

in the works

May 2017



A Public Works paving crew laying fresh asphalt on a Richmond District block.



A message from our director



Upcoming Events

THURS., 6/1

[AIASF Next/Evolution - Many Paths Home](#)

Many Paths Home is a half-day symposium with the Mayor's Office on Homelessness and Supportive Housing, homeless care advocates and design professionals to educate attendees on the state of homelessness in San Francisco; how good design can play an important role in response to homelessness, and how the design community can get more involved to help solve one of the City's great challenges.

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
California College of the Arts
Perry Family Event Center
350 Kansas St.

SUN., 6/11

[Sunday Streets Sunset/Golden Gate Park](#)

The Sunday Streets Sunset/Golden Gate Park is the longest, and perhaps most scenic route, traveling through Golden Gate Park and along the Great Highway.

11a.m. to 4 p.m.
[Route Map](#)

SUN., 6/11

[Inner Sunset Flea](#)

Join us at the next Inner Sunset Flea for a flea market full of vendors, games, food and more.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Irving St.
(9th Avenue to 10th Avenue)

SAT., 6/17

[Community Clean Team in District 5](#)

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.

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
(Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Stanyan / Waller skate park
Stanyan Street at Waller Street

SUN., 6/18

Father's Day

TUE., 6/20

Summer Solstice

SAT., 6/25

[San Francisco Pride Parade](#)

The San Francisco Pride Parade and March attracts more than 240 contingents and 100,000 spectators annually. In 2016, 30 floats and more than 30,000 people marched along Market Street through the heart of downtown San Francisco. The parade is comprised of community groups and honorees (more than 50% of the make up of the parade) along with corporate supporters and government allies.

Parade Route:

From Market/Beale to Market/8th in downtown San Francisco



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to engineers Kevin How, Clarissa Chin (top) and Patrick Lewis (bottom) for passing the examination for their Professional Engineers License in Civil Engineering!

Dear Public Works

I'd like to commend Public Works employee Mike Goff for his work on San Bruno Avenue. I live on that street and see him working many days. Mike has an excellent work ethic and attitude. His job is difficult and he faces the Sisyphean task of picking up after people who simply don't care about the trash they leave or the people they harm by doing so. I've spoken with Mike several times over the years and I'm always left feeling he's a San Francisco citizen that cares, works hard and contributes to our city.

Evan D.

I just want to thank the department for cleaning under the entrances to the Webster Street pedestrian bridge that crosses Geary Street. I appreciate the work that must take. Thank you.

Paula G.

My students had a great experience at the Public Works Week engineering and architecture open house event and I would very much like to return next year, if possible.

For my part, I thought it was fantastic for the students to interact directly with some of the workers.

George S.
St. Monica School

I just wanted to share my appreciation and thanks to Public Works. I submitted a request through 311 on Saturday morning because someone had dragged and dumped a pile of compost in the middle of our street. The smell was already bad and, with the hot weather, it was only going to get worse. In less than two hours, a street cleaner arrived and made multiple passes to clean up the mess. Please forward our thanks to the driver for coming out so quickly on a Saturday.

David J.

Awards

Congratulations to Public Works director Mohammed Nuru for receiving the 2017 Park Advocate of the Year Award! The San Francisco Parks Alliance presents this honor as part of its annual [Love Your Parks Day Awards](#).





