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December 2019



EVENTS



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[Recology Christmas Tree Collection Program](#)

To get rid of your Christmas tree, please place clean, unflocked trees next to your bins on your regular service day between Jan. 2 and Jan. 15. If you missed your collection date, please contact Recology by calling (415) 330-1300.



1/8

Inauguration of Mayor London Breed

San Francisco City Hall Rotunda
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
11 a.m.



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Community Clean Team
in District 3
20th Anniversary Kickoff

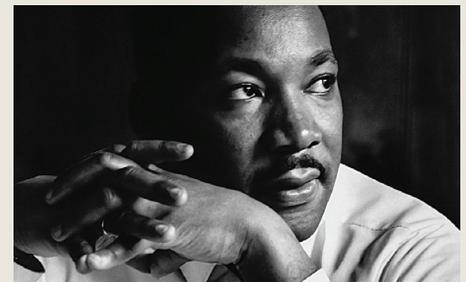
Join us for the 20th year of
Community Clean Team.

Registration 8:30 a.m.
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Portsmouth Square
(Kearny and Clay streets)

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
birthday and San Francisco march

Starts 11 a.m. at the Caltrain Station,
King and Fourth streets; ends at Yerba
Buena Gardens



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Happy Holidays from Recology!

COVER: Public Works crews chip discarded Christmas trees as part of the annual tree-cycling program sponsored by the City and Recology. See story inside.

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EPISODE 0065

History of San Francisco's Urban Forest

Join us as we trace the historical development of San Francisco's urban forest from pre-settlement times to the present day. Our host is Joe R. McBride, Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture and Forest Ecology at the University of California, Berkeley. His teaching was focused on forest ecology, the ecology of California landscape regions and urban forestry.



THANK YOU

We are so grateful for the Holiday Eco Blitz and have noticed that many of the curbs have been repainted, the tree wells have been filled in, bricks around the turnaround have been cleaned etc.

We appreciate the extra resources that Public Works dedicated to Union Square during our most important time of the year.

Karin F.
Union Square Business
Improvement District

I wanted to express our appreciation for the excellent job that the San Francisco Public Library has received so far from Hector Alcasio, David Hernandez and Ryan Sedgwick of your Bureau of Building Repair carpentry shop.

They communicate very well with us regarding timelines, noise, dust and possible interruptions. Simultaneously, while we are working right next to this demolition, we don't even notice what happens next door; the demolition has been extremely peaceful. This team has hauled away debris within the time frame they gave us. The hallway was mopped and loading docks were hosed down and cleaned; and we have not been interrupted by their work. We can't express enough how wonderful this team works. It has been greatly appreciated.

