



in the works

August 2019

Crews from our cement shop install sidewalk plaques for the Rainbow Honor Walk in the Castro neighborhood. See story inside.



EVENTS



9/1

1st Sundays Block Party

This family-friendly event features games, an open-air craft market, street soccer pick-up games and more.

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fulton and Larkin street



9/21

Battle for the Bay

This month's Community Clean Team is part of Battle for the Bay. San Francisco Mayor London Breed and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf are leading volunteers from their two cities to face off in a cleaning and greening competition as part of the annual California Coastal Cleanup Day. The challenge is on to protect our treasured Bay by cleaning and greening our neighborhoods and combating illegal dumping.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities will remove litter from neighborhoods, parks, creeks and beaches, and participate in other beautification projects in Oakland and San Francisco.

Which city can turn out the most volunteers? Host the most projects? Collect the most trash? Turn the tide on trash and be a part of the global movement to keep our cities and shared waterways clean!

More details at:
www.battleforthebay2019.org



9/28

Portola Garden Tour

The annual Portola Garden Tour has celebrated the neighborhood's private and public gardens since 2006.

This year's Portola Garden Tour on Saturday, Sept. 28 features 25+ gardens, including several new gardens created by neighborhood gardeners.

The garden tour is a self-guided walk through private and public gardens in the Portola neighborhood.

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THANK YOU



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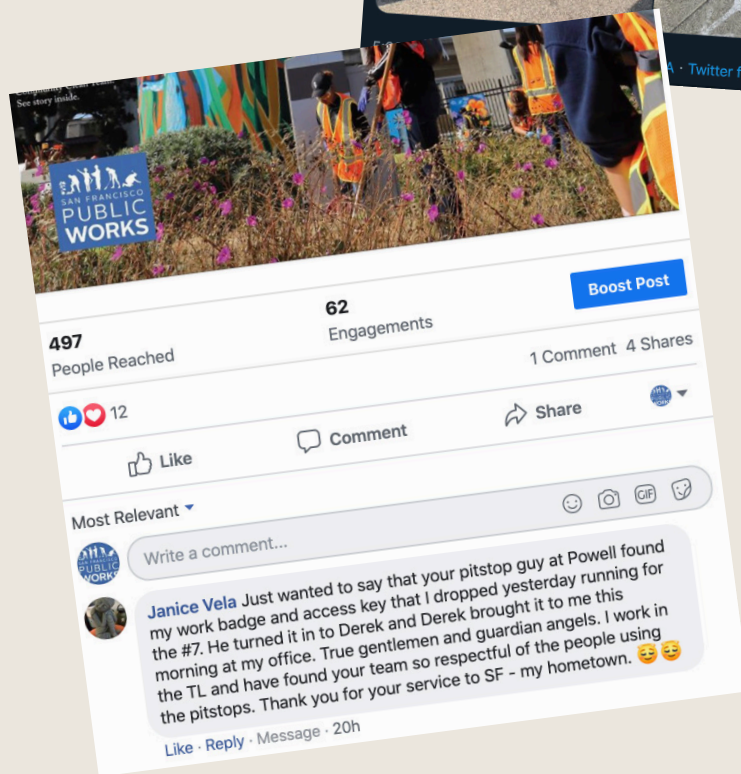
My friends and I just spent a beautiful day in San Francisco. We were so impressed at how clean the 16th and Mission Street BART Station was today. The floors were clean, polished and clear of garbage. It was a pleasant change from the last visit I had to that station. This is the cleanest BART Station I have ever been in.

We also had the pleasure of meeting Otis, the attendant at the Pit Stop public toilet on the street level at the same station. What a great ambassador for your city. He was so patient and polite, giving each of us instruction on how to use the facility. He is doing a great job of making sure the facility is very clean. It was much nicer to use than public restrooms in many stores and restaurants.

It is obvious your campaign to clean up your city is making a very noticeable difference. We love to visit your beautiful city.

Congratulations, on a job well done. As out of town visitors, we appreciate your efforts.

Sharon G.