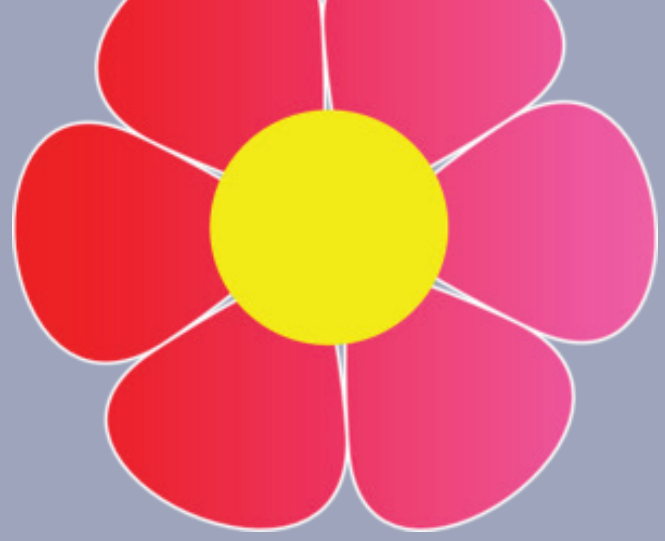
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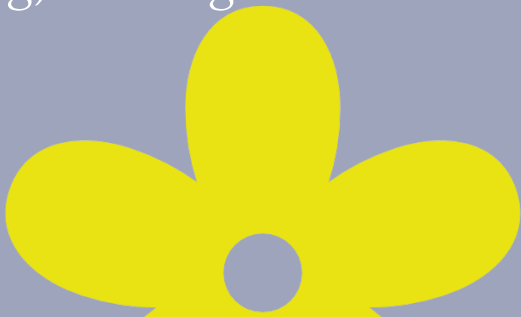
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Rob Tidmore and
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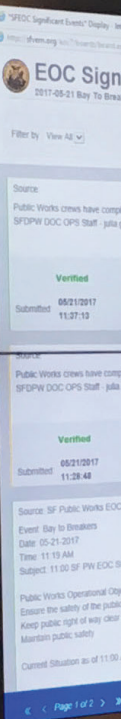
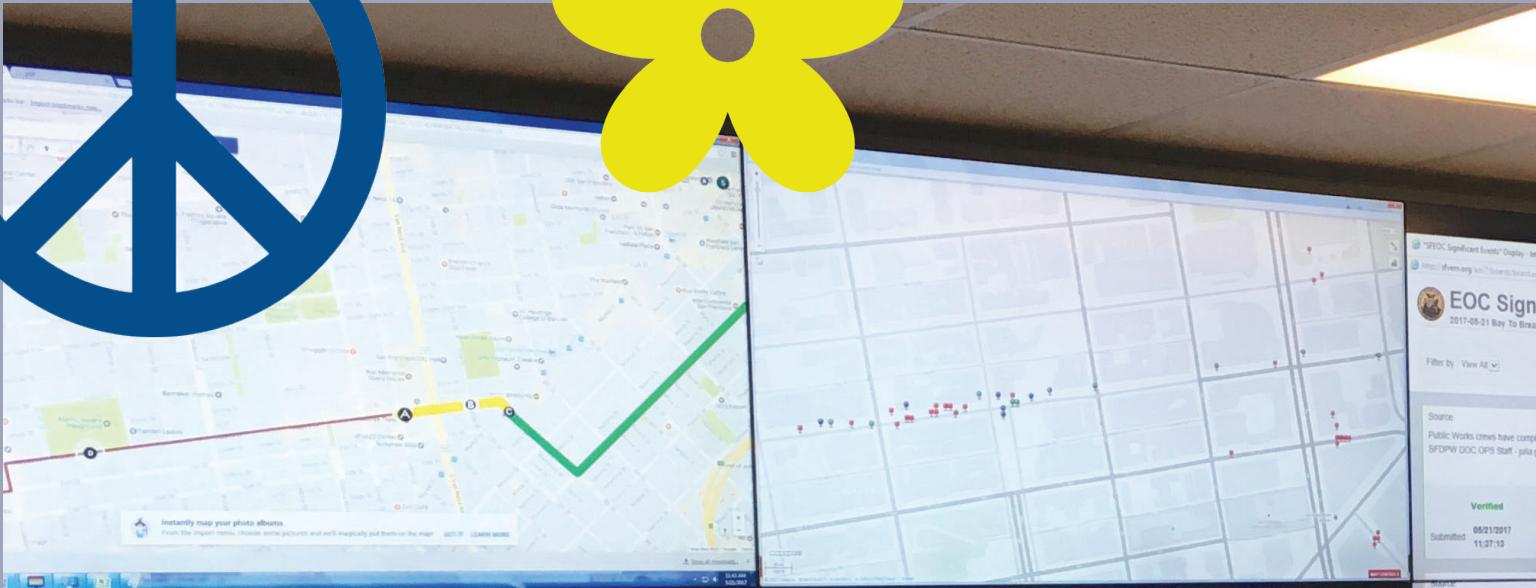


