

in the works

January 2019

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The new Fire Station No. 16 showcases a dramatic exterior.



EVENTS



2/1

2019 Black History Month Kickoff

Join the San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society in celebrating a kickoff to Black History Month. Honorable attendees will include Mayor London Breed and keynote speaker Lateefah Simon.

12 noon

FREE

San Francisco City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

Delight in performances of traditional Chinese magicians, acrobats, folk dancers and opera as you take in the beautiful fragrances of spring. You will find more than 120 booths and concessions, making this a shoppers' paradise.

2/2 - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

2/3 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Chinatown

Grant Avenue from Clay to Broadway;
Pacific, Jackson and Washington between
Stockton and Kearny.

FREE



2/23

2019 Year of the Pig Chinese New Year Parade

Nowhere in the world will you see a lunar new year parade with more gorgeous floats, elaborate costumes, ferocious lions, exploding firecrackers, and, of course, the newly crowned Miss Chinatown U.S.A. and her court. It takes a team of more than 180 men and women from the martial arts group, White Crane, to carry the Golden Dragon through the streets of San Francisco.

5:15 p.m.

Begins at Second and Market streets



2/16

Community Clean Team in District 8

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 noon - work projects

Mission High School

3750 - 18th St.



2/2 & 2/3

2019 Chinese New Year Flower Fair

Each year, the Chinese New Year Flower Fair takes place the weekend before the Lunar New Year holiday so that families can enjoy the festive atmosphere and purchase fresh flowers, fruits, candies and new supplies for the home to begin the new lunar year.



2/21 - 2/24

67th annual Pacific Orchid Exposition: "Orchids of the Enchanted Forest."

More than 150,000 gorgeous, unusual and rare orchids will be on display and for sale alongside daily demonstrations on how to successfully grow orchids in the Bay Area, hard to find supplies, companion plants and a new feature that kids will love: Orchid-gami!

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Entrance fee varies

County Fair Building
1199-9th Ave.



THANK YOU



SOCIAL MEDIA

I could hardly believe my eyes when I walked down Arbol Lane yesterday and there was a man from Public Works cleaning this public walkway. This was only 24 hours after lodging a complaint and reporting this mess. The people who use this walkway every day are most appreciative.

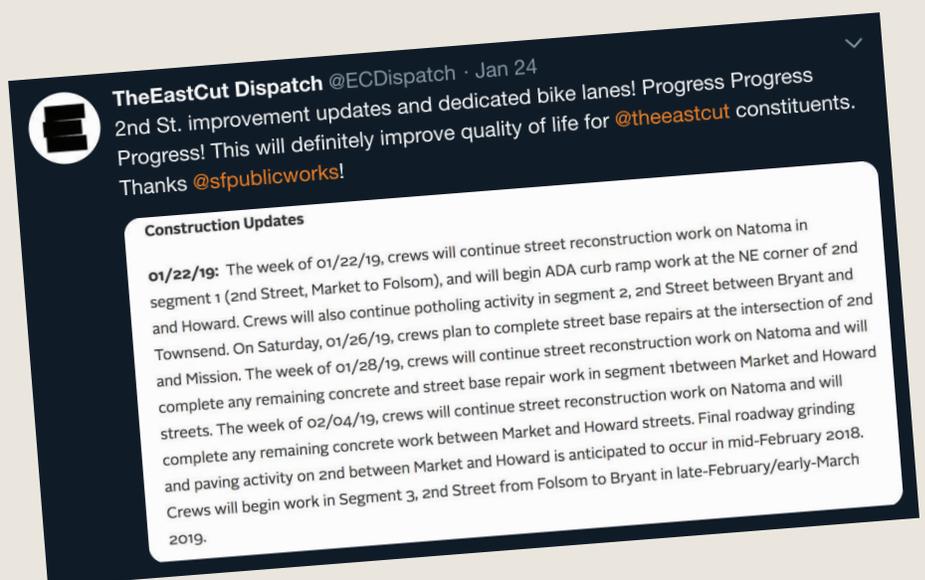
Norma G.

I just wanted to let you know that on my walk home this evening along Golden Gate between Jones and Market, I saw the sidewalk the cleanest I've ever seen. Thank you to your team for doing such a fabulous job.

Troy P.

