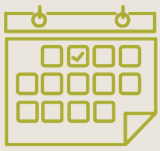




Lion dancers display their vibrant colors and perform for the jubilant crowd at the opening for the Chinatown Living Alley Project on Spofford Street. See story inside.

# in the works

July 2018



# EVENTS



## Daily

### [2018 Citywide Summer Meals](#)

From July 7 to Aug. 17 more than 100 sites throughout San Francisco will serve free lunches and snacks to youth ages 18 and younger every weekday. No proof of need, registration or identification is required in order to receive a lunch or snack. The only requirement: Arrive at a participating site during the scheduled serving time.

Various times and locations. See [website](#) for details.



## 8/5

### [2018 Commons Block Party on 1st Sundays](#)

This family-friendly event will feature recreational activities for all ages, a selection of bar and street food offerings curated by Off the Grid, music and promotional appearances by Bonneville San Francisco KOIT 96.5 FM, an open-air bazaar with

one-of-a-kind goods created by local SF Etsy artisans, free DIY arts and crafts activities and more.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Fulton and Larkin streets



## 8/11

### [Salesforce Transit Center Grand Opening Block Party](#)

Live performances, public tours, historic Bay Area buses, family-friendly activities, free goodies and food and drinks for purchase.

Noon-4 p.m.  
425 Mission St. at Fremont Street.



## 8/16

### [3rd Thursdays Block Party at Civic Center Commons](#)

Music, food trucks, games and kids' activities.

5-9 p.m.  
Civic Center



## 8/18

[Community Clean Team in District 6](#)  
San Francisco Public Works' longest-running and largest volunteer program that keeps San Francisco beautiful through landscaping and gardening projects, graffiti removal and litter cleanup in our neighborhoods.

8:30 a.m. - Registration  
9 a.m. - Speaking program  
Father Alfred E. Boeddeker Park  
246 Eddy St.



## 8/19

### [Sunday Streets in SoMa](#)

Sunday Streets is excited to announce the first new route in five years, spanning Folsom Street from Essex to 10th streets. Sunday Streets is a series of free, fun events empowering local communities to transform 1-4 miles of car-congested streets into community spaces for kids to play, seniors to stroll, organizations to connect and neighbors to meet.

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.



## THANK YOU

Please notify the Corridor Program Supervisor for the 400 block of Tehama Street about service above and beyond the call of duty.

A week or so ago, a San Francisco Public Works employee went out of his way to clean out the tree bed at 443 Tehama St. and reinstall the wooden trim fencing that outlined the inside of the tree bed.

He took it upon himself to do more than just rake out the trash. He carefully reinstalled the wooden trim that had been knocked over and left on the sidewalk for weeks.

Please let him know how much we appreciate his hard work.

Brian W.

I run a hardware store that focuses entirely on customer service and have to tell you that I was blown away at how professional your staff was when inspecting the sidewalk near my home. We had a clear, concise, considerate and friendly conversation about their intention to fix it by the end of the week. Two hours later, they were back

with a crew that tore it up to create proper lines. The next day, they were back to finish the job.

Every single person that I met was competent, considerate and professional. From the manager to the concrete finishers, the entire crew was impressive. In addition, they left the area perfectly clean.

I did a fair amount of concrete work at my previous job and know how messy it can be. I am blown away at how much was done and how quickly.

Please thank them for me and let their supervisors know that they are great representatives of your department. Lastly, thank you for dealing with this promptly and professionally.

Karl A.  
Papenhausen Hardware

Thank you for your excellent work in the Marina District! Our neighborhood treasures you.

Kind regards,

Brenda G.  
Marina District resident

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# SOCIAL MEDIA

**De Marillac Academy**  
@DeMarillacSF

We are so thankful for your hard work !!

**SF Public Works** @sfpublicworks  
As #SanFrancisco wakes up, our crews work hard to keep the City clean. @MrCleanSF @GiantSweep

6:42 AM - 20 Jul 2018 from San Francisco, CA

Following

**Leave my elevator alone**  
@melodyfayre

**@sfpublicworks** Thank you for cleaning up the sewage problem in front of the house! 👍

6:41 PM - 29 Jun 2018 from San Francisco, CA

Following

**Catherine Stefani**  
@SupStefani

My sincerest thanks to **@sfpublicworks** Director Mohammed Nuru and his staff for a very early morning tour of their incredible work cleaning our streets and clearing tent encampments.



