

in the works

June 2019



The Ocean Beach Pit Stop opened in June to extend access to a clean and safe public toilet on the City's west side. See story inside.



EVENTS



7/4

FREE Independence Day Events:

- [July 4th Fest & Fireworks 2019: Fisherman's Wharf](#) - After a day of fabulous entertainment throughout the wharf, you will be treated to a spectacular fireworks display over the San Francisco Bay, compliments of the City of San Francisco.
- [July 4th Celebration & Fireworks 2019: Pier 39](#) - Witness the skies sparkle red, white and blue as Pier 39 celebrates Independence Day with a day of fun for the whole family.
- [Golden Gate Park Band July 4th Concert](#) - Concerts are free of charge and take place at the Spreckels Temple of Music in the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park.



7/6 & 7/7

[Fillmore Jazz Festival](#)

The 36th-annual festival features live music on multiple stages, arts and crafts, and food and beverage booths.

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Fillmore Street

(between Jackson and Eddy streets)



7/14

AIDS Walk

The annual 10K fundraising walk kicks off in Golden Gate Park.



7/14

[Sunday Streets Mission #2](#)

Roll, walk or pedal to local businesses and treasured landmarks on the

Valencia corridor. Sunday Streets two annual events in the Mission celebrate the area's rich history and local offerings, giving both residents and visitors a chance to experience the area's murals, art and diverse mix of businesses in an accessible, community-driven setting.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Valencia Street, from Duboce Avenue to 26th Street.



7/20

[District 9 Community Clean Team](#)

Community Clean Team is San Francisco Public Works' longest-running and largest volunteer program that keeps San Francisco beautiful through landscaping and gardening projects, graffiti removal and litter cleanup in our neighborhoods.

Community Clean Team, in partnership with the Giant Sweep anti-litter campaign, needs your help to keep our city clean and green in 2019. Join us and volunteer!

8:30 a.m.: registration

9 a.m. - noon: community projects

John O'Connell High School

2355 Folsom St.

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TAKE A HIKE



BENEFITS OF BEING IN NATURE



INCREASES BRAIN FUNCTION

Going outdoors may increase concentration skills and increase creativity. Fresh air also kicks your brain into gear.



RAMPS UP VITAMIN D INTAKE

We need vitamin D for bone and cell growth, inflammation reduction and neuromuscular and immune function.



HELPS US AGE GRACEFULLY

Spending time outdoors every day increases mobility and can reduce aching bones and sleep problems.



GREAT FOR STRESS REDUCTION

Looking at greenery and smelling fresh flowers have been proven to decrease stress and increase relaxation.



MAKES US HAPPY

Spending more time with nature shows a shift toward more positive moods.

SAN FRANCISCO NATURE HIKES:

- Bernal Heights Summit
- Billy Goat Hill
- Ecology Trail
- Fort Funston
- Glen Canyon Park
- John McLaren Park
- Lands End Lookout
- Mount Sutro
- Mount Davidson
- The Presidio
- Strawberry Hill

PSITHURISM

the sound of the wind in the trees and the rustling of leaves.

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Serena removed her headphones to soak up the psithurism as she hiked through Lands End.

“In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks.”

– John Muir



THANK YOU

Thank you for sending your crew to do the Green Room ceiling repairs. I didn't think we could mobilize that fast. Thank you for your support and patience. Thank you, also, for your shop's understanding of our ever-changing schedules and last-minute requests. Just know Public Works' Bureau of Building Repair's efforts and support are very much appreciated!

Kevin K.
War Memorial

I was at Ocean Beach for my 62nd birthday on Monday, June 17.

I was quite pleasantly surprised with the attended Pit Stop public restroom. As we age, our need for a restroom becomes more urgent.

Not only was the restroom spotlessly clean, but the attendant was very pleasant and outgoing. He offered hand sanitizer as I came out the door.

Bruce W.

Your graffiti crew has done an excellent job each time.

