

in the works

December 2018



District 4 Supervisor Katy Tang (center) works with volunteers and Public Works crews to revitalize Sunset Boulevard. See story and video inside to learn more.



EVENTS



2018–2019 holiday collection schedule, S.F.

Recycling, composting, and trash collection crews will work on **Thanksgiving Day**, Nov. 22.

Tuesday customers: Collection crews are not working on Christmas and New Year's days, which fall on Tuesdays this year. Therefore, we will service Tuesday customers on three Saturdays during the holidays – **Dec. 22, 29, and Jan. 5.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
DEC. 17 Regular service	DEC. 18 Regular service	DEC. 19 Regular service	DEC. 20 Regular service	DEC. 21 Regular service	DEC. 22 Pre-Christmas service for Tuesday customers	DEC. 23 Regular service
DEC. 24 Regular service	DEC. 25 No service	DEC. 26 Regular service	DEC. 27 Regular service	DEC. 28 Regular service	DEC. 29 Pre-New Year's service for Tuesday customers	DEC. 30 Regular service
DEC. 31 Regular service	JAN. 1 No service	JAN. 2 Regular service	JAN. 3 Regular service	JAN. 4 Regular service	JAN. 5 New Year's service for Tuesday customers	JAN. 6 Regular service



Christmas Tree Collection program runs Jan. 2–11. 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.

[Holiday Tree Recycling](#) [San Francisco Christmas Tree Collection](#)

Please place clean, [unflocked](#) trees at the curb next to your recycling bins before 6 a.m. on your regular collection day. Remove all tinsel, decorations, plastic bags, stands, and lights. If your tree measures more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half.

Trees will be chipped at Recology's San Francisco transfer station and recycling center. The wood chips will be made into ground cover for dairy farms and mulch for landscaping.



1/24 and 1/26

[Mission Branch Library](#) [Community Meetings](#)

Learn about the plans to renovate the Mission Branch Library.

1/24, 6 p.m.
1/26, 12 p.m.
Mission Branch Library
300 Bartlett St.



1/26

[Community Clean Team Kickoff](#) [District 2](#)

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.

8:30 a.m. - Registration
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Volunteer Hours
Galileo High School
1150 Francisco St.



THANK YOU



SOCIAL MEDIA

Dear Street Parks Team-

Thanks so much for coming out today to help clean up Ridge Lane! The Clean and Green Team was a super help, and it was great to work with you.

Thanks so much!
Kristin and Ridge Lane Neighbors

I want to thank you for all that you do in keeping our neighborhood a nice place to live and work. I know it's a huge challenge and I sincerely appreciate all that you do.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Michael B.



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SIGN UP 

EPISODE 0046

2018: A Rewind

2018 was quite the year! Check out our 2018 rewind to see all that we accomplished.

EPISODE 0045

Sunset Boulevard: Reimagined

Come along with Supervisor Katy Tang, Public Works staff and community members as they help reimagine the two-mile-long Sunset Boulevard that runs through the City's Sunset District.



EPISODE 0044

How our projects are funded: a lip sync battle

Have you ever wondered how Public Works projects are funded? Join our project managers and accounting team in this fun lip sync battle to find out!



FUNDING BOOST



Architectural rendering of an improved Market Street.

