

in the works

August 2017



A new tree takes root on Plymouth Avenue, one of 500 planted in one day to grow San Francisco's urban forest. See story inside.





A message from our director





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[Moscone Expansion Project Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony](#)

Join Mayor Ed Lee, City Administrator Naomi Kelly and Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru to celebrate the completion of Phase 2 of the \$551 million Moscone Expansion Project, which includes a new ballroom, flexible meeting rooms and expansive lobby.

Sept. 5, 10:30 a.m.
Moscone South, Howard and Third streets.

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[Sunday Streets - Western Addition](#)

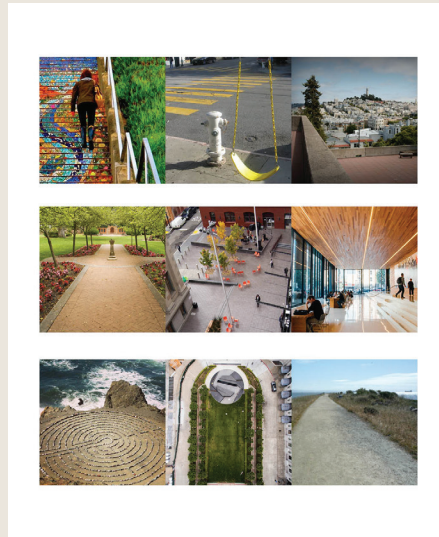
Come and enjoy the historic Western Addition neighborhood! You are sure to find plenty of hidden gems and historic places to explore along the route.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Check out the route [map](#).

9/14 & 9/16

[San Francisco Public Works Architecture + the City Festival](#)

Every year in September, the American Institute of Architects SF and the Center for Architecture and Design host the Architecture and the City Festival, a month of programs celebrating design, including walking tours, lectures, home tours and film screenings. The festival theme this year is "Secret City". In keeping with this theme, San Francisco Public Works' Building Design and Construction Division is presenting two events: a behind the scenes tour of Market Street, and the ultimate insider's guide to San Francisco.



The Ultimate Insider's Guide Proxy in Hayes Valley

We selected 50 places to feature in a short film and in a collection of limited edition postcards, creating the "Ultimate Insider's Guide to San Francisco." Join our ultimate insiders for a fun evening of film, food and drink celebrating our unique city, and snag a limited edition postcard of your favorite secret spot.

Thursday, September 14
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Film screening at 8 p.m.
(\$10 suggested donation)
Register [here](#).

Hidden in Plain Sight Market Street Tour

This tour led by Public Works designers from the Better Market Street team will celebrate history and social justice, infrastructure and ecology, and climate change and resilience along San Francisco's Market Street. Learn about historic buildings, hidden tunnels, buried ships, the language of street paint, secret messages from fire hydrants, an investigation of the city's former coastal edge – and more!

Saturday, September 16
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$25 tickets)
Register [here](#).



9/16

[Community Clean Team Coastal Cleanup in District 3](#)

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.

Francisco Middle School
2190 Powell St.
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
(Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)



9/21

[The Commons on 3rd Thursdays](#)

Every third Thursday through October, Civic Center's public spaces will feature live music, food trucks, beer gardens and family-friendly activities.

It's FREE and open to the public!

5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Civic Center Plaza
(Fulton Street, between the Main Library and Asian Art Museum)



My name is Ashley Arnold and I have been going through the condo conversion process over the last year.

I wanted to reach out and tell you how helpful Ernie Banks on the mapping team has been through this process. He is responsive, very knowledgeable and was able to put my mind at ease when we had some issues or changes arise. Additionally, he is one of the kindest people I've met in the various City agencies that are involved in condo converting and I have very much appreciated his time and help.

He is a true asset to your team!

Thank you for your time,

Ashley A.



On Saturday, July 29, the Los Palomos Garden participated in District 7's Community Clean Team program. Neighbors were invited to come help and city staff, a truck, tools and volunteers arrived to transform our garden into a magical oasis in the City.

I want to thank so many people for their dedication and service. This program provides our district with the opportunity to improve and make San Francisco a livable city.

The Public Works came to the garden with enthusiasm, friendliness and a can-do approach. With their help, we accomplished a true transformation of the garden.

They expressed a true appreciation of the garden and their work showed it. I can't thank them enough for all that they did.

Our partnership is so valuable and we look forward to next year's opportunity to work with your top-notch staff and keep our Los Palomos Garden beautiful and an asset to our neighborhood.

Joan V.
Los Palomos Community Garden

Thank you so much for joining us at the 7th Annual Ping-Pong Tournament Open Ceremony on Aug. 20. You've always been a big supporter of the event and we really appreciate it.

Best,

Ashley C.
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services

I am writing to personally thank all the individuals from Public Works Bureaus of Urban Forestry and Street Environmental Services who have been participating in our recent efforts to rehabilitate Rincon Hill Dog Park. Their dedication, positive attitude, commitment and professionalism have proven invaluable to all of us who love our dog park.

Before Public Works became involved, our park had fallen into disrepair: excessive weed and brush growth; lack of volunteers and staff to regularly clean; vandals who destroyed the gates and stole our locks; and a hub for drug users

and encampments that discouraged the neighbors from visiting.

From the very first time I contacted the staff at Urban Forestry to ask for assistance, they made it clear that they would do everything in their power to help out. Everyone I've worked with have all gone above and beyond to make our efforts a success. Their efforts were aided by the fabulous Urban Forestry crew who came to get the hardest part done – cutting and clearing the brush and laying wood chips in the areas that had been cleared. They were wonderful! I remember coming down to the park on Sunday and being astonished by how many dedicated people had shown up on a beautiful Sunday to help us make the park a great place again. In just a few hours, together we achieved nothing short of a miracle.

And, now that the park looks so much better and feels safer, people have been coming back. Public Works provided our neighborhood with a great public service. Thanks to your agency, Rincon Hill Dog Park is back to being the place we love to bring our dogs and meet neighbors. We couldn't have done it without you.

With much gratitude,

Deborah G.

I want to let you know what a great job Corridors worker Gedion Borrou is doing on the Eighth Avenue (Inner Sunset) street cleaning crew. He is a diligent worker, always has a positive attitude and is an excellent representative of Public Works. I hope his superiors recognize this exceptional individual.