If you're able to pass along my thanks to them, please do!

Barry K.

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OPINION // LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor: Don't just complain, help clean up SF

San Francisco Chronicle | June 10, 2019



streets057_mac.jpg Litter and graffiti along Grant Ave. between Sutter and Bush Sts. in downtown San Francisco. The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce kicks a new clean streets program, "We are Lucky to be in San Francisco" with an advertising blitz. The San Francisco Clean City Coalition (Clean City) to keep San Francisco clean and green by building bridges between resources and neighborhood groups, merchant associations and residents that need them. {date} in San Francisco. MICHAEL MACOR / The Chronicle

I've read several of Carl Nolte's columns about reasons to be proud of San Francisco (Native Son, June 2 and June 9). Nolte has a way of finding wonderful things to discover about this city.

I have lived in San Francisco for many years. I still have a fondness for San Francisco but can see that it has changed. I hear residents complaining the time about how dirty San Francisco is, but all they do is complain.

Stop complaining and do something about it.

Clean up just around your own home, apartment/condo building, office building, retail and restaurant — it would make a big difference. I'm not talking about the poop and needles found everywhere (call 311 or use app SF311 for these problems), but picking up discarded bottles, cans, paper cups, newspapers and other paper blowing around, flattened boxes strewn around. It would help make San Francisco a cleaner city.

Susan Belmont, San Francisco



SOCIAL MEDIA



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Special thanks and a huge shout out to @sfpublicworks for partnering with @theeastcut on an awesome collaboration for The Love Our City event. #theeastcut #loveourcity #healthystreets

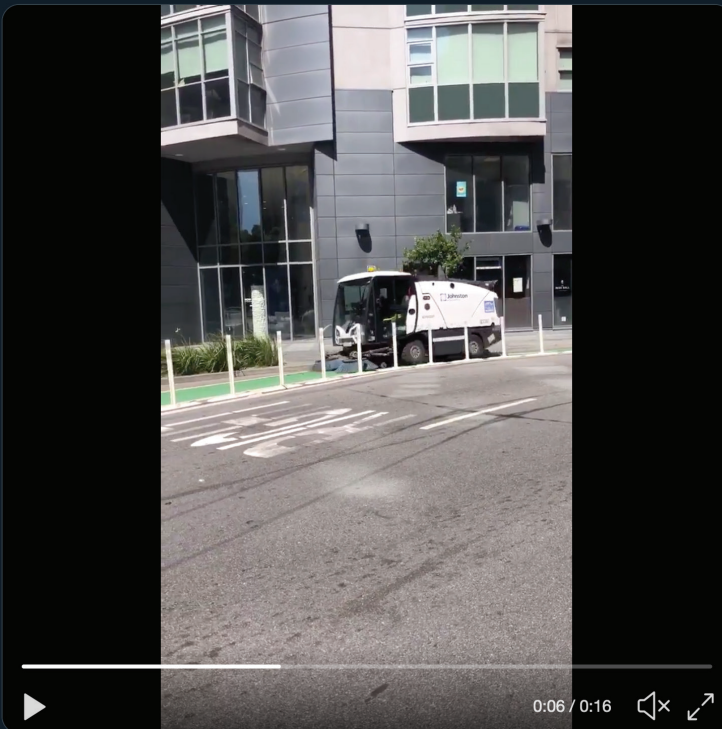


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Paul Supawanich
@tweetsupa

Maintaining infrastructure is just as important as building it. One of SF's protected bike lane sweepers in action. ✨



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SF Parks Alliance
@SFParksAlliance

Beautiful shot of Tompkins Stairway Garden! This #StreetPark had its grand opening this weekend after three years of hard work led by the surrounding Bernal Heights neighbors, with help from the Parks Alliance & @sfpublicworks 🙌
📸: @sfsundays



