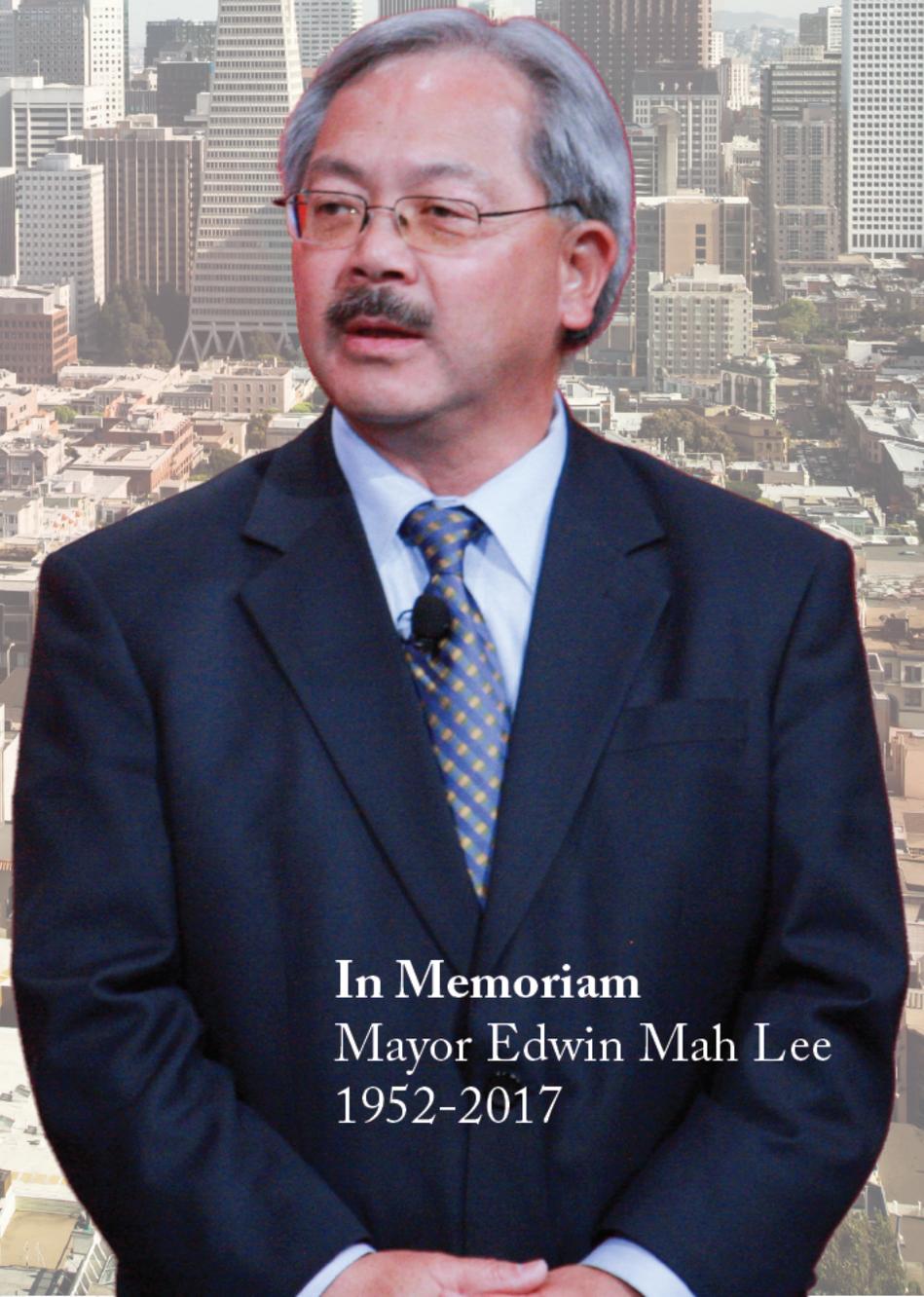


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December 2017



In Memoriam
Mayor Edwin Mah Lee
1952-2017





EVENTS



1/1

Happy New Year!



1/2 - 1/12

[2018 Christmas Tree Collection Program](#)

Please place clean, unflocked trees at the curb. Remove all tinsel, decorations, plastic bags, stands and lights. If your tree measures more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half.



