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FRIENDS OF DUBOCE PARK

Annual Public Meeting



Tuesday, March 17
7 PM

Harvey Milk Center for the Arts
Main Ballroom
50 Scott St.

Meet the board.
Meet your neighbors.
Learn about park projects.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 17

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow park supporters, meet our board members, and learn more about our goals and priorities for 2026. We'll reflect on the past year's accomplishments, including community events, volunteer efforts, and improvements throughout the park, and share what we've learned along the way.

There will be time for questions, discussion, and your input — because your ideas and involvement help shape the future of Duboce Park.

Whether you're a long-time member or new to the neighborhood, we encourage you to attend, stay informed, and be part of the conversation. We look forward to seeing you there and continuing our shared commitment to keeping Duboce Park welcoming, vibrant, and well cared for.

DOGFEST



DogFest, a celebration of dogs, families, community, and spring in San Francisco, returns to Duboce Park on Saturday, April 25. DogFest is also a fundraiser for McKinley Elementary School! Every dollar raised supports essential programs at McKinley, providing over 275 children with literacy specialists, visual arts education, science programs, and mental health support—resources that would otherwise be cut due to budget constraints.

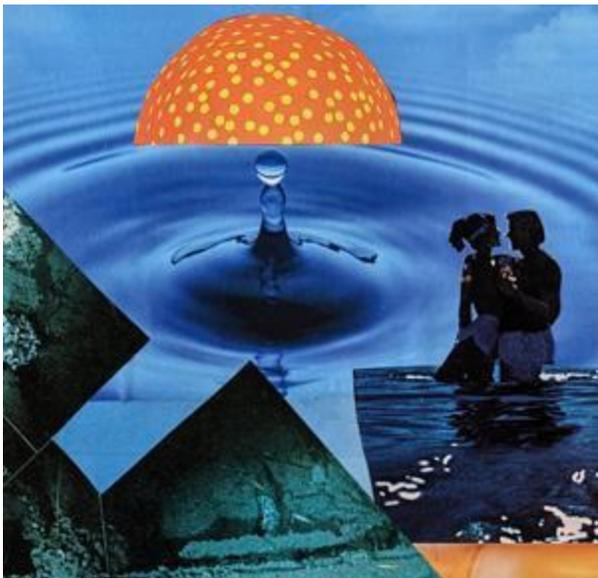
DogFest attendees can expect nonstop fun and games. The park fills with carnival-style games staffed by McKinley students, while at the top end, jumping castles keep the little ones busy. Dogs are the star of the event, of course, with a daylong dog show and contest. There are contests for Best Costume, Best Trick, Best Coat, Best Mutt, Best Lap Dog, and (Openly Corrupt) Best-In-Show.

For more information or to register your furry friend for the dog show, visit the DogFest [website](#).

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY MARCH 14

Our first monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day of 2026 is this Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to noon. We will be weeding and mulching the stairwell planting beds on the south side of the Recreation Center, as well as the beds at the rear of the Rec Center. Please [sign up here](#) so we know how many people to expect.





MIXED MEDIA PRINTMAKING

22 classes are being offered this spring at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts, including Mixed Media Printmaking. Students will start with brushes, pencils, and pens, along with some traditional drawing techniques, and then move on to using image transfers and stencils. They will continue with more in-depth printmaking, such as monotypes and collagraphs. All work will involve combining various media in a single work of art.

Some supplies will be included, and a materials list will be provided at the first class meeting. Students are encouraged to bring in their favorite brushes, pencils, and other related materials to use in class meetings. The class is offered on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting on April 7 and ending on May 12.

For a list of all the courses offered at Harvey Milk Center for the Arts and other locations in San Francisco parks, pick up the course catalogue at the Center or view it [online](#).

BLACK & WHITE FILM DEVELOPMENT

Learn the basics of black and white film development. In this quick workshop, students will learn 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. 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 to use the darkroom.

This one-day class is offered on Tuesday, March 15; Wednesday, March 25; Thursday, May 7; and Thursday, May 21, all from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There are many other great classes being offered at the Photo Center. The complete list of available courses can be found [here](#) or in the [Winter Catalogue](#), available online or at the Photo Center.