Thank you.

Jeff S.





The War Memorial Veterans Building received the 2017 Honor Award from American Institute of Architects California Council.



Bayview Opera House, Preservation Design Award Winner

The California Preservation Design Awards are a statewide hallmark, showcasing preservation design excellence by 21 firms and individuals. The California Preservation Foundation celebrates and recognizes exemplary work in historic preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, sustainability and other significant categories in the preservation field.

SOCIAL MEDIA

JenniferMarchSoloway @marchsoloway · Aug 14

Thank you, @sfpublicworks for the temporary new pavement on Masonic! Masonic has been a pothole minefield. Can't wait for Spring 2018!

Fix Masonic @Fix_Masonic
Bumpy, craggy Masonic Avenue to be temporarily repaved sfexaminer.com/?p=177102

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SF Public Works @sfpublicworks · Aug 9

Need an escape from #Fogust? Step into another world at any of the many libraries in the City this #BookLoversDay! 📖 @SFPublicLibrary



SF Public Library

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Melissa Ta @issata

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Replying to @sfpublicworks @SFPublicLibrary

which library is the first photo? it's beautiful.

3:48 PM - 9 Aug 2017 from San Francisco, CA

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Tweet your reply

SF Public Works @sfpublicworks · Aug 9

Replying to @issata @SFPublicLibrary

Definitely a gem! It's the Golden Gate Valley Branch library located at 1801 Green St.

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tomraher1 @tomraher1

tomraher1 This City worker deserves a commendation for service above and beyond. He made two passes to clean all the leaves. He made two passes to clean all the leaves. Thank you! @sfpublicworks #clean #street #sweeper #thecitythatknowshow #goodjob sfpublicworks Thanks for letting us know!! Have a great rest of the week!


sfpublicworks, benburbs, bdeclerk, mczurin, maringmac, spiegelmama, 4evertasker, sschoolmamm and sandyono_ like this

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SF Public Works @sfpublicworks · 37m

Find and follow @moscone_expansion on #Instagram for more great behind-the-scene photos like these! #mosconeexpansion



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Jesse @sfjes

Following

Replying to @sfpublicworks

Appreciated @sfpublicworks efforts to ensure the bike lane was accessible during the whole reconfiguration.

12:49 PM - 3 Aug 2017


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Adam N. Mayer @AdamNMayer · 2h

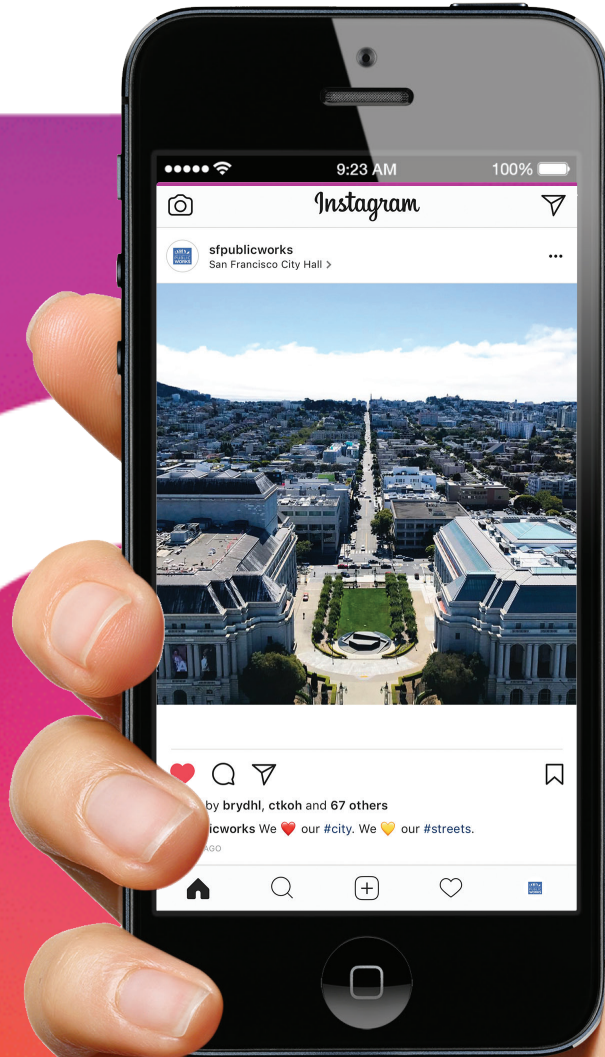
Thank you Public Works for keeping the streets clean!

SF Public Works @sfpublicworks

Our cleaning crews give Willow Street alleyway in #SF some extra TLC today. #LoveYourCity




Follow us at [**sfpublicworks**](#) for a unique perspective on San Francisco – from the eyes of those who work hard to keep the City clean, green and beautiful.



Follow us on Instagram!



The Eclipse Seen



n Across the City

Thousands of people poured out of their homes, offices and schools to nearby parks, plazas and hillsides to celebrate the ►





Eclipse watchers at Heron's Head Park in Bayview-Hunters Point look at the sky-high show.





Office workers catch a glimpse of the eclipse outside of City Hall.



Bernal Hill attracted dozens of skygazers during the generational event.

► natural occurrence of the moon overshadowing the sun during the “Great American” total solar eclipse.

A total solar eclipse appears when the Earth, moon and sun align in such a way that the moon covers

the disks of the sun, causing a short period of darkness when day seemingly turns into night. This span of time, known as totality, was visible Aug. 21 on a path that spanned across the country, from northern Oregon to South Carolina.

Although San Francisco didn’t fall on the path of totality, the skies above us were filled with an essence of drama that even Karl the Fog couldn’t keep away. During its peak, shortly after 10 a.m., the alignment of the moon caused a partial totality, giving





This family watches in awe from Bernal Hill as the moon plays with the sun.

viewers an image of approximately 70 percent of the sun's light taken over by darkness.

