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Community Policing

Since the Duboce Triangle neighborhood has just witnessed the appointments of a new commander to each of our two district police stations, it seems an opportune time to call attention to the basic tactical and strategic changes which were adopted by the city's police department during the past decade. These fundamental changes are collectively referred to as "community policing" and they have transformed the way police fight crime in San Francisco.

Community policing is a philosophy, management style and organizational strategy that promotes pro-active problem solving and police-community partnership to address the causes of crime, fear of crime, social and physical disorder as well other community issues. At the core of this methodology is the realization that today's overwhelming and complex problems cannot be addressed unless and until the total community, the police, other institutions of government, the private sector and the community at large, works cooperatively to solve problems. Essentially, it requires that the police and the community "connect the dots" and look at suspect, victim and loca-

tion as opposed to considering each crime as if it is an isolated incident. The old "you call, we run" approach had kept police officers in radio cars and tethered them to

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The Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association is a volunteer, non-profit organization. It is through the combined efforts of Triangle residents that this neighborhood continues to be a great place to live. Get involved, come to a meeting, clean up your street and join as a DTNA member!

**NEXT GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE DTNA**

Monday, May 8, 2000
7:00 to 8:45 pm

California Pacific Medical Center
Davies Campus
Level B Auditorium

AGENDA

Police and the Community

Presentation by Captain James Dudley
New Captain, Park District Station

Coalition on Homelessness

Presentation by Paul Boden,
Director, Coalition on Homeless

Neighborhood News

Pottery Barn

One Church

4038-17th Street

There will be a door prize
contributed by Rosie Fillen,
Duboce Triangle resident and
pastry chef extraordinaire

At Our Last Meeting

A representative from "Friends of the Urban Forest" (FUB) attended our meeting to advise that San Francisco's public funding of FUB will expire in July. Approximately 50% of FUB's funding is provided by the City. Currently, Mayor Brown and the City do not plan to renew the funding. FUB has been very important to our neighborhood, as well as neighborhoods throughout the City. This funding is greatly needed for continued planting and caring of San Francisco's urban forest. At our meeting, DTNA unanimously voted to support FUB's attempts for renewed funding.

Betsey Thagard, Executive Director of "Walk San Francisco" gave a presentation on her organization. Walk SF is a new group formed to promote walking as a safe and sustainable form of transportation that increases our city's livability, enhances public life, and improves public and environmental health. Betsey advised regarding her group's current efforts to promote a citywide traffic calming program. Of note, the Duboce Triangle is the only neighborhood in San Francisco with traffic calming measures in place. Betsey also discussed efforts to convince people not to park on sidewalks. For more information, Walk SF can be reached at www.walksf.org.

Next, Michael Smithwick from "Safe Passage" advised regarding his group's efforts to make the Alamo Square and Haight/Divisadero areas more pedestrian friendly and safe. Currently, the Oak and Fell Street vehicular corridors create a

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What's New: Duboce Park Update

Friends of Duboce Park's big news is that in March, we received a \$10,000 check from the Herbst Foundation for new play equipment. That check put us over the top (we've raised \$150,000 in total) and we're ready to roll on a new playground! The restroom building will be demolished in April. Site preparation and construction will begin in July. Friends of Duboce Park will dedicate the new playground at our Centennial celebration on September 9th.

Now, we want to say thank you to the members of DTNA. Friends of Duboce Park received so many generous contributions in response to the article a few months ago. In total, DTNA members contributed more than two thousand dollars to our effort. Your contributions made a big difference.

We will have one more fundraising effort for the playground in late Spring. To give the new playground local color, Friends of Duboce Park will create personalized tiles to line the new retaining wall on the west and north borders of the playground. To fund the effort, we will sell the tiles, at a very reasonable price of course. The visual theme will be hand prints and paw prints. Please consider immortalizing yourself in tile. More details to come in late May.

You may have also seen a lot of construction in the park lately. Those are Rec. & Park crews working on our new irrigation system. Last year, Duboce Park was a recipient of a Mayor's Park Renaissance Action Grant. The grant funded replacement of the park's decrepit irrigation system. Work began in the fall of 1999, but stalled during the winter rains. With the return of good weather, work has

resumed. Rec. & Park tells us that the job will be finished in late June 2000.

What's Next

Duboce Park is truly the cross-roads to our community. Since it serves so many people in so many ways, the park makes a unique contribution to the vitality of our neighborhood. The park is right in the middle of our lives. Success with the playground has energized us. Now we're ready to tackle some new projects that will enhance the park in new and creative ways and help bring our community closer together.

First, thanks to a generous gift from the Studley Foundation, we are buying a com-

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La Mediterranee

May it be sweet.
Anoush Ella!

Cafe - Restaurant - Catering

288 Noe St. at Market
431-7210

The Call List

AIDS Hotline	863-AIDS
AIDS/HIV Nightline	434-AIDS
Animal Control	554-6364
Bike Commute Hotline	585-BIKE
Board of Supervisors	554-5184
Breast Cancer Action	243-9301
Cars - Abandoned	553-9817
Cars - Blocking Sidewalk	553-1200
Cars - Parking Citations	553-9888
Cars - Permit Parking	503-2020
City Trees	695-2162
Community Boards	863-6100
DPW	544-6219
DTNA Business Office	431-5317
Earthquake Preparedness	202-0600
Friends of Urban Forest	543-5000
Gas /Electric Emergency	974-1555
Graffiti Removal	241-WASH
Illegal Dumping	641-2300
Main Library	557-4400
Mayor's Office	554-6141
Mission Police Station	558-5400
MUNI Complaints	923-6164
Noise Abatement	554-5815
Northern Police Station	553-1563
Park Police Station	242-3000
Parks and Recreation	831-2700
Police Non-emergency	553-0123
Recycling Center	554-6193
Senior Transportation	695-5170
Street Cleaning	695-2017
Street Light Repair	554-0729
Street Sign Repair	554-9780
Suicide Prevention	781-0500
Water Department	550-4911