I just wanted Public Works to know what a great job Precision Engineering did with respect to the sewer replacement here on Second Avenue. They were ever so helpful when we had to interrupt them and just generally very engaging and thoughtful throughout the whole process. And the final paving job was very, very good. Good job all around!

Joe G.



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WARM WISHES

BY KEEPING WARM, YOU CAN HELP YOURSELF STAY WELL THIS WINTER.

WAYS TO STAY WARM:



wear warm clothes



eat well



stay active



heat your space

You're at greater risk of illness in cold weather if you:



- are over 65
- find heating difficult to afford
- have a long-term health condition
- have a disability

WHO KNEW?

Cold weather can affect your body's ability to fight off viruses and infections, but there are some positives to the cold:



increased fat burn



reduced inflammation



better brain function

AVERAGE OPTIMAL TEMPERATURE

68°F

Word of the month:

HIEMAL adjective - hahy-uh-muhl
WINTRY. PERTAINING TO WINTER.

Kevin stepped out the front door, ready to combat the hiemal Monday layered in his earmuffs, cap, scarf, winter coat, mittens, fleece-lined jeans and boots.

IF YOU'RE EXPERIENCING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, YOU MAY BE COLD



flushed cheeks



runny nose



shivering



difficulty breathing*



migraines



constant snacking



frostbite*



heart pains*

*please seek immediate medical attention if you're experiencing this.



EPISODE 0048

Corridor Ambassadors: our neighborhood heroes



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On a recent Monday on Chestnut Street, corridor ambassador Calvin Swift was a man with a mission: Sweep up every discarded piece of trash, cigarette butt and pile of tree leaves in his path.

Swift, whose name also happens to sum up his work pace, is San Francisco Public Works' longest serving corridor ambassador. Since 2010, he's worked five days a week cleaning up after others with diligence and a positive demeanor. Nearly everyone in the neighborhood – from the local mail carrier to employees at the nearby flower shop and corner deli – knows him and will attest to the difference his presence has made in the cleanliness of the area.

“Thank god there's still good people in the world,” remarked a passerby on Chestnut Street as he took a moment to thank Swift and shake his hand. That same morning someone else referred to Swift as a “superhero.”

San Francisco Public Works' successful Corridor Ambassadors Program was founded in 2006 to both improve the cleanliness of busy commercial corridors throughout the City and provide work opportunities for individuals who may have previously had barriers to employment. There currently are more than 100 ambassadors across the City with plans in place to hire a few dozen more. In total, the group services more than 700 blocks of San Francisco.

In our latest episode of Public Works TV, we check in with Swift, as well as other neighborhood heroes who tend to the Castro, Bayview, Glen Park and Mid-Market. Though their backgrounds and the neighborhoods they serve are diverse, there's one common thread: They share a strong sense of civic pride.

“I know what San Francisco should be and should look like,” says Darnell Williamson, an ambassador in the Bayview.

EPISODE 0047

Pitching in during the federal government shutdown





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When the federal government shut down, San Francisco Public Works cleaning crews stepped in – emptying trash cans and picking up litter at federal parklands located in the City.

Our crews made daily rounds of Lands End, Fort Funston and the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, starting on Jan. 2.

President Trump, who directed a partial shutdown of the federal government in late December when he couldn't secure the funding he wanted for a southern border wall, announced a three-week stay of the shutdown on Jan. 25. That action allowed the government to resume operations. The president, however, has not ruled out shutting down the government again if the \$5.7

billion in wall funding is not approved. If that happens, the National Park Service once more will not be on the job to keep the federal parks clean.

Public Works normally doesn't service federal parks, but when the garbage started to build up in the national parklands here, we added the areas to our regular street cleaning routes.

Lands End, Fort Funston and Aquatic Park, which is part of the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, offer visitors a chance to enjoy some of San Francisco's most beautiful and majestic lands in our urban setting. And at the end of the day, we want to help keep that experience intact.

The remade Moscone Center and new pedestrian skybridge, as seen from Howard Street.





Moscone Center Expansion: A Game-Changer for San Francisco

The completion of the \$551 million expansion of Moscone Center cements San Francisco as a premier convention destination with a state-of-the-art venue that provides ►



LEVEL 1 SOUTH LOBBY

Canada Ballroom ↗

Exhibition

Rooms 104-160 ♀♂♿📺

Room



The ribbon-cutting for the Moscone Center Expansion drew more than a thousand celebrants.





