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**Monday, December 10, 2018**

**7:00 to 9:00 pm**

## PUBLIC MEETING

CPMC Davies Campus, Gazebo Room  
(outside, ground-level entrance in plaza  
between North and South towers)

### MEETING AGENDA -

#### TABLES OF THE TRIANGLE:

Please join us for the last general meeting of 2018!

This meeting will be more festive as we celebrate many of the new businesses that have or will be moving into our neighborhood, such as Castro Animal Clinic, Boombox Studio, and Oro Salon.

Also, Assemblymember David Chiu will be celebrating with us. He is our representative at the California State Assembly in Sacramento, so come prepared with questions about all things state policy.

Happy Holidays!

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, December 11, 7-8 pm  
Park Station Community Meeting at Park Station Community Room. 415-242-3000.

Saturday, December 8, 10 am - noon  
Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day.  
Contact Rose at [rose@friendsofdubocepark.org](mailto:rose@friendsofdubocepark.org) or 415-255-8370.

Saturday, December 15  
Rec & Park Winter 2019 Class Registration begins. Visit [www.sfreconline.org](http://www.sfreconline.org).

## Shop Local for the Holidays



*"Presenting Lily Mars" is a painting by local artist Jennifer Banzaca, one of several by Banzaca available at Art Attack SF. The works are signed, limited edition prints of 25, size 20 x 16 inches or 16 x 16 in—perfect for holiday gifts!*

We in the neighborhood (especially those of us active in the neighborhood association) are fond of bemoaning the blight of vacant retail spaces along our commercial corridors. We often find somebody other than ourselves to blame – greedy landlords, perhaps, or giant corporations like Amazon/Whole Foods that seem to suck every purchase into their vast vortex. But how about looking in the mirror? Amazon

wouldn't be the multi-billion-dollar corporation that bought Whole Foods a year ago without the cooperation of us truly, and our preference for clicking buttons on the Internet while lounging about in our underwear over throwing on a hat or scarf and stepping out into the crisp winter air.

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Message from Supervisor Rafael Mandelman



San Francisco District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman poses proudly in front of one of his nuts and bolts accomplishments over the last 6 months – trimmed palm trees on Market Street.

Greetings, Duboce Triangle! Four months into my term as District 8 Supervisor I'm proud to report back on what my office has been working on to make an impact on the lives of Duboce Triangle residents.

Since the top issue I hear about in the neighborhood is homelessness, that's where our office has been laser focused. There are too many sick and mentally ill people living on our streets, and it's an issue that I know neighbors in Duboce Triangle deal with everyday.

Moving Forward on Conservatorships  
In September, Senate Bill 1045 was passed at the state level, which gives cities in California the ability to strengthen conservatorship programs at the local level. I have taken the lead on local implementation of this new law, and in October I introduced legislation to allow SB1045 conservatorships in San

Francisco. If passed, the law will give our city an additional tool to deliver care and services for severely mentally ill and drug-addicted individuals who may not qualify for traditional conservatorships and for whom other less restrictive interventions have failed.

Increasing Traffic Police

At a Public Safety and Neighborhood Services hearing back in July, we learned a shocking statistic—just a few years ago, there were reportedly more than 100 traffic officers on our streets, a number that has now decreased to less than 40 officers citywide. That means at any given time, there are as few as eight traffic safety enforcement officers on duty. To address this issue I've worked with Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer and SFPD Chief Bill Scott to add the SFPD Traffic Company's first new class in three years. In a few months time, we should have up to 15 new traffic officers on the streets, enforcing our laws in what I see as an essential step toward full staffing and achieving our Vision Zero goals for pedestrian and street safety.

Helping Small Businesses

Too many of our neighborhood commercial districts are blighted with empty storefronts and retail vacancies, espe-

cially in Upper Market. Over the last several months I have been working with the Castro Merchants, the Castro Community Benefit District, and DTNA to draft a package of zoning changes to make it easier to open and expand small businesses in the neighborhood. In the coming months we will be introducing these zoning changes and working to re-energize and fill storefronts along the Church Street and Market Street corridors.

In addition, I was proud to nominate my first small business to the Legacy Business Registry: IXIA, an Upper Market establishment since 1983. Congratulations, IXIA!