Winnie D.
San Francisco Public Library

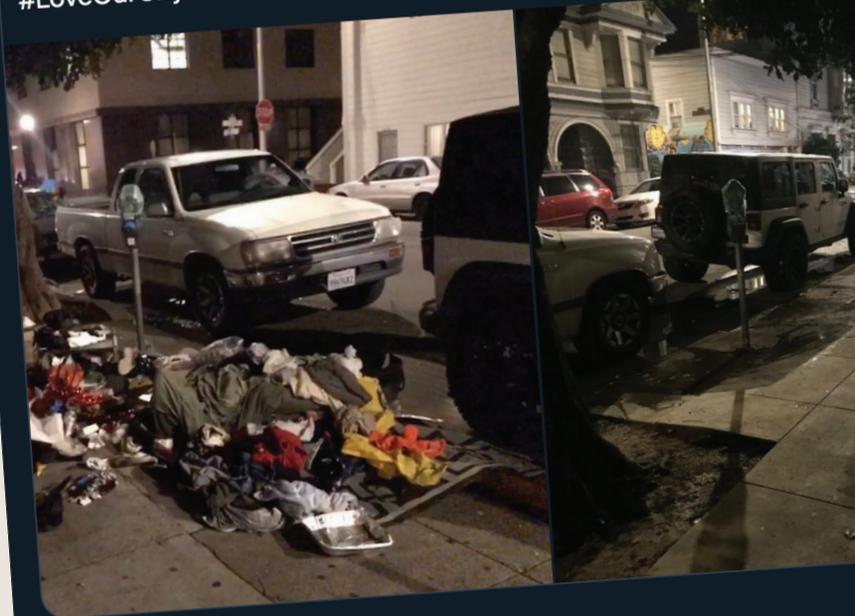


Michelle Tandler
@michelletandler

+1. So grateful for all the hard work your crew does @sfpublicworks. Cannot imagine how hard your job facing situations like this all over.

SF Public Works @sfpublicworks · Dec 19

Someone left behind this mess on the 25th Street sidewalk in the Mission District tonight. Our crews responded quickly and got the area cleaned up. Our wish: Folks will stop trashing our shared public spaces in the first place. #LoveOurCity



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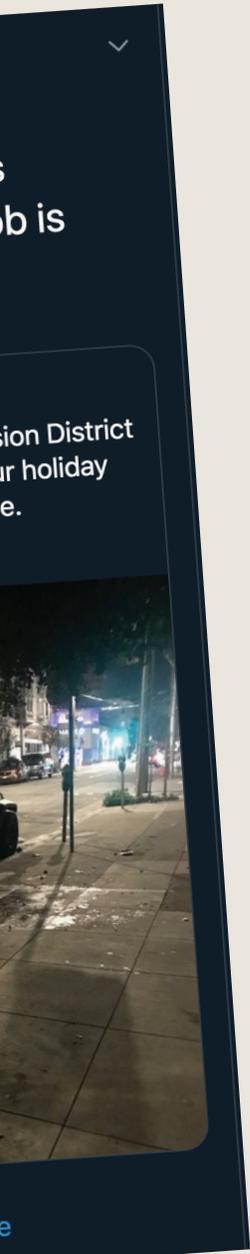
TheEastCut Dispatch
@ECDispatch

Thank you to [@sfpublicworks](#) for getting this part of Beale St. Stairs repaired as part of the Holiday Eco Blitz! This will save a ton of resources that were used to clean this spot everyday. 🙌🙌🔧



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YEAR-END THANKS

Mayor London Breed visited the Public Works Operations Yard on Dec. 19 to give thanks to the crews who are on the job every day of the year keeping San Francisco clean, safe and beautiful.

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Year in review

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January 15-17

The first big storm to hit San Francisco this year toppled more than 200 street trees and large branches, keeping our tree crews extremely busy during the worst of the rains and high winds.

January 22 - February 4

To help our community celebrate the Lunar New Year, San Francisco Public Works ramped up to keep historic Chinatown clean, safe and graffiti-free for visitors and locals.



