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NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY IN THE PARK OCTOBER 12

Our next volunteer day in the park is scheduled for this Saturday, October 12, from 10 a.m.-noon. We will be sprucing up the planted areas in the Children's Playground. A special thanks

to our September volunteers who continued weeding and mulching the planting beds on the Scott Street side of the park.

We would love to know if you plan on being there. Please [register here](#). Select District 8 in the District box at the top, then enter 10/12/2024 in the From box, then select Apply Search. Or you can scroll down quite a few pages to find Duboce Park. Or just show up and you can register then.

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.

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. 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 Halloween icon. For those who grew up trick-



or-treating, it evokes sweet memories of childhood, costumes and candy. The Duboce Park neighborhood attract trick-or-treaters from all over city, particularly on Waller, Pierce, and Carmelita streets. This is a chance to make your own pumpkin to display on Halloween.



WIGGLEFEST OCTOBER 20

WiggleFest returns to Steiner Street, between Hermann and Duboce streets, on Sunday, October 20, from noon-5 p.m. This is a block party that celebrates The Wiggle, the famous one-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 pedestrian and 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 contact Doug at (415) 269-8458 to volunteer to for more information. Extra space between block party and that celebrate the first sentence

The first WiggleFest was held in October 2023. Mayor London Breed attended 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."



HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR DECEMBER 15

The annual [Holiday Craft Fair](#) will be back on Sunday, December 15th from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Harvey Milk Center for the Arts at 50 Scott Street. Numerous local artists will be offering their unique handmade holiday gifts for sale to the public. There will be family-friendly craft activities for all ages, photo booth opportunities, and free hot apple cider.

Rec & Park is currently taking [applications](#) from interested crafters. A committee will select the 32 vendors that will be selling hand-made items. Over 60 local artists applied for a space last year, but there was only room to showcase 32. The application deadline is Thursday November 7.



DRAWING CLASS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

Portfolio Development is a drawing class for young people 11-14 years old who want to improve their drawing skills. This special workshop will help you get a jump start on your drawing portfolio, polish your skills and boost your confidence. The focus is on still life, figure drawing, portraits, proportions, hands and faces. All materials are provided.



Two classes are being offered, both on the same Saturdays from October 12 to November 23. One class is from 10 a.m.-11-15 a.m. and the second class is from 11:45 a.m.- p.m. 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. A complete listing of all photo classes are in the Fall Catalogue [available online](#) or at the Harvey Milk Center Photo Center.



LEARN MORDANCAGE PHOTO PROCESSING

Explore the beautiful and unique mordancage process in this six- week course at the Harvey Milk Photo Center. Mordancage is an obscure darkroom technique developed in the 1970's by French photographer Jean-Pierre Sudre, which evolved from the 19th century process of bleach-etching.

After producing silver gelatin prints in the darkroom, participants will learn how to apply the mordancage process to achieve painterly and illustrative effects including bleach/etch, dépouillement, veils, and redevelopment. Participants will have ample time over the

duration of this course to experiment with and explore this unpredictable process. A familiarity with basic darkroom techniques is recommended but not required. The course is offered on Wednesdays, 6 – 8 p.m., from October 30 – November 20
Wednesday, 6pm-8pm.

There are many other great photography courses also being offered at the Photo Center and can be [found here](#).

ARTHUR TRESS PHOTO SHOW OPENS OCT. 12

The opening reception for the Arthur Tress – Observations at the Water Edge photography exhibit is October 12, from 2-5 p.m. The show continues through November. Arthur Tress is an



American photographer known for his staged surrealism and exposition of the human body.

Tress spent the spring and summer of 1964 in San Francisco, documenting the 1964 Republican National Convention that nominated Barry Goldwater, civil rights demonstrations at segregated car dealerships on Van Ness Avenue, and The Beatles' 1964 world tour. He took over 900 photographs that were later shelved until 2009 when he rediscovered a stack of vintage prints while organizing his sister's estate after her death. The work was subsequently exhibited at San Francisco's de Young Museum.

Curators Barbara Pollak-Lewis and Melissa Castro Keesor culled photographs from Arthur Tress' recent projects, including the 30 years he spent living in and documenting his life in Cambria

and his recent project documenting Mare Island. This diamond-shaped body of work captures the essence of his ongoing obsession with shape, line, and composition.



MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The decorative **Duboce Park sign** over the Noe entrance and across from the Muni stop is in the sign shop for refurbishment.

The **playground trash receptacle** unit is in production and will be delivered mid-October.

Rec & Park has contacted one of their private contractors working on other projects to see if they can manufacture something similar to the Dolores Park **trash cans** for use in Duboce Park and what the costs would be. The structure the trash cans are in must be able to accommodate the 96-gallon rolling toters that are used.

The **bulletin board** was vandalized on September 12 for the third time this year. The door and all of the content were removed, but oddly, all of the push pins were left. Hats off to Rec & Park for repairing it so quickly.

Mosaic artist Blake Sherlock was visiting San Francisco in September and repaired the broken tiles on the **Scott Street Labyrinth table** and on the **mosaic thrones** in the Children's Playground. Blake led the mosaic tile workshop held in conjunction with the 2006 Tag Sale that produced the tiles that encircle the Labyrinth and all of the mosaic work at that site, including the Labyrinth Table and the No Skateboarding and Handicap Access signs.



COYOTE ALERT

Coyotes have repopulated the city in recent decades, and dens have sprung up in people's yards, according to Rec and Park. An estimated 100 coyotes live in San Francisco. Coyotes have dens all over the city, including in the green spaces of [Bernal Heights](#), Golden Gate Park, Twin Peaks, McLaren Park, Lake Merced and the Presidio, which includes Crissy Field. Reports of coyote sightings occur all over the San Francisco.



During pup rearing season it is not unusual for coyotes to be protective of the area near their den. Urban coyotes are familiar with the sights, sounds and smells associated with City, and often show little fear of people. Seeing coyotes during the daytime is not unusual and have spotted numerous times in Duboce Park and in the Duboce Triangle.

There are numerous reports of coyotes attacking dogs in San Francisco. A 5-year-old girl on an outing at San Francisco Botanical Garden was attacked and bitten by a coyote on June 28, resulting in three coyotes being euthanized, officials said.

In August, there was a deadly coyote attack on a dog at San Francisco's Baker Beach. On September 15, 21 and 25, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area received reports from people whose dogs were fatally attacked in the area.

There are numerous reports on Next Door, e.g., on October 5, "My dogs and myself were attacked at the Palace of Fine Arts on Monday at 9:00 a.m. The coyote also attempted to hurt me after attempting to hurt both my dogs."

If You Encounter a Coyote

- Walk away. Keep moving away from the coyote. Don't run.
- Pick up small dogs and carry them if you see a coyote.
- Do not let your dog interact with a coyote. Do not allow dogs to chase coyotes.
- Keep your dog on leash – even in designated off-leash areas – if coyotes are present.
- If a coyote approaches you – shout, wave your arms, stomp your feet, pop open a garbage bag. The goal is to startle the coyote and encourage them to move away. It is unlawful to harass or injure coyotes.
- Carry a cane/stick, an air horn or a whistle with you on walks.
- Never let a coyote come between you and your child or pet.

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.

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."

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER CALENDAR

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](https://zoom.us). Meeting ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.

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

Saturday, November 9, 10 a.m.-noon. ***Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day***.

Wednesday, November 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting*** via [Zoom](https://zoom.us). Zoom Meeting ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.



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