COASTAL CLEANUP DAY – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

BATTLE FOR THE BAY





SAN FRANCISCO VS OAKLAND

Join the volunteer competition to protect our Bay
by cleaning our neighborhoods.



battleforthebay2019.org



21 DAYS IS ALL IT TAKES TO FORM A HABIT. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

TAKE A BREATH

CONSCIOUS RELAXATION WITH SLOW, DEEP BREATHS


(15 minutes) twice/day


INHALE 1-2-3-4

EXHALE 1-2-3-4-5-6

DECREASES HEART RATE, STRESS AND BLOOD PRESSURE, SOOTHES NERVOUS SYSTEM

IN UNDER A WEEK, YOU CAN GAIN

 **+2 LBS**
DUE TO
LACK OF SLEEP

(You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching tv )



/DAY
= 22%
RISK OF DEVELOPING
TYPE 2 DIABETES

EAT YOUR FRUITS & VEGGIES

DRINK MORE WATER AIM FOR:



+2
YRS



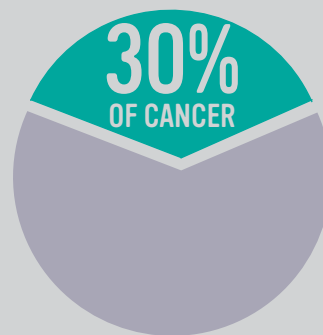
people who
read books
vs. who don't

LIFE EXPECTANCY

Sit for more
than 3 hours



-2
YRS



CAN BE PREVENTED

MAINTAIN



AVOID



On average, people who
complain live longer.
Releasing the tension
increases immunity and
boosts their health.

$\frac{1}{2}$ HOUR x 6 DAYS = 40%
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PER WEEK LOWER RISK OF EARLY DEATH

LAUGHING

hahahahahahaha



x100 =

15 MIN
EXERCISE
ON A STATIONARY BIKE



RHINORRHEA WORD OF THE MONTH

[rah-y-nuh-ree-uh], noun:

excessive discharge of mucus from the nose. also known as runny nose.

example: Sally used 5 boxes of Kleenex when she had a case of rhinorrhea because she forgot to get a flu shot this season.

88%

OF U.S. CONSUMERS
USE MOBILE DEVICES
AS A SECOND SCREEN
EVEN WHILE WATCHING TV

PUBLIC WORKS



EPISODE 0058

Testing the quality of our infrastructure

The Materials Testing Lab provides quality control services to test materials used in the construction of City projects. Damon Lai and Miguel Hernandez give us a tour of the facility with some demonstrations of concrete and soil testing.



EPISODE 0057

Doo the Right Thing

Do you have a dog? If so, help keep our streets and sidewalks clean by dooing the right thing: bag and bin your dog's poop. #keepSFclean



EPISODE 0056

Building a one-stop shop for permits: Part Two

Project managers Samuel Chui and Julia Groat take us on an inside tour of the City's new office building and permit center, currently under construction.

This is the second part of a series on the new building at 49 South Van Ness Ave.





FOOT

Public Works cement shop trades workers carefully place bronze plaques commemorating leaders in the LGBTQ+ community.



For years, the Castro District has been a hub for writers, artists, innovators and activists in San Francisco's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer community. ▶

HISTORY AT OUR FIRST STEPS

R BY ROLO



A worker smooths the new sidewalk for the Rainbow Honor Walk.



The newest addition to the Rainbow Honor Walk drew celebrants.



Chavela Vargas
(1919-2012)

Legendary Costa Rican
transgressive troubadour
song and cultural icon
moving performance
universal truths of
tenderness, heartbre

Charles Vangel

Thanks to the Rainbow Honor Walk – with some heavy lifting from San Francisco Public Works – it’s also become home to a unique outdoor museum, with a growing collection of bronze portrait sidewalk plaques that commemorate and highlight the diverse legacies of LGBTQ+ individuals from around the world.

► Earlier this month, our Bureau of Urban Forestry’s cement shop crew went to work prepping the sidewalks and installing eight new plaques, a memorable task thanks to unseasonably sunny days and good cheer from neighbors and tourists stopping to take photos and express their gratitude. The 3-foot plaques weigh about 80 pounds each, requiring two workers to lift them into their permanent spots on Market Street between Castro and Sanchez streets. After installing the latest portraits – which include larger-than-life musical luminaries Freddie Mercury and Josephine Baker, choreographer Alvin Ailey and poet W.H. Auden – crew members celebrated alongside community members at a public dedication on Aug. 9.