10:01 AM - 20 Jul 2018

3 Retweets 13 Likes

Following

**Katy Tang** @SupervisorTang

Great launch this morning of our new Friends of Sunset Boulevard effort w/ **@sfpublicworks** ! 1st tool box available at 37th & Vicente & more to come. Thank you Brian Lease, awesome lead gardener at Sunset Blvd! Contact our office if you'd like to participate.



6:57 PM - 21 Jul 2018

2 Retweets 9 Likes

Following



# BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the U.S., but most skin cancers can be prevented!



Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.

## SUNBURN IS NOT IMMEDIATELY APPARENT.

Symptoms include: red, tender and swollen skin, blistering, headache, fever, nausea, and fatigue.



amount of sunscreen needed to fully cover the entire body:



(one shot glass)

Apply sunscreen at least once every

**2 HRS.**

Reapply more frequently when swimming or sweating



30 minutes is the average time it takes for sunscreen to soak into skin and work effectively.

## WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING



The tighter the knit or weave, the smaller the holes and the less UV can get through. Sunglasses should be UV400 or 100% UV Protection



## STAY COOL

Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.



## STAY HYDRATED

Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink water.



## STAY INFORMED

Check your local news for extreme heat alerts.

word of the month: *verb.* to spend the summer at a specific place or in a certain activity

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# A Job for the Summer - Part 2



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**SIGN UP**



EPISODE 0033 - 7/27

*A Job for the Summer – Part Two*

This week we're following our director, Mohammed Nuru, into the field where he joins a hard-working crew of summer interns helping our gardening team green and beautify San Francisco's medians and public spaces.

### EPISODE 0032 - 7/20

#### A Job for the Summer – Part One

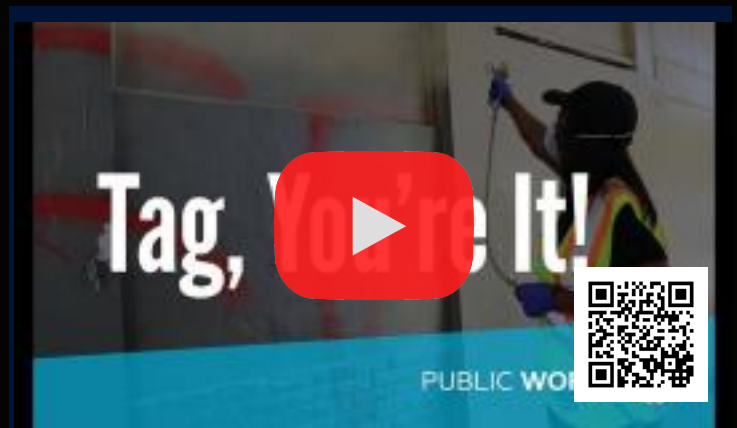
This week we're getting to know some of the newest members of the Public Works family – our interns! Every summer, Public Works invites college and high school students from across the country to explore the engineering, architecture, information technology, planning and project management fields through hands-on experience with skilled professionals.



### EPISODE 0031 - 7/13

#### Tag, You're It!

This week we're hanging out with our host, Natasha Reed, and members of the Public Works graffiti unit. Our graffiti crews work around the clock to keep the City's mailboxes, benches, street furniture and signs free of graffiti vandalism. In the last fiscal year, Public Works received and responded to more than 35,000 service requests for graffiti removal.



### EPISODE 0030 - 7/6

#### Make the Highway Great Again

Every year, Mother Nature shows her force by creating towering sand dunes that loom over the Great Highway on the western edge of San Francisco. Tune in to learn how San Francisco Public Works undertakes the difficult task of moving more than 8,000 cubic yards of sand from the coastal road back to the seashore.





San Francisco  
Needs You!



