

Look Up! Have you seen the new JapantownSF Street Lamp Banners?

Next time you're taking a stroll in Japantown make sure to look up and see the new street banners that line the neighborhood. The colorful banners were designed by three artists who have local roots in Japantown or have made Japantown their home away from home. Each of the banners take a fun, colorful and creative look into Japanese / Japanese American culture that you can find within the borders of our neighborhood.

Brandt Fuse (Sumofish), Brenden Oshima (Ultimate Oshima), and Tomoko Maruyama (Colors of San Francisco), each created five unique designs that reflect our tagline: Taste and Experience the Culture of Japan.

On July 23rd the JCBD held a reception at Pa'ina Lounge & Restaurant to thank the artist for their work and commitment to keep Japantown thriving through their art. Among the guests were Legislative Aide to Supervisor Vallie Brown, Shakirah Smiley and Program Officer of the San Francisco Arts Commission, Robyn Takayama, as well as many family and friends of the artists.

These new designs will also be used to help promote Japantown in various marketing pieces.

UPCOMING

Aug. 25 - Origami-Palooza & The Great Paper Airplane Contest, Peace Plaza

Sept. 20-22 - COPANi 2019 - 20th Biennial Pan American Nikkei Convention

Sept. 21 - JCCCNC Tabemasho

Sept. 28 - 4th Annual Osaka Matsuri, Peace Plaza

Sept. 29 - Sumo Champions Exhibition, Peace Plaza

SEPT 11 **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 SafeCity Program Entering Final Phase

Phase 4 marks the final phase of the Japantown SafeCity Program within the CBD boundaries. With its completion, the total number of camera views in the Japantown network will be 125.

Since late December when the first cameras went live, we have been able to provide law enforcement with footage that has helped in making arrest and convictions.

Recently, a dog named Lily was stolen in front of Nijiya Supermarket. SFPD contacted the JCBD immediately and we were able to share with them footage of the dog nappers route. This story had a happy ending as Lily was reunited with her owner the very next day.

The SafeCity Program has enabled Japantown to have better communication not only with SFPD Northern Station but within our community. Working together to keep Japantown safe.

As we move forward, we will be looking at how to expand the SafeCity Program beyond the CBD boundaries. Surrounding properties, including condominiums and apartment units have also shown interest and have begun requesting information.

If you'd like more information about the Japantown SafeCity Camera Program, please email us at info@jtowncbd.org.

New Businesses in the Japan Center West Mall

Yama-chan serving Japanese okonomiyaki and takoyaki.



Photos courtesy of Yamachan

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Celebrating a Milestone Kinokuniya USA

In 1969, Kinokuniya opened its first overseas store in San Francisco's Japantown. This year they celebrate their 50th Anniversary in the United States.

Congratulations and thank you for your continued support of Japantown!

Kinokuniya USA
50th Anniversary reception at the Nikko Hotel. Pictured here (center) with Kinokuniya Japan, Chairman & CEO, Mr. Masashi Takai with Richard Hashimoto, Grace Horikiri, Steve and Etsie Nakajo



JCBD Representing Japantown at SF Safe's City-Wide Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) Symposium

The JCBD along with the Japantown Task Force are members of the SFPD Northern Stations CPAB. Members meet with Captain Joseph Engler once a month to discuss issues directly impacting our communities. The CPAB plays a vital role in keeping continuous communication with Northern Station and bringing to the table problem-solving efforts.

SF SAFE's Citywide CPAB Symposium was held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 atop the Salesforce East Tower in the scenic Ohana Room. The symposium brought together approximately 100 community members, SF Safe staff and San Francisco Police Department leadership, officers and City officials to exchange ideas and best practices surrounding a safer San Francisco.

Chief Scott reminded us that policing actually starts with the community. The Chief wrapped up his remarks with a call to action for the CPAB members: To identify and work together to find solutions to problems. "Let's fix the problems together."












Break Down Cardboard Boxes Before Recycling!

Cardboard boxes can overcrowd your recycling bin. Please flatten or breakdown/cut boxes into smaller sections. That saves space in your recycling bin for your other recyclables such as bottles, cans, and paper.

Please make sure cardboard is two feet or less in any dimension so it can fit inside your recycling bin. If it does not fit in the recycle bin, secure boxes by either placing them into a smaller two feet or less box or tie up and leave by your recycle bin.

Leaving loose cardboard is not good for the cleanliness of Japantown. Please do your part to keep Japantown clean!

Violators will be reported and sent a warning before a fine is issued.

DO'S AND DON'TS			 	
				
	<p>Boxes are loose, not cut to two feet size and unsecured</p>	<p>Boxes are left at City or privately owned trash bin</p>	<p>Although boxes are cut to size and placed inside 2' boxes, it should NOT be left out on non garbage pick up days</p>	<p>Cardboard is cut to size and placed inside recycle bin!</p>

Cleaning Highlights for June & July



Community Ambassadors FAQ:

How many days do they work?
7 days a week from 7:30am - 4pm

What are their duties?
Sidewalk sweeping, monitoring of public trash receptacles for overflow, trash removal, weeding of tree wells, reporting of illegal dumping and graffiti abatement.

Ambassadors provide hospitality services including checking in with businesses and monitoring the safety of Japantown,

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

Please note that the ambassadors cannot arrest anyone