

Friends of Duboce Park

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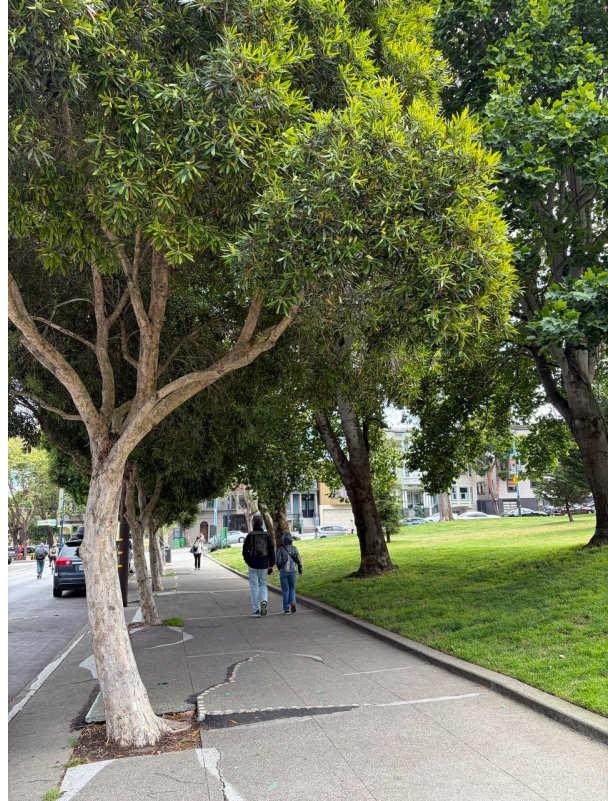
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MOVIE NIGHT A SUCCESS

Hundreds of neighbors joined on May 30 us for a magical evening in Duboce Park for the screening of the original *Jurassic Park* (1993) on the big outdoor screen! Although the film was released 33 years ago, most of the people attending raised their hands when asked how many people had seen the movie.

The film, directed by Steven Spielberg and based on the novel by Michael

Crichton, 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.

The film blended thrilling action with themes about scientific responsibility, warning against humanity's attempt to control nature. It 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.



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. Please [sign up here](#) so we know how many people to expect.

Thank you to the May volunteers who weeded the planting beds at the Scott Street entrance and added hydrangeas and mulch to the planted areas next to the stairwell.



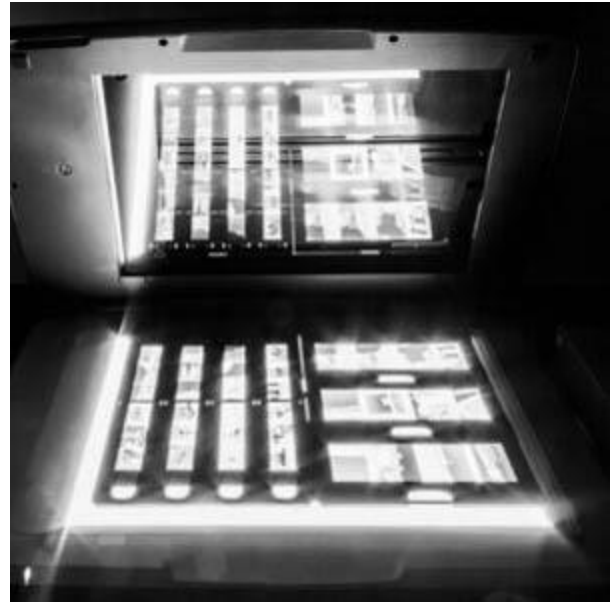
NEW BENCHES IN PARK

Three benches will soon be installed next to the pathway just east of the Pierce Street entrance. The chalk lines were put down to indicate where the benches will go. Concrete pads must be laid before the benches are installed. Friends of Duboce Park have been advocating for more benches for years and it is nice to see it finally happening.

SCANNING & DIGITIZING YOUR NEGATIVES & SLIDES

Have you discovered the wonderful world of making pictures on film with an old school camera and you want to be able to share your work with the rest of the world? Or do you have some boxes of photographic family slides and negatives in your closet that you want to share and preserve for future generations?

In *Scanning & Digitizing Your Negatives & Slides*, you will explore the process



of scanning and digitizing your precious memories and preserving them while also allowing you to share them easily with the world. Topics will include scanners and software, which settings to use, cleaning negatives, color correction, and how to fix scratches and remove dust from your images. This one-day, two-hour class is being offered on Saturday June 18 and on Saturday August 22, both from 1 to 3 p.m. Please bring a laptop with current version of Adobe Photoshop or Lightroom and thumb drive.

There are many other great photography classes being offer this summer at the Harvey Milk Photo Center. Visit their [website](#) for a complete listing and descriptions of classes.



