

Friends of Duboce Park

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NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY SEPT. 14

Our next volunteer day in the park is scheduled for this Saturday, September 14, from 10 a.m.-noon. We will continue weeding and mulching the planting beds around the Scott Street entrance to the Harvey Milk Recreation Center and may add some plants. A special thanks to our August volunteers who started this project at last month's volunteer day. Please [sign up here](#) so we know how many people to expect.

DUBOCE PARKJAM A SUCCESS

Friends of Duboce Park's first Duboce Parkjam on Saturday, August 24, from 12 p.m.-3 p.m., was a huge success. The free event brought live music to Duboce Park at three locations: the main "stage" near the Pierce Street, the grass in front of the Recreation Center, and near Steiner Street. A huge turnout on a beautiful sunny day was very enthusiastic. Friends of Duboce Park is planning on making this an annual event.



A special thanks to the performers: Pistachio Fever, Gayle Lynn and the Hired Hands (above, Americana), My Friend Michael (lower row, middle, guitarist/singer); The Vowel Duo (pianist and vocal duo), Cami Stearns (middle row, far right) singer/songwriter); David Starlight (guitarist/singer/songwriter), Mike Bush (bottom row, far right), KJ Focus (middle row, middle, saxophone and rap), EvenandOdd (singer), and, Too Sax (middle row, far right, saxophone).





SUNDOWN CINEMA DRAWS HUNDREDS

[Sundown Cinema](#) was in Duboce Park on Friday, September 6 for an exclusive showing of *San Francisco's Lost Landscapes: Found Home Movies*. Many park regulars thought this was the biggest crowd ever in Duboce Park with attendance estimated at 500 people.

SF's Lost Landscapes is an eclectic montage of lost and rarely-seen film clips showing life, landscapes and labor in San Francisco as captured by amateurs, newsreel cameramen



and industrial filmmakers. The footage was carefully curated by Rick Prelinger, a Bay Area guerrilla archivist who collects the home movies showing San Francisco's people, neighborhoods, infrastructures, and celebrations from the early 20th century through the 1980s.

Sundown Cinema was presented by San Francisco Parks Alliance and [Alamo Drafthouse Cinema](#). It is produced by SF Parks Alliance and [DoTheBay](#) in partnership with the SF Rec & Park, SF OEWD, Presidio Trust, and Port of San Francisco.

WIGGLEFEST OCTOBER 20

WiggleFest returns to Steiner Street, between Hermann and Duboce, on Sunday, October 20, from noon-5 p.m. This is a block party on Sunday October 20 that celebrates The Wiggle, the famous 1-mile bike path in the Duboce Triangle neighborhood. Steiner will be closed to traffic during the event, from noon – 5 p.m.

Wiggle Fest is intended to be a celebration of the path's past and future, as well a chance for people to meet their neighbors and raise

awareness for bicycle safety improvements in the city. There will be a variety of activities including bike lessons, bike repair, live music, chalk art, arts and crafts, bubbles, and a potluck. Volunteers are needed to lead the fun activities. Please email SFWiggleFest@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.

The first WiggleFest was held in October 2023. Mayor London Breed was in attendance and told NBC Bay Area that the most important part of the festival was the spirit of community. "So it's just really about bringing joy and togetherness, and bringing communities and neighborhoods together," Breed said, "so that we can continue to keep those relationships going."



Halloween icon. For those who grew up trick-or-treating, it evokes sweet memories of childhood, costumes and candy.

The Duboce Park neighborhood attracts trick-or-treaters from all over city, particularly on Waller, Pierce, and Carmelita streets. There were even people who gave out candy at tables in Duboce Park. This is a chance to make your own pumpkin to display on Halloween.

PUMPKIN CARVING IN THE PARK

Friends of Duboce Park is hosting a free pumpkin carving party on Sunday, October 27, from 11 a.m.-1 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 forget.

The classic jack-o'-lantern is an established





LEARN TO PLAY THE UKELELE

Have fun learning to play the ukulele! Beginning Ukulele is being offered at the Harvey Milk Center in September. Students will start by learning how to press, pick and strum. As the session progresses, they will move on to easy chords, scales, and rhythms that can be used to play some of our favorite songs in different musical styles.

