

in the works

April 2018



Jean Parker Elementary School students learn about traffic safety on the set of Ed's Neighborhood. See story inside.





EVENTS



5/4

Bay Area Dance Week

Alonzo King Lines Dance Center presents several events through May 5, including two free lunchtime performance at noon on Fri., May 4. LINES Dance Center students will perform at the City Hall Rotunda and dancers from PLUS LINES Community Programs will perform at noon at the Mint Plaza.

12 noon - 1 p.m.
Mint Plaza, 5th St. between Mission and Market streets, and San Francisco City Hall Rotunda



5/5

Access to Adventure

Support for Families of Children with Disabilities and San Francisco Recreation and Parks presents the annual free festival featuring accessible activities, arts, music, sports and live entertainment.

12 noon - 3 p.m.
Golden Gate Park
Music Concourse,
50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr.



5/5

Please join us for the planting of San Francisco's annual signature tree in honor of the late Mayor Edwin M. Lee.

Fulton Street, east of Larkin Street
9:30 a.m.



5/6

Sunday Streets – Tenderloin

With car-free streets, free activities and plenty of chances to meet your neighbors, Sunday Streets' most urban route celebrates the centrally located and densely populated Tenderloin, one of the City's oldest neighborhoods.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

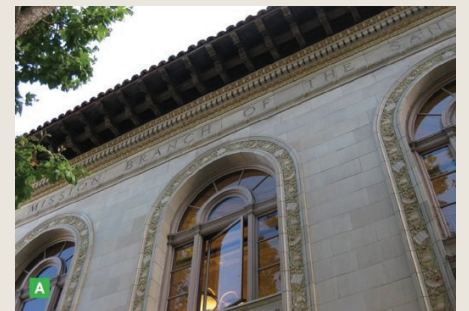


5/19

Volunteer with Community Clean Team in District 4

Community Clean Team is our longest-running and largest volunteer program that keeps San Francisco beautiful through landscaping and gardening projects, graffiti removal and litter cleanup in our neighborhoods. We need your help to keep our city clean and green in 2018. Join us and volunteer!

8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunset Elementary School
1920 - 41st Ave.



5/19 & 5/23

San Francisco Public Library and San Francisco Public Works are planning to renovate the Mission Branch Library. The branch was last updated nearly 20 years ago and many of the building systems need replacing. This upgrade provides an opportunity to bring this historic branch into the 21st century.

Meet the project architects and share ideas for restoring and improving this neighborhood branch.

5/19 at 1 p.m. and 5/23 at 6 p.m.
Mission Branch Library
300 Bartlett St.



THANK YOU



SOCIAL MEDIA

Living on this corner can be very difficult and frustrating at times. At the time I took that photo, my frustration level was about an 8 out of 10. But I have to tell you about 30 minutes or so after the photo I saw cleaning crews out taking care of business. I was very happy and impressed. You guys have a tough job these days so I appreciate you greatly. Take care!

Steve C.

Thank you very much! Your quick response (both times!) and the professional work of your arborists resulted in the residents of Potrero Terrace getting their power restored before nightfall. The San Francisco Housing Authority greatly appreciates your hard work in the midst of a busy, stormy day. Thank you all!

Darius K.
San Francisco Housing Authority

Thank you for the tremendous improvement in homeless encampments on the 100 block of Valencia Street! I came home this weekend after some time out of town and was amazed to see only a couple of tents – when I left town, there was a growing encampment near the entrance to the dog park that stretched across the sidewalk, impeding pedestrians, as well as tents on the other side of the street. The barriers are working well and the sidewalk is clear and clean. What a wonderful difference!

Please pass along the neighbors' appreciation to all who were involved in making this happen. We know it takes a lot of coordination and work.

Susan P.



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AWARDS



Albert Carrillo, the Hunters Point Family employee who staffs a Public Works Pit Stop in the Tenderloin, received a certificate of honor from Mayor Mark Farrell on April 19. Carrillo's awareness and quick thinking helped save the lives of two distressed individuals on March 27. At a small ceremony at City Hall, Mayor Farrell noted Carrillo's dedication to his job and acknowledged that "we are fortunate to have people like Alberto contributing to the fabric of our great city."



The Northern California Chapter of the California Construction Management Association (CMAA) named our **Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Project** as the winner of the **Buildings Renovation** category for the **California Project Achievement Awards** and named Public Works the **2018 Owner of the Year**. They will be honoring us at a May 17 awards ceremony. CMAA NorCal president Kevin Wagner called Public Works an "incredible partner," citing our commitment to membership programs and project tours, as well as the leadership contributions of Building Design & Construction project manager **Jumoke Akin-Taylor**.



We also received the **2018 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Award** for the **Mansell Streetscape Improvement Project**, which was led by project manager **David Froehlich**, with help from many other branches of the organization, including landscape architecture, hydraulics, construction management and public affairs.

#DidYouKnow...



DRIVER SAFETY



...driving just 5 mph over the limit is twice as likely to result in a fatality.

...in San Francisco, speed is responsible for 10 times the number of pedestrian injuries as driving under the influence.



