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PUBLIC MEETING

Join us in person at the
Harvey Milk Center for
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MEETING AGENDA

Join us at the upcoming General Meeting to discuss fire safety with the SFFD. We will also introduce our Slow Triangle summer intern and discuss neighborhood tree plantings, street repairs, the upcoming Pride clean-up, and our logo contest!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, June 18th, 10 am to 12 pm
Join us for a special **Pride edition of our neighborhood clean-up**. Meet on the corner of Noe and Duboce at 9:30 am.

Monday, July 11, 7 pm
DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting via Zoom. To attend, email landuse@dtna.org to receive an invitation.

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

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

Frank Talk: A Heartfelt Thank You for Volunteering



Frank Tizedes
DTNA President

I want to take this opportunity to reach out and thank you for all that you do to make Duboce Triangle a great place to live.

You volunteer countless hours, use precious weekend time, and stay up late to work on projects, paint signs, and cook meals, all in an effort that builds and supports our community.

Just some of the work you do! Leading sidewalk garden initiatives on Natoma, Pierce, Carmelita, and Waller, replacing and caring for trees on 14th and 15th Streets, fundraising for Ukraine and McKinley Elementary School, adopting our traffic islands and street gardens on Noe and Sanchez Streets, caring for Duboce Park, participating in environmental clean-ups, and, yes, helping to run a neighborhood association that is supportive of all these efforts... the list goes on. The time and energy you put into making Duboce Triangle the warm, caring, and engaged neighborhood that it is, does not go unnoticed and

is truly appreciated by all of us who live, work, and play here.

As I've walked throughout the neighborhood and talked with many of you, I have seen it in your eyes and in your smiles – the pride you have in the work you do, the causes you support, and the community you build. Community is not just Duboce Triangle, it's your friendships and the relationships you have with your neighbors, the local merchants, or the people you see walking through the neighborhood every day.

Just last month, 25 neighbors joined our movement and completed an Earth Day clean sweep of the southern side of Duboce Triangle, while on the northern side, neighbors joined together and planted beautiful street gardens, all with the same goal: Keep Duboce Triangle green, clean, and environmentally safe.



25 neighbors completed an Earth Day clean sweep of the southern side of Duboce Triangle.

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Good News and Bad News



Rafael Mandelman
San Francisco District 8
Supervisor

Dear Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

We’ve had an eventful couple of months (good and bad). First, the bad: on April 8th, an early morning 3-alarm fire at Noe and Henry damaged three units and Sushi Urashima, displacing two households.

My office worked with the Department of Human Services to ensure everyone affected by the fire has access to stable housing, and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to confirm that Sushi Urashima is receiving a disaster relief grant.

Now, for the good: Duboce Triangle welcomed two new murals, with the unveiling of the Never Alone Mural outside Maitri on April 18th and the Compassion

Mural overlooking the Noe & Beaver community garden on April 20th. Thanks to muralists Serge Gay Jr. and Dave Van Patten for these beautiful contributions to the neighborhood.

Also, the Castro Farmer’s Market on Noe Street is back; they are open every Wednesday from 3-7pm through November 16th.

Please see below for updates about my office’s recent work.

A PLACE FOR ALL: On March 22, I introduced a revised version of my “A Place for All” ordinance, which states that it shall be the policy of the City and County of San Francisco to offer every person experiencing homelessness in the City a safe place to sleep. The City has pursued a multitude of strategies and invested billions of dollars to address homelessness since the 1980s, helping tens of thousands of people exit homelessness. Yet thousands of unhoused people remain on our streets, and the City has no comprehensive plan to end unsheltered homelessness.

A Place for All would require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to conduct annual estimates of the number of people who would likely accept shelter if offered and prepare an implementation plan to open sufficient shelter to end

unsheltered homelessness within 36 months. It would allow for a range of shelter, including tiny homes and vehicle navigation centers, and measure the effectiveness of the program via a bi-annual Controller evaluation.