1/20

[Community Clean Team Kickoff in District 3](#)

Join us for the 2018 kickoff of San Francisco Public Works' longest-running and largest volunteer program. Participate in landscaping and gardening projects, graffiti removal and litter cleanup in our neighborhoods.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Portsmouth Square
733 Kearny St.

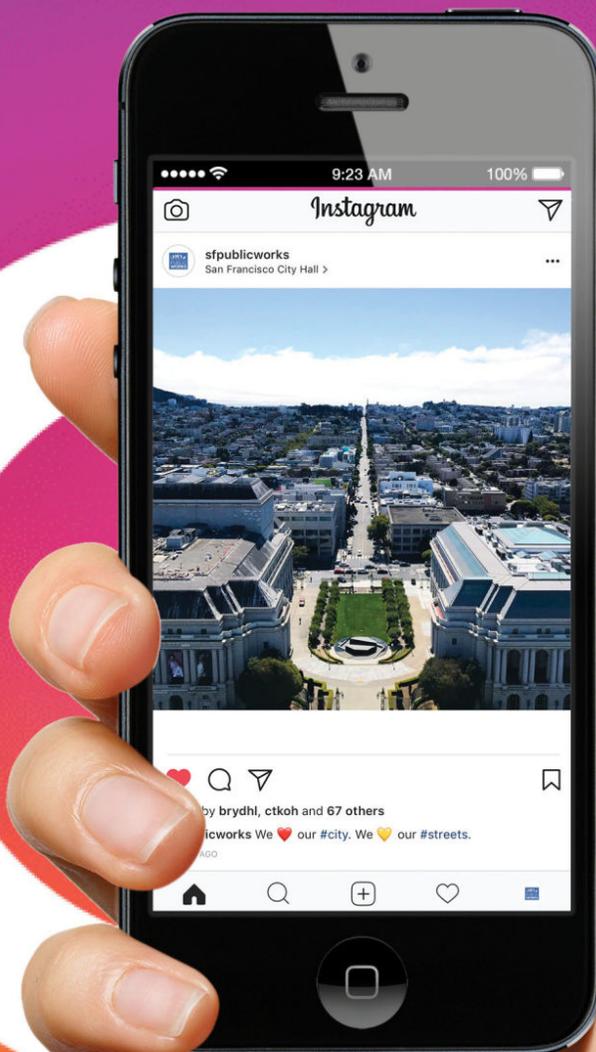
Recology's Holiday Trash Collection Schedule



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					DEC. 30 Friday service	DEC. 31 No service
JAN. 1 No service	JAN. 2 Monday service	JAN. 3 Tuesday service	JAN. 4 Wednesday service	JAN. 5 Thursday service	JAN. 6 Friday service	JAN. 7 No service



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EP.0012

HANGIN' WITH MR. CLEAN SF:

Oh, What a Year!



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EPISODE 0012 - 12/29

Hangin' with Mr. Clean SF

Oh, What a Year!

As 2017 is coming to a close, we're taking the opportunity to step back and reflect on 2017. Oh, what a year it's been. As it grows another year older, San Francisco is more beautiful, livable, vibrant and sustainable - thanks to everyone's contributions here at San Francisco Public Works. Today, we say "cheers" to our accomplishments.



EPISODE 0011 - 12/22
[After Dark | NEAT Crew](#)

As San Francisco sleeps, the Neighborhood Enhancement Action Team, or NEAT Team, is keeping our City's toughest alleyways and corridors clean and safe. Join us as we ride along with Public Works crew member Nat Mansker to experience some of their daily challenges.



