

Friends of Duboce Park

DUBOCE PARK UPDATE – JUNE 6, 2024

MOVIE NIGHT SUCCESS

SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY JUNE 8

SUMMER CLASS REGISTRATION

PHOTO EXHIBIT

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

PROBLEM IN THE PARK - WHO TO CALL

MUSIC IN THE PARKS

JOIN FRIENDS OF DUBOCE PARK

CALENDAR



MOVIE NIGHT A SUCCESS

Outdoor Movie Night returned to Duboce Park on Saturday, May 11 with *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story* (2016, PG-13). Movie Night was originally scheduled for May 4 but was postponed for one week since heavy rain and wind gusts were forecast for the original date. This was the first installment of the Star Wars anthology series and an immediate prequel to *Star Wars* (1977).

A few hundred people filled the upper lawn and a good time was had by all, including a few people who looked remarkably like Princess Leia and a few

stormtroopers armed with light lasers. Local musicians Pistachio Fever entertained the crowd before the movie and ended their set with the theme from Star Wars. The event was sponsored by Friends of Duboce Park and San Francisco Recreation & Parks with financial support from Otra, a restaurant on Haight Street and Gamescape, a game store on Divisadero Street.

Our next movie night is scheduled for Friday, September 6. The Parks Alliance and Friends of Duboce Park is showing an exclusive screening of "*SF Lost Landscapes: Found Home Movies*," a special film made by Bay Area archivist Rick Prellinger that features a collection of home videos about San Francisco. The movie is part the Sundown Cinema series of movies in San Francisco parks sponsored by the Parks Alliance.



SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Five summer art day camps for ages 7-11 are being offered at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts this year. Three 2-week camps are being offered, starting on June 17, July 8, and July 22. Two 1-week camps start on June 10 and August 5. These camps are very popular so be sure to register soon to ensure getting into the camp you want.

If your child loves to make art all day long, then this is the camp for them! Rec and Park offers intensive art making where campers can explore and develop their artistic abilities in visual art, creative writing, storytelling, and movement, led by art specialists. Projects will focus on multi-step processes and challenge fine motor skills.

Young People's Teen Musical Theater Company (YPMTC) is offering the two-week Vocal and Acting Camp at Harvey Milk to teenagers 13-17 years old from July 22 through August 2. This challenging course emphasizes musical theater performance for all skill levels.

There are still the old-time favorites like Silver Tree and Pine Lake, but also some new camps. The Ropes Course Experience will challenge campers while teaching teamwork at the McLaren Park Ropes Course and there's also a multitude of sports camps being offered around the city at centers like Kezar Pavilion, Crocker Amazon, and more. Sign up early as space is limited and demand is great. Here's [more information](#) and the catalogue of camps.





NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY IN THE PARK JUNE 8

Our next volunteer day in the park is scheduled for this Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m.-noon. We will be weeding and mulching in the planter beds inside and just outside of the Children's Playground. A special thanks to our May volunteers, who did some weeding in the raised planted beds on the south side of the Center and in the planted area next to the stairs on the south side of the Center.

Volunteers spent a whopping 400,000 hours in San Francisco parks and programs in the past year, an in-kind donation of more than \$144.3 million to Rec and Park. The department hosted 7,214 one-time and repeat volunteers in San Francisco parks.



SUMMER CLASS REGISTRATION

Registration for summer classes that start in June has begun. The complete catalogue of courses offered in San Francisco parks and recreation centers can be found [online](#) or in the Summer Catalogue available at the Recreation Center or Photo Center. The Harvey Milk Recreation Center for the Arts will not host any classes this summer since the facility is used by the Summer Camp program.

However, the Photo Center is still offering 25 classes this summer, including three Cyanotype classes.

Cyanotype for All is a one-day workshop being offered on June 15 and June 29 that explores one of the oldest photographic processes, the cyanotype. This alternative process produces a characteristic blue hued photographic print. Participants will use found objects like flowers, plants, or other common



items to create unique photograms using the cyanotype process. The basics of the process from mixing and applying emulsion to exposure and development will be covered.

Cyanotype and Stitches, starting on June 11, will explore the photographic process of cyanotype on textiles to create unique imagery in combination with basic embroidery embellishments. Students will be introduced to the alternative process of cyanotype on fabric and will also learn drawing with thread techniques to enhance, add, layer and respond to the resulting imagery.



PHOTO EXHIBIT – SF_RETAKE

Twenty-two photographers were asked for their take on San Francisco by showing us their personal projects, images that capture an essence of the Bay Area, here and now. The result is a month-long art exhibit that showcases small collections of the artists' insights and projects. The show opened on May 4. It was curated and designed by Maren Levinson, David Peters, and Rhonda Rubinstein.

According to the curator's statement, "it was 2004, when a small creative team invited 20 established photographers from the art and editorial world, as well as a handful of newly-emerging photographers, documented that post-internet megaboom-to-bust moment in time. Produced as a 152-page glossy magazine, under the imprint of the NYC-based BIG

magazine, issue 54 has become a coveted time capsule.

Take two, twenty years later, our world is yet again in the midst of disruptive change...the impact of remote work on the character of downtown San Francisco is unmistakable. Virtual and artificial technologies are transforming our words, pictures, and our perception of reality itself. The concerns of AI replacing the need for photographers and their work feels very real – or as real as anything is today.

Unsurprisingly, new figures are coming into focus. We see more clearly the distinct representation from a diversity of individuals — women and minorities who were not as visible as they are today in the photographic space. They bring a fresh perspective, a sensitivity, an awakening, and an energy that is more reflective of the larger world we see around us."

