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# DUBOCE TRIANGLE NEWS

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**Tuesday, August 9, 2022**

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## **PUBLIC MEETING**

Join us in person at the Harvey Milk Center for Recreational Arts

### **MEETING AGENDA**

For the August General Meeting, join us in person at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts. Our Slow Triangle summer interns will be presenting design interventions for the neighborhood based on a series of community workshops. We hope to have you there to join the conversation!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday, August 12th, 8 am to 10 am, **DTNA President Frank Tizedes to host "office hours"** at Duboce Park Cafe.

Monday, September 12, 7 pm **DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting via Zoom.** To attend, email [landuse@dtna.org](mailto:landuse@dtna.org) to receive an invitation.

Every Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm **Free COVID-19 vaccinations and testing** at the 18th Street parking lot behind Walgreens.

Note: For the latest updates on meeting location and protocols, along with other opportunities to get involved in neighborhood events, please visit us at [dtna.org](http://dtna.org).

## **Frank Talk: Elevating Your Voices**



*Serge Gay Jr, muralist and Frank Tizedes, DTNA President.*

As President of DTNA, a top priority is increasing opportunities for neighbors to be heard, involved, and part of the decision-making process. **I want to elevate your voices!**

So, I've been asking two simple questions of our neighbors:

- 1. What do you Like about Duboce Triangle?**
- 2. If you could add one thing to the neighborhood, what would it be?**

I was pleasantly reminded that Duboce Triangle is a special space and it's our sense of community that makes it so. I've done my best to transcribe what you've shared with me in the entries below.

Going forward, I plan to host open "office

hours" at a local coffee shop once a month. Find me at Duboce Park Cafe on Friday August 12, 8-10am, to discuss anything that's on your mind.

### **YOUR VOICE MATTERS**

#### **Karen: 14th St.**

**Like:** I love that Duboce feels like a real neighborhood. Everybody comes together to help each other and cares about making it a good place to live.

**Add:** I'd like to see the neighborhood feel safer, especially at night.

#### **Z.J.: Waller St.**

**Like:** We came together as a community. We knew we could fix things. It was all women at first, then the guys started seeing us and joined. It became a social activity—we bought flowers and paint, removed graffiti. Soon, we started having lunch and dinners together. Our social life became this neighborhood.

**Add:** That the newcomers coming in appreciate all the work that goes into making community improvements, and help us to continue. It really does take a village.

#### **Peter: 14th St.**

**Like:** I love the trees, the walking distance proximity to so many great places, and all the transit lines that run through here.

**Add:** A swimming pool.

#### **Cathy: Beaver St.**

**Like:** We're centrally located and can walk or take public transportation easily to practically anywhere in the city. The LGBTQ community and families that live here make it better.

**Add:** A locally owned office supply store.

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# Moving in the Right Direction



Rafael Mandelman  
San Francisco District 8  
Supervisor

Dear Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

With another busy couple months and half the summer behind us, there's no shortage of events and accomplishments to reflect on.

The Castro Merchants Association and Artyhood SF hosted a fantastic "Pride Celebration for the Family" event on Pink Saturday, drawing large and diverse crowds to the neighborhood for drag storytime, a petting zoo, and the Drag Performer of the Year Contest.

It was great to see the funding we secured for the Castro Merchants' Shared Spaces activations in last year's budget put to good use, and I look forward to Family Pride on Noe Street becoming an annual tradition. Please see below for updates about my office's recent work.

**A NEW CITY BUDGET:** Last month, the Budget and Appropriations Committee unanimously approved the City's budget for the next two fiscal years.

My office worked to secure full funding for public safety initiatives intended to address SFPD's growing officer shortage, including recruitment and retention bonuses and new academy classes. While I strongly support these investments, even if we succeed at filling all of our newly funded academy classes, we will surely still have fewer officers than we did in 2018 for many years to come.

This budget also includes continued funding for the street-based outreach teams that engage with unsheltered and unwell residents as alternatives to SFPD, including EMS-6, Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT), Street Over-

dose Response Team (SORT), Street Wellness Response Team (SWRT), and Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). These teams engage with high utilizers of 911 & EMS, people experiencing homelessness, and behavioral health crises to stabilize and help connect them to services.

