

# Friends of Duboce Park

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## 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](#).

### **VOLUNTEER APRIL 9**

Our first next monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day of 2026 is this Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. The plan this month is to weed the planting beds at the Scott Street entrance and adding a hydrangeas and mulch



to the planted areas next to the stairwell. A special thanks to our March volunteers, who weeded and mulched the stairwell planting beds on the south side of the Recreation Center and the beds at the rear of the Rec Center. Please [sign up here](#) so we know how many people to expect.



### **MOVIE NIGHT MAY 30 – JURASSIC PARK (1993)**

Join us under the stars for a magical evening in Duboce Park as we screen the original *Jurassic Park* (1993) on the big outdoor screen! The movie starts at dusk, approximately 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, 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.

The film, directed by Steven Spielberg and based on Michael Crichton's novel, is a science fiction adventure about a

revolutionary theme park where dinosaurs are brought back to life through genetic engineering. The film stars Sam Neill, Laura Dern, and Jeff Goldblum.

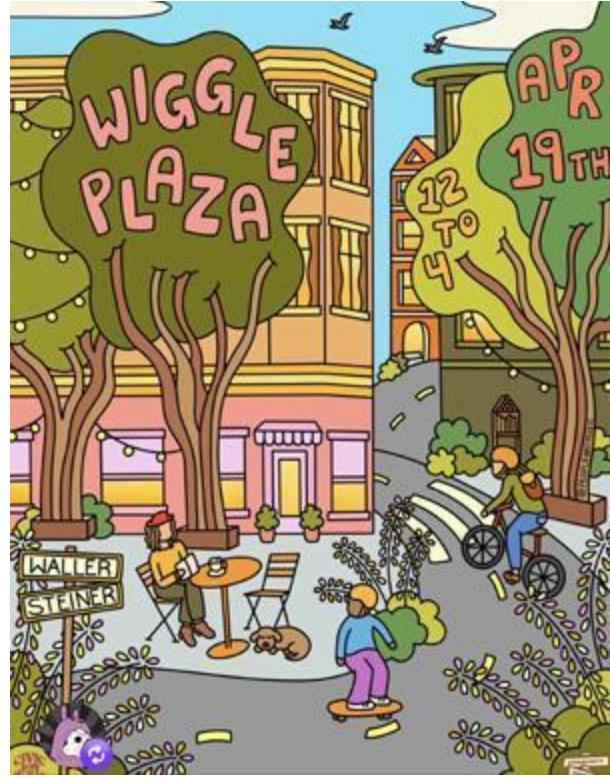
When a group of scientists is invited to preview the island park, everything seems like a groundbreaking success. However, a power failure and corporate sabotage allow the dinosaurs to escape their enclosures. The park quickly descends into chaos as visitors struggle to survive encounters with dangerous creatures such as the Tyrannosaurus rex and Velociraptors.

The film blends thrilling action with themes about scientific responsibility, warning against humanity's attempt to control nature. The film has groundbreaking visual effects and won 1994 Oscars for: Best Sound; Best Sound Effects Editing; and Best Visual Effects. Critics still treat it as the gold standard of the franchise.

### **WIGGLEFEST APRIL 19**

Wiggle Fest returns to Wiggle Plaza on April 19, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., transforming Steiner Street from Duboce Avenue to Waller Street into a pop-up town square.

The free event features arts and crafts, coffee, games, live music, a community potluck, and resources from local organizations. Community Streets SF will share data on how public safety issues are trending in our neighborhood. Meet your neighbors and community groups, learn about neighborhood safety, and participate in activities for all ages.



### **WORLD LABYRINTH DAY MAY 2**

Every year, on the first Saturday in May, thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and a celebration of the labyrinth experience. Friends of Duboce Park is participating by hosting a walk at 1 p.m.

Many "Walk as One at 1" local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. World Labyrinth Day is an annual event sponsored by The Labyrinth Society (TLS). For more information, please visit the World Labyrinth Day page on our [website](#).

## PARKJAM MAY 9

Bring your blankets, chairs, and picnics, and enjoy an afternoon of music. Duboce ParkJam returns to Duboce Park on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 12 to 5 p.m. Five local musical groups will each perform for an hour. There are a few spots open, and if you are interested in performing, please apply [here](#).

Friends of Duboce Park held the first ParkJam on August 24, 2024, and held



two more last year on May 17 and August 23. The August ParkJam attracted hundreds of people who 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.

ParkJam is a free event sponsored by Friends of Duboce Park. Please remember to pack out your trash and recyclables after the event. Photographs of our first three ParkJams are available on our [ParkJam webpage](#).



## NEW TREES

The three sycamore (cohesive) trees donated and planted as part of Friends of Duboce Park's 125th Anniversary Celebration on September 13, 2025, are doing very well and will provide shade on hot or sunny days as they grow. Two of the trees are in the People Only Area, and one is in the southwest corner of the Dog Play Area.



## LEARN TO MAKE LUMINOGRAMS

During this class students will learn how to make luminograms. Lumen prints are made using gelatin silver paper, which is exposed to light and placed directly into the fixer. The prints can be made using digital negatives or objects (like a photogram), but they can also be made using only light itself. Beautiful pastel tones emerge in the process, and the prints can be left unfixer to further change over time. Students will experiment with different techniques to better understand the factors that influence the colors of the gelatin silver paper - the time of exposure, the type of light, and the kind of paper used in the process.



This class is being offered on Wednesdays, from 6 to 8 p.m., starting on May 6. There are many other great classes being offered at the Photo Center. The complete list of courses available can be found [here](#) or in the [Spring Catalogue](#) available online.

## 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**

The *A Fearless Eye – The Photography of Barbara Ramos* photo exhibit continues through May 16 at the Harvey Milk Photo Center.

On March 21, Makeda Best, Deputy Director of Curatorial Affairs at the [Oakland Museum of California \(OMCA\)](#), facilitated a discussion with Ramos, followed by a book signing. The show is curated by Melissa Castro Keesor, Director of the Harvey Milk Photo Center.



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."



### **COYOTE PUPPING SEASON**

As we kick off April, we're entering coyote pupping season. While coyotes are generally wary of humans, parent coyotes may become territorial if you or your pet stumble close to their den 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. Never feed coyotes or any wildlife. Keep dogs on leashes in our parks, unless in a designated off-leash dog play area.

If you encounter a coyote or see someone putting out food for a coyote, report it to Animal Care and Control (ACC) at (415) 554-9400, or by email at [acc@sfgov.org](mailto:acc@sfgov.org).

### **JOIN FRIENDS OF DUBOCE PARK**

Annual Membership dues for a Supporting Member are \$25 per person and entitle you to voting privileges and to participate in the organization's governance. 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."

## **APRIL-MAY CALENDAR**

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](https://www.dtna.org).

Sunday, April 19, noon to 4 p.m. **Wiggifest**. Steiner Street between Duboce and Hermann.

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.

Saturday, May 2, 2026, **World Labyrinth Day**. Scott Street Labyrinth.

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. to noon. **Monthly Volunteer Day in the Park.**

Saturday, May 9, noon to 5 p.m. **ParkJam**.

Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting**. Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t.

Saturday, May 30, **Movie Night. Jurassic Park**. Upper Lawn.



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