

Bigbelly's are in Japantown! Smart Waste Management

On Tuesday, August 27th, Japantown held a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil the new Bigbelly trash cans. Director of the Office of Economic Workforce Development, Joaquin Torres; Acting Mayor and District 5 Supervisor, Vallie Brown; Executive Director of the JCBD, Grace Horikiri and President of the Japantown Merchants Association, Richard Hashimoto addressed the crowd of City departments, representative from Bigbelly and the Japantown community.

Huge appreciation to the OEWD for coordinating this event which appeared on local tv stations.

If you'd like to learn more about the Bigbelly's, please visit our website!

"We all want to feel proud of and enjoy our neighborhoods, and a big part of that is clean streets and sidewalks. That's why neighborhood cleanliness will always be a priority for me and why I am so happy to support Japantown in rolling out these new state-of-the-art Bigbelly trash cans."

– District 5 Supervisor, Vallie Brown



UPCOMING

Oct. 19 - Aki Matsuri, Peace Plaza

Oct. 19 - JAACL Kenko no Hi (Health Day), Christ United Presbyterian Church

Oct. 19 - Kimochi Issho-Ni Event, Pa'Ina Restaurant & Lounge

Oct. 25 - Japantown Halloween Carnival, JCCCNC

Oct. 26 - Japantown Community Clean Up Day

NOV 13 **Japantown Community Benefit District, Inc. Board Meeting**
WEDNESDAY

JACL SF Headquarters
1765 Sutter Street, S.F., CA
(Board meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.)



Each Bigbelly communicates real-time status directly into CLEAN Management Console. When full, Recology is alerted.



Japantown SafeCity Program Update

Phase 4 of the Japantown SafeCity Program has been moving forward with the completion of camera installation at 1600 Post. Cameras at this location will provide SFPD with views on Laguna and especially the intersection of Post & Laguna. More updates to come!

Meet our new staff



Operations Manager, Brandon Quan and Administrative Assistant / Community Aide, Melissa Ayumi Bailey. With strong roots in Japantown, Both are a great addition to the JCBD family!

Geary Rapid Project: What to Expect During Construction: Fillmore/Japantown

The Geary Rapid Project aims to improve pedestrian safety and transit reliability along Geary and parts of O'Farrell from Stryan to Market streets. Work west of Van Ness Avenue is being managed by San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and San Francisco Public Works. This work is expected to be completed in mid-2021 and includes:

- Utility work – replacing aging sewer and water mains, and installing underground conduits for fiber optic cables from Masonic to Van Ness.
- Pedestrian bulbs – sidewalk extensions that make crossing distances shorter at intersection corners installed at Steiner, Webster, Buchanan, Laguna & Gough
- Bus bulbs installed at Fillmore (IB/OB), Laguna (IB/OB) & Gough (OB)
- Traffic signal upgrades, including new pedestrian countdown signals
- Steiner pedestrian bridge removed
- New crosswalks and larger medians at Steiner, Webster & Buchanan
- Traffic lane reconfiguration to two lanes + one bus-only lane in each direction
- Roadway repaving from Masonic to Van Ness

Steiner bridge removal is anticipated in early 2020. The intersection at Geary Boulevard and Steiner Street will be closed to vehicle traffic over a single weekend. Vehicles and Geary 38/38R buses will be rerouted and some bus stops will be temporarily relocated. Parking will be temporarily restricted to accommodate the reroutes. Pedestrian detours will be provided.

Sidewalk extension work ("bulbs"), new crosswalks and traffic signal work will begin in 2020 and is expected to take about one month per intersection. Access to businesses will be maintained throughout, and there will be pedestrian detours.

Roadway repaving will follow after all other work is completed and is expected to take a few days per block.

Visit [sfmta.com/Geary](https://www.sfmta.com/Geary)



Mosquito Fleets No Longer Picking Up Cardboard!

Due to a dramatic downturn in the recyclable cardboard market, the independent recycling haulers known as the **“Mosquito fleet”** will **no longer pick up cardboard**. Because of this, business owners can no longer leave cardboard out on the sidewalk or by their doorway. Leaving cardboard out on the sidewalk is considered illegal dumping, and subject to a fine. Business owners are required to have a Recology account sufficient for the refuse generated by the business, and all refuse must fit in your Recology blue bin. **Cardboard can only be set out for collection on your service day(s), after 6pm.** Businesses that close before 6pm may place their bins on the sidewalk at the time their business closes.