Join your neighbors on Saturday, Sept. 8, as we get swept up with civic pride and all do our part to keep our city clean. The ask is simple: LOVE OUR CITY!

Grab a broom and dustpan, sweep the sidewalk in front of your home or business and pick up litter in your neighborhood.

City crews also will be out in force but they can't do the job alone. Together, we can make a meaningful, positive impact.

Regardless of which district or neighborhood you live or work in, we need your help to sweep every sidewalk in San Francisco's 46.7 square miles.

If you don't have the tools you need to participate, Public Works does! You can get supplies, such as brooms and dustpans, the

morning of Sept. 8 during a LOVE OUR CITY event at a neighborhood kickoff location near you.

Let us know you're part of the team by registering on the [website](#) or by calling 415-641-2600. We'll make sure you have all the information you need leading up to the event.

Property owners are responsible for the cleanliness and upkeep of their adjacent sidewalks. At the same time, we hope the momentum from the citywide cleanup will spark a culture change to keep San Francisco from being trashed in the first place. We

live and work in one of the most beautiful cities in the world and it takes teamwork to keep it looking good.

Join the team. Keep SF clean.





# Street Smarts:

Mayor Breed on Location with Our Cleaning Crews

Mayor London Breed wasted little time after taking the oath of office to hit the streets with Public Works ►



Mayor London Breed and Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru investigate a homeless encampment at the edge of Mission Bay.



**Our hard-working Hot Spots encampment crews are on the job seven d**



Our Hot Spots crews work carefully and diligently to keep our streets and alleyways safe and sanitary.

- Director Mohammed Nuru and other City officials to visit the site of a homeless encampment.

She saw firsthand on July 17 the work of social workers and health care providers providing outreach and Public Works cleaning crews removing needles and piles of rubbish, and steam cleaning the street afterwards. Police were on hand as well.

The encampment with about a dozen tents was located on a dead end of King Street, off of Berry Street, on the edge of Mission Bay. Everyone living there was offered space in a Navigation Center shelter; seven people accepted the offer.

In laying out her [homeless plan](#) when running for office, Breed vowed to end long-term tent encampments within one year.

Progress already has been made. A survey of the

conditions conducted at the start of the month found that there were 15 encampments with five or more tents or structures, and no encampments with 20 or more tents – a marked improvement from a year ago, when many large encampments were found in the Mission, Showplace Square and South of Market neighborhoods.

Public Works will continue to be on the front lines. Our hard-working Hot Spots encampment crews are on the job seven days a week cleaning the streets to make them safer and more sanitary; and our design, building and permitting teams have been instrumental in the development of the City's [Navigation Centers](#).


We share the mayor's goal of moving people off the streets into safer places. ■

**ays a week cleaning the streets to make them safer and more sanitary.**

New decorated crosswalks bring beauty and safety to this intersection at Broadway and Powell streets.



## Two Streetscape Projects, One Vision:



Spirited lion dancers kicked off two Chinatown celebrations on July 30 to commemorate the completion of the Broadway Streetscape Project and the Chinatown Living Alley Project on Spofford Street, both aimed to make the historic neighborhood safer and more inviting. ►

## A Safer and More Vibrant Chinatown







Lion dancers tower above the crowd at the opening for the Chinatown Living Alley Project on Spofford Street.



City officials and neighborhood leaders cut the ribbon for the Broadway Chinatown Streetscape Project.

**Public Works, which managed both streetscape project followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony at t**

- ▶ San Francisco Public Works, which managed both streetscape projects, held a small community gathering on Spofford Street, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the corner of Powell and Broadway streets with key supporters, including District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin, City Administrator Naomi Kelly and dozens of neighborhood merchants, residents, community leaders and government partners.

The ribbon cutting marked the much-anticipated completion of the last of four phases to improve the bustling Chinatown-North Beach corridor, stretching from Columbus Avenue to the Robert C. Levy Tunnel, better known as the Broadway Tunnel.

The latest Broadway improvements provide a reconfigured roadway to calm traffic, new concrete sidewalks, freshly planted trees, new bus shelters and curbside bus bulbs to improve boarding, pedestrian-scale lighting and decorative crosswalks.

