

# in the works

September 2019

A volunteer puts finishing touches on a new marine-themed mural near Candlestick Point.





# EVENTS



**10/4-6**

### Hardly Strictly Bluegrass

This free family-friendly event features live music on multiple stages.

Oct. 4 - Noon - 7 p.m.  
Oct. 5 - 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Oct. 6 - 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Golden Gate Park - enter at:  
- JFK Drive and Transverse Drive  
- Fulton Street and 30th Avenue  
- JFK Drive and 36th Avenue  
- South Polo Field



**10/6**

### Castro Street Fair

This free family-friendly event features live music, dance and carnival games.

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
around Castro and 18th streets



**10/6**

### 1st Sundays Block Party

This fun-for-all-ages event features games, an open-air craft market, street soccer pick-up games and more.

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Fulton and Larkin street



**10/6-14**

### Fleet Week

Check out the air show, parade of ships and other community events centered along San Francisco's central and northern waterfront.



**10/19**

### Community Clean Team

San Francisco Public Works' longest-running and largest volunteer program 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. - Speaking program  
Lafayette Elementary School  
4545 Anza St.



**10/20**

### Sunday Streets

Sunday Streets closes out a season of open streets with a return to the Excelsior's main corridor. Enjoy a car-free Mission Street, filled with exhibits, live music, activities and open space.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Mission Street  
from Silver to Geneva Avenue

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# THANK YOU



# SOCIAL MEDIA

Hi there. I am a lifeguard with the National Park Service at Ocean Beach. I just wanted to extend my praise to the new Pit Stop public restroom the City has installed in the parking lot at Ocean Beach, along with the hardworking people who keep it running. It has been working phenomenally for beach-goers and the guys that work there are keeping it all so tight and clean. I hope you have been getting more positive reinforcement for this project. Thank you for taking care of the public like this.

Take care,  
Josh S.

Dear Bureau of Urban Forestry –

Your team did a beautiful job trimming the tree at 271 Missouri St. I've seen their great work on other blocks and I'm very grateful ours made it onto their schedule. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Sharon T.

**Mayor's Office of Housing + Community Development** ... · Sep 16

We were happy to host FCC Commissioner @GeoffreyStarks to talk about our SF Digital Equity Initiative that helps our residents overcome digital barriers and ensure they have the tools and ability to succeed. Thank you to our partners @SFCityCIO @SFMOCI @sfoewd @sfpublicworks!

**Geoffrey Starks** @GeoffreyStarks · Sep 12

San Francisco City Administrator Naomi Kelly, @sfmohcd staff, @ShelterTech, @monkeybrains, and others shared with me work they are doing to address connectivity and other needs of San Francisco's homeless community. Thanks for their efforts-here's some of what I learned and saw.

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**SF72** **SF72org** @SF72org · Sep 16

Thanks for "exercising" regional emergency public info @SFFDPIO @SF311 @sfpublicworks! It takes a village of public information officers to make sure our communities throughout the entire Bay Area region receive coordinated, timely & accurate information during emergencies!



**SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT** @SFFDPIO · Sep 12

We never stop learning to improve our abilities to serve you. Practicing public information at the regional level today #regionaljis @SF\_emergency EOC



**Michael Lambert** @michaelambert · Sep 21

@SFPublicLibrary contingent about to do our part to clean up the Bay 🙌 Thank you @LondonBreed and @sfpublicworks for organizing this event 🙌



Simple  
Wellness  
Tips For

# AUTUMN



## Take Vitamin D

Boost your mood and immune system since we'll get less sunshine.



## Stay moisturized

Harsh temperatures can make your skin dry.



## Dress in layers

Protect your body from the cooling temperature.



## Get your flu shot

Take preventative measures to keep yourself healthy!



## Boost your immune system

Drink plenty of water, wash your hands and eat nutritional foods.



## Eat seasonal

Seasonal produce retains its full nutrient and vitamin content.



