



The ceremonial first swim drew a big crowd at the newly remodeled Balboa Park Pool. See story inside.



# in the works

February 2019



# EVENTS



## 3/2, 3/9 & 3/15

### Pop-Up Summer Resource Fairs

Department of Children, Youth & Their Families, Rec and Park and the SF Public Library will host Pop-Up Summer Resource Fairs across the City through April 6. All of the Summer Resource Fairs are free. No registration is necessary. Just show up, have some fun, and learn about the amazing resources San Francisco has to offer children, youth and families!

- 3/2 - Joseph Lee Rec Center, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 3/2 - Mission Rec Center, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- 3/9 - Eureka Valley Rec Center, noon - 2 p.m.
- 3/15 - Hamilton Rec Center, noon - 2 p.m.



## 3/2 and 3/3

### San Francisco History Days

Visit the Old Mint on the first weekend in March and join dozens of organizations celebrating and telling the stories of the City's unique past. Historical exhibits and activities for all ages. Free.

- 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday
- 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday
- The Old Mint
- 88 Fifth St.



## 3/2

### SF Parks Alliance Partner Conference

Join the Parks Alliance as we come together for a day of skill building and knowledge sharing. Learn from the experts and gain the tools you need to make your unique community vision into a reality!

- 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- City Club of San Francisco
- 155 Sansome Street, 10th floor



## 3/9

### Ocean View Branch Library Meeting

The San Francisco Public Library and San Francisco Public Works are planning to renovate the Ocean View Branch Library.

Meet the architects, ask questions and share ideas for restoring and improving the neighborhood branch.

- 1 p.m.
- I.T. Bookman Community Center
- 446 Randolph St.



## 3/10

### Plugging Trash Cleanup + Work Out

Go jogging and pick up trash around Lands End followed by a community silent disco cleanup event!

- 3 p.m.
- Starts at: Lands End Trail, Eagles Point
- Ends at: Sutro Baths, Point Lobos



## 3/16

### Community Clean Team in District 11 Arbor Day and Eco Fair

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 noon - work projects
- 9 a.m. to noon - Eco Fair
- James Denman Middle School
- 241 Oneida Ave.

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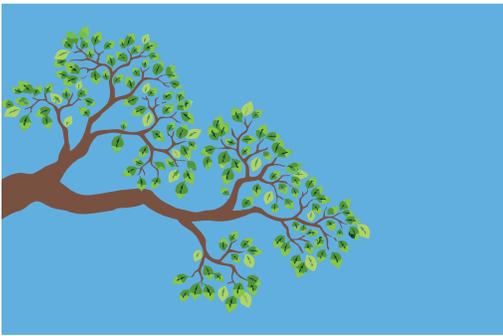


Saturday, March 16, 2019  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

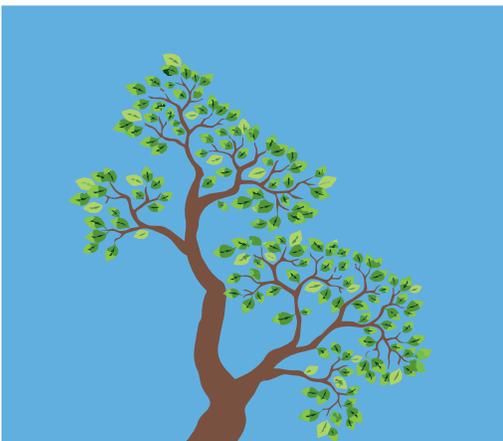
Arbor Day

# ECO FAIR!

James Denman Middle School | 241 Oneida Avenue



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**\$500 Prize**

# for Winner of Slogan Contest

**Help Us Talk Smack about Illegal Dumping!**

Public Works is offering a \$500 prize to the person who comes up with the winning slogan for a new anti-illegal dumping public awareness campaign.

