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## TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Date: July 5, 2023

District: 4 - Oakland

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**Phone:** (510) 385-7068

## Eastbound Interstate 80- Bay Bridge San Francisco Yerba Buena Island Exit Closed Overnights Monday, July 10 through Thursday, July 13 11:00 PM until 5:00 AM

Roadway safety improvements

Overnight Detours in Effect. Expect Extra Travel Time

**SAN FRANCISCO -** Caltrans has scheduled four consecutive overnight ramp closures on the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) on the Eastbound I-80 Yerba Island off ramp/exit for safety improvements on Monday, July 10 through Thursday July 13 from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

The lower deck Eastbound I-80 Yerba Buena Island off ramp/exit will be closed overnight with the following detour:

- Continue on EB 80 towards Oakland and merge to the left lane after the cone pattern
- Prepare to take the left side off-ramp via the Bay Bridge toll plaza service road
- Turn left onto the toll plaza service road
- Follow the detour signs to re-enter onto WB 80
- Exit the Treasure/Yerba Buena Island off-ramp to return back onto Treasure Island

For Caltrans on Twitter, please visit: https://twitter.com/CaltransD4
For 24/7 traffic updates, please visit 511.org: https://twitter.com/511SFBay
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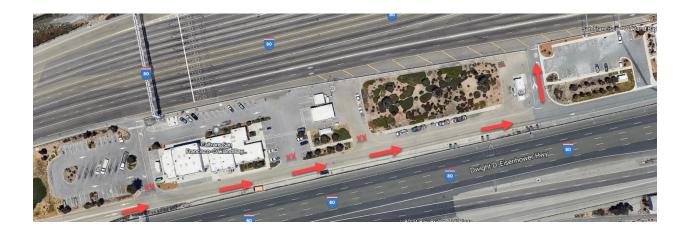




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Traffic will be detoured through the Toll Plaza area, as shown by the map below.











## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY**



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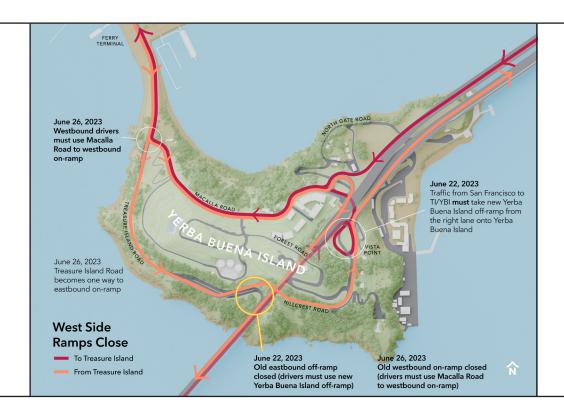
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Please refer to the map for additional information

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## **BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023**





## TREASURE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY

THE WESTBOUND ON-RAMP FROM TREASURE ISLAND ROAD ON YERBA BUENA ISLAND (YBI) AND TREASURE ISLAND (TI) TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA BAY BRIDGE TO CLOSE AT 7:00AM ON MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023, AS PART OF THE WEST SIDE BRIDGES RETROFIT PROJECT.

