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Friends of Duboce Park **ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING**



TUESDAY, MARCH 18

7 P.M.

**Harvey Milk Recreation Center
Main Ballroom, 50 Scott St.**

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 18

Friends of Duboce Park is holding its annual General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Ballroom at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts. This is a chance to meet our board members, hear our plans for 2025, and meet your neighbors. We will review the past year's activities and provide updates on all the current maintenance issues and projects. Everyone is welcome.

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY MARCH 8

The monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day has been suspended for the past few months, as is usually done during the rainy season. We expect to resume Volunteer Day on March 8.

T-SHIRT CONTEST FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year is **Duboce Parks 125th Anniversary**. Friends of Duboce Park will host a party in the park to celebrate the occasion with activities, games, and displays throughout the park on **Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

As part of the celebration, Friends of Duboce Park is holding t-shirt design contest that captures the spirit of Duboce Park. The winner of the contest will be awarded \$100 and have their art featured on a limited-addition commemorative Duboce Park t-shirt that will be sold to raise funds for the event.



We can't wait to see your creativity come to life! The deadline for submission is June 1, 2025. More information and instructions for submission are available at friendsofdubocepark.org/125th_design and on our Instagram page @friendsofdubocepark. If you would like to volunteer or host a tent at Duboce Park's 125th anniversary event, please contact Brittany Bersano at brittany@friendsofdubocepark.



THREE INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CLASSES

Global Dance for Active Adults will teach you the elements of traditional folk dances from around the world, including Chinese folk dances and more. These classes are well-suited for beginner and intermediate-level dancers. Class taught in English & Chinese. Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., starting March 25.

There's also **International Folk Dance**. The class will use circles, lines, sets, couples, trios - and more! Beginners welcome! Seniors are

encouraged to participate. Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., starting March 26.

Learn the fundamentals of **Chinese Folk Dance**, including native traditional Chinese and international folk dances. Lessons will focus on learning basic steps while improving balance and strength. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., starting March 27.

A complete listing of all classes can be found in the Spring Catalogue [available online](#) at or at the Harvey Milk Center Photo Center. Registration for Spring Activities begins on Saturday, March 1.

BASIC BLACK & WHITE FILM DEVELOPMENT

Learn the basics of black-and-white film development. In this quick workshop, students will learn how to process their black-and-white films properly. 35 mm and 120 mm film development will be explained. Students must bring in a black-and-white roll of film ready for development. Classes start on February 28, March 20, April 12, and April 18. There are no prerequisites, and beginners are encouraged to sign up. No class time will be spent in the darkroom, and color film development will not be addressed in this one-day course.



Photo Center Orientation is required for darkroom use. This course will include a talk about the Photography Center's rules and regulations, a complete tour of the facility, including a tour of the forty enlargers in the darkroom, instructions on how to use the enlargers, and how to process resin-coated and fiber black-and-white prints for optimum results. Classes are free and are offered every other Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon.

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



LANA Z CAPLAN PHOTO BOOK SIGNING

The opening reception for *Oceano – for seven generations*, featuring photos by Lana Z Caplan, was on January 25 and the exhibit continues through March 1, 2025. Edward Weston's iconic modernist images made the Oceano Dunes famous for photographers. Lana Z Caplan's project *Oceano - for seven generations* tells the story of the Oceano Dunes through the dunes' successive inhabitants, while interrogating photographic history and convention.

Through photographs, video, and text,

Oceano - for seven generations ultimately aims to question legacies of colonization, media history, and the politics of land use – charging this cultural landscape with significance far beyond the Oceano Dunes.

Photographer and filmmaker Lana Z Caplan (on left in above picture) makes conceptual research and history-based projects that focus on environmental and social justice topics. Her recent photographic monograph, *Oceano - for seven generations* published by Kehrer Verlag, is

in the collection of museums including Los Angeles County Museum of Art, The Getty Museum, Museum of Fine Arts Boston and

The Cleveland Museum of Art. There will be a book signing and Q&A after a conversation with producer and director Ron Beininger on Saturday, February 22 at 2 p.m. For more information on the exhibit, visit www.harveymilkphotocenter.org.

DUBOCE PARK MAINTENANCE SCORES

The city's Controller's Office partners with the Recreation and Parks to evaluate the condition of San Francisco's parks. Staff members evaluate the maintenance of each park every three months, and the results of the evaluations are included in [Park Maintenance Standards on the the Controller's Office website](#).



RPD uses these results to improve park conditions. The citywide average yearly park score in 2024 is 91%, the same as in 2023. The average score is also above the minimum goal of 85%, which RPD establishes as the benchmark for a well-maintained park. More than 85% of the 171 parks meet or exceed this threshold, meaning that more than four-fifths of San Francisco parks are well-maintained.

The top nine scores were either 98% or 99%; the lowest eight scores ranged from 69-77%. Duboce Park's overall score last year was 96%, compared to 89% on FY 2022 and 90% in FY 2023. Here's are the Duboce Park scores:

- Buildings & General Amenities - 98%
- Children's Play Areas - 86%
- Dog Play Areas - 93%
- Hardscape - 93%
- Lawns - 100%
- Ornamental Beds - 95%
- Outdoor Courts - 97%
- Restrooms - 99%
- Trees - 100%

Currently, part of the Dog Play Areas is fenced off for season its annual winter closure. The fence is scheduled to come down in March. A new water fountain and two new benches near the Pierce St. entrance will be installed.





WHAT COYOTES EAT

For the past five years, the UC Davis PhD student Tali Caspi has been working on a study exploring what the native California species eat, published in the scientific [journal Ecosphere](#). The study, completed between September 2019 and April 2022, utilized 707 pieces of scat left behind by over a hundred coyotes across the city. Caspi and her team at the UC Davis Mammalian Ecology and Conservation unit ran the scat through a

DNA metabarcoding process and were stunned by what they found.

The breakdown of human food consumed by coyotes included 509 detections of chicken and 250 detections of pig, followed by 32 detections of cattle and 15 detections of salmon and other fish. The findings come with the caveat that Caspi is unable to distinguish the original source of the food—whether a sample of chicken is coming from a wayward McNugget tossed out of a car window, scraps left in an unsecured trash can, or a whole rotisserie feast intentionally left out for the wild animals, which she once witnessed firsthand.

Animal Care and Control has [published advice](#) for residents on handling coyote encounters — starting with the recommendation to walk away from the animals when you see them.

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 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."

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Tuesday, February 11, 6:30-8 p.m. ***DTNA Neighborhood Meeting***. Gazebo Room, CPMC Davies Campus, 45 Castro Street. Visit DTNA.org.

Saturday, February 22, 2 p.m. ***Book signing for Oceano – for seven generations***, featuring photos by Lana Z Caplan. Harvey Milk Photo Center.

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

Saturday March 1, 10 a.m. ***[Registration for Spring Classes](#)*** begins.

Saturday, March 8, ***Duboce Park Volunteer Day***. 10 a.m. to noon.

Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m. ***Friends of Duboce Park Annual Membership Meeting***. Harvey Milk Center for the Arts Ballroom.

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