...nationally, more than 1,000 people are injured every day due to distracted drivers.

...even when driving hands-free, drivers can miss up to 50 percent of their surroundings because they are still engaged in a phone conversation.

HEALTH & WELLNESS



...only 30 percent of City employees get 30 minutes of exercise 5 times a week.

...many smartphone apps have tools to help you deal with anxiety and stress in healthy ways.



...cleaning your work space at least once per day greatly minimizes your risk for contaminants.

WORKPLACE SAFETY



...occupational hearing loss is the most common work-related illness in the United States: Approximately 1 in 4 noise-exposed field workers suffer from it.

...office workers are 2 to 2.5 times more likely to suffer an injury from a fall than are field workers.



...improper lifting techniques are one of the main factors that account for back injuries while on the job.

PUBLIC WORKS



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 Celebrate!



SIGN UP



EPISODE 0025 - 4/7
Celebrate!

This week, we're celebrating Public Works Week 2018! The annual festivities give us an opportunity to celebrate all that our dynamic organization does. In this week's episode, we hear from our director about all that Public Works Week offers and sit down with our City Architect, City Engineer, operations chief and head of finance and administration to learn how they got stoked about careers in public works.

EPISODE 0024 - 4/20

Mapmaker, Mapmaker, Make Me A Map

We're hanging out with Bruce Storrs, the City and County of San Francisco's surveyor who leads the team that keeps San Francisco in line and on point! In this exciting episode, you'll learn all about surveying – including its importance and how it has influenced the San Francisco that we know and love today.



EPISODE 0023 - 4/12

Public Works A-Z

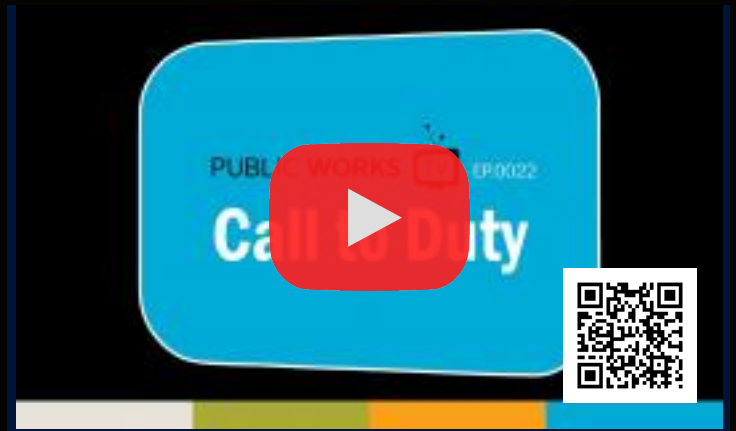
Public Works has boots on the ground in our neighborhoods 24/7. In fact, there aren't enough letters in the alphabet to show the work we do for San Francisco's residents, businesses and visitors, but we hope to give you a little taste of all that our department does in this fun and dynamic video!



EPISODE 0022 - 4/6

Call to Duty

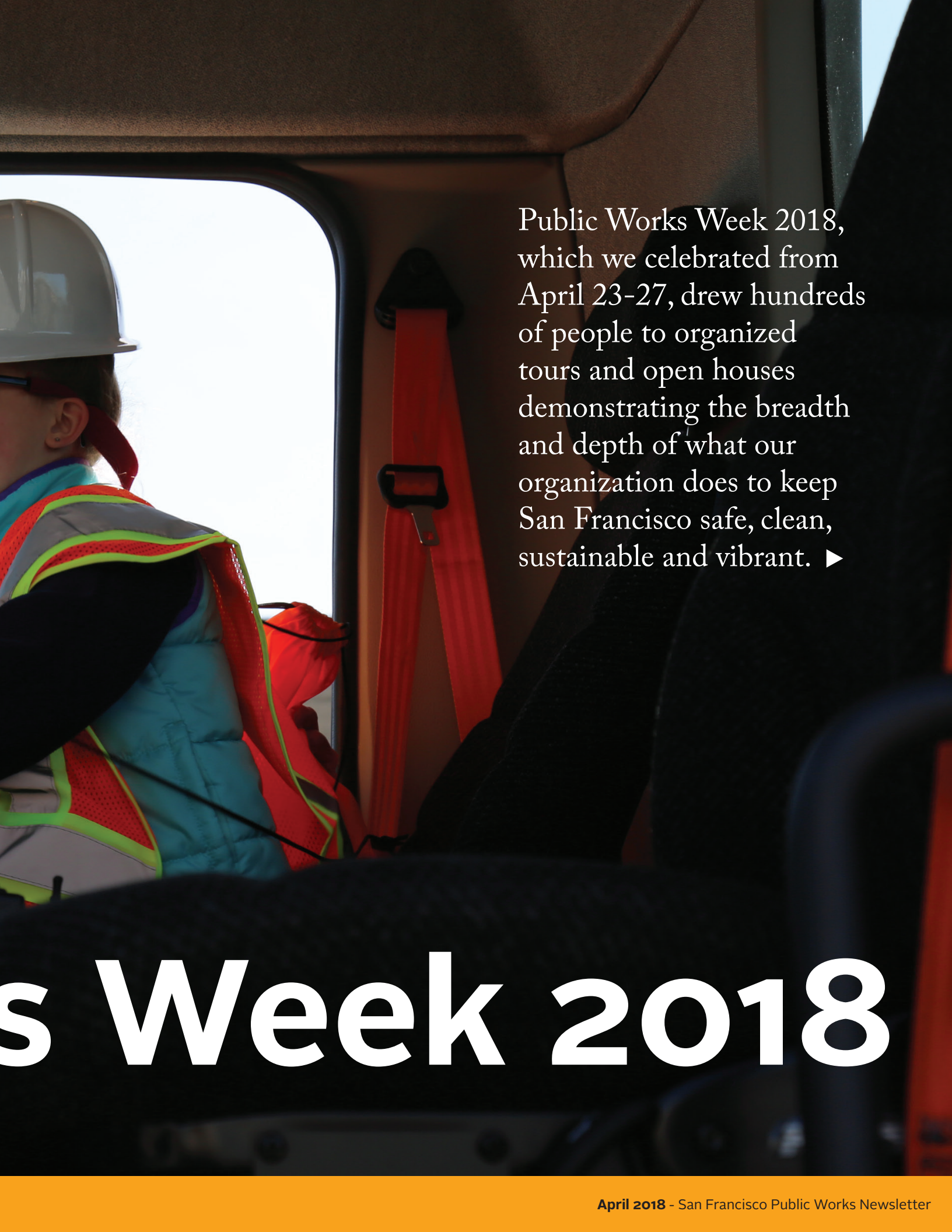
The Radio Room serves as the nerve center for Public Works. Our crews handle and process more than 23,000 service requests each month – dealing with everything from illegal dumping and fallen trees to potholes and graffiti tags. They are on the job 24/7 to ensure San Francisco's streets, sidewalks and other public spaces stay safe, clean and beautiful.