Public Works and the City's private-sector partner, Recology, have crews on the ground every day picking up illegal dumping at a cost of as much as \$10 million a year. But at the end of the day, we need to change people's behavior so they don't dump on San Francisco in the first place.

All entries will be considered, but those containing offensive language or anti-San Francisco snark definitely won't make the cut.

Submit slogan ideas to [contest@sfdpw.org](mailto:contest@sfdpw.org) by Friday, March 8, 2019, for consideration.

If one of the entries is selected, the winner will be awarded \$500 and get the satisfaction of knowing that he or she will make a difference in helping San Francisco become a more attractive city. If multiple people submit the same winning slogan, Public Works will conduct a drawing to select one winner.

The illegal dumping culprits are varied – from residents and businesses who leave their everyday trash at the curb because they don't have sufficient garbage service to contractors and hauling companies that dump truckloads of construction debris in industrial areas because they don't want to pay for proper disposal at the dump. Then there are folks who put their broken lamps, old bookcases, worn mattresses and other unwanted household goods outside their doors.

The City and Recology respond to an average of 6,700 service requests for illegal dumping per month, in addition to operating proactive cleanup operations.

Beyond launching a public awareness campaign, City officials are exploring increasing the \$1,000 illegal dumping fine and working with businesses in known illegal dumping hot spots to install surveillance cameras to deter dumping and help catch offenders in the act. Public Works staff routinely sift through illegal dumping to try to identify those responsible for the mess, and Recology has a private investigator working cases.

Meanwhile, please report illegal dumping to the City's 311 customer service center.

Our crews tackled a big illegal dumping mess in the Bayview.





# Balboa Park Pool Mat

Balboa Park Pool is back in business! Mayor London Breed, District 11 Supervisor Ahsha Safaí, City officials, and project team members from San Francisco Public Works and Rec and Park gathered Feb. 23 to ►



San Francisco Merionettes synchronized swim team wow the crowd at the Balboa Park Pool reopening.

# Reover Makes a Splash



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**“Balboa Park Pool is an important community space where generational recreation, I am happy to say that it will continue to serve the community.”**





► celebrate the reopening of the popular indoor pool, which underwent a major makeover to provide greater comfort and modern amenities for the thousands of swimmers who use it.

The pool, part of the Balboa Park recreational complex, is located at San Jose Avenue and Havelock Street.

Fittingly, the award-winning [San Francisco Merionettes](#) were on hand to test the waters and did so with aplomb, dazzling the audience with their signature synchronized swim moves. Later in the day, the pool opened for admission-free recreational swim sessions and drew about 300 people.