## Sleep more

Take advantage of having longer nights with Daylight Savings Time.



## Spring clean in autumn

Create better air quality, reduce the germs and reduce stress.



## Stay active

Reduce anxiety and depression while boosting overall wellbeing.



## Keep a schedule

Schedule time for things you need and want to do.



## Make plans to go out

We tend to hibernate if we don't have things to keep us busy.



## Be kind to yourself

Slow down and give yourself the love you deserve.



Word of the Month:

# RUSSET

adj. — A specific color that you often see as autumn leaves change from red to brown.

Jonny enjoyed stomping on the crunchy, russet leaves during his walk to work on the first day of fall.

# PUBLIC WORKS



## EPISODE 0060

### Battle for the Bay 2019

Battle for the Bay, a competition involving the mayors of three Bay Area cities - San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose - to protect and clean the waterfront through increased volunteerism, concluded with record numbers of volunteers, trash picked up and beautification projects completed.



## EPISODE 0059

### American Public Works Association Conference 2019

A San Francisco Public Works team headed to the annual American Public Works Association conference in Seattle to share information about some of our organization's most innovative initiatives. Check it out.





**Nifty Makeover for**  
**INNER SUNSET**  
**STREETSCAPE**



Earlier this month, 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. ►

Pedestrians stroll along Irving Street, which recently received a refresh and new plantings.



**The Sept. 18 ceremony, led by Mayor London Breed, celebrated the City's dedication to make the Inner Sunset safer and more transit-friendly. The neighborhood serves as a gateway to Golden Gate Park with many cafes, restaurants and shops that also serve the UCSF Parnassus campus community.▶**

Mayor London Breed and City leaders join local merchants to celebrate the completion of the Inner Sunset Improvements Project.



► The project is part of the SFMTA's Muni Forward Project and San Francisco Public Works' streetscape program. Muni Forward is a citywide effort to improve transit service across San Francisco. The streetscape program is an effort to reimagine street design to improve safety for people who walk and bike, while beautifying neighborhood commercial and mixed-use corridors through landscaping, street furniture and gateway elements, such as signs and murals. The street safety improvements advance the City's Vision Zero initiative, which calls for eliminating traffic-related fatalities by 2024.

The Inner Sunset project runs along Irving Street between Arguello Boulevard and 19th Avenue, and nearby stretches of Ninth and 10th avenues.

The improvements include 95 new curb ramps to increase accessibility, four transit bulb-outs to make transit boarding safer and more efficient, two pedestrian bulb-outs to shorten crossing distances, traffic signal upgrades that give priority to transit over cars, and increased distance between N-Judah stops to enhance efficiency. Additionally, crews repaved the entire stretch with more than 5,000 tons of new asphalt to create a smoother roadway for all users.

Additional upgrades include new street trees, drought-tolerant plantings, and added sidewalk seating to serve residents and visitors. The project also includes fiber optic conduit installation,

which will help create a network of high-speed internet across the City; and the replacement of aging sewer and water utility lines with larger, modern pipelines to provide more reliable service and minimize disruptions.

Another upside: The project strengthens the City's Emergency Firefighting Water System by upsizing 4,000 linear feet of pipeline to increase the capacity for high-pressure water needed during major fires. The City also installed 12 high-pressure fire hydrants that are connected to high-capacity cisterns, tanks and reservoirs throughout the commercial corridor.

Public Works provided construction management, design and engineering services for the \$21.3 million project.

The project was partially funded by the \$248 million Road Repair and Street Safety Bond, which was approved by San Francisco voters in 2011. Mitchell Engineering was the general contractor.