My office also helped fund over \$6.5 million to end trans homelessness, \$6 million to preserve HIV prevention and treatment services, \$2.6 million to implement the City's Climate Action Plan, \$1 million for HIV/AIDS housing subsidies, and over \$1 million worth of funding for neighborhood level priorities.

**ENDING EXCLUSIONARY ZONING:** On June 28, the Board of Supervisors adopted a version of my fourplex zoning proposal to allow more housing in San Francisco's residential "RH" zoning districts that make up 60% of the City. This vote was a long time coming, following two years of effort to get a meaningful upzoning measure passed.

We didn't get as far as I would have liked, but we got somewhere. I want to thank all the advocates

who emailed and called in to support the effort, and I share the disappointment of those who feel that a measure that was already modest and incremental as introduced ended up even more so after working its way through the legislative process.

Nonetheless, this vote is still a move in the right direction for San Francisco by permitting up to four units in historically exclusionary RH zoned districts, or up to six units on corner lots, and allowing for these units to be sold as condos in most cases, unlike the current ADU program, which does not.

Still, the reality is that this Board needs to do better and be bolder to achieve the significant increase in housing production required by State law and demanded by the moment. I will continue to advocate for greater housing opportunities citywide as we move toward adoption of our Housing Element later this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at [Mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org](mailto:Mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org), or by calling (415) 554-6968.



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# Welcoming All Ideas and Feedback on Slow Triangle

By Martine Kushner & Eugene Lau

Summer workshops are underway to engage residents and businesses of Duboce Triangle and adjacent neighborhoods on their ideas for a Slow Triangle. It has been great meeting some of you at our recent workshops and at the Farmers' Market, and we look forward to hearing from you at a future meeting. In the meantime, we also invite you to fill out [our survey](#), to help us understand your thoughts on what a Slow Triangle could mean.

This concept of designing an improved Duboce Triangle began at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when Noe Street was converted into a "Slow Street." Throughout San Francisco, and in cities across the country, these "Slow Streets" were implemented to limit through traffic and open the road to more accessible and wider uses for pedestrians and cyclists. These modes of street design

and usage are not necessarily new. Temporary street closures make way for block parties, street festivals, and farmers' markets. Examples of permanent pedestrianized streets can be found all around the world in cities like Barcelona, Copenhagen, and Paris, along both major thoroughfares and in more intimate neighborhood settings. While there are some universal approaches to redesigning streets to create safer and more open public spaces, Duboce Triangle is unique in its history and relationship to the rest of the City. A tailored approach to understanding the neighborhood is necessary before diving into a Slow Triangle design proposal.

Initial research was done on the current and potential implementation of Vision: Slow Triangle here in Duboce Triangle by three groups of graduate students from UC Berkeley on the topics of Walkability & Mobility, Sustainability, and

Activation. Some of the proposed ideas included improving existing corner bulb-outs as mini-plazas, adjusting parking orientation in key areas to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and pedestrian improvements on 14th Street to support movement and access to businesses. After hearing feedback on these ideas from residents at a December 2021 presentation, we have remained open to any and all of your ideas. This summer, we are conducting community workshops to add to these initial ideas and we are inviting everyone to play a part in this process. As stakeholders in this community, your wants, dreams, and lived experiences are essential ingredients in how a potential vision for a Slow Triangle can be articulated, planned for, and implemented.

So far, we have completed two workshops: in the first one, we collected ideas on potential Design Values that resonated with

community members and shared precedent examples that could be applicable in Duboce Triangle. Participants in the second workshop took part in a design charrette, giving people an opportunity to articulate their ideas through creative brainstorming and interactive activities. As a result of these workshops, we are planning to present concept designs and refined recommendations to seek additional neighbor input before connecting with City departments and other community partners to make what the neighborhood wants a reality.

To stay informed about the Slow Triangle workshops, please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/JtLKRZjAc-n8VC18B7>, or email us at [slowtriangle@dtna.org](mailto:slowtriangle@dtna.org) with any and all ideas. You can also learn more at [dtna.org](http://dtna.org) (under "Initiatives"). We will be sending out more detailed information about each event to those interested.



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## How to lose 3,000 pounds and save money while doing it!