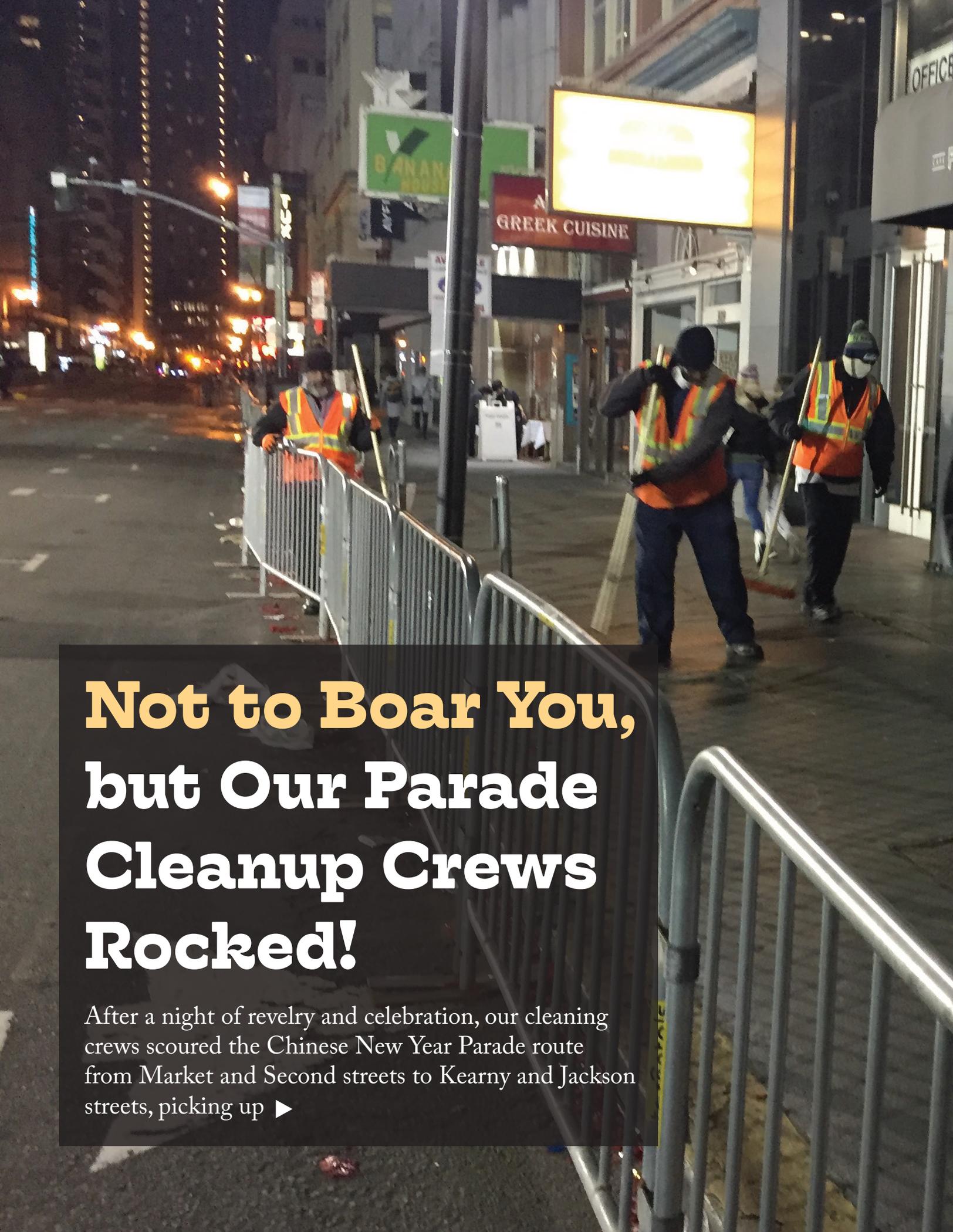
“Balboa Park Pool is an important community space where generations of San Franciscans have learned to swim. With this new renovation, I am happy to say that it will continue to serve the community and families for years to come,” said Mayor London Breed, who showed up to the event wearing a festive San Francisco Giants jersey.

Public Works provided construction management services for the project. Albert Ko, construction management bureau manager, said he was happy to see the results of nearly two years of work by his team and is gearing up for the next two pools slated for renovation: Garfield Pool in the Mission and Rossi Pool in the Inner Richmond.

In addition to providing an optimal place to swim, the Balboa Pool project also introduced a joyful 37-by-13 mural, "All My Friends at Once," by local artist Jason Jägel, which was facilitated by the [San Francisco Arts Commission](#) and funded by the project's 2 percent for art funding. ■



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# Not to Boar You, but Our Parade Cleanup Crews Rocked!