January

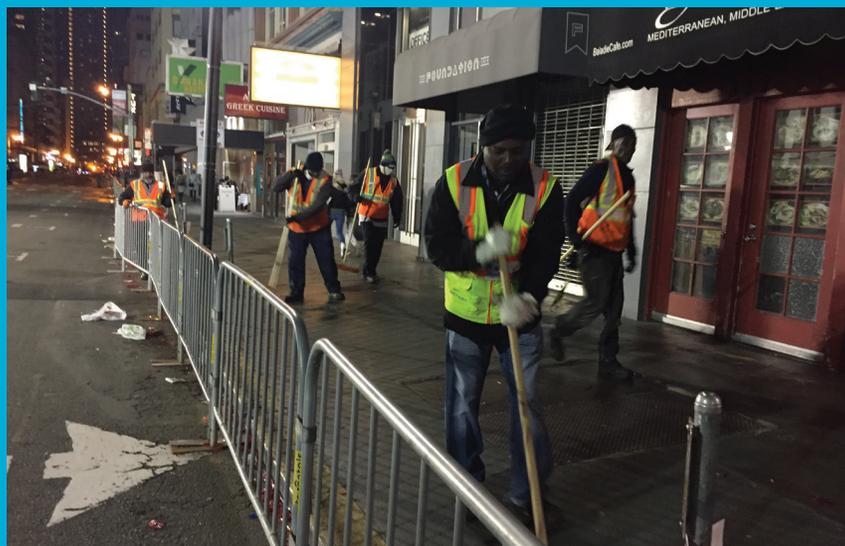
January 31

City officials, firefighters and neighbors joined together to celebrate the opening of the newly rebuilt Fire Station No. 16 at 2251 Greenwich St. in Cow Hollow, a voter-approved earthquake-safety project that bolsters the City's resiliency.



February 23

After a night of revelry and celebration, our cleaning crews scoured the Chinese New Year Parade route from Market and Second streets to Kearny and Jackson streets, picking up piles of spent firecrackers, confetti, glitter and tons of miscellaneous litter.



February



February 23

We celebrated the reopening of the popular Balboa Park Pool, which underwent a major makeover to provide greater comfort and modern amenities for the thousands of swimmers who use it.



March 2

A wonderful community celebration took place to mark the progress made restoring Dewey Circle, a large landscaped traffic circle West of Twin Peaks where five streets converge: Dewey Boulevard, Montalvo Avenue, Taraval Street, Claremont Boulevard and Kensington Way.

March

March 16

San Francisco's urban forest grew by nearly 200 trees in just one morning, thanks to a huge contingent of volunteers that came out for our annual Community Clean Team Arbor Day workday event.





In March

The relentless rains kept our street crews exceptionally busy over the winter and into the spring, when they filled more than 7,500 potholes.



March 24

We planted the City's annual signature tree in honor of celebrated poet, publisher and activist Lawrence Ferlinghetti, as part of the San Francisco Arbor Day 2019 celebrations.



April 2

We completed the transformative [Polk Streetscape Project](#), which bolsters safety for everyone traveling along the corridor. The project stretches for 1.8 miles, from Beach Street to McAllister Street.



April 22

Employees from Imperfect Fruit got into the spirit of Earth Day by picking up litter around their Donner Avenue offices in the Bayview.

April 27

More than 200 pumped-up Community Clean Team volunteers showed what it takes to clean and beautify the Haight, Western Addition, Alamo Square and other District 5 neighborhoods: a lot of elbow grease, plenty of determination and a love for our City.



April

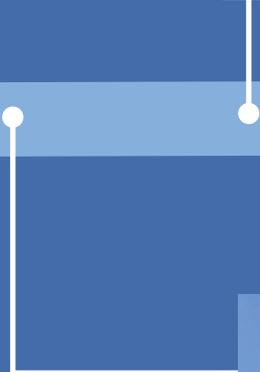
April 24

The 10-foot-tall Doggie Diner head was removed from its perch in the Outer Sunset by crews from the Bureau of Building Repair and Bureau of Street Environmental Services, then transported across town to get a good scrubbing and new paint job before being returned to its perch on Sloat Blvd.



April 29 - May 3

San Francisco Public Works Week energized and educated the public on the contributions Public Works makes to improve the quality of life in our communities and gave us a chance to celebrate our accomplishments with fun tours and activities.



May 1

City officials, firefighters and community members marked the opening of the newly completed Fire Station No. 5, a voter-approved earthquake-safety project at 1301 Turk St. in the Western Addition.





May 15

There were a lot of high-fives and tail-wagging as City leaders joined more than 100 community volunteers and a handful of four-legged friends at a ceremonial groundbreaking for San Francisco's new Animal Care and Control headquarters and shelter at 1419 Bryant St. in the Mission District.

May



June

June 12

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

June 5

The final steel beam was set in place on the new [civic office building](#) at 49 South Van Ness Ave., marking the completion of the 430,000 square-foot building's steel frame.





