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## **PUBLIC MEETING**

Harvey Milk Center for Recreational Arts

### **MEETING AGENDA**

- DTNA Logo Contest Announcement and Unveiling
- Captain Jack Hart of Park Station - Traffic Enforcement and Pedestrian Safety in the Triangle
- Land Use and Vision 2030 Updates - Steiner Block Party, Increased Heights

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **Castro Art Mart**

First Sunday of every month, 11-5 pm., Noe and Market.

#### **Castro Art Walk**

First Friday of every month, 5-9 pm.

#### **Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day**

Second Saturday of every month.

#### **Castro Farmers' Market**

Wednesdays 3-7 pm.

Note: For the latest updates on meetings and events, plus opportunities to get involved in neighborhood actions, please visit us at [dtna.org](http://dtna.org).

## **How Will We Densify the Triangle?**

*by Dennis Richards*



*Former DTNA President and Planning Commissioner Dennis Richards is currently the chair of the DTNA Land Use Committee. He lives with his husband on Beaver Street.*

I am sure that you will agree that Duboce Triangle is one of the most livable neighborhoods in the city, and it's right in the city's center. Step a block in from busy Market Street and you find yourself in a verdant, peaceful oasis, conveniently situated right in the middle of all the major MUNI Metro lines.

Part of DTNA's origin story in the early 1970s is the way we had the foresight to work with City Planning under then Director Alan Jacobs to create a conservation area to protect that peaceful feeling. At the time the neighborhood was in decline, with many buildings owned by absentee landlords who had indulged in a great deal of "deferred maintenance." Working with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and what was then the city's building inspection department, DTNA, along

with a lot of hardworking local renters and residents, helped foster Duboce Triangle's first renaissance.

Unfortunately before the construction of the MUNI Underground in 1982, new development was centered around the automobile. At many of the corners of Market Street and streets leading into Duboce Triangle stood service stations. In fact, there was even a service station at the corner of Duboce and Steiner Streets across from Duboce Park! Today the last remnant of that era are the two gas stations at the corners of Market and Castro.

Thankfully at the turn of this century San Francisco started a planning project, dubbed the "Better Neighborhoods Plan," that encompassed the eastern side of the city south of Market Street. The local implementation of the Better Neighborhoods Plan was the Market and Octavia Plan, which included most of Duboce Triangle, east of Noe Street.

DTNA was heavily involved in not only formulating the Plan and its objectives, but also the rezoning that accompanied the Market Octavia Plan to support its goals. The results of our hard work can be seen in the developments that were built with the new zoning such as the Whole Foods building at Market and Dolores, which replaced an auto dealership, as well as the buildings on three of the corners of Market, Sanchez and Fifteenth streets, two of which replaced gas stations. That rezoning, which "de-suburbanized" most of Upper Market, could be considered Duboce Triangle's second renaissance.

If all goes well, Duboce Triangle will be experiencing its third renaissance in the next couple of decades, as the result of the rezon-

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# Celebrate Triangle Pride



Rafael Mandelman represents District 8 on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Dear Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

June was a busy month for the District 8 office, with Pride and the City budget adding to our normally robust to-do list. With a projected two-year deficit of \$780 million in the general fund, we anticipated this year's budget cycle would be difficult. As the

new Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee, my priority was to deliver a balanced budget that preserved critical investments in public safety, vulnerable communities, and District 8 neighborhood priorities.

Although the final budget included some painful cuts and left little room for new programs, it could have been far worse. Partially by drawing on the City's healthy reserves and a number of one-time solutions that will not be available in future years, we were able to reach agreement with the Mayor on a two-year budget that prioritizes public safety, including funding for the hiring and retention of police officers (SFPD is down more than 500 officers). The budget also invests additional funding in community ambassadors, non-police response for people in crisis on the streets, and civilian staff within SFPD to free up officers to get



Neighbors, business owners, and entertainers get their groove on at Family Pride Day at Noe and Market.

them away from a desk and into the communities they serve.

