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PUBLIC MEETING

Join us in person at
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American Hall at 2174 Market
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MEETING AGENDA

- After holding virtual meetings for the last two years, this will be an in-person event. This is the first opportunity for DTNA to bring members and Triangle neighbors together since February 2020. This will primarily be a social event with a brief update on the Slow Triangle research and development. There will be refreshments and snacks. For more information, visit dtna.org. We hope to see you there!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, April 23, 11am - 4pm
Come celebrate the 15th DogFest community festival and support McKinley Elementary!

Monday, May 9, 7 pm
DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting via Zoom. To attend, email landuse@dtna.org to receive an invitation.

Every Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm
Upper Market COVID Vaccinations & Testing at the 18th Street Parking Lot behind Walgreens.

Frank Talk with DTNA: President's Message



Frank Tizedes
President of DTNA

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it, what ever I can." George Bernard Shaw.

Hello Friends and Neighbors:

My name is Frank Tizedes and I am the new President of Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association. I humbly take on the responsibility of the President and pledge to act as a conduit to community building; with your help and energy we can accomplish whatever we set out to do.

Six months ago, I conducted a quick survey on Facebook asking neighbors what they'd like DTNA to focus on. I heard you loud and clear: promote community building, safety & crime awareness, and improved recreation and environment. So for 2022, I will be focused around three simple yet impactful areas for growth that will help enhance and expand our goal to meet your needs and interests:

1: Environmental Protection Impact Committee (EPIC): Creating a platform to bring all of us together as stewards of our environment, protecting and expanding the awesome green spaces that fill Duboce Triangle.

2: Membership: With your help and the help of our neighbors and local businesses, we can do anything. I will be working closely with our Membership Chair to expand outreach and access to more neighbors. I plan to create and promote social interactions that foster and build a stronger community across Duboce Triangle.

3: Putting the safety of each and every one of you who lives, works, or does business in Duboce Triangle as a priority. I will work closely with our Supervisor's office, SFPD Park Station Captain Padrinini, and all organizations and agencies that will help promote, protect and foster a safe Duboce Triangle for everyone. A safe environment is a healthy environment.

We have some really great things planned, and we want to hear your ideas to plan more, do more, and have more fun! Let's

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A Happier and Healthier 2022



Rafael Mandelman
San Francisco District 8 Supervisor

Dear Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

It's been a busy few months in the neighborhood and at City Hall as we continue to recover from COVID-19. My office is working with Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association on several exciting projects, about which I will share more in this and upcoming columns.

Unfortunately, incidents in the neighborhood including burglaries, home invasions, and a shooting have highlighted the need for a renewed focus on public safety among City decision makers.

My office convened a public safety meeting last month to discuss these incidents and how we can work together to keep the neighborhood safe, and we always appreciate your input and updates at mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org

Please see below for updates about my office's work over the past few months.

Prioritizing Public Safety

I met with officers at Park Station in February, who shared their concerns about the significant staffing issues facing SFPD. The challenge of addressing this staffing shortage was highlighted at the graduation of the 274th Recruit Class I attended, which included just 13 graduating officers.

Normally each graduating class has closer to 50 officers, and having lost hundreds of officers over the last several years, we need to

be graduating multiple full academy classes each year just to get back to where we were. I am actively working with SFPD leadership to consider incentives to recruit a diverse new cohort of officers and have already expressed to Mayor Breed and Budget Chair Ronen that public safety is among my top priorities for the City's next budget, as it was for our last.

Traffic Safety and Pedestrian Improvements

My office is working with the Neighborhood Association to plan and implement a variety of traffic calming measures and pedestrian improvements in Duboce Triangle. I joined Neighborhood Association leaders and SFMTA staff for a walk in February to brainstorm and begin thinking about how we can refresh the neighborhood's cherished bulb-outs.