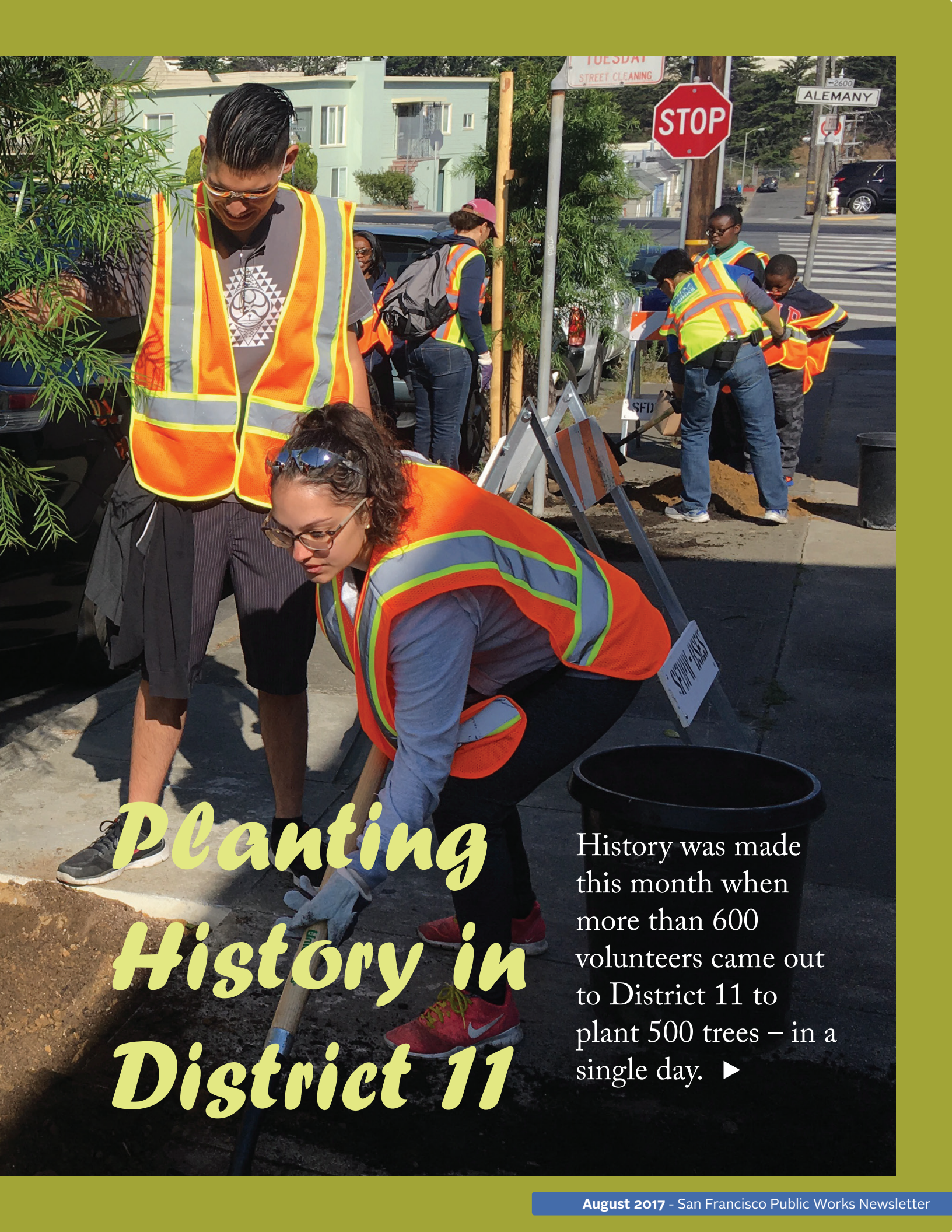
We visited sites across the City, among them Civic Center Plaza, Alamo Square, Heron's Head Park and Bernal Hill where

neighbors, friends and colleagues geared up with protective special-purpose spectacles to bask in the beauty of the eclipse. For those who couldn't get their hands on a pair of glasses, many turned to resources, such as tinfoil and cereal boxes to capture the image

of the moon and sun dance in other creative ways.

It was an astronomical morning, to say the least. Check out the [shots!](#) ■





Planting History in District 11

History was made this month when more than 600 volunteers came out to District 11 to plant 500 trees – in a single day. ▶

Volunteers gather at the Balboa High School kickoff celebration for the historic tree planting workday in District 11 neighborhoods.





BY THE NUMBERS



124,795

street trees in the city

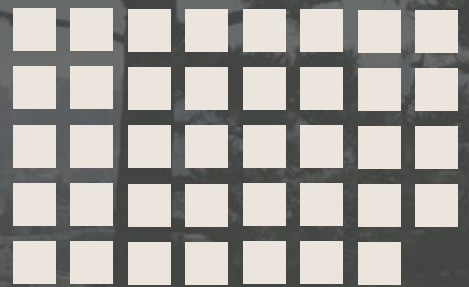
500+

different tree species



39,783

vacant planting sites



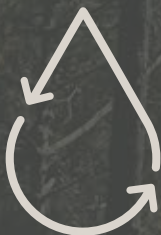
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Stormwater Filtered



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Air Quality Improved



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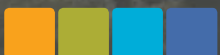
lbs/year
[\$336,373 saved]

CO2 stored



77,113,867

lbs
[\$1,329,443 saved]





One of our youngest volunteers, Brandon Chan, sweeps dirt back in to a basin of a newly planted tree.





Tree Talk from the Heart



- It was a huge triumph for the community and marked a major accomplishment for the City's urban forest.

Volunteers from across the City, including 260 Public Works employees; members of community and business groups, such as the Rotary Club of San Francisco, the Tzu Chi Foundation and Walgreens, put more than 15 species of trees into the ground in the City's southernmost neighborhoods, including the Excelsior, Outer Mission, Crocker-Amazon and Ingleside.

Twenty-four teams of volunteers dispersed throughout these neighborhoods – going down Alemany Boulevard, Ellington Avenue, around the perimeter of Balboa High School, along Capitol Avenue and many other corridors – to fill empty tree basins and medians with young trees that will help make San Francisco a healthier and more beautiful city. Trees help clean the air, calm traffic and deter sidewalk parking.

The Aug. 26 Community Clean Team event kicked off in true Public Works fashion with a

spirited rally that set the tone for the energetic and productive workday. As the sun beamed down on the crowd, volunteers got inspiration from Mayor Ed Lee and state Sen. Scott Wiener, who both have long supported the greening of the City, as well as Assemblyman Phil Tang and District 11 Supervisor Ahsha Safaí, who secured additional funding for the planting of the trees.