HARVEY MILK SUMMER CAMPS, AGES 7 – 11

Does your child love making art all day long? Then this is the camp for them! Harvey Milk Summer Camps offer intensive art-making and performing, where campers 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 that build creativity and fine motor skills. Performing arts include movement and theatrical components. Campers will participate in multiple daily classes, each lasting up to two hours. On the 2nd Thursday of each camp session, families and friends are invited to an



afternoon showcase featuring dance or theatre performances, storytelling, and a gallery of artwork created during the session. No extended care available.

Two-week courses are being offered: June 15-26; July 6-17; July 20-31; and August 3-14. All classes are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration begins on Saturday, March 21, at 10 a.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](#).



YPTMTC SUMMER PROGRAMS, AGES 13 - 17

Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company (YPTMTC) offers classes for teenagers ages 13 to 17 this summer at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts: Creative Writing (June 22 – July 2), Musical Theater (July 20 – 31), and Vocal and Acting (July 6 – 17).

Descriptions of these classes are on page 27 of the [Summer Day Camp catalogue](#).

Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company (YPTMTC) is a performing arts company devoted to bringing quality and professional-level theatre to young adults in the Bay Area.

A FEARLESS EYE PHOTO SHOW CONTINUES

The opening reception of *A Fearless Eye – The Photography of Barbara Ramos* was March 5, and continues through May 16 at the Harvey Milk Photo Center. On Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m. in the Harvey Milk Photo Center gallery, Makeda Best, Deputy



Director of Curatorial Affairs at the [Oakland Museum of California \(OMCA\)](#), will facilitate a discussion with Ramos. After the discussion, Barbara Ramos will be available to sign copies of her monograph afterwards. The show is curated by Melissa Castro Keesor, Director of the Harvey Milk Photo Center, and continues through May 16.

Ramos says, "I only recently resurrected my photography archives of the work I'd created in the early and mid-70's. It was the pandemic that forced me to peruse my negatives, most of which I'd never printed or shown before. I'd spent most of my adult life working and raising two children, and had all but forgotten about photography. Being a photographer and seeing was something that took 100% of my energy. For me, it was impossible to raise children, earn a living, and be totally present to take photographs. My photographs were never seen by my family and friends. The silver lining of this pandemic was being able to once again be present and get back to seeing."



MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Two new ADA-compliant **garbage can receptacle covers** were installed on February 9 near the Potomac Street entrance, and two more were recently installed near the Steiner Street entrance to replace the existing plastic garbage cans. The old plastic bins are housed inside the new covers so Recology can remove and empty them.



Temporary repairs were made to the **rubber surface of the Youth Play Area** on March 10, and the area was closed for 24 hours. The new patches are rust or black and do not match the original blue and green in the rest of the YPA because Rec & Park is not have those colors in their inventory. The original surface was installed in 2011. The normal lifespan of this type of surface is about 10 years.



The **Dog Play Area** was closed for its annual winter closure to give the turf time to rest, recover, and avoid damage from wet and heavy use, and will reopen on February 26. The area was aerated and reseeded. The most worn areas in the middle of the DPA look much better, but a few bare spots remain. One small area remains fenced off while the irrigation system near the water fountain is being repaired.





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—board experience helpful but not required. To apply, please contact president@friendsofdubocepark.org.

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."

MARCH-APRIL CALENDAR

Friday, March 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. **Opening Reception Photo Show**, "A Fearless Eye – The Photography of Barbara Ramos." Harvey Milk Photo Center.

Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. **Registration for Spring Classes Begins**. Register at sfreconline.org.

Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m. to noon. **Monthly Volunteer Day in the Park**.

Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m. **Annual Friends of Duboce Park Membership Meeting**. Harvey Milk Center for the Arts.

Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. **Registration for Summer Camps Begins.**
Register at sfrecpark.org/register.

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting.** Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t.

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. to noon. **Monthly Volunteer Day in the Park.**

Tuesday, April 14, 8:30 p.m. **DTNA Neighborhood Meeting,** Gazebo Room, CPMC Davies Campus. Visit DTNA.org.

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting.** Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t.

Saturday, April 25, 2026, 11 a.m. **DogFest 2026.** Duboce Park Dog Play Area.



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