MOSCONE EXPANSION
A LEGACY FOR SAN FRANCISCO

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Moscone Center Expansion project team

↓ Exhibition Halls A-F



Rooms



MOSCONE GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

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Mayor London Breed leads the ribbon cutting for the improved Moscone Center.

The expansion project added more than

- ▶ more space and amenities for conferences and adds vibrancy to the surrounding Yerba Buena neighborhood with new public spaces, wider sidewalks and family-friendly play spaces.

Mayor London Breed, City officials and hundreds of representatives from the City's hospitality industry marked completion of the four-year expansion project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Jan. 3.

Moscone long has been a hub for some of the country's – if not, world's – most prominent conventions, including Salesforce's Dreamforce conference, Oracle's OracleWorld and the Game Developers Conference. The expansion helps ensure the center stays competitive and meets the City's growing demand for convention and tourism space.

The San Francisco Public Works project team provided construction management services and completed the design development phase, secured the site permit and worked closely with multiple community groups on the proposed project design.

The project architects, Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, aimed to create an iconic building that enhances Moscone Center's civic presence on Howard Street and reconnects it to the surrounding neighborhood through creating mid-block passageways and two pedestrian bridges connecting the upper levels of the new Moscone North and Moscone South across Howard Street.

The expansion project added more than 305,000 square feet of functional area, including new exhibition space, new meeting rooms and pre-function space, new ballroom space and a new kitchen and other support areas.

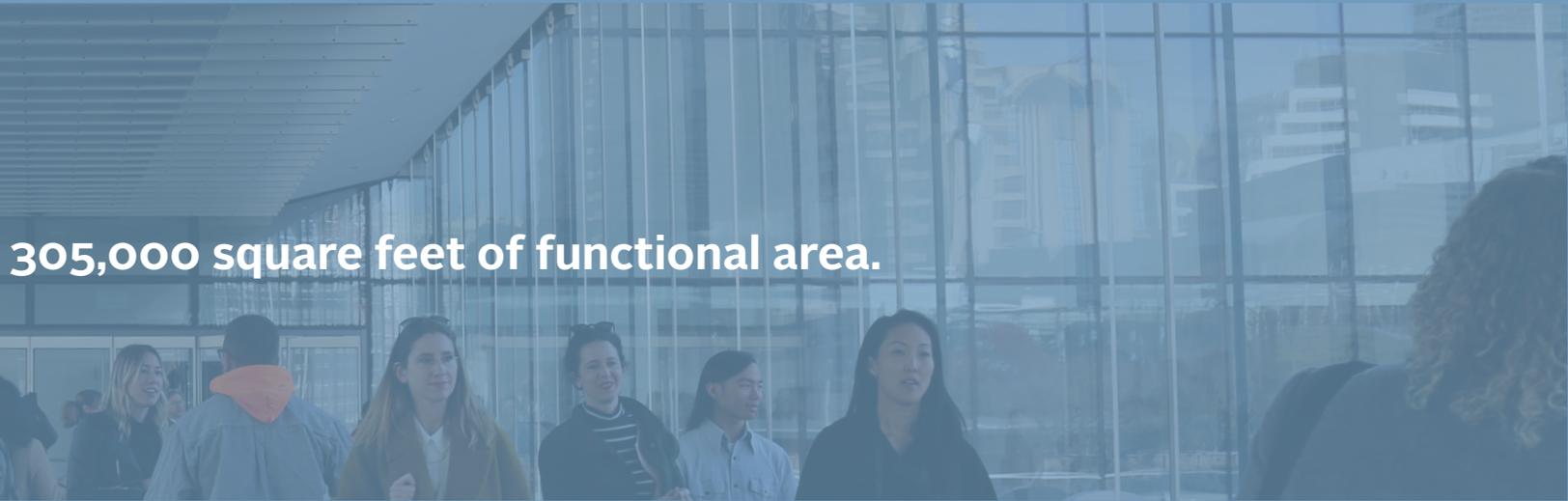
A key strategy of the project was to schedule the construction work without disturbing important convention activities.