By Miles Cooper, 15th St. Neighbor

This is not about slimming down the body but rethinking car ownership and simplifying life. “Zounds,” you may think, “Here we go with some tree-hugger, all-cars-are-bad zealot.” Not so. When I first came to Duboce Triangle in 2004, a condition of moving into our old Victorian (read: no garage) was a leased parking space (for a zippy sports car that brought me great joy), as my work required occasional drives to random locations. Fast forward to 2015. Work still required occasional trips, yet I found the car sat unused most of the time.

That’s not unusual. For most of us, our cars sit unused 95% of the time. Yet after rent or a mortgage payment, car ownership and maintenance is usually the next largest household expense. All this on an item that continually depreciates. Add in the time needed to maintain a car and hunt for parking and one starts to recognize the significant impact car ownership has on one’s



Miles lives with his spouse, Maryanne and their 8-year-old and 10-year-old, who attend McKinley Elementary. They have lived in Duboce Triangle since 2004.

life. At the same time, we live in a transit and resource dense environment, including as-needed access to cars. Hourly car rentals like Zipcar, Getaround, Gig, and Turo are immediately available (in fact, the nearest Zipcar is closer to our house than our leased parking

space was!) and longer term cars from Enterprise, Sixt, and other big rental agencies are within 20 minutes. These options provide cars on demand without the ownership cost and time.

We sold our car in 2015 and never looked back. “But I have kids,” you say. So did we—ages 2 and 3. In 2016-17, we even managed a car-free year of cancer treatment filled with chemotherapy, radiation, and

surgeries at Stanford for our now healthy 8-year-old. We leaned into transit and relied on a cargo bike for kid hauling. What I learned during that time is while transit may take a little longer, the quality of time is different. I could sit and work while en route. I finished each train ride to Stanford with a reduced email inbox instead of demands stacking up while we drove in traffic congestion, getting frustrated.

The additional bike lanes, slow streets, and one-way Bay Wheels bikes add safer bicycle riding options. Couple that with the amazing advances in e-bike options to get around (and haul kids and groceries) and the City becomes open and accessible on two wheels. For the e-bike curious, check out The New

Wheel in Bernal Heights or Vanmoof on Valencia.

Giving up a car is a huge change, and change can be scary. But there is no better place than the Triangle to give it a try. For those willing to take the plunge, they will find life to be simpler and less expensive. The reduced carbon footprint is a bonus. Fewer cars in our neighborhood frees up road space for the few whose lives or abilities make car ownership truly necessary.

If you’re car-free curious and have concerns that you want to talk through, we’d love to brainstorm them with you. Chances are we’ve faced the issue in the seven years we’ve gone without. Grab me at a DTNA meeting, the farmers’ market, or reach out by email to [miles@coopers.law](mailto:miles@coopers.law).

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## Tomatoes – Fresh Off the Vine

by Debra Morris, Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Association (PCFMA)

“A world without tomatoes is like a string quartet without violins.” Laurie Colwin, [Home Cooking](#)

One of the best things about summer is the joy of eating a delicious juicy tomato picked fresh off the vine and delivered to your farmers’ market the same day. The taste of fat slices of Early Girls in a simple tomato salad, or beefsteak tomatoes stuffed with cooked shrimp, or Romas chopped into a fresh *pico de gallo* salsa are enough to make anyone a convert to summer tomatoes from the farmers’ market. These tomatoes are not picked under-ripe, trucked across the country, and then gassed to ripen them for supermarket shelves. The flavor of a fresh-from-the-farm tomato surpasses even the “vine-ripened” ones you get at the grocery store.



During the summer months there are many tomato varieties available at your farmers’ market. There are little cherry, pear, and grape tomatoes, medium-sized hybrid Early Girl, beefsteak tomatoes, and large juicy heirloom varieties. The flavors

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## Is Work Your Religion? Here’s an Alternative Path to Transcendence

by Erik Honda



Erik is the DTNA Board Secretary. He has lived with his family and housemates on Henry Street since 1992.

