

# **DUBOCE TRIANGLE**NEWSLETTER

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# Monday, December 8, 2014 7:00 to 9:00 pm

# **PUBLIC MEETING**

CPMC/Davies Hospital, Gazebo Room (outside, ground-level entrance from plaza between North and South Towers)

#### **MEETING AGENDA:**

Due to the fatal shooting on November 24th, Captain Vaswani from Park Station will come and address the membership about what is being done to combat violent crime in our neighborhood. Come and join the conversation and voice your concerns to take back our streets.

- Crime report
- Office of Supervisor Wiener update
- Planning Department and MTA present the Upper Market Street Improvement Plan
- Board elections

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, December 11, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District's annual meeting. Includes election of board members. After the meeting members of the public are invited to join the CBD at their new office at 540 A Castro St., for some holiday cheer.

Saturday, December 13,10 am-noon Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at <u>rosegillen@sbcglobal.net</u> or 255-8370.

Saturday, January 10,10 am-noon Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at <u>rosegillen@sbcglobal.net</u> or 255-8370.

# Neighbors Speak Up about Type of Retail They Want



If you could bring one business to Castro/Upper Market, what would it be?

You may have seen people in green T-shirts collecting surveys in the neighborhood – some with balloons, some with glow sticks. More than 30 volunteers signed up to help collect feedback for the Castro & Upper Market Retail Strategy. The response has been tremendous! More than 500 responses have been collected.

It will take several weeks to tabulate the results.

The in-person customer survey is seen as the best way to collect information from tourists and visitors from beyond adjacent neighborhoods in order to determine why they come to the neighborhood and what Continues on page 5

# Fatal Shooting at Noe and Henry Streets

A fatal shooting occurred on the corner of Noe St and Henry St after midnight on November 24th. Based on the news release from ABC Channel 7 News, the police are basing their preliminary investigation on five male suspects who approached three men walking in the area. One of the suspects stole a phone, wallet and backpack from the victims and shot one of the victims in the torso. The five suspects fled in a dark-colored sedan before police arrived. The victim was transported to San Francisco General Hospital, but died en route. No arrests have been made.

**Message from Supervisor Scott Wiener** 

# **President's Message**

# **City Hall Update: Supervisor Scott Wiener**



Scott Wiener San Francisco District 8 Supervisor

### Castro Street Shopping

especially our local business- merchants.com. es. During the Castro Street construction, our local mer- Upper chants endured significant Improvements disruption. They deserve our

amazing, and I want to businesses in the Castro and pal Transportation Agency thank everyone for their pa- to find coupons to shop in (MTA) will soon begin a tience during construction, the Castro, visit www.castro- public process to improve

thanks, and to show them Making our streets safer for munity planning meetings our support, I encourage ev- pedestrians has been one of to determine the best way to eryone to visit Castro Street my key focuses at City Hall. improve these intersections, for their holiday shopping Duboce Triangle has long as well as other street design over the next several week- been in need of safer streets issues on Market Street. My ends. Every holiday season is and intersections, especial- office will work closely with important for our local mer- ly on Market Street where MTA during this process to chants, but this year is even poorly designed intersec- ensure that the community's more important. So please tions have led to driver and voice is heard. take the time to visit Castro pedestrian confusion, as well Street, see the beautiful new as preventable collisions. The Scott Wiener represents Dis-Holiday sidewalks and amenities, and intersections at Noe and San- trict 8, including Duboce Trido some shopping and din- chez Streets are especially angle, on the Board of Supering with our local merchants. problematic. To address this, visors. More information at Our new Castro Street looks For more information on the San Francisco Munici- www.scottwiener.com.

safety along the corridor, with the scope of the project Market still to be determined. Starting early next year, MTA will conduct outreach and com-

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# **Looking Back at 2014**



Pat Tura DTNA President

As 2014 comes to an end, I am proud of and city staff to maintain our neighborhood character and build for the future.

