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Monday, August 12, 2019

7:00 to 9:00 pm

PUBLIC MEETING

CPMC Davies Campus,
New Location: Conference Center
Level B, South Tower, follow signs.

MEETING AGENDA -

- **Meet your neighbors** (7:00-7:30pm)
- **Street Trees - Their Love and Care**
Nancy Sarieh from the Public Information Office at Public Works will discuss the current and future plans for the tree canopy in San Francisco.
- **Duboce Triangle Historic District - Update and Open Discussion**
Q & A with Land Use Chair, Historic District champion and DTNA Board Member David Troup.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, August 5, 7-8:30 pm
DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting. Chase Bank at Sanchez and Market Streets.

Tuesday, August 6, 5-7 pm
National Night Out. Upper Lawn & Photo Center in Duboce Park.

Saturday, August 10, 10 am - noon
Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at rose@friendsofdubocepark.org or 415-255-8370.

Saturday, September 7, 9 am - 2 pm
21st Annual Friends of Duboce Park Tag Sale.

Tuesday, September 10, 7-8 pm
Park Station Community Meeting. Park Station Community Room., 1899 Waller Street.

Saturday, September 14, 10 am - noon
Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at rose@friendsofdubocepark.org or 415-255-8370.

Every Wednesday, 4-8 pm
Castro Farmers Market. Noe Street between Market and Beaver Streets.

Neighborhood Gem: Guy the Flower Guy



Guy Clark has been selling flowers on the corner of Noe Street and 15th Street for 38 years.

Nothing makes a neighborhood feel more welcoming than the people you see on the street every day, the ones that go out of their way to smile and say “hello” or to stop and chat as much or as little as you want. Some of those neighbors have true staying power, and end up not just contributing positively to the collegial atmosphere, but eventually become true fixtures – the neighborhood would not be the same without them.

Guy Clark is one of those neighbors. He has been selling flowers on the bulb-out on the corner of Noe Street and 15th Street for 38 years, and has no plans to retire any time soon. Over those years he’s given flowers to neighborhood children who pass by until they’re old enough to start buying their own, and in a few cases to bring their own children by for a flower. His array of lovely colors against the nearby building, his beautiful smile and his brilliant fashion sense light up the block on even the foggiest of days, and if you stop to talk his beautiful kind and mellow

voice will soothe you through your darkest hour.

Guy was born in Baltimore in 1949 – he turns 70 this year. He grew up in Baltimore but also has connections to Greensboro South Carolina, where his grandparents lived and where he spent summers as a child. Some of his relatives there were involved in the first lunch counter sit-ins at the local Walgreen’s, ending the segregationist practice of shunting black customers to a windowless anteroom at the back of the store. Guy attended Morgan State University, a prominent HBCU in Baltimore, and upon graduating went to work for IBM in White Plains, a short train ride from Grand Central in New York City. New York City was fun in the 60s, but Guy soon caught the travel bug that was to define the rest of his youth, moving quickly on to a job in the Finance Ministry in the Virgin Islands, then a series of adventures in a total of 18 capitals all over

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Greetings Duboce Triangle Neighbors!



San Francisco District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Hello Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

My team has been working hard over the summer on a number of initiatives that I know are of interest to Duboce Triangle neighbors.

City Budget

In late June, my colleagues and I came to an agreement with Mayor Breed on our city budget. This is my first year as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, and I was able to ensure we invested in important priorities for residents in Duboce Triangle and across this City. The budget we passed will make historic investments to address our mental health and homelessness crisis. It will allow us to expand our tree canopy, provide critical services to HIV-positive San Franciscans, support access to legal defense for residents who can't afford it, secure housing for our trans community and other vulnerable populations, and conduct a Citywide historic preservation survey.

We also funded specific projects in Duboce Triangle and the Castro as part of our add-back process. These projects include the completion of the Duboce

Triangle neighborhood historic resource survey, the hiring of a Castro/Upper Market Commercial Corridor Manager to help address Upper Market's retail vacancy issues, and support for Castro Community on Patrol to keep the neighborhood safe.