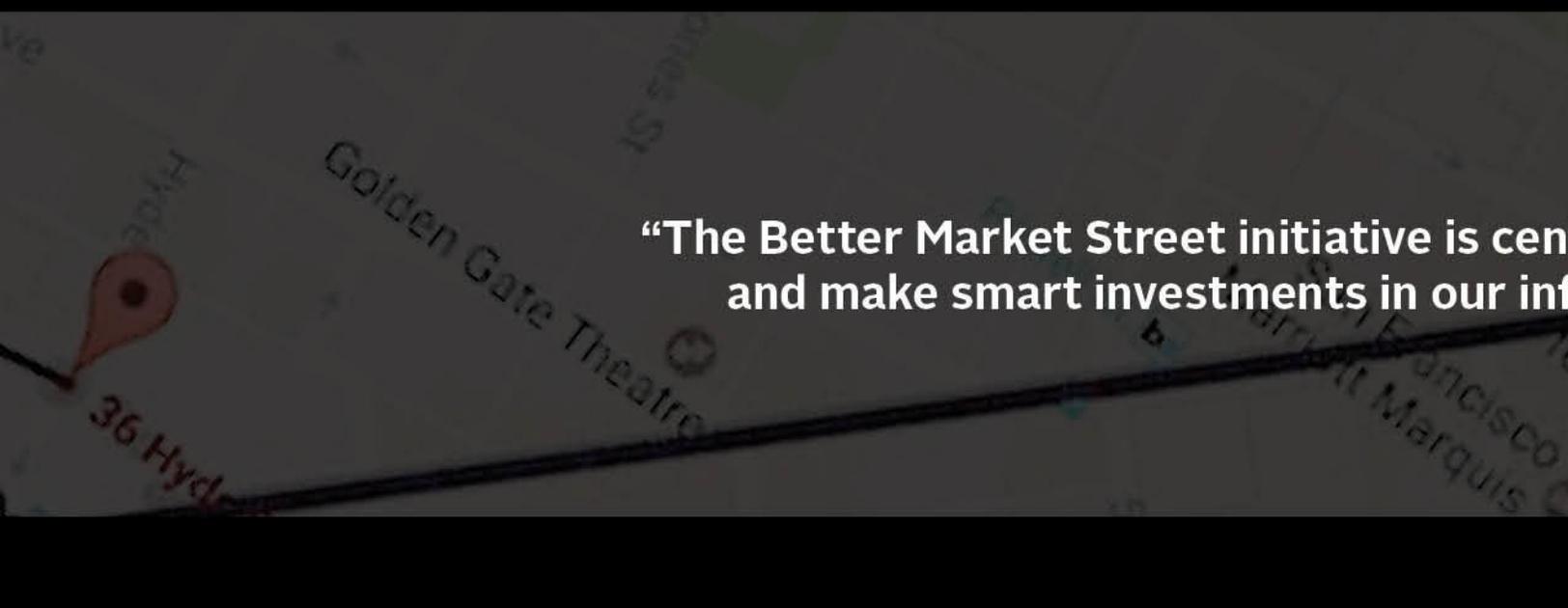
FOR BETTER MARKET STREET

Better Market Street is back in the news this month. The multi-agency streetscape improvement initiative, led by Public Works, was awarded a \$15 million BUILD transportation grant by the U.S. Department of Transportation. ▶





“The Better Market Street initiative is centered on making smart investments in our infrastructure and making smart investments in our infrastructure.”



Architectural rendering of an improved Market Street.



► **BUILD**, which stands for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, will provide \$1.5 billion in discretionary grant funding to 91 urban and rural infrastructure projects around the country. Better Market Street is one of four project recipients in California and the only urban grant recipient on the West Coast.

The \$15 million will be applied to construction for Phase 1, which encompasses Market between Fifth and Eighth streets. The entire Better Market Street project stretches for 2.2 miles, from Octavia Boulevard to Steuart Street.

U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the top House Democrat and San Francisco resident, issued a statement praising the project, noting, “It is a privilege to announce this new, transformative investment in San Francisco’s infrastructure, which will help deliver a

modern, efficient transit system worthy of America’s cradle of innovation. The Better Market Street initiative will cut through the congestion and improve speed and capacity for millions of workers, students and families, while better protecting pedestrians and bicycles.”

Better Market Street, which proposes transformative transportation, streetscape and safety improvements on the City’s busiest corridor, is currently in environmental review with project approvals anticipated in late 2019. Construction on Phase 1 is targeted to break ground in summer 2020.