This has been a great collaboration among City organizations, elected leaders and community partners to deliver key safety improvements and beautification elements that will benefit everyone who visits the Inner Sunset neighborhood. ■

## Fire Station No.8:

# A Welcome Renewal

**An eye-catching makeover is taking place right now at Fire Station No. 8 located in the South of Market. And the skilled painters from Public Works are hard at work on the meticulous refresh.**



Three seasoned painters from our Bureau of Building Repair were assigned to the job at 36 Bluxome St. in mid-August after completion of a renovation of the Depression-era station's courtyard.

The firefighters' adjacent neighbor, the tech firm Pinterest, helped fund the transformation of the courtyard, which is nestled next to its offices. The outdoor space now boasts a newly added koi pond, barbecue, canopy, lighting and picnic table.

Next up for a redo: a new exterior paint job to not only give the tired-looking station a polished new look, but also to address a long-standing problem of water intrusion. The side and back walls got a sharp-looking gray-and-black paint job, while the front

of the station will match the historic color scheme – Seattle red, with black trim on the fluted columns and windows, with Sheffield gold accents. The updated appearance will really pop out.

In addition, the historic carriage lights that adorn the front of the station are being refurbished. The work is set to wrap up in October.

The Station 8 upgrades, which include other mechanical and structural improvements, are funded by the City's voter-approved Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond program that provides funding to improve and expand San Francisco's first-responder facilities. Learn more about the ESER Bond program at [www.sfearthquakesafety.org](http://www.sfearthquakesafety.org). ■



Danny Johnson from our Bureau of Building Repair helps revitalize Fire Station No. 8 with a striking new paint job.



Crews tackle debris and litter at the base of the off-ramp at Seventh and Bryant streets.

# CIVIC PRIDE



In just the first three months of 2019 alone, more than 57,000 pounds of trash were picked up from San Francisco's freeway on-ramps and off-ramps.

This staggering achievement to fight the blight is the result of Public Works' nascent collaboration with Civic, a local nonprofit focused on workforce development, and Caltrans, which oversees the maintenance of all freeways in the state.

Every week, Civic's team of workers rotates through a cleaning schedule that includes 22 freeway on and off ramps throughout seven neighborhoods in the City, including the Mission and South of Market. Each day, upwards of 100 garbage bags are filled with debris ranging from broken car parts and random shoes to fast-food wrappers and the ubiquitous cigarette butts. They also have picked up hundreds of discarded needles.

Navigating these busy ramps can be dangerous work for the cleaning crews, so Caltrans has trained Civic's team on safe work practices around traffic and the proper handling of hazardous waste. Caltrans also has provided cleaning supplies and traffic control.

Public Works' collaboration with Civic has stretched the program's impact far beyond neighborhood beautification by layering it with workforce development and civic engagement. The nonprofit's core mission is to help those finishing long prison sentences in a community setting instead of behind bars to address and overcome the barriers to employment that they face upon returning to society. A key component: Give people a job that not only starts them on a path toward financial stability but also contributes to the public good. Helping keep San Francisco clean helps us fulfill that mission.

"It feels really good to do this kind of work that helps the community," said Fred Guzman, who has been with the crew since the program began in January. "This program really has been making a difference."

The freeway on-ramp and off-ramp program, managed by Public Works, is a beautiful example of how the nonprofit sector along with government agencies can come together to positively impact both San Francisco's built environment and its human community. Public Works looks forward to continuing this partnership, just as much as we look forward to continuing to keep the freeway ramps safe and clean. ■

# PARTNERING SUCCESS

**Spirits ran high as the songs "We Are the Champions," "Don't Stop Believing" and "Chariots of Fire" filled the room. On Sept. 26, three San Francisco Public Works project teams truly felt like champions as their victory theme songs played at the second annual Citywide San Francisco Collaborative Partnering ceremony at the Marines' Memorial Club downtown.**

The event, which commemorated 14 projects from six City departments, celebrated the successes of infrastructure and building teams that used facilitated collaborative partnering as a foundation to map out mutual goals, better communicate and resolve issues with the contractors who deliver our construction projects.