For more information about the status of A Place for All and how you can support sensible solutions to street sleeping, I recommend signing up for Rescue SF’s mailing list at [RescueSF.org](https://rescuesf.org)

PRIORITIZING PUBLIC SAFETY: On March 25, DTNA and I convened a meeting with SFPD Park Station Captain Christopher Pedrini and Assistant District Attorney Cecily Brewster to discuss recent concerning public safety incidents in the neighborhood including burglaries, home invasions, and a shooting. My office continues to work with Park Station to address issues in the

neighborhood, and we regularly follow up with the District Attorney’s office to track the status of cases.

On April 14, I participated in a hearing called by Supervisor Stefani that revealed San Francisco is over 500 police officers short, based on the results of a voter mandated police staffing study. I suggested pursuing creative solutions to recruitment and retention issues, such as housing incentives for police officers, firefighters, and other first responders. My office continues to work with our public safety stakeholders to address these challenges, and I am urging the Mayor to prioritize police recruitment and retention in her proposed budget.

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

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An Architect’s Review of 2135 & 2140 Market Street

By Kevin Riley, AIA, DTNA Land Use Chair

At our May meeting, the DTNA Land Use Committee voted to support the two mixed-use apartment buildings proposed for 2135 and 2140 Market Street. The neighborhood first heard of these projects in December 2019, one of which replaces a previously entitled proposal to develop the Lucky 13 site. The current project sponsors presented at Land Use meetings in 2020 & 2021 where neighbors shared their thoughts. The Land Use Committee is pleased to see that the updated designs have incorporated the community’s feedback.

The first thing one notices about these buildings is their height. With a front facade of 85’, the twin buildings will be two of the tallest in the neighborhood. It is fitting for these taller buildings to be on Market Street, as it is the

most prominent axis in San Francisco. They will stand out compared to their two-to-four-story neighbors but will be comparable in height to other recently completed developments, such as the Duboce Apartments. Over time, as new buildings continue to be built, they will become part of the urban fabric. With whispers of redevelopment at the Safeway site, 2135 and 2140 may not be the tallest building in the neighborhood for long.

The height of the buildings are mitigated by the facade design. Started by Macy Architects and completed by Shatara Architects, the final design utilizes the traditional tripartite division (base-middle-top). A sturdy concrete base is punctured by generous glassy storefronts for the ground floor retail. Higher ceilings and canopies above the sidewalk will help to create a welcoming street presence. The middle is com-

prised of a brick-tile facade, with many windows and (most surprisingly) balconies. Balconies are a wonderful amenity for the residents, but they give depth to what would otherwise be a flat facade. The balconies and large windows create opportunities for “eyes on the streets”, which contribute to an atmosphere of safety. The top floor, comprised of a dark-gray paneled system, is similar in color to the base. The facades are capped with a strong cornice line, another technique of classical architecture.

It’s an interesting decision by the developer to go with a more traditional-looking building. Maybe they thought the community and planning department would be more receptive? The architect might claim the use of brick-tile

is a nod to 2101 Market St. Or was it a marketing strategy? 2135 and 2140 won’t look like other apartment buildings competing for tenants. Regardless of the reason, the architectural success will depend on the execution of the brick tile. With masonry brick no longer used as a structural material, brick tile (also known as a thin brick) is commonly employed to give the look and feel of real brick. Depending on the project team’s skills, the facade could turn out to be a refined piece of architecture or a thinly applied veneer. Let’s hope for the former!

If the project team holds true to the design, 2135 and 2140 Market Street could be gracious additions to our neighborhood and supply dearly needed housing.

Frank Talk, continued

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Mark your calendars, because in just a few weeks, on Saturday, June 18th our Environmental Protection Impact Committee (EPIC) will host a neighborhood-wide Pride pick-up. We will meet at the corner of Noe St. and Duboce Ave. at 9:30 a.m., and pick up trash from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

When we work together we are stronger, kinder, and more understanding of one another. DTNA needs you, your energy, your understanding, and your efforts. We want to keep building your community; a community committed to one another. More at dtna.org.