The recent book *Work Pray Code* by UC Berkeley sociologist Carolyn Chen examines how for much of the Silicon Valley tech workforce their jobs have become their religion. The messianic CEO stands in for God, providing a sense of mission and purpose. The rigorous work hours and lavish campuses present a method and a place for salvation, and the community of co-workers stands in for the congregation. Chen points out that most tech workers come from far away – other states or nations, and often ones that are culturally far more religious. Arriving in the Bay Area, the most secular part of the United States, these workers often jettison ties to their ancestral religion, and work offers a replacement.

Chen acknowledges that some jobs offer a built-in sense of purpose. If you are a public school teacher or a critical-care nurse, you can be confident that the extra hours you devote to your job are in service of a greater good, thus naturally offering up a sense of transcendence. But she questions if a sacred devotion to multi-billion-dollar corporations that are serving shareholder interests rather than the community as a whole is entirely healthy. When she asks these workers what other communities they belong to in their lives, she hears again and again “Community is hard.” Plus there are only so many hours in the day.

Let us make it easy for you. Your local neighborhood association offers a lot of what the old churches once did – a place to come together with the people you live near, and a sense of connection and purpose that transcends the

otherwise mundane practices of our daily lives, one that just might last beyond the confines of our own temporary existence on the planet. We don’t pray, nor do we generally code, but we do have rituals (committee meetings, tree plantings, neighborhood clean-ups, block parties), and sacred texts (DTNA Bylaws and *Robert’s Rules of Order*), and we hope to make you feel like you are part of something worthwhile every time you show up for one of our events.

So contact us via our website at [dtna.org](http://dtna.org), and offer up your skills and talents in service of those around you. Or come in person to one of our General Meetings at Harvey Milk Center for the Arts. Or just show up at any of our events or committee meetings and start up a conversation. We will welcome you into the sacred fold. Amen.

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## Go Local For Summer Fun 2022

By Esther Honda

Looking for some ideas for summer fun? Here's a reminder of a few great opportunities right in our neighborhood.

Any parent in San Francisco is probably familiar with our exceptional public library system's Summer Stride program. From June through August, SFPL hosts programs that promote not only reading but also hands-on art and science exploration, plus experiences in nature and all around our city. Visit the [Summer Stride](#) page for book lists and some STEM challenge videos ("How far can you launch a pompom?" "Is it possible to grow sprouts in specific shapes?") created by youth librarians to engage your kids at home.

But did you know that the SFPL also has lots of curated lists of recommended books for adults this summer and beyond too? Check out their lists of beach reads, ice

cream and gelato books, Black music appreciation, and LG-BTQ+ graphic novels for inspiration. On the [sfpl.org](#) website, you can always find recommended reading of any number of genres and topics. Or just show up and browse the stacks—you never know what you might find.

The library also regularly hosts an incredible variety of events, both online and in person at its 28 locations for adults and mixed age audiences. Whether you want to learn beginning Mandarin, meet with a financial coach, or practice some self-defense, all programs are FREE. Search their calendar by branch location, age level, or interest at [sfpl.org/events](#).

Looking for other ways to make Summer 2022 literary? We're lucky to still have local bookstores, Books and Bookshelves on 14th and Fabulosa Books on Castro, but they cannot survive without our support. Why not

look for a book that takes place in San Francisco? The *San Francisco Chronicle* analyzed data from the crowd-sourced *Goodreads* website and found these to be the top most recommended SF books:

Title	Average rating	Number of ratings	Year published
The Last Hours	4.1	71.5K	2010
The Joy Luck Club	4.1	63.9K	1989
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	4.1	48.6K	1969
The American Dream of Electric Street	4.1	18.9K	1988
Sally Lunn	4.1	22.5K	2014
Set in Stone	4.1	31.7K	2001
The Language of Flowers	4.1	20.4K	2011
The Man in the High Castle	4.1	18.7K	1982
Shallenger	4.1	19.3K	2012
Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore	4.1	18.9K	2010

Right in the Triangle, Harvey Milk Center for the Arts and Harvey Milk Photo Center both host

classes, [learn more on page 7]. While parents in the neighborhood probably know that nearby Randall Museum offers classes for young people and families, others might want to check out their adult classes like woodworking and ceramics which are offered in the summer and throughout the year. Class descriptions and registration information available at [randallmuseum.org](#). You can also support any of these local gems by donating or becoming a member.