In June
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 staffed public toilet program now operates in 13 neighborhoods.

July 9
The Board of Supervisors voted to place a \$628.5 million Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response (ESER) Bond proposal on the March 2020 ballot for voter consideration.



July
We fêted the 5th anniversary of our innovative Pit Stop public toilet program, which began in the Tenderloin with three locations and now operates at 24 locations in 13 neighborhoods.



July 20

An army of Community Clean Team volunteers came to District 9 on a mission to thoroughly spruce up the neighborhoods. More than 350 volunteers, including 155 of them from the Project Pull summer youth program, spent a sunny morning to help rid the area of litter, unsightly weeds and graffiti.



July

August



August 8

City officials, San Francisco Police Department representatives and community partners broke ground on the new seismically safe [Traffic Company and Forensic Services Division Facility](#) at 1995 Evans Ave. in the Bayview neighborhood.

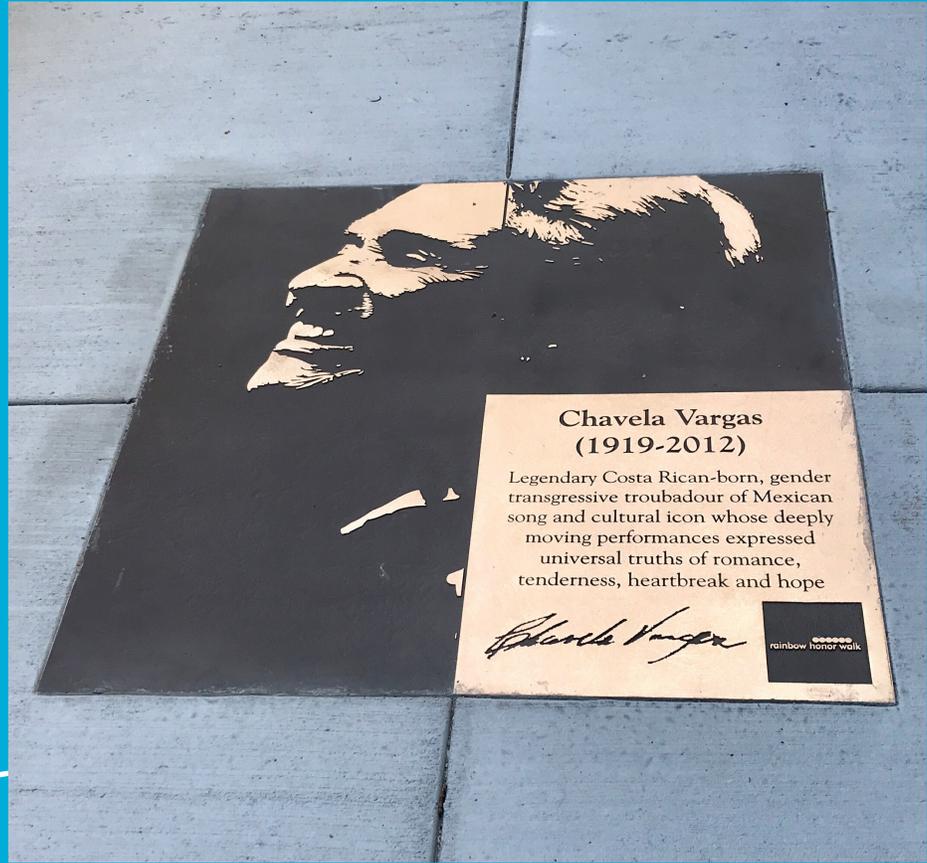
August 2

Public Works, the San Francisco Fire Department and construction crews marked a construction milestone with the topping out – or the placement of the final steel beam – at the City's new [Ambulance Deployment Facility](#) at 2241 Jerrold Ave. in the Bayview neighborhood.