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 ►



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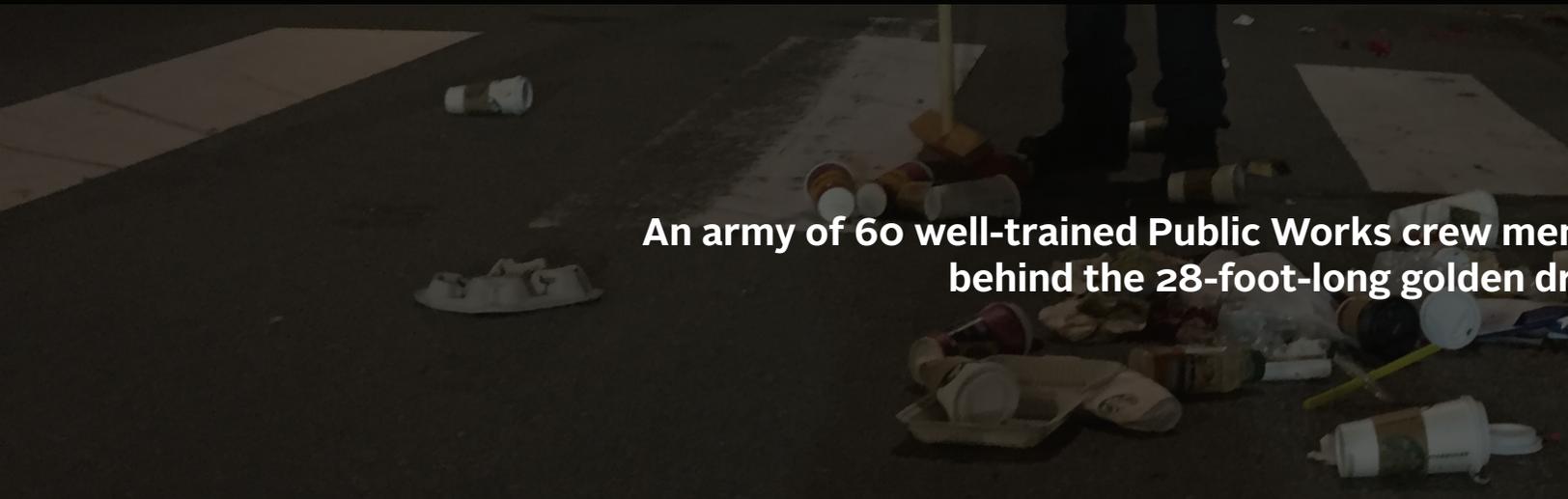
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Public Works cleaning crews scour Kearny Street after the Chinese New Year Parade.



The leftovers from a massive firecracker ka-boom on Market Street.



An army of 60 well-trained Public Works crew men behind the 28-foot-long golden dr



- ▶ piles of spent firecrackers, confetti, glitter and a lot of miscellaneous litter.

Their work was wrapped up two hours after the last float went by.

The Chinese New Year Parade in San Francisco, held this year on Feb. 23 for the Year of the Pig, is one of the largest in the world, drawing tens of thousands of spectators to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

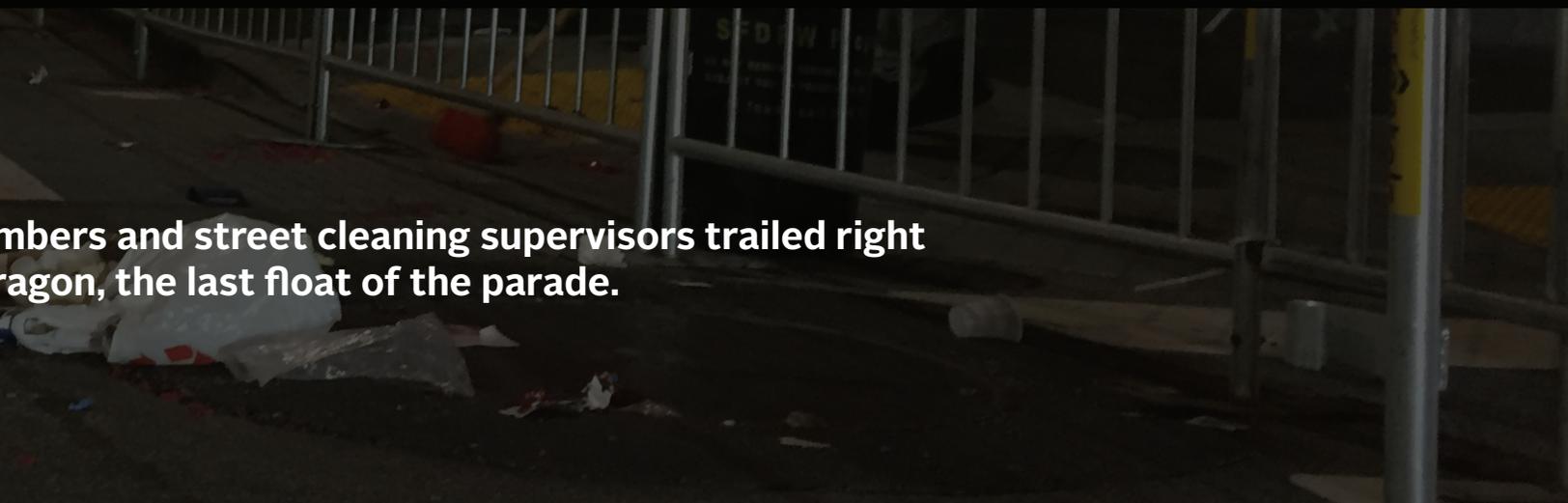
An army of 60 well-trained Public Works crew members and street cleaning supervisors trailed right behind the 28-foot-long golden dragon, the last float of the parade. They used push brooms, rakes, blowers, steamers, mechanical sweepers and flushers for the cleanup.