DTNA has been firm and committed to ensuring that developers are building inclusionary housing for everyone in our community. Along with a coalition of neighborhoods and housing advocates we secured from Greystar, the nations largest rental development group, affordable housing units in the proposed development at 2198 Market Street. Thanks to the work of dedicated supporters for LGBT equality, Greystar also agreed to a national nondiscrimination policy that includes LGBT people. We remained dedicated and will continue to encourage higher levels of affordable housing. (See related article on page 4 in this issue.)

After years of research, analysis and implementation of a pilot program, the formula retail concentration index has now become planning code for Upper Market. Supported by Supervisor Wiener and the board of supervisors, this

the successful work DTNA has accom- As we close out the year, we have had forward to working on future DTNA plished for the year. We have continued our first look at the proposal by MTA projects in a new capacity. to work with our neighboring partners and the Planning Department for the

action came about through the merger Upper Market Street safety improveof Supervisor Mar's proposed legisla- ment plan. The proposal will be pretion and the recommended changes to sented at our December 8th general formula retail by the Planning Depart- meeting. The proposal falls short of ment. I believe this legislation will pro- what I believe the plan could do for our tect our community from an oversatu- streets. I look forward to a collaborative ration of formula retail and maintain effort in 2015 with the community and the unique character of our neighbor- the Planning Department to make this the most effective plan possible.

Another key event has been the launch Due to other commitments, I am reof the Castro & Upper Market Retail signing as president of DTNA. It has Strategy. This effort by community been an honor to serve the community groups with support from Supervisor and work with so many dedicated mem-Wiener secured funding and kicked off bers and city officials. I want to thank the study. (See related article on page all of you who took the time to listen, collaborate with us and support DTNA programs during my presidency. I look

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# **Affordable Housing Arrives on Upper Market**

Do you think that everything that is being built on Market Street is luxury condos for affluent people? If you did, you are partially right: the Icon building at No. 27.1 Icon building at Noe and Market, the Linea building at Dolores and Market, and the Whole Foods complex at Dolores and Market were all built and sold by developers as condos, with the least expensive one-bedroom apartments selling for around \$1 million. The developers The Century Building at Sanchex there all chose not to build and Market offers onsite affordable onsite affordable housing; inneighborhood).

DTNA's advocacy, two new who make no more than clude affordable units. additions near the heart of 90% of the Area Median Inhold here.

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than \$67,950, and a twoperson household could have an income of no more than \$77,700.

Similarly, the Forest City project at 2175 Market is renting 20% (18) of its units at an affordable rate (all the units there are rental, not forsale apartments). At the affordable rate, a one-bedroom rents for \$924/month, and a two-bedroom for \$1,031/ month (compared with an average rental rate of nearly The Forest City project at 2175 San Francisco). The income housing

income of \$38,850.

these affordable units to our plight-6-800-5879302.php neighborhood, and more are coming. Twelve percent of San Francisco voters refor \$266,997. These prices Noe and Sanchez on Market be affordable. However, thanks in part to were available to applicants in our neighborhood to in-



\$3,000 for a one-bedroom in Market also offers onsite affordable

requirements for these units The article linked to below are more stringent at 50% of ran on the front page of the AMI - one-bedroom renters San Francisco Chronicle on cannot have a household in- November 8. It describes the come of more than \$34,000, application process and lotand two-bedroom renter tery for the Forest City units households cannot exceed an at 2175 Market. They had 6,800 applications for the 18 units.

