

in the works

November 2019

A Public Works crew member power washes the sidewalk at Hallidie Plaza as part of the Holiday Eco Blitz, our initiative to keep the City's commercial corridors looking good during the holiday season. See story inside.



Our Bureau of Urban Forestry crew spruces up the area surrounding the commemorative Mayor Ed Lee tree with colorful and festive new cyclamen plants.





Grandfiera
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EVENTS



12/3

[Holiday Tree Lighting at McLaren Lodge](#)

This free, family-friendly event features toboggan rides, a snow play area, carnival rides, live entertainment, cookie decorating, visits with Santa and more.

4-8 p.m.
501 Stanyan Street

by the Grinch and Santa. There also will be food trucks and a toy giveaway for the first 400 children under 12. Mayor London Breed will lead the ceremony to light Civic Center Plaza's 50-foot noble fir at 5:30 p.m.

4-7 p.m.



12/22

[Bill Graham Menorah Lighting](#)

The annual tradition is part of Chabad of San Francisco's Festival of Lights and the first of an eight-day menorah lighting celebration.

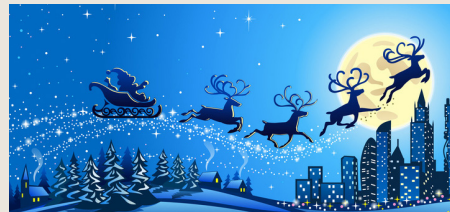
2-6 p.m.
Union Square
Post and Stockton streets



12/4

[Tree Lighting at Civic Center Plaza](#)

This free event will include musical performances, tap dancing Christmas trees, craft activities and appearances



12/25

Christmas Day

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HEALTHY *Holiday* HABITS

THE TIME FOR SPLURGING AND SHARING IS HERE. HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO KEEP US FROM OVERDOING IT.

FIND A HOBBY *(other than sampling all the goodies)*



perceived hunger may stem from boredom – doing something else can help distract & entertain the mind.

DRINK RESPONSIBLY

while using squatter vessels, you're more likely to pour



STAND *more than an arm's length away*

from munchies so you're not tempted to raise your hand to your mouth every few seconds.



one tends to **EAT**



because the meal can last longer, you're more likely to have seconds. *(so be the last to start & the second to stop eating)*

DON'T OVERSPEND

set a budget

An average American is expected to spend



\$1,007

on holiday gifts for others & themselves.

WORD OF THE MONTH

EFFERVESCENT

adjective
[EF-FER-VES-CENT]

marked by or expressing an appealingly lively quality

Bailey's effervescent personality was always appreciated when she volunteered during the annual holiday dinner at the local senior center - bringing joy and cheer to all.



THANK YOU

Just a note to say thank you – THANK YOU – for arranging for the work crew that came this morning to clear the top of Ashton Street. The crew, headed by Sonny McKinney, went right to work, was cheerful, cleaned up the area when they were done, and the hill looks terrific! The neighbors and I have more work to do, but we can certainly finish up what's needed.

We SO appreciate your efforts at coordination – we know it's never simple – and we're looking forward to maintaining a safe and pleasant street area.

Most sincerely,

Kathy B.

We are writing this note on behalf of all the volunteers and board members of the Rincon Hill Dog Park to commend everyone on the Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry crew for the extraordinary efforts that were put in to clean up, beautify and completely overhaul the park's decomposed granite surface. Before the overhaul, the park was suffering with limited lighting, rat infestation, gravel unevenness/erosion and weed growth. It's been almost eight years since the park was opened – a unique collaboration involving neighborhood residents, Caltrans and the City. It is a great example of the City and State supporting

community-building. This is the first time extensive repairs and maintenance have been done. Without this work, it would be impossible, going forward, to keep the park viable and safe. Everyone involved in this collaborative effort went above and beyond in the effort to make the park an inviting place to spend time with our family members, fuzzy and not so, friends and neighbors.

Please accept our sincere “thank you” for your dedication in striking off every pain-point from the list and rendering the park clean and safe again. We truly appreciate the long hours Public Works spent in planning and preparation and all the heavy lifting that went in. We are certain that the re-opening of the park, with all the necessary fixes in place, will attract new interest in volunteering and, with all the helping hands we will be able to maintain the park. Our pooches are grateful to have a fenced, safe area to wander unleashed and we are equally pleased with the convenience.

Please pass on our gratitude and thanks to Bureau of Urban Forestry and the other departments that have been so active in keeping our park a great place to be.

Sincerely,

Rincon Hill Dog Park Board

I just want to let you know what an excellent worker you have taking care of the 400 block of Tehama Street.

I see this gentleman every day and he is so detailed in cleaning out the tree beds and in sweeping both the sidewalk and street.

I always make a point to say “thank you” whenever I walk by him.