Moving Fourplexes Forward

My ordinance to make it easier to build

small multi-family buildings in residential neighborhoods citywide continues to advance. In February, I introduced a new version that would upzone all RH-1 zoning districts in the City to RH-2 to allow duplexes in every neighborhood, with the option to expand up to 4 units, and up to 6 units on corner lots. The Board's Land Use committee considered this ordinance on March 7th, where a number of amendments were added.

Reining in Monster Homes in D8

Last month, the Board unanimously approved an ordinance I introduced last year to rein in the conversion of existing housing into luxury monster homes. It will require a conditional use permit for units larger than 3,000 square feet in District 8 neighborhoods, and prohibit units over 4,000 square feet with limited exceptions. We've done a good job of building housing for millionaires and billionaires in the last decade, but we need to build more housing for the middle class.

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New Board Member Spotlight: Jessica Martines



Jessica Martines
DTNA Board Member

Hi neighbors!

I am extremely excited to be elected as a new Board member for DTNA. I'm looking forward to being a member of a team

dedicated to the improvement and safety of our neighborhood as well as the opportunity to interact with and meet more of my neighbors. I feel I will bring my own unique, diverse voice and experience to the Board in a positive way. As a new member it is my goal to learn as much as I can about the association and how it operates, each unique member and how they contribute, and where I best fit in. Having attended my first Board meeting already I have met nine new neighbors I did not know before!

I feel gratitude every day to be living in the Duboce Triangle neighborhood as I would not have been able to afford to live here 20 years ago when I won the lottery for One Church Street Apartments, where I have lived and raised a son. As you can imagine, affordable housing is an issue that is of importance to me as I have not only experienced how it has affected my family's life but also witnessed the effect on my fellow neighbors at One Church Street.

Having moved around quite a bit as a child, it was important to me to give my son stability. Raising him in the Duboce Triangle neighborhood has been a wonderful experience. He learned to walk holding the balance beam at the Duboce Park playground, was a student at McKinley Elementary School, and attended after school at the Harvey Milk Recreation Center. We still miss having a shake and a burger at Sparky's, our favorite weekend treat. And we've made quite a few friends over the years.

Looking towards the future I am hoping to be an active participant in finding new and creative ways to improve our little triangle of paradise in the areas of need the community identifies. I am honored for the opportunity to serve on the Board and look forward to meeting all my neighbors.

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Corona Heights: Just Up the Hill, but Worlds Away

While technically not in our neighborhood's boundaries, one of the best parts of living in Duboce Triangle is our proximity to Corona Heights. This 16-acre gem of a park is brimming with native plant and animal life, along with activities for all ages.

Most of us probably saw Corona Heights from down below before we ever visited it. On any given day, its rocky outcroppings of chert rise above Market Street, peopled with silhouettes. A walk from the Triangle straight uphill doesn't just afford you a wide panoramic vista of our neighborhood, downtown's skyline, and the bay and lands beyond—it also gives you a great workout. As Margot Patterson Doss, the great chronicler of walking in San Francisco once wrote, "Climb to the crest only if you are fit."

Doss called this hilltop of wonder

"San Francisco's Secret Park." Before it was Corona Heights, it was known as Rock Hill, Rocky Mountain, The Fist, the site of the Gray Brothers quarry and brick factory, part of Rancho San Miguel, and the traditional territory of the Yelamu, a local tribe of Ramaytush (*rah-my-toosh*) Ohlone peoples.

Beyond the sights, which never cease to inspire, there's more to do here than just take in the view (though you'll want to save plenty of time for that, especially at sunrise or sunset). With several entrances and connecting trails, the hill hosts multiple recreation areas: from playgrounds and tennis courts to dog runs and gardens.

There's even a slickenside—a rare geological wonder—on display, at the park's Beaver Street entrance, near 15th Street, first



The view from Corona Heights.

revealed back in the quarry days. Slickensides are highly polished surfaces created along a fault line as the rocks rub against each other. Usually they're around the size of a human hand; larger ones are quite rare. The exposure on Beaver St. near 15th St. is one of the largest known in the world.