A grade schooler checks out what it feels like to get behind the wheel of a Public Works truck during our Operations Yard Open House.



Public Works



Public Works Week 2018, which we celebrated from April 23-27, drew hundreds of people to organized tours and open houses demonstrating the breadth and depth of what our organization does to keep San Francisco safe, clean, sustainable and vibrant. ►

s Week 2018





Pothole crews showed young visitors how to patch the pavement.





Our engineering staff built model cities with elementary school students at the Architects and Engineers' Open House.

The Financial System Project team won the Outstanding Project of the Year Award.





Public Works Week Awards

Our annual employee recognition and length of service pin ceremony recognized more than 200 Public Works employees who demonstrated the highest quality of work and commitment to getting the job done this past year.

During an April 24 event at City Hall, we commemorated individuals and project teams exemplifying the goals laid out in our Strategic Plan: Making Public Works the Best Place to Work, Driving Innovation and Exceptional Service and Improving and Inspiring Stewardship of Public Spaces.

Awards also were given to employees who stood out for embodying our core values of Respect, Integrity and Responsiveness. And we recognized rising stars within Public Works and presented awards for Outstanding Employee and Project Team of the Year.

Through attention to detail, persistence, creativity and passion, these men and women demonstrate what it means to be a part of the Public Works family. We also recognized more than 200 staff members for their length of service to the City and County of San Francisco, ranging from 5 years to 40 years. We're grateful and proud to have such dedicated, hardworking individuals in every one of our bureaus.

Awards winners

Outstanding Employee of the Year: Albert Ko, Building Design and Construction, Construction Management

Albert Ko is the construction management division manager for our bureau of Building Design and Construction. He has the innate ability to solve problems and take on leadership roles in many different aspects of his work and life. Albert motivates and inspires staff and colleagues with his positive attitude and contagious spirit and always represents Public Works well to the clients and contractors with whom we partner.

His approachable, open-door management style motivates staff, as does his willingness to help them work through conflicts and achieve their goals and career milestones. Albert is an extraordinary employee who has greatly contributed to the betterment of our organization.

Outstanding Project of the Year: Financial System Project

This past year, the Public Works team leading the implementation of the Financial System Project (F\$P) showcased exceptional performance and service in guiding Public Works through a complex integration process that touches on all bureaus of our organization.

The new financial system went live at the beginning of the fiscal year that began July 1, 2017, and the F\$P Integration Team has worked countless hours to ensure employees received paychecks without interruption and that hundreds of vendors, suppliers, contractors and professional consultants also were paid in a timely manner.

With their commitment to the organization and their hard work, the team helped Public Works continue to provide the critical services that we bring to the public on a daily basis.