TEAM PUBLIC WORKS HITS ITS STRIDE AT BAY TO BREAKERS



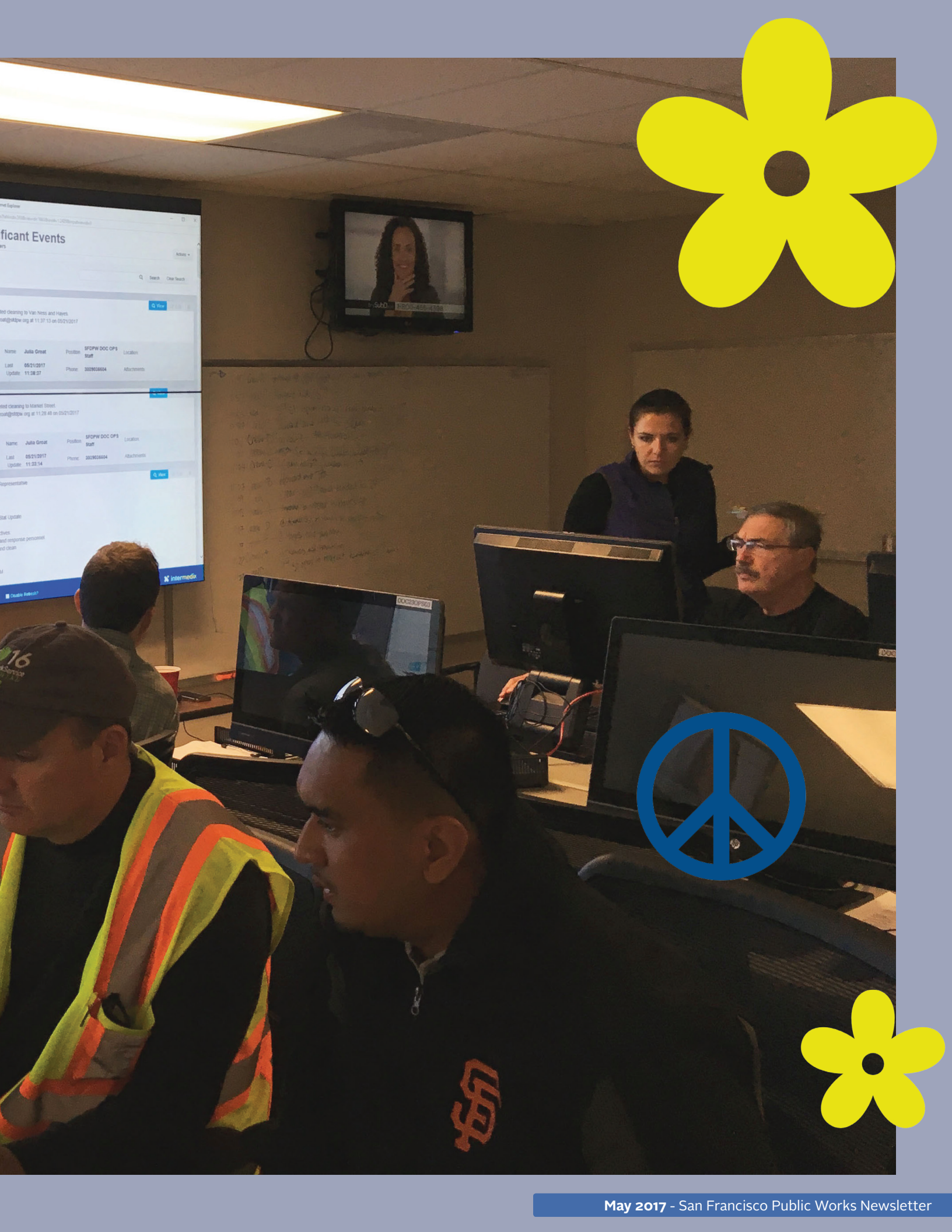
Public Works got into the spirit of this year's only-in-San Francisco [Bay to Breakers](#) race – running, cleaning and educating. ▶