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Plans for Slow Triangle Make Progress with Support from Supervisor Mandelman’s Office

In March, DTNA representatives met with Supervisor Mandelman and staff, as well as officials of the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) to begin outlining the scope of work for initial progress on our Slow Triangle plans. Jamie Parks of MTA had created a slide show of bulb-outs and medians that need work, and Bryan Dahl of DPW offered ideas for structures at various intersections that could improve pedestrian and vehicle safety as well as traffic flow.

Supervisor Mandelman explained that with a large-budget project like this (it could run into multi-millions) they will start with budgetary areas that are already in the system, like those for street and sidewalk repair or pedestrian safety, and then look to the Mayor’s office to fund the remainder. Funds will be available from President Biden’s infrastructure and COVID-19 stimulus bills (the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and the American Rescue Plan), and we need to have our ducks in a row by the end of 2022 to be considered for the 2023 budget.

Thanks to funding from the Supervisor’s office and a donation from Waymo, DTNA has hired a graduate student intern for the summer to conduct a series of workshops with neighbors and to develop the design work that will provide a vision we can rally around. We are thrilled to introduce you to Martine Kushner – you can learn more about her and her work in this issue. We are actively fundraising to include a second graduate student intern – if you have any information on funding resources, please contact landuse@dtna.org.

Please watch your email and this space for invites to the workshops, and get involved with the process – the more neighbors who participate the better the final outcome will be. See you there!

DTNA's Summer Intern

Dear Duboce Triangle residents,

My name is Martine Kushner, and I am excited to introduce myself as DTNA’s summer intern! I’m looking forward to joining the team and getting to know the community over these next few months.

As for my background, since graduating from Washington University in St. Louis in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and minors in Urban Design and Global Health and the Environment, I’ve worked as a Landscape and Urban Designer at Bal-mori Associates and as an Intern for Humanitarian Development practice at UN-Habitat. Last fall, I moved from New York City to the Bay Area to pursue a dual Master’s degree in Architecture and City Planning at UC Berkeley, where I just completed my first of three years. I am passionate about the built environment and its potential as a vehicle for sustainable and equitable change, and I’m excited to help the DTNA move forward with its vision for a slow triangle.

As many of you may know, since last fall DTNA has been collaborating with the College of Environmental Design at UC Berkeley to conduct research for Vision: Slow Triangle, focusing on three topics: walkability and mobility, sustainability, and activation. This summer, building on that work and continuing with the participatory approach, I will help conduct a series of community meetings and workshops where we will work together to identify a set of design values for the public realm. From there, I’ll propose concept designs based on these values, your input, and the research generated by my peers.

I’m very grateful to be a part of this project and look forward to meeting you and hearing your ideas! Should you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me at landuse@dtna.org.

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Why Storefront Transparency Matters

When Bank of the West moved to its location at Market and Noe several years ago, DTNA was concerned that the location would be used as a billboard, with giant signs and few benefits to the neighborhood. So, with the help of then-Supervisor Scott Wiener, we negotiated for the building to include some very small retail spaces appropriate for neighborhood businesses, now home to Giddy Candy and Skin on Market, and formerly to Ritual Coffee (that space is currently vacant). We also ne-



The lack of transparency at the Compass Real Estate office at Church and Market provides no “eyes on the street,” an inducement to camping or nefarious behavior.



This local business, Art House SF on Market Street, demonstrates the value and appeal of a transparent storefront. In general local businesses are far more compliant with city standards than corporate businesses tend to be.

gotiated small signs. However, toward the end of 2021 the bank took the increasingly familiar tack of covering their windows with marketing materials, effectively turning the building at ground level into what we had worried about (a billboard), and cutting off all transparency into the building.

Why does transparency matter? Urban design studies have shown that “eyes on the street” are one of the key ways that neighborhoods maintain their sense of vibrancy and activation. When storefronts are transparent crime is lower, unhoused people are less likely to take up residence in front of businesses, and passers-by rate the neighborhood as more pedestrian-friendly. Thankfully the San Francisco Planning Department has recognized the value of that sort of activation in its “Standards for Storefront Transparency” document, which

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Board Member Spotlight: Sugam Jain



Sugam Jain and family.