When the award was announced, Mayor London Breed thanked Pelosi for her support, adding, “The Better Market Street initiative is central to our efforts to increase public safety and make smart investments in our infrastructure to prepare for the future.” ■

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Reimagining **Su**

Sunset Boulevard, a ribbon of parkland that stretches for about two miles between Lake T

A group of four students in blue jackets and light-colored pants are working on a greenway project. One student in the foreground is holding a large yellow foam block. Another student is digging in a white bucket. A third student is standing nearby, and a fourth student is in the background. A black dog is on a leash to the right. The background shows a parking lot with several cars and a large building. A speed limit sign for 15 mph is visible on the right. The ground is covered with dark soil and some tools like a shovel and a rake.

Sunset Boulevard

Merced and Golden Gate Park on the City's west side, is undergoing a transformation. ▶

Students from the Fr. Sauer Academy prepare the Sunset Boulevard greenway for native plants.

Landscape gardener
Brian Lease
works with young
volunteers to improve
the Sunset District
greenway.





Supervisor Katy Tang joins volunteers to plant dozens of trees along Sunset.







People of all ages
come out to add
more trees along
Sunset.

Public Works is in the process of developing a Sunset Boulevard master

► The north-south corridor, located between 36th and 37th avenues, includes three traffic lanes in each direction divided by a wide median, and two tree-lined greenways on either side of the roadway that are used by people walking, jogging, waiting for a bus or using the par course equipment available for exercise. Wildlife, including birds, foxes and coyotes, also use Sunset as a conduit between the lake and the park.

Once a well-manicured parkway with lush lawns, today's drought

conditions and a gradual shift away from labor-intensive landscaping, have driven a reimagining of Sunset Boulevard. Public Works is in the process of developing a Sunset Boulevard master plan that will focus on environmental sustainability and beautification.

Meanwhile, improvements already are underway. Public Works is partnering with community and school groups to spruce up Sunset Boulevard – removing dead or dying trees, weeding, planting drought-

tolerant wildflowers and plants, removing litter and the like – with the help of volunteers. And the nonprofit organization, Climate Action Now!, is spearheading efforts to plant hundreds of new trees. District 4 Supervisor Katy Tang, who represents the Sunset, has been at the forefront of championing a Sunset Boulevard renewal.

Take a look at our latest episode of Public Works TV to learn more about the all the work happening to improve Sunset Boulevard. ■



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City Remembers Mayor Ed

The City joined together on Dec. 12 to celebrate the life of the

A large group of people, including Brianna Lee, are seated in a hall for a remembrance ceremony. The audience is diverse in age and ethnicity, with many people looking towards the front of the room. The setting appears to be a formal hall with large windows in the background.

Brianna Lee speaks of her father at a City Hall remembrance ceremony marking the one-year anniversary of Mayor Ed Lee's death.

