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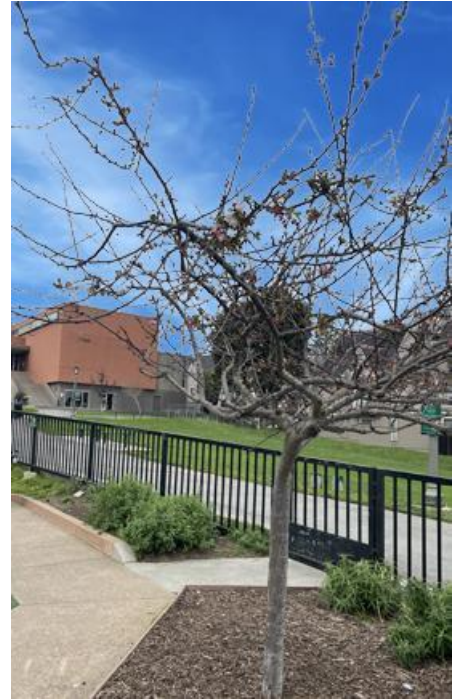
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Friends of Duboce Park **ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING**



TUESDAY, MARCH 18

7 P.M.

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

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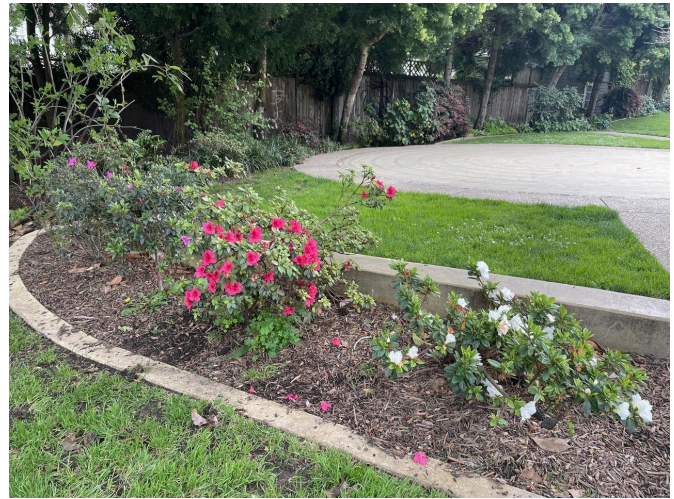
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 18

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.

We'll be discussing Duboce Park's 125th Anniversary on Saturday, September 13, from 11 a.m., to 4 p.m. Save that date - it's going to be a fun day for all.

VOLUNTEER DAY SATURDAY

After the annual winter break, our monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day resumes this Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. We will be weeding and mulching the Scott Street planting beds around the Scott Street Labyrinth and Recreation Center. Please [sign up here](#) so we know how many people to expect. This will be our first volunteer day in 2025.



In 2024, the department hosted 11,720 volunteers in our parks and programs at 870 events in San Francisco parks. Volunteers contribute more than 250,000 hours of service each year in San Francisco's more than 230 parks and recreation facilities, which represents an invaluable contribution to our city through activities like planting California native and drought-tolerant plants, teaching Zumba at a local Rec Center, or painting faces at special events.



T-SHIRT CONTEST FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

It's hard to believe that Duboce Park turns 125 this year. To celebrate the occasion, Friends of Duboce Park is hosting a party in the park with activities, games, a jumpy house, live music, and displays throughout the park on Saturday, September 13, 2025, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As part of the celebration, Friends of Duboce Park is holding a t-shirt design contest that captures the spirit of Duboce Park. The winner 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.

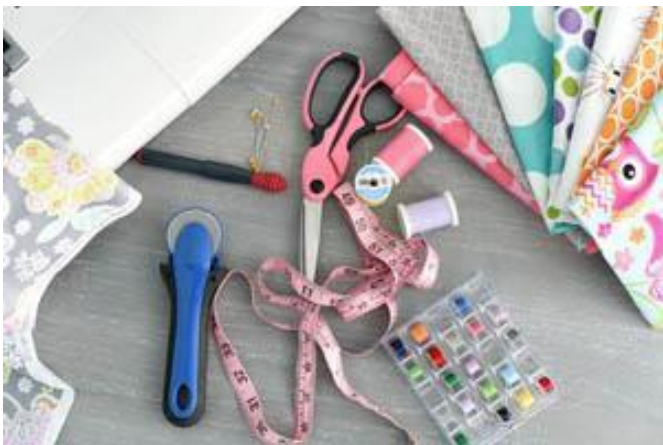
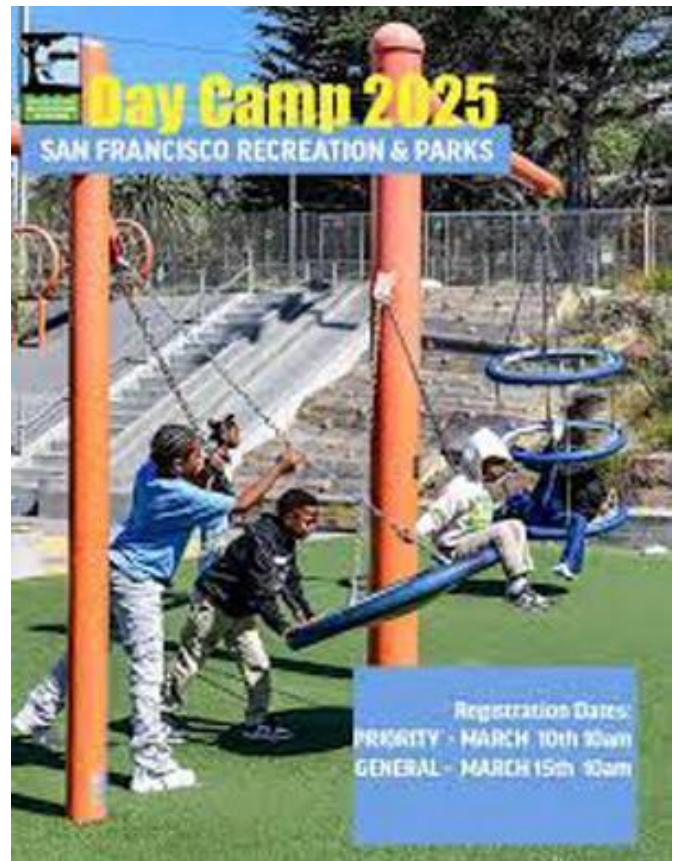
We can't wait to see your creativity come to life! The deadline for submission is June 1, 2025. More information and instructions for submission are [available here](#) and on our Instagram page @friendsofdubocepark. If you would like to volunteer or host a tent at Duboce Park's 125th-anniversary event, please get in touch with Brittany Bersano at brittany@friendsofdubocepark.

