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VOLUNTEER DAY SEPTEMBER 12

Our next monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day of 2026 is this Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. We plan on weeding the round planting beds next to the Pierce Street and Potomac Street entrances to the park. A special thank you to last month's volunteers, who removed weeds and leaf litter and added mulch in front of the Harvey Milk Recreation Center. Please [sign up here.](#)



PARKJAM AUGUST 22 SUCCESS

Neighbors enjoyed an afternoon of music under sunny skies as Duboce ParkJam returned to Duboce Park on Saturday, August 22, with five local groups performing for an hour each, including Mike Bush, Jules Buckner, Division by Zero, Hot Creek Band, and Lightning Made Rhinos.





Friends of Duboce Park held our first ParkJam on August 24, 2024, had two more last year on May 17 and August 23, and held our first this year on May 9.

ParkJam is a free event sponsored by Friends of Duboce Park. Photographs of our first four ParkJams are available on our [ParkJam webpage](#).



MOVIE NIGHT – *HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON*

Join us under the stars for a magical evening in Duboce Park as we screen *How to Train Your Dragon* (2025, live-action version) on the big outdoor screen! The movie starts at dusk, approximately 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, September 26 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.

As an ancient threat endangers both Vikings and dragons alike on the rugged isle of Berk, the friendship

between Hiccup, an inventive Viking, and Toothless, a Night Fury dragon, becomes the key to both species forging a new future together. Their unlikely bond reveals the true nature of dragons, challenging the very foundations of Viking society.

The film was nominated for many awards in the United States and around the world and won the 2025 Golden Angel Award for the Most Popular U.S. Film in China and won the 2025 Golden Tomato Award as the Fan Favorite Family Movie.

The sequel, [**How to Train Your Dragon 2**](#), was officially announced is scheduled for release on June 11, 2027.

PUMPKIN CARVING OCTOBER 25

Friends of Duboce Park is hosting a free pumpkin carving party on Sunday, October 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Upper Lawn. Although the event is free, please bring your own pumpkin and carving tools. We will have extras in case you forget.



The classic jack-o'-lantern is an

established Halloween icon. For those who grew up trick-or-treating, it evokes sweet memories of childhood, costumes, and candy. The Duboce Park neighborhood attracts trick-or-treaters from all over the city, particularly on Waller, Pierce, and Carmelita streets. This is an opportunity to create your own pumpkin to display on Halloween.



CRAFT FAIR DECEMBER 13

The annual Holiday Craft Fair returns Sunday, December 13, 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 to sell their handmade items last year, but there was only room for 32 exhibitors, who were chosen by the selection committee.

The [**vendor application**](#), which is due on November 3, at 11:59 p.m. The cost of a booth is \$75. More information and photos from last year's event can be found on the [**Photo Center website**](#).



MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The sidewalk on Steiner Street next to the park has been replaced. The sidewalk had buckled in many spots and created tripping hazards, especially at night when the sidewalk is hard to see since street lights are blocked by the tree canopy. Some of the sidewalk was ground down in attempt to make it smoother but there were still areas that you could trip



over. The sidewalk on Scott Street in front of the Recreation Center and Labyrinth has similar problems and it appears from recent markings on it that it will be soon be replaced as well.

Park users have also complained about overflowing garbage cans in the park. Please call 3-1-1 if you notice an overflowing can, particularly on weekends.



MARBLING WORKSHOP

Discover the mesmerizing art of

marbling in this one-day, hands-on workshop being offered on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on September 24, October 22, and November 12. Cost is \$50. Participants will explore traditional and contemporary marbling techniques, learning how to create flowing, one-of-a-kind patterns on paper and fabric using paints and specialized tools.

Guided step by step, students will experiment with color, movement, and composition while learning the materials and processes behind this centuries-old craft. No prior experience



is necessary, just curiosity and a willingness to play. The workshop offers a relaxed, creative environment where you can slow down, enjoy the meditative rhythm of marbling, and leave with several finished pieces to take home. Perfect for artists, crafters, or anyone seeking a unique, inspiring creative experience.+

For a complete listing of all classes offered at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts and other San Francisco parks and recreation centers, download the [Fall Catalogue](#).



MEMBER, STAFF, & VOLUNTEER PHOTO SHOW

The Opening Reception of the Member, Staff & Volunteer Show took place on August 14. The exhibit is the Harvey Milk Photo Center's annual snapshot of the work coming out of their darkrooms and digital lab. Every photographer chose the piece they're proudest of; the show reflects each person's personal best rather than a single theme or assignment. The show contains traditional silver gelatin prints

created in the Photo Center's historic darkroom, digital prints from the lab, as well as all kinds of alternative photographic process prints. The participants range

from those who just started making photos to experienced photographers who have been printing for decades.

The subject matter runs wide: from portraits and street photography to landscapes, still life, and the occasional abstract experiment. What ties it all together is that every print was made by a member of our community, using the facilities here at the Photo Center. The show continues through October 3 at the Harvey Milk Photo Center. *Photo Credit: Michael Mangus.*



BASIC B&W FILM DEVELOPMENT

Learn the basics of black and white film development! In this quick workshop students will be taught how to properly process their black and white film (35mm and/or 120 formats) There are no prerequisites and beginners are encouraged to sign-up. No class time will be spent in the printing darkroom, and color film development will not be

covered in this class. In order to participate in the workshop, students must provide their own roll of black and white film that has already been



shot through a camera before the start of the workshop. Films such as Ilford HP5+ 400 or Kodak Tri-X 400 are recommended.

The class is being offered on Tuesday, September 9 and Thursday, October 29, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, October 24, both from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and Saturday, November 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$50.

Students must provide their own roll of black and white film that has already been shot through a camera before the start of the workshop. Photo Center Orientation is not required for this class, and after the film is developed, students will be given an orientation on the Photo Center by the teacher to allow for memberships or day passes

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



COYOTE PUPPING SEASON

We're in the middle of the 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."

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER CALENDAR

Saturday, September 12, 10 a.m. to noon. ***Monthly Volunteer Day in the Park.***

Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting.***
Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t.

Saturday, September 26, 7 p.m. ***Outdoor Movie Night.*** Upper Lawn.

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

Sunday, October 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting.***
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