Transit Performance Working Group

Since taking office just over a year ago, I have heard nearly every day from constituents in Duboce Triangle and around District 8 sharing harrowing tales of their experiences on Muni. It has been 20 years since Proposition E established the MTA, and with a change of leadership on the way we have an opportunity and obligation to evaluate this agency's track record and current performance and offer its new leadership a roadmap to fixing Muni and delivering San Franciscans the world-class transit system they deserve.

I worked with Mayor Breed, the City Controller, and the Transportation Authority Director to create a working group that will bring together an impressive group of local government and public transportation leaders with decades of combined experience to help us finally get Muni on track. The working group will complete its limited assessment and issue a public report by January 2020.

Calling for Treatment on Demand

It has been nearly a quarter century since the City and County of San Francisco first declared treatment on demand to be official policy. Along with my co-sponsor Supervisor Stefani, in June I called for a hearing to assess the City's progress in

reaching that goal and better understand what it will take for San Francisco to finally make good on this decades-old commitment. Nobody who wants to access substance use treatment should have to wait to get the help they need. By providing treatment on demand and ensuring that people have access to supportive services that will help them maintain their sobriety, we can better address our substance use crisis.

Supporting Gig Workers

After years of legal challenges and lackluster attempts to regulate the gig economy, gig worker classification is now the subject of pending state legislation, California State Assembly Bill 5. With AB 5 working its way through the legislature, I called for and held a hearing on the

current state of worker rights in California's gig economy. Corporations relying on gig workers including Uber, Lyft, and Instacart have achieved recent and rapid success, in large part relying on a business model that threatens more than a half century of hard-won advances in worker protections. At the hearing we heard deeply moving stories from dozens of gig workers who are struggling to survive. San Francisco needs to do everything we can to protect these workers, including strongly supporting AB 5, which is why I have introduced a resolution in support of this important legislation.

As always, if you have feedback, questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to my office, at mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org.

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Happy Summer!



Kimyn Braithwaite
DTNA President

Happy Summer everyone! I hope we all are enjoying the cooling effects of Karl the Fog, who prevents us from baking like much of the country this time of year, and that (in the Triangle at least) he pulls back enough at midday to allow for some sunny moments on the stoop or back porch.

In celebration of summer I would like to share a story of something that happened a few weeks ago, the first night of the Democratic debates. I was at the Duboce Park playground, watching my four-year-old daughter play with a friend of hers from preschool, and the father of her friend and I were chatting about the upcoming debate. As we were chatting, the word "President" came up a few times of course. After hearing us say the word numerous times my daughter said to me in a half whisper: "But Mommy, you're the President." Her confusion was both adorable and amazing to me. Amazing because as a woman and mother of a girl, it is incumbent on me to ensure that she sees a positive role model in her mother; that she not only

grows up respecting her mother, but also sees that her mother respects herself. I need to model the behavior that I want my daughter to have. I want her to love what she does. I want her to care about not only herself but about the people around her. Most importantly, I want her to care about her role in society and to consider her effect on her community around her. All of that explains why I am so glad that I got involved with DTNA, and why I am proud to be the "President" my daughter knows. Through my community work my daughter can see her mother not just talking about wanting to improve the neighborhood and the City at large, but trying to do it too.

Through DTNA I have had the pleasure to meet a lot more of my neighbors than I would have otherwise. I recognize faces from our General Meetings when I am playing with my daughter at Duboce Park, or when I am doing my shopping at Golden Natural Produce. I met new close friends when I found out who cared deeply enough about the historic character of our neighborhood to come out for the Historic District fundraiser. Whenever someone recognizes me on the street from my photo in the Newsletter to advocate for more affordable housing to protect the neighborhood's human character, I direct them to our monthly Land Use Committee meetings, on the first Monday of every month at the Chase bank at Sanchez Street and Market Street.

Or I invite them to our General Meetings, on the 2nd Monday of every other month, where I am also seeing more and more

familiar faces. In the few minutes that I have been able to chat with some of those faces I have heard a similar version of the same question: How can I get more involved? The simple answer is to keep coming to the meetings. Attending both the Land Use and the General meetings will only take about 1.5 to 3 hours of your time per month. We try our best to make the meetings as interesting as possible and to have guests/speakers that are informative and provide information that is relevant to the neighborhood and its residents, and once you have been to a few meetings you will have an idea of what issues you'd like to become more involved with. Then you can approach me or another Board member about a Board position.