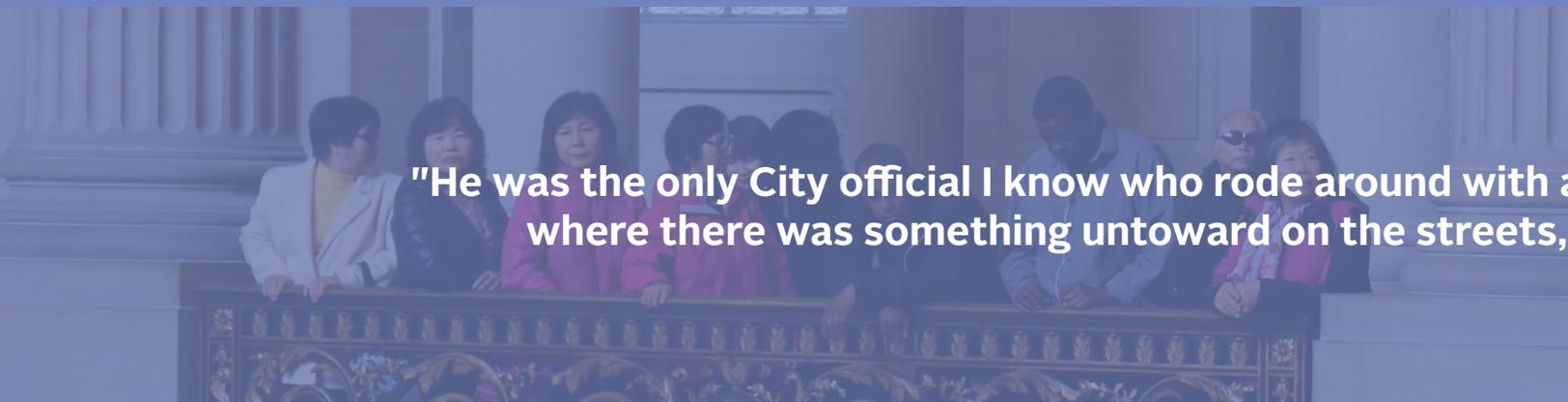
Lee: We Celebrate His Life

...the late mayor, Ed Lee, on the one-year anniversary of his death. ▶



Mayor Lee with
Public Works
employees.





"He was the only City official I know who rode around with a...
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► Mayor London Breed led the remembrance ceremony at City Hall that was packed with both current and former elected officials, City staff and commissioners, and Lee’s family and close friends.

“We don’t mourn; we celebrate his life,” said former Mayor Willie Brown, who spoke at the gathering.

He described Lee as a public servant who “was so modest, so well prepared and so unselfish in every way. He was the only City official I know who rode around with a broom and a shovel in the trunk of his car and at any point where there was something untoward on the streets, he got out and did the work that needed to be done.”

Lee’s daughter Brianna said the past year has been tough but that her family has been grateful for all the support they received and the words of admiration for her dad since his passing.

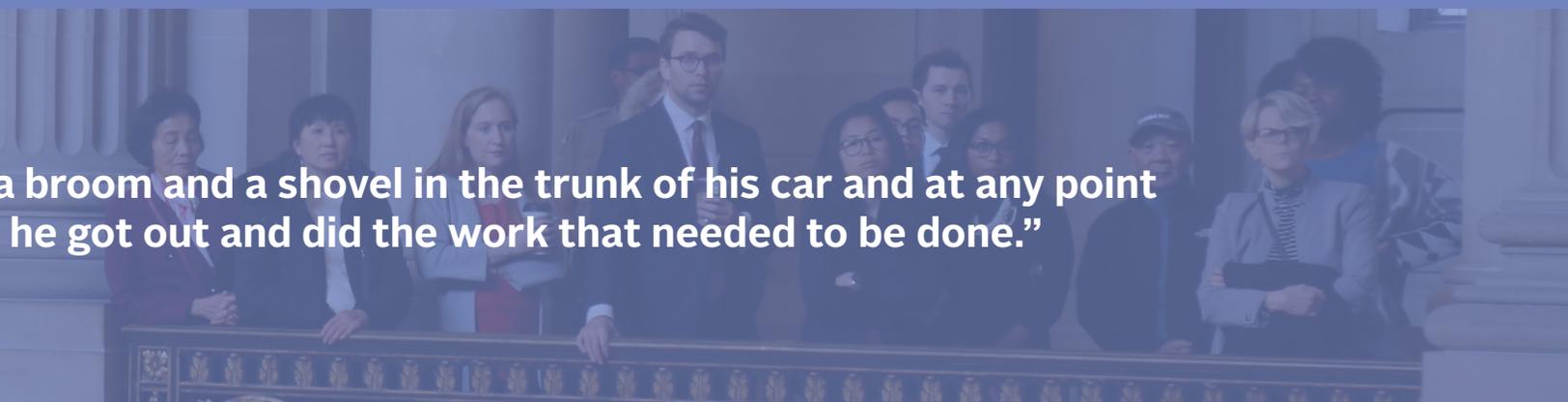
“It’s really a beautiful thing that we can all be here in City Hall to remember him today because it was a place he poured so much

blood, and sweat and tears into for so many years, and so much of it just symbolizes everything that he loved about working for the City and working with everybody to serve the people here.”