Tree Maintenance

In 2016 voters approved Proposition E, which transferred the responsibility for the City's 125,000 street trees from property owners to the City's Bureau of Urban Forestry. It's been a major transition, and in our first several months in office, many of the calls we've received have concerned the maintenance of trees in our neighborhoods. That's why I called a hearing on November 15th to provide the BUF and the Department of Public Works the opportunity to talk to the public about some of the initial

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Looking Back, Looking Forward



Kimyn Braithwaite  
DTNA President

As the end of a year approaches it is always a good idea to review the previous cycle of accomplishments and obstacles, to foster ideas and thoughts about the coming year ahead. For me, just wrapping up my first year as the president of DTNA, this past year was powerfully educational and exciting. And if I am elected to be the president again, I hope I will be able to use the knowledge that I have gained to help get more done for our neighborhood.

Call it naiveté, but I certainly learned what many have already known: getting things done with city government or with large corporations takes a long time. For example, 2018 started off with a real push and passion to hold Veritas accountable for what seemed like a hollowing out of the Church Street corridor. However, a year later there is only one business that has successfully opened their doors (Compass Realty) and only two other organizations that will be occupying retail spaces, with one of those organizations already committed to the space before the year began. We at DTNA have definitely maintained numerous lines of communication with Veritas and have suggested businesses that we think would be good for the neighborhood, as well as discussing other issues related to the community. We will be inviting representatives from Veritas to an upcoming general meeting so that members of the community can continue to engage with Veritas about our

desire for those empty retail spaces to be filled. Stay tuned.

Some exciting news is that we have some new businesses that have already opened their doors and some businesses that are preparing to open their doors within the Triangle. This is wonderful because every since the 2008 recession the Upper Market corridor has been suffering from a glut of empty retail spaces. While we do still have more than a normal amount, it is exciting that we have seen new businesses actively seek out our neighborhood or current business owners looking to expand within the neighborhood. And our new neighbors should not distract from our many neighborhood gems that we all have been patronizing for years and are so grateful to continue to have in the triangle.

Working with Supervisor Mandelman has

also been bright spot for DTNA. Supervisor Mandelman has met with representatives from DTNA on numerous occasions, and has expressed a great deal of respect for the work that DTNA has done. Most notably, Supervisor Mandelman has been working hard on his campaign promise of tackling the homeless problem. He has convened monthly meetings with representatives from various City departments as well as neighborhood organizations to find out what is happening. The meetings have been quite enlightening, and make clear that our City employees are truly working hard to combat the issue. But housing our still 4000+ homeless people is the biggest obstacle, so hopefully with the passage of Proposition C and its promise to get more housing units available to the homeless we will see a marked difference in the coming months and years.

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# Think Local

# Think Duboce Triangle



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Books and Bookshelves Serves Delicious Mix of Furniture and Poetry

Recently, DTNA board member Marcia Weisbrot met with David Highsmith, owner of Books & Bookshelves on the corner of 14th and Sanchez. Below is an excerpt of their conversation.

MW: I understand that you’ve been doing business on this corner for about thirty-four years. What did you do before that?

DH: I’d driven a farm tractor, sold electrical fuses, tutored English, did sound recording, worked as a letterpress printer, book editor, and event organizer. My last job, which helped the store get going, was as a lab technician formulating plastic resins.

MW: What’s a day at Books & Bookshelves like?

DH: On a typical day we’ll average about sixteen customers,

about six of whom will buy bookcases, one will buy a chest of drawers, one will buy a table or pair of nightstands, and others will buy greeting cards, postcards, books, or sometimes art. Our store is small. We compensate by taking special orders on furniture and we build bookcases to our customers’ requested dimensions.

MW: Who are your customers?

DH: We don’t advertise much so a lot a people discover us by accident. Some are avid readers and some are people who are just exploring the city and discovering out of the way curiosities. Some customers are just moving into the neighborhood, and need basic furniture. Duboce Triangle has been good to us in that sense, because we’ve furnished some of the same apartments many times over. New residents need furniture; ones leaving take their furniture with them. Former neighbors who’ve moved to other cities come back when they need more bookcases or just want to peruse our eclectic assortment of books. We have repeat customers in all Bay Area counties. Some regulars come once a month for a new stack of books, so of our sixteen or so daily customers, half might be familiar faces. It’s also encouraging to see many new, intelligent young people moving in to Duboce Triangle. This neighborhood has always been inhabited by bright people, and it is an honor to do business at the geographic nexus of so much socially vital enthusiasm and creative energy.

MW: Have you developed any special retail philosophy over the years?