Thank you.

Brian W.

Thank you to San Francisco Public Works and all responsible parties for the newly installed bulbout at the northwest corner of the Clayton and Corbett intersection. This bulbout is much more attractive than I ever thought it would be and, in addition to improving pedestrian safety, it also helps make that corner more attractive and inviting! I thank you for taking my concerns seriously and implementing these important safety improvements.

Thank you again,

Sprague T.



KindSF shared an album: 11/3 Silent Disco Litter Cleanup & Cross-Generational Dance Party.

November 11 at 3:57 PM · 🌐

What. A. Day.

As you reflect on the memories and pictures of the day, please take a moment to appreciate the people who chose to come out and take care of our city. They're out there, living next door to you. It is our hope that you left this event feeling connected and energized, feeling the aliveness and power of a community in service.

Doing the right thing shouldn't always be hard.

Because sometimes, doing the right thing also looks like dancing in the middle of the streets with giant puppet activists, trombones, yoga mats, gentlemen in zoot suits, and a pile of trash reclaimed from our beautiful city. A community, acting together.

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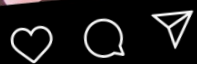
Thank you to all our amazing partners who helped make our 11/3 event one for the ages: our friends at San Francisco Public Works, Reimagine, Giant Puppets Save the World, Recology, the Dance Generators, Mark Duncan, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco Public Library, The Human Experience - David Block, Yemanjo, Impossible Foods, Guayakí Yerba Mate, Ian Kleinfield, and Kirin Power.



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kindsanfrancisco One of our dance leaders guiding a group of participants around City Hall! Thank you to everyone who came out to our Reimagine Festival Finale. We had a blast connecting with the community and creating a positive impact! A huge thank you to @sfpublishworks for providing all the cleanup supplies!

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PARKING
ANY
TIME





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Sacred Spaces: The Alleyways of Chinatown

For more than 20 years, Public Works has been collaborating with the Chinatown community to reimagine and renovate its many alleyways and transform them into safe, accessible corridors and inviting open spaces for the 34,000 people who live and work in this historic neighborhood. Tune in to learn about the history and efforts of this initiative from some of its most instrumental leaders and designers.

Learn more about the renovation program [here](#).

This Pit Stop is open for business 24/7 at Sixth and Jessie streets.



24-HOUR PUBL PILOT

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Where neighborhood challenges meet city-wide.

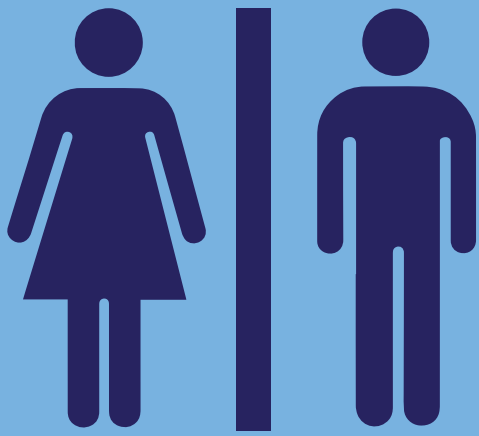
SOMA PIT STOP

GUIDELINES

Men in - Men to Signs
Set - Set to Signs

PIT STOP
IC TOILET
EXTENDED

Mayor London Breed gave the go-ahead this month to extend the pilot program for the first three 24-hour Pit Stops, which has shown promising results since it began in August. ►



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and sinks**



**needle
disposal**

Where neighborhood challenges m



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In total, San Francisco Public Works recorded 10,518 nighttime uses of the restrooms, or roughly 3,200 uses per month.

- ▶ What had been a three-month pilot will run through June 2020, the end of the fiscal year, allowing City leaders to evaluate the potential to continue or expand the program in the upcoming City budget. The 22 other Pit Stops in the program are open between seven and 13 hours a day, depending on location.

The three 24-hour facilities are located at Sixth and Jessie streets in SoMa, Market and Castro streets in the Castro, and Eddy and Jones streets in the Tenderloin.

Preliminary results from the pilot program at the 24-hour Pit Stops show that roughly 25 percent of all flushes at the overnight locations are happening between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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Instead of the one staffer assigned to each Pit Stop during the daytime and evening hours, two attendants are on duty during the late-night hours for safety considerations. A nonprofit

workforce development partner, Urban Alchemy, staffs all but one of the Pit Stops; the Lower Polk Community Benefit District staffs the other. Public Works manages the program.

The initial pilot cost \$299,594 to operate; the extension will cost a projected \$580,315 more.

Public Works began the Pit Stop program five years ago, starting with three locations in the Tenderloin. It now operates at 25 locations in 13 neighborhoods. Collectively, the staffed bathrooms have logged more than 1.6 million collective uses since the program's inception.