Lee, 65, suffered a fatal heart attack on Dec. 12, 2017, mid-way through his second term. The Board of Supervisors appointed him mayor in January 2011 to serve out the remainder of Mayor Gavin Newsom’s term. He was elected to a full term later that fall and won re-election in 2015.

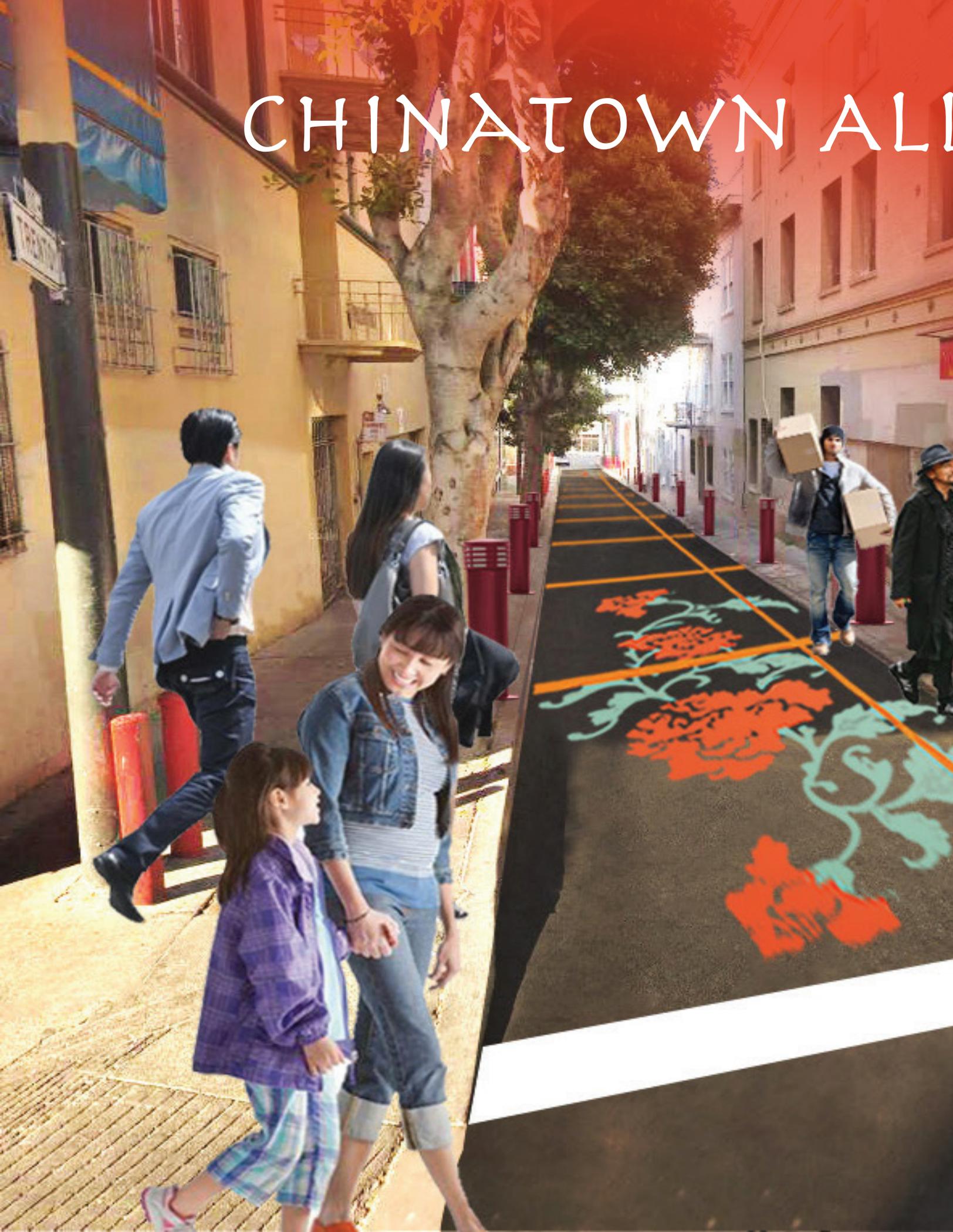
Prior to becoming mayor, Lee served as City Administrator, and before that as director of San Francisco Public Works. He remained close to our organization and we always will consider him part of the Public Works family.