DH: As I understand it, philosophers tend to argue a lot, and seldom last long in retail. I have no philosophy, no strong opinions, except regarding human freedom, and no dogmatic theory of retail management. I’ve learned some from my mistakes, and I take advice from customers, employees and from my wife who is a partner in the business. I experiment every day with display, product design or selection, but not enough to abandon what intuition tells me should be left alone. I am increasingly aware of how little I know about business in this new century, so I rely on my habit of just showing up every day, being present, and being available to my customers during store hours, which are currently twelve to seven. That seems to be working for now, so I’ll probably keep doing it for a while.

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Thank You to the Duboce Triangle Neighbors for Investing in Our Seawall!

By Elaine Forbes, Port of San Francisco Executive Director

If you had visited San Francisco before the Gold Rush, you would have found a sleepy harbor with a northeastern shoreline near today’s Salesforce Tower. How times have changed! Our thriving waterfront, from AT&T Park to Fisherman’s Wharf, is all made possible by a three-mile long, rock and concrete wall called the Embarcadero Seawall. Our Seawall, mostly hidden from view below the Bay, created over 500 acres of new land and today supports more than \$100 billion in assets and annual economic activity.

While a remarkable engineering feat at the time, the Seawall is now over 100 years old and in desperate need of repair. It was built in earthquake country without today’s seismic standards. It was also built atop “young bay mud,” a soft, weak mud that makes for a poor foundation and can amplify earthquake shaking. Since 1906, we have enjoyed a historically quiet period of seismic activity, but the U.S. Geological Survey now estimates a 72% chance of a major earthquake happening in the next 25 years.

Our waterfront also faces flood risk due to sea level rise. In fact, flooding is already disrupting the Embarcadero Roadway today near Pier 14 and it will only worsen, threatening BART and Muni systems, and our waterfront neighborhoods.

The Seawall may seem far from Duboce Triangle, but as a neighbor of yours in the Castro, I know that our entire city depends on the Seawall. It supports our regional transportation network, a thriving economy, and more. And perhaps most importantly, our waterfront serves as a critical emergency response and recovery area that supports over 50 emergency assets including Fire Station 35, which houses our fire boats. These assets will be critical to move first responders, people, and supplies in and out of the city after a disaster. If our Seawall were to fail, it will impact the entire city.

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*Last month San Francisco voters approved funds to improve the seawall, now over 100 years old.*

I am happy to announce that last month a \$425 million General Obligation bond to address urgent life safety improvements to the waterfront passed with over 80% of the vote. The Port is incredibly grateful to San Francisco voters for overwhelmingly approving these funds and affirming our city’s commitment to preparing for earthquakes and sea level rise.

Although this is a huge milestone, our work is just beginning. We are now leveraging this local funding opportunity with state and federal dollars to make sure San Francisco has a safe waterfront for generations to come.

Thank you to the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association for inviting the Port to present at your neighborhood meeting ealier this year. We look forward to engaging you throughout the Seawall Program. Please visit [sfseawall.com](http://sfseawall.com) to sign-up for our monthly newsletter, join a walking tour, or paritipcate in an upcoming community meeting. Together, we can keep our city safe and envision a waterfront that is more resilient and sustainable.

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Connecting the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood and Local Schools

*Op-Ed Contributors Peter and Katy Cohen (Noe Street)*

Over the last twelve years our family has been through a whole cycle of schools in and around the Triangle -- from Friends of St. Francis preschool on Belcher, to McKinley Elementary at Castro and 14th, down the hill to Everett Middle School on Church Street at 16th, and over to Mission High School at 18th and Church streets. And each school has deepened our roots and connections in our neighborhood.

We'd like to say we planned this out, as many families around San Francisco do -- reading reviews, visiting schools, looking at test scores. But the truth of it is, our prior-

ity was proximity to where we live. There were other things to consider of course, but at that time we didn't have a car so it was a fairly easy decision to "go local" -- our son started at McKinley and our daughter at Friends of St Francis. Signing up for the schools closest to home was an unplanned decision that twelve years later we are happy to have made.