By 10:30 p.m., their work was done and the streets were reopened to traffic.

A big shout-out to the crews and our corporate partner Recology for another job well done.

Public Works is proud to be part of the Chinese New Year festivities and is committed to continuing our efforts to keep our City clean for everyone.

Happy Year of the Pig! ■



**Members and street cleaning supervisors trailed right behind the golden dragon, the last float of the parade.**



# Hands-on Learning

Our architects and landscape architects hosted a group of grade schoolers from San Francisco Schoolhouse at our Van Ness Avenue offices. There, they got to check out drawings, maps, models, blueprints and virtual reality goggles. ►



Students from San Francisco Schoolhouse check out a street design with our landscape architecture team.



The grade schoolers meet with our architecture team to learn about our building projects.



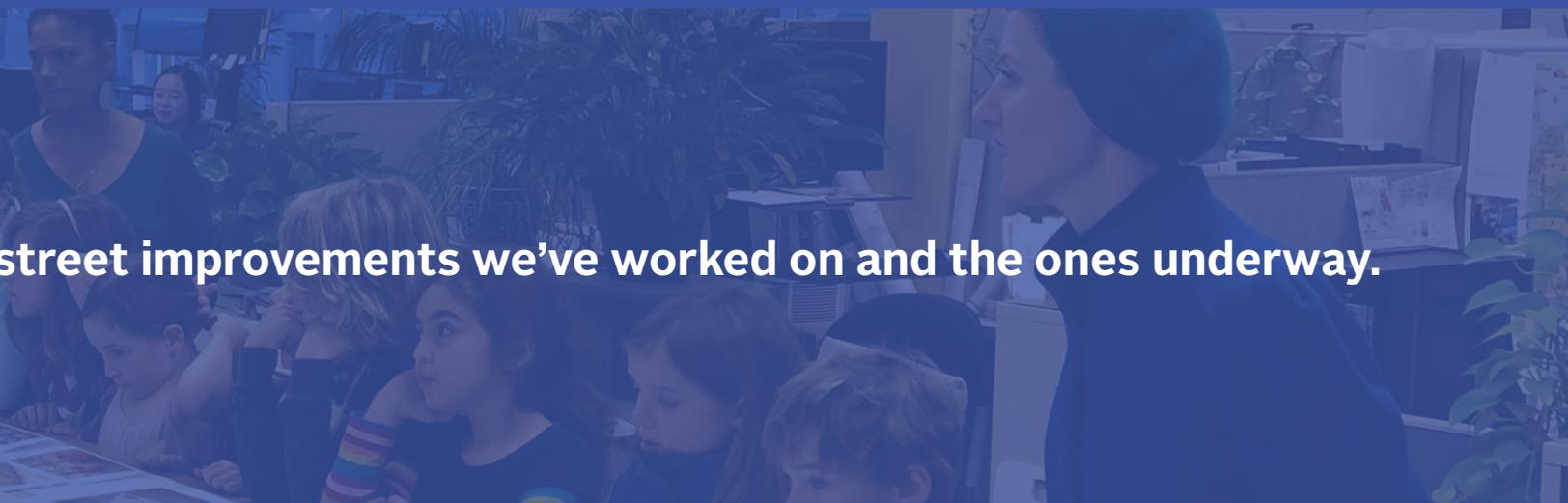


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- ▶ They saw up close plans to redesign Taylor Street to make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists and to renovate the