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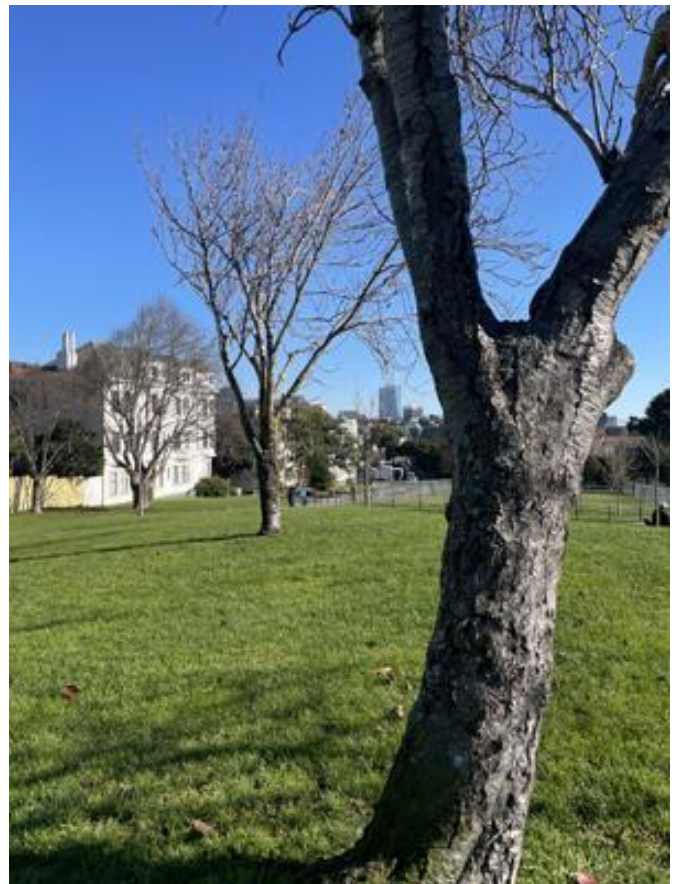
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Friends of Duboce Park **ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING**



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.

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY HIATUS UNTIL MARCH

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

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR BIG SUCCESS

The annual Holiday Craft Fair returned to the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts on Sunday, December 15. 117 vendors submitted applications (compared to 93 last year), but there was only room to showcase 32.

This year's Fair attracted the largest number of shoppers of any previous Craft Fair to date. As evidence, Facility Coordinator Robby Roller said there was enough apple cider to last the entire event last year, but this year, they ran out at 2 p.m., even with two additional bottles of cider.

Kids enjoyed carts and crafts on the lower

level and a free photo booth was in the lobby upstairs. Photos from the booth and the event can be found on the [Photo Center website](#).



T-SHIRT CONTEST FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year 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, September 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 on our [web site](#) 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.

FREE HEALING YOGA CLASS AT HARVEY MILK CENTER

Yoga is an ancient practice used for developing strength and balance between mind and body. These classes will build your knowledge and skill in addition to teaching fundamental poses which will increase your flexibility, enhance muscle tone, and improve coordination. A certain number of mats will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. The class is offered at no cost on

Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 p.m-2:30 p.m., at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts.

There are two ways to register: online at sfrecpark.org/register or call the registration hotline at (628) 652-2900. A complete listing of all classes are in the [Winter Catalogue](#) available online at the Harvey Milk Center Photo Center



BASIC BLACK & WHITE FILM DEVELOPMENT

Learn the basics of black and white film development. In this quick workshop students will be taught how to properly process their black and white film. 35mm and 120 film development will all be explained. Students must bring in a black and white roll of film ready for development.

The class is being offered five times this Winter, with classes starting on January 23, January 31, February 1, February 28, and March 8. 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 course. Photo Center Orientation is required for darkroom. 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 SHOW JANUARY 25

The opening reception for *Oceano – for seven generations*, featuring photos by Lana Z Caplan, is this Saturday, January 25, 2 to 5 p.m. 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 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.

The exhibit will run through March 1, 2025. For more information on the exhibit, visit the [Photo Center website](#).



MAINTENANCE SCORES FOR DUBOCE PARK

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 these evaluations are included in reports and dashboards on 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 parks across the City 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% in FY 2022 and 90% in FY 2023. Here's how individual features in Duboce Park scored in 2024:

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

To review the data and criteria used, visit the [Controller's Office website](#).

COYOTE ALERT

More than 600 coyote sightings were reported to San Francisco Animal Care and Control so far last year. More reports of coyotes were filed through October of last year, a 50% increase over previous years. During the wintertime mating season, encounters may increase as coyotes seek out mates and search for dens. Come spring, protective adult coyotes will be on high alert for any reason or dog they view as a threat to their pups.



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.

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."

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting** [via Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.

Saturday, January 25, 2 to 5 p.m. **Opening reception for Oceano – for seven generations**, featuring photos by Lana Z Caplan. Harvey Milk Photo Center.

Tuesday, February 11, 7 p.m. **DTNA Neighborhood Meeting**. Gazebo Room, CPMC Davies Campus. Visit dtna.org.

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

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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