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## **PARKJAM MAY 17**

Friends of Duboce Park are hosting our second Duboce ParkJam on May 17, 2025 from 12 to 5 p.m.! This free event brings live music to Duboce Park with performances from local musicians, songwriters, and groups.

Here's the lineup and schedule of groups that will be performing:

Noon to 1 p.m. - Gayle Lynn and the Hired Hands

1 – 2 p.m. Fiasco Florist



2 – 3 p.m. The Berrios Trio

3 – 4 p.m. Pistachio Fever

4 – 5 p.m. Electric Ex

Our first ParkJam was held on August 24, 2024. Bring your friends and family, spread out a blanket, and enjoy an afternoon of fantastic music and community spirit. For more information and the list of performers, please visit our [ParkJam page](#).

### **NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY MAY 10**



Our monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day is this Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. We will be some weeding and mulching in the triangle between the basketball court and the playground and the playground planting bedc. A special thanks to our April volunteers, who weeded the planting beds on the south side of the Recreation Center. Please [sign up here](#) so we know how many people to expect.



## DOGFEST BIG SUCCESS

The 18th Annual DogFest, a celebration of dogs, families, community, and spring in San Francisco, returned to Duboce Park on Saturday, April 26. Huge crowds came to support the charitable event that raises funds for McKinley Elementary – a small public school in the neighborhood.

DogFest enjoyed nonstop fun and games. The park was filled with carnival-style games staffed by McKinley students. Dogs were the stars of the event, of course, with a daylong dog show and contest. There were

contests for Best Costume, Best Trick, Best Coat, Best Mutt, Best Lap Dog, and (Openly Corrupt) Best-In-Show. Celebrities included State Senator Scott Weiner and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, two of the judges, and Mayor Lurie, who stopped by with his dog Frankie.

Food trucks ensured that everyone was well fed, while merchant stalls, a doggie adoption zone, and a silent auction provided wonderful ways to support the community.







### **WORLD LABYRINTH DAY MAY 3**

Every year, on the first Saturday in May, thousands of people around the world "Walk as One at 1" local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. Friends of Duboce Park hosted a walk at 1 p.m. following a short presentation by board member Janet Scheuer on the history of labyrinths. 16 neighbors participated

at the Scott Street Labyrinth to join the moving meditation for world peace and a celebration of the labyrinth experience. World Labyrinth Day is sponsored by The Labyrinth Society (TLS)



## **T-SHIRT CONTEST FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Duboce Park turns 125 this year. To celebrate the occasion, Friends of Duboce Park are hosting a celebration in the park with activities, games, a jumpy house, live music, and displays throughout the park on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

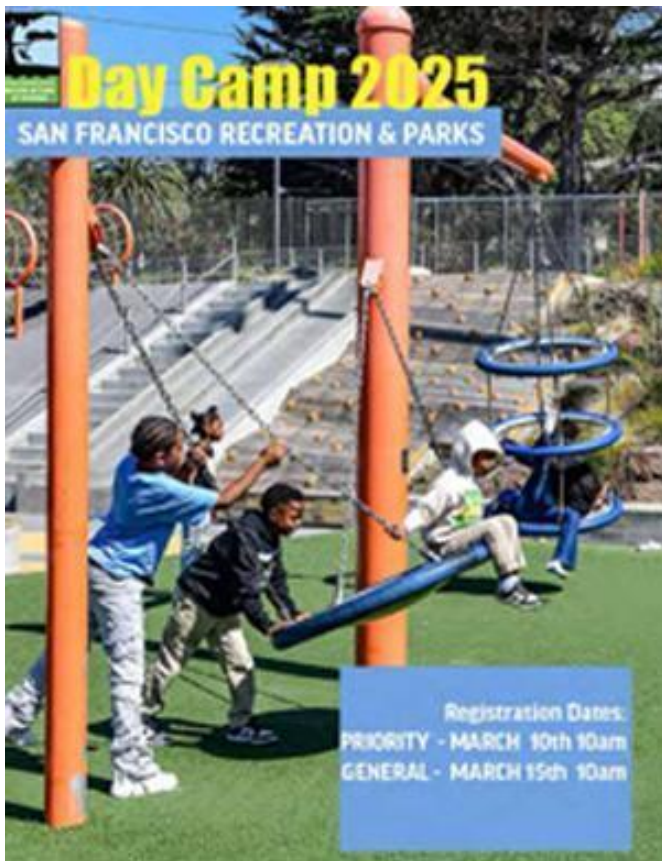
As part of the celebration, Friends of Duboce Park is holding a t-shirt design