TWO SIDES OF THE BULLETIN BOARD

In 1925, George Brooks of Topeka, Kansas, was issued a patent for using corkboard as a bulletin board on which you could stick tacks. The first bulletin board in Duboce Park was installed in 2003 on the Upper Lawn near the Pierce St. entrance. It was moved to its current location on the west side of the Knoll opposite the Children's Playground entrance near the MUNI stop when the park was reconfigured

to accommodate the installation of the Dog Play Area in 2006.

Friends of Duboce Park maintains it and uses it to post announcements about park events and activities at the Harvey Milk Recreation Center and the Harvey Milk Photo Center. That's on the front side of the board, which is enclosed. Neighbors tack all kinds of notices and announcements on the back side, which is unenclosed and technically not permitted. Under § 3.07 of the San Francisco Park Code: No person may post or affix signs, notices,



handbills, flyers, circulars, or similar materials to trees, fences, buildings, walls, posts, monuments, vehicles, or other physical objects in a city park. Periodically, Rec & Park staff removes all of the notices.

Local groups, schools, churches, and non-profits often ask permission to post their event announcement on the bulletin board. Friends of Duboce Park politely explain that any postings must be park-related as per the park code.



A HISTORY OF ADVOCACY GROUPS OF DUBOCE PARK

Friends of Duboce Park was started in 1997 by a group of neighbors in the Duboce Triangle and Lower Haight. But it was not the first neighborhood group to advocate for Duboce Park.



At the turn of the century, the site of the future Duboce Park was filled with rocks, ramshackle buildings, and construction equipment. The neighborhood grew tired of the unsightly lot, formed the Duboce Park Improvement Club, and offered to build a park on the site if the city would remove the debris. Residents



pressured city officials to maintain the park as an attractive public amenity and to improve local infrastructure. On September 9, 1900, the park was dedicated.

In 1906, the park became 'Tent City' for earthquake refugees, and thereafter it stayed out of the news until the July, 1969 Examiner story headlined 'Duboce Group Raps

Inaction on Park.' The Fair Play Association for Duboce Park, headed by Mrs. Betty King and joined by then-Assemblyman Willie Brown Jr., accused city officials of giving low priority to their issues: a full-time playground director, new playground equipment, a safety fence between the park and Muni's Sunset Tunnel, and greater community access to the Recreational Art Building at 50 Scott Street.

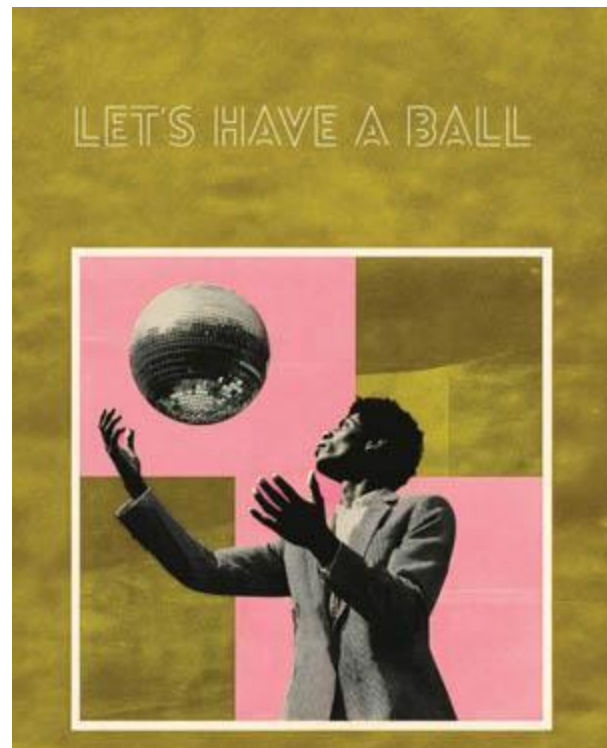
For a more complete history of Duboce Park, read H. Arlo Nimmo's "Good and Bad Times in a San Francisco Neighborhood: A History of Potomac Street and Duboce Park." Part Two of the book, "Musings and Memories," is his subjective history of the park based on personal observations he kept from 1972 through 2007, when he lived in the Victorian at the end of Potomac Street, overlooking Duboce Park.

Photographs: Top, 1904. Neighbors collected rocks into piles which were then planted as rock gardens. Middle, 1890. Bottom, 1906. Tent City. Note: this article is also in the June-July issue of the [DTNA Newsletter](#).

PRIDE ART EXHIBIT

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 invited 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 is part of the Art + Pride Exhibit that will be 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 come from any geographic region - with priority given to Bay Area artists.



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."

JUNE-JULY CALENDAR

Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m. to noon. ***Monthly Volunteer Day in the Park.***

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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