We also preserved funding to end open-air drug markets, creating a Drug Market Agency Coordination Center under the Department of Emergency Management to coordinate operations regarding drug enforcement and treatment, as well as data collection.

On a brighter note, we continued to sustain and foster community activations and events that bring vibrancy to our neighborhoods, like this year's second annual Castro Family Pride Day, an opportunity for children and families to celebrate Pride Month in a safe, welcoming environment right in the neighborhood. Congratulations to the Castro Merchants and DTNA on another great Noe Street activation this Pride!

Looking forward, we need to be prepared for more challenging times ahead, so last October I asked the City Controller and Treasurer to study the challenges to our local business tax system

in the post-pandemic era. That analysis concluded that our City budget has become increasingly dependent on a declining number of taxpayers, and increasingly vulnerable to decisions by a few large corporations about where to locate their operations, an alarming trend made all the more worrying by the unprecedented rise in commercial vacancies.

As we prepare for next year's budget, I will be working with the Mayor and others on the Board to find ways to encourage businesses to locate and grow in San Francisco, and to make our tax base more resilient. The health of our downtown economy is essential for the funding that helps make our neighborhoods safer, cleaner, and more vibrant for everyone, and we ignore the current state of downtown at our peril.

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. For more detailed updates on my office's work, please call or email and ask to be added to our newsletter list.

# Frank Talk

by Frank Tizedes



DTNA President Frank Tizedes lives on Noe Street.

Dear neighbors and friends, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your incredible efforts in making Duboce Triangle the wonderful neighborhood it is today. The progress we have achieved and the vibrancy we enjoy are thanks to your unwaver-

ing dedication and perseverance.

Your energy and commitment are reflected in activities and projects like upcoming block parties on Steiner and Beaver, your artistry in the dozen submissions to our Logo Contest, and your civic engagement in pushing through crosswalk daylighting at Beaver and Noe and Steiner and Waller. Your dedication to enhancing the natural beauty of our surroundings has already come to fruition in the four new street trees surrounding McKinley School, and the Bureau of Urban Forestry will soon to be plant 30 more throughout the Triangle. We also continue to advocate for much-needed repairs to the sidewalk garden parks on Sanchez and Noe. To achieve these ends DTNA Board members, neighbors, and community advocates demonstrate perseverance –“the unwavering determination to persist despite challenges and setbacks,” which serves as the cornerstone of successful community building.

Communities, the places where people come together to share values and work towards com-

mon goals, are the foundation upon which societies are built, but community building is far from easy. Challenges are inevitable, but perseverance helps use weather economic downturns, environmental changes, and political division. When individuals are determined to pursue a shared vision, they rally together, supporting and encouraging one another, and fostering a sense of belonging and solidarity.

When we persevere as a community we inspire others as well, motivating neighboring communities to embark on their own transformative journeys, and offering opportunities for even

broader acts of solidarity. Thus with unwavering perseverance we work toward transformative change that will withstand the test of time, and leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Again, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for what each of you bring to the community. Our perseverance has laid the foundation for a bright future in Duboce Triangle. Let's continue to work through differences in a healthy manner, so that we can stand united, support one another, and create a safe, accessible, and fun neighborhood for all.

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# Why I Care Enough to Be a DTNA Member

By Kirby Sack



Pamela and Kirby in more bucolic surroundings. They live on Henry Street.

I was born in San Francisco and have lived in my current Duboce Triangle home since 1985. What originally sold me on this home was the sunny weather, the Thai restaurant on the corner (now home to L'Ardoise), great access to transit, and the abundant ripe blackberries growing in the backyard.

shared my home with wonderful roommates in order to be able to afford this location. I met my first housemates through a notice posted on a bulletin board downtown, and we remain good friends to this day. Since 1999 I have shared this home with my partner Pamela Merchant, who moved here from Boston.