Over all these years of walking to school, whether together with the parental units when they were youngsters, or now with their tween and teen peers, our kids know every crack in the sidewalk of their route as well, as which stores are open in the morning and the people working there (shout-outs to Courtney's and Noe Valley Market, as well

as Duboce Park Café!). Now that our kids are middle and high school ages, their journeys and interactions after school have taken on lives of their own -- from stopping for flowers from Guy, picking up snacks at Golden Produce, going with friends for a burger at Super Duper, swinging by the Eureka Valley Library, meeting up at Duboce Park, strolling through the Farmers' Market on Wednesday afternoons or just exploring a new walking route toward home (they might sometimes even see their teachers in the neighborhood, yikes!). For us, the local school experience has reinforced our kids' connection to and comfort with their community; their sense of belonging is grounded in geography.

We live in a big and dense and diverse city, yet some days it seems like our world is small. Shopping locally, hanging at the park, going to the local li-

brary and cafes; having a Rec Center, a hospital, a fire station and good local schools (all the resources of the Triangle) all combine to build deep (and hopefully lasting) connections in this little local world. The inscription on the side of the Rec Center in Duboce Park quotes Harvey Milk: "The American Dream Starts with the Neighborhoods." We know that attending schools in and around our neighborhood has provided a solid foundation for our children to pursue big dreams beyond the Triangle, and hope that our neighbors with kids will join us in providing support and connection to their local public schools.



The Cohen family

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Shop Local, continued

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If you (hatted, scarved, preferably pantsed) stroll down to the hypotenuse of our Triangle on Market Street, there is lots of holiday shopping to do. Start at Local Take at 17th and Market -- there you'll not only be supporting a local business but also local artists, because everything in there was locally made. If you're into fashion (yes, we're talking to you) you can stop by Kenneth Wingard Designs, Rolo on Market (two locations, including one devoted to sportswear), or the high-end vintage shop Sui Generis. You can pick up more local art at the Art Attack SF, or order a big print of a favorite photo and a nice frame at Photoworks. If you're having a holiday party at the office, Ixia creates gorgeous art pieces that will brighten the mood considerably, as does The Petaler on 14th Street. If you need a gift for the pooch, Jeffrey's Natural Pet Foods on Noe will do you, or you can get them groomed at the Little Ark on 14th. Can't figure out a gift for the hard-to-match type? How about a gift certificate to one of our fine restaurants like Canela or Nomica? Or a coffee card from Ritual or Verve or the Duboce Park Café?

That's your Saturday. If you still have a few folks on your list get up the next morning, tuck into a nice breakfast at the Wooden Spoon, then head to our neighbor retail districts to check out their offerings. If you stroll down Castro be sure to pick up some holiday favors at Cliff's Variety (a retail staple that has been around since 1936), head to Dolores Park for lunch with the view, then get a bottle of wine at Fig & Thistle Market before heading home. If you pick up a book of poetry at Books and Bookshelves at 14th and Sanchez then when you get home you can go back to lounging around in your underwear (this time while drinking wine and reading poetry), secure in your knowledge that you have done your bit to keep the neighborhood vibrant.

Happy Holidays!

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**Wishing Jake Well**

Jake, owner of the Noe Valley Market at Noe and 15th Streets, fell 10/20/2018, sustaining a cervical spine injury. Leslie relates that Jake underwent successful cervical spine surgery with return of function. Jake will need to wear a head & neck-immobilizing Halo for a month. He is currently recuperating at the Kaiser Rehabilitation Center in Vallejo with expected discharge later this month. Neighbors have been posting get-well messages at his store. Neighbors and the DTNA send Jake good thoughts for his recovery until we see him smiling again with dog treats and a good word at his corner.



Neighbors have been posting get-well messages for Jake at Noe Valley Market

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DTNA Works with Stop Crime SF on Police Accountability Legislation

Since 2014, when the neighborhood was stunned by two homicides in our Triangle that remain unsolved to this day, DTNA has been working to learn when and how and to what degree homicides, assaults, and other crimes are solved (or in police parlance, “cleared”).

In general, it has been difficult for DTNA to get information from the SFPD. Unlike many cities around the country San Francisco does not publish homicide or assault clearance statistics on a regular basis. In 2016, with dogged persistence and the help of then Supervisor Scott Wiener’s office, we were able to complete a Request for Information that resulted in the release of a ten-year history of clearance statistics, but since then, despite the efforts of both supervisors who succeeded Wiener, we have not been able to get the statistics updated.

