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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. 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

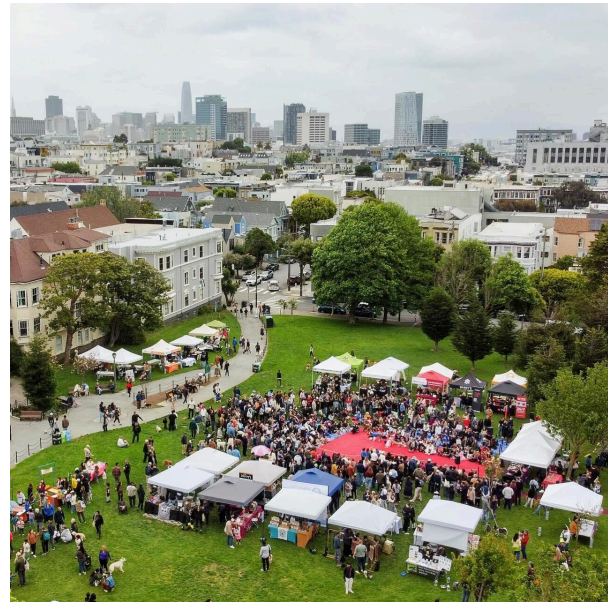
dinosaurs are brought back to life through genetic engineering.

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 stars Sam Neill, Laura Dern, and Jeff Goldblum. It has groundbreaking visual effects and won the 1994 Oscars for Best Sound, Best Effects, and Visual Effects. Critics still treat it as the gold standard of the franchise.

DOGFEST ANOTHER SUCCESS

The 19th annual DogFest, a celebration of dogs, families, community, and spring in San Francisco, returned to Duboce Park on Saturday, April 25. DogFest is a fundraiser for McKinley Elementary School, and 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.



There were contests for Best Costume, Best Trick, Best Coat, Best Mutt, Best Lap Dog, and (Openly Corrupt) Best-In-Show. As the contests continued, the crowd stayed glued to the edges of the red carpet, cheering each dog on as they showed their stuff. During the best coat competition, several of the children reached out to pet the dogs to get the full coat experience; each judge also gave the dogs a pat to fully appreciate their fur.

The judges included Park Police Station Capt. Angela Wilhelm, the station's new captain, Sean Frost, state Sen. Scott Wiener, and two Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Guard T'aint Bernard and Guard N. O'Pansies, who had a tough decision on Best in Show. Hugo, the kissing booth pug, won first prize. Second place went to Dora, a pup dressed in black-and-white stripes escaping from Alcatraz, running from her owner, who was dressed as a jail guard and escorted by an SFPD officer.

Between contests, the thousands of attendees could shop at several canine-focused booths or rack up tickets by playing carnival games to win prizes.



PARKJAM MAY 9



Duboce ParkJam returned to Duboce Park on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 12 to 5 p.m. to enjoy an afternoon of music under sunny skies. Three local musical groups, including Blue Monday (below left), My Friends Michael (at left), and Lightning made Rhinos (below right), performed for an hour each.

ParkJam is a free event sponsored by Friends of Duboce Park. The first ParkJam was held on August 24, 2024, and two more were held last year on May

17 and August 23. Photographs of our first three ParkJams are available on our ParkJam webpage. Our next ParkJam will be in August. If you are interested in performing, please apply [here](#).



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 participated by hosting a walk at 1 p.m.



Neighbors "Walked as One at 1" local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. Some walked the table labyrinth with their finger and other planned doing the labyrinth on printed copies of a labyrinth. World Labyrinth Day is an annual event sponsored by The Labyrinth Society (TLS).



DARKROOM ESSENTIALS & PROCESSES

Have you ever wanted to develop your own photographs in a darkroom? Darkroom Essentials & Processes offers you the chance. The course is being offered on Tuesdays, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., from June 2 to July 7, and on Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., from July 16 to August 20.

This introductory class covers all of the key basics in Black and White Darkroom printing: film development,

printing, and critique. Learn the essential steps and key processes to get you on your way to printing your images! Students will gain the techniques to develop their skills and confidence. The instructor will go over the needed materials in the first class. Students should bring an assortment of negatives to class, if available. This class can be taken in lieu of Photography Center Orientation.

