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NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY SATURDAY

Our next monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day of 2026 is this Saturday, October 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. A special thank you to last month's volunteers, who removed weeds in the round planting beds next to the Pierce Street and Potomac Street entrances to the park Please **sign up here** so we know how many people to expect. This may be the final volunteer day of the year since Rec & Park typically cancels work days during the rainy season months of November, December, January, and February.

K9 HEROES THIS SATURDAY

At Duboce Park, Fleet Week brings service into the heart of a San



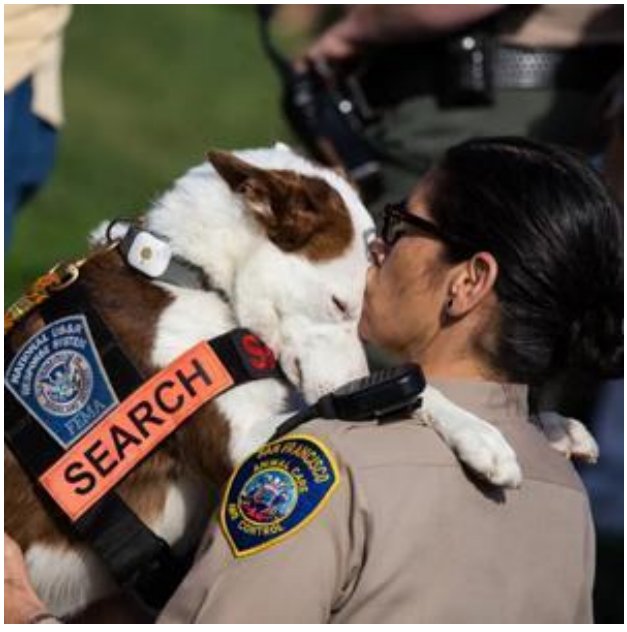
Francisco neighborhood this Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. K9 Heroes connects residents with the military and civilian teams whose work helps keep communities safe and supported. Over the years, K9 Heroes has brought military and civilian teams to Duboce Park to share their skills and the partnerships behind their work.

It is an opportunity to discover the training, trust, and teamwork behind these partnerships—and celebrate the dogs and people who make a difference. Bring your family and discover how working dogs help find people, protect communities, and change lives.

Past K9 Heroes events have showcased a range of canine skills. See search-and-rescue dogs work with their handlers to help locate people who need assistance. Watch specially trained dogs use their sense of smell in detection work, supporting military and civilian public-safety teams.

For more information and demonstration times, visit the **Fleet Week website**.





MOVIE NIGHT ANOTHER SUCCESS

Hundreds of people joined us under the stars in Duboce Park on Saturday, September 26 when we screened *How to Train Your Dragon* (2025, live-action version) on the big outdoor screen! Attendance may have been increased since the event was mentioned in the **September 16 Chronicle** and on Funcheap as well as neighborhood web sites. A few people commented on how many people in attendance were not from our neighborhood.



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. Our next movie night will be next spring.

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 Scott Street next to the park has been replaced. Trees caused the sidewalk to buckle in many spots and created tripping hazards, especially at night it 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 Steiner Street was also replaced

last month. Both are much safer to walk on.



The grass near the bulletin board and the area under a Potomac Street bench have both gotten bare. Two of the three trees that were planted as part of our 125th Anniversary Celebration are doing very well, but the one on the upper lawn closest to the playground is not doing as well, probably because of the problem with irrigation in that area. Michelle Pallavicini, Park Services Manager, said that we "should be seeing improvements in a timely manner."





POLYMER BAKE CLAY WORKSHOP
AGES 8-10



Discover the colorful world of polymer clay in this fun, hands-on one-day workshop designed especially for youth makers and young artists! Participants will learn the basics of working with polymer clay, including shaping, blending colors, adding texture, and creating miniature sculptures, charms, jewelry, or imaginative keepsakes. Through guided projects and creative exploration, students will develop fine motor skills, artistic confidence, and their own unique style. No prior experience is needed, just creativity and curiosity! All materials are provided, and students will leave with several pieces and instructions to take home, bake and enjoy.

The 90-minute workshop is being offered on Friday, October 23 and Friday, November 13, both from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 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.**

PHOTOBOOK FAIR



The San Francisco Photobook Fair will host over 30 tables of publishers and vendors selling and promoting photography books, magazines, and zine publications during a two-day weekend event hosted at the Harvey Milk Photo Center on Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event is free.

The Harvey Milk Photo Center invites photobook publishers and artists to join the fair by applying to reserve a table for book displays and sales through our application. Download the application guidelines to learn more about participating in as a vendor.







INTRODUCTION TO INKJET PRINTING

Take your images beyond the screen and into print. This course, offered on Wednesdays, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., starting on October 28, focuses on developing a cohesive body of work through the art of fine art and photographic printing. Participants will learn best practices for image selection, editing, color management, print preparation, and archival storage techniques to ensure long-lasting, high-quality prints.

The class utilizes the Epson Stylus Pro, a professional inkjet printer capable of producing exceptional prints on a variety of media. Participants will gain hands-on experience preparing and printing their own photographs while exploring the creative and technical considerations of the printing process. A working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop and/or Lightroom is strongly recommended. Participants should bring a laptop with a current version of Adobe Photoshop or Lightroom installed and a thumb drive. The course fee includes two 8x10 prints.

Many other great photography classes are being offered this fall at the Harvey Milk Photo Center. Visit their website for a 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."

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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

Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ***K9 Heroes***. Dog Play Area.

Tuesday, October 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. ***Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Meeting.*** Gazebo Room, CPMC Davies Campus, 45 Castro St.

Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. ***Photobook Fair***. Harvey Milk Photo Center.

Sunday, October 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m***. Pumpkin Carving in the Park. Upper Lawn***

Sunday, October 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m***. WiggleFest.*** Steiner Street between Waller and Duboce.

Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting.*** Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t.

Tuesday, November 3, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. ***VOTE.***

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



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