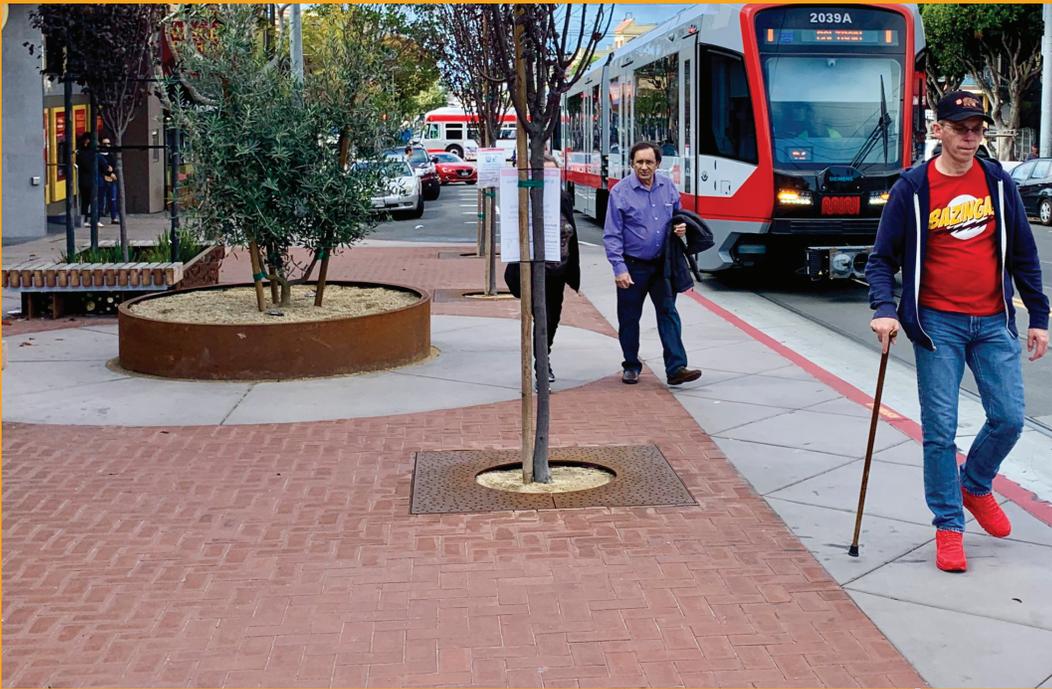
August 9

Our Bureau of Urban Forestry's cement shop crew went to work prepping the sidewalks and installing eight new plaques into their permanent spots on Market Street between Castro and Sanchez streets. Portraits include larger-than-life musical luminaries Freddie Mercury and Josephine Baker, choreographer Alvin Ailey and poet W.H. Auden.



August 12

For the first time, three of our staffed Pit Stop public toilets opened 24/7 as part of a pilot to test the effectiveness of the expanded overnight hours.



September 18

We celebrated the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the [Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvements and Muni Forward Project](#), a partnership among San Francisco Public Works, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

September

September 21

More than 3,000 volunteers came out strong to represent #TeamSF in [Battle for the Bay](#), a competition that involved three cities – San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose – to clean and green the waterfront through increased volunteerism.



October 29

A ribbon-cutting ceremony showcased the completion of the Trenton Street alleyway improvements, which include decorative asphalt paving adorned with colorful depictions of fish and peonies, bright red lighted bollards, a raised crosswalk at the Trenton and Jackson entrance to slow traffic, magnolia trees that bring life to the corridor and eye-catching murals on the north end of the street.



October 10

The San Francisco Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve and certify the Better Market Street Project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR); on Oct. 15, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's Board of Directors followed suit with unanimous approval of the project.

October

November 16

San Francisco's southwestern District 7 neighborhoods benefited from a burst of volunteer activity, when 165 like-minded individuals gathered to spruce up the Park Merced, West Portal, Forest Hill, Ocean View and other nearby neighborhoods at the last Community Clean Team workday of the year.