The tree-planting event came on the heels of [Proposition E](#), the San Francisco ballot measure approved by 79 percent of voters last fall that sets aside \$19 million in General Fund revenue for Public Works to maintain all of the City's nearly 125,000 street trees and to repair any tree-related sidewalk damage under our new StreetTreeSF program.

The support from the nearby community was overwhelming and the dedication and hard work of our Bureau of Urban Forestry crews proved to be an invaluable asset that made the tree planting not only a reality but an extraordinary success.

Collaborating with partners at Friends of the Urban Forest,

Public Works crews put in countless hours prepping work sites and making sure everything was safe and ready to go for our volunteers.

And after only a few hours into the day, every tree was planted successfully, which opened the remainder of the afternoon for a communal lunchtime gathering where friends, families and community groups basked in their hard work and celebrated their civic pride.

Bravo!

The volunteer workday constituted the August Community Clean Team event. We'll be back next month on Sept. 16 to clean the coastlines along the Embarcadero, North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf and other District 3 neighborhoods for our annual Coastal Cleanup.

As always, registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the speaking program begins at 9 a.m. For more information about Community Clean Team click [here](#) or view the season's [calendar](#) for future dates. ■



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Architectural renderings of what a new Market Street could look like after the proposed Better Market Street makeover.



Check out this great discussion with KQED Forum host Michael Krasny and Public Works director Mohammed Nuru on Better Market Street!



Market Street BY THE NUMBERS

Lately, there's been quite a buzz about Better Market Street.

After years of preliminary designs, discussions and analysis, the City's busiest transit, bike and pedestrian thoroughfare is on track to get a major makeover, thanks to the Better Market Street project's proposed consensus plan.

The plan focuses on 2.2 miles of Market Street – from Octavia Boulevard to The Embarcadero – and features a sidewalk-level bicycle path, landscape and streetscape elements, refreshed paving, critical state of good repair transit and utility investments, and, notably, no private vehicles, including Uber or Lyft. Transit, commercial vehicles, paratransit and taxis would still be allowed.

“Market Street is the Champs-Élysées of San Francisco,” said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru, who has championed Better Market Street since the project's infancy, and recently caught a flurry of new interest after the plan was presented to the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board, which is made up of members of the Board of Supervisors.

The initial concept for Better Market Street was introduced more than eight years ago; four years ago, the project team shared three very different design options for the corridor. After intense review, as well as input from advocacy groups and members of the public, Public Works and our partnering agencies, San Francisco Municipal Transportation

Agency, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the Planning Department, San Francisco County Transportation Authority and Office of Economic and Workforce Development, finally forged a proposed consensus plan.

Some might say that Market Street hasn't had a major infusion of innovation, time or money since BART was introduced in the 1970s and famed landscape architect Lawrence Halprin was tasked with redesigning the challenging artery. At the time, the wide red brick-lined sidewalks and Brutalist-style fountains at UN Plaza and Justin Herman Plaza seemed fitting. Today, however, the fountains are under scrutiny by many and the bricks have lost their luster and fail to meet current accessibility standards.

Under the proposed \$504 million plan, the stretch will be divided into six districts, each responding to the character of the surrounding neighborhoods. The selection of a first phase – which will include one or more of these districts – will be announced in September. But that's just the beginning: Over the next year, Public Works will accelerate the design of this first phase while the overall project goes through multiple approval processes, including the final environmental review. Groundbreaking is anticipated in late 2018 or early 2019.

For more information and project updates, go to bettermarketstreetsf.org and follow on Twitter: @BetterMarketSF

500,000: The number of people who walk on Market Street every day

464,000: Daily transit boardings

14: Surface bus lines that travel the busy corridor, carrying 11 percent of Muni's daily riders. When Better Market Street is completed, there will be one bus per minute in each of the four lanes

6: Individual districts within the greater Better Market Street plan: Embarcadero; Financial; Retail; Mid-Market; Civic Center; Octavia

4.4: Percentage of people who commute by bicycle

We Have a lot
in Common with
3rd Thursdays:
A Quest for
Fun, Good Eats
and Community

















The Commons on 3rd Thursdays are, to quote legendary San Francisco columnist Herb Caen, an “only in Ess Eff” kind of celebration, uniting fun-seekers, foodies, politicians, poets, artists, neighbors, office workers, tourists and kids.

The free, family-friendly gatherings, which run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month through October, are part of a larger effort to invigorate the Civic Center public, or “common,” shared space.

On Aug. 17, as crowds were getting warmed up with food truck fare and reggae music, friends, colleagues and families mingled amid the bocce ball court, poetry wheel and massive bean bags set up for reading (books were on hand to borrow or buy) and relaxation.

The 3rd Thursdays offer what every successful night market has: music, lights, food and merchants. The goal is to bring people together to have a great time in a safe, vibrant environment.