Our Board is elected at our December General Meeting, and you have to have been a DTNA member for three months by then to run (if you are not already a member, join at <https://www.dtna.org/>) or I can appoint active members to the Board at any time. We are always looking for Board members who have a passion for some aspect of the neighborhood, and who have skills that they can bring to bear. We are currently looking for someone with social and organizational skills (we want to reinvigorate our yearly block party), finance skills (we need a treasurer), typing skills (we need a secretary) and a strong back (we need a newsletter distribution manager). If any of those are you, chat me up at our August meeting. See you there!

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Successful Historic District Fundraiser Pushes Preservation Effort Forward

On June 12, DTNA hosted a fundraiser at the Swedish-American Hall to raise money toward our effort to see our neighborhood recognized as a state historic district. The event was a success, and we raised about \$5,000 through the generosity of the neighbors and community members who attended, which supplements another \$6,000 already raised from neighbors and DTNA board members. District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman spoke eloquently about the importance of preservation and his support for our efforts, and generously allowed DTNA to auction his presence at two lunches. Neighborhood resident, former DTNA President, and Planning Commissioner, Dennis Richards acted as auctioneer, after passionately encouraging support of the preservation project. We have now raised more than \$11,000 of the estimated \$40,000 cost of the project.

Swedish-American Hall proprietor Enrique Landa, who generously donated space for the event along with food and very tasty wines, also spoke about the importance of preservation. He and his group have been outstanding stewards of the historic Swedish Hall, which is already a registered historic landmark.

The funds DTNA is raising, along with a generous commitment from the City (thank you, Supervisor Mandelman!) and (hopefully) a grant we are seeking from the Historic Preservation Fund, will pay to survey the Western half of the neighborhood (which has never been surveyed) bounded by Noe Street, Market Street, Castro Street (both sides) and Duboce Avenue, and to update previous survey work in the Eastern half (bounded by Noe Street, Market Street, and Duboce Avenue). Properties which are age-eligible (55+ years old) will be included in the proposed Duboce Triangle Historic District which will seek recognition on the California Registry of Historic Places.

State historic recognition does not add any additional scrutiny or process to gaining approval for renovation or expansion projects, and may even save money for property owners contemplating such work, as age-

eligible properties are already required to undergo a historic survey before major work can be approved, and this project will eliminate the time and cost of doing so.

DTNA has engaged VerPlanck Historic Preservation Consulting to do the survey work and to prepare the Historic Context Statement which will accompany our Historic Registry application. Consultant Chris VerPlanck is the same surveyor who oversaw survey work on the eastern half of our neighborhood, which was completed more than a decade ago after DTNA advocated for it as part of the Market-Octavia Area Plan. At that time, our neighborhood was designated as a potential historic district, but the City never followed through on its promise to survey the rest of the neighborhood. Increasing development pressure on our neighborhood, and recognition that it is up to us to ensure that our history is pre-

served, led DTNA to take this ambitious effort on ourselves.

Recognition as a historic district will require greater scrutiny of any proposals to demolish historic properties, which will make it more time-consuming and require more public input when demolition is proposed. We hope this will help steer new development to appropriate sites where historic buildings are not present, and allow us to preserve our history while still supporting growth and inevitable change in our dynamic City. It is not too late to donate and help preserve our historic neighborhood for future generations to enjoy! Please consider giving what you can at dtna.org/donate.

All of us at DTNA are immensely grateful to those who have generously donated

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A First in the City: District 8 has an SFPD Community Liaison

Greetings Duboce Triangle, I am Jessica Closson, your new San Francisco Police Department Community Liaison for District 8 (the first in the City!), focused on crime prevention and safety. My position sits within the Community Engagement division of SFPD. My role is to facilitate communication and collaboration among D8 residents and businesses, the Police Department, SFSAFE and the District 8 Supervisor's office.

A nine-year resident of D8, I have spent many years leading neighborhood advocacy groups, from residents' associations to school PTAs, and

I am proud to be a current steering committee member of Resilient Noe Valley. I also bring my experience as a project manager in the tech sector to the role.