“Broadway is a street used by everybody – locals live, shop

and eat here; visitors come from all over the world to enjoy the restaurants and nightlife; and there are schools that serve our families,” said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. “This collaborative project was challenging, but at the end of the day we have a new streetscape that is safer and more vibrant to better serve this historic neighborhood.”

The Broadway Chinatown project is the result of Public Works’ collaboration with Supervisor Peskin, the Chinatown Community Development Center, San Francisco Planning, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, San Francisco County Transportation Authority and the San Francisco Arts Commission.

The Broadway Chinatown project also showcases functional public art. The San Francisco Arts Commission commissioned local artist Michael Arcega to create a series of artful seating elements titled *Auspicious Clouds | Heavy Fog*. Inspired by images of Chinese clouds found on traditional decorative objects

and in paintings and by San Francisco’s famous fog, the cloud-shaped benches were fabricated out of water-jet cut steel welded together to allow for seating on both sides.

Auspicious or lucky clouds have deep symbolic meaning in traditional Chinese culture, Arcega noted. “The cyclical nature of clouds and rain inspires renewal and fluidity. They bring prosperity and vitality. When the viewer is seated, they will appear to be on a cloud,” he said.

“We are delighted that the San Francisco Arts Commission could contribute to this transformative streetscape project with this thoughtful work of art,” said San Francisco Director of Cultural Affairs Tom DeCaigny.

Spofford Street, the one-block alleyway bounded by Clay, Washington, Stockton and Waverly streets, benefited from decorative concrete pavers; enhanced lighting and raised crosswalks at both ends to slow vehicles entering the alley; bollards to protect pedestrians from traffic; and bench seating. ■



**s, held a small community gathering on Spofford Street, the corner of Powell and Broadway streets.**



# Three More Neighborhoods Get **Pit Stop** Public Toilets

We opened Pit Stops in three new neighborhoods – North Beach, The Embarcadero and the Outer Sunset – to expand access to clean and safe public toilets. ▶

# EMBARCADERO PIT STOP



Where neighborhood challenges meet civic pride.

Open daily  
9 am - 8 pm

[www.sfpublicworks.org/pitstop](http://www.sfpublicworks.org/pitstop)



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- ▶ This addition brings the citywide roster of Pit Stops to 22 in 12 neighborhoods, which collectively account for approximately 300,000 flushes a year, averaging about one flush every two minutes.

The Pit Stop program provides public toilets, sinks, used needle receptacles and dog waste stations in some of San Francisco's most challenging neighborhoods – providing a place for people to take care of their bathroom needs with dignity, while improving neighborhood livability and reducing demands on Public Works staff to clean up human waste from the City's sidewalks, doorways and streets.

The key to the Pit Stop's success is that all the facilities are staffed by paid attendants who

help ensure that the toilets are well maintained and used for their intended purpose.

The Public Works program started as a pilot in 2014 with three sites in the Tenderloin and since has become replicated in other cities, among them Miami, Denver and Los Angeles.

North Beach, The Embarcadero and the Outer Sunset join Lower Polk, the Tenderloin, Mission, SoMa, Civic Center, Mid-Market, Bayview, Castro and the Haight as neighborhoods with Pit Stops.

All but the Lower Polk location are staffed by Hunters Point Family, a nonprofit that provides job opportunities for people who have faced barriers to employment. ■

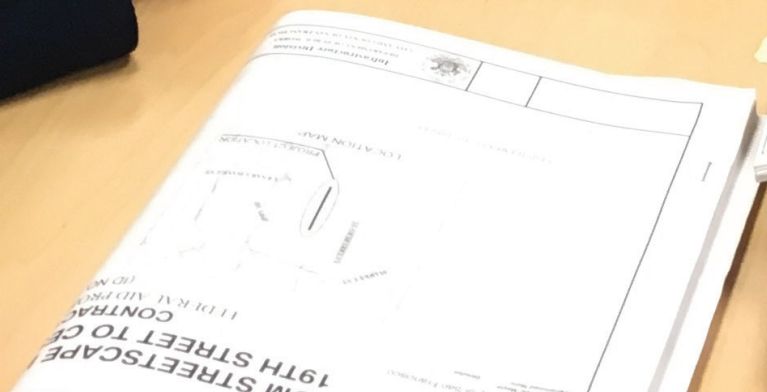


# STOP

Public Works engineer Joanna Chang discusses a project with Project Pull interns Dana Velonzo and Checlyn Minh.