Making Public Works the Best Place to Work

- Individual: **Maria Espina**, Bureau of Street Environmental Services
- Team: **Public Works University Team**
 - Siobhán Kelly
 - Alli Catzalco
 - Marlena Cohen

Driving Innovation and Exceptional Service

- Individual: **Laura Tanigawa**, Building Design and Construction, Construction Management
- Project: **High Precision Network Survey Team**, Bureau of Street-use and Mapping

Improving and Inspiring Stewardship of Public Spaces

- Individual: **Tessa Jones**, Bureau of Street Environmental Services
- Project: **Grinding and Paving Team**, Bureau of Street and Sewer Repair

Core Values: Respect, Integrity and Responsiveness

- Respect: **Erika Heineken**, Project Management and Construction for Infrastructure
- Integrity: **Magdalena Ryor**, Building Design and Construction, Project Management
- Responsiveness: **IT Service Desk**

Rising Stars

- Infrastructure Design and Construction
 - **Gene Chan**
 - **Lorina Louie**
- Building Design and Construction
 - **Eoanna Harrison**
 - **Charles Smith**
- General Administration
 - **Elizabeth Ramos**
 - **Shaista Shaikh**
- Operations
 - **Ramses Alvarez**
 - **Mary Ann Zapanta**

Albert Ko was recognized as
Outstanding Employee of the Year.









Some 500 Public Works employees and their friends and relatives rooted on the Giants at the April 24 game against the Nats.

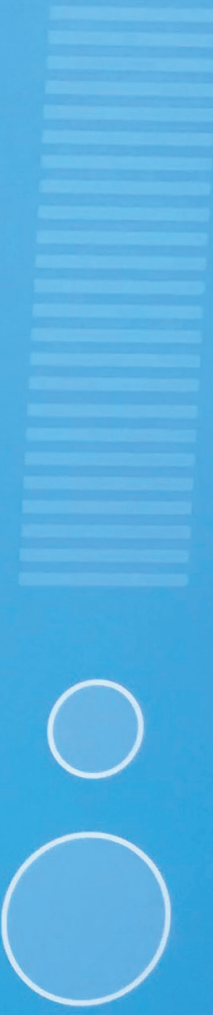


It was selfie heaven at the hard hat tour for the Salesforce Transit Center project.



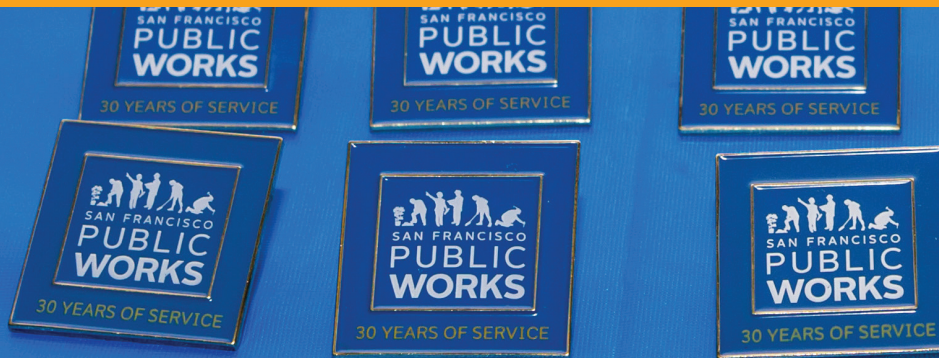


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CWORKS WEEK
2018



Humans and their canine companions shined at annual Public Works employee picnic.





Bucket truck rides remained a popular attraction at the Operations Yard Open House.

- Each year during Public Works Week, employees and members of the public are invited to experience an insider's look at our completed projects – and a few works in progress.

The tours, led by project managers and members of the Public Works communications team, were a selfie-snapping success with backdrops ranging from high-rises in the booming East Cut neighborhood in the South of Market to the colorful Mission District. From a stroll through the ultra-modern Salesforce Transit Center – dubbed the “Grand Central Station of the West” – to a preview of the highly anticipated Moscone Expansion project, the tours showcased the City's commitment to projects that encourage sustainability, tourism and transit.

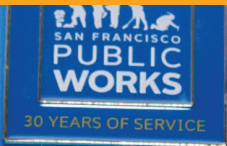
Two of Public Works' special projects also were highlighted during the week. The Navigation Center at Division Circle, designed by Public Works architects, emphasized the City's goal to house and provide services to homeless individuals who have had challenges adapting to traditional shelters. We also stopped at two of our Pit Stop public toilets in the Mission District and gave a shout-out to the dedicated staffers from Hunters Point Family who ensure they are kept safe and clean.

At our annual Public Works Week open houses, employees get the

rare opportunity to discuss and demonstrate what they do – from designing buildings and streetscapes to filling potholes and caring for trees – with the bonus of seeing their work through the eyes of young people.

At the Architects and Engineers Open House on April 23, nearly 100 elementary school kids from San Francisco's Lafayette and West Portal elementary schools let their imaginations soar as they constructed colorful models of the ideal San Francisco, filled with parks, animal shelters and (yay!) a Public Works headquarters. But even fourth and fifth graders know that a sensible San Francisco must be seismically sound; as a finale, they put the cardboard, cork and wood creations to the test on a trembling shake table to see whether it could withstand The Big One.