I am passionate about fostering connectedness and collaboration among community stakeholders, and truly enjoy the outreach aspect of the role. I am committed to using available data to aid in building strategies and measuring effectiveness. I look forward to helping create a district-wide network of understanding, information and services, towards a goal of enhancing and improving public safety.

I look forward to participating at your next DTNA community meeting!

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please reach out to me at jessica.closson@sfgov.org.

Jessica Closson



Successful Historic District Fundraiser, continued

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to support our preservation effort. We are especially thankful to Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, who worked his budget magic to secure a large piece of our fundraising request from the City, and to Enrique Landa of the Swedish-American Hall, who has been extraordinarily supportive and generous. We would also like to thank the neighborhood business who

contributed items for our silent auction, including Soul Cycle, Barry's Bootcamp, L'Ardoise Bistro, Guy's Flowers, Canela Bistro, Stag & Manor, D&H Jewelers, Super Duper, Art Attack SF, and Catch Restaurant. A special shout out to DTNA Board Member Dr. Bob Bush, who solicited the donation of many of the auction items, a crucial job.

The survey work has already

kicked off, and we will keep you informed as the process proceeds. If you live in, or own, a historic property within the proposed district, you'll eventually be able to see the survey report for your property on the city's property information website at propertymap.sfgov.org. (Surveys for properties in the Eastern half of

the neighborhood which were surveyed a decade ago are already visible there; after searching for your property, click on Historic Preservation.)

Please come to our next DTNA General Meeting on August 12 to learn more about this exciting project!

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To CBD or Not to CBD?

CBD is not only an acronym for Cannabidiol, it is also an acronym for a Community Benefits District, also known as a Business Improvement District. According to the City and County of San Francisco, “Community Benefit Districts (CBDs) strive to improve the overall quality of life in targeted commercial districts and mixed-use neighborhoods through a partnership between the City and local communities” (see the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development’s website at <https://oewd.org/community-benefit-districts>). CBDs receive funding from special assessments levied on property owners, and the funds are administered by a non-profit organization to fund improvements to their neighborhood. The general services provided by CBDs include neighborhood beautification, the sweeping of sidewalks and gutters, the removal of human and dog excrement, and the removal of needles. San Francisco has 17 Community Benefits Districts.

The Castro/Upper Market CBD borders our Duboce Triangle neighborhood and extends into it on several streets, including 14th Street, 15th Street, 16th Street, Church and Noe Streets, as well as part of Duboce Avenue (see: <http://castrocbd.org/>). The Castro/Upper Market CBD runs both sides of Market Street from Octavia Street to Castro Street, and includes parts of Castro Street and Collingwood Street as well as parts of the streets mentioned above. The Castro/Upper Market CBD was established in 2005

for a 15-year term, and it is up for renewal in 2020. In order for a CBD to be established or renewed, a majority of property owners in the district must vote to approve it. If a majority does vote in favor, everyone pays (including renters, as landlords are allowed to pass on the costs to their tenants).

Over the years DTNA has worked with the Castro/Upper Market CBD on a number of projects, and has taken a role in trying to leverage the CBD leadership toward engagement with the whole of its service area. However, the DTNA Board has heard from neighbors who are skeptical about some aspects of CBDs generally, as they are currently structured. For one thing, most of the CBD’s areas of effort (street cleaning, tree planting) are really the responsibility of City government, and the establishment of CBDs leads to another layer of bureaucracy between residents and their civil servants and elected officials, not to mention another layer of cost (because non-profits have directors, who need to be paid a salary). In addition, some residents wonder why, if the services are basics that should be afforded to every resident (keeping the streets clean, for example), should another tax be placed on top of the taxes we already pay

for such things? Some neighbors wonder if it is appropriate that some parts of our City or neighborhood are getting enhanced services that are not available to other residents – that seems to fly in the face of equity.

DTNA’s Board has recently heard specific concerns about the Castro/Upper Market CBD. Although the CBD recently moved its office to Church Street and Market Street, at a recent meeting touting the benefits of renewing the CBD, CBD leadership explained that they are prioritizing their resources around Castro Street and Castro merchants, which means that the part of the CBD that is in the Duboce Triangle – which, arguably, contains the bulk of the CBD service area – is a comparatively neglected area. One glance at the area around Safeway and Whole Foods confirms that this area is less well served by street cleaning services than the Castro corridor.