While most everyone loves to travel, visit new places, or explore other neighborhoods, don't forget to enjoy the wealth of enriching opportunities, classes, and events offered in our own Duboce Triangle.

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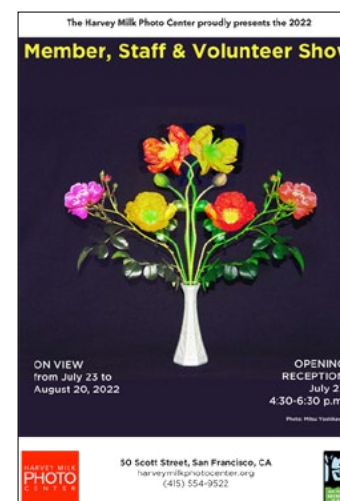
## World Class Arts Center in our Backyard

by Rose Linke

The June DTNA public meeting was held in person at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts (HMCA), a reminder of how lucky we are to have this neighborhood institution in our figurative backyard.

Originally built in 1954 for the San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department as a center for performing arts, the site was renamed in Harvey Milk's honor in 1978. Milk's inspiring words grace the building's eastern face—The American Dream starts with the neighborhoods—greeting us all on our way to the playground, basketball court, picnic blanket, dog run, Muni stop, or onward to run errands in the Triangle or travel beyond its borders.

It's fitting that the center serves



The current show at HMPC features members, staff and volunteers.

as a tribute to Milk, who opened a camera store in the Castro when he first moved to San Francisco in 1972. The ground floor of the building is home to the Harvey Milk Photo Center (HMPC),

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which is the oldest and largest community wet darkroom in the country, dating back to 1940.

HMPC offers a variety of classes—black and white film development, inkjet printing, cyanotype, and digital photography—alongside featured exhibits. The current show, a survey of work from members, staff, and volunteers, is open through August 20th. Stop by 50 Scott Street and learn more at [www.harveymilkphoto.org](#).

Upstairs, HMCA has expanded its offerings to include both visual and performing arts classes in facilities that include a ballroom and dance studios. Fall classes begin in September, with [general registration](#) opening Saturday, August 20th, 2022. Class options for kids, teens, adults, and seniors, include ballet, yoga, ukelele, BollyX, musical theater, sewing, and podcasting.

Harvey Milk Center for the Arts is also looking for part-time passionate art instructors and facility staff to add to our team this fall! Inquire by emailing [elena.norberg-brown@sfgov.org](mailto:elena.norberg-brown@sfgov.org).

For more information, visit [sfrecpark.org](#) and type "Harvey Milk Center" into the search box, where you'll see separate links for HMCA and HMPC,



HMCA offers a variety of classes.

which offer independent programming.

Thank you to the San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department for hosting DTNA meetings and being a commons for our neighborhood. See you there!

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## Website/Membership Tips for [dtna.org](http://dtna.org)

[Bob Bush](#), DTNA Vice President, Web Manager

[Paige Rausser Grey](#), DTNA Board Member, Membership Manager

### Membership Directory

The board of DTNA will be considering populating member names into the membership directory on [dtna.org](http://dtna.org). This directory would only be viewable by DTNA members when logged in and would not be accessible to the public. By making changes in the “privacy” portion of a member’s profile, members would be able to add their phone number, email address and/or street address – but only if they choose to include this information for other members to see. Members would also be able to opt-out and remove their name and/or other contact information from the membership directory. Please contact [info@dtna.org](mailto:info@dtna.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

### Slow Triangle

An [Initiatives](#) tab has been added to the website menu, which includes a new [Slow Triangle page](#) with updates on past and current information.

### Membership and Advertising

We hope you’ve had a chance to get familiar with our new website, where you can [join](#) DTNA, log in and pay your [membership dues](#) and even pay [advertising fees](#) – all online. If you are paying your membership dues online, check the FAQs to learn how to access your account for the first time. You can still mail in a check if that is preferred. Membership reminders are now sent by email so please make sure to update your email address in your account. Postcard reminders will be mailed to members without email addresses.

Our [website FAQs](#) page has lots of additional information about all things related to your membership. Learn more about the latest Triangle news and events at [dtna.org](http://dtna.org).