public plaza in Japantown. During their Jan. 31 tour, they learned about the buildings and street improvements we've worked on and the ones underway and the process we go through to gather public input on our projects.

Members of our design team answered a lot of questions from the curious students and had an opportunity to talk about Public Works' role in designing parks, playgrounds, fire stations, streetscapes and other civic projects in San Francisco. ■



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# Public Works Celebrate

The Black History Month organizing committee welcomes City Administrator Naomi Kelly, center, at the kickoff event.



# es Black History Month!

February marks Black History Month, a national tribute to black men and women who have made significant contributions to America and the rest of the world. ▶



Samba Guisse, a Public Works security guard, brought his West African band to entertain at the Black History Month closing celebration.

## Public Works staff celebrated Black History Month with contributions of inventors



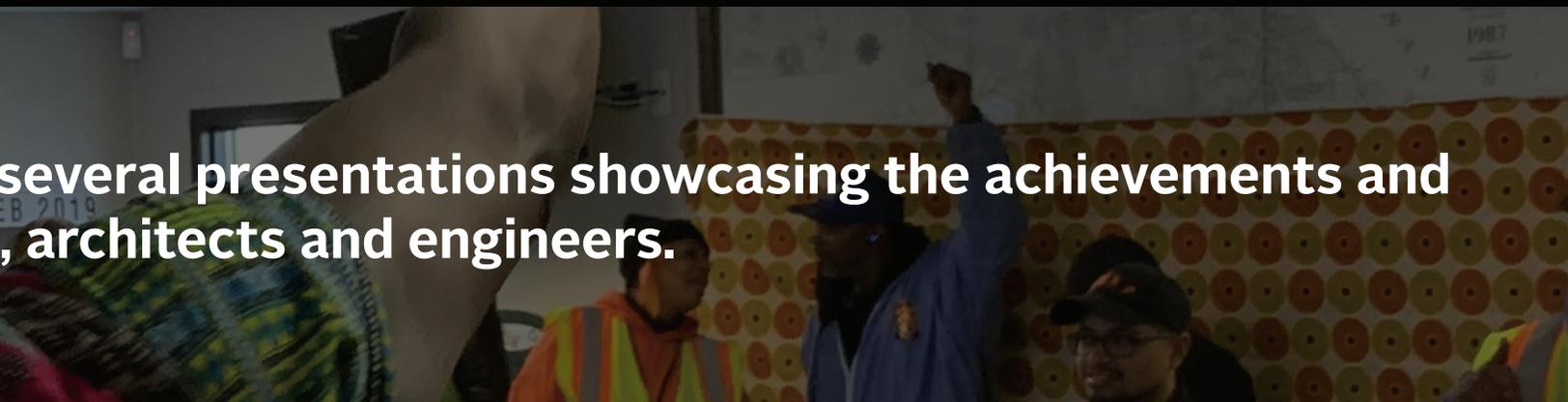
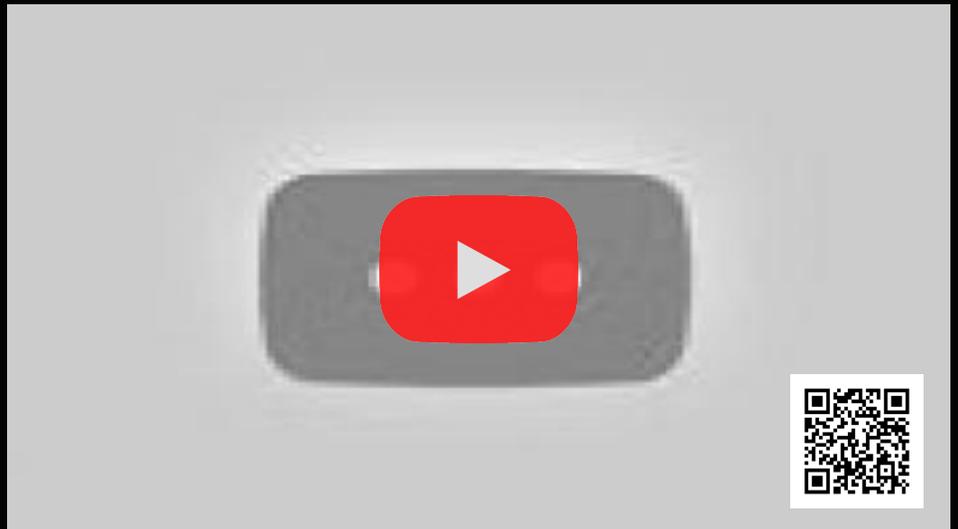