Since 1951, the park has also been home to the Randall Museum, a natural history and science center with free admission and year-round programming. The museum operates Café Josephine—named after Josephine Randall, who first proposed the purchase of the land in 1928 for "a spot in the heart of the city where people could spend a day in the country." Serving organic, local fare along with delicious coffees and pastries, Café Josephine is the perfect place to rest after a hike around the hill. While you're up there, be sure to check out *Windswept* (2011), a kinetic sculpture by local artist Charles Sowers.

As part of an ongoing citywide endeavor to promote biodiversity of endangered species, local organizations often lead volunteer days for neighbors who want to get involved in habitat restoration efforts. On a recent walk,

several native species of spring wildflowers were emerging: checkerbloom, wyethia, lupine, and poppies. Over 30 species of birds can be seen at the park, along with rare local butterflies. It's even common to see coyotes here in broad daylight! Visitors are encouraged to stay on trails to protect what's left of our precious wildlife corridors.

Whether you want to get your hands in the dirt, increase your heart rate, foster your inner naturalist, or just get outside, this neighborhood gem is always there for you. Sometimes a hill-top climb is all you need to gain a little perspective.

The Randall Museum and SCRAP are proud to present ReImagine: The Art of Sustainable Thinking, a group show featuring a selection of over 60 pieces from 29 Bay Area artists on display now through August 31, 2022. The exhibition presents artists who use repurposed materials in their work and explore the infinite possibilities of creating something new out of something that was previously discarded. 10am-5pm Tuesday-Saturday. Free admission for all ages. For more information, visit randallmuseum.org.



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Frank Talk, continued

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have more street socials! **Start your own First Friday Block Happy Hours!** Join EPIC and help us plan and plant 300+ trees throughout the neighborhood. Help us manage a safe Duboce Triangle and join a network of connected neighbors seeking to keep our streets, playgrounds, and businesses active and safe. Get involved with Friends of Duboce Park and let's work together to help maintain the gem of our neighborhood.

We are a neighborhood of over 3,000 families, friends, businesses and neighbors; let's work together and let's get to work building connections. Together we are stronger.

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much...Helen Keller

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Protecting - Promoting - Planting The Triangle Tree Canopy

Hello tree huggers, greenies, naturalists, ecologists, friends of earth, friends of duboce park, new or future recruits to our Environmental Preservation Impact Committee (EPIC), neighbors and friends,

As many of you have experienced, the recent San Francisco drought has brought devastation to our beautiful and signature tree canopy. Did you lose a tree to the drought or one of the past few storms that ripped through the City?

EPIC is the newest committee of Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association. ("That's you, me; it's ALL OF US") EPIC will be coordinating with Supervisor Mandelman, the Bureau of Urban Forestry (BUF), and Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) and Duboce Triangle

neighbors to help restore and expand the awesome tree canopy that we have all grown to love and appreciate (along with other opportunities to add shrubs, native plants and other drought-tolerant species). We have identified over 250 opportunities to plant a tree. Do you need a tree? Did you lose a tree to drought? Is there an empty tree-well in front of your house?

We are organizing throughout 2022 to create like minded, socially responsible, environmental enthusiasts and just plain friends and neighbors to help preserve, protect and plant throughout the Triangle, trees, gardens and flowers. It's time to clean up and green up!

For more information and to get involved, email me at: president@dtna.org



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The 15th Annual McKinley DogFest

Saturday, April 23rd 11am-4pm in Duboce Park

By Emily Rodda

DogFest is back in person, and I couldn't be more excited. DogFest is a neighborhood tradition created to support our local public school, McKinley Elementary, while celebrating the best of our beloved Duboce Park. Highlights of the day include a dog show with celebrity judges, carnival games, a photo booth (for humans and dogs), a chow zone, carnival food, a silent auction and live music. There is something for everyone.

old asked for him every time we returned to the park for months. "Where Clifford?"

