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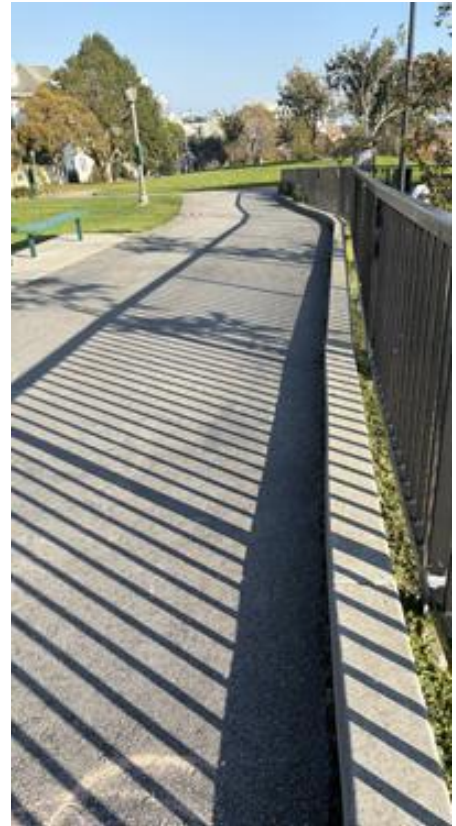
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CRAFT FAIR DECEMBER 14

The annual Holiday Craft Fair will return Sunday, December 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Harvey Milk Center for the Arts, 50 Scott Street, and the Harvey Milk Photo Center. Local artists will be selling their unique handmade holiday gifts to the public. There will be family-friendly craft activities for all

ages, a free photo booth, and free hot apple cider.

130 people applied for a table to sell their handmade items this year, but there is only room for 31 vendors, who were chosen by the selection committee. More information and photos from last year's event are on the [Photo Center website](#).



2026 IN THE PARK - SAVE THE DATES

2025 was a busy year in Duboce Park, highlighted by our 125th Anniversary Celebration on September 13, and next year will be just as busy.

Here's what Friends of Duboce Park has planned for 2026. We have two ParkJams and two Outdoor Movie Nights scheduled, all on Saturdays. We will also resume our monthly volunteer days on the second Saturday of every month, starting in February. For the latest information on any of these events, please visit our [website](#).



- Tuesday, March 19 – Membership Meeting
- Saturday, May 2 – World Labyrinth Day
- Saturday, May 9 – ParkJam
- Saturday, May 30 – Movie Night
- Saturday, August 22 – ParkJam
- Saturday, September 26 – Movie Night



HELP WANTED – BOARD SECRETARY

Friends of Duboce Park is looking for a volunteer Board Secretary! Help our board stay organized by taking meeting minutes, assisting with agendas, and maintaining records. Commitment is about 3-4 hours per month. Organized, reliable, and community-minded volunteers welcome. Prior board experience is not required. Contact president@friendsofdubocepark.org.

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY IN MARCH

Our next monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day is this Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to noon. The December, January, and February Volunteer Days have been cancelled due to the expected inclement weather. Thanks to our November volunteers who weeded around the basketball court and Children's Playground. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped keep our park looking great in 2025.





NEW PHOTO SHOW OPENS JANUARY 17

"A Measure of Uncertainty," an exhibition featuring photographs taken by 22 members of the Bay Area Photographers Collective (BAPC), debuts with an opening reception on Saturday, January 17, from 2 to 5

p.m., at the Harvey Milk Photography Center.

BAPC is a community of fine art photographers dedicated to helping each other advance their artistic initiatives. They host peer and professional reviews, workshops, and mount group exhibitions. BAPC strives for experimentation, craft, and creativity and prides itself on the diversity of its members, photographic styles, and practices.

The technologies of human imagination have led to incredible accomplishments while also creating existential threats to the natural world and the social contracts that hold us together. This exhibition explores "A Measure of Uncertainty."

INTRO TO CARTOON & ANIMATION

Introduction to Cartoon and Animation is one of 20 classes being offered this winter at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts. In this class, students will learn to create animated characters, turnarounds, props, and scenes in a fun, casual environment. They will explore real techniques and methods used in the animation and cartoon industry. All materials included. iPads and pencils will be available for students to use during class. Students



may bring their own iPads to class and must have the Procreate app already purchased and installed on their device.

The class is offered on Tuesdays, starting January 6, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for youth 10-14 years and from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for ages 18 and above. A second class for youth ages 10-14 starts on January 7 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Registration for this and other winter classes at sfrecpark.org/register. The full catalogue of courses is available at the Harvey Milk Recreation Center or the Harvey Milk Photo Center and is also available [online](#).

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The ***Dog Play Area is temporarily be closed*** from December 1 until February 26, 2026 for its annual winter closure is intended to give turf time to rest, recover, reseed, and avoid damage from wet and heavy use. A cyclone fence now surrounds



most of the Dog Play Area, leaving the areas outside of it available for off-leash dogs. The DPAs in the Upper Douglas, Mission Dolores North Field, and St. Mary's parks are also closed this winter for the same reason.

ADA-compliant ***garbage can receptacle covers*** (shown below) will replace the ones at the park entrances on Steiner Street and Potomac Street and are currently in production. There will be two recycling and two landfill units. They will replace the existing units in the Dog Play Area at their current locations. An image of the ADA-compliant unit being installed in the park is shown.

FDP has long advocated for ***additional benches*** in the park. We were promised three new benches, but there have been numerous delays. Here's why. Longtime San Francisco resident Ben Bobo enjoyed walking his golden retriever, Chad, in Alta Plaza Park and left a generous portion of his estate to fund new city park benches. Upon his death in 2023, Bobo left a will stipulating a generous gift of \$3.6 million to the city of San Francisco.

20% (approximately \$720,000) allocated to build and install approximately 50 new benches and other park furnishings citywide, with the rest of the bequest going to capital improvements and general maintenance in the park system. The Rec & Park Commission approved this in January 2025, and we are now waiting for final approval from the Probate Court on December 22.



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 homeless/nuisance-related issues.

If there is a non-emergency issue in the park, 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 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."

DECEMBER-JANUARY CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 9, 6:30-8 p.m. ***DTNA Neighborhood Meeting***. Gazebo Room on the CPMC Davies Campus, 45 Castro Street. Visit [DTNA.org](https://dtna.org).

Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. ***Winter Class Registration Begins***. Visit sfreconline.org.

Sunday, December 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ***Holiday Craft Fair***. Harvey Milk Center for the Arts, 50 Scott St.

Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting***. Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t.



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