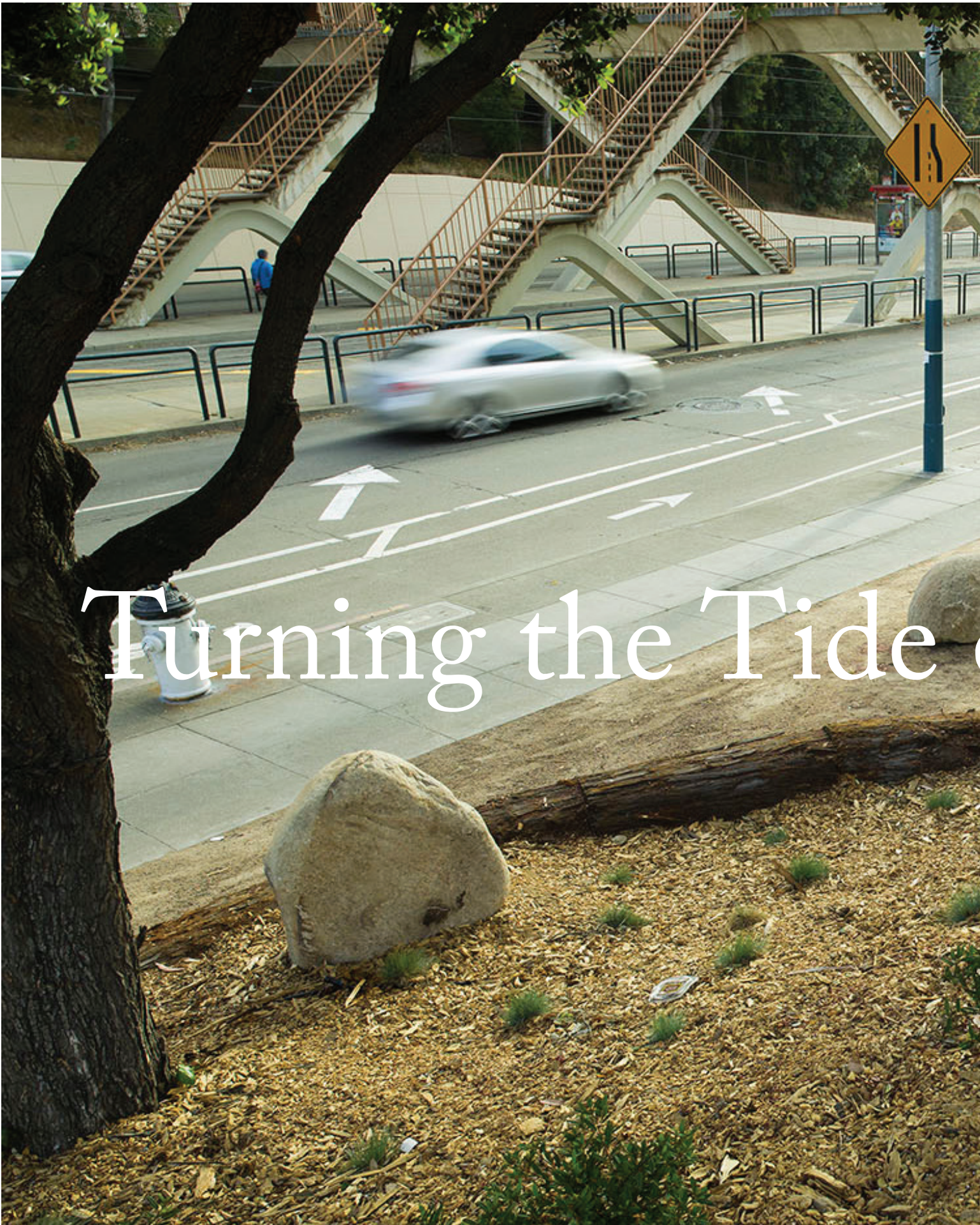
Indeed, people were enjoying the offerings, including a giant Scrabble board, kids’ DIY art projects, macramé plant hangers and pottery, and caloric delights with such names as “Curryous George” and “Orange You Glad.” Vendors ranged from the nonprofits 826 Valencia and Friends of the Public Library to the tempting Johnny Doughnuts, Hongry Kong and Judie’s Tacos Locos. And, thanks to Another Planet Entertainment, Noise Pop

and People in Plazas, the music was electric and eclectic, with performances by the Caribbean All Stars, Hot Flash Heat Wave, DJ Funklor and others.

The series of four 3rd Thursdays began in July and are part of the Civic Center Commons Initiative, which has played a key role in supporting longer-term Civic Center exhibits, including the yarn-wrapping installation on trees in front of City Hall, the Exploratorium sound installation at UN Plaza, and an open-air gallery near the Asian Art Museum. The outdoor displays have remained clean and inviting with tremendous help from the Downtown Streets Team and stewards from Hunters Point Family.

The events are coordinated through the Civic Center Community Benefit District and the City’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development, with the participation of multiple City agencies, including Public Works. Funding partners include City taxpayers, the Kenneth Rainin Foundation Discretionary Fund, in part via the Trust for Public Land, the Market Street Association, Civic Center Community Benefit District, and Dolby Laboratories.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next 3rd Thursday on Sept. 21. If you stick around long enough, you may get to see the spectacular finale: the lights of City Hall switched to the Commons’ trademark colors: blue, yellow and red.



Turning the Tide





on Ocean Avenue

The beauty and vitality of Ocean Avenue is growing, with the recent addition of improvements to two vacant Public Works-owned parcels at the crossroads of Phelan, Geneva and Ocean avenues. ▶



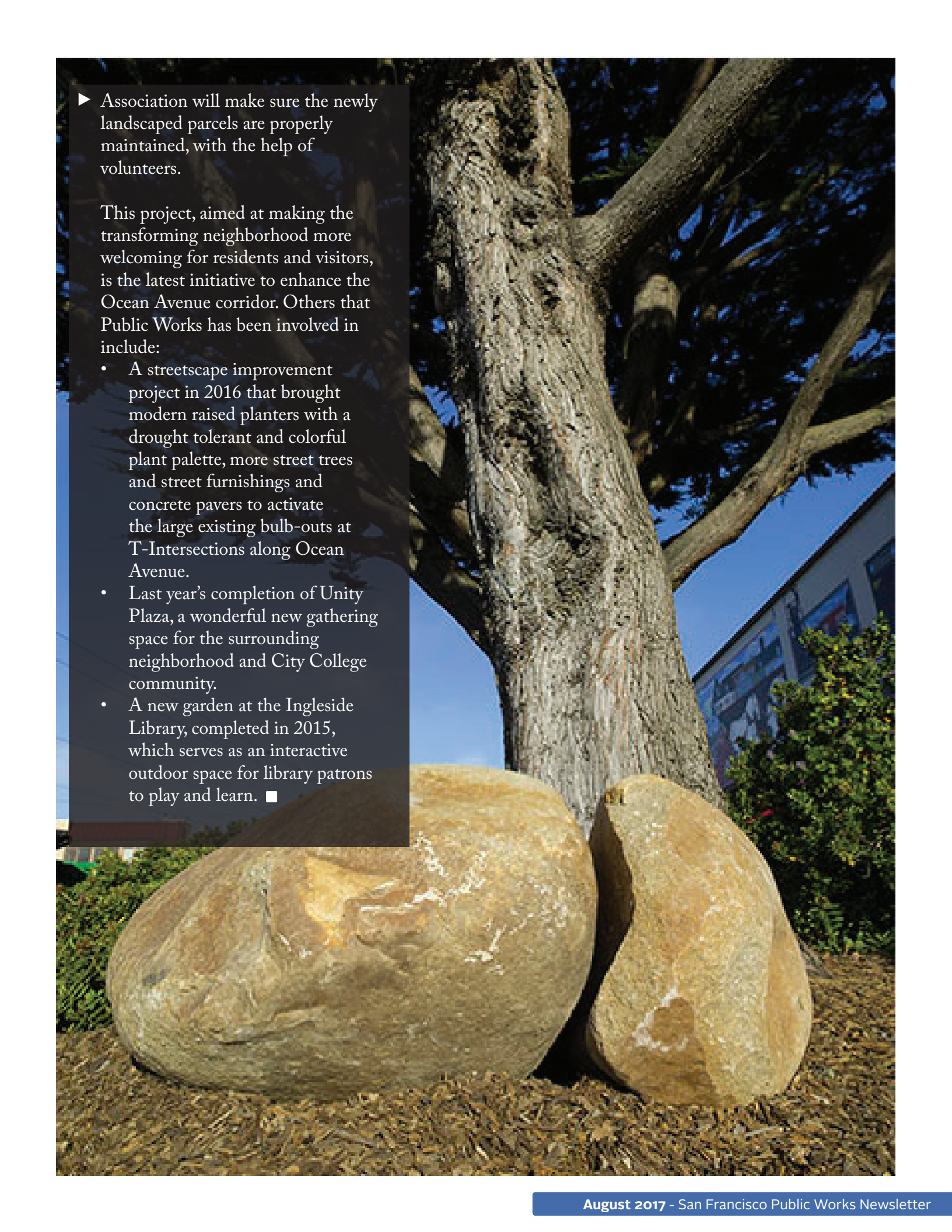
► The project includes sculptural landscape boulders, a ribbon of repurposed tree logs to provide great seating opportunities, new landscaping with a lovely palette of drought-tolerate plants and rock and wood mulch and a new mural by 1AM SF. The work also included clearing overgrown weeds, pruning dense trees and slope stabilization.