My first fourteen years here I

What I have come to appreciate over the years has been how welcoming this neighborhood is generally and, during the past fifteen years, the role that DTNA has played to help keep the Duboce Triangle a great place to call home. I feel fortunate that there are so many smart, thoughtful and hardworking neighbors who volunteer with DTNA. I am especially appreciative of the work of the land use and related planning committees. By respectfully engaging residents, developers, and city officials, our association has been able to contribute positively to shaping the growth we have absorbed in and around our neighborhood in recent years.

I remember a time when our DTNA meetings were not as respectful and informative as they are now. In fact, I avoided our association for a number of years

after attending one meeting where the guest speakers were shouted down with disturbingly disrespectful language. This makes me now appreciative every time I attend a meeting, as I consistently find I am able to learn from our neighborhood volunteer leaders and guest speakers, and we are able to engage in healthy debate over issues important to us and to our neighborhood.

We are lucky to enjoy, in such close proximity, parks, great programs at the Harvey Milk Community Center, medical facilities, transit, restaurants, grocery stores, our own farmers' market, and so much more. I hope we will succeed in keeping the Duboce Triangle a friendly, respectful, and inclusive neighborhood, welcoming to newcomers and visitors.

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# Park Station Plans Increased Traffic Enforcement in the Triangle

by Erik Honda



Erik Honda serves on DTNA's Vision 2030 public realm enhancement committee, and is the editor of the DTNA News. He lives on Henry Street.

Park Station Captain Jack Hart, recognizing an area of growth for his team, has recently committed to increasing and docu-

menting traffic enforcement in the Triangle. Exposés published in the *San Francisco Chronicle* last year documented a collapse of traffic enforcement on the part of the SFPD post-pandemic, and our District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman was energized to act early this year when an analysis revealed that, despite a 2014 pledge to focus on key violations that endanger pedestrians, the department had in fact dramatically scaled back enforcement of speeding, running red lights and stop signs, and not yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks or during left turns. The city's pledge was to eliminate traffic fatalities by next year, their ten-year "Vision Zero" plan – but instead we have moved in the wrong direction – 2022 saw 37 pedestrian deaths citywide, the highest since the pledge was made. As Mandelman put it in



Multiple cars coming from multiple directions, often with little concern for stop signs or crosswalks, lead to pedestrian hesitancy at 14th and Sanchez, one of intersections where Park Station will be engaged in targeted enforcement.

a statement issued by his office "The city's failure to make good on Vision Zero over the last decade is closely linked to the steep decline in traffic enforcement."

DTNA picked up the baton by making a public records request regarding traffic enforcement in the Triangle specifically, and the numbers were not good. Even before the pandemic enforcement in general was spotty, with a high of 88 citations in 2020, which works out to one ticket issued approximately every four days, or two per week. Another area of concern is that about half of the citations were issued for what racial justice advocates call "driving while black" tickets like "object on mirror" or not having both front and back license plates. In January of this year the San Francisco Police Commission voted to ban those sorts of stops both in order to increase racial justice, and in hopes of getting the department to focus on its Vision Zero pledges.

Captain Hart has pledged to do just that. Park Station has worked with the Vision 2030 team to gather a list of intersections where the most dangerous moving violations occur, and his team has already begun a series of targeted enforcements in those locations, including 14th and Castro, Noe and Duboce, and Sanchez and Duboce. The plan is to ticket folks for moving violations only, both to avoid racial bias and to put the most effort where the most safety pay-off lies. Hart also plans to keep tabs on important metrics like the race of the drivers ticketed and their place of residence (is it neighbors driving dangerously, or is it Uber drivers from out of town?).

DTNA is grateful to Captain Hart for making this strong commitment, and we hope that it leads to a safer Triangle soon. We'll keep you posted as the metrics come in, so stay safe, and stay tuned.

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## DTNA's Vision 2030's Summer in Review



By Hans Galland and Corbin Muraro, co-chairs of DTNA's Vision 2030 project. Hans lives on Divisadero Street, and Corbin lives on Waller Street.