Meanwhile on the west side of the city a similar movement was brewing that ultimately resulted in the creation of the organization Stop Crime SF. That organization has grown to include nine neighborhood organizations across the city, including DTNA. Stop Crime SF was originally focused on the low clearance rate for car break-ins (fewer than 2% of all car break-ins in the city result in an arrest), but has since expanded their area of concern to holding the police department, and the justice system more generally, accountable. They have instituted a Court Watch program, where volunteers attend the trials and sentencing hearings of serial criminals, to be sure that the community’s desire for justice and accountability is not thwarted.

In October of 2018 DTNA met with Stop Crime SF to hammer out some ideas for legislation to make important statistics like homicide, assault, and car break-in clearance rates more readily available. Supervisor Rafael Mandelman’s office has expressed support for the effort, and he may be the linchpin in driving it forward.

So far our main ideas are to have the information posted yearly by January 31, and readily accessible on the SFPD website as “Crime Trends”. We would like to see the information be easy to read and access and copy, with links and downloadable, copy-ready files. Information should be presented in both tabular and graphic forms, and include ten-year trends, both the raw numbers, the numbers per capita, and per police officer. Information should be available city-wide, for each police station, and by neighborhood. The ten-year trends are important, as when SFPD presents information at community meetings and supervisors’ hearings they tend to highlight monthly trends, and then choose the monthly trends that make them look the best. A particularly egregious example of the latter was when current police chief William Scott presented to the supervisors recently and touted that car break-ins in the Mission Station area were up “only” 6% this year, as opposed to 83% last year. That of course tells you nothing about how high car break-ins were compared to ten years ago, or even five. And Chief Scott did not mention how many (few) of those crimes were solved.

DTNA and Stop Crime SF are also interested in working together on other accountability issues, such as increasing the percentage of officers who live in San Francisco in order to increase understanding of the community, and reducing the round-robin reassignment of district station chiefs (which again reduces accountability). We’d like your help too. If you are not already a member of both of these organizations, please join, and consider signing up for a Court Watch slot at the Stop Crime SF website: <https://stopcrimesf.com/>

So join in, and stay tuned.

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Duboce Triangle Comes Out to Vote

Good news! In previous years San Francisco’s supposedly politically engaged citizens had not been in the habit of voting when it comes to off-year elections, but this year that seems to have changed. Our voter turnout in the June primary was up substantially from the previous primary, from 36% to 50%, and in the November 6 midterms it was up even more, with voting in San Francisco at higher levels than have been recorded since records have been kept going back to the 1970s. Nice job voters!

Most of the attention in California was focused on the Congressional races, and of course those were meaningful for us since with the Democrats taking the House of Representatives our own representative Nancy Pelosi is set to become Speaker of the House again, and the most powerful woman in the U.S. government. But there were a lot of other contests closer to home that mattered, including races for pretty much all the statewide offices from governor on down, and several important state and local initiatives.

State Proposition 6 that would have cut the state gas tax, reducing funding for road repair and public transit, was defeated, as was State Proposition 10, which would have allowed local governments to enact rent control measures. In an unusual defeat for a bond measure, State Proposition 3, a water bond that the Sierra Club had criticized as a giveaway to farmers (it would have used tax dollars to repair canals farmers had damaged by over-pumping groundwater), was also defeated.

San Francisco Proposition C passed with a healthy 60-40 margin. It will tax large businesses (those with over \$50 million in annual income) to basically double our current funding for homeless services, in an attempt to make a dent in our ongoing homeless problem. San Francisco Proposition E also passed, it will allocate a proportion of our already-existing hotel tax to fund arts and culture nonprofits and keep them from being priced out of the city. We elected a new slate of fresh faces to the School Board, promising some changes to an entity that has often been defined by inertia and inaction.

Our October meeting was de-

voted to issues around how global warming will impact our city, and voters stepped up to approve San Francisco Prop A, which begins preparing for that by providing funds for a new seawall on the Embarcadero, passed with over 2/3 of the vote.

It never happens that every candidate you want win does, and that every initiative you want to see in place or go down matches your preference when the final tallies are in. But win or lose, if we voted we know we did our civic duty, and if things don’t work out, we have earned the right to complain.

All hail the voter!


Supervisor's Message, continued

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successes and challenges of the StreetTreeSF program.

In other tree news, working with the Bureau of Urban Forestry and SFMTA, in early November my office coordinated the trimming of the palm trees on Market Street between Castro and Valencia for the first time in over five years.