Public Works landscape architect John Dennis, who has worked on the Castro Streetscape and Upper Market projects, has been involved in the process since the installation of the first plaques in 2014. In addition to helping select the best place to showcase the plaques, including under street lights for illumination at night, Dennis is a liaison between the Rainbow Honor Walk board

members and Public Works operations crews.

Throughout the process, Rainbow Honor Walk board member and publicist David Perry has commended Public Works for ongoing support of the project – there have been three installations in the past five years – that has grown to 36 plaques. They include tributes to some of history’s most influential folks, from Frida Kahlo and Oscar Wilde to San Francisco’s own Randy Shilts and Del Martin.

The plaques cost about \$6,000 each and are purchased through private donations and sales from commemorative products sold at the San Francisco Human Rights Campaign Action Center on Castro Street. A commitment from the community and ongoing fundraising is underway to expand the collection in the next few years, ultimately leading the Rainbow Honor Walk from the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy at 19th and Diamond streets, up Castro Street, over to 18th Street, and along upper Market Street to Octavia Boulevard. For more details, go to www.rainbowhonorwalk.org ■



PILOT UNDERWAY TO TEST 24-HOUR PIT STOPS

For the first time, starting this month, three of our staffed Pit Stop public toilets are open around the clock as part of a three-month pilot to test the effectiveness of the expanded overnight hours.

Before the Aug. 12 launch of the 24-hour Pit Stops, none of the City's 25 Pit Stops were open past 10 p.m. – and that was only at one location. The rest closed for the day between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Now, three are open all day, every day. They can be found at Sixth and Jesse streets in the South of Market, Eddy and Jones streets in the Tenderloin and Castro and Market streets in the Castro.

During the experiment, we will monitor usage and assess attendant safety. During the day, one attendant is on duty; the number doubles to two in the later hours of the night. Staff is on hand to ensure that the bathrooms are kept clean and safe and used for their intended purpose.

The early numbers show that the 24-hour toilets are being used overnight. For example, on Aug. 16, the Pit Stop at Eddy and Jones got 60 uses between 7 a.m. and 2:59 p.m.; 40 uses between 3 p.m. and 10:59 p.m., and 23 uses between 11 p.m. and 6:59 a.m.

We do not track the circumstances of the people using the Pit Stops. They may be Uber drivers, unsheltered residents or folks leaving a bar and needing to use a bathroom before heading home. What we do know is that the Pit Stops are needed. Collectively, they average more than one flush per minute.

The Pit Stop program, which we started five years ago with three locations in the Tenderloin, now operates in 25 locations in 13 neighborhoods. Mayor London Breed included funding in the current fiscal year's budget to open seven more locations, and expand hours at all the Pit Stops.





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Where neighborhood challenges meet the pros.

SOMA PIT STOP

GUIDELINES

- 1. No Alcohol
- 2. No Drugs
- 3. No Smoking
- 4. No Pets
- 5. No Weapons
- 6. No Loud Music
- 7. No Profanity
- 8. No Vandalism
- 9. No Trespassing
- 10. No Open Containers

Mon-Fri - 8am to 10pm
Sat - 8am to 5pm

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The 24-hour Pit Stop is open for business at Sixth and Jessie streets.



Team SF Public Works had a bouncing good time at this year's Chinatown ping pong tournament.



Going for GOLD but happy with silver

Team Public Works took second place in this month's Chinatown Ping Pong Tournament's Novice 1 Division – marking our best showing yet in the annual community competition.

Participating on their own time, the 18-member Team Public Works showcased a competitive spirit and growing ping pong skills at the community-hosted event on Aug. 3.

The late Mayor Ed Lee, working with neighborhood leaders in Chinatown, spearheaded the friendly competition. This year marked its ninth anniversary.

Our ping pong players represented a good cross section of our organization, including construction management in Building Design & Construction; landscape architecture; project management in Infrastructure Design & Construction; hydraulics; contract administration and operations.

Public Works already is practicing for next year's tournament, hoping to turn a silver into gold!

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Drivers and cyclists traveling down a busy stretch of Clipper Street in Noe Valley may notice something different: a smooth roadway.

Crews recently wrapped up a resurfacing project on Clipper from Diamond to Dolores streets – a five-block segment that’s part of our continuing effort to keep San Francisco’s streets in good shape.

We try to coordinate our street work with utility upgrades and Vision Zero safety improvements for people who walk and bike.