It's been a busy summer for us at Vision 2030, focusing on the Steiner-Sanchez corridor and the critical challenges at the intersections of Sanchez and Duboce and Sanchez and 14th. The team has launched various initiatives with the aim of enhancing traffic safety, improving cyclist and pedestrian experiences, and exploring potential interventions to create a better neighborhood. Here's a roundup of the recent developments:

**Bike Coalition Advocates for Traffic Calming Measures**  
During a meeting with Janelle Wong, the executive director of the SF Bike Coalition, Vision 2030 discussions revolved

around implementing traffic calming measures suggested by the community. The primary objective is to create a safe environment for both cyclists and pedestrians, given the significance of the primary crosstown bike route known as The Wiggle passing through the Triangle up Duboce, across Steiner, and on to Waller Street. The meeting concluded on an optimistic note, highlighting the prospects of forging a productive partnership moving forward.

**Supervisor Mandelman's Office Collaborates for Vision 2030**  
The Vision 2030 team held a meeting with Ross Green at

Supervisor Mandelman's office to bring him up to speed on the two-and-a-half years of work conducted by DTNA for Vision 2030, including the previous Slow Triangle initiative. Additionally, we made a request to arrange a meeting with the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) to kick-start the formal exploration of interventions along Steiner and Sanchez, as proposed during community workshops held over the past 18 months. We also discussed funding options, including city and county resources for traffic safety, to support the exploration and potential implementation of these interventions.

**Wiggle Fest: A Prototype for Traffic Calming**  
Waller Street neighbor and Bike Coalition member Doug Throgood, who recently joined the Vision 2030 working group, has commenced planning efforts for a "Wiggle Fest" scheduled for the fall of 2023 on Steiner, which will take over the blocks east of

Duboce Park for fun bike-related activities for kids and adults. While the primary goal of the street festival is to create a fun neighborhood activity with the support of partner organizations such as the SF Bike Coalition, it will also serve as a prototype to gain valuable insights into the impacts of and public perception regarding temporary traffic restrictions along the Steiner-Sanchez corridor.

The activities carried out during the summer months demonstrate DTNA's unwavering commitment to promoting a safer and more sustainable neighborhood. Through collaborations between organizations, law enforcement, and the community, we hope these initiatives will pave the way for a brighter future as the Vision 2030 goals continue to take shape. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, feel free to reach out to us at [dubocetriangle@dtna.org](mailto:dubocetriangle@dtna.org).

### 2024 DTNA Elections – Come on Board!

Elections for the 2024 DTNA Board will be held in December 2023. All DTNA members who have been a member for 90 days are eligible to run for a Board position, and members who have been a member for 30 days prior to the election are eligible to vote.

The election of Board members will be conducted online using Election Runner, starting Wednesday, December 6th and closing on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m. during the December DTNA Public Meeting.

Paper ballots will be mailed to members without an email address on file. Mail-in ballots need to be postmarked by December 12th to be counted and received by Tuesday, December 19th.

All Officer positions, Editor and Director seats are up for election. Nominations need to be submitted by November 15th.

If you have an interest in joining the Board or want to learn more about how the Board and DTNA function, please contact DTNA at [info@dtna.org](mailto:info@dtna.org) or by using the [website contact form](#) on our website [www.dtna.org](http://www.dtna.org).



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## DTNA General Meeting Plans a Greener, Denser Future Triangle

by Erik Honda

Erik Honda is the editor of the DTNA News. He lives on Henry Street.

An energetic crowd turned out for our June General Meeting at Harvey Milk Community Center, which was chaired by DTNA Treasurer Kimyn Braithwaite. Kimyn introduced our District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman and his amazing aide Jackie Thornhill, who is leaving his office to return to the Office of Emergency Services. She has done wonderful work for the neighborhood and we will miss her, but we are happy to see her continue to work to make the city better.

Supervisor Mandelman also discussed the support he got from the Board of Supervisors to proceed with renovations to the Castro Theater, and promised to continue to advocate for diverse and LGBTQ-friendly film and other programming there. He took questions from the audience about that, about encampments and vacant buildings on Market Street, and police funding as it relates to a lack of traffic enforcement.