## DTNA Board Meeting Report (June-July)

*Bob Bush, DTNA Vice President*

The Board of Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association meets every month. At the June and July 2022 meetings, the Board discussed the following:

### President’s Report

Mayor’s budget approved including \$15,000.00 for repairs and improvements to Street Garden parklets on Sanchez and Noe Streets.

Halloween Events on Noe Street: Comfort and Joy “Glow in the Streets 2022” on Saturday, October 29th and Castro Merchant’s “Halloween Family Block Party,” Sunday, October 30th.

Discussed Newsletter Byline standards.

Board Slack channel to discuss Social Media presence.

President to interview Capt. Jack Hart, new Park Station SFPD Captain.

### Newsletter

Jessica Martines willing to be Distribution

Manager and maintain the distributor spreadsheet.

### Website

Need to maintain Peter Otte as consultant with limited funding. New “Initiative” pages created.

### Slow Triangle/Land Use Updates

See related newsletter article. Summer Slow Triangle interns to present their final report at the Tuesday, August 9th meeting at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts.

### Membership Committee

Will add Slow Triangle participants to Wild Apricot Contact list if not current members.

### Environmental Protection Impact Committee

Great neighborhood turnout for June Pride Sweep. Fall 2022 street tree planting approaching.

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## Frank Talk, continued

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So many of us work from home in this neighborhood.

### Gretchen: 15th St.

**Like:** It’s so green and leafy – especially the Noe Street Corridor. I like having the Park right here. A lot of friends are into gardening and sharing plants. Also, I like not having to drive – very walkable.

**Add:** Better response for homelessness and those struggling on the street (mental health, drug addiction).

### Jose: Potomac St.

**Like:** All the trees and the living close to the park. The feeling of community—you start to recognize the people who live here.

**Add:** More benches on the sidewalks.

### Kevin & Erino: Near Church St.

**Like:** We can walk everywhere, there’s no need for a car, everything is close to us.

**Add:** More trash cans.

### Larry: Noe St.

**Likes:** It’s accessible to all.

**Add:** A French Bakery.

### Kaz: Waller St.

**Like:** The walkability, trees, and friendliness

**Add:** Burma-Shave-style signs against dog pee and littering :)

### Rachel, Antonia, Wyatt: Waller St.

**Like:** Antonia It has a real neighborhood feel to it. We’re in the middle of, and accessible to, everything.

**Like:** Rachel: Real green, I love that there are trees, plants, and planter boxes everywhere. It seems like everyone takes care of it.

**Like:** Wyatt: I like how walkable everything is. I walk everywhere and basically live within a four-block radius .

**Add:** Rachel, Antonia, Wyatt: A falafel restaurant in the area.

*Editors notes: For falafel in our neighborhood, have you tried Beit Rima on Church St. or La Méditerranée on Noe St.?*

## Tomatoes, continued

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of each variety are simply amazing!

There are over 10,000 known varieties of tomatoes, each with a slightly different taste, size, and even texture. There’s a tomato variety for every culinary need. Beefsteaks are large, juicy, and great for slicing on sandwiches. Romas hold up well in sauces and salsas. Sweet little cherry tomatoes are small enough to pop in your mouth for a snack or roast on a sheet pan till they pop with flavor. Fragrance is an indicator of a good tomato rather than color. Use your nose and smell the stem end. The stem should retain the garden aroma of the plant itself - if it doesn’t, your tomato will lack flavor.

Once you have purchased these luscious tomatoes, don’t store them in the refrigerator. The cold destroys the wonderful flavor and can alter the texture. Place them on the counter and use within three days. If you must refrigerate them, bring them to room temperature before preparing or cooking to bring back some of the flavor.

Here are some easy ideas for using summer-fresh tomatoes:

- Toss halved Roma or San Marzano tomatoes with olive oil, garlic, salt, and pepper and roast at 400°F for about 30 minutes to 1 hour, until they are slightly blackened. Chop the tomatoes, garlic, and an onion, ground chili pepper, some cilantro, and lime juice and you have a savory homemade salsa.
- “Zoodle” some zucchini, toss with olive oil and halved cherry tomatoes for a light meal. Or toss with cooked pasta.
- Slice thick slabs of beefsteak or colorful heirloom tomatoes and plate. Add sliced mozzarella, a drizzle of olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- Add a slice of beefsteak tomato to your grilled cheese or bacon, lettuce, avocado sandwiches. Any sandwich is better with a slab of summer tomato!
- Make some homemade marinara sauce, ketchup, or tomato sauce. Yum!