The Polk Streetscape Project and San Francisco Fire Station No. 5 in the Western Addition were awarded silver trophies; and the Masonic Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project took home a bronze at a ceremony that featured more than 220 guests and a lineup of speakers. They included City Administrator Naomi Kelly, Rick Mayfield of the International Partnering Institute, and event emcees Mohammed Nuru, director of San Francisco Public Works, and Scott Anderson, president of Pankow Builders.

Collectively, the 14 award-winning project teams estimated they saved the City more than \$56 million

through partnering's issue resolution and outside-the-box thinking, which helped reduce costs and time delays.

"Partnering is about safety, teamwork and delivering projects that are claim-free and on time and on budget," said Nuru, who also is the co-chair of the San Francisco Collaborative Partnering Steering Committee, comprised of City department heads and leaders from construction, architecture and engineering firms.

For Public Works, the department's winning projects also represent extensive community outreach and involvement, a dedication to designing beautiful and safer streetscapes for all users, and a commitment to constructing seismically sound buildings that can withstand natural disasters and bolster the work of our first responders.

For more information on the City of San Francisco's Collaborative Partnering program, go to [www.sfpartnering.com](http://www.sfpartnering.com). ■





Polk Streetscape  
Project Team



Fire Station No. 5  
Project Team



Masonic Streetscape  
Project Team



Fern Alley's new colorful pavement is one of the highlights of the Polk Streetscape Project.

The Masonic Streetscape Improvements Project included new trees and public art at the plaza at Geary Boulevard and Masonic Avenue.





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The new seismically sound Fire Station No. 5 was one of the three Public Works projects honored at the Partnering Awards Ceremony.

