Carroll** of **Death Angel**, the roar of the crowd will be joined by the roar of the **Kiss** Tribute Band, **Gods of Thunder** - who take over the stage after the **Van Halen** Tribute Band **Unchained** works their magic.

Presented by Help McLaren Park and Friends of the AMP, the afternoon continues the annual **Live from the Amphitheater 's** lineup of free concerts and events held at the



iconic Jerry Garcia Amphitheater in San Francisco's John McLaren Park

Experience the best escape adventures in the Bay! Located inside the historic **Palace of Fine Arts**, the four award-winning escape rooms from Palace Games are crafted with beautiful sets, interactive challenges, intriguing puzzle design and astonishing tech. Palace Games is one of the top escape rooms in the world, with unparalleled technology, twists and turns. These unique immersive games are perfect for team building, special occasions, or fun with friends and family. Join the more than 75,000 players who have been amazed and delighted at Palace Games.



The ongoing [India Basin Waterfront Park project](#) in San Francisco's Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood will receive \$5.1 million through a grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy to improve public access, and further habitat restoration and climate resilience efforts. The future 10-acre waterfront park is currently under construction. Once complete, it will seamlessly combine the historical former ship-building site at 900 Innes Ave. with India Basin Shoreline Park, which will also undergo improvements. The final product will create a spacious park in the city's southeastern neighborhood, featuring shore access, sports courts, gathering spaces, multi-use trails, and much more.



## REMEMBERING SENATOR FEINSTEIN

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Senator Dianne Feinstein. While much of the focus remains on her legacy as a trailblazer who led San Francisco out of a dark time before rising to the national stage, we also remember her as a champion for San Francisco's parks. She opened and dedicated Sgt. John Macaulay Park and Mission Recreation Center, renamed Central City Park for Father Alfred Boeddeker, and much more.

The above picture, courtesy of Casey Bode, shows the former Friends of Duboce Park

president Michael Bode with Mayor Dianne Feinstein (probably taken on May 26, 1979, when the Recreational Arts Building was renamed the Harvey Milk Recreational Center in honor of the slain supervisor). The photo shows the "tent city" in Duboce Park after the 1906 earthquake and fire.

## COYOTE DISPERSAL SEASON BEGINS

As we move from summer to fall coyotes are beginning their seasonal shift from denning to dispersal. During dispersal, young coyotes are likely to be more visible across San Francisco as they roam through neighborhoods, parks, and green spaces searching for denning sites. While these sightings can be thrilling, it's important to



remember that coyotes are wild animals. Here are some tips to ensure safe coexistence with

our natural neighbors:

- Keep dogs leashed and cats indoors. While rare, small dogs and cats can be viewed as prey. Keep both your pet and coyotes safe by staying vigilant.
- Do not approach coyotes, and instead admire them from a distance. If a coyote approaches you, pick up small children or pets, be loud and retreat slowly from the area.

If you encounter a coyote or see someone putting out food for a coyote, report it to Animal Care and Control (ACC) at (415) 554-9400, or by email at [ACC@sfgov.org](mailto:ACC@sfgov.org). This allows a better understanding of coyote activity across the city and allows us to focus our coyote coexistence outreach in hotspot neighborhoods.

### **JOIN FRIENDS OF DUBOCE PARK**

Annual Membership dues for a Supporting Member are \$25 per person and entitle you to voting privileges and participation in the governance of the organization. Your dues help cover the few costs we have, such as our website, newsletter, movie nights, and insurance.

Your tax-deductible membership is gratefully accepted and should be sent to Friends of Duboce Park, 71 Scott Street, San Francisco, CA 94117. Friends of Duboce Park are a 501(c)(3) organization. General Membership is still available at no cost but does not carry any voting privileges. Another way to show your support is by getting involved.

Our Mission Statement includes the following: "to organize and represent the collective interests regarding Duboce Park; to beautify and promote safety within Duboce Park; and, to initiate and/or support beneficial neighborhood projects on behalf of Duboce Park."

### **OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2023 CALENDAR**

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-8 p.m. Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association General Meeting. Harvey Milk Center. Visit [dtna.org](http://dtna.org).

Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m.-noon. Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact [rose@friendsofdubocepark.org](mailto:rose@friendsofdubocepark.org).

Wednesday, October 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Park Station Community Meeting via Zoom. RSVP to [community@sfsafesafe.org](mailto:community@sfsafesafe.org).

Sunday, October 29, 2-4 p.m. Pumpkin Carving in the Park. Upper Lawn, Duboce Park.

Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m.-noon. Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact [rose@friendsofdubocepark.org](mailto:rose@friendsofdubocepark.org).

Wednesday, November 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Park Station Community Meeting via Zoom. RSVP to [community@sfsafesafe.org](mailto:community@sfsafesafe.org).