contest that captures the spirit of 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 at [friendsofdubocepark.org/125th\\_design](https://friendsofdubocepark.org/125th_design) and on our Instagram page [@friendsofdubocepark](https://www.instagram.com/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](mailto: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 ages 7 to 11 can explore and develop their artistic abilities in visual and digital art, storytelling, dance, or theatre, led by art specialists.

Projects focus on multi-step processes and challenge fine motor skills. Performing arts will include movement and theatrical components. Students must participate in multiple daily classes.

Two one-week courses are being offered, beginning on June 9 and August 4. Three two-week courses start on June 16, July 7, and July 21. All classes are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.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](#).

## ECHOES OF RESILIENCE: RECLAIMING HISTORY PHOTO SHOW

Echoes of Resilience: Reclaiming History presents a powerful exhibition featuring the work of Bay Area photographers Harvey Castro and Izzi Valencia. Their photography documents



the enduring spirit of communities facing climate disasters, cultural preservation, and the dignity of labor often overlooked in mainstream narratives.

Harvey Castro's "Los Olvidados" series captures the profound impact of natural disasters on marginalized populations. His photographs from



Guatemala and Puerto Rico vividly depict communities in the aftermath of environmental catastrophes, highlighting their perseverance and the critical need for ecological accountability.

Izzi Valencia's work focuses on the unification and organization efforts of Maya Mam, Mixteca, Chatino, Wixárika, and Nahua communities. Through his lens, he portrays the strength and solidarity of these groups as they strive to preserve their cultural heritage and rights amidst external pressure.

This exhibition offers an intimate look into the lives of people overcoming adversity, emphasizing their strength and solidarity. Through the eyes of two artists deeply connected to their roots, visitors are invited to engage with stories of resistance in existence.

Gallery Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 3 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The show opened on May 2 and closes on June 7. For more information on the exhibit, visit [www.harveymilkphotocenter.org](http://www.harveymilkphotocenter.org).



## **MATting, FRAMing, PRESENTing YOUR PHOTOS**

Learn from a fine art photographer the easy methods and tools for matting and framing your work, including preparing your work form presentation and finding affordable ways to enhance your images. This one-day workshop is on Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will include a hands-on instruction and demonstration.

Students can bring examples of their work for the demonstration. Photo Center Orientation is not required for this class, but it is required if a student wishes to come to the Photo Center outside the workshop to develop film on their own and/or print their own photos in the Darkroom.

Other great photo courses offered at the Photo Center can be [found here](#).

## **COYOTE PUP REARING SEASON**

Coyotes are normally shy animals and not known to be aggressive, but they will exhibit assertive behavior when threatened or protecting pups. During pup rearing season, from April to August, it is not unusual for coyotes to



be protective of the area near their den. During this time, walk dogs on leashes, especially during pup rearing season. Pick up your small dog if you see a coyote and don't let pets roam. 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.

[\*\*San Francisco Animal Care and Control\*\*](#) advises keeping dogs on leash and cats indoors. Coyotes see smaller animals as prey, and do not know the difference between small wildlife and small pets. Outdoor cats can be hit by cars, attacked by loose dogs, become lost, and can be preyed upon by coyotes. Please keep them safe indoors.



## **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.

## **MAY-JUNE CALENDAR**

Saturday, May 3, noon-2 p.m. ***World Labyrinth Day*** at the Scott Street Labyrinth.

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

Saturday, May 17, noon to 5 p.m. ***ParkJam*** in Duboce Park.

Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. ***Summer Class Registration Opens.***

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting*** via [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.

Tuesday, June 10, 6:30-8 p.m. ***DTNA Neighborhood Meeting.*** Harvey Milk Center for the Arts Ballroom, 50 Scott St. Visit [DTNA.org](http://DTNA.org).

Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. to noon. ***Duboce Park Volunteer Day.***

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting*** via [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.





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