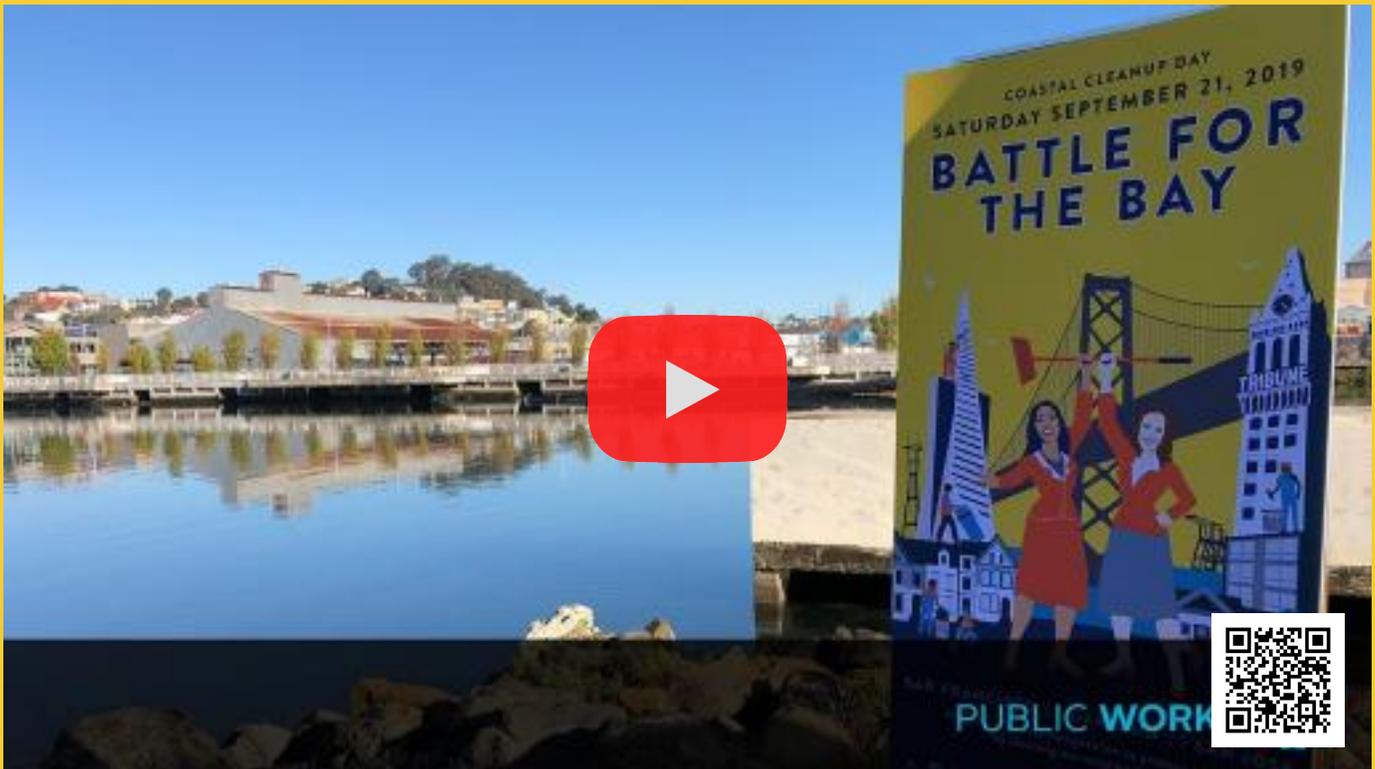


**BATTLE FOR THE BAY:**

# SAN FRANCISCO



# ISCO ROARED!



More than 3,000 volunteers came out strong to represent #TeamSF in Battle for the Bay, a competition involving the mayors of three Bay Area cities to clean and green the waterfront through increased volunteerism.

The Sept. 21 event concluded with record numbers of volunteers, trash picked up and beautification projects completed. San Francisco hosted worksites from Yosemite Slough in the City's southeast to Ocean Beach on San Francisco's western edge.

San Francisco's volunteers picked up more than 70,000 pounds of trash from 20 locations spanning 46 miles of coastline from Ocean Beach to Hunters Point. They also worked on habitat restoration, removed graffiti, planted trees and painted a delightful marine-themed mural that spans more than 1,000 feet near Candlestick Point.

In addition, in the weeks leading up to the big event, Public Works partnered with Caltrans to remove several abandoned boats from the Bay, and the two agencies teamed up with Recology to haul away many more tons of trash and debris along highways and coastal areas.

Battle for the Bay began as a friendly contest between San Francisco Mayor London Breed and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf who wanted to see which city could bring out the most volunteers and pick up the most trash on the annual Coastal Cleanup Day. San José Mayor Sam Liccardo later entered his city into the competition.

Their collective goal: increase volunteer turnout for Coastal Cleanup Day, raise awareness about the problem of marine debris and to promote programs to prevent littering and illegal dumping. They delivered on all three fronts. ►

# The competition resulted in:

## #TeamSF

Volunteers:	3,011
Trash removed:	70,163 lbs
Miles of coastline:	46 miles

Battle for the Bay  
volunteers pick up trash  
along Islais Creek Park.

## #TeamOakland

**Volunteers:** 2,170  
**Trash removed:** 109,460 lbs  
**Miles of coastline:** 11 miles

## #TeamSanJose

**Volunteers:** 1,311  
**Trash removed:** 36,414 lbs  
**Miles of coastline:** 123.95 miles ▶



Mayor London Breed rallied  
#TeamSF at the Sept. 21  
volunteer day kickoff.



# SAN FRANCISCO



CHINA BASIN PARK

MISSION CREEK PARK

AGUA VISTA PARK

WARM WATER COVE

ISLAIS CREEK

PIER 94

HERON'S HEAD PARK

YOSEMITE SLOUGH

CANDLESTICK POINT

EXECUTIVE PARK

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Volunteers of all ages pitched in to remove trash and debris at multiple locations along the waterfront.

Weeding, graffiti abatement and the creation of a new mural also were part of the day's accomplishments.