EPISODE 0010 - 12/15
[On Your Mark\(et\)](#)

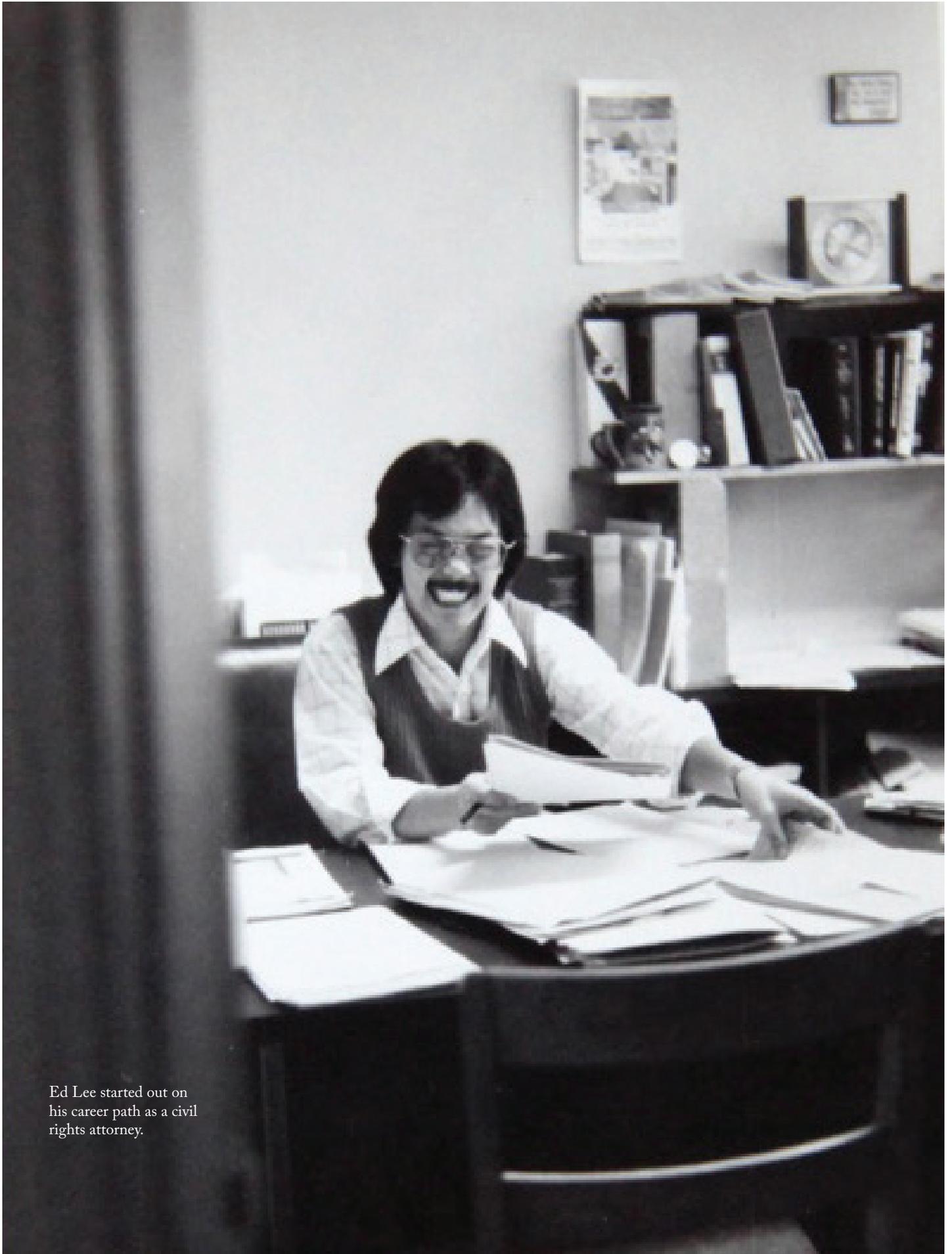
This week we're taking a stroll down Market Street with Public Works landscape architect John Dennis and architect Andy Maloney to learn about its history and get an insider's look at the City's busiest street.



EPISODE 0009 - 12/8
[Smooth Operation](#)

This week we're sitting down with Public Works' city engineer and deputy director of infrastructure, John Thomas, to learn about the paving process for San Francisco's 12,000 blocks. A lot goes into repaving a city street, and our crews work hard to keep them in working condition anywhere from 30 to 50 years.





Ed Lee started out on his career path as a civil rights attorney.

Mayor Ed Lee: Public Works Thanks You

We are dedicating this month's edition of *In the Works* to Edwin Mah Lee, San Francisco's 43rd mayor who died of a heart attack on Dec. 12. He was 65 years old.