On April 25, the Operations Yard hosted students from St. Monica and St. James elementary schools, as well as teens from John O'Connell High School, Downtown High School, Treasure Island Job Corps and Larkin Street Youth. Donning hard hats and vests, they filled potholes, built wooden planter boxes with our carpenters and planted them with flowers and herbs. Students also got to experience firsthand the heights our arborists ascend to in bucket trucks. The take-away from the event: Keeping San Francisco clean, green and safe is hard work, but rewarding – and fun! ■





Teaching Kids

A man in a yellow safety vest and a light blue shirt is holding a white bicycle helmet. He is standing in a colorful, interactive streetscape exhibit. In the foreground, a young boy in a dark blue sweater is making a peace sign and looking excited. Other children are visible in the background. The exhibit features a yellow building facade, a white canopy, and various colorful decorations. The text "Street Smarts" is overlaid in large, bold, orange and yellow letters.

Street Smarts

A new neighborhood came to life in San Francisco this month – Ed’s Neighborhood. The custom-built, interactive streetscape is ►







Vision Zero calls for eliminating all traffic-r



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- ▶ designed to teach grade-schoolers how to safely navigate our streets.

The fold up set, named in honor of the late San Francisco mayor, Ed Lee, can be taken around to different schools. It features crossing signals, crosswalks, bike lanes and fabricated moving vehicles. It made its debut April 13 at Jean Parker Elementary School in Chinatown.

Supervisor Norman Yee gave Public Works the job to build this project, and we took it on with enthusiasm, managing it from start to finish. We brought in the terrific design firm, LMNOP, to create the set. We worked closely with them to ensure it looks and feels like San Francisco and imparts

the right safety messages for kindergartners to second graders.

The set can accommodate up to a dozen kids at a time, and each guided tour lasts about 20 minutes. During their walk through the neighborhood, they learn such pedestrian safety tips as how to watch for cars backing up and how traffic signals help people know when to cross the street and when to wait. There are nine educational zones in all.

The initiative dovetails with San Francisco's Vision Zero policy of eliminating all traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by 2024. Public education is a key component to helping us achieve that goal. ■



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Public Works employees
impound rogue scooters
blocking our sidewalks.

Putting the Brakes on Menacing

Love 'em or hate 'em, the
scooters zipping through
grabbed national attention
at the forefront of the





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heated debate. ▶



Our organization has impounded



This Bird scooter, left errantly in the middle of a Market Street sidewalk, is a prime example of a tripping hazard.

- ▶ Our organization has impounded hundreds of the two wheelers that were parked illegally on the sidewalk, posing tripping hazards for pedestrians.

City Attorney Dennis Herrera issued cease and desist letters to the three companies operating the scooters in the City – Bird, LimeBike and Spin – warning them that they need to comply with the law or stop operating.

In addition to not stowing the electric scooters haphazardly in the path of travel, riders are barred from riding on the sidewalk and riding without a helmet. At the direction of a ticked-off Board of Supervisors, the SFMTA is crafting permitting rules to further rein in the scooter companies.

Users rent them via app, starting at \$1 a ride. When users are done, they leave them at their destination. The stand-up, motorized scooters are a convenient alternative to driving, biking or taking public transit.

But they also have resulted in hundreds of complaints by people fed up with the apparent disregard by some users to

operate and park them safely, in defiance of the law. The City wants the companies to shoulder responsibility to get their paying customers to play by the rules.

Public Works has impounded nearly 400 motorized scooters since April 13, shortly after they were dropped en masse on the sidewalks by the companies without any real warning. The companies can retrieve the scooters, and most of them have been picked up and rented out again. We have levied fines against the companies to cover expenses. Bird and LimeBike each have been assessed more than \$8,700 and Spin more than \$7,400.


And long as they continue to defy the rules, Public Works will keep seizing them. ■

and hundreds of the two wheelers.



Celebrating Eco Hard Work and

A mother-daughter volunteer duo pull weeds at the Pink Triangle Park.

A woman with short brown hair, wearing sunglasses and a grey safety vest with orange and yellow reflective stripes over a white t-shirt, is smiling and looking down at a field of yellow poppies. The background is filled with green foliage and a single pink rose.

Glen Park, Noe Valley, the Castro and other District 8 neighborhoods felt the love of more than 200 volunteers who came out for Community Clean Team to clear brush, spruce up medians and sweep up litter. ►

Earth Day with and Civic Pride





Volunteers spruce up the flowering Guerrero Street median.



Public Works crews joined the Fix-It Team and volunteers to clear brush and debris from the Bernal Cut.

**The Earth Day volunteer workday
bringing people together to improve**



- ▶ Supervisor Jeff Sheehy, who represents the area, rallied the crowd before they set out to various work sites, among them Pink Triangle Park at Market and Castro streets, the Guerrero Street median and the Bernal Cut hillside above San Jose Avenue.

The Earth Day volunteer workday demonstrated the power of bringing people together to improve their neighborhoods. Our employees were right there working alongside the dedicated volunteers.

Community Clean Team, now in its 18th year, focuses on a different supervisorial district every month. On May 19, we'll be in the Sunset. We'll meet at 8:30 a.m. at Sunset Elementary School, 1920-41st Ave. Please join us for a morning of hard work and fun. ■

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A close-up photograph of a vibrant orange flower, likely a daisy or similar species, with a bright yellow center. The petals are numerous and layered, showing a gradient from deep orange to a lighter, almost yellow-orange near the center. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the petals.