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## June Election Results Reveal Engaged, Complex Triangle Voters

By Erik Honda

Much has been made in the national conversation about the results of the June 7 primary election in San Francisco. The way publications like *The Atlantic* and *The New York Times* told it, the supposedly liberal voters of San Francisco delivered a decisive rebuke to lefty ideas about police reform by supporting the recall of former District Attorney Chesa Boudin. We apparently also loudly demanded a less permissive and harsher response to our visible homelessness problem (although these articles repeatedly and mistakenly conflate homelessness and drug use, which, though linked, are not the same).

The reality of course is more nuanced, and more complicated. One sad reality is that the “engaged and enraged” electorate was only a small percentage of eligible voters. Even though every registered voter in San Francisco received a mail-in ballot, and all that was required was to fill it out and drop it in mailbox, most voters didn’t do that. The turnout citywide was only 46% of the half-million registered voters, meaning that the majority (54%) did not vote.

The Upper Market and Eureka Valley neighborhood turnout, however, was significantly better – over 58% of registered voters in our area returned their ballots – a strong majority. Good job, voters!

And we bucked the trend in other ways as well. Prop A, a renewal of bond funding for MUNI to upgrade train control systems and make other needed improvements, narrowly failed citywide, getting 65% of the vote when 66.6% was required (thanks to terrible statewide rules that require 2/3 of voters to approve special-purpose taxes). But the Upper Market neighborhood voted 77% in favor – if we had our way MUNI would have been fully funded. Perhaps because our neighborhood is so well-served by public transportation, people here are more likely to rely on MUNI and see the benefit to maintaining and upgrading its systems.

We also voted differently from the pack on the marquee race. While citywide Boudin was recalled with a vote of 55% to 45%, Upper Market voters went much the other way, voting 57% to 42% against the recall. That doesn’t mean that most people in our neighborhood support everything Boudin did in office (lots of folks are just opposed to recalls in general, unless there is corruption or malfeasance). But the voters here are clearly more varied than the national press would have you believe.

There will be another election in November (did you know?). It’s a big one that will allow us another shot at funding MUNI, as well as helping determine which party controls Congress for the next two years. Keep up the good work, and be a voter!

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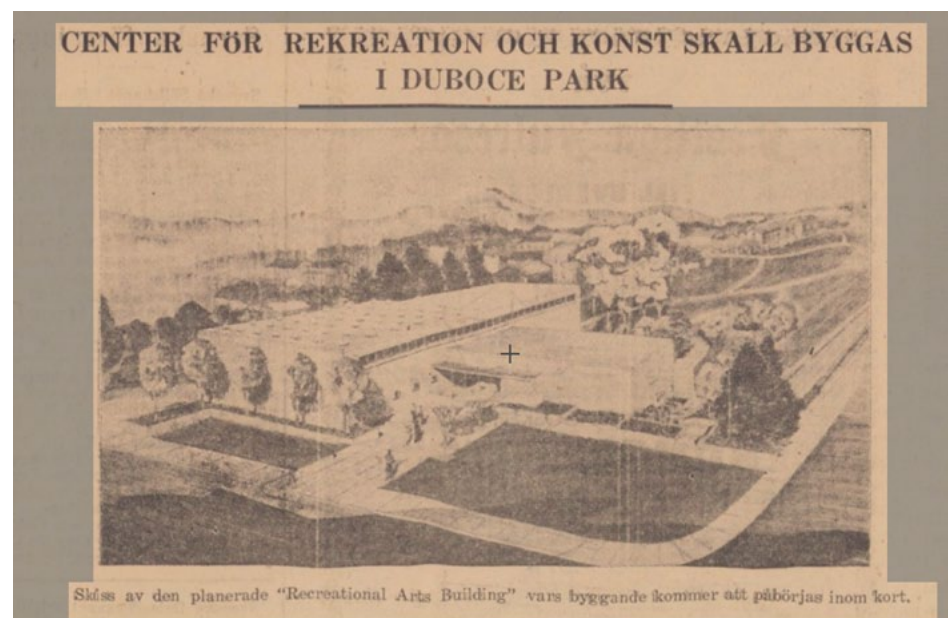
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## Historic Photo



A diagram of HMCA printed in the September 30, 1954 issue of *Vestkusten*, a Swedish-language newspaper published in California beginning in 1887, a reminder that our neighborhood was for many decades home to the City's Scandinavian population.