In addition, DTNA has noticed that the CBD leadership has, at times, taken political positions and positions on development projects in our neighborhood and elsewhere, sometimes in opposition to the positions of DTNA and other neighborhood

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Meet Your Board Member: Lindsay Palaima



Lindsay Palaima
DTNA Board Member

Hello Neighbors,

My name is Lindsay and I am on the Board of the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association (DTNA) and the Editor of the DTNA Newsletter you are reading now. Thank you for picking up this publication! This newsletter has been in existence since 1989 and is hand delivered to over 3000 households in the Duboce Triangle neighbor-

hood. The newsletter is written, produced and delivered to your doorstep by your neighbors living between Market Street, Castro Street, and Waller Street, with a little block jog to Church Street.

I moved to San Francisco in 2008. After multiple City neighborhood stints, from the Inner Richmond to Pacific Heights to the Western Addition, I settled in the Duboce Triangle in 2013. During the past five and a half years in our neighborhood, I have observed businesses come and go and new residential buildings (with new neighbors) opening along Market Street. While at times I feel intimidated by the change, I am happy to live in a vibrant, bustling neighborhood.

And when I do feel like the City or the neighborhood is becoming strange or unfamiliar, I take it upon myself to participate in neighborhood happenings and patronize local businesses.

Luckily for us living in the Duboce Triangle, being an engaged neighbor is easy thanks to DTNA! With Duboce Park and

the Harvey Milk Center, our neighborhood has an accessible space to commune. We have no shortage of gyms or coffee shops; and both offer a great venue to chat with neighbors. A perk to living in The Triangle is that most amenities are within walking distance, and there is never a shortage of public transportation. From the historic F-Line to the bustling corridors of Church Street, Market Street, and Castro Street, we are fortunate to have access to much.

I first heard about the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association from the newsletter that consistently appeared at my apartment every other month. I felt informed and ‘in the know’ after reading each publication. In early 2014, I decided I should inquire if DTNA needed any volunteers. Luckily for me, DTNA is always looking for neighbor involvement! The organization exists to represent the neighborhood, so if you have any ideas or want to get more involved, please reach out to us at <https://www.dtna.org/>

As a renter, making the choice to continue living in San Francisco saddles me with serious doubts about whether I can really afford to do this, balanced with my awareness that in my life no place has felt quite as much like home as San Francisco does. I remind myself that San Francisco is a small big city, and that here one individual’s actions can make an impact. A saying I often repeat to myself is “If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito”. Since my involvement with DTNA, I have witnessed first-hand how individuals and small groups of community can all influence a streetscape, traffic patterns, expedite new buildings, and save old buildings. I have found comfort and agency in my neighborhood and City involvement.

Hopefully reading my story will keep some of my fellow renters hanging on in the community, and some of us will also become active in DTNA. Until then, see you at the park!



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Neighborhood Gem, continued

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Europe (Berlin being a particular favorite, along with his bookstore gig in Amsterdam). If you want to hear a great story, ask Guy about being asked to play the bongo drums in a luxury hunting cabin on a fjord in Norway.

Another great story brought Guy back to America in the mid-70s. While wearing a turban (ask Guy about that) in a bar in Belgium he noticed long looks from a North African-looking gentleman across the room. He approached with “Hi, I’m Guy, I’m black, and I’m from Baltimore.” After a brief pause and a broad smile his new friend responded “I’m Earvin, I’m black, and I’m from Oakland!” They returned to the U.S. together and stayed friends until Earvin’s death in the Haight neighborhood last year.

It was also in the Haight that Guy started his flower selling business, that is until the cops showed up. In this case the police officer was friendly, but he pointed out the less friendly flower store owner down the block and insisted he move. A friend happened to be passing by in a pickup truck, and after a drive of a few short blocks they arrived

at Noe Street and 15th. Guy “felt something”, told his friend to stop the truck, and said “this is it.” The rest is history.