A Garden Grows Food — a



and Community Camaraderie

Two years ago we joined our community partners to break ground on Sisterhood Gardens, hoping when we turned those shovels of dirt that it would one day blossom into a wonderful urban oasis with colorful flowers, succulent greens, broccoli, bees and butterflies. ►

Sisterhood Gardens
revelers brought their
own wind-powered
flower and bumblebee to
the opening celebration.





Flowers are in full bloom at the new community garden.



Community members and City workers came out for the Sisterhood Garden celebration.

**Sisterhood Gardens, located at Brother
barren patch of land adjacent to a bu**



- ▶ Today, that dreamed-of cornucopia of beauty has blossomed. It was on full display at the official dedication ceremony for the community garden on April 21 that was hosted by Tiffany Ng from the Chinese Progressive Association and Marc Christiansen of the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association.

Sisterhood Gardens, located at Brotherhood Way and Arch Street, turned a barren patch of land adjacent to a busy roadway into a community garden.

Our landscape architects came up with the design, and our crews constructed a concrete pathway bordered by several ADA-accessible planter boxes and a stairway connecting Brotherhood Way to Ramsell Street.

Community members who helped build the boxes and planted them, can be seen most every day tending to their gardens – and, at just the right time, harvesting the bounty. ■

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Public Works Walks

Walk to Work Day
participants show their pride.



the Walk (to Work)

San Francisco ranks as one of the most walkable cities in the country and thousands of City residents walk at least partway to work each day. ▶



A lot of people stopped by the Mechanics Plaza hub on Walk to Work Day.



Close to 10,000 walkers participated in the initiative



WALKUP, MELODIA, KELLY & SCHOENBERGER AND WALK SAN FRANCISCO PRESENT:

WALK TO WORK DAY

THURSDAY APRIL 5, 2018

- ▶ To promote this healthy habit among all of San Francisco, the City recognized April 5 as Walk to Work Day.

Walk San Francisco sponsors the annual event to raise awareness and recruit new members to the cause of making San Francisco a more livable and walkable city by reclaiming streets as safe, shared public spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Public Works held down the fort at a Walk2Work hub at Mechanics Monument Plaza, a recently restored public gathering space that Public Works

maintains in the heart of the Financial District. Hundreds of chipper walkers stopped by the hub to pick up some fresh fruit, hot coffee and free giveaways and learn more about pedestrian safety and fun, walkable events in San Francisco.

Close to 10,000 walkers participated in the initiative, including more than 100 Public Works employees. Each year, Walk SF crowns the City department or private company that has the most participating staffers with the Golden Millipede Award. Unfortunately, Public Works' two-year winning

streak came to an end due to a larger turnout this year by the San Francisco Public Library, but we're ready to come back full force next year to take the title back.

Making the streets and sidewalks clean and safe for everyone is part of what we do every day. As commuters walked across the City to get to their offices, they likely experienced the positive impacts of our sidewalk repair and curb ramp programs, in addition to our many streetscapes and team of corridor workers who keep the public realm free of litter. ■



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City and County
Surveyor Bruce Storrs
sits in his office
overlooking U.N. Plaza.



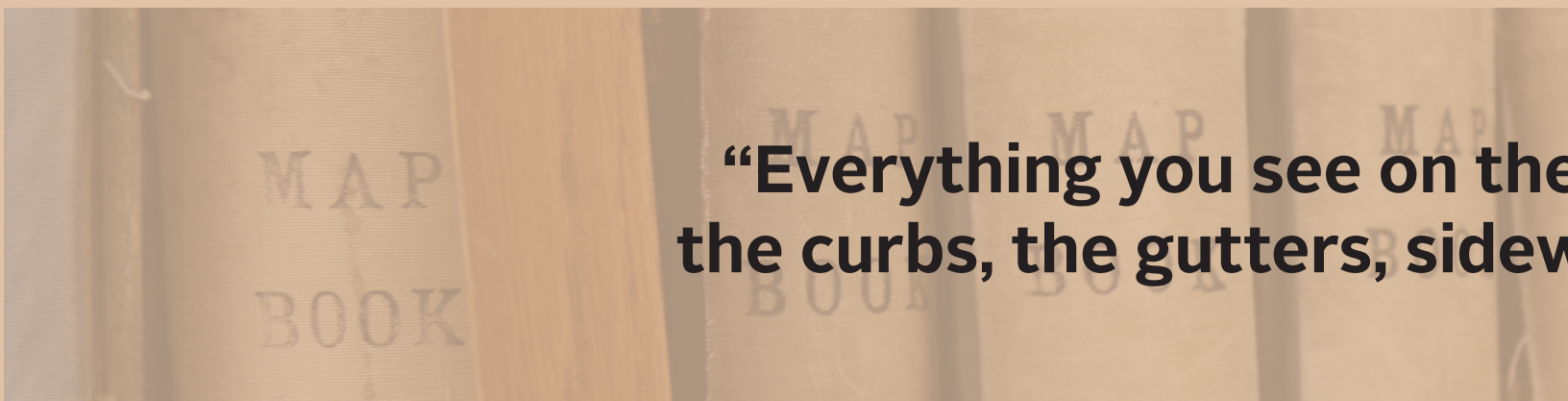


Taking Measure with San Francisco's Official Surveyor

Most San Franciscans are content saying they live in a City that's 7 miles by 7 miles. It's quaint, but not exactly accurate. For Bruce Storrs, Surveyor of the City and County of San Francisco, precision is key – down to the fraction of a millimeter. ►



A large topographical map hangs in the Bureau of Street-use and Mapping office suite.