November

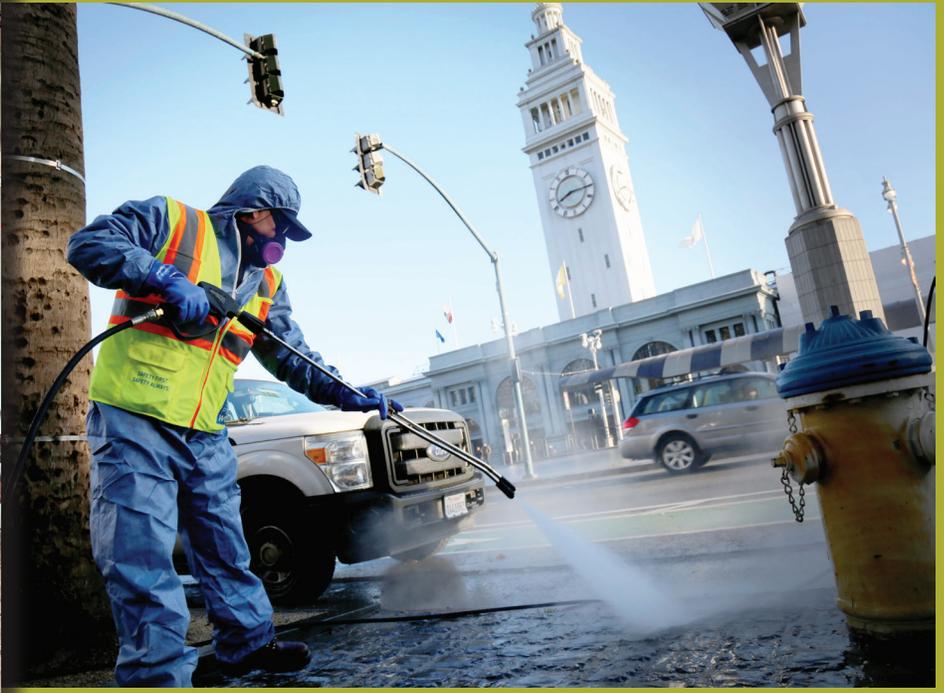
November 19

Public Works kicked off an intensive six-week spruce up of heavily visited downtown and waterfront commercial neighborhoods during the bustling holiday season to create a more inviting experience for residents and visitors.





November 25
Public Works got into the spirit by participating in the City family's annual turkey giveaway led by Mayor London Breed. Our department raised funds for more than 2,000 turkeys and our staff delivered and handed them out to local organizations that support families in our community.