Mayor Lee, who had a career in public service, served as Public Works director from 2000 to 2005 and remained a true and steadfast supporter of our organization.

He always will be part of us.

A civil rights lawyer by training, he loved our city deeply, cared for our diverse neighborhoods and never wavered from the San Francisco values of inclusiveness, equity and love.

As you look through these pages, which showcase some of our most memorable projects and initiatives over the past year, please take the time to reflect on Ed Lee. He championed greening and cleaning our streets, fostering community partnerships, making our civic buildings seismically sound, upgrading our aging infrastructure, sheltering the homeless, creating vibrant parks and playgrounds, improving the condition of our roads and so much more.

He also was a hands-on mayor who helped fill potholes, paint out graffiti, pick up litter and plant trees. At the end of the day, he was a devoted steward of San Francisco, and he will be missed.





As an attorney, Ed Lee took his fight for better housing conditions to the steps of City Hall.



Trick or treaters visit Mayor Lee during Halloween festivities.



Mayor Lee joins United Playaz volunteers at a Community Clean Team neighborhood cleanup.





Mayor Lee, left, and Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru, right, accompany Marian Brown to the ceremonial tree planting to honor her twin sister Vivian.

Mayor Lee joins other City officials at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Moscone Center Improvement Project.



Mayor Lee ensured that women have opportunities to work jobs traditionally held by men.



Mayor Lee, who made street repaving a top priority of his administration, talks asphalt with a Public Works employee.



As mayor, Ed Lee presided over many civic celebrations, this one marking the opening The Mix at SFPL.





The mayor serves the hungry at St. Anthony's soup kitchen in the Tenderloin.



An avid Giants fan, Mayor Lee kicked off the launch of the Giant Sweep anti-litter campaign.





Across the street from City Hall, the San Francisco Fire Department paid tribute to Ed Lee, who died Dec. 12, 2017.

Thousands of people came to City Hall on Dec. 15, 2017 to pay their respects to the late mayor.



"San Francisco
will continue
to be a beacon
of light, a city
dedicated to
progress."

- Mayor Edwin Mah Lee

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YEAR IN



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REVIEW



January

Every year before Chinese New Year our crews conduct a special cleanup to prepare for tens of thousands of locals and tourists who shop and celebrate in Chinatown.

January 10

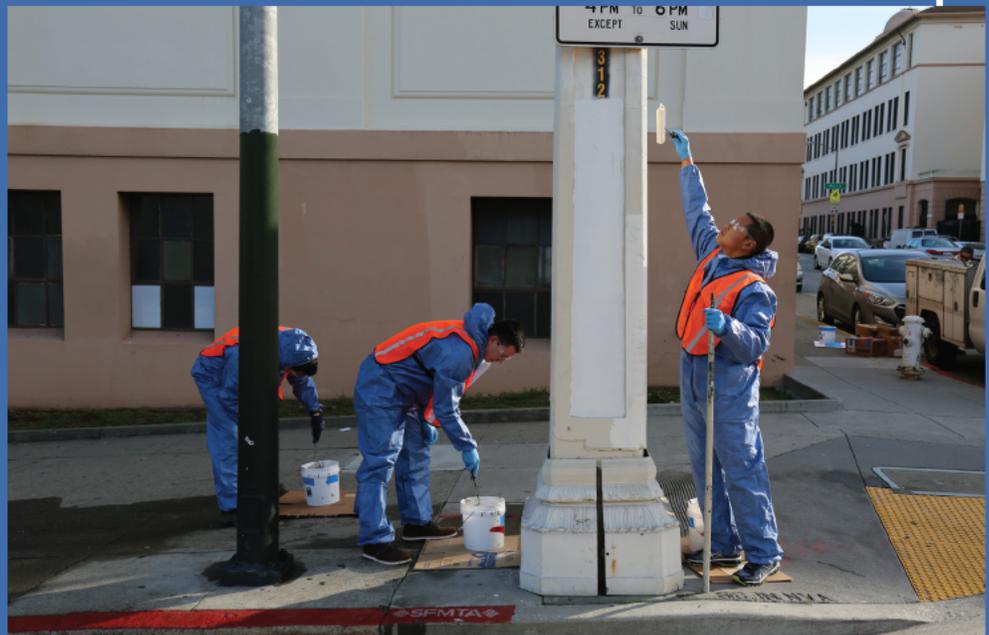
Faced with the threat of more rain-driven rockslides onto O'Shaughnessy Boulevard, our engineers and on-the-ground crews quickly jumped into action to make the hillside safe.