**“Everything you see on the
the curbs, the gutters, sidew**

► Storrs joined Public Works as surveyor in 2005 and has the distinction of being the only city and county surveyor in the state. It's a unique role that's both old-school and cutting edge. He studies weather-beaten maps and uses a fountain pen to put his wet signature on every subdivision map that gets recorded in San Francisco; he also guides a team of 30 that relies on GPS, a high-precision network, Lidar and drones to provide stunningly accurate measurements. In the event of a significant earthquake, Storrs has the means to analyze exactly what moved – and how far.

“It's two extremes of technology – from primitive to ultra-modern,” said Storrs, who has perfected the art of adding and subtracting angles in his head and making judgment calls.

He's also the custodian of the Public Works' collection of more than 100 pre-1906 earthquake maps and loves the

opportunity to do a show and tell of the different instruments surveyors have used over the years.

“What we do is often difficult to explain,” Storrs conceded. “Imagine there's nothing here – just sand dunes – and you have to lay out a city. You have to put something in the ground, some kind of marker, and come up with a bearing from that and start laying things out.”

When San Francisco was laid out in 1847, the Western Addition extended from Larkin Street to Divisadero Street and

Outside Lands stretched from Divisadero to the ocean. And it all began with the surveyor who created a topographic map from which engineers could design the streets.

It's a complicated art that affects us all.

Storrs acknowledged, “Everything you see on the street has been surveyed: the curbs, the gutters, sidewalks, streets and buildings.”

And for the record, San Francisco is exactly 46.265236 square miles in size. ■



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Public Works cement shop crews build the protected bike lane on Upper Market.

New Protected Bike Lanes On Upper Market Roll Out

If you use Market Street to bike to work or get around the City, you likely will be very happy to see ►



These lanes are part of SFMTA's Upper Market safety improvements on this major



Bicyclists enjoy a safer ride along Upper Market.

- ▶ the newly constructed protected bike lanes on Market between Octavia Boulevard and Duboce Avenue. These freshly painted green pathways with concrete medians separating them from auto lanes were installed by Public Works cement workers and are designed to provide a safer journey for those who travel by bike.

The bike lanes are part of SFMTA's Upper Market Street Safety Project, launched in 2015 to make safety improvements on this major thoroughfare of San Francisco. The recent additions on Market Street also include painted safety zones, curb ramps, and better intersection signage and markings.

Public Works crews from the Bureau of Urban Forestry Cement Shop installed small islands in both directions on Market Street between Octavia and Laguna streets. The islands are designed to project bicyclists from vehicle traffic. On Market heading

westbound, Public Works built 435 linear feet of the small islands in just one day. Later, our crews went back to finish the installation of the medians in the eastbound direction.

In addition to the bike lane dividers, Public Works helped build two curb ramps mid-block on Market between Octavia and Laguna.

In the near future, the SFMTA sign shop will complete the bikeway by installing signage and additional safe-hit posts.

Public Works is proud to be part of the City's collaborative efforts to increase safety on our streets to better protect pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and everyone who lives, works and visits San Francisco. ■

**Street Safety Project, launched in 2015 to make
or thoroughfare of San Francisco.**



Coordinated Encampment Cleanup Starts in the Mission

The mushrooming encampments spilling over the sidewalks in the Mission District came down April 25 as part of a coordinated response by cleaning crews, police and outreach workers to get the tents removed, with full support from Mayor Mark Farrell. ►