SF Rec and Park and 9 others

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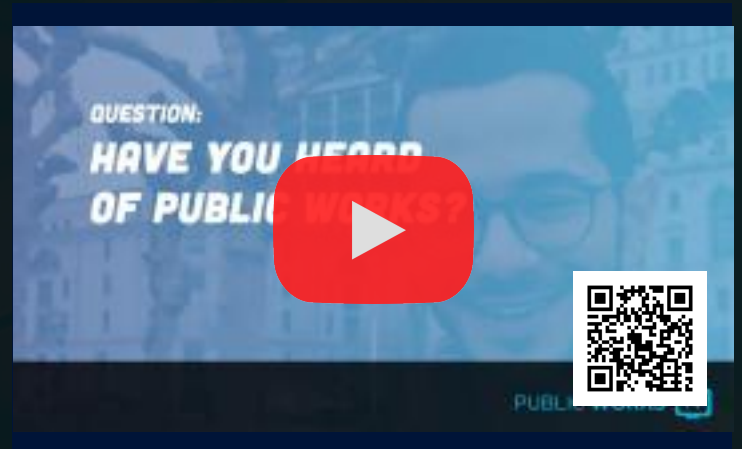


QUESTION:

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Public Works Trivia

How well do you know Public Works? Tune in as we hit the streets of San Francisco to play a game of Public Works trivia!

Love Our City

More than 700 volunteers fanned out across downtown, the central waterfront and Fisherman's Wharf to beautify the popular destination neighborhoods for the inaugural Love Our City Hospital & Community Foundation Cleanup Day.



ur City!

Man's Wharf to spruce up and
City & Tourism Cleanup Day. ▶



Volunteers from the
hospitality industry cleaned
up Market Street.



The tree basins in Fisherman's Wharf got some extra TLC during the volunteer workday.



Mayor London Breed led the kickoff at the Love Our City event at Embarcadero Plaza.





Fisherman's Wharf, one of San Francisco's most popular tourist destinations, drew dozens of volunteers to the neighborhood improvement workday.







Volunteers spruced up Halladie Plaza in the heart of downtown San Francisco.



► The Hotel Council of San Francisco and San Francisco Travel hosted the June 12 workday in partnership with San Francisco Public Works and nonprofit business improvement and community benefit districts, as the popular summer visitor season revved up.

Mayor London Breed kicked off the day's activities at Embarcadero Plaza across from the Ferry Building. From there, teams of volunteers armed with brooms and pickers to abate litter, and paint and brushes to eradicate graffiti and refresh street furniture and light poles, got to work. Other beautification projects included planting trees, weeding medians and tidying tree basins.

"I'm so excited to be here today with hundreds of volunteers from all over San Francisco helping to keep our city clean," Mayor Breed said as the high-energy event got underway. "But more importantly, we have to change our attitude about San Francisco. So many of us love the city and we take a lot of pride in keeping it clean. When people come to visit, we want them to have positive experiences and we want them to love our city just as much as we do."

Last year, San Francisco hosted 25.8 million visitors, who collectively spent an estimated \$10 billion on overnight accommodations, restaurants, attractions, souvenirs, transportation, tours and the like, supporting more than 82,000 local jobs that bolster the City's economy.

"The San Francisco hotel community is excited to join with Mayor Breed and our City partners to show our love for the city where we live, work and welcome guests," said Kevin Carroll, president and CEO of the Hotel Council of San Francisco.

The start-of-summer volunteer workday builds on a citywide Love Our City cleanup hosted by Mayor Breed and San Francisco Public Works last fall that drew hundreds of volunteers in residential areas and neighborhood commercial corridors across the City. Both events were among the largest volunteer cleanup efforts in San Francisco over the past decade.


"Love Our City extends beyond these volunteer events. It's about getting people to love our city every day of the year and not trash it," said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. "Our cleaning crews, who remove more than 20,000 tons of garbage off the sidewalks and streets annually, will continue to be on the job 24/7. But keeping our city looking its best requires a true team effort."

