



in the works

February 2020



Public Works Director Alaric Degrafinried and outreach worker Nancy Wong meet with community leaders in Chinatown leading up to the Lunar New Year celebrations.

Front Cover: Steam cleaner scours Jane Warner Plaza in the Castro district for the SidewalkSpotlightSF initiative.





EVENTS



3/2

Turk-Hyde Mini Park Reopening Celebration

Join us for a reopening celebration of Turk-Hyde Mini Park. Improvements were made possible by the 2012 Parks Bond. The event will feature kids activities, family fun and a speaking program.

3:30 p.m.



3/4

New Transbay Block 3 Park Community Meeting One

The new park will be located at the middle block of San Francisco's former Temporary Transit Terminal and is one of the central features of the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area. We encourage public comment and look forward to sharing ideas and information on the project with the community.

6 p.m.
Bay Area Metro Center
109 Yerba Buena Conference Room
375 Beale St.



3/7

Arbor Day and Eco-Fair Community Clean Team – District 8

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

8:30 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. kickoff
Kickoff location:
Thomas Edison Charter Academy
938 Dolores St.



3/8

Sunday Streets 2020 Kickoff Mission District

Sunday Streets kicks off the season of open streets with a car-free community space along Valencia Street for all to enjoy. Get your weekly exercise and enjoy live music, cultural performances, art activities and more.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Valencia St. (Duboce Ave. to 26th St.)



3/14

St. Patrick's Day Parade

11:30 a.m.
Begins at Second and Market streets and ends at Civic Center Plaza.



3/29

Sunday Streets Excelsior #1

Sunday Streets returns with the first of two annual events along the Excelsior's main corridor. Enjoy a car-free Mission Street, filled with open space for all, plus exhibits, live music and free activities.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mission St. (Silver Ave. to Geneva Ave.)

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Brighter THAN THE SUN

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the U.S., but most skin cancers can be prevented!

1 in 5



Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.

SUNBURN IS NOT IMMEDIATELY APPARENT.

Symptoms include: red, tender and swollen skin, blistering, headache, fever, nausea and fatigue.



amount of sunscreen needed to fully cover the entire body:



(one shot glass)

Apply sunscreen at least once every

2 HRS.



Reapply more frequently when swimming or sweating.



30 minutes is the average time it takes for sunscreen to soak into skin and work effectively.

WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING



The tighter the knit or weave, the smaller the holes and the less UV can get through. Sunglasses should be UV400 or 100% UV Protection.



STAY COOL

Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.



STAY HYDRATED

Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink water.



STAY INFORMED

Check your local news for extreme heat alerts.

CONJUBILANT

adj. shouting together with joy

After 3 months of daily rain and fog, Tom and Jerry ran onto their lawn in a conjubilant manner at the first sign of sunshine.



THANK YOU

THANK YOU for finishing the countertop quickly. We were surprised! You and your team are awesome!

As always, you guys do a fantastic job at Department of Emergency Management and we are very happy for your excellent service.

Happy Friday and have a nice weekend!

Vivina S.
Dept. of Emergency Management

My husband and I want you to know that the crew working out front of our house on Clayton Street have been outstanding. No one wants to listen to construction noise all day, but if we had to have a large project replacing pipes under the street for over a year, we are glad it was this crew.