DTNA is proud to have <a href="http://www.sfgate.com/">http://www.sfgate.com/</a> been a part of the negotia- bayarea/nevius/article/Mitions process that brought crocosm-of-S-F-housing-

the units at the Greystar de- cently passed Proposition K velopment, also at Sanchez in a landslide (with 65% of stead they opted to "fee out," The Century building at and Market (the former Shell the vote). Prop K is a purely meaning that their required Sanchez and Market (across station) will be affordable, advisory measure, but it sugcontribution to affordable from the Chase bank) recent- and DTNA will continue to gests that 33% of housing in housing was paid in cash to ly sold 15% (three) of its units press developers at new proj- areas that have been rezoned the city, which will build it at affordable rates - a one- ects now in the works at San- to provide more residential elsewhere (i.e., not in our bedroom sold for \$227,987, chez and Market, Church development (which includes and two two-bedrooms sold and Market, and between the Duboce Triangle) should

That is a high bar, but it is hopefully one that DTNA the Triangle provide an op- come (AMI), which means a Unfortunately new affordable and the developers in the portunity for San Francisco's one-person household could housing available does not neighborhood can meet. You middle class to retain a foot- have an income of no more begin to meet the demand. can support the process by attending Land Use Committee and DTNA General meetings, and looking out for communications from DTNA on affordable hous-

> In the meantime, welcome our new neighbors (both the affluent ones and the middle-class ones) to the best neighborhood in the City. It's not only the diversity but the sense of community that make our neighborhood and our city great.

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# **Neighbors Speak Up, continued**

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would encourage them to stay longer. Residents also had the opportunity to take the survey online in November.

Back in October, members of the Retail Strategy were also at the Castro Street Fair. We asked people, "If you could bring one business to Castro & Upper Market what would it be?" Many of the responses were fresh and unique, but many came as no surprise.

#### What are we finding?

the retailer alone was second most popular answer. The other top picks are for a What will be done with this category of use, rather than a data? particular company - a restaurant with patio seating, a It's certainly a lot of data. But

know they exist.

parking is an issue at night, but not during the day. The retail district's customers are mostly time. locals and some tourists during the week, with more tourists and visitors over the weekend. The vast majority of customers in the neighborhood arrive by This is the golden question. com. walking or taking public tran-The people strongly de- sit. The other most frequented sire a Trader Joe's. That retail districts include Hayes Valley and Valencia.

traditional bread bakery, an what all this surveying allows ice cream shop, a comedy club, the Retail Strategy to do is betand a vegan restaurant. Several ter address the issues by underof these categories already ex- standing their nuances. Learnist: Thoroughbread puts out ing from the survey data will

### When will we start to see change?

Change won't happen instantly,

fresh bread daily, and Chow, be coupled with business focus but the project is putting a lot Starbelly, and Fable have great groups, which allow for more of attention on the vacancy ispatio seating in the rear. What direct conversation with local sue at a critical point in the becomes apparent is two fold; merchants who know some of neighborhood's history. The residents want more of these the issues best. Merchants offer past year has been a time of places, and tourists may not a wealth of anecdotal knowl- learning about the issues, while edge through their operational 2015 will be focused on particexperience - new ones know ular sites and strategizing with Additional findings include that how hard it is to open; long- brokers and landlords on how established ones have seen the to recruit exciting, desirable neighborhood's changes over businesses. Stay tuned for the final presentation of the Retail Strategy in June 2015.

> To learn more about the project please visit www.CastroRetail.

# **ADMIN HELP WANTED**

DTNA is looking for a part-time (3-4 hours/month) paid administrative person to assist the organization with various tasks on a contract basis at \$15/hr. Candidates must possess good organizational and computer skills and be able to work independently. Experience with MS Word and Excel preferred.

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# Supervisors Amend Planning Code, Definition of Formula Retail

and multiple hearings at the were proposed. Planning Commission, the Eric Mar largely negotiated (e.g., gyms and salons); and its final form.

borhoods. The Planning De- sidiaries were not subject to partment, fearful of yet more controls. changes to the nation's most

After months of deliberation ied and citywide changes ing it easier for companies existing formula retail. The

such as DTNA. Supervisor can qualify as formula retail survive. control retail in their neigh- proposal, and corporate sub- retailers are approved.