In addition to the Hotel Council of San Francisco and San Francisco Travel, other participants in the Love Our City Hospitality & Tourism Cleanup Day include Union Square Business Improvement District, Yerba Buena Community Benefit District, East Cut Community Benefit District, Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District, Tenderloin Community Benefit District and Recology. ■

Earlier this month, Mayor London Breed joined City officials, staff and construction workers for the topping out ceremony of the new civic office building at 49 South Van Ness Ave., marking the completion of the 430,000 square-foot building's steel frame. ►



Beaming v



A towering construction crane hoists the final steel beam at the new City office tower.

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49 SOUTH VAN NESS

Construction crews looked on as City officials celebrated the building's topping out.



Crews sign the final steel beam in a time-tested building construction ritual.





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Mayor Breed led the topping-out ceremony.

The new building will have office space for approximately 1,800 City employees and will house a one-stop permit center.

- ▶ To celebrate the important construction milestone, which took place on June 5, the building's final steel beam was plastered with celebrants' autographs before a towering crane raised it high into the sky and carefully hoisted it into place.

The new building will have office space for approximately 1,800 City employees and will house a one-stop permit center. The City departments that will occupy the building are Public Works, the Department of Building Inspection, San Francisco Planning, the Department of Public Health's environmental health division, the Entertainment Commission, the Office of Cannabis, the Board of Appeals, the Recreation and Park Department, the San Francisco Fire Department and the Public Utilities Commission.

The new permit center will bring all the City's public-facing permitting agencies together in a single location, increasing efficiency and productivity for residents, businesses and property owners applying for permits.

The building is a public-private partnership between the City and the Related California development firm. Public Works is managing construction, SOM is providing architectural services and Pankow Builders is serving as the prime contractor.

The 16-story civic office building is scheduled to open in summer

2020 and will include a conference center, multi-purpose training center, and a childcare facility. The building at 49 South Van Ness will be seismically safe and environmentally friendly. It's anticipated to receive LEED Gold certification and will have a recycled water system, solar roof panels, and on-site electric vehicle charging. ■

Better Market Street
open house drew a
big crowd.

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Earlier this month, a black box theater performance space on Market Street was trans



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formed into dynamic public open houses when the Better Market Street team shared ►



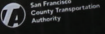


POP INTO OUR OPEN HOUSE

to learn more about the
Better Market Street Project



BetterMarketStreetsSF.org
@BetterMarketSF









Our cement shop crews readied the pier for the mobility test.



This strip showcased one of the materials being tested for mobility safety.



- ▶ project updates and plans for the groundbreaking of the first phase of the project – Mid-Market between Fifth and Eighth streets – scheduled for next year.

On the morning of Saturday, June 1, and evening of Wednesday, June 5, the doors to the A.C.T. Costume Shop at Market and Seventh streets were open to the throngs of people who arrived on foot, on bicycle, in wheelchairs and mobility devices. Some brought friends and children, others brought companion dogs, but everyone had something in common: A curiosity and passion for Better Market Street, a multi-agency effort led by Public Works that proposes to redesign 2.2. miles of Market Street and deliver transformative transit, safety and streetscape improvements.

Part of the success of the packed open houses – which drew more than 200 people total – was the collaboration involving Public Works, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, San Francisco Planning, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and community partners. The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition provided free bike valet parking and the A.C.T. crew provided a welcoming venue to showcase project boards, proposed plans and a brand-new custom map routing application for attendees to browse on iPads.

Over the course of both events, the crowd heard from City department directors, including Mohammed Nuru of Public Works, Ed Reiskin of SFMTA and John Rahaim of SF Planning, and Better Market Street Community Working Group chairs Ron Miguel and Charles Deffarges. Between speakers, the crowd was treated to classical and contemporary piano tunes,

courtesy of Public Works landscape architectural assistant Solange Guillaume.