My name is Sugam Jain, and I've lived in the city about half my life, coming here right after school – and have lived in a number of different neighborhoods, finally making a home in Dube Triangle in 2015. You've probably seen my wife Katie and I on

our regular tours of Duboce Park, usually with 3 kids and our golden retriever, Penny, in tow.

Funny story, back in 2000, when I first came to San Francisco, I had an appointment to see an apartment at Steiner and McAllister right after I landed at the airport. The cab brought me past Church and Market and around to

Duboce Park. I stared out the window, and knew it was the neighborhood for me. It took me a while, but I finally made it :)

I suppose I've done a lot of growing up here, enjoying the young single life crammed in with

roommates, then getting married, getting a dog, having babies and settling down, then watching my kids start growing and prospering. It feels good to have the continuity of this place, and the perspective of seeing it at different stages of my life, and seeing how San Francisco is so many different things to so many different people. It's absolutely not a one size fits all city – rather, it fosters and melds to the individual experience. And for me, that's the thing I love about it. And this neighborhood exemplifies it, from our charming streets, to beautiful park, friendly neighbors, and wonderful small businesses.

I first learned about DTNA from the ubiquitous newsletters passed out around our neighborhood. I always looked forward to learning more about what was happening in

and around where we live. It never dawned on me to take a more active role until I read an article asking for people to join. So I called up and said, count me in! As a parent, safety is very important to me, and I am hopeful I can work with DTNA to continue their wonderful efforts to calm our streets – making them more walkable and cleaner, and eliminating blight.

I'm also passionate about helping to make Duboce Triangle, and the City beyond, a place that continues to welcome and celebrate everyone; and one that encourages community and joy.

With that final note on joy, I look forward to meeting you in the neighborhood.

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Transparency, continued

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establishes rules about how commercial businesses face the street.

Using that document, members of the DTNA Land Use Committee have been surveying neighborhood businesses, and the good news is that the vast majority not only comply with the standards but exceed them, providing clear unobstructed views into the interior of the building at street level. Unfortunately, a few large commercial tenants on Market Street are not in compliance, and some are actively resisting change, creating hazards on the street. Perhaps the worst bad actor is Compass Real Estate at Church and Market, a non-activated office space not open to the public, where the forbidding front gate is permanently locked, workers enter through a windowed door that has been completely painted over, all windows have been covered with a nontransparent glaze, and planter boxes used by a previous tenant have been left to rot outside the obstructed windows. As a result, the area is a magnet for bad behavior, with folks often camped outside the building, and trash and other debris piling up.

Over the next several months, DTNA will be working with the merchants in question to try to convince them that it is in their own interest as well as that of the neighborhood to make their businesses more open and public-facing. The Planning Department has a mechanism for penalties of up to \$250 a day for businesses that do not comply, but we hope that it will not take punishment for merchants to realize that openness and clarity is a benefit to all.

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DTNA Reconvenes at Café du Nord for an In-Person Meeting!

On April 11, for the first time in just over two years, DTNA members were able to meet in person, at our first non-virtual General Meeting since COVID-19 lockdowns began in March 2020, in a celebratory session at in the Swedish American Hall on Market Street. Café du Nord owner and former DTNA Board member Dylan McNiven was kind enough to offer the space for the inaugural meeting, and a strong crowd of neighbors turned out to be in community together, as well as to attend to a brief bit of business.

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman presented an honorary certificate to outgoing DTNA President Kimyn Braithwaite for her four years of service, thanking her for keeping the association going strong during the pandemic and her support for the neighborhood businesses that managed to survive (and some even thrive!) during those years, as well as for spearheading new initiatives

around community engagement like our DTNA block party and support for local public schools, as well as infrastructure improvements like pedestrian safety on Noe and 14th Streets, increased tree coverage, and Slow Triangle upgrades to our signature bulb-outs and sidewalk gardens.

Board member Hans Galland reported on progress on the Slow Triangle design phase (you can read more about that elsewhere in this issue), and encouraged everyone present to participate in community design workshops this summer.