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

As part of our continuing effort to get **additional benches** in the park, Friends of Duboce Park has identified four potential locations that do not require installing concrete pads under them. The photo to the right shows the suggested locations, represented with white boxes.

The plexiglass part of the park **bulletin board** was smashed in mid-May and Rec and Park has already repaired it.



Two of the **three water fountains** at the top of the Dog Play Area are broken. One has continuously running water and another does not work at all. The doggie bowl fountain is functioning.

We continue our search for new more **attractive garbage bins** in the park. Since the bins must be able to house the large 96-gallon Recology bins, there are limited choices. We recently found an attractive replacement and have suggested it to Rec and Park.

Three new metal **informational signs** have been installed at the entrances at Carmelita Street, Pierce Street, and Steiner Street. New, bold red stencils have been painted around the People Only Area (upper lawn) and new Dogs on Leash graphics were put on the pathways throughout the park.

Playground resurfacing has been completed in the Playground. The new surface is green artificial turf with a lot of bounce. A more durable rubber material has been installed under the heavily used areas, e.g., under the swings and at the end of the slides. The original surface was 23 years old and installed as part of the playground renovation completed in 2000. There is currently a work order in for repainting the playground equipment.

The Dog Play/Multi-Use Area had its annual field closure for renovations and rest from overuse and reopened in time for DogFest on April 27.



PARK PROBLEM – WHO TO CALL

- Park Rangers - (415) 242-6390
- Maintenance Issue - 311
- SFPD Non-Emergency - (415) 553-0123
- SFPD Emergency – 911

Call 911 immediately if there is a crime in progress or any other emergency that requires a police, fire, or medical response. If a situation requires the police, but does not need an immediate response, call (415) 553-0123. Examples of non-emergency situations include noise complaints, suspicious activities, or a homeless/nuisance- related issues.

If there is a problem in the park that is not an emergency, call the Park Rangers at (415) 242-6390. Use this number for park code violations, such as noise, dogs in the People Only Area, and permit violations. Park Rangers only respond to non-emergency calls. In 2003, there were 15 rangers but there are now 58 on their staff.

For problems related to maintenance issues in the park, call 311 or use the 311 app. The app allows you to take a picture of the problem. You typically receive an acknowledgement right away and then a message regarding the resolution once it has been dealt with.

PARKS IN THE NEWS

Prepare to dive into summer fun as [The Whale's Tail](#), **Golden Gate Park's seasonal watering hole**, surfaced once again on the JFK Promenade. Formerly known as the Beer and Wine Garden, this beloved spot for al fresco fun will now include brunch cocktails on its menu alongside its traditional beer and wine offerings.

The Whale's Tail—a new name inspired by the nearby Street Whale art installation, is child-friendly, dog-friendly, and bike-friendly. It will feature a revolving schedule of live music, as well as food trucks, street art and games. The Whale's Tail will be open from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays,

Sundays, and select holidays all summer. It is located at the 14th Avenue East Meadow just west of the Rose Garden on the JFK Promenade. For more information, click [this link](#).

San Francisco's ***park system ranks among the best in the nation***. The Trust for Public Land's annual [ParkScore Index](#) rankings are based on five factors: park access, park equity, park acreage, park investment, and park amenities. Each category was evaluated on a scale of 100 points. San Francisco received perfect scores for access and investment, while our [dog parks](#) and bathrooms received perfect scores for abundance. Read [full park score here](#).





The Gardens of Golden Gate Park were also named a **top 10 garden** via [CultureComp](#), by Morey Consulting. CompScores were determined by attendance, market capture, visitor experience, Google rating, visit frequency, and admission price to identify the highest performing gardens. There were 83 gardens, arboretums, and conservatories included as part of their ongoing analysis of more than 11 million visitors to 806 cultural attractions in the 100 largest U.S. markets.

We were also crowned as **America's healthiest city** in a study published by WalletHub, which evaluated 180 major U.S. cities. We surpassed other major U.S. cities in per capita spending on parks and recreation, promoting accessible natural spaces, and encouraging physical activity.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS

The **Stern Grove Festival** announced their lineup of performers for this free summers concerts, starting on Tegan and Sarah on Sunday, June 23. Check out Stern Grove Festival's amazing lineup that includes Sylvan Esso, the Commodores, Chaka Khan and more. Doors open at noon, DJ starts at 1 p.m., and the concert starts at 2 p.m. You can RSVP for free tickets one month before each show date and get more information at [this link](#).





Another Planet Entertainment (APE) announced a ***new outdoor, live music experience*** in Golden Gate Park. This exclusive concert, produced in association with Live Nation, takes place on Saturday, August 17 from 3 to 10 p.m. The lineup will be anchored by Alt Rock cultural icons, System Of A Down and the Deftones. Joining them will be The Mars Volta, Viagra Boys and VOWWS. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Friday, April 12 at 10 a.m. For more information [click this link](#).

The concert will be held on the Polo Field the weekend after ***Outside Lands*** is held. Tickets sold out in one hour. The promoter is funding free Muni rides to and from the Polo Field for concert ticket holders.

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 is a 501(c)(3) organization. General Membership is 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."

JUNE-JULY CALENDAR

Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.-noon. ***Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day.***

Tuesday, June 11, 6:30-8 p.m. ***Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association General Meeting.*** Harvey Milk Center. Visit dtna.org.

Wednesday, June 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting** [via Zoom](#).
Meeting ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.

Saturday, July 13, 10 a.m.-noon, **Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day**.

Wednesday, July 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting** [via Zoom](#).
Meeting ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.

www.friendsofdubocepark • 71 Scott Street, San Francisco, CA 94117

emma®