Less than two weeks later, the Better Market Street team engaged with members of the City's disability community to test what sidewalk material would work best to separate pedestrians and bicyclists when Market Street gets its makeover. The plan calls for cyclists to ride on the curbside portion of the sidewalk instead of in the street. Six potential bikeway separation materials were tested with the goal of finding the optimal one that would be detectable by cane and by foot, and no more difficult to cross than the yellow truncated domes used for curb ramps. This separation material will help improve safety and help deter bicyclists from riding on the sidewalk.

The success of the first round of testing was due to the commitment from many who are invested in the safety and success of the project, including certified mobility specialist Beezy Bentzen of Accessible Design for the Blind. The Port of San Francisco provided Pier 38 for the test sites. Public Works' own Bureau of Urban Forestry cement shop installed the detectable materials around the perimeter of a 120-by-30-foot rectangle to enable participants to traverse the materials and weigh in on the experience. ■

Play



KODI!



Team Public Works took the field again this year for the annual City softball tournament to raise money for foster kids. ▶





The charity event raises money for the education and enrichment of San Francisco foster children.

- ▶ And after losing the first game 4-3 to Rec and Park, our players never looked back – winning the next four games to claim the consolation bracket championship with a 10-4 win over the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development.

The co-ed Mae Louise Mays Softball Tournament charity event raises money for the education and enrichment of San Francisco foster children and pays for such extras as music lessons, sports activities and gear, and summer camps that go beyond the government-supported basics of housing, clothing and food. The 30th-annual softball tournament, played this year on June 15 at Moscone Playground, draws teams largely from City agencies.

Team Public Works included representatives from structural engineering, construction management, project controls and services, architecture, performance management, mechanical engineering, streets and highways engineering and project management.

It’s fair to say we had a ball. ■

Surf, Sand and a

San Francisco's newest Pit Stop public bathroom comes with an ocean view. ►



The Ocean Beach Pit Stop
comes with a seaside view.

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No pets
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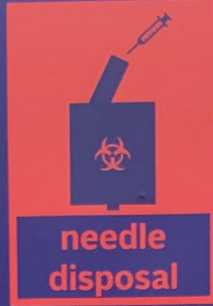


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You are allowed 5 minutes inside the bathroom. When time is up, you will be asked to vacate.



Please keep your belongings with you; the attendant will not watch them.



NO Smoking allowed inside the bathroom stall.



Help us keep the bathroom clean. Dispose of any trash, recyclables and needles in the proper bins outside of the stall.



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Pit Stop attendant Reynaldo Guintu staffs the City's newest Pit Stop at Ocean Beach.



Collectively, the City's 25 Pit Stops were used nearly 49,000 times in May, or more than once every minute if they operated around the clock.

► With the addition of a Pit Stop at Ocean Beach, located in the beachside parking lot across the Great Highway from Golden Gate Park, the pioneering program now operates in 13 neighborhoods. The Pit Stop, managed by Public Works, began five years ago in the Tenderloin with three locations and now also operates in the Bayview, Castro, Civic Center, The Embarcadero, Haight, Lower Polk, Mid-Market, Mission, North Beach, Ocean Beach, Outer Sunset and SoMa.

Benefit District provides an attendant for the Pit Stop there. The jobs are part of a workforce development initiative.

Mayor London Breed provided funding for additional Pit Stops and expanded hours at existing locations in her proposed budget for the new fiscal year that starts July 1. Public Works also will pilot a 24-hour Pit Stop in the Tenderloin for a three-month experiment. Currently, the Pit Stops operate seven to 12 hours a day, depending on the location. ■

District 1 Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer, who represents the Richmond District, advocated for the new Ocean Beach Pit Stop to provide a much-needed service in the area where public bathrooms are few and far between.

Collectively, the City's 25 Pit Stops were used nearly 49,000 times in May, or more than once every minute if they operated around the clock.

What makes a Pit Stop a Pit Stop is that they are staffed to ensure that the bathrooms are kept clean and safe and used for their intended purpose.