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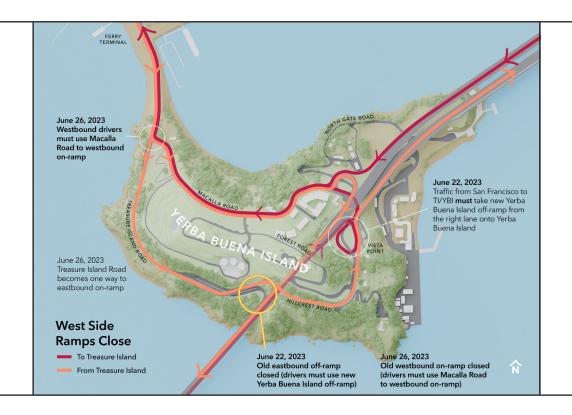
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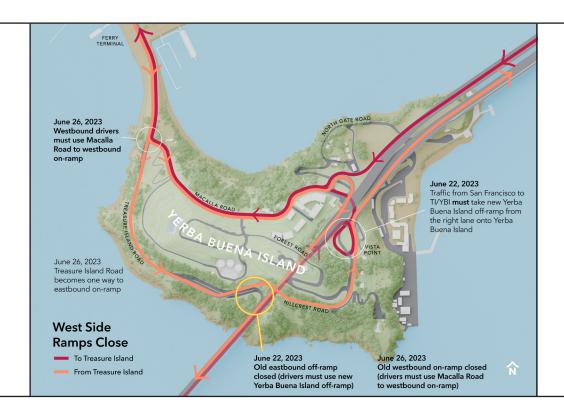
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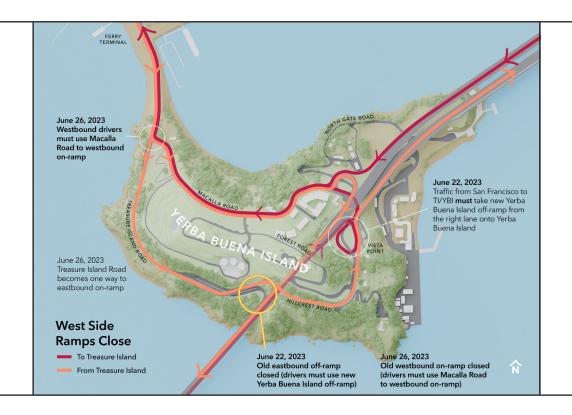
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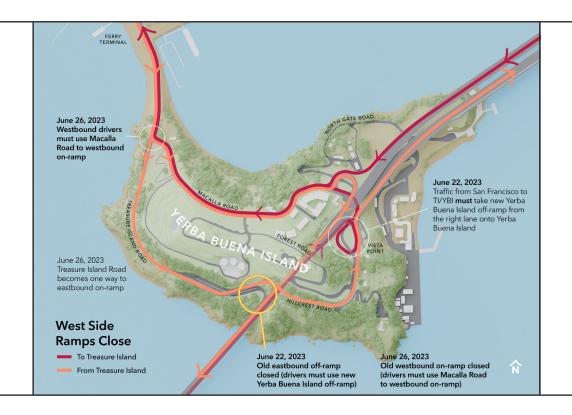
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- (B) YMCA
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Treecraft Distillery

TERMINAL

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June 16, 2023

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## Intro To Homeownership Workshop



Need to purchase a home in San Francisco but don't know where to begin? Please join us for the informative workshop presented by SFHDC

- Learn how to navigate the ins and outs of SF housing market
- How to apply for SF BMR housing
- How to shop for the best Mortgage Rate
- Learn the Pros & Cons of Homeownership

Location: Zoom Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82405143493?pwd=VTFhWVQvOHErUldER3VBZitTcDRYUT09

Meeting ID: 824 0514 3493

Passcode: 460063

Date: Wednesday, June 28th 2023

Time: 4 pm - 6pm

Workshop is in partnership with San Francisco Housing Development Corporation





Treasure Island Museum is proud to be a significant cultural, intellectual, and artistic hub on the revitalized island.

Our volunteer-based nonprofit organization's unique, ongoing service to the changing and expanding island community includes:

- a free public gallery that is the first stop for many new residents and tourists
- hosting concerts and education programs that bring musicians, artists, and writers to the island for community-building events
- maintaining archives of photographs, publications, and artifacts that document the island's history and chart its future



Treasure Island Museum One Avenue of the Palms San Francisco, CA 94130

treasureislandmuseum.org

become a member of the

## TREASURE ISLAND MUSEUM



## member benefits

The generosity of our members funds the work we do and, in turn, benefits the community we serve. Your participation will enable us to:

- create new exhibitions and display more artifacts from our collection
- preserve art, artifacts, and oral histories for generations to come
- expand our service to the community beyond the museum walls
- continue to offer free admission to our gallery and education programs

To show our appreciation, membersonly benefits are offered throughout the year, including behind-the-scenes tours, exhibition previews, advance notice of upcoming events, as well as complimentary tickets and preferred seating.