JANUARY

January 28

Nearly 200 volunteers gathered to celebrate the kickoff of Community Clean Team's 17th season.



February 4
Neighbors, kids, City officials and other folks gathered together at the corner of Mansell Street and Visitacion Avenue to celebrate a new streetscape design that calms traffic and makes the corridor safer and more inviting for people who walk, jog and bike.



FEBRUARY

February 1

Pothole blitz! At the end of January, Public Works patched nearly 3,000 potholes in San Francisco. Typically, we repair about 1,500 a month.



February 11

Nearly three dozen high-energy volunteers joined forces to help create Sisterhood Gardens, a thriving community garden in the Oceanview-Merced Heights-Ingleside (OMI) neighborhood.

March 16

Dozens of people gathered in St. Mary's Square in the heart of Chinatown to plant a bare, soon-to-leaf tree honoring neighborhood champion and political powerhouse Rose Pak.



MARCH



March 1

Construction officially kicked off on the Van Ness Improvement Project, which will rejuvenate one of San Francisco's major corridors with new features to make the street safer for pedestrians and better for public transit reliability.





March 16

The transformation of Bartlett Street in the heart of the Mission District came to life at a festive ribbon-cutting ceremony that coincided with the seasonal opening of the popular Mission Community Market.



March 18

More than 300 volunteers celebrated the 145th anniversary of Arbor Day with a Community Clean Team workday and the annual family-fun Eco Fair.



April 8
Public Works
cement masons
completed
work to replace,
seal and polish
Japantown Peace
Plaza in time for
the Northern
California Cherry
Blossom Festival.

APRIL



April 4
Public Works rolled
out the Yes We Can!
pilot program in the
Mission District to
make more public
trash cans available.
The goal: Reduce
litter.





April 24-28

Hundreds of students and other community partners joined us in celebration of Public Works Week 2017 – a series of festivities where we hosted open houses, offered behind-the-scenes project tours and joined together as an organization to recognize our accomplishments over the past year.



April 20

An estimated 15,000 revelers packed into Hippie Hill on the eastern end of Golden Gate Park for the "4/20" pro-marijuana festival. Public Works worked hard to keep the crowds safe and minimize problems in the park and surrounding neighborhoods.

May 15
Mayor Ed Lee pledged nearly \$90 million of the City's capital budget for street resurfacing over the next two years



MAY





May 21

The Bay to Breakers footrace drew 30,000 registered participants. Our street cleaning crews picked up 30,618 pounds of litter left behind by the racers and fans cheering them on.



May 24

A \$5.3 million renovation of Alamo Square made the historic park in the Western Addition more environmentally sustainable, beautiful and accessible for all users.



May 24

San Francisco's newest Navigation Center came to life in the Dogpatch neighborhood, demonstrating the City's latest effort to move people out of tent encampments and into a more stable living environment.



June 5
The [Glen Canyon Recreation Center](#) in San Francisco's Glen Park neighborhood underwent a major makeover designed and managed by us that included a refurbished gym and the first indoor climbing walls in the City's park system.

JUNE





June 25
 At this year's [Pride Parade](#), San Francisco Public Works crews jumped into action as soon as the floats, bands and marchers passed by.



June 24
 Hundreds of people gathered with joy to celebrate the transformation of an asphalt parking lot into [In Chan Kaajal Park](#) in the heart of the Mission District.

June 30
 We teamed up with Supervisors Katy Tang and Sandra Fewer to launch a [pilot program](#) aimed at reducing cigarette litter by placing butt receptacles in the Richmond and Sunset districts. The goal is to get smokers to stop using our sidewalks and streets as their ashtrays.



July 17
Public Works designers, carpenters, electricians and plumbers transformed a former electric company property at 1515 South Van Ness Ave. into the City's fourth and newest Navigation Center.



July 1

Public Works celebrated the roll-out of Street Tree SF, a voter-backed initiative that places the maintenance of all street trees under City care.