Staffers at the Department Operations Center coordinate field workers cleaning up after the Bay to Breakers.





Significant Events

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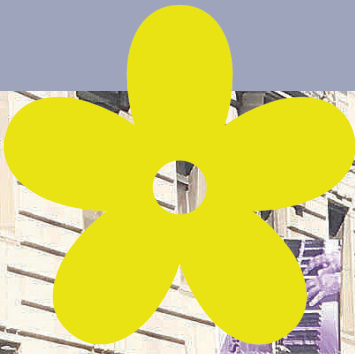
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Handwritten notes on a whiteboard, including the words "Significant Events" and "Status Update".











► The 7.47-mile course (and moving party) stretches from the eastern end of the Financial District to Ocean Beach, with a grueling steep-climb segment on Hayes Street known as Heartbreak Hill. The May 21

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footrace drew 30,000 registered participants, with thousands more jumping in unofficially. The yearly spectacle is a lot of fun. And a lot of work.

Our street cleaning crews picked up 30,618 pounds of litter left behind by the racers and onlookers. Everything from water bottles, tulle tutus and protein bar wrappers to lawn chairs, beer bottles, pizza boxes and poster-board signs were left behind. They got the job done in 5 hours, 7 minutes. That amounts to nearly

100 pounds of debris cleared every minute.

Behind the scenes at the Department Operations Center, we had a squad help orchestrate the cleanup, making sure the crews and trucks were in the right place at the right time to get the streets sparkling as quickly as possible so they could be reopened, one block at a time.

Our hope is that people won't sully our city with garbage, that they'll make a conscientious effort to toss their unwanted materials in the appropriate blue, green or black bin.

Our community outreach team attended the Bay to Breakers event to spread the word about the Giant Sweep anti-litter campaign and collected 550 [Giant Sweep](#) pledges from race participants who promised not to trash San Francisco's streets, buses and parks – not just on race day but every day. More than 63,000 people have taken the pledge over the last four years.

Public Works also fielded a team of runners and walkers – 65 strong – getting [a healthy workout](#) and enjoying our city from one end to the other.