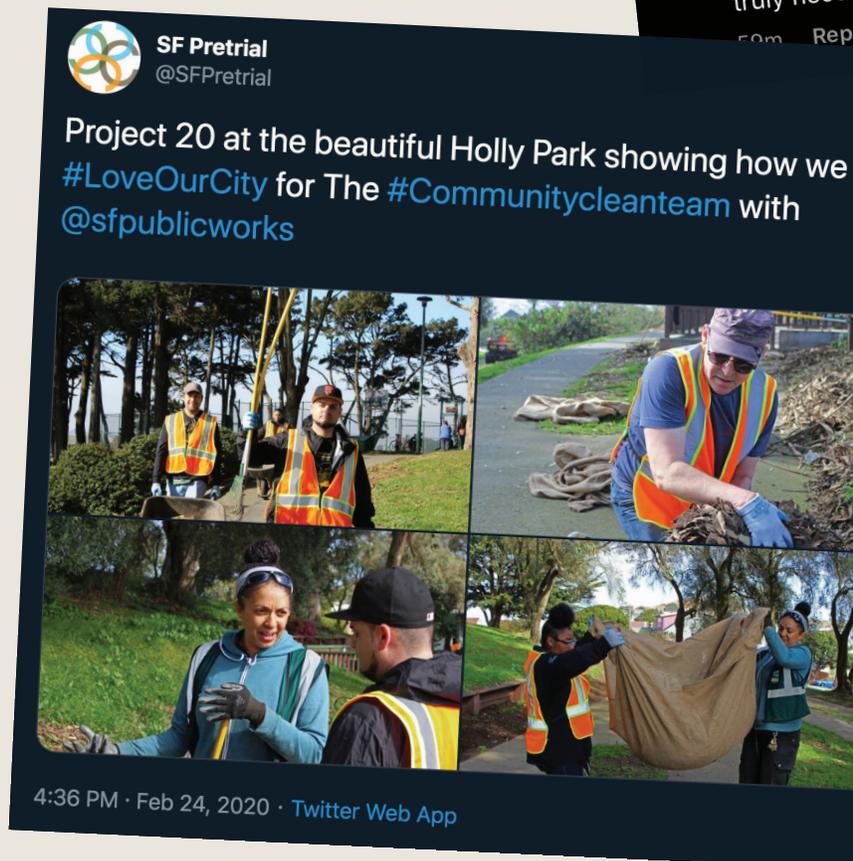
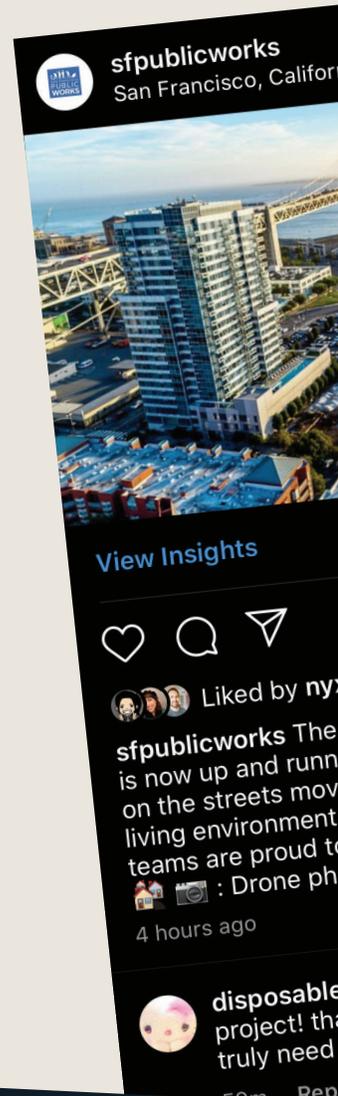
Our house is next to the water tank and right in the thick of most of the construction. Every time we needed to get the car out of the garage, the team would immediately move the equipment and help us back out into traffic safely. They also communicated the day's plans with us if it seemed it could interfere with the coming and going from our house.

You have a very hard working team. We witnessed their tireless

effort getting this job done as quickly as possible. But most of all, they were respectful to us and our property.

It seems we live in an age where people don't hesitate to complain, but forget to compliment. We wanted to make sure we expressed our appreciation.

Alice and Dave B.





