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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. Plan for a day of fun in the park.

Here are the activities we are planning: 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, an egg-and-spoon race, 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.

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

Neighbors submitted nineteen T-shirt designs to commemorate our 125th Anniversary, and Katy Gatson created the winning design. We will have some available for sale at the day of the event or you can order the T-shirt



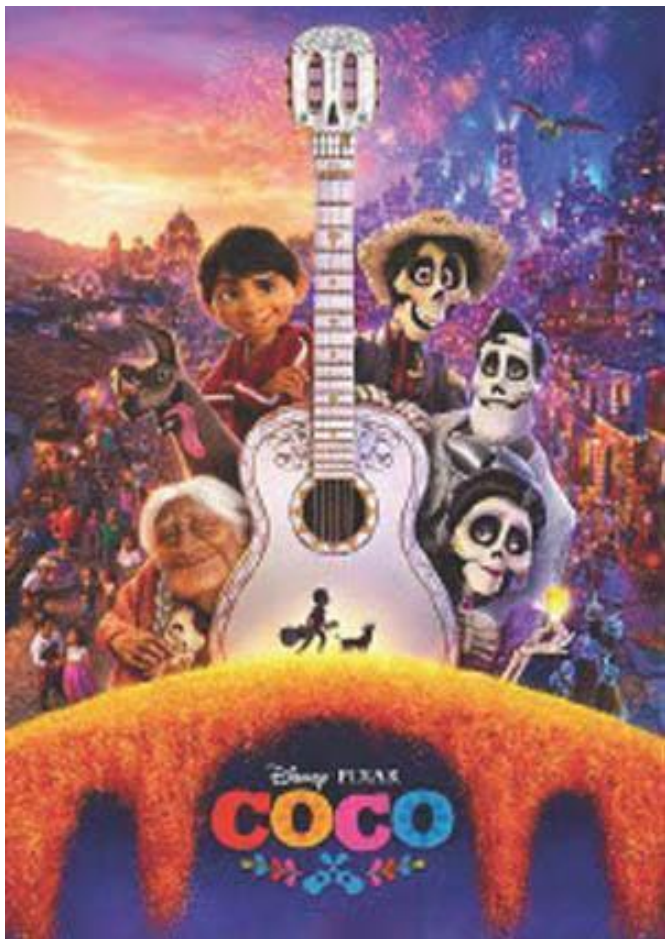


before or after the event at <https://friendsofdubocepark.myspreadshop.com/> and can select your preferred size and color. Sweatshirts, mugs, hats, and other items are also available. Proceeds from these sales help support the cost of the event.

There's a whole day of activities and games for both kids and adults. Friends of Duboce Park hosted the 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2000, which was also the grand reopening of the Children's Playground.

125TH CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Duboce Park's 125th Anniversary Celebration would not happen without the energy and enthusiasm of our community. We still need a few volunteers to help with the lawn games, face painting, henna, paper airplane contest, the obstacle course, and setup and breakdown. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with events@friendsofdubocepark.org.



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT OCTOBER 4 – COCO

Join us under the stars for a magical evening in Duboce Park as we screen Disney Pixar's *Coco* on the big outdoor screen! Winner of two Academy Awards, including Best Animated Feature and Best Original Song, *Coco* is a visually stunning and deeply moving film that has touched audiences worldwide. The movie starts at dusk, approximately 7 p.m., on Saturday, October 4, on the Upper Lawn. Pack a picnic and bring your blankets, low chairs, and cozy layers. Arrive early to grab a good spot! This is a free, family-friendly event.

Coco is a 2017 animated comedy-drama film by Pixar about a young boy



named Miguel, who dreams of becoming a musician, despite his family's generations-old ban on music. On Día de los Muertos, Miguel is transported to the colorful Land of the Dead. He embarks on an extraordinary journey to discover the truth about his family's past. He meets charming new friends, uncovers long-kept secrets, and learns the importance of remembering and honoring loved ones who came before us.

Filled with lively characters, unforgettable songs, and breathtaking animation, *Coco* is both a joyful celebration of Mexican culture and a heartfelt reminder of the universal values of love, family, and memory. It's a film that delights kids and adults alike — and makes the perfect pick for a warm community evening under the stars.

PARKJAM BIG SUCCESS

Friends of Duboce Park hosted its third Duboce ParkJam on Saturday, August 23. The free event featured live music in Duboce Park, with performances by five local musical groups: Misunderstood, Olive Pants, Middle Dog, Lighting Made Rhinos, and UNAMAZ.

Hundreds of people brought blankets, chairs, and picnics and enjoyed the afternoon of music. [San Francisco Examiner](#) ("Duboce ParkJam fosters 'magical connection' between performers, residents and [SF Weekly](#) ("Five musical acts coming to Duboce ParkJam on Saturday" ran very flattering reviews before the event.

Photographs of our first two ParkJams can be found on our [ParkJam webpage](#). Please email brittany@friendsofdubocepark.org if you are interested in performing at future Duboce ParkJams or other Friends of Duboce Park events.