This year, I will attend as a newly minted McKinley Elementary parent, and I have a new appreciation for it all. A day doesn't pass without an embarrassing, unbelievable or heartbreaking headline about our San Francisco public schools. While all of the challenges are real, our family's experience at McKinley this year has been anything but bleak.

We have watched the magic unfold as our son begins to read. Ms. Tran will remain in our hearts forever as the teach-

If you're craving connection after an isolating pandemic, I hope you'll join me at Duboce Park on April 23rd to celebrate all of the things we may have taken for granted in a different time. Kids are in schools! We can walk within 6 feet of a neighbor to pet their dog! Playgrounds are open!

Often at Duboce Park we are together, apart. Kids behind gates on the west side; dogs roaming free to the east. At DogFest, all barriers come down. Kids fill the audience for the dog shows. Dog owners join the community force supporting our kids in schools. And, kids with dogs are just living their best lives. It's a great day to be in the park!



So, grab some popcorn. Head to the Dog Show. Open your hearts and your wallets, and enjoy the least poopy day of the year (courtesy of the Pooper Scooper Brigade, a bonafide DogFest event committee).

Every penny raised will go to support academic and enrich-

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Clifford the Big Red Dog and friends at DogFest.

Through the years, I have enjoyed DogFest from multiple vantage points. In my early 20s, I stumbled upon it serendipitously, thrilled by yet another example of San Francisco's whimsy and playfulness hidden around every corner. I've gone as the guest of a neighbor's dog to enjoy the revelries on the main stage. Then, several years ago, I followed my toddler following Clifford the Big Red Dog from set-up to sundown. God bless the selfless soul stuck in that suit. My then-two-year-

er who gave him that gift. We have watched calluses emerge on Zane's palms as he trains daily to skillfully and gracefully glide on the monkey bars. We have watched him walk into a classroom of strangers and run out with a wild pack of friends. Side benefit - we have too! After two years of shrinking social circles out of safety and necessity, it has been beyond refreshing to experience new life in the rich community created at our neighborhood school.

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Slow Triangle - We want to hear from you!

Once the UC Berkeley students' research on the Vision Slow Triangle came to a close, the board of DTNA organized a neighborhood walk with Supervisor Mandelman's team and a representative from the SFMTA to discuss findings and recommendations. Everyone was excited. We are now moving from community research and analysis to planning for implementation.

For any stage of the Vision Slow Triangle work, we have made a commitment to an open, transparent, and participatory process. Past experience shows that using participatory workshops for neighborhood improvements not only generates better, more balanced decisions but also achieves better usage of new improvements by residents and local businesses. A secondary, but not negligible outcome is that we all get to know each other better. In other words, this is a great opportunity to build community in Duboce Triangle together, by working

on something we all care about. The next stage of our work will include two concrete parts. First, developing an overarching value statement for the public realm in Duboce Triangle; Second, supporting the development of concept designs for improving critical intersections, the Duboce Triangle neighborhood gardens on bulb-outs and sidewalks, as well as additional traffic calming measures. These two steps are critical to ultimately generate an initial budgetary request to fund the implementation of proposed improvements.

We will conduct much of the work in a series of community workshops. We'd love your participation - either to co-organize workshops or simply participate. Please contact landuse@dtna.org or hansalland@gmail.com to be added to the list so we can keep you involved! It's going to be a fun and meaningful effort to work on this together.

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Election for State Assembly Addresses Major Housing Issues – Please Vote!

By the time this newsletter arrives on your porch you have probably received your ballot in the mail for the upcoming race to fill the State Assembly seat vacated by David Chiu when he resigned to become San Francisco City Attorney. If you haven't received one, and you're not sure if you are registered, you can look it up at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>. If it turns out you're not registered, you can do that easily at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

This election is for one of two people (the other being State Senator Scott Wiener) who represent our part of San Francisco in state government, so it is an important one, and the election is likely to be close. The top two finishers in the top-two primary, who are your choices for the seat, were separated by only a few hundred votes, getting 37% and 35% of the vote. The other two candidates got a combined 28%, so this is anybody's race.