The [Ocean Avenue Association](#) was the driving force behind the upgrades, securing grants to pay for the improvements. John Dennis and Fiona Cundy,

from our landscape architecture team, helped create a schedule and work plan, develop cost estimates for materials and labor, prepare technical construction drawings for the new features and provide assistance through the design and construction process. Our operations team helped install the new features.

Other collaborators on the project include the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Arborist Now, The Urban Farmer Store and Catmex. The Ocean Avenue ►



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- ▶ Association will make sure the newly landscaped parcels are properly maintained, with the help of volunteers.

This project, aimed at making the transforming neighborhood more welcoming for residents and visitors, is the latest initiative to enhance the Ocean Avenue corridor. Others that Public Works has been involved in include:

- A streetscape improvement project in 2016 that brought modern raised planters with a drought tolerant and colorful plant palette, more street trees and street furnishings and concrete pavers to activate the large existing bulb-outs at T-Intersections along Ocean Avenue.
- Last year's completion of Unity Plaza, a wonderful new gathering space for the surrounding neighborhood and City College community.
- A new garden at the Ingleside Library, completed in 2015, which serves as an interactive outdoor space for library patrons to play and learn. ■



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Crosswalks Enliven Irving Street

Irving Street got a splash of color with the addition of decorative crosswalks at the intersections of 20th, 22nd and 27th avenues as part of a larger makeover of the streetscape along the popular Sunset District commercial corridor.

The design – stripes in hues of brick red, salmon and sand – brighten the street and give the neighborhood a stronger sense of place.

These aren't the first colorful crosswalks to adorn a San Francisco neighborhood. They also can be found in the heart of the Castro, 24th Street in Noe Valley and Taraval Street in the Outer Sunset.

Once completed, the streetscape project on Irving Street between 19th and 27th avenues, which Public Works designed with community input and managed from start to finish, will bring fresh elements to the busy stretch. They include more street trees, public seating, planter boxes, bulb-outs at crossings to improve pedestrian safety, newly minted sidewalks and metal gateway columns.



Neighbors work with our crews to spruce up Carolina Island Park on Potrero Hill (photo courtesy of Cathryn Blum).





CREATING AN OASIS IN THE MIDDLE OF A STREET

Potrero Hill residents have been teaming up with Public Works crews to nurture one of the City's newest street parks, turning the one-time dumping ground and sometimes homeless encampment into a welcoming green space for neighbors to enjoy.

[Carolina Island Park](#), located along the Carolina Street median between 22nd and 23rd streets near the top of Potrero Hill, falls under the Street Parks Program, a partnership between Public Works and the nonprofit [San Francisco Parks Alliance](#). Neighborhood volunteers pitch in to help maintain the patches of parkland.

The Carolina Island Park stewards held a workday on Aug. 8, joining our crews to clear underbrush along the median. The work was rigorous but satisfying, with more to come.

Efforts like these not only improve our neighborhoods, but also build community.



Traci Lawrence from our Outreach and Enforcement (OnE) Team speaks with a merchant on Geary Boulevard.