Guy lived in the neighborhood for many years in the now yellow 12-unit building at 221 Noe Street, until 2013 when the building was bought by an investor who wanted to condominiumize it. The investor “kindly” offered current residents first shot at buying the new condos, but as Guy explained “I didn’t have a million dollars” and he was briefly homeless and couch surfing before he found his current digs in Japantown. Guy credits Brian Basinger of the AIDS Housing Alliance for helping him through this tough time, and for securing him a rent-subsidized place where he can live out his days in this City he has come to call home.

Guy also credits the love and support of neighbors such as Linda from the purple house on Noe Street, and some of the current residents of 2198 Noe Street, who helped him find storage space for his cart and umbrella, and allowed him to keep going in this place that felt right. As if this DTNA News article was not fame enough, Guy was also recently featured in a San Francisco Examiner article “Guy the



Guy Clark

Flower Man” on June 10, and on KQED’s California Report Magazine on June 28: <https://www.kqed.org/news/11758024/a-history-of-queer-california>

In that one you can hear Guy’s infectious giggle, and his delightful ukulele playing. Or you can just stop by for a chat any sunny day, pick up some flowers, and bask in the presence of one of the neighborhood’s shiniest gems. That’s our Guy.

To CBD or Not to CBD?

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groups. We are not sure why some of our residents and businesses are paying a tax to fund an organization that takes positions at odds with the neighborhoods that it was created to benefit, or on issues far removed from the CBD’s mission.

Conversely, many of us noticed a real improvement in sidewalk cleanliness after the CBD came to exist nearly 15 years ago, and they continue to steam-clean the sidewalks and public areas in their service area regularly. Given that we are an epicenter for homelessness and quality-of-life issues such as public urination and defecation, it is easy to imagine that our sidewalks might

be far worse were it not for the CBD’s regular stewardship. In addition, the CBD maintains Jane Warner Plaza and regularly programs entertainment and special events there. They sponsor the popular Wednesday afternoon Farmers’ Market on Noe Street, and have worked hard, and with some success, on our retail vacancy problem. It is likely that the neighborhood would have more significant problems were it not for the CBD’s work.

The DTNA Board encourages all neighbors who live in the Community Benefits District to take a close look at what the

CBD is providing, and to consider carefully the pros and cons of this additional cost before the vote takes place. If you are a tenant, having a conversation with your landlord on the subject would be wise as well. And since engagement is always a positive, please not only inform yourself on the CBD renewal process, but also communicate directly with your local Castro/Upper Market CBD on your priorities and expectations. While not perfect, the CBD does genuinely contribute to our neighborhood, and your feedback and participation can help it become an even better organization.

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Farmers Market Mythbusters

It is that time of year: Farmers Market Week! The Castro Farmers Market, part of the Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association (PCFMA), will be celebrating throughout the month of August with a video series of Farmers Market Mythbusters! You can find the collection of videos on our Facebook and Instagram. Here are a few of the myths we’ll be busting:

Myth: Farmers markets are more expensive than supermarkets!

Fact: There are price comparison studies from numerous associations and research centers – Santa Monica Farmers Markets, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA VT), among others – which have busted this myth. Researchers consistently found that the price differences between supermarkets and farmers markets are often more affordable for organic produce. At PCFMA, we did our own data collection and found corroborating evidence. For example, a supermarket in the Castro sells organic heirloom tomatoes at \$4.49 per lb., but you can get locally-produced, organic heirloom tomatoes from the Castro Farmers Market at just \$3.00 a pound!

Myth: The produce can come from anywhere!

Fact: All PCFMA markets – including your Castro Farmers Market – are classified as Certified Farmers Markets. A Certified Farmers Market (CFM) means that all of the farmers who sell in that farmers market grow all of their produce in the state of California. To sell in a CFM, farmers have to earn a Certified Producer Certificate (CPC) by the county agricultural commissioner. CPCs are simply a list of products that the farmers grows, verified by county government within which the farmer grows his/her produce. CPCs are available to the public and you can view them at each farmer’s stall at a CFM. That way, there is total transparency for the consumer as to what is grown by the farmer, how much, and where!

Myth: I can get the same things at the grocery store.