Brian Labrie illustration

## become a member today

Join online or download a form that can be mailed to the museum.

## TREASUREISLANDMUSEUM.ORG

Our website also has information about our Island Builder Circle for corporate partners, local businesses, and foundations, as well as the Zoe Dell Lantis Heritage Society for those who include the museum in their will or trust.

## our membership tiers

Museum Partner \$95 our basic membership level

Island Neighbor \$25

our basic membership discounted for island residents

Museum Scholar \$25

our basic membership discounted for students of any age

Pan Am Clipper Circle \$250

Tower of the Sun Circle \$500

Admiral Nimitz Circle \$1,000

Point of Infinity Circle \$2,500





**Treasure Island Museum** has entered a new chapter as the cultural, intellectual, and artistic hub on the revitalized island.

And we want to do more, so we have launched a membership program.

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- play a significant role charting the island's future

## The launch of our membership program includes these two special offers:

Join at any member level before December 31 and you will be acknowledged as a **Charter Member** on our website and whenever lists of members are published in the future.

As a means of building community, we have waived the membership fee for our Treasure Island neighbors; if your home zip code is 94130, you can opt for a free membership until December 31.

There are two simple ways to become a member at a basic, discounted, or sustaining level:

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about the benefits of membership and to join online today.

<u>Click here</u> to download a form that you can mail to our office with your payment.

Thank you. We appreciate your support.

## Treasure Island

# COMMUNITY MEETING



e Treasure Island as we provide this of anity for information sharing and communication amongst the Treasure Island community about community engagement activities/events and the island development.

## Wed June 21 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Meetings will occur every other month on ZOOM.



No registration needed. Just scan this QR code to join the meeting.



https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81056789872

## Reunión de la Comunidad de Treasure Island



Por fal one Treasure Island mientras ofrecemos la oportuni de compartir información y comunicarnos entre la comunidad de Treasure Island acerca de actividades y eventos que relacionan a la comunidad y el desarrollo de la isla.

## miércoles 21 de Junio entre 6:00 pm y 7:30 pm

Las reuniones son mensuales vía zoom



No es necesario registrarse. Sólo escanee el código QR para unirse a la reunión



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# 金銀島社區會議





請加入 One Treasure Island 社區會議,我們在此提供機會分享資訊和互相溝通有關社區參與活動/ 事件,以及金銀島的發展。

6月21日,星期三・下午6時至7:30

會議每隔一個月用 Zoom 在網上舉行

無須登記。只掃瞄此 QR 二維碼即可加入會議





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## Want a job in construction?





CERTIFICATIONS
JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE
FINANCIAL SERVICES
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
TOOLS & BOOTS

Learn everything you need to get started in a new construction career in 8 short weeks!

The next cohort will begin on Aug 21 of 2023, which we are actively recruiting for now!



## Eligibility Requirements:

FULLY VACCINATED FOR COVID

18 years or older

DD-214 if a Veteran

GED or HS Diploma preferred

Must have verifiable SF address

Valid Photo ID/Driver's License preferred

Clean driving record preferred

Available to attend ALL scheduled

classes: Monday-Friday from 9:00am -5:00pm

## Certifications:

Hazwoper 40

CPR/First Aid

Confined Space

OSHA 10

Fall Protection

Silica HAZCOM

Rigging/Signaling
Hearing Conservation

Lockout/Tagout

Flagging & Traffic Control

Sexual Harassment Training

## We are now offering a \$50 weekly stipend to our Students!

Please contact (415) 426-6902 to express an intertest in participating.

Or register for an Orientation offered every Wednesday at: onetreasureisland.org

Treasure Island residents, women and formerly incarcerated individuals strongly encouraged to apply.











Together, we are making our community safer, more caring and a great place to live!



If you would like to receive a backpack, please contact your housing provider today!

Come enjoy food, fun, games and entertainment



























大家一起,我們使我們的社區更安全,更互相關懷,和成 為一個更好居住的地方!

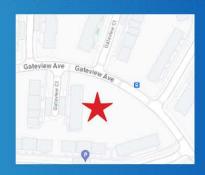
如你想收到一個背包,請今天聯絡你的房屋服務者!

