

**Japantown SafeCity Program  
2nd Phase Completed and Moving on to Phase 3!**

The AVS team has been making steady progress per the JCBD Implementation Plan.

Here's a status update consisting of completion of Phase 2, planning for Phase 3 and other program updates.

1. AMC Kabuki Theater and Kimpton Buchanan Hotel installations completed. A total of 23 Camera views have been added to the network for a total of 46.
2. Video Control Center has been set up at the JCBD office. JCBD staff underwent training for retrieval process. Orientation for SFPD Northern Station and SIT team to get acquainted with the camera program and the process will be scheduled.
3. Network footage has been used by SFPD in their investigation.
4. Phase 3 consists of Kinokuniya Building and Japan Center Mall East and West. Completion of Phase 3 will constitute approximately 75% coverage of the JCBD proper area.



**UPCOMING**

**April 13 & 14, 20 & 21, 2019**  
52nd Annual No. CA Cherry Blossom Festival

**April 25, 2019**  
Community Meeting with  
Recology & DPW, Union Bank  
Community Room

**May 4, 2019**  
Kodomo No Hi (Children's Day)  
Japan Center Malls East &  
West, Peace Plaza

**May 18, 2019**  
Colma Japanese Cemetery  
Clean-Up Day

**MAY 8** **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.)



Japantown merchants took the **Open to All** pledge to oppose discrimination and declare that they are Open to All regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, religion or disability.



## One more sponsorship space available!

One more Japantown's Bigbelly trash cans sponsorship spot is available. Huge appreciation to the Nihonmachi Street Fair, Japantown Merchants Association for their sponsorship support. Third sponsor is waiting confirmation. Four Bigbelly trash cans will be located at select areas.

If your business would like to sponsor a Bigbelly trash can, please contact Grace Horikiri ([grace@jtowncbd.org](mailto:grace@jtowncbd.org)).

Your company logo/message will appear on the receptacles for one full year and is a great way to promote and support Japantown at the same time.



**JapantownSF**

Taste & Experience the Culture of Japan

## Coming Soon! New Street Lamp Banners

As part of the marketing plan initiatives, JCBD is working with local artist to create a series of new street lamp banners that will showcase 3 community artists: Brandt Fuse of Sumofish Design, Brenden Oshima of Oshima Design and Tomoko Maruyama.

All 3 artists are no stranger to Japantown. You've seen their work at the Cherry Blossom Festival, Nihonmachi Street Fair and at various storefronts.

Each artist will create 5 -6 unique designs that reflects JapantownSF's tagline "Taste & Experience Japanese Culture."

We hope these new banners will capture visitors as well as locals attention, create a buzz and lead them to Jtown!

Stay up-to-date with the what the Japantown Community Benefit District has been doing. Visit our website and make sure you join our mailing list to stay connected.



## Peace Plaza Vision Plan - Community Meeting 3

Community meeting 3 on March 19th was a great success! The presentation from community meeting 3 is on SF Rec & Park website, as well as the survey <https://sfrecpark.org/project/japantown-peace-plaza-vision-plan/>



# Community Meeting FOR JAPANTOWN BUSINESSES

WITH



**Thursday, April 25 • 4:00 - 5:00pm**

Union Bank Community Room • Japan Center East Mall

**Speakers:**

**Recology**

Marcus Mirt, *District Manager*  
Hilary Ego, *Waste Zero Specialist*  
Noelle Duong, *Government & Community Relations Manager*

**San Francisco Public Works**

Traci Lawrence, *Public Information Officer*

An opportunity for our Japantown business community to meet representatives from Recology & SF Public Works.

Topics include:

- Recology commercial services
- Proper ways to store your toters (bins)
- Sorting trash, including cardboards
- Utilizing 311

## Please Help STOP Illegal Dumping in our neighborhood

Community Ambassadors have been noticing an increase of illegal dumping in Japantown. Please do your part to keep our streets clean!



Download the **311 mobile app** on your smart phone to report and document problems.

## Cleaning Highlights for February & March



Welcome to Our New Community Ambassador, Willie!

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

\*Please note that the ambassadors cannot arrest anyone\*



## Making Connections and Engaging the Community



### Community Meeting with SFPD No. Station

- On January 29th, Capt. Joseph Engler and staff met with the community to address crime and homeless issues in Japantown. We hope to continue engaging our community so that we can keep Japantown Safe!

**SF Public Works** replanted the two missing cherry blossoms tree in the Buchanan Mall just in time for the 52nd Annual No. CA Cherry Blossom Festival that will take place on the weekend of 4/12 & 13, 20 & 21.



### Japantown SafeCity Program -

Key property owner representatives Daniel Byron and Mark Lane of 3D Investments (**Japan Center Malls East & West**), Kyohei Jinno and Eiji Matsuoka of **Kinokuniya Bookstores** get a first hand look at the detailed camera coverage.



**Accessible Business Entrance Program:** CASp(certified access specialist) Inspector, Steven Schraibman of Arcor-Inc. with **Benkyodo's** Bobby Okamura and JCBD staff, Nikki Yoshikawa.



**Kyra Worthy of SF Safe** met with JCBD staff at **Takara Restaurant** to discuss ways to build a safer neighborhood through crime prevention, education, and public safety services. Kyra works closely with SFPD and has been part of the SafeCity Camera Program.



JCBD is now part of the **SFMTA Small Business Working Group** which consists of members representing all 11 supervisor districts. We meet several times a year to update business leaders on key transportation projects and provide input.

**We'd like to hear from you!**

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