The two candidates, Matt Haney and David Campos, are both left wing Democrats (this being the west side of San Francisco). But they are not the same – they

have clashed on a number of issues, most prominently housing policy, so your vote matters.

In the primary election in February our supervisorial district (District 8) continued its trend of having the best turnout of any district in the city. That said, only 46% of voters voted in that election, which means that 54% did not. One of the losing candidates was embarrassed when a check of his voting records (*whether* you vote is public, *how* you vote is not) revealed that he had only voted in Presidential elections, and ignored other elections, including the one for the seat he was running to claim. Regardless of whether you intend to run for office in the future, though, your duty as a citizen and your interest in having a say in issues that will directly affect the future of your neighborhood and your city should hopefully get you to fill out that ballot, after doing a little research (beyond looking at the fliers they stuff through your mail slot) of course.

Be a voter!

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The New Normal of our City Streets Website Tips for dtna.org

There have been a lot of COVID-related changes to our neighborhood over the past two years. Prior to the pandemic, our streets were exclusively for cars (either parked or moving). The only space for pedestrians were the narrow sidewalks - only three feet wide in some locations! Businesses were not allowed to have any presence on the street (especially if they were serving alcohol) without obtaining difficult and costly permits. Now, people and businesses are using our streets in unprecedented ways. It will be curious to see what remains and what changes in the months and years to come.

The state of ground-floor retail was not in a great place at the beginning of 2020, and the pandemic did not help. While it's been sad to see neighborhood favorites like Cafe Flore sit empty, it's been inspiring to see other gems like L'Ardoise Bistro adapt. The new parklet spaces that extend businesses into our streets have become a staple of city life during COVID-19. DTNA has been a strong supporter of these efforts, encouraging businesses to get creative and do whatever they can to not just survive, but thrive. Overall, they have been

a net positive to our city streets. The extra life and vitality make a stroll through our neighborhood even more exciting. Even the simpler parklets, such as the waiting area outside of Healing Cuts SF, have created a chance to bump into friends. Sure, you may have to do a bit more sidewalk dodging if it's a hopping night at Willkommen, but that's part of living in a city. Plus, the extra "eyes on the street" are a great way to make our neighborhood safer.

Another notable change to our neighborhood caused by the pandemic is the Noe Slow Street. DTNA played a very active role in having Noe Street selected for SFMTA's program. Having been installed for several months now, it's been wonderful to see people walking, playing, and even celebrating (10/17 Phoenix Day Block Party) in the street. This would have been almost impossible to imagine and implement before the pandemic. Now, it's a valued asset to our neighborhood. It's not perfect, and hopefully, over time, people will grow more accustomed to it. No one should feel stigmatized for walking or driving (or roller-

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[Bob Bush](#), DTNA Vice President, Web Transition Manager
[Paige Rausser Grey](#), DTNA Board Member, Membership Manager

Latest Triangle News and Events
 Find them on our homepage at dtna.org.

New Membership types - recurring vs non-recurring payments
 We heard from many of you that you're not interested in recurring memberships with automatic payments. We've made changes so it becomes your decision as to whether your membership renews automatically each year. There are now two membership types for every level. All current DTNA members have been changed to a one-year payment schedule membership level. Any member who wishes to maintain an auto-recurring payment schedule should contact membership@dtna.org. No other membership changes have been made. Bundle memberships remain.

"One Block Beyond" Map
 Map showing blocks "one block beyond" DTNA boundaries where neighbors are eligible for full DTNA membership has been added.

"From the President"
 On our new website, DTNA President Frank Tizedes will directly communicate with members and neighbors. You can read the latest on the homepage at dtna.org.