Classes for adults are on Fridays, 2:30-3:30 p.m., starting September 13. The class for kids 7-13 years are also on Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ukuleles can be borrowed for the

class during class time, but it is recommended that students bring their own so they may practice at home between classes.

Ukulele II is for students ages 7-13 who have some previous experience playing the ukulele or who have taken the Beginning Ukulele class. They will continue the study of scales, chords and rhythms to learn more challenging songs. Classes are on Fridays, 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Registration for Fall classes begin on August 17. A complete listing of classes are in the Fall Catalogue available [online](#) or at the Harvey Milk Center for Arts of the Photo Center. There are two ways to register for Fall Programs: online at sfrecpark.org/register or you can call the registration hotline at (628) 652-2900

LEARN DARKROOM ESSENTIALS AND

This introductory class at the Harvey Milk Photo Center covers all of the key basics in black and white darkroom printing. You will 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. Instructor will go over the needed materials in the first class.

The course will be offered on Tuesdays, from 6-8:30 p.m., starting September 10 and on Thursdays, from 6-8:30 p.m., starting October 3. This class can be taken in lieu of Photo Center Orientation. [Click here](#) for the complete list of classes at the Photo Center.





PHOTO CENTER MEMBER, STAFF, & VOLUNTEER SHOW

The annual Member, Staff & Volunteer Show opened on August 17 and continues through September 28. The exhibit portrays a current look at what is being created in the darkrooms and digital lab at the Harvey Milk Photo Center. This exciting exhibit showcases each photographer's chosen and personal best. It has been curated by the staff, members and volunteers.



COYOTE ADVICE

Coyotes are normally shy animals and not known to be aggressive. But during birthing and pup rearing – from April throughout the fall – coyotes can be more protective and assertive. Preventing confrontations is the best policy.

[San Francisco Animal Care and Control](#)

advises, "Keep dogs on leash and cats

indoors. Coyotes will follow dogs being walked to 'escort' them from the area near their den."

"Coyotes see smaller animals as prey, and do not know the difference between small wildlife and small pets. They may show their teeth, snarl, and nip at dogs to keep them moving away from their den area."

"People should not be alarmed about the coyotes, but they should be aware of the animals, avoid the areas where there is known activity when walking dogs, and read and follow instructions on signs placed in active coyote areas."



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.



CITY PARK NEWS

Flower Piano is set to return to the ***San Francisco Botanical Garden*** (1199 9th Avenue) from September 13 to 22, with a [special opening night event](#) tonight, September 12. Presented by Sunset Piano and the Gardens of Golden Gate Park, Flower Piano will transform the garden into the city's own al fresco concert hall where everyone is invited to play and listen. Wander through the Garden and catch scheduled performances, experience a private concert in the Flower Piano Lounge, or take a turn on the keys yourself. Flower Piano is free to attend for San Francisco residents.

Richmond Playground re-opened earlier this week following a \$3.5 million makeover. There are some thrilling new features, including a bear tower sculpture, challenging climbing rock, slides and imaginative play areas.

The renovation was funded by the 2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Bond and Let'sPlaySF!, a partnership between Rec and Park and the SF Parks Alliance to transform 13 of San Francisco's most timeworn playgrounds into dynamic hubs for creativity and family life.



Want to learn tennis or pickleball? A **pilot program** offers tennis and pickleball players a safe, convenient and affordable way to improve their game through professional instruction. The Rec Instructor Network introduces players of all levels to local pros offering one-on-one or small group lessons on select neighborhood courts. The program, which is currently in pilot phase, has already drawn more than 40 instructors, and aims to make high-quality lessons more accessible.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER CALENDAR

Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m.-noon. **Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day.**

Wednesday, September 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting.**
[Zoom Meeting](#) ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.

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

Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m.-noon. **Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day.**

Sunday, October 20, 12-5 p.m. **WiggleFest.** Steiner Street next to Duboce Park.

Tuesday, October 23, 6:30-8 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting [via Zoom](#).**
Meeting ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.

Sunday, October 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Pumpkin Carving** in Duboce Park.



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