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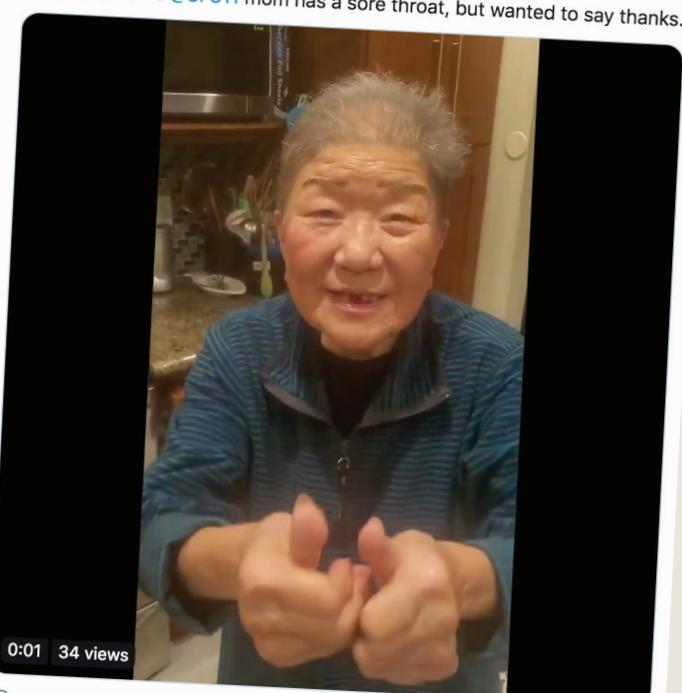
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Embarcadero SAFE #NavigationCenter
ing, helping people who had been living
e into a safer, healthier and more stable
. Our design and project management
o partner on this life-changing initiative.
otos courtesy of G&G Builders, Inc.

up I love this so much. Amazing
ank you for helping the ones who
it the most.

Johnson Hor @johnsonhor · 9h
@sfpublicworks @SF311 mom has a sore throat, but wanted to say thanks.



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Marisa Lagos @mlagos · 17m

At a time when the workers must feel demoralized, shoutout to the rank and file @sfpublicworks who just cleaned up a corner near my house to make it safer and more beautiful. And who regularly respond to the illegal dumping on my corner. Cc @HillaryRonen

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Dennis Caliyo commented: "Thank you to the Men and Women of SFPW who keep our city clean."

12 hours ago





WHEN THE PARADE ENDS,

Our cleaning crews sweep up the paper wrappings from thousands of celebratory firecrackers set off during the Chinese New Year Parade.



OUR CREWS GET STARTED



Southwest
Celebrate New Year
Flamboyantly
愉快旅途
随心起飛
Happy travels!
May you follow your
heart's desire.

Our street cleaning team
picked up 17,720 pounds of
trash after the annual parade.





Workers use brooms, blowers and power washers to get the City back in shape after the parade passes by.



- ▶ Tens of thousands of celebrants cheered lion and dragon dancers, marching bands and beautifully decorated illuminated floats in San Francisco's wildly popular Chinese New Year Parade, held on Feb. 8 to celebrate the Year of the Rat.

Once the parade passed, a crew of 60 Public Works street cleaners got right to work, swiftly scrubbing down the parade route from Second and Market streets to Kearny and Pacific streets. We finished the cleanup at 9:30 p.m. and the streets were reopened to traffic.

The cleanup operation is highly choreographed: Public Works crews, including laborers, corridor workers and supervisors, remained on standby near Market and Second streets until the last parade float – the symbolic 28-foot-long golden dragon – passed. The workers then got started, using push brooms, blowers, steamers, flushers, mechanical sweepers and packers. We worked alongside Recology, the private waste hauler, cleaning up piles of spent firecrackers, confetti, glitter, food wrappers, paper cups and all kinds of litter left by revelers. To cap off the work, we power-washed the sidewalks and flushed the roadway for a fresh and clean feel.

In all, crews picked up 17,720 pounds of trash.

In addition to the post-parade cleanup, our Bureau of Urban Forestry team inspected all the tree basins prior to the parade to make sure they were leveled and free of tripping hazards. Crews from our Bureau of Street and Sewer Repair surveyed the parade route to repair all the potholes. The Bureau of Street Environmental Services crews pre-cleaned the public spaces in Chinatown, Union Square and along Market Street.

Public Works is proud to be a partner in San Francisco's Lunar New Year celebrations and we can't wait for next year!



Crews from the Bureau of Street and Sewer Repair dig two holes to provide access for our engineers to see beneath the pavement.