請前來享用食物、樂趣、遊戲和娛樂節目



## 地點:

Gateview Ct. Gateview Ave



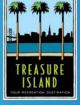




















Agosto 1, de 530 pm a 730 pm

¡Juntos hacemos que nuestra comunidad sea segura, más atenta y un grandioso lugar para vivir!



Si te gustaría recibir un bolsón con útiles escolares ¡favor de contactar a su proveedor de vivienda hoy!

Lugar

Ven y disfruta de comida, Gateview Ct. y Gateview Ave

diversión, juegos y entretenimiento

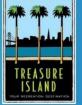




















# Important Announcement!



## TUESJULY 4

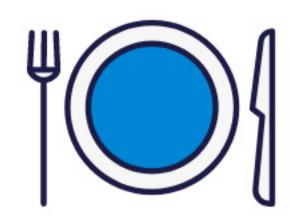
One Treasure Island will be giving out hot dogs and buns on Tues June 27 in celebration of the holiday.

If you need assistance with food or any other basic needs, please call the

## RESIDENT SUPPORT LINE:

415-800-5937









# iAnuncio Importante!

La Despensa de Comida estará CERRADA el

## MARTES 4 DE JULIO

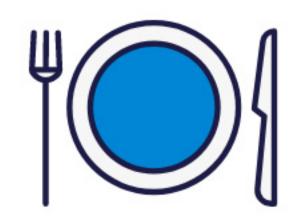
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Si necesita ayuda con comida o cualquier otra necesidad básica por favor llame a

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# 重要宣佈

食物站將於

7月4日星期二休息

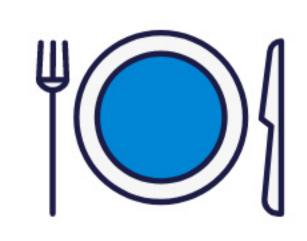
One Treasure Island 將在 6 月 27 日星期二派發熱狗和麵包慶祝假日

如你需要食物援助或任何其他需要援助,請致電

## 居民支援專線:

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## OPEN ENROLLMENT

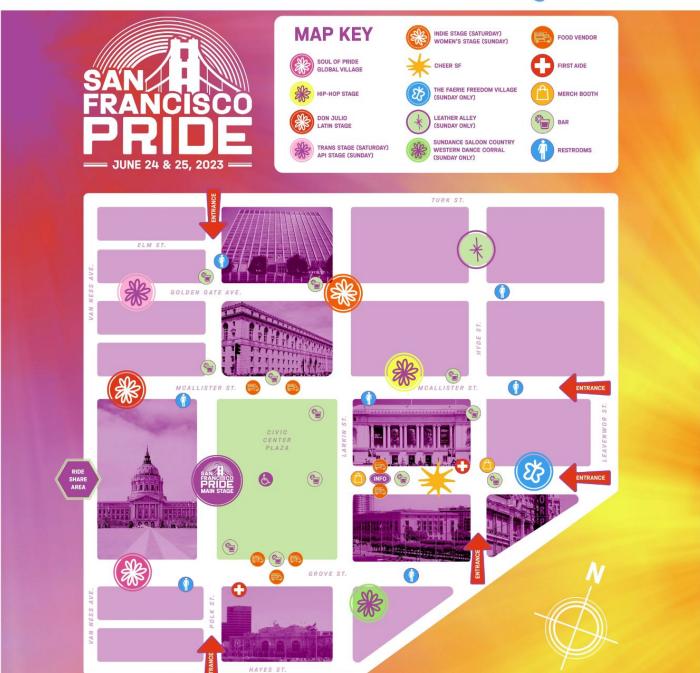
TODDLERS - AGES 2 TO 2.5 PRESCHOOL - AGES 3 - 5

FAMILIES <u>MUST</u> REGISTER FOR THE EARLY LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP IF REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Children's Council 415-276-2900

WuYee Children's Services 844-644-4300





## Greetings!

We have a few announcements and some inspiring updates to share!