DTNA President Frank Tizedes thanked everyone for coming and explained that future DTNA General Meetings will be moving to the Harvey Milk Center for Recreational Art in Duboce Park. He then encouraged folks to eat, drink, and be merry. A joyous time was had by all.



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Why Does the SFPD Solve So Few Crimes?

Ever since a spike in homicides in the Triangle in 2014 (there were two that year, as well as a brutal assault on two Sanchez Street neighbors) DTNA has been tracking SFPD’s clearance rates for crimes, operating on the belief that if criminals operate with impunity, crimes will continue. Clearance rates are the percentage of reported crimes for which a suspect is charged, and nobody was ever charged with the 2014 crimes, so they were not cleared. At the time, SFPD had a poor record on homicide clearances, charging suspects in only about 60% of them, well below the national average of 70%, and thus it was an area of concern for us.

SFPD is generally reticent about providing long-term crime data – when they do present statistics to the public they tend to be short-term year-to-year comparisons, and unsurprisingly those are generally the ones that make the police department look good (e.g. a certain type of crime has gone down in a certain neighborhood between January of one year and January of the next). Due to many years of diligent requests by a number of active members and support from our local supervisors, however, DTNA has managed to get the facts – we recently completed a public records request for clearance rates for homicides, assaults, and thefts from vehicles between 2018 and 2021, figures which had been missing from our data set.

The good news is that since 2014 SFPD has improved its homicide clearance rates – they now average just over 70%, not exemplary but in tune with the national average. Thankfully homicides in San Francisco are relatively rare, well below the national average, and there has not been a single homicide in the Triangle since 2014. Although other cities in the Bay Area and nationwide have seen a strong uptick in homicides since the pandemic, San Francisco’s has been comparatively mild, and the number of homicides is far lower than it was ten or fifteen years ago, despite an increase in population.

The news is significantly less good on assaults and other crimes. Assaults are *much* more common in the City than homicides – last year we had 56 homicides and nearly 11,000 reported assaults in San Francisco. SFPD has never been good at solving these crimes – ten or fifteen years ago they cleared about 40% of assaults, but over the last several years they have only managed to clear about 30%, well below the national average of 50%. We had 18 assaults in the Triangle in 2021, and people were charged in only 6 of them.

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Website/Membership Tips for dtna.org

Bob Bush, DTNA Vice President, Web Transition Manager
Paige Rausser Grey, DTNA Board Member, Membership Manager

Latest Triangle News and Events
Find them on DTNA homepage at dtna.org.

How to Contact DTNA
DTNA wants to hear from you: what issues are important to you, what would you like DTNA to pursue, how would you like to help and get involved? In 2022, DTNA is focusing on several efforts: Greening of the Triangle, community engagement, safety, and exploring our collective vision of a Slow Triangle.

To contact DTNA on the website, use the [Contact Form](#). By email, use info@dtna.org. By USPS, mail to DTNA, 2261 Market Street, PMB 301, San Francisco, CA 94114. To contact the *News* editor, email editor@dtna.org

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“One Block Beyond” Map
Map showing blocks where neighbors are eligible for full DTNA membership “one block beyond” DTNA boundaries has been updated.

Membership types – recurring & non-recurring payments
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Aquitaine Brings the Best of France to Church Street

by David Troup

If you’ve been hiding under your kitchen table since the pandemic hit in March, 2020, you may have missed the news: our neighborhood is now home to another fantastic French bistro and wine bar.

Aquitaine Wine Bistro closed their restaurant in the Financial District in December of 2019 after six successful years there, and announced their move to our neighborhood, with plans to reopen in March of 2020. We all know what happened next – the pandemic and bans on indoor dining, just as they were preparing to open their doors on Church Street, just south of Market, in the space long-occupied by Crepevine.

Once indoor dining resumed, Aquitaine finally was able to open their doors in November of 2020, and in the ensuing eighteen months, they have endeared themselves to the neighborhood and established themselves as a new local favorite, bringing favorite foods and wines from the Aquitaine region in southwest France.