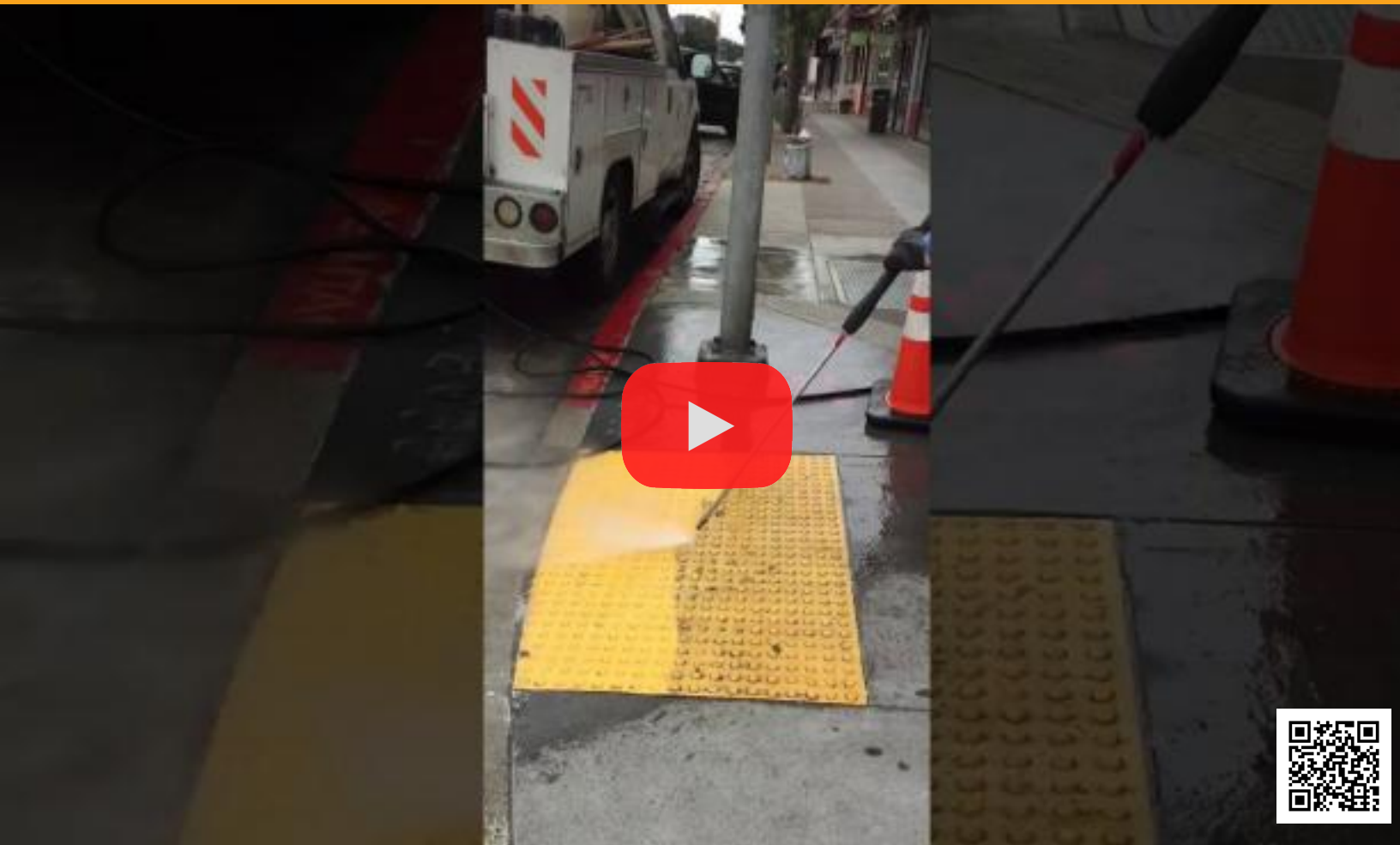


Giant Sweep Sweeps Through the Richmond

The Giant Sweep neighborhood anti-litter campaign headed west this month to the Richmond District to provide a deep clean of the neighborhood and to make sure residents and businesses are doing their part to keep the area tidy and safe. ►

A Public Works street cleaner washes down a gritty sidewalk in the Richmond District.





► The Richmond District operation – concentrated along Geary Boulevard between 17th and 26th avenues – is the fourth in a series of the special Giant Sweep neighborhood outreach and enforcement operations. It builds on earlier successes in Chinatown, the Excelsior District and the Mission District.

We have inspectors on the ground day and night to make sure that businesses have the proper permits to display merchandise on the sidewalk and to put out tables and chairs for outdoor dining. Our cleaning crews have jumped into action steam cleaning gritty sidewalks, removing graffiti,

weeding medians and sprucing up tree basins.

The five-week initiative began in mid-August and includes outreach in Russian, since many residents and shopkeepers in the neighborhood known as “Little Russia” speak Russian as their first language.

This multi-agency Giant Sweep neighborhood campaign is led by Public Works’ Outreach and Enforcement (OnE) Team, with support from our Bureau of Street Use and Mapping, Bureau of Street Environmental Services and Bureau of Urban Forestry. Other City agencies

involved include the Department of the Environment and the Department of Public Health. We also work closely with Recology, the refuse-collection company in San Francisco.

Giant Sweep will land in more neighborhoods over the next year. Keep an eye out for more information. ■



Broadway Tunnel Gets a Scrubbing

The Broadway Tunnel, a major thoroughfare that connects Chinatown and North Beach to the east with Russian Hill to the west, is packed with traffic every day of the week. And as you can imagine, its walls and ceiling get covered with soot quickly.

San Francisco Public Works scrubs the 1,936-foot-long tiled passageway every three months in order to keep it clean and pleasant for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. The intensive cleaning takes about two weeks to complete, with the latest one wrapping up Aug. 11.