DIG THIS!



Public Works engineers assess the sub-asphalt conditions.



Public Works engineers this month assessed erosion along southbound Great Highway near Sloat Boulevard, adjacent to Ocean Beach. ▶



► Crews from our Bureau of Street and Sewer Repair used a backhoe with a breaker attachment to dig two holes, four feet deep. By opening the asphalt, our engineers could get a good look beneath the surface and a better understanding of the cause of the erosion. Findings from the up-close examination and follow-up analysis will help determine next steps.



The Public Works street paving crew that worked on the Great Highway project.

Building

Community,

Improving

Neighborhoods

Nearly 200 volunteers fanned out across the Mission and Bernal Heights to plant trees, paint out graffiti, pick up litter and beautify medians for this month's Community Clean Team – getting a lot of good work done under brilliant blue skies. ►



Volunteers work with Public Works staff to plant trees on Alabama Street in the Mission District.

The San Jose Avenue median gets some extra TLC during the Community Clean Team volunteer day.

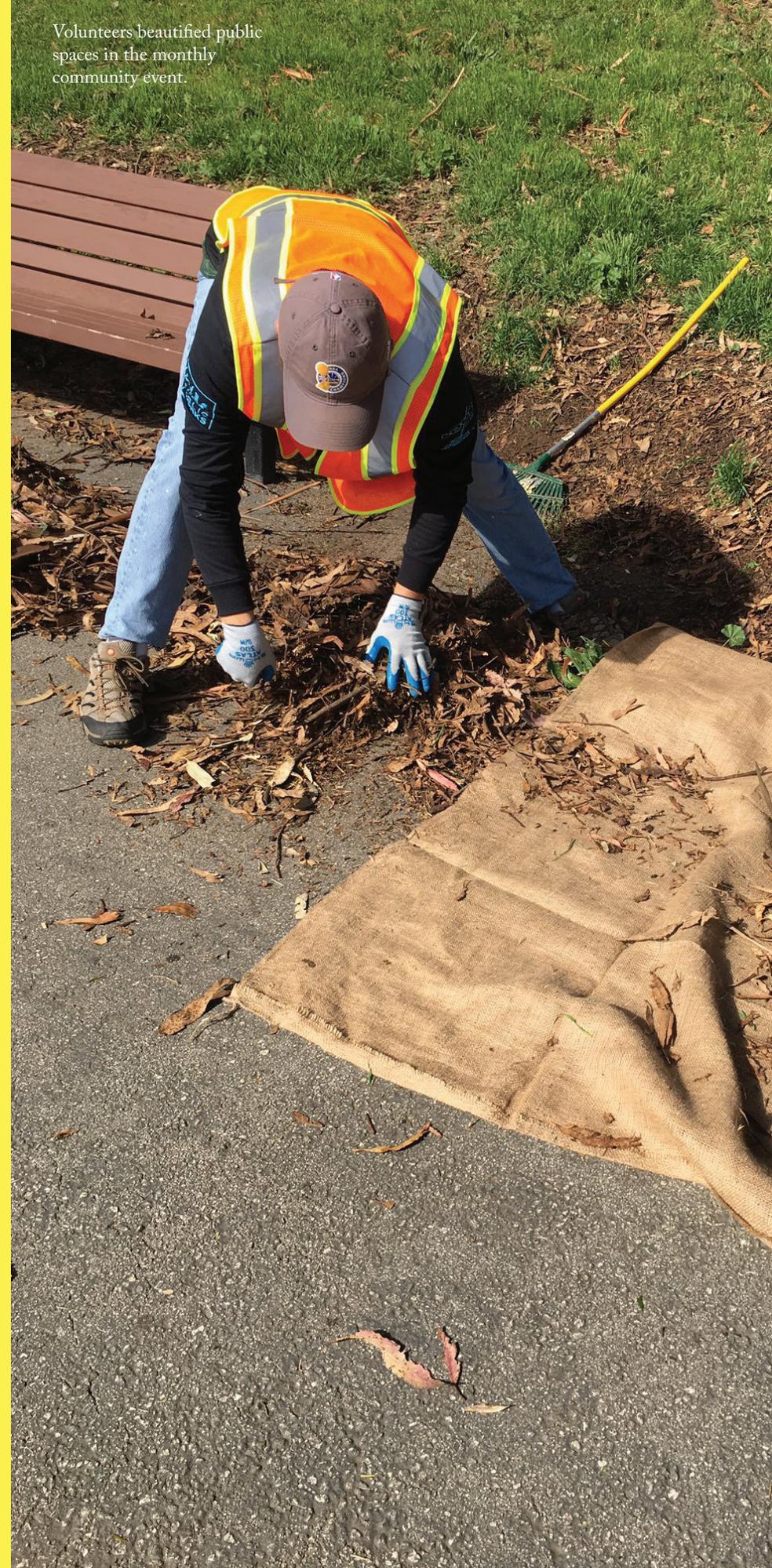


Volunteers beautified public spaces in the monthly community event.

- ▶ The Feb. 28 event kicked off at John O'Connell High School. Together with Mayor London Breed, District 9 Supervisor Hillary Ronen and City Administrator Naomi Kelly, volunteers enjoyed live mariachi music, a lowrider car show and sweet Mexican pastries before they got to work.

The volunteers – residents and groups from our nonprofit partners, including Tzu Chi Foundation, SF Pretrial Project 20, GEO Reentry Services and Immaculate Conception Academy – set out to green and clean our shared public spaces. Thank you to our many community partners and neighbors for making this a fun and successful workday.

Community Clean Team will be back on March 7 in District 8 for our annual Arbor Day festivities, where the focus will be on planting trees in Noe Valley, the Castro and surrounding neighborhoods. We'll gather first for the kickoff at the Thomas Edison Charter Academy campus, 938 Dolores St. We hope to see you there!



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SidewalkSpotlightSF
kicked off on