Sanchez street neighbor Adam Klaus of QuitCarbon gave a crisp and statistics-rich presentation demonstrating how the number one thing we can do in our neighborhood to combat climate change is to renovate our homes, since building operations are 41% of our carbon emissions. He explained how the first easy target is electric water heaters, then moving to heat pumps, which act as air conditioners as well as heaters. Costs are coming down due to rebates and tax credits from President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act. He also explained that one thing that's easy to do even as renters is to sign up for SuperGreen energy on your bill, for the minor additional cost of about \$3 a month. For more details, page six of our June/July newsletter featured Noe Street neighbors Sabina Brown and Casey Gollhofer's carbon-free redo of their house, check it out at <https://dtna.org/resources/Documents/2023-06%20DTNANewsletter-JunJul.pdf>.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by Land Use co-chair David Troup on

the city's plans to densify housing via the recently approved Housing Element. Many cities have been flouting state mandates to build more housing, but San Francisco now seems serious about planning for more. Since we are a central neighborhood close to major transit lines, that means we need to figure out where to put about 3,000 new homes in our neighborhood over the next 20 years or so. David described a recent neighborhood walk hosted by Land Use Chair Dennis Richards, which established a consensus that new density should be concentrated on Market rather than in the interior blocks, at sites like the Safeway parking lot and the derelict former Pottery Barn. The DTNA Board recently heard a presentation

from an urban planning class at Stanford that had several thoughtful ideas about how to add neighborhood amenities while adding density at the Safeway site. David answered a number of wonky questions from the audience, and encouraged all DTNA members who are interested to join our monthly meetings of the Land Use Committee (sign-up and info on our website). See you there!

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# How Will the New Commercial Vacancy Tax Affect the Triangle?

by Erik Honda

Erik Honda is the editor of the DTNA News, and serves on the DTNA Land Use Committee. He lives on Henry Street.

Since long before the pandemic DTNA has been working on the problem of retail vacancies in the Triangle. These empty spaces not only blight our neighborhood by becoming a target for graffiti, trash disposal, and the occasional encampment, they also deny our stakeholders access to the variety of businesses that could be occupying the spaces. Part of the vacancy problem is our own fault as consumers – we talk about how much we love our local businesses, but when it comes time to buy a screwdriver or a sweater we jump on the computer and hit up Amazon instead of taking a nice walk to our local hardware or clothing store. That’s on us, and we need to work on it.

It’s not just us, though. Landlords too are often to blame – large corporate entities or absentee owners that have no concern for the neighborhood, and either don’t bother to offer the spaces



In 2016, a six-story condominium project was approved for this site at Market and Sanchez Streets, but developer Chris Foley can’t say when construction will begin, and has let the retail space, formerly a cookware store, remain vacant. The site is dilapidated and a magnet for graffiti and other unneighborly behavior.

for lease, or offer them at an unreasonable price that is more than local businesses can afford. In 2020 voters took the first tentative steps to address this problem by passing a retail vacancy tax – a charge per linear foot of a property’s outdoor street frontage on vacant properties. It starts as a gentle reminder, then escalates, from \$250 per linear foot for the first year of vacancy, rising to \$500 per foot in the second year, and to \$1,000 per foot in the third year. The hope is that seeing these rising costs in their tax bills will make landlords more motivated to find tenants, and to adjust their rents to the true market rate.

Unfortunately compliance has not been good. Landlords were supposed to register their properties in 2021, and start paying in 2022 (the tax was delayed a year due to the pandemic). But in 2022 only 74 landlords paid citywide. The San Francisco Treasurer’s office, which is in charge of implementing the tax, recently released the list of

the 35 vacant spaces we recently counted in the Triangle the vast majority did not comply. The DTNA Land Use Committee has been proactively searching out the properties that haven’t registered and reporting them to the Treasurer’s office. You can help too – to report a retail vacancy, just type the address in at the Treasurer’s website: <https://sftreasurer.org/report-vacant-commercial-property>. You can also attach a picture if you’d like.