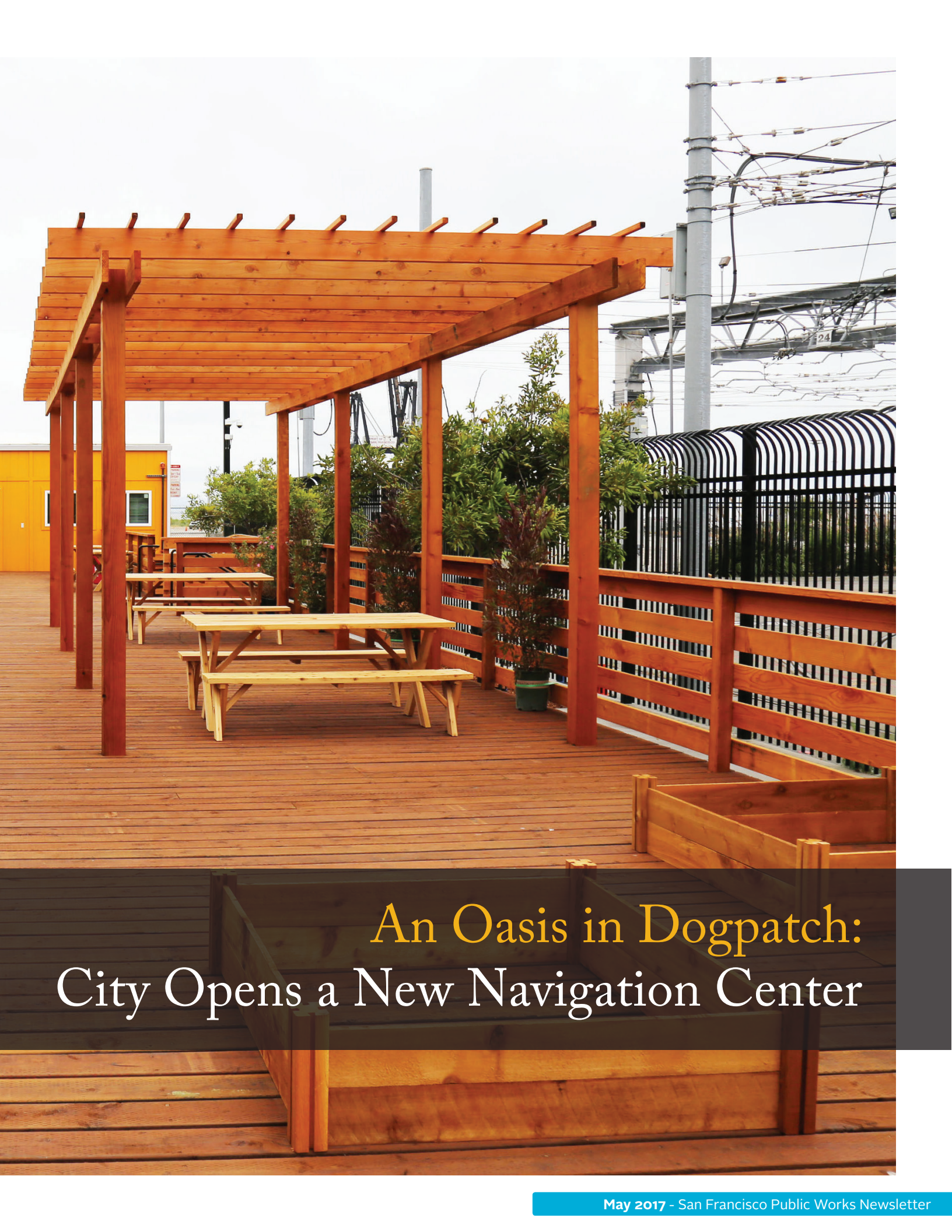
We're already looking forward to next year. ■





Wooden deck at the Dogpatch Navigation Center offers residents an outdoor gathering space.





An Oasis in Dogpatch:
City Opens a New Navigation Center



A common room serves as a dining hall and lounge.





San Francisco's newest Navigation Center came to life in the Dogpatch neighborhood, demonstrating the City's latest effort to move people out of tent encampments and into a more stable living environment. ►



Jemelle Larry and Whitney Burnett, two staffers at the new Dogpatch Navigation Center, catch up after their work day is over.





City officials and community members gather to celebrate the ribbon-cutting of the City's newest Navigation Center.





Mayor Ed Lee joins the Public Works team that helped get the Navigation Center up and running. Pictured from left to right: Edgar Lopez, Eoanna Harrison, Mayor Lee, Paul De Freitas, Alejandro Pimentel, Larry Stringer and Kevin Sporer.



- ▶ The colorful 64-bed campus is located on the eastern foot of 25th Street, at Michigan Street. It consists of modular buildings with dorms for sleeping, a dining hall and lounge, bathrooms, a counseling center, storage facilities and a welcoming outdoor space with gardens, seating and picnic tables.