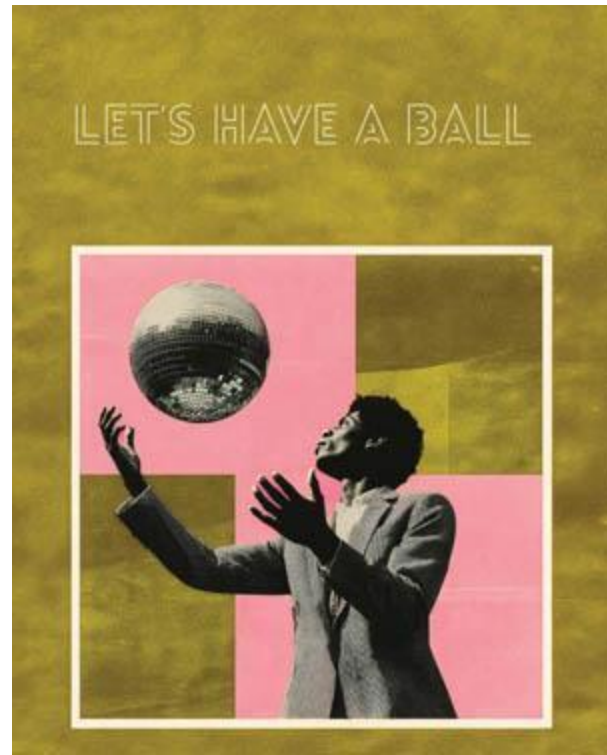
This class contains the same information as our [Film Camera Basics](#) and [Basic Black and White Film Development](#) one-day workshop. The usage of film cameras will be addressed, and the second day of the class is dedicated to hand-processing B&W film. Visit their [website](#) to see all of the other great photography classes being offered this summer at the Harvey Milk Photo Center.

OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS SUBMISSIONS

Let's Have a Ball is a Pride exhibition celebrating joy, expression, spectacle, and the many ways queer communities gather, perform, and take up space. The Harvey Milk Photo Center invites artists working across mediums—including photography, sculpture, textile, painting, digital work, and time-based media—to submit work that engages with the theme of the "ball" in all its forms: celebration, glamour, performance, resistance, intimacy, and play.

Let's Have A Ball will be part of the Art + Pride Exhibit, on display at the

Photo Center from June 20 to July 31. The Opening Reception is Saturday, June 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. Artists can come from any geographic region, with priority given to Bay Area artists. 1- 4 pieces of art may be submitted and can have been created at any time. Submitted works must be appropriate for all ages - violence, drug use, and explicit or hardcore depictions of sexuality are not allowed. The deadline for submissions is May 31. Here's a link to the [submissions form](#).



FOXTAIL INVASION

After a neighbor reported an invasion of foxtails in Duboce Park, Michelle Pallavicini, Park Services Manager, responded with, "Please, absolutely do not spray anything along your property line in the park. The City is under very restrictive IPM regulations. Even vinegar is a no-go for us."

"Foxtails are everywhere in the city right now; it is that time of year. And it

did not help with the last late-season rain that brought on a resurgence. Mulching will not work. And we do not have the staffing resources to put in the hours it

would take to pull it all out from the roots. The seed bank in the soil is extensive, and there really is no way to safely eradicate it. DPW and RPD can only mow it down. We are aware of the issues this "pest" can cause and try to address it in a timely manner."

"A reminder, we have 25 sites to cover in my area of operations. We have a lot of ground to cover, and my staffing resources continue to dwindle. Our new gardener, Lucas, He has been thoroughly instructed on the maintenance needs of Duboce Park by both his supervisor, Shawn Hill, and by the previous gardener, Mark. He will cover the site as best he can, but note that he is not there all the time, as he is required to assist with maintenance at other sites in the Mission gardening complex."

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY JUNE 13

Our next monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day of 2026 is Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to noon. Last month, volunteers weeded the planting beds at the Scott Street entrance and added hydrangeas and mulch to the planted areas next to the stairwell. Please [sign up here](#) so we know how many people to expect.



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.

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."

MAY-JUNE CALENDAR

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

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Saturday, June 20, 6 – 9 p.m. **Opening Reception: Let's Have A Ball.** Harvey Milk Photo Center.

Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting.** Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t.



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