- ▶ We use the month to remember the achievements of blacks throughout our history in areas of science, politics, law, sports, the arts, entertainment and many other fields.

This year, Public Works kicked off Black History month with a program and luncheon celebration. City Administrator Naomi Kelly shared a few words of gratitude and pointed out that in 2018, for the first time ever, San Francisco had black woman leadership in four branches of city government: Mayor London Breed, Board of Supervisors President Malia Cohen, Presiding Superior Court Judge Teri L. Jackson, and Kelly. In Addition, San Francisco department heads Police Chief William Scott, SFPUC General Manager Harlan Kelly and Public

Works Director Mohammed Nuru successfully lead their departments in supporting diversity and inclusion in their organizations. Public Works staff celebrated Black History Month with several presentations showcasing the achievements and contributions of inventors, architects and engineers. Activities included sharing “did you know” historical facts, volunteering day at Glide’s food program, participating in Wakanda Wednesday Unity Days where staff was encouraged to wear their Public Works black history t-shirts or traditional African inspired clothing.

Public Works staff also supported our Mayor’s Black History events at City Hall, and the SFPUC’s Celebration of Black American History luncheon. ■



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, architects and engineers.



The NEN Awards as viewed from the second-floor balcony at City Hall.



# An Inspiring Duo

This year's NEN Awards honored Phoebe Douglass and Geoff Potter for "Most Inspiring Public Works Volunteers." ▶



The NEN Awards are put on every year by the City-run  
an opportunity to recogni



Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru with award winners Phoebe Douglass and Geoff Potter.

- ▶ The Russian Hill couple has served as great stewards of the iconic neighborhood.

Douglass serves on the board of Russian Hill Neighbors and chairs the organization's Neighborhood Improvement Committee. As part of her work, she organizes and hosts regular neighborhood cleanup events on several Saturday mornings every year. Potter is an active volunteer who is known to grab his litter pick on nice days and walk around the neighborhood picking up trash.

Together, they share a love for San Francisco and their neighborhood, with its majestic Bay views and the crooked street, making it a draw not just for residents but also for tourists.

Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru presented them with their NEN Award at a City Hall celebration on Feb. 6.

The NEN Awards are put on every year by the City-run Neighborhood Empowerment Network and provide an

opportunity to recognize neighborhood heroes.

Douglass and Potter, who work closely with the Public Works Community Programs group, know that it takes a team to keep San Francisco clean. They get it.