Partners Andrew Fidelman, Chef Laurent Manrique, and Chris Condy brought the warmth and charm of their original location and expanded on it, creating an environment that will transport you to the French countryside. The bright and eclectic interior features the awning which had graced the entrance of their original location, and an entire wall of carefully-curated wines – both French and American – which are sure to delight. If you enjoy the wine you drink with your meal, take a bottle home – wines to go can be purchased for 30% off the menu price.

And the food! Former SF Chronicle food critic Michael Bauer raved about it, and said the cassoulet was worth driving hundreds of miles for. Your lucky neighbors who have dined at our Aquitaine would agree – this is delicious, rich French comfort food. The ambience and dress are casual and not the least bit stuffy, but both the food and the service leave nothing out. Your humble writer recommends starting with the deviled eggs, or the pommes frites (served in

a clog and surely among the city’s best) and following that up with one of the delicious entrees, including duck confit, mussels marmandes, chicken basquaise, or rosemary polenta (you really can’t go wrong). Or, try one of the specials du jour, including the amazing cassoulet, often available on Saturdays. And if you’d rather not cook on a Sunday evening, let Aquitaine roast you a chicken, served with crispy potatoes and a side salad. Delicious cheeses and charcuterie are also available. And don’t forget to leave room for dessert!

Aquitaine Wine Bistro is located at 216 Church Street, and is open for dinner Tuesday through Sunday (closed Monday) from 4 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, brunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations are available by phone or on opentable.com, and their website has lots more information at aquitainesf.com. Bon appétit!

Website/Membership Tips, continued

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Land Use Values
The [Land Use Values](#) page has been updated to reflect changes approved by the Board.

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

The [Website FAQs](#) has lots of additional information about all things related to your membership.

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DTNA Board Meeting Report (May)

Bob Bush, DTNA Vice President

The Board of Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association meets every month. At the May 2022 meeting, the Board discussed the following:

Meetings

The Ballroom at the Harvey Milk Recreation Center has been secured for bimonthly in-person Tuesday evening Public Meetings as the venue is currently closed on Mondays. The community room at Chase has been secured for in-person Board Meetings. A hybrid format with both in-person and Zoom options is being developed.

Treasurer's Report

Transfer of records and accounts to new DTNA Treasurer, Kimyn Braithwaite, should be completed in May. Last month DTNA Board approved opening a QuickBooks account which Wild Apricot is set up to work with.

Newsletter

Rose continues to solicit contributors to provide more varied content.

Website

A map depicting membership eligibility "one block beyond" DTNA boundaries has been posted. So far \$4,065.00 of the 2021 \$4,275.00 budget has been expended. Additional work is needed to make the site more dynamic and highlight current DTNA initiatives. A new budget for 2022 is needed.

DTNA Board Updates

Board approved DTNA support for Supervisor Mandelman's 'A Place for All' ordinance.

Slow Triangle Updates

Slow Triangle Working Group selected two excellent interns to work this summer with goal of (1) obtaining Community Input regarding creation and nature of a Slow Triangle, holding 3 to 5 Community workshops, (2) design concept for bulb-out gardens/public space, and (3) design suggestions for the Duboce & Sanchez-Steiner intersection. Waymo has donated \$2,500

for the summer project. Additional funding is needed to reach a goal of \$10,000.

Land Use Updates

The mixed-use multi-family apartment buildings at 2135 and 2140 Market Street are being presented to the San Francisco Planning Department in June for entitlement. The Committee reviewed the updated designs, which include more on-site affordable units and higher quality facades. The Committee voted to endorse both projects and will issue a letter of support.

The 1 Church Street apartment building is looking to activate its ground floor, which could include reopening the child care center on Webster St. and finding a new use for the retail space on Church St.

Membership Committee

A brainstorming meeting was held. Suggestions for expanding membership are being developed.

DTNA Logo Contest

A Zoom meeting is being set up.

Environmental Protection Impact Committee

Street pruning has begun, starting with Castro Street. The latest pruning appears severe, but MUNI requires clearance of 10 feet from wires and 2 feet from poles. Street gardens are spreading on Potomac Street. Survey for tree plantings continues.

Safety Reports

Fire safety concerns can be addressed by inviting SFFD to make a presentation at a Public Meeting.