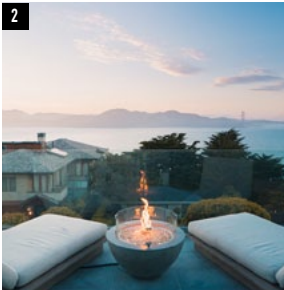
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DTNA General Meeting Addresses Climate Change

The October DTNA General meeting began with a presentation by Rod Iwashita, the Chief Harbor Engineer of the Port of San Francisco. He showed us some slides of the 500 acres of fill along the Embarcadero, all of which were tidal mud flats back in the 1850s. At that point a seawall was constructed out of rock, trash, dead cats, and old ships - whatever materials they had. Obviously that's not up to modern standards, and Iwashita said that if we have a big earthquake, liquefaction will happen in that fill soil, destroying up to \$100 billion in assets in the fill area. To compound the problem sea levels have risen 8 inches in the last 100 years, and 24 inches are predicted by 2050, which could flood MUNI and BART tunnels and freeze transit. What is the solution? According to our

next guest, Prop A, the bond measure that was decided on the November ballot. It needed a 2/3 majority to pass and easily achieved that figure. David Aldridge explained that Prop A will not raise taxes, because the city can only issue new bonds as old ones expire. Prop A will allow the city to sell bonds to leverage \$5 billion in federal and state funds, and that ultimately the needs will be financed by about 35% federal, 25% state, 25% bond, and 15% private money. Aldridge said that a new start on the seawall had already been granted by FEMA, thanks to Senator Feinstein and Harris, and that the Army Corps of Engineers is also engaged. Assembly members David Chiu and Phil Ting are working on the state funding.

On a related note, our final guests were Katherine and Jeff from the SF chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby, which has been around since 2001, trying to generate the political will to create a livable world for the next generation. CCL currently has 90,000 supporters and 409 chapters, they are shooting for one in each Congressional district. To participate each Congressman that wants to sign up has to bring someone from the opposite party on board - so far they have 45 Democrats and 45 Republicans as members. CCL argues that the solution to climate change is to put a price on carbon emissions, starting at \$13 a ton. Their plan is to return all net revenue to households. Each household would get a monthly check in the mail, probably \$40 a month in the first month, and by year ten, \$288 month. Higher

carbon users would pay more, but according to CCL 80% of San Franciscans would break even or better; only the top 20% of carbon users (those who fly a lot) would end up spending more money on increased carbon costs than they would get in a dividend. CCL estimates that the richest decile of people put out 50% of carbon pollution. If you'd like to get involved with Citizen's Climate Lobby by publishing opinion pieces, doing presentations, leafletting, etc., or if you can connect CCL with particular groups like businesses and agriculture, text join to 619-675-7507. You can also come to their monthly meetings in the Mission, time and place on their website.

We adjourned in concord at 8:45.

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One issue that DTNA will be pushing hard toward in 2019 is an expansion of the Duboce Triangle Historic District. Currently the state of California has the bulk of Duboce Triangle registered as an historic district, excluding the blocks

between Castro and Noe and Duboce and Market Streets. In order to complete the survey for the expansion we will need to update some documents created ten or more years ago. We just need to raise a small amount of funds to make this happen. If you would like to contribute to help complete the survey please do so through the

DTNA website (<https://www.dtna.org/>).

Over the past year I have met a lot of great neighbors and community minded members of the Triangle. We have begun to notice regular faces at the general meetings and it is encouraging that so many of our members care deeply about our neighbor-

hood. We here at DTNA are just a small group of volunteers and are always looking for and happy to accommodate anyone who is interested in getting involved. If you have ever entertained the idea of knowing more about the neighborhood and what is going, join us! We would love to have you!

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Park Station Chief Meets with Friends of Duboce Park

In late October Captain Una Bailey met with the Friends of Duboce Park board of directors on to discuss crime and safety in the park and Duboce Triangle. Bailey took command at Park Station about a year ago. She said that parks in her district - Buena Vista, Panhandle, and the Alvard Lake area at the eastern end of the Golden Gate Park - can be challenging since parks are attractive gathering spots for transients. She thinks the station has done a good job in eliminating homeless encampments and/or tents in the district, especially as transients come to the area after being required to move out of another neighborhood.

Capt. Bailey is a big fan of statistics because the data offers a lot of useful information. She is also a big supporter of community policing, which encourages officers to get to know residents and work with them to reduce crime. Unfortunately that is hard to do with a dearth of officers-Park Station had 80 officers when Bailey took command but that number is down to 70 now. Some officers have been deployed elsewhere, like the Civic Center Plaza area, and some are on disability leave as a result of injuries incurred on the job. Even with fewer officers, there are some positive trends over the last year.