During the last fiscal year, which ended June 30, we paved 664 blocks. That exceeded our goal by 64 blocks. We are still finalizing the goal for the current fiscal year.

Public Works maintains more than 900 miles of streets, made up of some 12,900 blocks.

We have been on an ambitious paving mission that ramped up eight years ago when San Francisco voters approved the \$248 million Road Repaving and Street Safety Bond. That, with support from the City’s General Fund, resulted in a steady improvement in the condition of our pavement, as tracked by the regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

You can learn more about our paving program at sfpublishworks.org/street-resurfacing. ■





Clipper Street in Noe Valley gets a fresh layer of asphalt.

Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru, Mayor London Breed, Police Chief William Scott and District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton participate in the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new police facility.

BUILDING A NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR SAN FRANCISCO AND BRINGING



QUARTERS
SAN FRANCISCO'S

MOTORCYCLE POLICE AT THE SCENE INVESTIGATORS



City officials, members of the San Francisco Police Department and community partners celebrated this month's groundbreaking of a new seismically safe Traffic Company and Forensic Services Division Facility in the Bayview neighborhood. ►

The SFPD's motorcycle officers will be located in the new Bayview facility.



The 100,000-square-foot building, located at 1995 Evans Ave., will bring two SFPD Forensic Services Division laboratories – currently located in separate outdated facilities – into a single seismically safe property. The new structure will be built to remain operational for up to 72 hours after a major earthquake or other disaster. Its resilient design will ensure the safety of first responders and residents when a disaster strikes.

“The Police Department’s Traffic Company and Forensic Services Division are an important part of our City’s emergency response plan, and it’s critical that they are located in a seismically safe building so that they can continue to serve the community in the hours and days after an earthquake or other emergency,” said Mayor London Breed, who spoke at the Aug. 8 groundbreaking ceremony. “This project is a great use of Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond funds and will make our City more resilient.”

She was joined by District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton; Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru; and Police Chief William Scott.

The new building will help improve efficiency for the Forensic Services Division’s personnel, who collect, analyze and compare physical evidence collected at crime scenes. The division is comprised of the Crime Scene Investigation unit, computer forensics, the identification bureau, a photo laboratory and a crime laboratory. Bringing the division under one roof will enhance the processing of cases and allow for a more seamless sharing of data.

The building also will house the SFPD’s Traffic Company, better known as the motorcycle officers, which handles crowd control, vehicle inspections, red-light camera citations and other traffic support and enforcement tasks. Following the completion of the building, the SFPD’s motorcycles will be accessible in the event of an earthquake. The motorcycle fleet is an important element of the City’s emergency response plan because they can navigate City streets more easily than squad cars or SUVs, especially if streets are damaged or covered in debris following an earthquake.

The Traffic Company and Forensic Services Division facility will be equipped with multiple laboratory spaces, a secure room to store evidence, a firearm testing facility, a briefing room and several conference and office spaces. There also will be space allocated for SFPD motorcycle parking.

San Francisco Public Works is managing the project for the Police Department and has partnered with HOK Architects, in association with MEI Architects, on its design. Clark Construction is the general contractor for the project. It is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2021.

The Traffic Company and Forensic Services Division facility project is funded by the Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response (ESER) Bond Program, an initiative to strengthen earthquake safety and emergency response resiliency through capital improvements on critical infrastructure, including fire, police and other first-response facilities. San Francisco voters approved the first \$412.3 million ESER Bond in 2010 and the second \$400 million ESER Bond in 2014. A third phase of the ESER program to build on the progress will go before San Francisco voters next March.

The ESER Bond is a component of the City’s Ten-Year Capital Plan – a blueprint prioritizing key capital projects that impact public safety.

More information on the ESER Bond Program can be found at www.sfearthquakesafety.org. ■

BEAMING WITH PRIDE



Representatives from the Fire Department and Public Works joined together to mark the placement of the final steel beam on the new Ambulance Deployment Facility.



It's a construction tradition to sign the last steel beam installed on a new building.