July 21

About 150 Project Pull participants from across City departments took part in a cleanup along the Great Highway and at Ocean Beach, painting the ocean-front promenade from Noriega to Santiago streets and picking up litter on the beach and nearby Sunset District sidewalks.

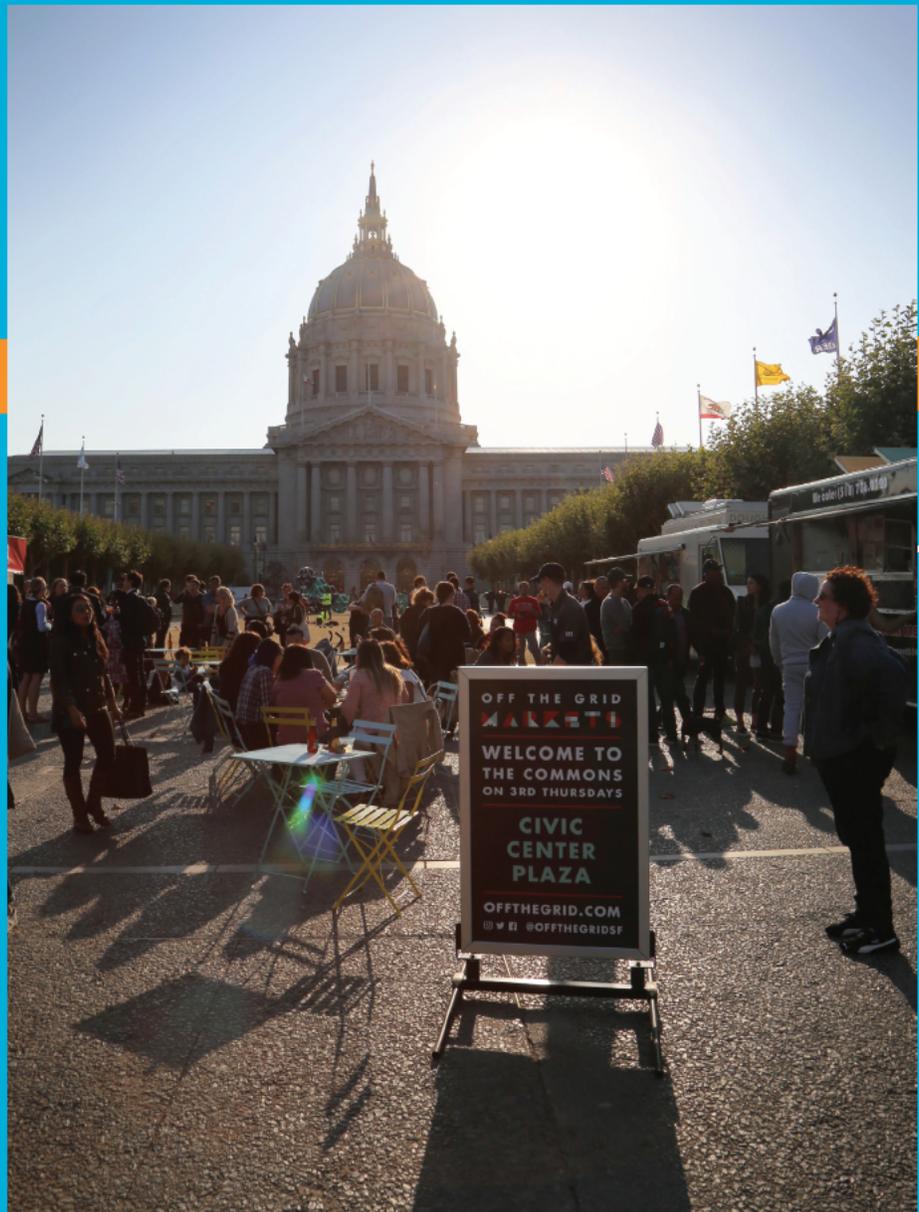


JULY

AUGUST

August 17

The Commons on 3rd Thursdays kicked off with free, family-friendly gatherings as part of a larger effort to invigorate the Civic Center public, or “common,” shared space.