Larkin Street in
the Little Saigon
neighborhood.



SF SIDEWALKS GET A DEEP CLEAN

San Francisco Public Works this month launched SidewalkSpotlightSF, a new initiative to perform a special deep clean of busy neighborhood corridors throughout the City, with a focus on litter removal, steam cleaning, graffiti abatement, trash pickup and public education. ▶





Two Public Works' corridors workers sweep up cigarette butts and other litter at Jane Warner Plaza in the Castro District.



A graffiti supervisor scrapes off stickers from a stop sign pole in the Sunset District, part of the deep cleaning initiative that is improving neighborhood commercial corridors.



Irving Street



Irving Street



Larkin Street



Irving Street



Market Street



Castro Street

► Public Works crews are performing intensive sidewalk cleanups through June, followed by a comprehensive public education campaign.

The quality-of-life program began Feb. 13 in the Little Saigon neighborhood. That was followed by focused work on Irving Street in the Sunset District and Castro Street and 18th Street in the Castro. Among the other neighborhoods on the schedule are the Bayview, West Portal, Richmond, Hayes Valley, Excelsior, North Beach, Mission, Fillmore, Haight, Tenderloin, Ocean View, Western Addition and Visitacion Valley.

If successful, SidewalkSpotlightSF could be renewed in the new fiscal year that starts July 1, allowing us to reach even more neighborhoods.

The new initiative includes a crew of up to 20 workers deployed to do a concentrated cleanup of targeted neighborhood corridors, which includes:

- litter patrol – manual sweeping and sidewalk dumping removal;
- steam cleaning – deep cleaning and power washing of grimy sidewalks in busy pedestrian corridors;
- outreach and enforcement – Public Works outreach workers ramping up educating merchants and property owners about their responsibility to keep sidewalks clean.

SidewalkSpotlightSF is one of the many ways we are serving residents by keeping sidewalks clean and strengthening community partnerships. This is ultimately our best resource to keep our sidewalks clean. The department is prioritizing a rapid response to dog and human waste, sidewalk dumping, trash pickup, graffiti removal and tree basin cleaning.