The new Moscone Center was designed to meet LEED Platinum certification, and boasts the lowest carbon footprint per attendee of any major convention center in North America. It is now home to the largest rooftop solar panel array in San Francisco, providing the center with approximately 20

percent of its power. Additionally, 15 million gallons of water will be recovered annually and reused for landscaping, street cleaning and toilet flushing.

And though Moscone hosts countless visitors from around the world, local art lovers also will benefit. The San Francisco Arts Commission commissioned multiple artists to contribute their vision, including light artist Leo Villareal for the enclosed pedestrian bridge across Howard Street, and Brendan Monroe for a large-scale mural on the Paseo Gallery wall. The Arts Commission also reinstalled the popular Three Dancing Figures sculpture by Keith Haring.

The City entered into a public-private partnership agreement with San Francisco Travel and the newly established San Francisco Tourism Improvement District (TID) to undertake the expansion, which was funded through a hotel revenue assessment and the City's General Fund. ■



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Public Works construction manager Simon Yeung and his daughter Natalie paint out graffiti on Van Ness Avenue.

A New Year's Resolution:

Love Our City!

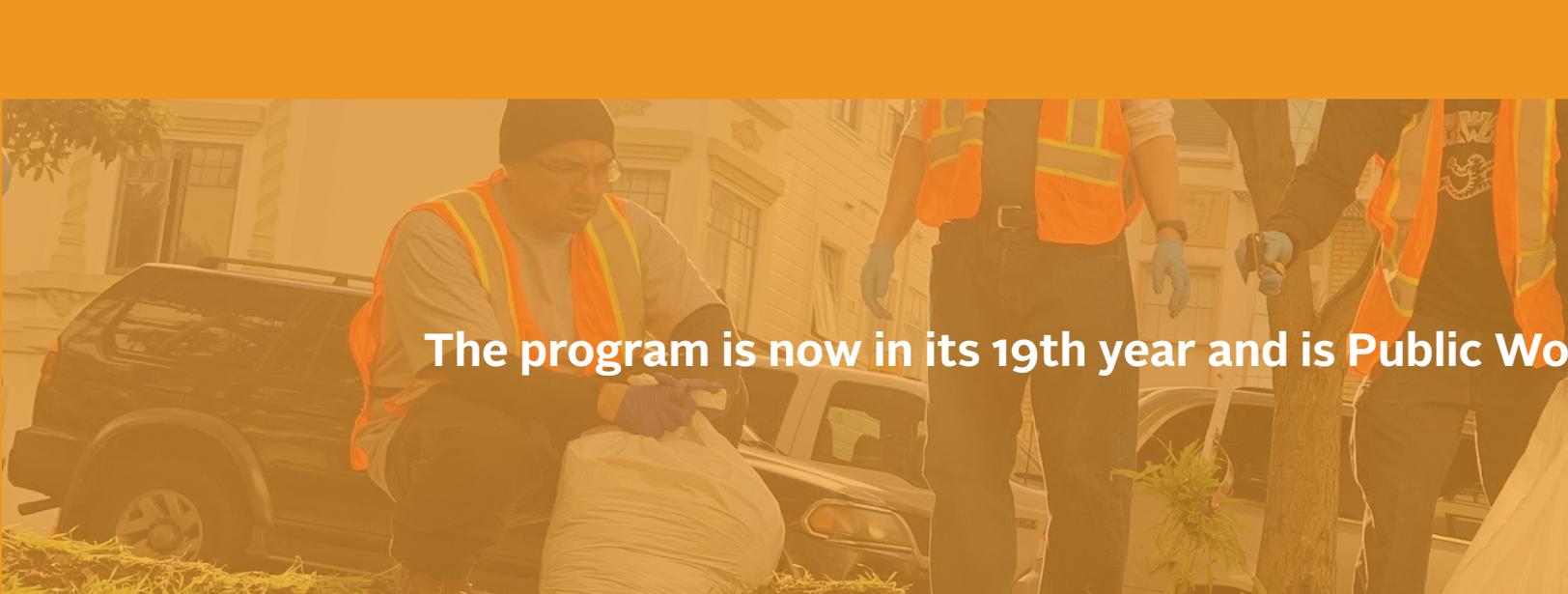
The 2019 season of Community Clean Team kicked off with a bang this month with nearly 150 volunteers coming out to clean and green the City's Cow Hollow, Marina, Pacific Heights and other District 2 neighborhoods. ►



Volunteers spruce up tree wells near Galileo Academy.