## **CELEBRATION**

OCTOBER 19, 2023 • 5:30-8:00PM

## One Treasure Island's Annual Gala at Skyline Event Venue on Treasure Island with magnificent City & Bay views

Please join us in celebrating our efforts to bring people of all backgrounds together to grow this inclusive, diverse and thriving island community!

## Save the Date!

More info to follow but mark your calendars today!
It is going to be a truly great event and we look
forward to seeing you there!

Sponsorship Opportunities Available Here

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

At the event, it will be our pleasure *to honor the Treasure Island Development Group and Chris Meany* for their commitment and vision for an inclusive and sustainable Treasure Island.

## **Announcing New One Treasure Island Co-Executive Director**



We have an exciting update. As of this week, I am thrilled to welcome Deputy Director Nella Goncalves as the new Co-Executive Director of **One Treasure Island**. Anyone who has worked with Nella has experienced her enthusiasm, energy, and dedication to our mission first-hand. These qualities, combined with her longevity on Treasure Island, makes her the perfect partner to co-lead our organization.

For those of you who do not know Nella, Nella's work on Treasure Island began in 2000, when she became the Director of the Catholic Charities TI Supportive Housing Program and joined the One Treasure Island Board. During her nearly twodecades of service as a board member, she acted as an important

voice for residents and service providers. Her career continued as the Director of Catholic Charities Housing and Homeless Division, and later as the Deputy Director for Beyond Emancipation. We are extraordinarily fortunate to have Nella co-leading our team, and I hope you will join me in welcoming her to this new role.

## One TI Graduates 15<sup>th</sup> Construction Training Program Cohort!

On Friday, June 23, 2023 One Treasure Island proudly celebrated the graduation of the 15th cohort of our Construction Training Program!

With 15 graduating classes over the last several years, One Treasure Island couldn't be prouder of all of our students, staff and partners for participating in this program and supporting it to be the successful life changing program it is.

Students' families, staff, partners and community members gathered at the Ship Shape Community Center to applaud our graduates and wish them well as they embark on this new chapter.

Hats off to all the graduates of the 15th cohort of One Treasure Island's Construction Training Program: Allan Hernandez Garibay, Keano Hodges, Suzy Abai, Jovian Colbert, David Cuevas, Rodney Hopkins, Samuel Jordan, Victoria Gallegos (Padraic Ryan Award winner), Julius Mulvaney, Nick Calkins, Tyrone Pollard and Marvin Williams!





## **Treasure Island Celebrates Juneteenth!**

One Treasure Island partnered with The Parent Council to produce a Juneteenth event for island residents on Saturday, June 10. The community came out in troves to celebrate and support each other and it was truly a magical event!

The day included homemade BBQ and potluck items, musical performances, spoken word poetry, a dance class, a drum circle lesson, historical exhibits, carnival games, raffles and so much more. Island partners including: TIDA, Home Rise, Catholic Charities, Treasure Island Museum, YMCA, SFPD, SFFD, SFPL, Island Creative, Aetna, Workout Temps and The City Eats all contributed to making the day a huge success.















We appreciate your support and hope to see you soon!

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## End of an era for the Bay Bridge as old Treasure Island exit closes

Amanda Bartlett, SFGATE June 20, 2023

Thousands of <u>Bay Area</u> drivers should expect a substantial change while crossing the <u>Bay Bridge</u> starting this week.

The left lane exit from the Bay Bridge to <u>Treasure Island</u> is scheduled to close this Thursday at 7 a.m., and remain shut down for approximately three years, as motorists are redirected to the newly built exit to Yerba Buena Island that opened last month, transportation authorities said. To access the new off-ramp, drivers will need to exit from the right lane, just past the <u>Yerba Buena Island</u> tunnel on the lower deck of the bridge, according to Caltrans, which worked on the project in collaboration with the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, the Bay Area Toll Authority and the Treasure Island Development Authority.

The goal of the new off-ramp, which opened May 7, was to reduce congestion of eastbound traffic across the bridge as transportation authorities retrofit roads that connect the islands to the bridge. The closure of the old ramp is scheduled to remain in effect until December 2026 while Caltrans completes a seismic retrofit of the West Side bridges on Treasure Island.