April Community Public Meeting

The April 11th in-person meeting at Café du Nord which included a Zoom hybrid component was well attended. See Public Meeting article, page 7.

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Ten Ways to Enjoy Sweet Cherries



Cherry season is here and the season is short so hustle over to your local farmers' market and get farm-fresh, just-picked sweet cherries before they're gone! There will be many varieties to choose from as the season progresses, from Bing and Rainier, to Brooks, Lamberts, Tulare, and more. Each has its own distinctive color and flavor. You won't find many of these varieties anywhere other than your local farmers' market.

California is home to over 600 cherry growers, farming over 26,000 acres from the fertile San Joaquin and Santa Clara Valleys, which receive nutrient-rich soil, sunny days, and mild nights. The state grows mostly sweet cherries as opposed to tart varieties, and small farmers bring a nice variety to your farmers' market. They come to us from farms in Brentwood, Lodi, Stockton, Linden, Gilroy, Hollister, and other northern California valleys. Cherries are very susceptible to damage from rain as they near harvest. For this reason, the volume of each year's crop can vary depending on spring weather in California growing areas.

Fresh cherries have an extremely short shelf life and must be handled carefully to reduce bruising, so use your cherries as soon as you can. This is why it's best to get cherries from the farmers' market. The flavor and nutrition are the best and you are buying from local farmers. Once you bring your prized cherries home, try some of these delicious ways to use them:

1. Fresh: Eat fresh. For sweet cherries this is the most popular way, unadulterated and complete in and of itself.
2. Jams: Make cherry jam or preserves so you can enjoy the flavors later.
3. Dehydrated: Dry them in a dehydrator or in the oven. Remove the pits, cut in halves, and dry until most of the moisture is removed, Use in baked goods.
4. Pie or Crisp: Make a sweet cherry pie or crisp/cobbler. Since the cherries are sweet to begin with, you won't need as much sugar!
5. Quick bread: Take your favorite basic quick bread recipe and add a cup of pitted, chopped cherries to the mix. Delicious!

6. Ice Cream: Make cherry ice cream in your ice cream maker.
7. Popsicles: Run frozen pitted cherries through the blender with some lime juice and pour into popsicle molds.
8. Salads: Add chopped cherries to a chicken or turkey salad for a refreshing pop of flavor and sweetness.
9. Sauce and Marinades: A pound of pitted, chopped cherries, a bit of lemon juice, cornstarch, and sugar and you've got an amazing sauce for desserts or pork, or for dressings and marinades.
10. Salsa: Yes, cherry salsa is an unexpected and delicious way to use cherries. Pit and chop cherries, add chopped jalapeño pepper, chopped green onion, lemon juice, fresh cilantro, minced garlic, and you're ready to dip.

Cherries are a veritable feast for the eyes – and stomachs! We wish the season was longer, but that's the way Nature rolls. At the Castro Farmers' Market you'll find them from Ken's Top Notch Farms out of Fresno, and Arata Fruit in Byron.

SFPD, continued

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The record gets downright dismal when it comes to thefts. San Francisco has one of the highest, if not the highest, property crime rates of any city in the nation, and one reason might be that criminals can apparently operate with impunity. Ten years ago, SFPD was only clearing an astonishingly low 5% of thefts from vehicles. Just prior to the pandemic that had dropped to an even more abysmal 2%. And during the pandemic it became effectively zero – even though the total number of reported thefts went down significantly, only .4% of thefts were cleared. In the Triangle 28 people reported thefts from vehicles over the last three years, and a grand total of 0 people were charged with those crimes.

There has been some talk recently at the Board of Supervisors about hiring more police officers, but these statistics suggest a more productive area of focus might be finding out whether the ones we have are working effectively, and taking steps to be sure they improve their performance. We'll keep you posted.

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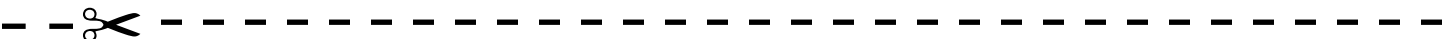
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