# High Schoolers **Pulled**

Each summer, Public Works welcomes nearly 100 college interns to our offices – and a few lucky high school kids, too. ▶







# in the Right Direction



Checlyn Minh, an incoming senior at Alameda High School, is one of 12 high school students assigned to Public Works by Project Pull.

# A Job for the Summer - Part 1

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► Checlyn Minh, an incoming senior at Alameda High School, is one of 12 high school students assigned to Public Works by Project Pull, the City's 8-week paid internship program that has placed more than 2,000 students over the years.

Founded in 1996, the program aims to provide students with meaningful work experience, mentoring and problem-solving skills.

Monday through Thursday, Minh is at her desk in the Public Works infrastructure division, where she's learning about the day-to-day assignments of an engineer, something she hopes to become; on Fridays, she connects with other teens in the program for enrichment exercises and preparation for the interns' group finale, a debate competition.

In her limited spare time, Minh focuses on summer homework and her writing – she's both a poet and aspiring novelist.

So far, Minh has sharpened her knowledge of the different

branches of engineering – structural, civil and mechanical – and has helped inventory and categorize drawings, while also making notes of which engineers need new software installed on their computers.

When asked why she wants to be an engineer, she offered a thoughtful response: "I realize there's a housing crisis in San Francisco and over in the East Bay and I believe that being an engineer, especially in the structural department, would be one of the best ways to help aid this crisis and find a solution."

Joanna Chang, an associate engineer at Public Works, mentors Minh, along with another student, Dana Velonza, who's entering her senior year at El Camino High in South San Francisco.

"It's very rewarding to introduce the student interns to the field of engineering and to watch them grow professionally in a work environment. I'm just glad they're showing interest and actively asking questions. As a woman in

engineering, I am glad to have the opportunity to inspire younger women to pursue this field and show them that, 'You can do it, too!'" Chang said.

This year, more than 500 students applied for the coveted internships. Program coordinator Lisa Miles-Wilkerson recruits through high school and college career fairs but admits that most interns hear about the program the old-fashioned way: word of mouth.

Miles-Wilkerson has worked with many students over the years and found Minh to be particularly memorable.

"On one of our first enrichments we hosted a Project Pull talent show. Checlyn wrote a beautiful poem for her and her team to share," she said. "Checlyn is very creative and I can't wait to see what she will offer the world." ■







# Cementing a Job Well Done!

Public Works celebrated its first-ever cement mason graduation this month, acknowledging three hardworking individuals who completed a three-year apprenticeship program administered by Public Works and the Laborers Local 300 Union.

The graduates, Eric Alas, Melvin Gilbert and Brandy Williams, worked alongside seasoned cement masons from our Bureau of Urban Forestry and those in unionized construction companies to learn the trades of cement finishing and pouring. Upon graduating, members of the apprenticeship program are considered journey-level cement masons and ready to start full-time careers either with Public Works or private companies located throughout the Bay Area.



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# We Had a Ball

Public Works ping-pong enthusiasts once again demonstrated their passion for the table-top game and showed off their skills at the 14th Annual Chinatown Ping Pong Tournament. ►



Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru takes on Rec and Park General Manager Phil Ginsburg in a tense game of ping-pong as Mayor London Breed and other City officials cheer them on.



**A total of 21 Public Works employees teamed up to play m**





- ▶ Four teams representing Public Works competed this year, a historic high.

We've been big supporters of this fun-filled tournament that debuted in 2011, when then-Mayor Ed Lee inspired the community to launch the event – not just to promote ping-pong and physical fitness, but also to offer a family-friendly activity for everyone to enjoy.

A total of 21 Public Works employees teamed up to play matches against other City agencies and community teams. The tourney was held in the historic Chinatown neighborhood the weekend of July 14-15.