Volunteers prepare the turf for new plantings outside of Galileo Academy.



The program is now in its 19th year and is Public Wo

Public Works crews and volunteers spruce up the Van Ness Avenue median near Bay Street.



- ▶ The Jan. 26 event got underway at Galileo High School with a kickoff rally that focused on civic pride, community service and the simple act of loving our city.

The dedicated volunteers broke off into teams where they spent the morning planting trees; pruning, weeding and spreading mulch on Galileo's campus; removing graffiti and refreshing street furniture on Van Ness Avenue between Lombard and Beach streets; and sweeping sidewalks and removing litter on Masonic Avenue between Bush Street and Geary Boulevard.

Community Clean Team is an opportunity for the City to come together to help keep our streets, sidewalks and public spaces clean and looking fresh. The program is now in its 19th year and is Public Works' largest and longest-running volunteer program. Since 2000, community groups, schools, friends and families have helped Public Works remove more than

4 million square feet of graffiti and collect 6,000 bags of litter from our neighborhoods.

Next month's Community Clean Team heads to District 8 on Feb. 16 where volunteers and Public Works crews will focus their attention on the Mission, Castro, Noe Valley, Glen Park and adjacent neighborhoods. We'll meet at Mission High School, located at 3750 – 18th St., for a kickoff rally at 8:30 a.m.

See you there!

For more information and to register for the upcoming event, visit sfpublicworks.org/volunteer. ■



Public Works' largest and longest-running volunteer program.



New Navigat

San Francisco
for 84 people

Public Works designed the new Navigation Center at Fifth and Bryant streets to include welcoming outdoor space for the residents.



Navigation Center Opens in SoMa

San Francisco's newest Navigation Center, at Fifth and Bryant streets, provides beds for people who had been living in encampments. ▶





Public Works staff came in force to celebrate the opening of the Bryant Street Navigation Center.

A close-up photograph of a wooden slat wall. A dark grey sign with white text is mounted on the wall, reading "BRYANT NAVIGATION CENTER". The wall is made of horizontal wooden planks. In the background, a teal-colored building with a window is visible under a cloudy sky.

BRYANT NAVIGATION CENTER

“The innovative partnership between San Francisco and the state is exactly what we need to get people off the streets and into a supportive environment where they can get safe shelter and services.”



- ▶ The shelter is the second [Navigation Center](#) to be constructed on land leased from Caltrans, following the opening of the Division Circle Navigation Center in August 2018.

Google.org provided a \$3 million grant to help cover construction costs and Mayor London Breed presided over the opening ceremony for the new facility on Jan. 9.

“We are grateful to Caltrans for stepping up and opening its land for this important project,” said San Francisco Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru, whose team led the planning and design phases for the new Navigation Center. “The innovative partnership between San Francisco and the state is exactly what’s needed to help tackle one of our biggest challenges by moving people off the streets and into a supportive environment where they can get safe shelter and needed services.”

Unlike traditional shelters, Navigation Centers allow people to bring their partners, pets

and belongings with them. In addition to room and board, case managers provide support to connect them with employment opportunities, health services, public benefits and permanent housing.

The City’s Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing manages the Navigation Center program; Episcopal Community Services of San Francisco has been tapped to operate the new Bryant Street center. There are 20 beds set aside for women in a separate wing, as well as a women-only outdoor area. ■

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New Fire Station Showcases S

City officials, firefighters and neighbors joined together on Jan. 31 to celebrate the opening of the newly retrofitted Fire Station No. 16, a voter-approved earthquake-safety project that bolsters the City's resiliency. ►



SF's Commitment to Resiliency





A shiny brass fire pole ready for use at Station No. 16.



Caden, 17 months old, lives near Fire Station No. 16 and was excited to check out the engine.



City officials make it official and cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the new fire station.





**The new fire station is a seismically safe structure
and serve the needs of the neighbor**

► The new fire station, located at 2251 Greenwich St. in the Cow Hollow neighborhood, is a seismically safe structure designed to meet national accreditation standards and serve the needs of the neighborhood and the City moving forward. The building was constructed with resilient life-safety systems and ADA accessibility features that will remain fully operational following an earthquake or other natural disaster.