This past spring, we planted a beautiful St. Mary’s magnolia tree on a raised median our crews built on Fulton Street, within view of City Hall. For the anniversary of his death, we freshened the landscaped area surrounding the tree with colorful cyclamen plants in living tribute to San Francisco’s 43rd mayor. ■



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CHINATOWN ALLIANCE



ALLEYWAY MAKEOVER

Residents, businesses and shoppers on Trenton Street might feel a slight vibration while Public Works' heavy machinery equipment is breaking down the sidewalk, but this short interruption will bring ▶



Architectural rendering of a reimagined Trenton Street alley in Chinatown.





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Crews begin demolition work on Trenton Street.

The new infrastructure and safety enhancements for drivers and bicyclists and a



- ▶ a much-improved and beautified Chinatown alleyway to pedestrians and neighbors by the time the Chinese New Year rolls around in early February.

Public Works operations crews started work on Trenton Street in late November, after the Thanksgiving holiday, with construction in full gear this month. The project is part of the Chinatown Alleyways Renovation Program.

The new infrastructure and safety enhancements on Trenton will provide a much smoother road for drivers and bicyclists and a safer sidewalk for pedestrians. Other improvements include new trees and lighted bollards to provide a safer path of travel for neighbors, shoppers and Chinese Hospital workers and patients who use Trenton to travel between Jackson Street and Pacific Avenue.

The project also offers a raised crosswalk at Trenton and Jackson streets to slow vehicles, plus decorative pavement graphics and new alleyway signage.

Public Works partnered with the nonprofit organization, Chinatown Community Development Center, to conduct a series of onsite community meetings prior to the construction to make sure that neighborhood residents and businesses could weigh in on the design elements and priorities.

Our goal is to make the improvements that the community supports. ■

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2020

YEAR IN REVIEW



108

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January 20

Hundreds of volunteers turned out to kick off the 2018 season of Community Clean Team by greening and cleaning North Beach, Chinatown, Polk Gulch and other District 3 neighborhoods.

January 22

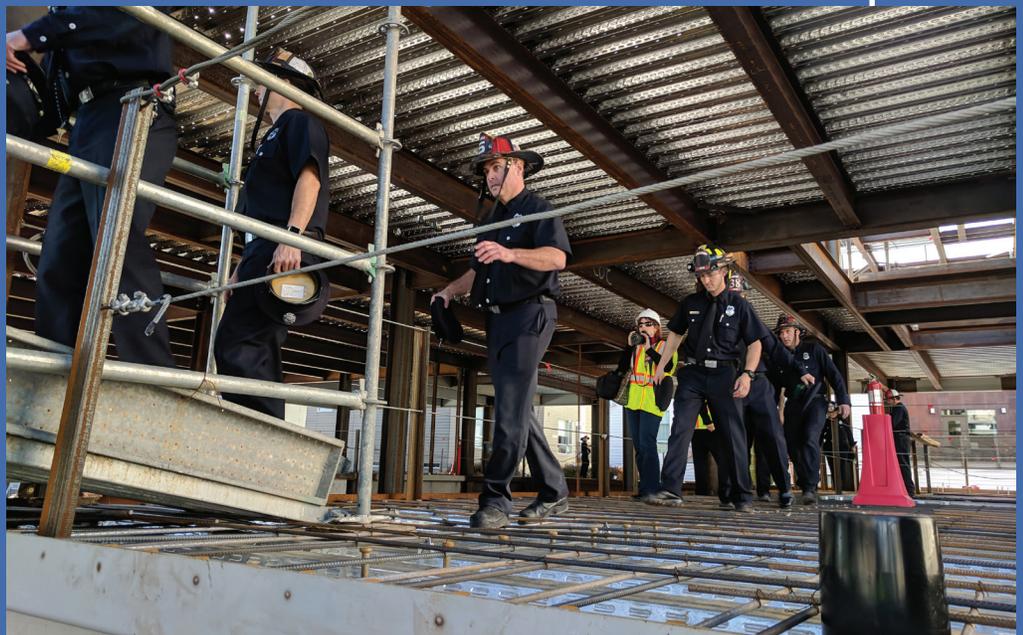
Construction crews completed the first phase of rehabilitation work on the historic Third Street Bridge, which involved preliminary counterweight repairs.