HARVEY MILK SUMMER CAMPS

Does your child love to make art all day long? Then this is the camp for them! The Harvey Milk Summer Camps are visual and performing arts camps. Rec & Park offers intensive art-making and performing where campers aged 7 to 11 can explore and develop their artistic abilities in visual and digital art, storytelling, dance, or theatre, led by art specialists. Projects will focus on multi-step processes and challenge fine motor skills.

Two one-week courses are being offered, beginning on June 9 and August 4; three two-week courses, starting on June 16, July 7, and July 21. All classes are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration begins on

Saturday, March 15 at 10 a.m. You can [register online](#) or over the phone at 628-6522-2900. Recreation and Parks offers Recreation Scholarships to low-income individuals and families. The catalogue of all summer camps offered in San Francisco is available at the Recreation Center or [online](#).



TEXTILES: INTRO TO SEWING

This class is for beginners and anyone who wants to polish their sewing skills! You will complete multiple projects from beginning to end while exploring your creativity and learning concrete sewing skills and techniques that will last a lifetime. The projects designed for this class each cover specific sewing

techniques that build upon each other, allowing you to learn one step at a time while practicing and learning your new skills as you move through the class. Projects include reusable cloth napkins, a handy-dandy farmer's market tote bag, a hostess apron, and much more!

Classes are on Thursdays, beginning on March 20. A complete listing of all courses can be found in the [Spring Catalogue](#) available online at or at the Harvey Milk Center Center for the Arts. Registration for Spring Activities began on Saturday, March 1.

BEGINNING PHOTOSHOP - VIRTUAL

Take your photographs to the next level with Adobe Photoshop's powerful digital editing tools. Beginning Adobe Photoshop – Virtual will teach you to navigate a wide variety of features including layers, color manipulation, text, brushes and filters while



having fun. Please have the latest version of Photoshop installed. Basic computer skills required. This virtual class is on Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m., starting on April 3. Many other great photography courses are also offered at the Photo Center. The complete listing of classes can be [found here](#).



SALT OF THE EARTH PHOTO SHOW

The opening reception of the Salt of the Earth photo show at the Harvey Milk Photo Center is Saturday, March 15 from 2 to 5 p.m. A book signing and artist talk will be held on Saturday, April 5 at 2 p.m.

Since the 1800s, the ecosystems of the tidal marshes have been replaced by salt ponds. In her new book, *Salt of the Earth: A Visual Odyssey of a Transforming Landscape* (Kehrer), California-based photographer Barbara Boissevain documents the efforts being made to return these spaces to their natural state. Boissevain set out to document humanity's impact on the environment and raise awareness of the need for preserving pristine spaces.

The exhibit continues through April 19. For more information on the exhibit, visit www.harveymilkphotocenter.org.



MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The fence around the Dog Play Area has been removed, and the lawn looks better now than in years. A smaller fence is now around the bare area near the Potomac Street entrance to allow that area to become green again.

Two new benches that match the existing benches in the park will soon be placed near the Pierce Street entrance.

A new water fountain to replace the damaged one at the northwest corner of the Dog Play Area has been ordered and will be installed soon. We are still waiting for an update on repainting the Children's Playground equipment, which has faded or been worn away from heavy use.

COYOTES ARE EVERYWHERE

Coyotes are everywhere, including in and around Duboce Park. Two coyotes entered the Central Subway tunnel near Fourth and Bryant streets before dawn on January 27 and headed north. The coyotes then heading south past the Union Square and Yerba Buena stations and back out of the tunnel on Fourth St.



SF Animal Care and Control logs hundreds of reports of coyote encounters yearly, ranging from simple sightings to attacks on pets and, rarely, humans.

[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 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 just 15 rangers but there are now 53 on their staff.

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."

MARCH-APRIL CALENDAR

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

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

Saturday, March 15, 2 – 5 p.m. **Opening Reception** "Salt of the Earth." Harvey Milk Photo Center.

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

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

Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m. Barbara Boissevain **Artist Talk and Book Signing**. Harvey
Milk Photo Center.

Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m. to noon. **Duboce Park Volunteer Day**.

Tuesday, April 11, 6:30-8 p.m. **DTNA Neighborhood Meeting**. Gazebo Room, CPMC
Davies Campus, 45 Castro Street. Visit [DTNA.org](#).

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