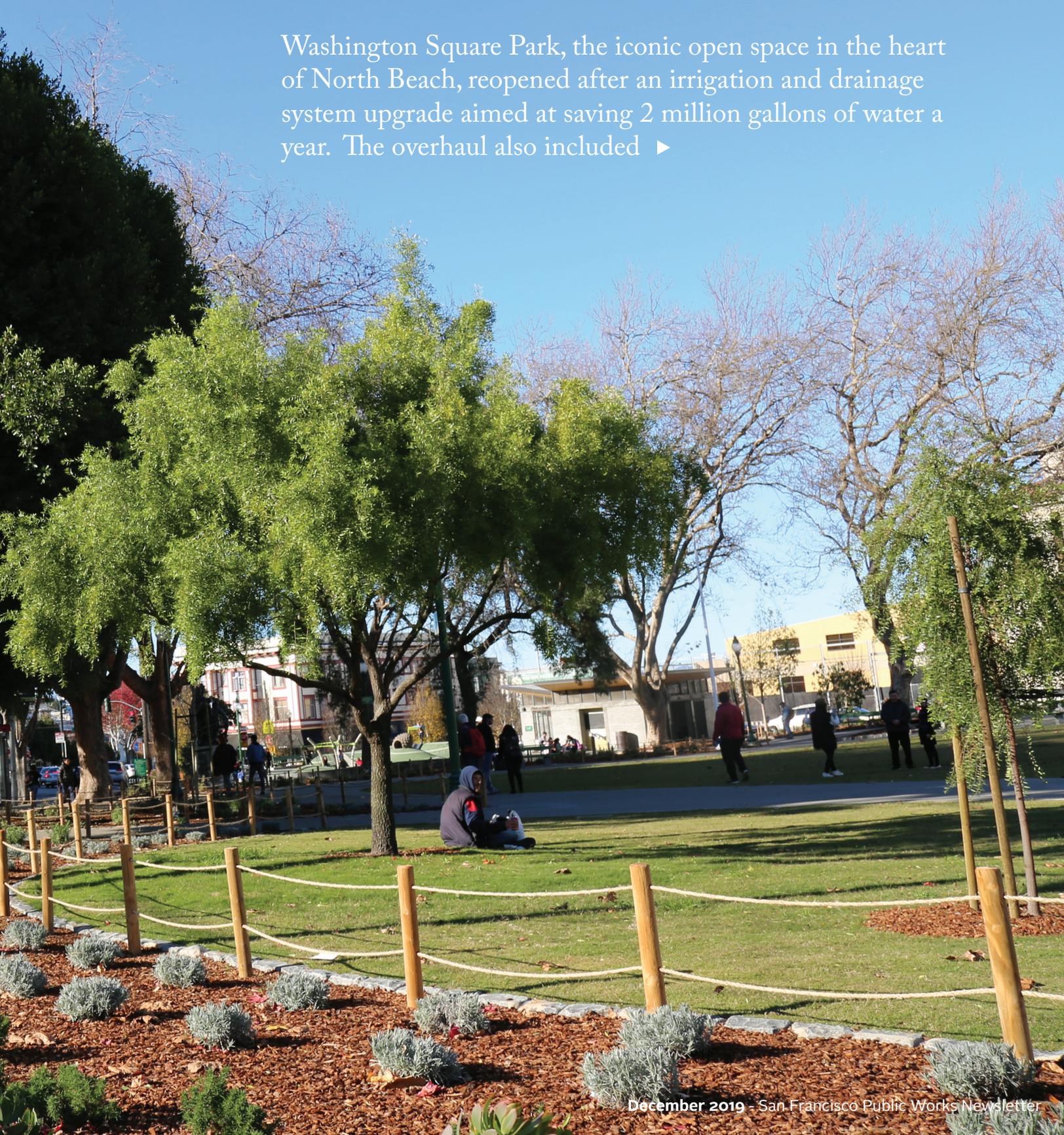
New Life fo



New drought-tolerant landscaping is showcased at Washington Square Park.

Our Beloved North Beach Park

Washington Square Park, the iconic open space in the heart of North Beach, reopened after an irrigation and drainage system upgrade aimed at saving 2 million gallons of water a year. The overhaul also included ▶







The Washington Square Park makeover features new drainage and irrigation systems intended to keep the lawn from becoming too soggy.





The North Beach park's redo included a new accessible pathway.

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- ▶ new drought-tolerant landscaping and accessible pathways.

The Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond approved by voters in 2012 funded \$1.2 million of the project. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission awarded a \$625,700 grant for the project, which is expected to reduce water usage by 2 million gallons a year, or 66 percent. The improvements also are intended to keep the lawn from getting saturated from watering and rain.

San Francisco Public Works completed the architectural design and helped manage construction.

Given Washington Square Park's importance in the fabric of San Francisco, this was an exciting project for Public Works to partner on. Our design team honored the bones of the beloved historic landscape, elevating the design with more durable materials and setting the stage for the next 100 years. The unseen improvements of the drainage and irrigation allow the lawn to be used year-round and make more efficient use of our precious water resources.



THE NEW YEAR RINGS IN A

The courtyard at the Embarcadero SAFE Navigation Center provides a welcoming outdoor space for clients.