Public Works architects and landscape architects designed the center; our carpenters, plumbers, electricians, sheet metal workers, general laborers, landscapers and cement masons made it move-in ready.

The project was a team effort: Mayor Ed Lee drove the funding; the Port of San Francisco lent the land and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing is overseeing operations. The nonprofit Episcopal Community Services and Providence Foundation provide on-site operations and services. District 10 Supervisor Malia Cohen and Dogpatch neighbors offered critical support.

“This Navigation Center sets a great example of how we can use creative solutions to address the challenge of homelessness in our city,” said San Francisco Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. “We turned a stretch of the public right of way into a safe and welcoming village where people who have been living on the streets in often dangerous situations can sleep, eat, shower, avail themselves to services and get back on more solid ground.”

The Navigation Center model allows people to bring their pets and belongings with them, and they can move in with others from their encampments. Once in the Navigation Center, they are offered intensive case management and connections to health care, drug treatment and government benefits programs.

The mayor hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the site on May 24; the first residents started to move in on May 30. This is the City’s third Navigation Center; the others are in the Mission, at 1950 Mission St., and Mid-Market area, at Market and 12th streets. The City plans to open four more in the coming year.

The Dogpatch Navigation Center is scheduled to operate at the location for three years; then, it will be disassembled and reopened at another site.

Public Works spends a lot of time and resources cleaning up around tent encampments, which are often dirty, unhealthy and unsafe for the people who live in them and those who live and work nearby. Encampment cleaning is a job we will continue to do until the need no longer exists.

Meanwhile, the Navigation Centers offer a critical path for individuals to move off the streets and into a more tenable environment. Public Works is proud to be part of the Navigation Center team. ■

Dogpatch Navigation Center Design Statement

The design of the center is intended to provide a healing, restorative environment, and is based upon modular building components, creating courtyards and outdoor spaces where residents can interact, socialize, and create a community off of the streets in preparation for their transition to more permanent housing. The ample outdoor spaces and amenities, such as gardens and outdoor dining and lounging areas, mean that residents can truly live at the center, not just sleep there at night as is the case in traditional shelters. This desirable environment is crucial if we are to succeed in creating a pathway out of street life for the residents.

Building this navigation center on an active street right of way was a complex collaborative effort, and involved various City agencies working together, including Public Works, the Port, Planning, MTA, the Police and Fire Departments, as well as the Dogpatch community, which was very active in the planning and design process. As we only have this site for three years, we minimized the impact to the street by using modular trailers that can be easily relocated. The wood deck structure not only provides ample outdoor space, but also houses all of the piping and electrical utilities connecting the trailers above ground, minimizing our excavation of the street and being easily dismantled at the end of our stay.

Visitors soak up the sun at the newly renovated Alamo Square Park.





Alamo Square Park **Revival**

A \$5.3 million renovation of Alamo Square makes the historic open space gem in the Western Addition more environmentally sustainable, beautiful and accessible for all users.

The 12.7-acre park offers visitors an iconic view of the Painted Ladies, the row of Victorian houses located across Steiner Street with downtown San Francisco in the backdrop.

The park upgrades include a new water-saving irrigation system and new drought-tolerant landscaping. Together,

the changes are expected to cut water usage by a third or 2.5 million gallons. The makeover also includes ADA-accessible pathways and bathrooms.

The Recreation and Park Department hosted a ribbon-cutting celebration on May 24 to fete the park's renewal. Public Works provided design and construction services.

The project was funded by voter-approved parks bonds and a water conservation grant from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.



Fire Station No.5:

Building a More

Resilient City





Demolition crews raze the old Western Addition fire station to make way for a state-of-the-art replacement.

One of San Francisco's oldest fire stations is getting rebuilt from the ground up as part of the City's continuing efforts to ensure public safety after a major earthquake or disaster.

Fire Station No. 5, located in the Western Addition at Turk and Webster streets, was built in 1956 and definitely showed its age. The replacement facility will conform to today's building codes, meaning it will be seismically safe, ADA accessible and better for the environment with new

systems that use less water and energy to meet the needs of 21st-century San Francisco.