such as Blue Bottle, with just issue of whether subsidiaries fewer than 20 locations, to will count in determining Board of Supervisors has Changes proposed by the continue to grow. While a lo- whether a business has 12 or passed legislation amend- Planning Department were cally founded coffee shop, the more locations has not been ing the Planning Code and largely supported by DTNA's company also has more than decided. A working group changing the regulation of Land Use Committee and \$25 million in investment has been formed to address formula retail (also known the Board of Directors. Sev- from Morgan Stanley and this issue. as "chain stores") here in San eral proposed amendments, large plans for expansion na-Francisco. The legislation's however, inspired concern. tionwide. It is a difficult move It's no secret that San Franpassage marks a significant DTNA liked that signage to support burgeoning, well- cisco remains a tough place compromise between the was being limited to one sign capitalized businesses when to open new chain stores. Planning Department and per location; categories were independent, single-location Keeping things local not neighborhood organizations being added to the uses that coffee shops are struggling to only maintains a unique

it seemed logical to broaden Through a series of focus multiplier effect through the definition of formula groups held at the Planning continued local spending. Legislative changes were im- retail to include outlets in- Department and through A study published in 2012 minent when the Planning ternationally (instead of na- hearings at the Planning found that spending by in-Department hired Strategic tionally). What DTNA and Commission, merchants and dependent retailers generat-Economics to study formula other neighborhood groups neighborhood leaders from ed over 3 times more direct retail in late 2013. Noting could not support was an in- all corners of the City voiced local spending than that of the success of formula retail crease in outlet count before their strong concerns with formula retail chains. The controls in neighborhoods a store qualifies as formula Planning's proposal. Amend- idea - buying local helps such as Hayes Valley and the retail (from 12 locations to ments were made to largely keep the money local! For Valencia Corridor, five su- 20). The public notice pe- move the dial in favor of keep- this reason, and to better pervisors put forth neighbor- riod was also shortened in ing existing controls. After all, understand the economic hood-specific legislation to the Planning Department's over 75% of proposed formula impact of a new formula re-

lation continues to require or greater to require an ecofrequently amended Plan- At the heart of the delib- retailers with 12 or more lo- nomic impact study. ning Code, asked supervi- eration around the 12 vs. 20 cations to obtain Conditional sors to table their legislation threshold was whether or Use authorization to open new Time and time again, from until the situation was stud- not the City should be mak- outlets, but international loca- Starbucks to Chipotle to tions now will count toward Pet Food Express, many those 12; the public notice City residents express their period was not shortened; and strong preference for lothe Upper Market Formula cal retailers. The challenge, Retail Concentration policy with retail rents climbing was codified. The policy re- just as fast as condo prices, quires Planning Department is keeping independent restaff to recommend disap- tailers in business. For now, proval of new formula retail the recently passed formula in the Upper Market Neigh- retail legislation strikes a borhood Commercial District reasonable balance. based on the concentration of

neighborhood character, but may also have an economic tailer, Mar's legislation also requires formula retail uses In the end, the passed legis- of 20,000 gross square feet

# **Public Bench Goes Missing From Noe Street**

borhood had a brief moment in the sun If you are another neighborhood hero Let's make our neighborhood shine! this summer, but sadly un-neighborly who would like to help Raphael or take behavior has denied us our amenity.

In and Around the Triangle

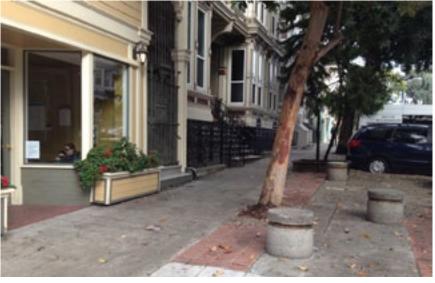
Last January, the HBO series Looking, which is filmed entirely in San Francisco, filmed in our neighborhood. Some neighbors complained about the disruption via DTNA, and the show's producers kindly donated \$1,000 to DTNA as a form of apology. The DTNA Board wanted to do something to spruce up the neighborhood with it, so they put out a call for volunteer carpenters to replace some of the benches between the bollards on Noe Street. The original benches date back to the 1970s and were originally installed by the City as part of a Noe Street redesign championed by DTNA in its early

Responding to a call in this newsletter, neighborhood hero Raphael Varieras, a Henry Street resident since 2009, stepped into the breach to design and build a bench in front of LabCorp at Noe and Henry (kitty corner from the nice benches in front of the restaurant L'Ardoise). DTNA paid the materials expenses.