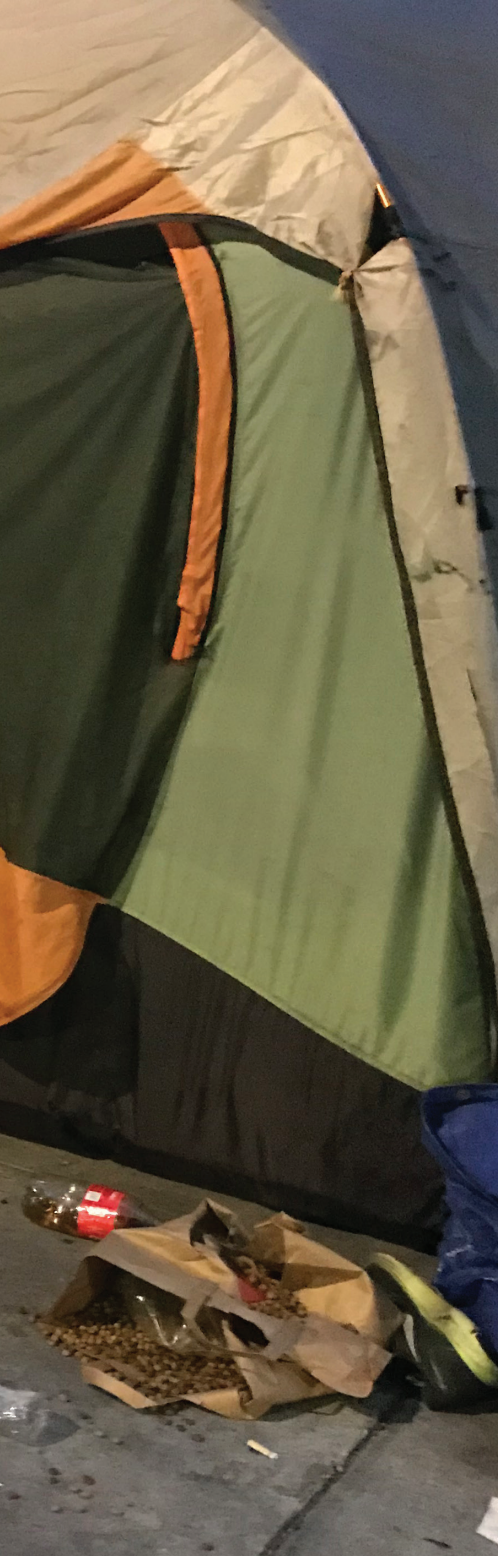
Our crews,
working with
SFPD officers,
clear tents from
Division Street.

Crews remove tons of garbage from the encampment sites.



“We have come across tent encampments riddled with rats





- ▶ Encampment dwellers were offered shelter and services prior to the directive to take down the tents going into effect. As Public Works and the Police Department were asking people to take down the tents, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing had an outreach team set up nearby to help people ready to move off the street.

Homeless advocates said that what was being offered wasn't enough – in some cases just a mat on a shelter floor – but City officials said that once people are off the street, it's often easier to help them.

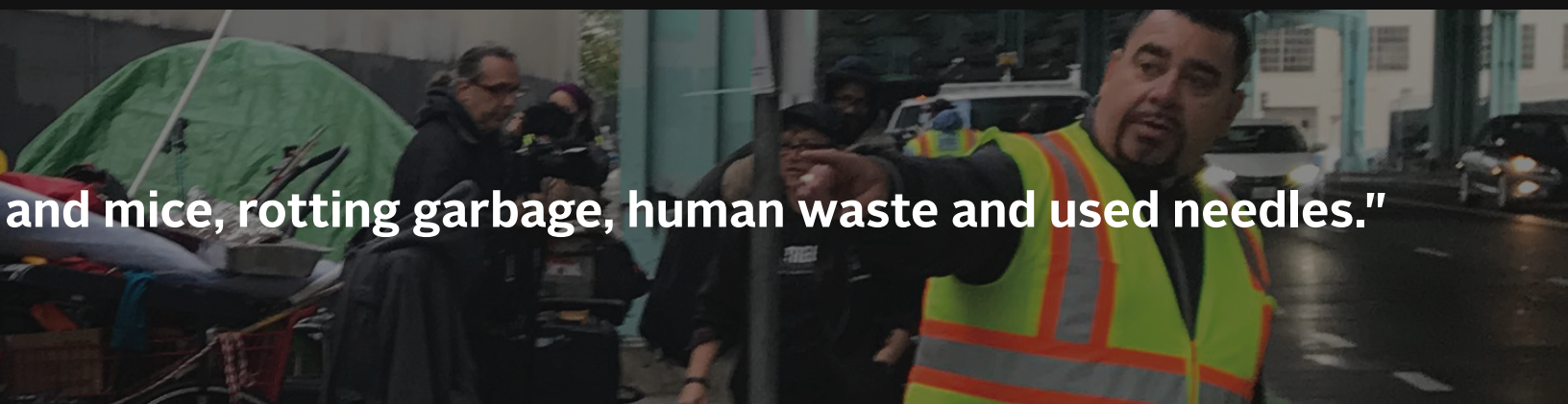
“We have come across tent encampments riddled with rats and mice, rotting garbage, human waste and used needles. People should not be living in these squalid conditions, and others who use the public right of way, whether they live or work nearby or are visiting, should not be put in potential harm's way,” said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru.

He added, “We also must ensure our sidewalks are not

blocked to safeguard pedestrian access.”

More than 120 tents in the Mission came down on April 25. The City held the line over the next several days in enforcing the no-tent policy. Outreach and enforcement will be extended to other neighborhoods.

Cleaning encampment hot spots is not new for our crews; we have had dedicated teams on the ground focusing on encampments for more than two years. The job is not easy. But it is necessary. And as our cleaning crews continue their work, we also have a team of designers and construction managers working with our partner agencies to open more Navigation Centers to temporarily shelter people until they can transition into even more stable living situations. ■



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The majestic City Hall glowed in Public Works blue on April 24 in celebration of Public Works 2018. The color: Pantone 7683 C.