Demolition of the current facility began early this month, and construction of the new fire station is set to start mid-July. The \$14.8 million project is expected to be completed in fall 2018.

The new facility is being funded through the [Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response \(ESER\) Bond](#), which voters

passed with 79 percent approval in June 2010. The bond, managed by Public Works, aims to make first-responder facilities more resilient in the wake of a major earthquake or natural disaster. Voters approved a second ESER bond in 2014.

You can get an insider's look at Fire Station No. 5 and other Public Works construction projects through livestream videos and stories on Snapchat and [Instagram](#). Be sure to follow us to get regular scoops.





MOSCONE PROJECT IN MOTION



Construction is well underway on the massive Moscone Expansion Project, a \$500 million undertaking that will keep San Francisco at the forefront of the nation's convention trade.

The [expansion project](#), managed by Public Works, will add more than 305,000

square feet of functional area, including new exhibition space, meeting rooms and a large-capacity kitchen to the Moscone convention complex. And when completed, Moscone will be better integrated with the surrounding Yerba Buena neighborhood in the South of Market through streetscape changes designed to beautify

the area and improve the pedestrian experience.

A video shot earlier this month captured steel trusses coming down at Moscone South – a high-precision operation that is part of the demolition work. The project began in 2015 and is scheduled for completion in late 2018.









On the Right Road: Funding Lined Up for Street Paving

Mayor Ed Lee has pledged to commit nearly \$90 million of the City's capital budget for street resurfacing over the next two years – a critical investment expected to build on recent progress made in improving the condition of San Francisco's roads.

“San Franciscans deserve streets that are smooth and easy to travel on, and won't result in wear-and-tear on their vehicles or create hazards for cyclists and pedestrians,” the mayor said on May 15 when he announced his proposed capital budget. He will formally submit his budget plan to the Board of Supervisors on June 1 for consideration.

Public Works and our contractor crews have been paving more than 700 blocks a year since passage of the 2011 Road Repaving and Street Safety Bond – almost double the number of blocks

resurfaced prior to the bond. As a result, the regionally tracked Pavement Condition Index score has been climbing steadily, hitting 69 on a scale of 100 last year – three points higher than the Bay Area average – and the best it has been in San Francisco for more than a decade.

We're aiming to reach a score of 70, which would land the average condition of our roads citywide in the “good” category. Over the past five years, we've treated more than 3,800 of the City's 12,800 blocks.

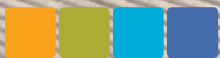
As the \$248 million bond funding has been depleted, the mayor has used other funding sources, primarily the General Fund, to keep the momentum going. Adoption this year of a state transportation spending bill will augment the pot to pay for street resurfacing. That's good news for all road users in San Francisco.

Keeping in Tune with San Francisco

Volunteers from the company Tune hit just the right frequency with the effort they put into cleaning up South Park and the surrounding area.

The contingent, about 20 volunteers in all, donned safety vests and protective gloves and got to work May 18 picking up litter and sweeping up leaves in the South of Market neighborhood near their office. Our Community Programs team provided support.

Public Works very much appreciates Tune and other businesses that partner with us to care for our city and bolster civic pride. We can't get it done alone. We have a lot of opportunities to help. Check them out at sfpublishworks.org/volunteer.





The Tune team ready to clean South Park.



VOLUNTEERS SHINED AT C

A pair of volunteers
spruce up around
Mission High School.



A young boy with dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt, blue jeans, and a bright orange safety vest, stands on a paved sidewalk. He is holding a long-handled tool, possibly a rake or brush, and looking towards the left. The background features a multi-story brick building with large windows, a chain-link fence, and lush green trees under a clear blue sky. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

COMMUNITY CLEAN TEAM!