JANUARY

January 26

Construction of the new resilient San Francisco Fire Station No. 5 in the Western Addition reached a major milestone: A ceremonial final steel column was signed by dignitaries, firefighters and the project team to commemorate the progress made on the District 5 neighborhood fire station.



In February
Our Mansell Streetscape Project team
won the League of California Cities'
2018 Outstanding Local Streets
and Roads Project Award!



Before



After

FEBRUARY

February 24
After this year's Chinese
New Year Parade,
53 of our workers picked
up 14,800 pounds of trash
along the parade route.



February 24
We celebrated the grand
opening of the Geneva
Community Garden,
a 10,427-square-foot
community space near
Balboa Park.

March 12

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 10 and 14

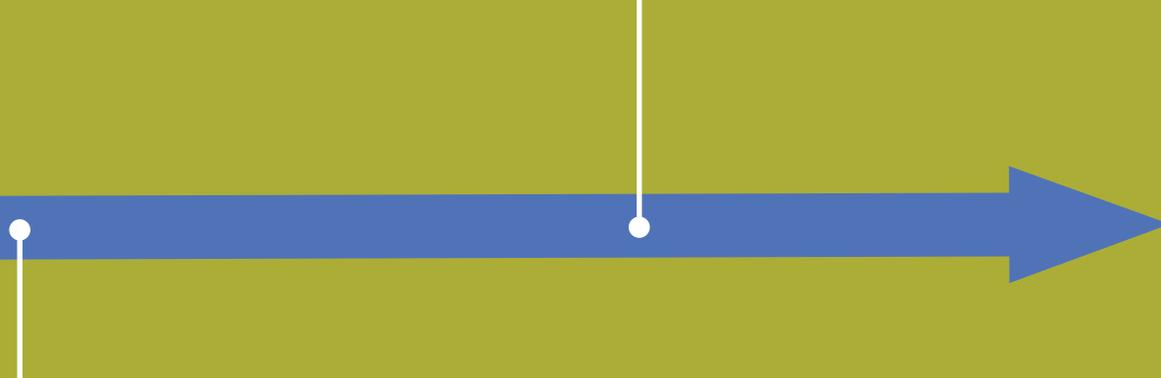
Market Street took center stage in March with two public meetings that encouraged attendees to weigh in on proposed safety, transit and streetscape improvements to the City's busiest corridor.





March 26

Construction began on the Laurel Village Streetscape Improvement Project, which will improve safety and provide a more attractive pedestrian environment and reinforce the neighborhood identity of the shopping center.



March 21

The team behind the transformational Navigation Center in the Dogpatch neighborhood won a prestigious Good Government Award from the civic think tank SPUR.



In April

We constructed new protected bike lanes on Market Street between Octavia Boulevard and Duboce Avenue.



April 13

We debuted Ed's Neighborhood, a custom-built, interactive streetscape, is designed to teach grade-schoolers how to safely navigate our streets.



APRIL

April 23-27

Hundreds of students and other community partners celebrated Public Works Week 2018 – 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 23

The mushrooming big encampments spilling over the sidewalks in the Mission District came down as part of a coordinated response by cleaning crews, police and outreach workers to get the tents removed.