All refuse and cardboard must fit in your closed bin. Cardboard that does not fit into your bin may be tied up with string or placed in boxes and left beside your bin (cannot exceed 2 feet in any dimension). Recology will collect the extra cardboard and charge your account up to \$15.37 per bundle. Business owners may contact Recology at 415-330-1300 to make any changes to their service. Leaving material on the sidewalk without a collection service is considered illegal dumping and subject to a fine. For more information, visit www.RecologySF.com or <https://sfpublicworks.org/services/garbage-waste>.

DO'S AND DON'TS



✘ Cardboard should NOT be left out on non garbage pick up days



✔ Cardboard is cut to size and placed inside recycle bin!

Cleaning Highlights for August & September



Community Ambassadors

Our Community Ambassadors not only keep our streets clean, but also provide hospitality service.

They direct visitors, check in on businesses and from time to time make sure that our seniors and those that are visually impaired get safely to their destination in Japantown.

Please do call them at 415-680-7171 if you need assistance. They are here for you!

To request service, call or text the JapantownSF Clean Team Hotline: **(415) 680-7171**

Please note that the ambassadors cannot arrest anyone

Save the Date!

Fix-It Japantown Community Cleanup

Saturday, Oct 26th, 9:00am-12pm
Meet at the Peace Plaza (Post & Buchanan)

Join the Japantown CBD, Mayor's Fix-It Team and Public Works for a morning of picking up litter and cleaning with your Japantown neighbors!

All are welcome to join this cleanup starting at 9:00am. We will be focusing on cleaning and greening Japantown. Public Works will provide cleaning and safety materials. Please RSVP by October 22 to info@jtowncbd.org!

Now Open in Jtown!

Nari: the latest restaurant project by renowned Chef Pim Techamuanvivit. Nari pays homage to generations of females who inspired Chef's love, appreciation, and mastery of her native cuisine.



Photo credit: Anson Smart

Oji restaurant offers contemporary California Washoku style cuisine in a fine dining setting, as well as a carefully curated wine and sake pairing.



Who to Call for Assistance flyer available soon!

Who to Call for Assistance

San Franciscans regularly ask how they can help and who they should call when they witness a crime, are concerned about a person experiencing homelessness or an encampment in the community. There are some circumstances where it is most appropriate to call 9-1-1, the Police Non-Emergency Number, or 31-1. Below are some common reasons why someone may call for assistance and who they should call.

Emergency Call 9-1-1 (Immediate response needed)	Police Non-Emergency Call 415-553-0123 (May incur time delay in response)	Non-Emergency Call 31-1 or Use 311 App (Immediate response not required)
Police, Fire, & Medical Emergency	Trespassing and blocking entrance - person is responsive and not acting threatening (MPC25 No Trespassing Sign)	Get information about services in San Francisco Connect with City Departments
Witness shoplifting crime in progress	Well-being check for someone who is not in distress	Request street or sidewalk cleaning, including human, animal and hazardous waste
Reporting an auto burglary after suspect has left	Noise complaints	Report debris and abandoned shopping carts
Person is acting violent or threatening to you, themselves or others.	Aggressive Solicitation Within 20 ft. ATM Bank, Towards Motorists	Report an encampment
Person is unresponsive and may need medical attention.	Shoplifting After crime has occurred (May be directed to 311)	St-Lie Ordinance Civil Side Walks - 7am - 11pm
Trespassing and blocking entrance - person is unresponsive or is acting threatening (MPC25 No Trespassing Sign)	Property Crime Video evidence and suspect has fled the scene	Homeless person in need of service
Well being check for a person who appears to be in distress		Abandoned vehicles, blocked driveway & illegal parking
Personal safety threatened		Curb & Sidewalk issues

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The new version of the Who to Call for Assistance flyer is being updated and will be available soon.

The JCBD has been working with SFPD and the SF Council of District Merchants to create this updated information flyer.

It will also be available in Japanese & Korean.



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www.jtowncbd.org