Top row: Misunderstood, Middle Dog; Middle Row: Olive Pants, UNAMAZ; Bottom Row: Lightning Made Rhinos.

PUMPKIN CARVING IN THE PARK OCTOBER 26

Friends of Duboce Park is hosting a free pumpkin carving party on Sunday, October 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Upper Lawn. Although the event is free, please bring your own pumpkin and carving tools. We will have extras in case you forget.

The classic jack-o'-lantern is an established Halloween icon. For those.



who grew up trick-or-treating, it evokes sweet memories of childhood, costumes, and candy. The Duboce Park neighborhood attracts trick-or-treaters from all over the city, particularly on Waller, Pierce, and Carmelita streets. This is an opportunity to create your own pumpkin to display on Halloween.



NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY OCT. 11

Our next monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Our September volunteer day has been cancelled, as it coincides with the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

In 2024, the Recreation and Parks Department hosted 11,720 volunteers in our parks and programs at 870 one-time and recurring events in San Francisco parks. Thanks to all of you.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Two new water fountains were installed: one near the Muni stop at the Noe and Duboce entrance and the other at the west end of the Dog Play Area. In addition, the concrete pads underneath them were expanded so park users will no longer have to stand in mud or puddles during the wet season.

The mosaic wayfinder sign on the base of the light pole near the Recreation Center was vandalized. The top

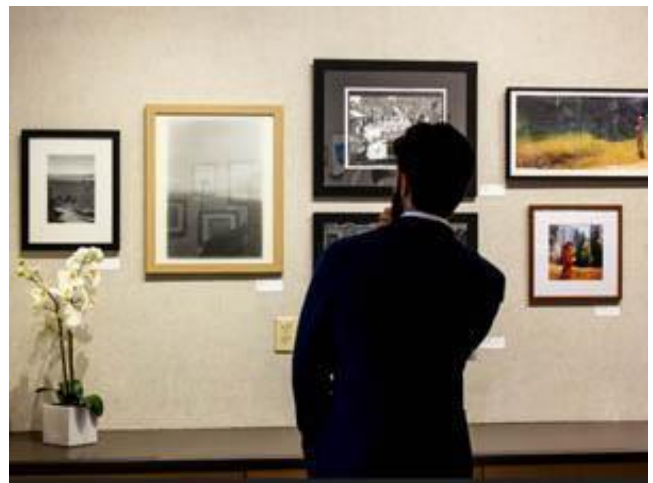


outside edge was hammered, and the tiles on it were destroyed. The mosaic pictures on the sides remained untouched. Blake Sherlock, the mosaic artist who created it in 2015, will be repairing it the week of September 14.



STAFF PHOTO SHOW CONTINUES

The Photo Center's current Member, Staff & Volunteer Show showcases current work being created in the darkrooms and digital lab at the Harvey Milk Photo Center. This exciting exhibit showcases each photographer's chosen and personal best. The staff, members, and volunteers have curated it. The show continues through Oct. 4.





BASIC BLACK & WHITE FILM DEVELOPMENT

Learn the basics of black and white film development. In this one-day workshop, students will be taught how to process their black and white film properly. 35mm and 120 film development will all be explained. Students must bring in a black and white roll of film ready for development. The two-and-a-half-hour class is being offered on Thursday, September 4, 6 to 8:30 p.m.;

Thursday, September 18, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Friday, October 24, 3 to 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, November 14, 3 to 5:30 p.m. 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 the darkroom.

There are many other great photography courses also being offered at the Photo Center, and can be [found here](#).

LEARN TO PLAY THE UKULELE

Have fun learning to play the ukulele. Students will start by learning how to press, pick, and strum. As the session progresses, they will move on to easy chords, scales, and rhythms that we can use to play some of our favorite songs in different musical styles. Ukuleles can be borrowed for the class during class time, but it is recommended that students bring



their own, so they may practice at home between classes. The class is offered twice on Fridays, beginning September 12, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Ukulele II is for students who have some previous experience playing the ukulele or who have taken the Beginning Ukulele class. Students will continue our study

of scales, chords, and rhythms to learn more challenging songs. Each student will have the option to share an in-class performance of a song that they have practiced. This class is being offered on Fridays, beginning September 12, from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Registration for this and other fall classes at sfrecpark.org/register. The [full catalogue of courses](#) can be picked up at the Recreation Center or Photo Center and is also available [online](#).

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 is 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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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 [Microsoft Teams](#). Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t

Saturday, October 4, 7 p.m. Outdoor Movie Night. Showing Coco.

Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m. to noon. ***Duboce Park Volunteer Day.***

Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting*** via [Microsoft Teams](#). Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t

Tuesday, October 13, 6:30-8 p.m. ***DTNA Neighborhood Meeting.*** Harvey Milk Center for the Arts Ballroom, 50 Scott St. Visit DTNA.org.

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Sunday, October 26, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. ***Pumpkin Carving in the Park.***



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