Our nonprofit partner, Hunters Point Family, provides staffing at all but one of the locations; the Lower Polk Community

Tompkins Stairway Neighbors Step

What once was a trash-covered hillside in the Bernal Heights neighborhood is now a beautifully landscaped street



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The Tompkins Stairway Garden, on Tompkins Avenue between Nevada and Putnam streets, is one of the many artistic stairways located throughout the City.

- thanks to a collaborative effort among Public Works employees, the San Francisco Parks Alliance and, most importantly, nearby neighbors and the surrounding community.

The Tompkins Stairway Garden, on Tompkins Avenue between Nevada and Putnam streets, is one of the many artistic stairways located throughout the City. With a vibrant multicolored zigzag design, the tiled stretch of steps can be seen from near and far and complements the neighborhood's vast eclecticism and serves as a backdrop for the popular Alemany Farmers' Market.

A drought-tolerant garden that's in year-round bloom lies on both sides of the colorful walkway and showcases many plants native to California. Most notably are the bright pink Calandrinia, commonly known as redmaids; the compact clusters of white flowers, which are called yarrows; and an assortment of unique trees and a variety of green and deep red succulents and cacti.

The completion of this hidden gem was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 8 where District 9

Supervisor Hillary Ronen, staff from Public Works and the Parks Alliance and dozens of community members relished in their hard work transforming this highly visible spot in the neighborhood.

The gardening work and repairing many of the broken tiles on the stairway was led by neighbors and supported by Public Works. We also helped secure grant money for upgrades, supplied tools, removed bags of debris and organized community cleanups.

The Tompkins Stairway project is a beautiful example of how residents, the nonprofit sector and City agencies come together to make a positive impact in the community. Public Works looks forward to continuing this partnership just as much as we look forward to seeing the street park thrive for years to come. ■

It took hard work and determination to clear weeds from the Sunset Boulevard greenway.

Volunteers Team Up



More than 160 volunteers gathered under sunny skies in the Sunset District on June 22, working alongside our crews to remove weeds, abate graffiti and pick up litter to beautify our neighborhoods. ▶

for Sunset Spruce Up

Volunteers freshen utility poles along Taraval Street.



Volunteers cleared
ice plants from
the promenade at
Ocean Beach.







There were lots of weeds to clear at the mini-park at Judah and La Playa streets.

Together, we can bring positive change to San Francisco.

► District 4 Supervisor Gordon Mar helped kick off the monthly Community Clean Team event at Lincoln High School before volunteers got to work. Friends of La Playa Park teamed up with young volunteers from Mission Neighborhood Centers to weed and remove dead plants at the community-developed and Public Works-supported street park at Judah and La Playa streets, while volunteers from Tzu Chi Foundation, a loyal Community Clean Team partner, pruned, weeded and mulched the 48th Avenue median near Ocean Beach.

Public Works' own construction management team employees didn't want to miss out on an opportunity to give back to our community on their day off, coming out with their families to pick up litter on the high school football field, clear weeds and spread mulch along the Sunset Boulevard median and paint out graffiti on utility posts in along Taraval Street. Other volunteers worked up a sweat in the oft-foggy neighborhood sprucing up the popular Great Highway promenade.

Our corporate partner, Recology, which has been with the Community Clean Team since the program began 19 years ago, offered free household bulky items and e-waste drop-

off services to residents in District 4 to help San Francisco reach its goal of zero waste by 2020.

Each month, Community Clean Team focuses on a different supervisory district. On July 20, we'll be in the Mission, Bernal Heights and other District 9 neighborhoods, with the kickoff at John O'Connell High School. [We hope to see you and your team there.](#) Together, we can bring positive change to San Francisco. ■

Every year, a Public Works contractor crew has a small window to move sand closer to the water at Ocean Beach. The aim is to reduce the likelihood of sand buildup on the Great Highway during windy weather. The annual work must be timed to make sure crews do not disturb the Western Snowy Plover, a small shorebird that is protected under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