Motorists are advised to adhere to the 50 mph speed limit when on the bridge and slow to 15 mph when taking the curve of the off-ramp. To get to Treasure Island, follow the off-ramp to the stop sign at the intersection with Macalla Road, continue driving over the hill until reaching Treasure Island Road, and turn right.

Detailed directions can be viewed in the video below:



The bike lane will be open seven days a week from sunrise to sunset, transportation authorities said.

## What Is That Giant Needle Doing on Top of Yerba Buena Island?

Written by <u>Sarah Holtz</u> Published Jun. 12, 2023



Gaze out on San Francisco's Treasure Island from the Embarcadero, and you may notice a gleaming object on the horizon: Is it a colossal sewing needle pointing skyward? The giant metallic sliver is not from a god's stitching kit, nor is it a relic from Burning Man. It's a new sculpture by Tokyo-born artist Hiroshi Sugimoto, and it's the soaring focal point of a forthcoming public park spearheaded by the San Francisco Arts Commission.

Called "Point of Infinity," the 69-foot stainless steel sculpture tapers to a spired point that represents a mathematical formula for infinity. It also functions as a conceptual sundial; Sugimoto plans to return to the island on the autumnal equinox to install a granite marker that will signify the passage of time.

Funded with \$2.35 million of city funding, the sculpture at Yerba Buena Hilltop Park is visible from a few vantage points—including along the Embarcadero and from a car when traveling toward Oakland on the western span of the Bay Bridge. And it will surely serve as a focal point for future residents once the <a href="Treasure Island/Yerba Buena Island Development Project">Treasure Island/Yerba Buena Island Development Project</a> is completed in the mid- to late-2030s.

The Arts Commission's plan is baked into the redevelopment project, along with 8,000 <u>mixed-rate housing units</u>, <u>retail and transportation infrastructure</u>. Twenty-seven percent of the units will be designated affordable housing.

Jill Manton directs the Treasure Island Arts Program—an initiative to transform the former naval base into a 300-acre public park anchored by groundbreaking, site-specific works of art like Sugimoto's

sculpture. Yerba Buena Hilltop Park constitutes the biggest allotment of public space in San Francisco since 1870, when the city began developing Golden Gate Park.

Having just visited the site on Friday, Manton said the sculpture looks slightly different each day—depending on the Bay Area's mercurial weather patterns.

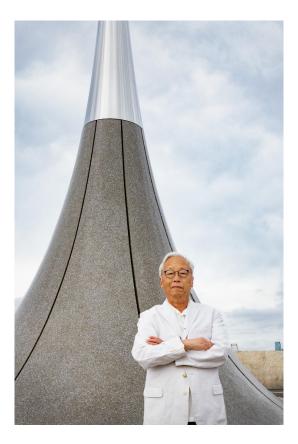
"The steel spire can kind of disappear, or reflect the blue sky so it almost looks like the sky," she said.

Sugimoto—an internationally renowned artist best known for bold photography that coyly <u>muddles fact</u> <u>and fiction</u>—submitted his idea in 2017 to an open call to artists that garnered 495 applications. According to Manton, it's rare for an artist of Sugimoto's stature to respond to a large request for proposals like this one.

"But Sugimoto put his hat in the ring just like everyone else," she said.

Ultimately, the 75-year-old artist was unanimously selected as the first and only artist—so far—to contribute a sculpture to the park.

"Which is unusual," she added. "Especially in a city like San Francisco, where people are so opinionated."



After an arduous process that began in May, the installation of the sculpture is nearly complete. Manton told The Standard that setting the large-scale sculpture into place proved particularly complex, as the crew couldn't move its crane onto the site and instead had to park it on the roadway and install the sculpture using a lift.

The installer, David Martin of Atthowe Fine Art Services in Oakland, even took a trip to Japan for a dress rehearsal installation with Sugimoto. Now waiting on the final grouting Manton said the installation will be completed in July—if all goes according to plan.