“When the next major earthquake hits, our first responders need to be able to immediately get to work helping those who have been affected and restore critical City services. We cannot risk damage to fire stations and other critical response locations,” said Mayor London Breed. “This new Fire Station 16 is a perfect example of the investments the City has made through earthquake safety bonds, and I look forward to working over the coming months to bring people together to continue investing in the safety of San Francisco.”

She was joined at the ribbon-cutting event by District 2 Supervisor Catherine Stefani, Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White and Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru.

The fire station has a rotating crew of 33 first responders, with nine firefighters on duty at any given time. The two-story, 10,870-square-foot building includes a mezzanine level, rooftop access and is equipped with one engine truck and one ladder truck to help safeguard San Francisco. The old station at the site did not meet today’s building codes and first-responder needs.

The Fire Station No. 16 replacement project was funded by the Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response (ESER) Bond Program, an initiative to strengthen earthquake safety and emergency response resiliency through capital improvements on critical infrastructure, including fire, police and ambulance facilities and the emergency firefighting water system. San Francisco voters overwhelmingly approved the first \$412 million ESER Bond in 2010 and the second \$400 million ESER Bond in 2014.

San Francisco Public Works designed and managed construction of the new facility for the San Francisco Fire Department and hired Roebuck Construction, a San Francisco-based construction firm, as the general contractor for the project. It was designed to achieve LEED Gold certification.

The \$14.2 million project was on budget and exceeded its local hiring requirement of 30 percent. In collaboration with the CityBuild program spearheaded by the City’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the Fire Station No. 16 replacement project provided more than 15,000 working hours to San Francisco residents, resulting in 35 percent of the project’s workforce.

The ESER Bond Program is a component of the City’s Ten-Year Capital Plan – a blueprint prioritizing key capital projects that impact public safety. The updated G.O. Bond schedule has moved up plans for an Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response (ESER) Bond to pay for seismic retrofitting and resiliency for critical public safety infrastructure to 2019, responding to critical seismic risks and needs in first responder and public-facing buildings.

More information on the ESER Bond Program can be found at www.sfearthquakesafety.org. ■

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hood and the City moving forward.**



Oink! Oink! Gung

The Lunar New Year, Year of the Pig, is fast approaching. To help our community celebrate this popular holiday, San



A Public Works employee checks out the Chinatown Gateway at Grant and Bush streets to make sure it's looking good for the Chinese New Year.

g Hay Fat Choy!

San Francisco Public Works ramped up to keep historic Chinatown clean, safe and graffiti-free for visitors and locals. ▶

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OF
ELECTRICITY

POLICE
TELEPHONE

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Public Works paint shop supervisor Gilbert Fragoso Jr. intently covers graffiti in Chinatown.



A Chinatown sidewalk gets a thorough steam cleaning.

San Francisco Public Works ramped up to keep historic Ch





► Public Works crews performed a deep steam cleaning of sidewalks on Stockton Street between Broadway and Sacramento streets; scrubbed the Broadway Tunnel; power washed the iconic Chinatown Gateway at Grant and Bush; abated graffiti tags on buildings and rollup doors; and filled potholes and patched cracks on Stockton Street. Our community partner, Community Youth Center, also pitched in, steam cleaning public garbage cans and washing down the sidewalks on major commercial corridors. Extra cleaning will continue through the holiday, which this year lands on Feb. 5.

The Lunar New Year, one of the world's most important holidays, is widely celebrated in San Francisco and the Bay Area. As the festival nears, more people are shopping in Chinatown, particularly on Stockton Street.

Launched as part of the Chinese New Year celebration, the Stockton Street Pedestrian Enhancement Program now is entering its eighth year and going strong.

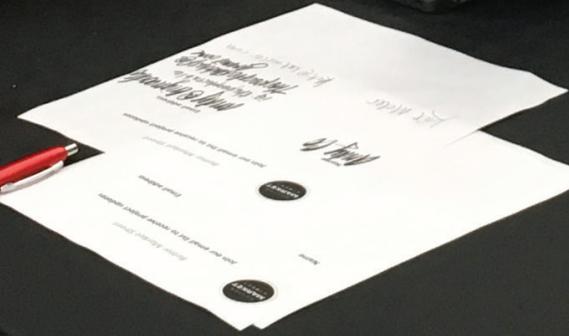
The initiative, taking place from Jan. 22 to Feb. 4, showcases the collaboration between the community and City agencies, with Public Works in the lead. The program, which allows participating merchants to set up merchandise displays in the parking lane during the day, aims to ensure pedestrian safety and support small businesses.