Albert Ko, who was captain of Team Public Works, knew how to help his teammates reach their potential. Ko, who oversees construction management for our Building Design and Construction division, organized a number of practices prior to the tournament.

We didn't win the championship — that honor went to the SFMTA — but we sure had fun and are ready to make another run for the trophy next year. ■




Matches against other City agencies and community teams.

Volunteers give the Webster Street pedestrian bridge near Japantown its first coat of "alligator green" paint in decades.



# Summer S

A photograph showing several volunteers engaged in painting a green metal railing on a concrete walkway. The scene is outdoors, with large trees and a chain-link fence in the background. The volunteers are wearing various casual clothing, including a green sweatshirt, a pink hoodie, and a light blue jacket. White buckets and a drop cloth are visible on the ground. The overall atmosphere is one of community service and beautification.

Nearly 500 pumped-up  
volunteers showed what it  
takes to clean and beautify  
the Haight, Western  
Addition, Alamo Square ▶

# pruce Up!

Volunteers  
landscape and  
plant the terraced  
hill near Adah's  
Stairway.





Public Works urban forestry staff were on hand at Community Clean Team to educate volunteers about StreetTreeSF, Public Works' tree maintenance initiative.



Community Clean Team, now in its 18th year, is Public Works' largest volunteer group.





- ▶ and other District 5 neighborhoods: a lot of elbow grease, plenty of determination and a roar of civic pride.

They took part in the July 28 Community Clean Team workday, where San Francisco's newly minted mayor, London Breed, told the crowd that San Francisco needs everyone to pitch in to keep our city looking good. She was joined by Supervisor Vallie Brown – Breed's pick as her replacement to serve as the District 5 representative on the Board of Supervisors – and Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu.

They emphasized the importance of communities coming together to take care of the City. And that's exactly what happened at the Saturday morning event.

Volunteers worked alongside Public Works employees on

numerous neighborhood improvement projects, including planting trees on Sutter and Webster streets, sweeping up leaves in the Haight, landscaping Divisadero Street from Oak to Hayes streets and refreshing the Webster Street pedestrian bridge in Japantown. Then everyone enjoyed a communal lunch to celebrate their hard work.

Community Clean Team, now in its 18th year, is Public Works' longest-running and largest volunteer program.

The next workday will be held in the District 6 neighborhoods of SoMa, the Tenderloin, South Beach and The Embarcadero on Saturday, Aug. 18. Volunteers will gather at 8:30 a.m. at Father Alfred E. Boeddeker Park, 246 Eddy St.

Learn more and register [here](#). ■



**Public Works' longest-running and largest volunteer program.**



NO PARKING

# GRAFFITI BUSES





# STERS!

Graffiti tags are a drag – and an everyday reality – for the Public Works graffiti abatement team. Last year alone, we received more than 35,000 service requests for the removal of graffiti on walls, street signs, mailboxes and even street trees.

Our goal of zero graffiti is a lofty one. In the meantime, employees in our graffiti unit are hard at work painting over the unsightly blight by vandals. It's all about repetition: The best way to deter taggers is to cover up their work as soon as we see it – even if it means going back to the same popular spots time after time.

San Francisco spends more than \$20 million a year on graffiti cleanup. Public Works not only is tasked with removing graffiti on public property, we also do our part to educate and work with property owners and other government agencies to remove graffiti from their buildings, fences and sidewalks. When repeated tagging becomes a hardship for property owners, we look for ways to collaborate with them to ease the burden. We also work with the Police Department, City Attorney and District Attorney to catch the graffiti culprits.

Help us locate and abate graffiti around the City by calling 311 or using the mobile SF311 app when you see it. To report graffiti in progress, call 911.

For more information, go to [sfpublishworks.org/graffiti](http://sfpublishworks.org/graffiti). We have tips on ways to remove graffiti and opportunities to participate in neighborhood cleanups and our Graffiti Watch volunteer program.

With your help, we'll be closer to our goal of zero graffiti in San Francisco.

A beautiful  
royal blue  
passion  
flower.