Fact: Sure, you can get the same staples at the grocery store as you would the farmers market, like potatoes, onions, and tomatoes. But at the farmers market, you will be exposed to dozens of varieties of each vegetable that aren’t mainstream enough to land on a grocery store shelf, but are bursting with flavor. Take stone fruit. At the supermarket, you’ll find one or two varieties each of apricots, peaches, nectarines, and plums. At the Castro Farmers Market, one vendor alone – Ken’s Top Notch – boasts over 85 varieties of stone fruit! You’ll also find parts of plants at the farmers market that you’ll be hard-pressed to find at a store, like squash blossoms and yam leaves!

Myth: Animals are allowed at the farmers market.

Fact: It’s against California state law to bring animals into the farmers market. The only exception is for service dogs which perform duties for physical ailments, as outlined by the

American Disabilities Act. Animals which perform emotional support services are not allowed at the farmers market. Bringing Fido to the farmers market can jeopardize the market’s health permit; in other words, no health permit, no farmers market! Please leave your dogs at home, or tie them up outside the clearly marked boundaries.

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Supervisor Headlines Our Meeting, But Criminal Steals the Show

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman was the featured speaker at our June General Meeting. We also received updates from the new head of the California Pacific Medical Center Davies Campus and the SFMTA team seeking community input on J-Church transit line improvements.

Historic District. DTNA Land Use Committee Chair, David Troup discussed the Duboce Triangle Historic District and DTNA's efforts to complete that project. See article for details in this newsletter. David discussed DTNA's strong support of new housing projects and creation of more affordable housing in the neighborhood, but also discussed the importance of preserving the significant historic neighborhood resources.

CPMC. Tami Chin, the new director of the CPMC Davies

Campus, introduced herself to the community. In 2016 she became the director of new hospital operations and had been site administrator of the Davies campus for less than a month when she spoke to us. She conveyed her commitment to working with the neighborhood and said she has walked the entire campus several times to address beautification and security for patients, neighbors, and staff. David thanked Tami for the use of the hospital's facilities for DTNA's meetings.

Supervisor's Update. Supervisor Mandelman discussed the projects his office is addressing. Community questions and the Supervisor's comments centered largely on street crime and encampment issues. He discussed a proposed new state law, SB 1045, which would create new conservatorship process to get

help for the people living on our streets who have repeated encounters with law enforcement. "Every day when you go out in the neighborhood there are people who are seriously disordered – due to drugs or mental health," he said. State Senator Scott Weiner has proposed changes to the law so that for those involuntarily detained eight or more times, the law would provide tools to get them help through conservatorship.

The Supervisor introduced Jessica Closson the new Public Safety Liaison who will work with our neighborhood from SFPD's Mission Street Station. Among other things, she will interface with the community to help to address persistent quality of life issues. Supervisor Mandelman noted she would work with DTNA on obtaining long sought crime statistics. Supervisor Mandelman encouraged neighbors to contact his office or Jessica with concerns.

The meeting discussion quickly centered on one serial criminal frequently spotted on Eureka Valley and Duboce Triangle neighborhood streets, who has been repeatedly caught trying to break into homes, vehicles and even assaulting neighbors. The audience voiced increasing alarm after one neighbor started the conversation and more and more neighbors chimed in with their own assaults and burglaries and realized these were all perpetrated by the same criminal. Neighbors expressed frustration that the criminal (who is known to authorities) has been captured on video surveillance, caught in criminal conduct by witnesses and repeatedly arrested, only to be released back on our streets.

Postscript: Two days later, DTNA members learned at our fundraising event that this sus-

pect had been apprehended in the act of attempting to break into yet another home on Beaver Street. Alert and fast-acting neighbors spotted the crime in progress and called police, who arrested the suspect. By Sunday evening of that week, however, he had already been released and was spotted again on Market Street.

As discussed during the meeting, neighbors are urged to report all crime and to be willing to file complaints in order to stop repeat criminals.

SFMTA Update. SFMTA's team reported that they are discussing potential near-term improvements to the J Church transit line with community groups. They indicated that while 75% of trains do arrive within a few minutes of schedule, about a quarter are more delayed. Their objective is to reduce the sources of delay, especially the slow travel on surface routes. This includes re-evaluating stops that are very close together or delays caused by trains stopping at both sides of intersections. Members of the audience made suggestions and asked about having the same discussion about the N Judah line. Audience members highlighted their frustration with the communication of transit delays. SFMTA handed out a survey about the J line.