Hopefully as this tax starts to bite more landlords will take notice and get those properties leased. And when they do, let’s all make a point to patronize those businesses and keep them going, meanwhile helping to reduce the endless parade of Amazon trucks that seem to be the main form of wildlife in our neighborhood these days. See you out there shopping!



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# Densifying the Triangle, continued

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ing adopted this year under the city’s Housing Element, which was required by the state of California as part of its long-term plans to address the dire under-supply of housing in California.

At DTNA’s February General meeting senior Planning staff presented their suggestions for rezoning the Triangle, and to launch discussion on the Housing Element and its ensuing rezoning, the DTNA Land Use Committee has begun meeting again every fourth Monday of each month.

The Committee met in late April to lay down a plan for how the neighborhood will work with City Planning Staff to balance the additional units which Duboce Triangle will need to incorporate with the continued livability of the neighborhood.

On Monday May 15 twelve residents did a “walk around” of parts of the Triangle to get a feel for and to provide valuable feedback on what they liked about what exists today, and what could be improved to accommodate additional growth.

The group was unanimous that the Safeway site at Church and Market streets was the biggest opportunity site to build housing in the entire Triangle. Dehan Glanz, an urban design consultant and lecturer at Stanford University currently has one of his classes designing preferred alternatives for the Safeway site, and a team of DTNA Board members recently reviewed some of their ideas in an online presentation.

The walk-around group also agreed that there is room for taller development on Market



The parking lot for Safeway on Market Street replaced semi-permanent farmers’ market stalls in 1957. The hedge fund that currently owns the site has been reluctant to move forward with activating unused parts of their campus, but Stanford urban design students have offered innovative solutions for housing and neighborhood amenities along Reservoir Street, which divides the store from the lot.

Street, due to the width of the street, and the existing pattern of development of much taller buildings, compared to the interior blocks of the Triangle.

With the height limits on Market raised through the Market Octavia rezoning 15 years ago, we discussed why there are still many lots on Market Street where development hasn’t yet commenced, even with the benefit of a State Density Bonus Law which allows for a 50% height increase for a certain amount of affordable housing provided on site. High construction costs, doubtful financial institutions, and some amount of developer gamesmanship are all to blame.

The group ended our walking tour in the middle of an interior block on Fifteenth Street, where we discussed the appropriateness of adding additional height and bulk on individual lots, as well opportunities on lots that could be merged together. The general consensus was that increases in height should be limited in the interior blocks of the

Triangle, and that it’s important to maintain the fine grain pattern of development in which the buildings provide front steps

or “stoops” along our narrow lot lines, complexifying the pattern of the streetscape, with no long and blocky buildings.

We are encouraged by the neighbor engagement indicated by the strong turnout for the walking tour, and hope that it continues as DTNA works with the Planning Department to ensure that the rezoning, while creating development opportunities to provide the housing and the growth we need, also makes the Triangle an even more liveable and loveable place to be.

The DTNA Land Use Committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month, and we welcome all DTNA members to attend. Contact [landuse@dtna.org](mailto:landuse@dtna.org) for more information, or check the website for updates.



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## A Plethora of Perfect Peppers

by Debra Morris, Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association



Peppers are arriving! Everything from sweet bell peppers to the hottest habaneros are now at the farmers' market. Toss on the grill, slice and dice in salads, stuff with cheese and rice or sweet Brentwood corn. Versatile and delicious, peppers are rich in antioxidants and other good things to keep you healthy and full of energy during the hot summer months. Besides, they taste delicious!

Hotness in peppers is determined by the amount of capsaicin present. Capsaicin, an acrid, volatile alkaloid, is a general irritant that attacks any tissue it contacts, which leads one to wonder - why do people love to eat 'hot' peppers? Eating chili peppers releases neurotransmitters which cause sensations of burning or pain, and the body responds by increasing heart rate, increasing the metabolism, and by increasing salivation. Most importantly, endorphins are released in response to capsaicin, which may account for the feeling of pleasure and well-being.