New Police Captains Assume Command

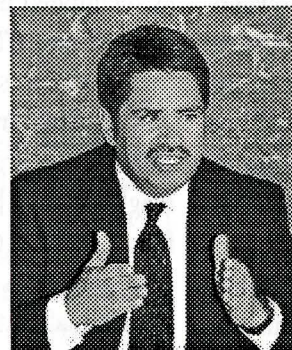
Both Park District as well as Northern District Stations have new commanding officers.

Captain Alex Fagan has been assigned responsibility for the Northern District which was headed by Captain Walter Cullop for the past three years. Previously, Captain Fagan was the Chief Financial Officer for the Police Department's \$254 million budget. With 110 officers, Northern District is the second largest police precinct in the City and covers an area from Marina Boulevard to Market Street and Larkin to

Steiner Streets. The station is located at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

Captain James Dudley has taken over command of the Park District Station from Captain John Newlin. In fact, Captains Dudley and Newlin had traded responsibilities with Dudley vacating his position at the Police Department's

Juvenile Justice Division as Newlin takes over the job. Located at Kezar Drive and Waller Street, Park District Station covers areas west of Steiner Street that include parts of Duboce Triangle, the Haight, Western Addition, Inner Sunset and Twin Peaks.



Captain James Dudley of Park Police Station

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police radios. This reactive, incident driven style is now being supplanted by community policing with its emphasis on citizen involvement, problem solving and achieving lasting results.

Clearly, the statistics of reported crimes in the Northern District and Park District Stations have fallen as they have throughout the rest of the city. Is this a result of the effectiveness of community policing or the mood-altering buoyancy of the strong city, state and national economy? Analyst and academicians can not agree on the reasons behind the decline. What do you think and how do you would you evaluate the performance of community

policing? What steps do you want the police department to adopt which you believe will reduce crime in the Duboce Triangle neighborhood even more.

It is important for everyone to attend the next DTNA meeting and hear James Dudley, the new captain of the Park Station, describe how he intends to make his command an effective community policing force. Equally, it is critical that the commander hear what residents of the Triangle feel the police should do to address the specific crimes of our neighborhood.

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Update on One Church Street: The Bridge Housing Development

The Bridge Housing development at One Church Street is progressing and major changes are about to occur in the neighborhood!

Currently Bridge Housing does not own the property (as the current owners have not yet sold the land). Regardless, Bridge under agreement with the current owners will start the destruction of the building as early as late May 2000. This phase of the project will include destruction of the existing building and excavation of part of the basement. This phase is expected to take three months. During this time there will be a fence around the property, and some street parking will be eliminated. Some neighbors have expressed concern that potential asbestos in the surrounding rock could pose a health threat. Studies of the existing rock do not show that asbestos levels are high enough to pose a risk and no special precautions are necessary. The construction phase of the project will start in August with the foundation and above ground construction could start as early as October 2000.

Bridge Housing and Mint Hill Neighborhood Preservationist Michael Blackford have agreed to document the building by photograph as part of an Historical American Building Survey.

Bridge/DTNA Win Grant

As mentioned in past newsletters, Bridge Housing and DTNA have worked together to submit a streetscape grant to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). We are happy to report that the neighborhood has won a Transportation for Livable Communities Grant of \$360,000 (the grant was recommended by MTC staff but still needs to be approved by the Board).

The project will consist of trees and "period lighting" on both sides of Church Street between Herman and Duboce. On the Bridge Housing side of the street a colored street scape will lead neighbors from to the newly redesigned MUNI transit area at Duboce and Church. Tree grates will be designed showing the history of the Duboce Triangle/Mint Hill neighborhood. We are now seeking artists interested in designing the grates. We need local artists able to submit conceptual designs as well as artists able to produce the metal tree grates. A small stipend will be available for the project.

If you would like more information about the One Church development or the Transportation for Livable Communities Grant, please call David Paisley at 415/621-1819.

Treasurer's Report

Included below is a profit/loss summary for the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association for 1999. Last year reflects a net loss primarily due to increased funding for neighborhood projects, such as generous donations to Friends of Duboce Park and the funding of neighborhood trees with the Friends of the Urban Forest.

A big "thank you" to the many members who remit dues above the suggested regular annual membership rate of \$15. We've had many members renew at the Patron level of \$25 and Benefactor level of \$50 and a few grand souls have come through at the Angel level \$100 membership (we're still waiting for our first \$500 donations in the Leader category).

All in all DTNA remains in very good financial shape - currently with assets at \$6,000, a tribute to your neighbor's confidence in DTNA's efforts to effect improvements and create and maintain a beautiful, friendly community.

Income

Donations	\$9.50
Tree Grant	\$250.00
Dues	\$2,595.00
Interest	\$49.00
Newsletter Ads	\$992.50
Total Income	\$3,896.00

Expenses

Newsletter	\$1,943.21
Postage	\$432.14
Telephone	\$346.89
Supplies/Other	\$237.38
Projects	\$1,889.91
1 Church St.-	\$200.00
Duboce Park -	\$1000.00
New Trees -	\$664.91
Other -	\$25.00
Total Expenses	\$4,849.53
1999 Net Loss	\$953.53

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