May 5
This year, we planted a beautiful St. Mary's magnolia, in honor of the late Edwin Mah Lee, who served as the City's 43rd mayor.



MAY





May 20

After the 2018 [Bay to Breakers](#) footrace, our street cleaning crews picked up 7.8 tons of litter left behind by the racers and fans cheering them on and returned the streets to normal operations in an amazing five hours. That's 25 minutes faster than last year.



May 21

We honored Mel Baker, the first African American superintendent at Public Works, by naming a conference room after him at our Operations Yard. His family joined us at the dedication ceremony.



In June

Public Works conducted annual sand maintenance work along the Great Highway adjacent to Ocean Beach. The aim was to reduce the likelihood of sand buildup along the Great Highway during windy weather, forcing periodic closures of the roadway.

JUNE

June 24

Public Works crews removed 46,360 pounds of trash left behind by Pride Parade and Celebration revelers. Recology, the private refuse company, scooped up an additional 14,530 pounds of debris.





June 28
We celebrated the opening of a new attraction in the heart of downtown at Hallie Plaza: a nifty directional sign highlighting San Francisco's 19 sister cities.



In July

We opened Pit Stops in three new neighborhoods – North Beach, The Embarcadero and the Outer Sunset – to expand access to clean and safe public toilets.



July 17

Mayor London Breed hit the streets in the South of Market to visit the site of a homeless encampment and see firsthand the work of social workers, health care providers and Public Works cleaning crews.



July 30

Spirited lion dancers kicked off two Chinatown celebrations on July 30 to commemorate the completion of the Broadway Streetscape Project and the Chinatown Living Alley Project on Spofford Street, both aimed to make the historic neighborhood safer and more inviting.



JULY

AUGUST

August 3

We celebrated the opening of the new Division Circle Navigation Center on a site that less than a year ago housed a parking lot. The new homeless shelter is part of San Francisco's push to provide stable shelter and services for people living in encampments.





In August

The Public Works Outreach and Enforcement (OnE) Team conducted a three-day Eco Blitz on Polk Street between Green and Geary streets to provide outreach to the merchants and identify safety and cleanliness violations, including tripping hazards, grimy sidewalks, empty tree basins, graffiti on both public and private property, and dirty and overflowing trash cans. The operation aimed to make the neighborhood safer and cleaner.



August 14

We hosted a ribbon-cutting for the newly completed Masonic Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project that offers transformative safety upgrades for pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and motorists, along with new infrastructure, landscaping, street trees and public art.



September 8
The blossoming Love Our City campaign kicked off with volunteers from across San Francisco pitching in to keep the City clean and sparking renewed civic pride. Collectively, they filled more than 1,110 garbage bags with 8.2 tons of litter.

SEPTEMBER

September 11
On the eve of the Global Climate Action Summit, volunteers planted 80 new trees to beautify two central city neighborhoods and highlight the environmental benefits of a thriving urban forest.





October 17

The 2018 Graffiti Huddle united nearly 100 people to brainstorm ways to combat the costly blight caused by vandals.

OCTOBER



In October

Public Works started piloting new high-tech garbage cans in and around UN Plaza to see how well they hold up in a tough urban environment.



November 2

A stretch of street in San Francisco's historic Dogpatch neighborhood sprung to life anew with completion of the transformative 22nd Street Green Connection project.

In November Public Works' cleaning crews paid extra attention to the busy commercial districts, both downtown and in the neighborhoods, during the bustle of the holiday season.





November 28

City officials and community leaders joined together for a ceremonial groundbreaking to mark the start of construction on the new, seismically-safe Ambulance Deployment Facility on Jerrold Avenue in the Bayview that will improve emergency response times and serve as the headquarters for the San Francisco Fire Department's emergency medical services.

NOVEMBER

A patterned and colorful street design now adorns Fern Alley in Lower Polk neighborhood as part of a larger streetscape improvement project.