The bench had a brief moment in the sun — a few-week period this summer when neighbors could be seen relaxing and chatting on it. Sadly that brief moment of light was followed by an act of darkness, when the bench was removed by parties unknown. Raphael, understandably demoralized, has not been motivated to continue with the project.

If you are the person or persons who removed the bench, please contact DTNA Vice President Erik Honda at erikhonda49@gmail.com so that we can discuss the matter, see what your

DTNA's efforts to beautify the neigh- objections are, and work around them. over the project, contact Erik as well.



The new bench at Noe and Henry disappeared shortly after it was installed



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**Neighborhood Safety** 

# Neighbors, Police Captains, Other Leaders Convene to Address Crime

In response to the community's con- nearby area, which may be the case for other pattern he noted are "networks of Campus. Five panelists included Cap- "anything goes" in San Francisco. tain Raj Vaswani from the San Frantion, Captain Greg McEachern from Outreach Team (HOT) has been fo- 15 percent increase. Northern Station, Supervisor Scott cused on the Mission and Tenderloin, was the moderator.

When asked about whether or not enforcement. is down 10 percent (830 reported incidents in 2014 compared with 920 in 2013 through October 10, and violent crime is down 24 percent (112 this year compared with 147 last year).

Capt. Vaswani said most of the problems in the Duboce Triangle concern quality-of-life issues, like drinking and drug use in the park and on neighbors' front steps. He said he responds to citizens' emails and recently walked Duboce Park at night with Friends of Duboce Park to review problem areas in the park. There were 28 citations issued in Duboce Park in the first few weeks of October. Park Station also now has four homeless outreach officers.

Supervisor Wiener said that you can't look at the Duboce Triangle in isolation since it is connected to the Lower Haight and Upper Market. Bad street behavior, harassment, and encampments continue to be a problem, and crack downs in one area often results in transients just moving to another

cern about an increase in crime in the Duboce Triangle. He said that while miscreants" that work together to steal Duboce Triangle, DTNA hosted a the problem has always been there, it bicycles and break into cars. Thefts from Crime and Safety Forum on October seems more extreme now and may be vehicles decreased 17 percent compared 11 at the Gazebo of the CPMC Davies fueled by the perceived culture that with last year but still accounted for 121 incidents in the first nine months of the vear. Fifty five vehicles in DuboceTricisco Police Department's Park Sta- He pointed out that the Homeless angle were stolen in the same period, a

Wiener, Safeway Real Estate Manager which results in our neighborhood Natalie Mattei said that Safeway Natalie Mattei, and Castro Communi- getting very little help. However, the wants to work in collaboration with ty on Patrol Deputy Chief Ken Craig. new Castro Cares program (see last the neighborhood, the Castro Com-DTNA Board member Mark Scheuer issue of the newsletter) will focus on munity Benefit District, Castro Cares, homeless outreach by adding dedi- and the DTNA Land Use Committee cated HOT personnel and increasing about uses for the vacant area that used to be the recycling center. Safeway has there really has been an increase in Ken Craig said he had the sense that four security people working inside and crime, Capt. McEachern said non- a large percentage of people creating outside the store. The public restroom violent crime in the Duboce Triangle problems come from out of town. An- located inside and shoplifting of expen-

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# Leaders Convene to Address Crime, continued

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walk that is part of the bicycle Wiggle would also change coverage, Vaswani need to bring accountability. behind Safeway is city property.