Crews Out in Force for the Lo

A vibrant city street scene featuring a yellow cable car on the left, pedestrians walking across a brick-paved sidewalk, and a water jet cleaning a traffic cone in the foreground. The scene is set in a commercial area with buildings and trees in the background.

Love Our City Holiday Eco Blitz

In what has become an annual winter tradition, Public Works is conducting an intensive 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. ►

Hallidie Plaza, near the Market/Powell cable car turnaround, gets some extra TLC during our Holiday Eco Blitz.





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- ▶ “We know that when the holidays roll around, it’s our City’s time to shine and the Holiday Eco Blitz will help us do just that,” said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru.

The operation has crews on the job every day during the winter holiday season, boosting regularly scheduled cleaning and maintenance services. The work includes sweeping and steam cleaning sidewalks, clearing leaves and litter from catch basins, and removing illegal postings from poles. The program also includes pruning street trees and weeding basins, cleaning public trashcans and street furniture, sprucing up around bus stops, painting over graffiti, power washing roadways, filling potholes and educating merchants and property owners about their responsibility to keep sidewalks clean.

Public Works is leading the effort, with the support of many City partners, including the 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 are collaborating, 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.

Between holiday shopping, special events and the general increase in visitors we see during the holiday season, we want to make sure everyone has a safe and pleasant experience when they’re enjoying San Francisco. The Holiday Eco Blitz is part of the Love Our City campaign, which Mayor London Breed launched in September 2018 with a citywide volunteer cleanup with nearly 1,000 participants.

The campaign aims to create a collective resolve where everyone who lives and works in San Francisco pitches in to care for the City’s diverse neighborhoods.

Public Works Director
Mohammed Nuru joins City
leaders to spread some holiday
joy at the 13th Annual Mayor's
Turkey Giveaway

Talking





Turkey

'Tis the season of giving, and Public Works got into the spirit by participating in the City family's annual turkey giveaway led by Mayor London Breed. ▶



Public Works and our community partners join forces every year to deliver turkeys to local nonprofits.



(From left to right) Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and San Francisco Mayor London Breed unite for the 13th Annual Mayor's Turkey Giveaway.





In all, more than 5,200 turkeys were distributed across San Francisco at over 70 giveaway events on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

- ▶ 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.

Other City departments pitched in as well. In all, more than 5,200 turkeys were distributed across San Francisco at more than 70 giveaway events on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

The turkeys were provided by the City with the support of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, Whole Foods and Foster Farms.

Breed was joined at three of the distribution sites by Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf and San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo as part of a friendly wager for September's Battle for the Bay Coastal Cleanup – a volunteer event that brought out more than 6,000 volunteers to clean and beautify our coastline neighborhoods. Following the cleanup event, the mayors agreed to continue collaborating on volunteer events that benefit all three cities.



COMMUNITY

San Francisco's south
when 165 like-minded

A scenic view of a hillside with tall trees and a body of water in the background. The foreground is filled with dry, brown grass and some driftwood. The middle ground shows a greenish body of water, possibly a reservoir or lake, with some reeds and smaller trees along the shore. The background features a line of tall, thin trees on a hillside under a hazy sky.

CITY CLEAN TEAM 2019: THAT'S A WRAP!

Northwestern District 7 neighborhoods benefited from a burst of volunteer activity, as hundreds of individuals gathered to spruce up the Park Merced, West Portal, ▶









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- Forest Hill, Ocean View and other nearby neighborhoods at the last Community Clean Team of the year.

The workday, which was co-sponsored by District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee's office, kicked off at Lowell High School on Eucalyptus Drive. From there, volunteers broke off into teams to beautify a total of 12 locations, ranging from community gardens, to street medians and commercial corridors.

Volunteers were spotted planting street trees at the intersection of Ocean and Plymouth avenues, removing graffiti along the Great Highway, refreshing street furniture on Junipero Serra Boulevard, picking up litter around Lake Merced and pruning overgrown plants at the Portola and Miraloma Triangle median.

In addition to cleaning up public spaces around the neighborhood, our corporate partner, Recology, provided bulky item disposal and free compost to residents from both District 7 and 5.

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community and give thanks to the beauty of San Francisco. Everyone who came out to volunteer flexed their civic pride and demonstrated a deep love for their City.

This month's Community Clean Team wrapped up the 2019 season and served as the very last workday of the decade!

And we're already gearing up for Community Clean Team 2020, when we'll be celebrating the 20th anniversary of Public Works' largest and longest-running volunteer program. Community Clean Team will be back on Jan. 11 to kick off the new season in District 3 where we'll be touching up North Beach, Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf and other nearby neighborhoods.



Public Works crews deliver a 20-foot-tall noble fir that will grace the rotunda at City Hall this holiday season.