Membership and Advertising
 You can [join](#) DTNA online, pay your [membership dues](#) and even pay [advertising fees](#) online. You can still mail in a check if that is preferred. All membership reminders are now sent by email unless DTNA does not have an email address for a member in which case a postcard will be mailed.

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DTNA General Meeting Tackles Street Trees, Celebrates Local Business

Our February 14 General Meeting saw a good turnout despite it being Valentine's Day. We finished voting and announced the results of our 2022 DTNA Board and officers election. We welcomed two new Board members, Sugam Jain and Jessica Martines, and elected a new President, Frank Tizedes. Former President Kimyn Braithwaite will continue as Treasurer, and all other Board members and officers were reelected. On-line voting results can be viewed at: <https://vote.electionrunner.com/election/nad3r/results>

Unfortunately our planned main guest, Steve Keller from the Bureau of Urban Forestry (BUF), was not able to attend. We were interested in quizzing Steve about the trimming of trees in the Triangle, originally planned to take place in 2019 but regularly pushed back, and now confidently predicted for 2022. BUF was established in 2016, thanks to a ballot initiative authored by our former Supervisor and now State Senator Scott Wiener, partly at the behest of DTNA. Previously, homeowners and landlords were responsible for the trees in front of their homes or businesses, but now the Bureau is.

The first years of BUF's existence were taken up with clearing a backlog of poorly maintained trees, but by now the expectation is that BUF should be able to not only take care of problem trees, but also to maintain the ones we have, and plant new ones to increase our tree canopy. However, the questions submitted for our meeting indicated that that's not really happening. BUF seems to be unwilling to address problem trees like an overgrown ficus on 15th Street, because it has been maintained by the homeowners, which in DTNA's view creates a perverse incentive not to maintain trees. Trees that have died in the Triangle over the last several years have not been replaced, and although BUF partners with the nonprofit Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) to replant and water trees in empty tree wells, three years of watering are required for a new tree to be established. We are working with them to create a system (with the help of our neighbors and local partners) to make sure all trees that are planted receive the water they need during their early years in order to restore tree coverage in the Triangle.

DTNA leadership is working with BUF,

FUF, and other nonprofits like Mission Verde to try to come up with a solution to these problems, and to push forward with greening our neighborhood by adding more trees. If you would like to help by participating in our annual tree survey (all it takes is a clipboard and a pair of walking shoes), or by watering a tree on your street, contact us via our website at dtna.org. We are also interested in creating more community sidewalk gardens, where a few squares of concrete are removed and a group of neighbors collaborate to garden it. Contact us if you are interested.

We ended the meeting with a celebration of local businesses - Wyatt, the head of guest experiences at Santeria invited us all to Sunday's "locals night", and Max Khusid from Art House explained his curatorial interests as stemming from his extensive world travels, and celebrated the Triangle as the "heart of the city" that is getting more artsy by the day. We also all thanked Kimyn for her exemplary service as DTNA President. Our next

General Meeting is on April 11, if all goes well that will be our first in-person meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Put it on your calendars now, and see you there!



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DTNA Board Meeting Report

Bob Bush, DTNA Vice President

The Board of Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association now meets every month. At the March 2022 meeting, we discussed the following:

2022 DTNA Election

The Board welcomed two new members, Sugam Jain and Jessica Martinez, Frank Tizedes new President and Kimyn Braithwaite the new Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Past Treasurer, Nick, presented a financial report and is to meet with new Treasurer, Kimyn Braithwaite, to complete transfer of records.

Newsletter

New Advertising is putting pressure on space needed for content and impacts cost if additional pages are needed. Rose is looking at alternatives and suggested consideration of a low cost classified section that could also help with engaging new members.

Website

Annual single year and auto-recurring membership payment levels have been created. A map depicting membership eligibility "one block beyond" DTNA boundaries is being developed. So far \$2,675.00 of the \$5,000.00 budget has been expended. Tutorial meetings will be set up for Board members needing website Admin access.