ing police academy class graduations make arrests outside their district. He less will not address this chronic probone foot patrol from Northern Station, tion to borders. neighbors are asking for more, and Weiner felt the system as a whole is lice that there is going to be consistent McEachern is adding patrols in the too lenient and there are often no enforcement everywhere. Lower Polk, Lower Hayes Valley, and consequences for some crimes such to voice their frustrations.

said the stations share the same re-

tion covers the area east of Steiner attorney who often knows the chronic and Mission Station covers the area offenders and may be able to better sive items, particularly on weekends, south of Market Street. When asked deal with them. Letters from neighare problems for the store. The side- if changing the police station borders bors have helped remind judges of the

SFPD is short on officers but upcom- sources and plainclothes teams often. Wiener said that services for the homewill improve that situation. With only added that criminals do not pay atten- lem unless they are accompanied by an edict from the mayor and chief of po-

Lower Haight corridors from 11 a.m. as vandalism. He said the problem is Craig encouraged people to join neighto 9 p.m. Vaswani agreed foot patrols sometimes the police, sometimes the borhood watch groups and remindwill help and make it easier for citizens district attorney, and sometimes judges ed people of the trainings available who "just don't get it." He said there through Castro Community on Patrol. needs to be some level of accountabil- Both he and McEachern encouraged Park Station covers the area west of ity, which will require a culture shift. people to review the crime prevention Steiner and Sanchez, Northern Sta- Each station has an assistant district tips that were part of materials left for attendees. Citizens can help prevent becoming a victim by following the tips described in the brochures.

> Never hesitate to call the SFPD nonemergency number (553-0123) if you see any suspicious behavior, and call 911 if you see a crime in progress or an emergency.

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# **Get Involved! Land Use Committee Members**

The DTNA Land Use Committee works on development projects, planning policy, traffic and pedestrian safety, urban planning, architecture, affordable housing, and formula retail, among other light subjects. We are particularly looking for architects, planners, and policy wonks who would like to join our committee. This is a very active committee and we would welcome new folks. Please contact DTNA at 415-295**Duboce Park** 

# **Duboce Park Update**

#### Free Wi-Fi in Duboce Park

Free Wi-Fi service is now available in Duboce Park. the Harvey Milk Recreation Center, and 31 other public parks and recreation centers in San Francisco, including Alamo Square, Corona Heights, the Randall Mu- Sandbox reminder seum, and the Eureka Valley Recreation Center.

Here's how to connect: select the Wi-Fi network Maintenance named "#SFWiFi", launch testing the networks.

For each location, the app grow back. provides descriptions and pictures and, on a GPS-en- Both tot swings in the Chil-



abled mobile device, a map dren's Playground had their with directions.

and conditions. Funded drought continues. Rec and ed along the back inside wall through a \$600,000 gift Park has cut its water use of the sand box to remind and tree maintenance. from Google to San Fran- by 15 percent, from 683,517 people to "Please keep the cisco last year, the Depart- cubic feet from January to sand in the sand box." Kids ment of Technology spent September 2013 to 579,351 love to move sand around the past year installing and over that same time period but sand on the rubberized Additionally, the free, of- San Francisco consumes less surface faster. Sand from ficial SF Rec and Park App water per person than any the playground continues to is now available to provide other community in Cali- spill through the fence onto the public with the best app fornia, averaging 45.7 gal- the MUNI stop sidewalk to find locations (e.g., parks, lons of water per day in Sep- and track. children's playgrounds, dog tember, probably because of parks, museums, rec centers, our mild weather and small Finally, restoration work picnic tables, gardens, rest- lawns. The rainy season nor- was done on at the Scott rooms, news, and events.) mally helps most of lawns Street Labyrinth: the mo-

seats replaced after chunks of rubber were reported missing from the seats. Adthis year. One cubic foot of surface creates a slipping water equals 7.48 gallons. hazard and wears out the

> saic tiles were regrouted, the table labyrinth mosaics were resealed, and repairs were Sunset Tunnel Construction made to the bench tiles with **Continues** pictures.

problem in the Park, and Center walls, the Youth Play Area, various benches, and

the bulletin board. New graffiti regularly appeared on the construction barriers along Duboce Avenue and was removed after being reported to MTA via the SF311 app.