RC MASON
Tom Pryor
SFPW
Frank
AD
8/2/19
DUMAY
JMD
8/2/19
MOHAMMED NUREI
MR CLEAN SF
8/2/2019
Sean Woodage
SIV 09
8/2/19
Charles "Sofia"
Higuera
AD
4122 chp 41
2008
AD Anthony Rivera
SFPW
Tom Miller
Robert Stone
Yamamoto
8-2-19
Joe
Diana
8/2/2019
Tom Madley
SFPW
AD
SFPW
Bryan Dahl
BFD
Anand
8/2/19
Laura
Tanigawa
8/2/19
Public Works
CD2
DC Vichayach
Steven
Nalso
Kira
Clanin
MRE UNIT
08-2-2019
Sean
O'Brien
"TURK"
AD
Sunny
Tung
EM
8/2/19
AD
Lorraine
Jones
SFPW
8/2/2019
DSCOR
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SFPW
8/2/19
AD
Lorraine
HomeLand
Dianne
Alberto
SFPW
8/2/19



Public Works, the San Francisco Fire Department and construction crews marked a construction milestone earlier this month with the topping out – or the placement of the final steel beam – at the City’s new Ambulance Deployment Facility in the Bayview neighborhood.

The much-needed four-story building at 2241 Jerrold Ave. will be a seismically safe structure designed to serve the needs of a growing, 21st-century San Francisco. In addition to bolstering emergency response time and efficiency, the Ambulance Deployment Facility will become headquarters for San Francisco Fire Department’s emergency medical services, currently housed in a cramped, seismically deficient warehouse on Evans Avenue.

The modern facility and surrounding site will be equipped with ample parking for the City’s ambulance fleet and storage for ambulance supplies and vehicle restocking, as well as emergency medical services offices, conference and training rooms, locker rooms and communal space. It also will have on-site fueling, an emergency generator, solar panels and entry gates featuring art panels by artist Michael Bartalos.

During the Aug. 2 ceremony, Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru and Fire Chief Jeanine Nicholson acknowledged

those who contributed to completing the facility’s steel frame – a construction feat that should never go unnoticed. Following the speaking program, crews and City officials signed a ceremonial steel column and enjoyed a barbeque lunch, hosted by the contractor, where the project team was able to take a short break and relish in their hard work.

San Francisco Public Works is managing the project for the Fire Department and has partnered with S.J. Amoroso Construction, the general contractor, and MEI Architects and YamaMar Design, the project architects.

The capital costs for the Ambulance Deployment Facility replacement project are funded by the 2016 Public Health and Safety Bond, which allocates \$350 million toward capital improvements for City facilities. The bond was approved with nearly 80 percent voter support.

For more information, visit: sfpublicworks.org/ADF ■

W O L U N M A K E A

Volunteers wipe out graffiti near the freeway ramp at Fifth and Bryant streets.



TEENERS DIFFERENCE

With heart, spirit and hard work, more than 100 volunteers joined together with Public Works crews to clean and beautify some of San Francisco's most challenging areas during this month's Community Clean Team in the Tenderloin, SoMa and other District 6 neighborhoods. ▶



Volunteers and our
crews spruce up a
South of Market
median.





Piece by piece, Community Clean Team participants removed the messes left behind on District 6 sidewalks.



Weeding, planting and mulching were among the tasks tackled at the volunteer workday.

We kicked off the Aug. 17 volunteer event at Boeddeker Park, in the heart of Tenderloin.

- ▶ There, volunteers wearing bright orange vests grabbed trash bags, gloves, brooms and pickers and got to work removed litter from the sidewalks, tree wells and curbside gutters. Another group, armed with paint and brushes, tackled graffiti near the Fifth and Bryant freeway ramp. Volunteers also weeded, pruned and mulched medians along Eighth, McCoppin, Golden Gate and Taylor streets; and spruced up the Rincon Hill Dog Park and public spaces on Townsend Street.

We want to give a mighty shout-out to the volunteers from Boys & Girls Clubs of SF, United Playaz, Community Youth Center, Tzu Chi Foundation and many others who made a meaningful difference improving the look and feel of our District 6 neighborhoods.

Our next Clean Team event on Sept. 21 is a major one: Battle for the Bay 2019 on Coastal Clean Up Day. This year, San Francisco teams up with the City of Oakland for a friendly competition: Which city brings the most volunteers? Which city collects the most trash?

Sign up to volunteer and learn more at battleforthebay2019.org ■



Ah, youth!

An enthusiastic group of some of San Francisco's youngest residents found joy at Mechanics Monument Plaza in the Financial District. Their delight radiated to passersby.