Reminder: Our August 12th General Meeting will also be held in the California Pacific Medical Center at Duboce and Castro Streets at 7 p.m. To get to the Conference Center – enter the CPMC through the South Tower, turn right and take elevators down to B floor, turn left and the Conference Center will be through double doors at the first hallway to left.

TLC for San Francisco's Street Trees

San Francisco's street trees have been through hard times. Over the last decade, ongoing City budget cuts reduced the size of Public Works' arborist crews, which forced them to spend most of their time responding to emergencies rather than on routine tree maintenance. The City then shifted the responsibility for thousands of street trees to property owners as a last-resort attempt to give the trees a fighting chance. Some property owners took good care of their trees; others did not.

As a result, the health of San Francisco's urban forest began to decline. This fragmented and confusing street tree maintenance structure needed to be fixed if we wanted to save and grow our urban forest. DTNA was long an advocate for eliminating owner responsibility for street trees, and for making City government take ownership of this basic city function of maintaining our street tree canopy.

Through the leadership of former District 8 Supervisor and now State Senator Scott Wiener, in 2016 a proposal, Proposition E, was put before San Francisco voters to set aside \$19 million a year from the City's General Fund to pay for tree maintenance and sidewalk repairs to fix damage caused by trees. Voters gave overwhelming support, with 79 percent in favor, and StreetTreeSF was born.

The program, which took effect on July 1, 2017, gave the Department of Public Works (DPW) full responsibility for maintaining San Francisco's 124,000-plus street trees and repairing tree-related sidewalk

damage. That one ballot measure nearly quadrupled Public Works' tree maintenance and sidewalk repair budget.

Now, two years into the program, more than 36,000 trees, or roughly 29 percent of the population, have been pruned; some 4,000 dead, diseased and dangerous trees have been removed, including many ficus trees that posed dangers to people and property; and more than 380,000 square feet of hazardous sidewalk has been removed and replaced or abated by fixing the existing sidewalk. As StreetTreeSF continues to roll out, "When will my tree be pruned?" is a frequently asked question.

Pruning, removal and sidewalk work is informed by a comprehensive street tree census that provides details on every tree, such as the location, species, and condition.

With that information, San Francisco's Department of Public Works was able to prioritize the "worst first" and create a pruning and sidewalk repair schedule, which is organized by City blocks and not individual trees. DPW believes that this is the most efficient and cost-effective system that minimizes disruptions to a neighborhood while making sure that the trees get the care and attention they need.

And for those in San Francisco who want to continue to care for their street trees and not take advantage of the City's free program, they are welcome to, as long as they say so in writing and commit to following City pruning standards.

As StreetTreeSF implementation moves forward, necessary tree removals are happening throughout the City. While there is a need to replant trees that are removed, the General Fund set-aside approved by San Francisco voters only can be used for maintenance. Not only do the removed trees need to replace the trees San Francisco has lost to storms or have been forced to remove due to poor condition, the City also desires to grow the urban canopy.

But adding more trees to our cityscape takes money. Planting a typical street tree costs around \$500. The three-year establishment period, when regular watering is required to keep it healthy and strong, can add another \$1,500 to the cost.

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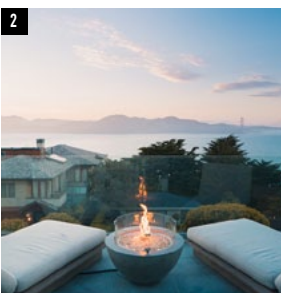
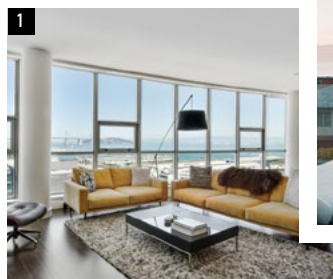
Urban Forestry and the non-profit organization, Friends of the Urban Forest, are researching options and talking to residents, property owners, elected officials and others about potential funding paths. District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman also has taken an interest in this topic.

For more information about StreetTreeSF and to find out when a tree crew will be in your neighborhood, visit us online at <https://www.sfpublishworks.org/streettreesf>.

The San Francisco Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry will be joining the association meeting on Monday, August 12, 2019 to present on StreetTreeSF and answer questions about the program. See you there!



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