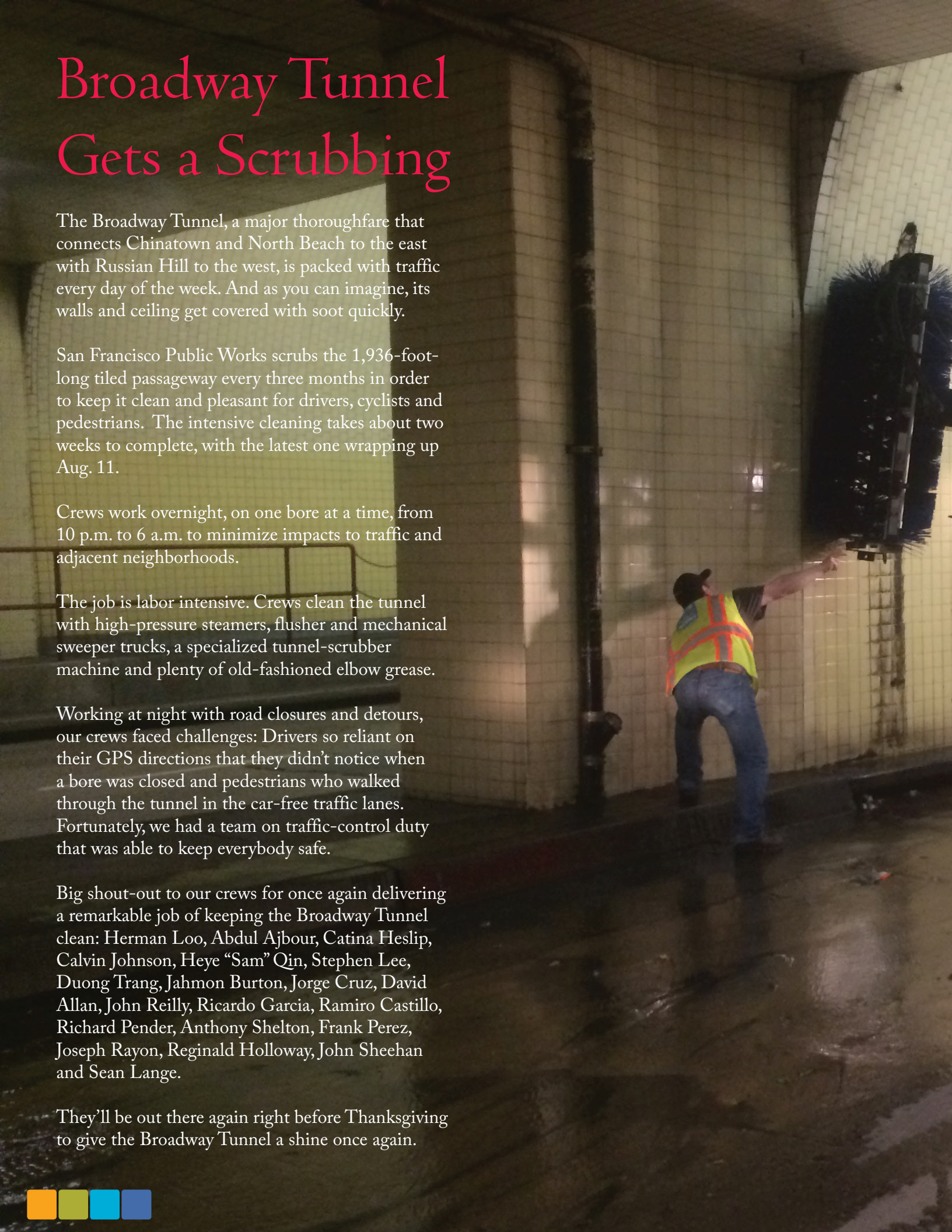
Crews work overnight, on one bore at a time, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. to minimize impacts to traffic and adjacent neighborhoods.

The job is labor intensive. Crews clean the tunnel with high-pressure steamers, flusher and mechanical sweeper trucks, a specialized tunnel-scrubber machine and plenty of old-fashioned elbow grease.

Working at night with road closures and detours, our crews faced challenges: Drivers so reliant on their GPS directions that they didn't notice when a bore was closed and pedestrians who walked through the tunnel in the car-free traffic lanes. Fortunately, we had a team on traffic-control duty that was able to keep everybody safe.

Big shout-out to our crews for once again delivering a remarkable job of keeping the Broadway Tunnel clean: Herman Loo, Abdul Ajbour, Catina Heslip, Calvin Johnson, Heye "Sam" Qin, Stephen Lee, Duong Trang, Jahmon Burton, Jorge Cruz, David Allan, John Reilly, Ricardo Garcia, Ramiro Castillo, Richard Pender, Anthony Shelton, Frank Perez, Joseph Rayon, Reginald Holloway, John Sheehan and Sean Lange.

They'll be out there again right before Thanksgiving to give the Broadway Tunnel a shine once again.

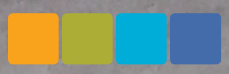


A special tunnel-scrubbing truck scours the walls of the Broadway Tunnel.





Chinatown Ping-Pong Tournament: A Smashing Success





Talented Public Works employees are not just good at keeping our streets clean and managing our building and roadway projects: We also are skilled at handling ping-pong paddles!

For the first time in seven years of participating in the annual Chinatown Ping-Pong Tournament, Team Public Works advanced to the semi-finals this year and finished in a commendable fourth place, just a couple of Ping-Pong ball bounces

away from the final championship round. Although we didn't win a medal this year, we sure had a lot of fun.

The 7th Annual Chinatown Ping-Pong Tournament kicked off at Portsmouth Square on Aug. 20. Mayor Ed Lee, who founded the event, showed off his table tennis prowess as he played friendly matches against community members and department heads, including the Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru.

A big thank you to Team Public Works Captain Albert Ko, and hats off to all our players: Mohammed Nuru, Allison Seibel, Youcef Bouhamama, Jonathan Gomwalk, David Reyla, Dave Wang, Chelsea Wong, Ian Schneider, Amanda Sommers, Matthew Lim, Panoyoti Papadimitriou, Sean O'Brien and Aaron Khaw.

We also want to congratulate Team SFMTA for winning the championship.



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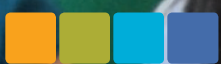
A California Distinguished School

Litter 101: Don't Trash SF

School's back in session, and that means a new season for the City's anti-litter student assemblies. The goal: encourage our youngest generation to keep San Francisco clean and looking good.

Public Works has teamed up with the Department of the Environment to teach students about the problems litter causes, such as harming wildlife and blighting our neighborhoods, and what we can do to keep our beautiful city from getting trashed.

Every year, our Giant Sweep program in partnership with the Department of the Environment's Stop Litter program, reaches thousands of students, from kindergarten through 12th grade. Kids care, and the more information we arm them with about the importance of being good stewards of our environment and neighborhoods, the better for the future of San Francisco.



Tamar Hurwitz of the Department of the Environment speaks with students earlier this month at Clarendon Elementary School.





GETTING BACK INTO THE EXERCISE GROOVE

Many of us are coming off of summer vacations and getting back into the routine of work and school. And, we hope, regular exercise to keep our bodies and minds healthy. If you took a break from exercising and are having a hard time getting motivated to start back up again, the [National Institutes of Health](#) offers some helpful tips:

- Don't be too hard on yourself. Just try to get back to your activities as soon as possible.
- Think about the reasons you started exercising and how much you've already accomplished.
- Start again at a comfortable level, and gradually build back up.
- Try an activity you've never done before.
- Believe in yourself!



A New Generation of Volunteers

Parents and students from Jefferson Elementary kicked off the new school year with a burst of civic pride, participating in neighborhood cleanup around their Sunset District campus.

Our community programs team provided supplies for the enthusiastic volunteers who picked up litter during the Aug. 19 event. And from the smiles we saw, they had a lot of fun doing it.

Thank you, Jefferson Elementary community for your partnership in taking care of San Francisco.