Sweet bell peppers, on the other hand, are cultivars of the species of plant called *Capsicum annuum*. Jalapeño, pimento, eggplant, potatoes, and tomatoes are all members of this nightshade family. Colors range from green, red, yellow, and orange. Why the different colors? It depends on when they were harvested. Because they are unripe, green peppers are less sweet and slightly bitter than the reds, oranges, and yellows. The colors then change progressively from yellow to orange to red, getting sweeter as they ripen further. The longer they stay on the vine, the sweeter they get.

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### Pepper Jelly

- 1 cup red bell peppers, finely chopped
- 1 cup green bell peppers, finely chopped
- 1 to 2 jalapeño peppers, seeded, minced
- 1-1/2 cups apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper flakes
- 6-1/2 cups sugar
- 2 pouches liquid pectin

In a large pot, stir together chopped bell peppers and jalapeño peppers, vinegar, pepper flakes, and sugar. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Gradually add pectin, put back on heat, stirring constantly. Return jelly to vigorous boil, stirring constantly; boil 1 to 2 minutes. Mixture will thicken slightly. Remove from heat. Fill sterilized jars, add lids and rings; process 15 minutes. Remove from water bath and let cool on the counter, listening for lids to "pop" to ensure seal. As the jars cool, turn jars upside down, and then right side up every half hour or so to ensure peppers don't float and are evenly mixed in the jelly. Yum!

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## Be a Neighborhood Hero! Deliver the DTNA News

By Jessica Martines



Jessica is a DTNA Board Member and the Distribution Manager for the DTNA News. She lives on Church Street.

A big welcome, shout out and thank you to our new Newsletter Distribution volunteers, Steven Satyricon, Ron Huberman, Rita Devlin Marier and Thomas Gerard. Thanks also to our temporary helper Oscar Andino. Delivering the DTNA News helps your neighbors stay informed on

Duboce Triangle issues, as well as opportunities for fun activities and volunteer actions, and civic and political engagement. It's also a great way to get in a little exercise in the outdoors, and to meet your neighbors.

We are currently looking to fill the following routes:

**Waller: Steiner to Fillmore** (75)

**Waller: Fillmore to Webster** (85)

**Castro: Market to Beaver (East side only)** (35)

**Duboce: Scott to Castro & Castro: Duboce to Lloyd** (25)

If you have previously expressed interest in volunteering, please check your email. If you would like to volunteer for an open route please email [distribution@dtna.org](mailto:distribution@dtna.org). Thank you!

## DTNA Board Notes

by Bob Bush, DTNA Vice President

An updated DTNA Mission Statement and Statement of Values addressing diversity and inclusion were approved and [posted on the website](#). The Board has requested that the City Budget include funding for pursuing State and National recognition of the Duboce Triangle Historic District. Website search has been enhanced by imbedding the Google Search engine.

The DTNA [Logo Contest](#) garnered a dozen submissions that will soon be posted on the website. The contest winner will be announced at the August 8th Public Community meeting. The status of implementing ideas generated at the Vision 2030 Sanchez-Steiner Corridor workshop, addressing SF Housing Element implementation in the Duboce Triangle, tree planting and holding the election of a new DTNA Board in December were reviewed. See newsletter articles and [dtna.org](http://dtna.org) for details.

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## Historic Photo: We love our local library!



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Did you know that our local library was the second branch to open in San Francisco? That was back in 1902. At the time, it was called the McCreery Branch, named after Andrew McCreery, who donated land and covered costs to construct the gorgeous neo-classical building. When that building was damaged in the earthquake of 1957, the building we now know and love was rebuilt as the Eureka Valley Branch, reopening in 1961. Twenty years later the library was renamed to honor Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California. Today, it continues to serve our neighbors with ongoing programming, all kinds of media, book clubs, children's story time, and workshops for all ages. Check out their upcoming offerings on the website, or sign up for the email newsletter to stay in the loop.

## DTNA

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**Yes! I want to join DTNA.**

I want to get involved/volunteer, too!

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