Land Use Updates

14th Street calming proposal approved with painted buffer zones and no alteration of parking. A proposal has been submitted

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for a UC Berkeley summer student to develop a values statement and a design concept for common areas/public space and the Duboce-Sanchez-Steiner intersection in the Triangle. Funding is being sought.

Environmental Protection Impact Committee

Focus will be on expanding the green canopy. Some funding has been secured from Supervisor Mandelman's office.

Safety Reports

Website or Facebook may be better suited than newsletter for these reports.

Upcoming April Community Public Meeting Agenda

The April 11th meeting will be held in-person at Café du Nord and follow SF safety protocols that are rapidly changing. This will be the first in-person Public meeting since February 2020. The meeting will be primarily social with a brief Slow Triangle report.

New Normal, continued

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(blading) on Noe Street. It is a space that belongs to all of us, and something we need to learn to share.

Overall, we have all witnessed and had to live with some pretty significant changes to Duboce Triangle that probably would have never been possible if not for the pandemic. DTNA is a proud advocate for parklets, shared streets, and slow streets. We see them as a silver lining to the depressing lockdowns of COVID-19. Now, as the pandemic seems to be winding down (fingers crossed) and we enter a new normal, it will be interesting to see what becomes of these additions to our neighborhood. Hopefully, they also become a new normal. An integral part of Duboce Triangle. Without the masks and restrictions, we are able to use these amenities in a new way - with smiling faces.

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Castro Farmers' Market to Open for the Season Dogfest, continued

Your neighborhood Castro Farmers' Market is returning for the season, a reminder that everything good comes to those who wait! Noe and Market Streets will be filled with all your favorite farmers and their fine fruits and vegetables, eggs, honey, baked goods, and more! Your local gathering place will again hear the sounds of chatter, music, and laughter as neighbors walk the street to select fine local produce and enjoy their community and local businesses.

On April 6th, the market will open for the season with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 p.m. Community activist Donna Sachet and District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman will do the honors and officially open the market. There will be also be a very special performance by local folk/jazz artist Essie Thomas to entertain the crowd.

Throughout the season, your favorite farmers will be offering a constantly changing variety of California-certified produce, emphasizing the importance of eating with the seasons. All the farmers grow what they sell so you know where your food is coming from! Spring will be filled with greens like asparagus, baby lettuces, green onions, celery, spinach, peas, and fava beans. In May we watch for the arrival of sweet cherries and juicy apricots. Other stone fruit will not be far behind - peaches, nectarines, and plums. Tomatoes, corn, melons, and peppers arrive later in the summer. It's all worth the wait!

Visit Clara's Egg Farm of Royal Oaks for fantastic pasture-raised eggs, Fifth Crow Farm from Pescadero for some of the best vegetables around, and Allard Farms in Westley with awesome fruit. There will be tamales, baked goods, empanadas, fresh fish, and so many other favorites.

You can talk to your farmers, learn about their farm and produce, and even pick up a quick recipe. You'll find the camaraderie of the farmers' market one of the most pleasant experiences you can have while getting to know your neighbors, rekindling old relationships, and finding new friends - all

while supporting your local farmers, your local community, and the surrounding businesses.

Thank you for your support of the Castro Farmers' Market. Let's make this season one of the best ever! We'll be here 3pm to 7pm through November 16th, at 290 Noe Street at Market Street.

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ment programs for more than 250 children at McKinley Elementary. For more information about becoming a sponsor, a vendor, or donating goods or services for the silent auction, please go to <https://mckinleyschool.org/dogfest/>



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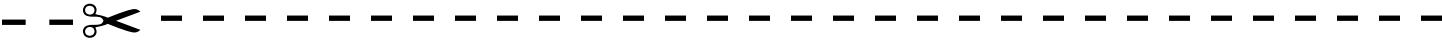
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