Year-to-date statistics through September show robberies are down 27% (66 as of September in 2017, 48 in 2018); aggravated assaults down 18%, from 80 to 66; burglaries down 16%, from 289 to 244; thefts of vehicle-s are down 32%, from 272 to 185; and thefts from vehicles are down 35%, from 1398 to 912. Bailey recognizes that 66 assaults in our area and nearly 1,000 cars broken into are still unacceptable numbers, but she believes that Park Station and the Duboce Triangle are relatively safe and have fewer incidents of violent crime compared to other districts.

Captain Bailey believes that more consistent foot beats on Haight Street and the Duboce Triangle has been effective, and that establishing a fixed post at Christmas Tree Point on Twin Peaks drastically reduced theft from automobiles, which were usually from tourists who parked and left their cars unattended with personal property in plain sight. Bailey also believes that making more traffic stops deters criminals who may drive into the area from outside San Francisco, looking for cars to rob, however she did not provide statistics on how many traffic stops Park Station made.

Bailey emphasized that cameras

and lights outside doorways and entrances are a great deterrent, and that cameras often capture images of criminals in action, which makes it much easier for police officers to make arrests. The Park Smart campaign reminds people to not leave valuable items visible in their cars, especially if the vehicle will be unattended. Bailey did not provide statistics on what percentage of property crimes were solved, or "cleared" in police parlance.

The way homeless complaints are handled has changed as well. All 911 or 311 calls regarding homeless problems are now routed to the Department of Homeless and Supportive Housing, the city agency that "strives to make homelessness in San Francisco rare, brief, and one time" through coordinated, compassionate, and high-quality services. Bailey be-

lieves the job of her officers has become tougher since the district attorney has made clear his office will not prosecute sit-lie violations.

Capt. Bailey reminded everyone to call 9-1-1 if there is a crime in progress or if someone's life is at stake. If you see a suspicious person near or in the playground or near children, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1.

To get more details on crime in our neighborhood, subscribe to Park Station's weekly newsletter, at <http://sanfranciscopolice.org/park-newsletters>. Each newsletter includes a Park Station Crime Map that shows exactly where all types of crimes have been committed. If you have any questions or concerns, email [sfpdparkstation@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpdparkstation@sfgov.org) or call 415-242-3030.



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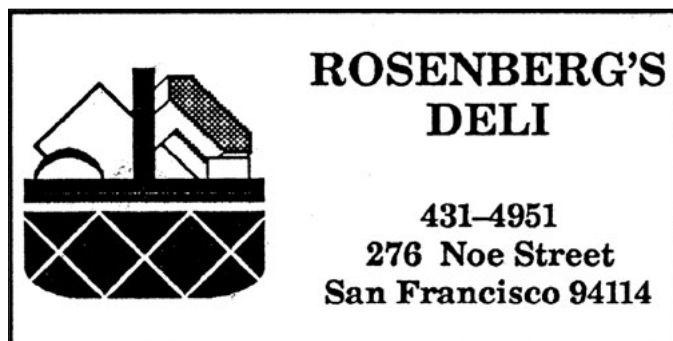
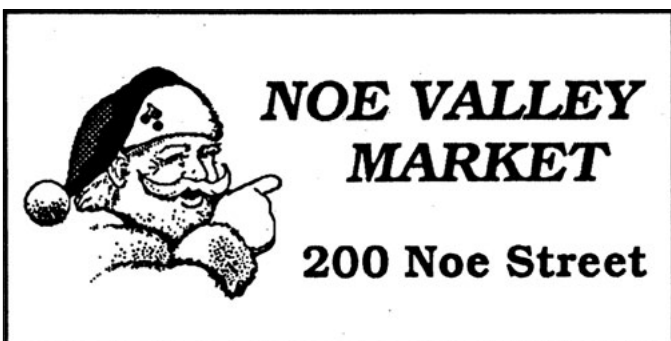
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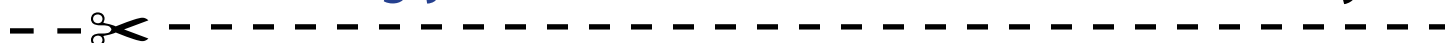
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