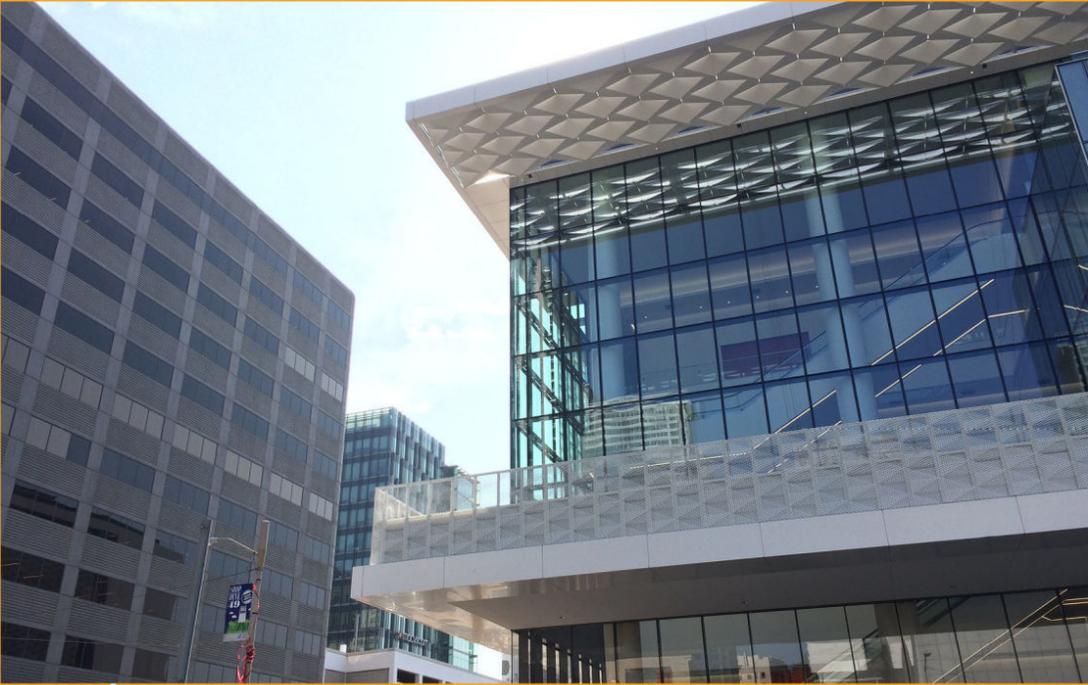
August 26

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



August 21

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



September 5

We completed Phase 2 of the \$551 million Moscone Expansion Project.

SEPTEMBER

September 22

We helped install on a Bernal Heights hillside the public sculpture, DREAM, meant to inspire people who view it “to start identifying their goals and aspirations, from a place of consciousness and awareness, and to begin the process of pursuing them.”





October 21
San Francisco's first-
ever bicycle course
opened in McLaren
Park for BMX and
mountain bike riders.

OCTOBER

October
We began
resurfacing
work along The
Embarcadero and
Diamond Heights
Boulevard.



November 2

The new Office of the Chief Medical Examiner building, designed for resiliency to serve the growing needs of a 21st-century San Francisco, was marked at a ribbon-cutting ceremony that drew City leaders and community representatives.



NOVEMBER

November 16

Another jewel was added to the crown of park renovations in San Francisco, with the reopening of the playfields at West Sunset Playground.



November 19
We marked World Toilet Day this month with the premiere of our new “Painted Lady” portable loo – the newest addition to the Pit Stop public toilet program.



November 29
Community leaders and City officials joined together for a joyous ceremonial ground-breaking to mark the start of construction on the transformational Second Street Improvements Project.

Community Clean Team 2017: By the Numbers



376

blocks swept



2,886 volunteers







515 tree





s planted



25,800

square feet of graffiti
from public property

53,025

square feet of graffiti
from private property





removed

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A photograph showing two workers in orange safety vests and blue jeans handling a large pile of green waste (grass and leaves) in a large black bin. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage. The scene is outdoors, likely at a recycling or composting facility.

39,110

pounds of
green waste
removed





60,800 square feet weeded



RECOLOGY

138 tons of garbage removed

7 tons of e-waste collected

113 tons of recyclables collected

12 tons of organic waste collected





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