You can report any park problem and maintenance issue using the SF311 app or by calling 311. You can also submit requests for: abandoned vehicles, graffiti, illegal postings, street or sidewalk cleaning, streetlight repair, blocked ditionally, in an effort to sidewalk or space, damaged a web browser, and click the Brown areas on park lawns keep sand in the sand box, a public property, litter recepbutton to accept the terms continue to expand as the friendly reminder was paint- tacle, park issue, sign repair, street and sidewalk defect,



MTA alert regarding disruptions to N Judah rail service

MTA kicked off the Sunset Graffiti remains a constant Tunnel weekend construction on November 7-10. The work Rec and Park does a good is part of the Sunset Tunjob of removing it with 24 nel Trackway Improvement to 48 hours of receiving a re- Project, which encompasses port. The past month, graf- track and infrastructure refiti was removed from Rec placements inside the Sunset Tunnel, located between Cole Continues on page 11

In and Around the Triangle

# Don't Ruin a Neighbor's Day: Tips for Parkers and Garage Owners From a Duboce Triangle neighbor

Let's start with three as- tion is a HUGE hassle, ruins • sumptions about our neigh- someone's day, and, in the bors:



(1) none of us have the Smithers Syndrome (a Simpsons reference) and actually enjoy calling a tow truck; (2) none of us knowingly blocks a driveway; (3) either situa-

case of towing, can cost more than \$600. When faced • with a parking crisis - either no free spaces or a blocked driveway - be considerate and try to avoid ruining someone's day. Consider these tips:

#### **Parkers**

- Don't intentionally block someone's driveway thinking, "I will only be a second."
- Don't try to squeeze into a tiny spot; be patient Garage owners and a better spot will appear.

- Getting towed can be a frustratingly easy consequence.
- Read every sign twice before parking - and once when you walk away.
- Check every curb twice before walking away.
- Remember, if you have good parking karma, you will eventually get a legal •
- Remember that your car could be towed - and it • can cost over \$600.

If your driveway is not actually blocked in,

please do not tow a car. Write a note telling the owner not to block the driveway. If it is a repeat offender, step it up to a ticket.

- If a car is actually blocking your access, try honking to alert the owner; it could be a neighbor right next door.
- If you do have to tow a car, consider putting a note on it to explain why.
- Hang an additional sign on your garage door reminding parkers to be aware of the driveway.

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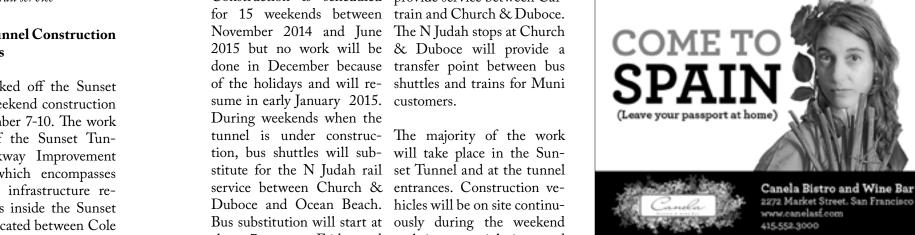
dah Line, and construction for the tunnel portion where entrances will remain open Judah and 28th Avenue.

about 7 p.m. on Friday and to bring materials into and

of two accessible platforms at buses will be operated on Haight Street. Regular N rail service will continue to Construction is scheduled provide service between Cal-

will operate during regular out of the tunnel. MTA has but to accommodate the tun-Valley and Duboce Trian- service hours until Monday promised to do their best to nel work, parking will not gle, Transit Signal Priority morning. The bus shuttles keep the noise level down, be allowed on either side of (TSP) upgrades for nine in- will follow the N Judah line but the work will be audible. Duboce Avenue from Steiner tersections along the N Ju- making regular stops except The streets near the tunnel to Scott streets.





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