

# Friends of Duboce Park

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## **PARKJAM AUGUST 23**

Friends of Duboce Park is hosting its third Duboce ParkJam on Saturday, August 23, from noon to 5 p.m. The free event brings live music to Duboce Park with performances from five local musical groups. Plan on bringing your blankets, chairs, and picnics and enjoy an afternoon of music.

Our second Duboce ParkJam on May 17 featured performances from local musicians

and groups, including: Gayle Lynn and the Hired Hands; Fiasco Florist; The Berrios Trio; Pistachio Fever; and, Electric Ex.

Photographs of the first two ParkJams and an updated list of performers for August 23 can be found on our [ParkJam webpage](#). Email [brittany@friendsofdubocepark.org](mailto:brittany@friendsofdubocepark.org) if you are interested in performing at future Duboce ParkJams or other Friends of Duboce Park events.

## 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SEPTEMBER 13

Duboce Park turns 125 this year. To celebrate the occasion, Friends of Duboce Park is hosting a celebration in the park on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Save the date and plan a day of fun.

Here are the activities planned: 40-foot obstacle jump house, arts and crafts, dodgeball tournament, scavenger hunt, lawn games, photo booth, historical photo display, face painting, henna, dog adoption (Muttville), history table, live music, paper airplane contest, fire engine, police car, Randall Museum on the Road, and food trucks.

The photo display will include pictures of Duboce Park before the 1906 Earthquake and

Fire, the tent city in the park right after the Earthquake, photos of the park before the Harvey Milk Recreation Center, and before and after photos of the Children's Playground, the Youth Play Area, and the Scott Street Labyrinth. (The photo at right shows the park in 1976. Note playground in middle of park.)

Special guests include Mayor Daniel Lurie, State Senator Scott Weiner, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, and Park and Rec General Manager Phil Ginsburg, who will all participate in planting a new tree in honor of our 125th Anniversary.







Nineteen neighbors submitted T-shirt designs to as part of our T-shirt design contest to commemorate our 125th Anniversary. Katy Gatson (@popheartink) created the winning design (shown at left) . You can order the T-shirt or sweatshirts before the event at <https://friendsofdubocepark.myspreadshop.com/> and can select your preferred size, style, and color. Sweatshirts, mugs, hats, and other items are also available. Proceeds from sales help support the cost of the event.

We will also have some heather grey T-shirts available at ParkJam on August 23 as well as on the day of the event. If you want a color other than heather grey or sweatshirt, please order from the web site above.

### 125TH CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Duboce Park's 125th Anniversary Celebration would not happen without the energy and enthusiasm of our community. We do need some volunteers to help with the lawn games, face painting, henna, paper airplane contest, the obstacle course, and setup and break down. If you are interested in helping, please contact [events@friendsofdubocepark.org](mailto:events@friendsofdubocepark.org).

### NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY JULY 12



Our monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day is this Saturday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. We will be weeding and mulching in the Children's Playground. A special thanks to our June volunteers who cleaned up the planting beds next to the stairs on the south side of the Recreation Center. Our May volunteers weeded and mulched the triangular planting bed



between the playground and basketball court and the planting beds inside the playground. Please [sign up here](#) so we know how many people to expect.

### **UNAPOLOGETICALLY QUEER! ART SHOW**

Harvey Milk Center for the Arts & Photo Center is hosting its Annual Art + Pride Exhibition, starting with an Opening Reception on June 21 and continuing through July 31. Submissions include all forms of visual media including (but not limited to): painting, drawing, weaving, glasswork, interdisciplinary/hybrid, ceramics, sculpture, photography, video and social practice. The art pieces on display are available for sale.



The Photo Center website says, “UNAPOLOGETICALLY QUEER! It is said that history repeats itself, but when the clock goes in reverse and our nation moves backwards, we cannot sit idle and let the advancements we’ve made fade away. We will not go away and we will not remain silent. The first Pride was a riot, and perhaps it is time to revolutionize and resist stronger than ever. We will rise up, be heard, be seen, and not erased. We are here, Unapologetically Queer!”



### **FILM CAMERA BASICS**

This one-evening, hands-on class covers the basics in film camera usage starting with properly loading your film, exposure, depth of field basics and more. It is being offered on Tuesday, July 29, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Students should bring their film camera and a roll of film. 35 mm and medium format (120) will be covered. Film development and darkroom printing are not covered in this course.

Photo Center Orientation is not required for this class, but it is required if 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. There are many [other great photography courses](#) also being offered at the Photo Center.

## MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Graffiti seems to be a regular problem in the park, particularly on the north side of the Recreation Center and on the Youth Play Area of the Muni wall. It is almost always removed within one or two days of notifying Rec and Park.

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. Two of the three fountains do still work.



We are waiting for an update on repainting the Children's Playground equipment, which has faded or been worn away from heavy use.

The green structure supporting the tot swings has been repainted and a work order to repaint the rest of the equipment is in the system.

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

Please report any maintenance issues on the 311 app. Photos can be included.



## COYOTE PUPPING SEASON

As we hit the dog days of summer, it means that we're in the midst of coyote pupping season. While coyotes are generally wary of humans, parent coyotes may become territorial if you or your pet stumbles upon their den.

Here's [advice](#) from Animal Care and Control:

To foster a safe coexistence between yourself and our natural neighbors, please take the following precautions:

- Never feed coyotes or any wildlife.
- Keep dogs on leashes in our parks, unless in a designated off-leash dog play area.
- Only admire coyotes from a distance





If you encounter a coyote, slowly back away carrying any small children or pets. Do not run. You may also scare the coyote away by appearing large and making loud noises.



### **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."

### **JULY-SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

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

Wednesday, July 23, 6:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting*** [via Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.

Tuesday, August 12, 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, August, 10 a.m. to noon. **Duboce Park Volunteer Day.**

Saturday, August 23, noon to 5 p.m. **ParkJam.**

Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting** [via Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.

Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. to noon. **Duboce Park Volunteer Day.**

Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. **125th Anniversary Celebration.**

Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting** [via Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 899 4812 2093, Passcode: 911.



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