NEW NAVIGATION CENTER

The Embarcadero SAFE Navigation Center, a 200-bed shelter with on-site services for people who have been living on the streets, is open for the New Year. ►





Mayor London Breed presided over the ceremonial opening of the new waterfront homeless shelter.





Fragrant landscaping brings fresh life to the Navigation Center.

The Embarcadero SAFE Navigation Center will begin serving 130 individuals. Over a six-month period, it will be expanded to 200 beds.

- Navigation Centers welcome partners and pets; provide safe storage for belongings; 24/7 access; and counseling and support services.

With the Embarcadero SAFE Navigation Center, there are now seven Navigation Centers in San Francisco, providing approximately 720 beds. The Navigation Centers have served more than 5,000 people since they launched in 2015.

Public Works provides design and construction management services for the Navigation Centers; the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing oversees operations. Five Keys, a nonprofit organization, has been brought onboard to run the new waterfront facility day-to-day.

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“We know that it takes innovation, compassion, determination and strong

partnerships to successfully address the challenges of homelessness in our city and our team at San Francisco Public Works is honored and excited to work on solutions both on the drawing board and on the ground,” said San Francisco Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. “The Embarcadero SAFE Navigation Center bolsters our capacity to serve our unhoused residents by moving people off the streets and into a safe and supportive environment.”



Tree-cycling: A



A Public Works
tree-chipping
machine sprays out
fresh mulch from
old Christmas trees.

holiday tradition

January 2020 marks the 33rd anniversary of San Francisco’s “chipping of the trees” – a post-holiday operation that turns unadorned Christmas trees into Earth-friendly mulch. ►









- ▶ Recology, the private waste hauler in San Francisco, will be collecting trees for recycling from Jan. 2 to Jan. 15.

San Franciscans should place their trees curbside next to their blue recycling bins the night before their scheduled collection day. Customers must remove all tinsel, decorations, stands and lights for the tree to be recycled. Trees that measure more than 6 feet tall should be cut in half. Trees should not be put into a plastic bag.

Collected Christmas trees will be chipped by Recology and turned into nutrient-rich mulch for landscaping projects at commercial properties and City parks. Recology partners

on the program with San Francisco Public Works and SF Environment.

Last year, more than 500 tons of Christmas trees were fed into the chipper.

“The Christmas tree collection and recycling program makes it easy for people to participate – just set out your tree on your regularly scheduled trash pickup day and Recology crews will take care of the rest,” said San Francisco Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. “Not only does this ensure that discarded holiday trees will be put to good use as mulch but disposing of them properly helps keep our neighborhoods clean and safe.”

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A steam cleaner
washes down the
sidewalk along
The Embarcadero.



Holiday Cleanup 2019: Wrapped with a Bow

San Francisco's downtown and waterfront neighborhoods got extra attention from our cleaning, tree, paving and maintenance crews during the holiday season, ►



Bollards get a fresh coat of paint at Hallidie Plaza.



Painters spruce up the Powell Street public benches.



Our crew deep cleans
Fisherman's Wharf.



We kicked off the intensive cleaning operation in late November and wrapped it up at year's end.

- ▶ making our heavily visited shared public spaces more welcoming for locals and visitors alike.

Crews from our day, swing and overnight shifts power washed sidewalks, flushed down streets, freshened the paint on light poles and street furniture, painted out graffiti, spruced up tree basins, filled potholes and performed other work to help make the neighborhoods shine during the holiday season.

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Public Works led the effort – known as the Holiday Eco

Blitz – with the support of many City partners: San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the City Administrator's Office, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, San Francisco Police Department, the Port of San Francisco, and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Nonprofits also collaborated, among them Yerba Buena Community Benefit District (CBD), South Beach/Rincon Hill/Mission Bay CBD, East Cut CBD, Fisherman's Wharf CBD and the Union Square Business Improvement District.

San Francisco Public Works wishes you a

Happy New Year!