The 2019 Year of the Pig is Lunar Year 4717. In the Chinese zodiac, a pig represents luck, wealth, prosperity and honesty. Friendly reminder: When you are in Chinatown during the Chinese New Year, don't forget to get a red-envelope with piggy images on it for good fortune and luck for you and your family! ■



Chinatown clean, safe and graffiti-free for visitors and locals.

SURVEY QUESTION 2
SIDEWALK-LEVEL BIKEWAY



MARKET STREET TODAY: TRANSIT

200	+50
23	1 in 10
75,000	390,000
7.8 mph	23 mins

Public Works, March 2018

Better Market Street streetscape and safety between Octavia Bou

BETTER

The SFMTA and Public Works staff an informational table at the Better Market Street pop-up.





aims to deliver transformative transportation, improvements along 2.2 miles of Market Street between Market Street and The Embarcadero. ▶

POP-UP

MARKET STREET



Better Market Street project manager
Cristina Olea leads a Mid-Market tour.



**Through the month of February, project team members
Municipal Transportation Agency will be on hand**



- ▶ As the plan progresses, the project team is stepping up community outreach by staffing a temporary pop-up office in the lobby of A.C.T.'s Strand Theater in the heart of Mid-Market.

Through the month of February, project team members from San Francisco Public Works and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency will be on hand to answer questions and address specific issues – loading, transit shelters and the sidewalk-level bikeway, to name a few – on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The welcoming, light-filled space at 1127 Market St. is not only a convenient meeting spot but is located within Phase 1 of the proposed project: Market Street, between Fifth and Eighth streets.

“A.C.T.’s Strand Theater is a great place to host the effort to gather community input for the Better Market Street project. The Strand is an anchoring cultural institution in the Mid-Market area and it’s important that the space is made available and used for community improvement efforts like this,” said Eric Brizee, A.C.T.’s facilities and operations manager.

In addition to the pop-up, Better Market Street project manager Cristina Olea presented an overview of the project on Jan. 24 at SPUR’s sold-out tour, “A Changing Mid-Market,” alongside representatives from several Mid-Market businesses and developers, including the Proper Hotel, Yotel, Group i and Shorenstein.

And earlier in the month, Olea and other project team members met with delegates from Japan’s Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and the Japan Transportation Planning Association, who were specifically interested in the public realm aspects of Better Market Street.

The Better Market Street project currently is in Environmental Review.

For more details, email bettermarketstreet@sfdpw.org ■



from San Francisco Public Works and the San Francisco to answer questions about Better Market Street.

STORMY

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

An aerial view of our street tree crews taking down a large ficus tree on Mission Street that sustained storm damage.



WEATHER

Large winds. ▶









**As a 24/7 operation, Public Works is at the forefront
With the rainy season still upon us**



- ▶ Fortunately, no street tree-related injuries were reported, but there was damage to sidewalks and cars. Additionally, power lines came down and traffic was blocked on a stretch of Mission Street when a large ficus tree failed near Fourth Street. The worst of the stormy weather hit Jan. 15-17.

In addition to responding to the surge in tree incidents, Public Works street cleaning crews worked closely with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to keep the City's 25,000 catch basins free of litter and leaves to minimize localized flooding.

Public Works also gave away hundreds of free sandbags to

San Francisco residents and our engineers were keeping close watch on known hot spots for landslides.

As a 24/7 operation, Public Works is at the forefront of storm response to keep San Francisco safe. With the rainy season still upon us, we're at the ready.

We also ask our residents and merchants to pitch in by sweeping up leaves and litter in front of homes and businesses to help keep the catch basins clear, and to contact SF311 to report downed trees, hanging limbs, clogged drains and other problems so we can address them expeditiously. ■



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DOO THE RIGHT THING:
BAG AND BIN
YOUR DOG'S POOP



VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO A \$470 FINE.