A large tree crashed on to a parked car during this month's windstorm.

A TREE. MENDOUS EFF





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Winds gusting at more than 30 miles per hour knocked down 46 San Francisco street trees and large limbs on Feb. 9, keeping our arborist crews busy ►

A Public Works staffer cuts up a fallen tree that came down in the gusty winds.





- ▶ cleaning up the mess throughout the day and into the next morning. Trees fell onto power lines and parked cars and blocked sidewalks and roads in neighborhoods across San Francisco. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

Tree inspectors also were sent from location to location checking on reports of potentially dangerous trees called in by neighbors.

We knew high winds were in the forecast, so we had extra tree care crews on duty for quick response. Trees that posed a potential threat to public safety received top priority.

You can learn more about the Public Works tree care program at [StreetTreeSF](https://www.streettreesf.com).

An aerial photograph of a public plaza. In the center, a man in a grey shirt sits on a yellow-painted concrete area. To his left, a man in a bright pink shirt sits on a wooden bench. Further left, a woman in a black jacket stands near another bench. To the right, a woman in a purple jacket sits on the ground with a dog. The plaza is surrounded by trees, including one with bright yellow leaves and another with green leaves. A concrete wall is visible in the background. The text "A BURGEONING INITIATIVE T" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

A BURGEONING INITIATIVE T



The Linden Street Living Alley provides an inviting outdoor venue for the public to enjoy.

WHAT'S RIGHT UP OUR ALLEY

A festive crowd gathered to party in a vibrant alley near Civic Center one recent evening, providing a glimpse into what can be accomplished with smart urban planning, community partnerships and creativity. ►



Food, drink and music created a perfect combo for the second-annual Hickory Street block party.

The goal is to turn underutilized alleys into pedestrian-friendly urban respites that can also serve as venues for art and community events.

- ▶ The second-annual Hickory Street block party took place on the evening of Feb. 21 along a small stretch of alleyway tucked between Oak and Fell streets near Franklin Street. Revelers listened to music, ate, drank and enjoyed the welcoming outdoor space, part of the City's Living Alley initiative. Hickory Street and nearby Linden Street are terrific examples of what's possible.

Today, the Public Works Bureau of Landscape Architecture is taking the lead to prioritize, design and construct [Living Alley projects](#) within the [Market & Octavia Area Plan](#). Following the adoption of that plan, Public Works staff was part of an interagency team that developed the [Living Alleys Toolkit](#) to help guide design and development of alleys within the district.

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In the coming months, Public Works will host a series of public meetings that aim to prioritize a number of Living Alley projects throughout the neighborhood and develop design proposals through a participatory design process guided by the Living Alleys Toolkit.



Map showing potential locations to expand the Living Alley program.

ROCK AND ROLL





A recent rockslide prompted an engineering assessment of the Telegraph Hill slope.

N TELEGRAPH HILL

A rockslide in early December on the eastern slope of Telegraph Hill sent boulders measuring several feet in diameter down the hillside beneath the Filbert Street Steps. ►



Inspectors used a drone to photograph the rocky hillside.



- ▶ No injuries or damage was reported. Public Works crews quickly put up barricades to protect people and property below in case more rock came tumbling down.

And this month, we brought in geotechnical engineers and geologists to take a closer look at the extent of fissures in the rock to gauge the hillside's vulnerability to future rockslides. The inspectors used a drone to help with the visual inspection. The flying electronic eye gave a vantage point that would have been difficult to achieve without calling in specialized climbing crews.

The assessment determined that the Telegraph Hill slope in that area appears stable for now – loose rock was knocked off as a preventative measure – but will require regular monitoring. Plans also are in the works to anchor and/or tether some rock near the Filbert Street steps to provide added stability.

This isn't the first time our engineering team has been called in to assess rockslides in various areas of San Francisco and craft response plans.



Our street paving crews have been busy on Townsend Street in the South of Market repairing and resurfacing the roadway as part of an improvement project to make the corridor safer for people who walk and bike.