Community Clean Team came to District 8 this month where friends, families, students and community organizations paired up with Public Works crews to beautify the Castro, Noe Valley, Mission and Glen Park neighborhoods. ►





Volunteers weed and prune during Community Clean Team workday.







These two
volunteers make
Community
Clean Team a
sweeping success.



- ▶ The May 13 event kicked off at Mission High School where an energetic bunch of volunteers basked in the morning sun, posed for Snapchat selfies and cheered as Supervisor Jeff Sheehy, who co-hosted the event, gave a pump-up-the-crowd pep talk all before the day's work began.

Individuals from [San Francisco's Pretrial Diversion Project](#) spruced up the neighborhood surrounding Mission High School by removing litter and debris, while a dedicated group from [Geo Care](#) pruned, raked and scraped dead

vines on Arlington Street in Glen Park. Meanwhile, Public Works crews teamed up with a cheerful group of students to prune trees, remove green waste and install pebble mulch at Pink Triangle Park and Memorial in the Castro. It was a busy morning for these hardworking folks, but the smiles on their faces showed they were having a blast.

Community Clean Team, now in its 17th year, is Public Works' largest and longest-running volunteer program that keeps San Francisco looking clean and

beautiful. Be sure to mark your calendar for next month's event, happening on June 17, where we will spruce up the Haight-Ashbury, Cole Valley and North of the Panhandle neighborhoods in District 5. As always, registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the speaking program kicks off at 9 a.m.

Click [here](#) for more information on Public Works' other volunteer opportunities or view the Clean Team [calendar](#) for future neighborhood cleanup dates. ■

Ramping Up for a More Accessible City

One of our priorities at Public Works is to make San Francisco accessible to all users, and one way we achieve that is by constructing ADA-accessible curb ramps.

More than 1,000 curb ramps are installed annually – during the last fiscal year we hit the 1,326 mark. If you use a wheelchair, walker or mobility scooter, please let us know if there's a location that needs a curb ramp. We prioritize areas near transit stops, schools, senior centers, health centers and hospitals, shopping districts and other public accommodations.

Contact [311](tel:311) to make your request. We want to hear from you!

Our curb ramp team also holds outreach events to let people know about the [program](#). On May 16, we attended Access to Adventure, an annual event hosted by the organization Support for Families of Children with Disabilities and the Recreation and Park Department. The fair was held at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park.

Our goal is to provide accessible paths of travel for all public sidewalks in San Francisco.





Young visitors check out the domed materials used to build curb ramps at the annual Access to Adventure fair.

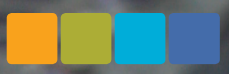
Meet Joan Carson



Esmeralda Slide Park steward Joan Carson helps care for this neighborhood.







Meet **Nicole Cook**



Public Works street cleaning crew member Nicole Cook helps care for this neighborhood.

BIKE TO WORK

DAY 2017

PROMOTES

PEDAL POWER

Thousands of San Franciscans took part in this year's Bike to Work Day, cycling to their offices in everything from business suits to colorful spandex.

Pedaling Public Works employees also were out in full force for Bike to Work Day on May 11 to show our commitment to making San Francisco's streets safer and smoother for bicycling.

And for us, it's not a once-a-year effort. Our engineers design and oversee construction of new bike lanes; our cleaning crews keep the bike lanes free of debris; and our pothole crews fix the roadway ruts. We also have a large contingent of staffers who commute by bike every day.

The City has made significant progress in improving the bicycle network in recent years, with everything from adding more bike lanes and bike racks to expanding the bike-share program.

We realize that biking isn't for everybody, through choice and/or circumstance. But as our streets get more congested and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions remains vital, we need to embrace bicycling as a transportation alternative and do what we can to make two-wheeling safer and more convenient.





A Public Works tree crew was quick to respond to a 40-foot tall ficus that fell across a sidewalk and onto a house on Dolores Street in Noe Valley on May 25. There were no injuries and structural damage was minimal.