Public Works is very appreciative for all the work they do, and we hold them up as a great example of what volunteers can do to improve our neighborhoods. ■

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# BETTER MARKET STREET PR



Rendering of proposed Better Market Street streetscape project.

# PROJECT DRAFT EIR RELEASED

On Feb. 27, the City released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Better Market Street, a significant milestone for the much-anticipated proposed streetscape improvement project. ►



Rendering of proposed Better Market Street streetscape project.

► The multi-agency project, led by San Francisco Public Works, aims to transform 2.2 miles of Market Street – from Octavia Boulevard to Steuart Street – improving safety and accessibility, providing more efficient bus and streetcar service and enhancing the streetscape and public realm. With the release of the Draft EIR, Better Market Street is a step closer to obtaining the multiple approvals necessary for

the anticipated groundbreaking of the first phase – Market from Fifth to Eights streets – in summer 2020.

The environmental review process, conducted by the San Francisco Planning Department in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), provides an objective analysis of the immediate and long-range environmental impacts

of the project on its surrounding physical environment, looking at such things as transportation, noise and historic design.

Public comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, April 15. Additionally, in-person comments will be accepted at the Planning Commission hearing on Thursday, April 4, at 1 p.m., at San Francisco



City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B.  
Goodlett Pl., Room 400.

All comments will be responded  
to before the final Environmental  
Impact Report is certified and  
released, which likely will be in the  
fall of this year.

To view the Draft EIR, which  
includes a detailed project  
description, visit the

Better Market Street website at:  
[bettermarketstreetsf.org/eir](http://bettermarketstreetsf.org/eir)

All questions and comments  
should be directed to Chris Thomas  
of the San Francisco Planning  
Department: (415) 575-9036 or  
[Christopher.thomas@sfgov.org](mailto:Christopher.thomas@sfgov.org) ■



**WET SKIES WERE  
NO MATCH FOR  
OUR COMMITTED  
VOLUNTEERS**

Rain did not deter the 130 dedicated volunteers from grabbing brooms, rakes and pruning shears to green and clean the Castro, Glen Park and other District 8 neighborhoods for this month's Community Clean Team workday. ►



NO PARKING  
8:00 - 9:00  
TUE AND FRI  
STREET CLEANING  
2 HOUR  
PARKING  
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
MON - FRI  
EXCEPT FOR  
2 HOUR

Volunteers spruce up the Guerrero Street median.



A Public Works employee joins residents to improve landscaping at the Bernal Cut.



A little mud and rain didn't stop our Community Clean Team volunteers from improving the Still Street greenway in Glen Park.



District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman helps with median maintenance.



Together, participants logged



- ▶ Supervisor Rafael Mandelman joined volunteers and our crews who gathered on Feb. 16 to improve the neighborhoods. Weeding, pruning, planting trees and picking up litter were on the day's agenda. Together, participants logged nearly 400 hours of work!

Community Clean Team happens every month, January through November, in a different supervisorial district. The events draw neighbors, business owners, nonprofit groups, school communities and others who experience firsthand the power of collective effort to make a positive difference in our city.

Next month's Community Clean Team, on Saturday, March 16, is one of the most popular of the year when we celebrate Arbor Day with a large-scale tree planting and also host our annual Eco Fair that promises a lot of free, family-fun activities. Visitors can build planter boxes and fill them with flowers and herbs; play carnival games; pet some friendly goats; ride in a bucket truck; get their face painted and more!

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at James Denman Middle School. Meet in the

school's parking lot, accessible at 240 Seneca Ave.

Volunteers also are needed to clean and green the Excelsior and other District 11 neighborhoods that day. Please register to volunteer [here](#).

For more information on Community Clean and other ways you can pitch in to care for San Francisco, please visit [sfpublicworks.org/volunteer](http://sfpublicworks.org/volunteer). ■

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Spring is springing:  
A lovely street tree in  
Japantown.