Battle for the Bay's mission is to bring awareness to the importance of caring for our city.



More than 70,000  
pounds of trash was  
collected by #TeamSF.





- ▶ The most unusual object found was a statue of the Hindu god, Vishnu, discovered along the banks of Middle Harbor Shoreline Park in Oakland.

“The Battle for the Bay was a huge success with thousands of volunteers throughout the Bay Area cleaning up our neighborhoods and coastal areas,” said Mayor Breed. “I am thrilled that San Francisco turned out the most volunteers. But we know this wasn’t just about one day. All year round, we are engaging our residents, linking people up with opportunities to help keep our City clean, and investing in a clean and green City. I thank Mayor Schaaf, Mayor Liccardo and all of our partners – and a special thank you to all of the volunteers!”

The tri-city event drew major support from sponsors, including Recology, Alaska Airlines, Waste Management of Alameda County, Argent Materials, California Waste Solutions, Andes Construction, DeSilva Gates Construction donating on behalf of Cypress Mandela, Ray’s Electric, Clear Channel, Webcor, the Emerald Fund, the Warriors, and Black and Veatch.

Event partners included the California Coastal Commission, Oakland Parks and Recreation

Foundation, San Francisco Public Works, Oakland Public Works, San José Public Works, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, Port of San Francisco, Caltrans, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the National Park Service, the Presidio Trust, Santa Clara Valley Water, Creek Connections Action Group and California State Parks.

The challenge was dubbed Battle for the Bay in honor of the 30th anniversary of the 1989 “Battle of the Bay” Major League Baseball World Series between the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A’s. It also marked the 20th anniversary of a similar cleaning and greening competition between then-San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and then-Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown.

As for the highly touted wager among mayors, an unprecedented three-way win was declared. To promote volunteering, community service, and sportsmanship, the mayors all agreed to perform a day of service in visiting cities while wearing the hometown’s sports gear. Date and locations to be determined. ■





Our Coastal Cleanup Day efforts not only included removal of discarded trash on the shoreline, but also this long-forgotten vessel bobbing in the bay.





# WHAT FLOATS OUR BOAT? CLEANING UP THE BAY

**An abandoned boat, bobbing for more than a year just off Highway 101 south of Candlestick Point, caught our attention as we scoured the shoreline for Coastal Cleanup Day work projects.**

Yes, we pick up tons of everyday litter – used coffee cups, empty beer bottles, cigarette butts, old tires and tattered clothing. But a boat? Sure. Why not? Let's do it.

Our Operations crews actually got to work pulling the boat from water on Sept. 19, two days before the annual Coastal Cleanup Day volunteer event even took place. This was a big job that required professional crews and truck drivers. They used a crane, chains and a lot of ingenuity to pull the boat from the water, hoist it onto a flatbed before it completely fell apart and transport it safely to the nearby dump. The whole operation took a few hours and the help of Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol since much of the work was happening adjacent to the freeway.

The boat wasn't that big, maybe just 25 feet or so long with a cabin and back deck, but it was

heavy – very heavy – filled with Bay mud. A large hole on the side offered a perfect entry for nature. The total weight once the boat made it onto the scale at the dump – and after much of the sludge ran out – was 9,500 pounds. That's just shy of 5 tons.

A few days earlier, Public Works crews hauled another abandoned boat out of the Bay, this one at Yosemite Slough. This operation was a little easier, with that boat weighing just 700 pounds.

And while neither boat could be counted toward the total tonnage during the Battle for the Bay competition on Coastal Cleanup Day when San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose were vying to see which city could remove the most trash from the waterways and nearby neighborhoods, we still got a lot of satisfaction knowing that our revered Bay ended up a little more pristine. ■

Public Works and Caltrans crews worked together to remove an abandoned boat from the bay.







Raymoné Reed of our Bureau of Urban Forestry spruces up the O'Shaughnessy Boulevard median with new hardy, drought-tolerant plantings.