## First DTNA Meeting at Harvey Milk Center for the Arts Tackles Fire and Pedestrian Safety

by Erik Honda

On June 7, our second in-person meeting since the beginning of COVID-19, and the first at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts (HMCA) in Duboce Park, brought together a lively group of neighbors to hear a San Francisco Fire Department presentation sparked by the major fire on Noe Street in May.

The meeting was chaired by Membership Coordinator and Beaver Street neighbor Paige Rausser. Robby Roller, the facility coordinator for HMCA, described multitudinous programs now going on at the Center. You can learn more on page 7 of this issue.

Lieutenant John Baxter, the Fire Department’s public information liaison officer, presented information about how fires are handled, how the public should respond when there are fires in the neighborhood, and various ways for the public to protect themselves. He said that recent fires in the area have been from undetermined causes, but most are suspected electrical fires. The Noe Street fire started between the buildings, but within the walls, the most likely cause again being electrical.

Lt. Baxter particularly recommended watching the “Close before you doze” video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nu51Cj3LwqE> which explains the importance of keeping bedroom doors closed at night to give extra time to escape a fire. He also suggested having a working smoke alarm in every room, even though current code only requires alarms in hallways and bedrooms. If you can’t afford it, contact the fire department, they have donated alarms.

Baxter also went over some of the SFFD’s new services; they are taking care of some of the things that police used to do. They have a Street Opioid Response Team, which responds when people are shooting up or overdosing, and that includes follow-ups to get folks into services or on a medication regime. Soon there will be a system to call this Team directly and not get the police. They also have a Street Crisis Response Team which handles unhoused individuals in crisis, as well as a Street Wellness Response Team for people suffering psychological breakdowns or bothering other citizens in a nonviolent manner. For more information text your zip code to 888-7777 for Alert SF, or email Lt. Baxter at [firepio@sfgov.org](mailto:firepio@sfgov.org).

Our new DTNA Summer intern Martine Kushner then went over the series of Slow Triangle Workshops she is planning so that neighbors can help design the neighborhood upgrade plans we will present to the City. DTNA Secretary Erik Honda gave a brief history of Slow Triangle efforts so far, and introduced Martine, who is a graduate student pursuing a dual masters degree in City Planning and Architecture, with a concentration in Environmental Planning &

Healthy Cities. Martine explained that the workshops would start the following week and include a June community meeting for initial design input, an early July charrette to consider various alternatives, a community meeting in late July to look at the designs based on input, and a final presentation and discussion in early August. Many neighbors at

the meeting eagerly signed up to be involved, and if you missed it you too can participate by emailing [landuse@dtna.org](mailto:landuse@dtna.org) to be put on the contact list.

We adjourned in concord at about 8:10, and several neighbors stayed to chat and to volunteer to deliver the *Duboce Triangle News*. Thanks neighbors!

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## In Memoriam: Remembering Mikhaïl Maalouli

by Peter Albert and Rose Linke

We are devastated by the news that our neighborhood has lost a beloved member of our community. Mikhaïl Maalouli, or Mike to those who knew him, delivered pizzas for The Slice Pizza on 14th and Market, and also worked cleaning the laundromat next door.

This June, Mike was killed by a speeding driver under the influence in San Bruno. Those who crossed paths with Mike during his tragically shortened life knew him as a cheerful, friendly ambassador for our neighborhood. Brazilian by way of Lebanon, Mike considered this neighborhood to be his home, and his neighbors to be his family.

In July, owners of The Slice opened their parklet up to neighbors and local businesses to remember and celebrate Mike's life, and true to his legacy, everyone walking by was welcome to join. It was a reminder of everything that makes our neighborhood so wonderful. We will hold his memory in our hearts.



*Mikhaïl Maalouli*

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