Sugimoto's sculpture is part of a larger public art space at Yerba Buena Hilltop Park that is set to open in November—pending approval from the Board of Supervisors—when the property will be transferred from the developer to the city. By then, Manton said, the opening will be cause for a large public celebration.

Manton has secured \$50 million for the Treasure Island Art Program, which will be directed toward permanent and temporary visual art, as well as live performances and film screenings. Her team commissioned five local photographers to document the island over the past year—to be displayed in the metal news kiosks that are stationed throughout Downtown San Francisco.

On June 5, the Arts Commission granted the program approval to invite celebrated portrait painter and San Francisco Art Institute graduate Kehinde Wiley—famous for creating striking portraits of former president Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama—to develop a proposal for a work of art to be installed at the waterfront plaza on Treasure Island.

As the <u>New York Times</u> reported, when viewed from afar, the pointed apex of Sugimoto's sculpture resembles the Transamerica Pyramid—though the sleek work of art is, perhaps, <u>less polarizing than the skyscraper was</u> when it was built a half-century ago.

Manton, for one, thinks so.

"It's spectacular," she said. "The mirror-polished stainless steel almost disappears at the top —proving that it's near infinity. It's so pure in its form, and the craftsmanship is just perfect."

Sugimoto did not respond to requests for comment by publication time.

## Why are people sick and dying on former Naval Station Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay?

June 11, 2023 by Carol Harvey

*Introduction:* In June 2023, Treasure Island is well on its way to being completely rebuilt. New highrises are sprouting skyward lining freshly-configured streets. No one, however, seems to be paying attention to the danger from radiation, chemicals and heavy metals that the Navy has been unable to remove from the soil. Not only do these toxins harm people, but they can surface quickly in an earthquake and, as the oceans rise much faster than projected, swallow Treasure Island and wash into San Francisco Bay.

The article is the voiceover to the video.

The Navy held Treasure Island as a base from 1941 to 1997. For those 56 years, the Navy left toxins in the soil across the entire island. These poisons included radiation, weapons grade chemicals like Sarin gas, and the heavy metals lead, arsenic and mercury. Navy personnel worked in the less toxic area at the right side of the map. The Navy hauled its garbage out to the remote end of the island facing the Golden Gate Bridge and burned it in the green area on the left.

Between 1965 and 1985, the Navy constructed on top of this radioactive-chemical garbage dump townhouses for the thousands of sailors and their families cycling through the island during three wars. Many became ill and died from exposure to poisons under and around their homes.

In 1997, after the Navy decommissioned the island, the City of San Francisco sent homeless, low income and people of color to live in the old Navy housing. They too became – and are becoming – ill with heart attacks, strokes, seizures, tumors, skin sores, rashes, cancer, hair loss and more.

Trelease Miller and her daughters, Taylor and Brianna, were one of these families. For 16 years, between 2007 and 2022, they were exposed to multiple toxins in two separate neighborhoods, living feet from three of the Navy's most heavily contaminated cleanup zones.

Navy officials like those pictured here said they would clean the toxins. They isolated five areas of highest concentration in the soil under the houses and called them Solid Waste Disposal Areas, a fancy name for toxic dump. They surrounded these five toxic dumps with green tarp-covered wire mesh fences and assured residents they would be safe if they stayed outside these fence lines though they constantly moved them around.

Two toxic dumps, which the Navy named Northpoint and Bayside after island streets, lined the shore across from Oakland and Berkeley. A third, the Westside Solid Waste Disposal Area, extended along the shore facing downtown San Francisco. By fall 2022, the Navy removed the last of the fences suggesting these toxic dumps were clean. The remaining two of the five, Halyburton and Bigelow Solid Waste Disposal Areas, remain two blocks inland, still enclosed in a green-tarped fence with the radiation signs removed.

A bright turquoise line with a black line running through it connects the shoreline Bayside cleanup zone with the Halyburton-Bigelow cleanup zone two blocks inland. This turquoise line inside the red circle shows a path along which toxins were washed from the shore toward the island's interior. As a result, the two blocks along Bayside Drive between the two solid waste disposal areas was littered with radioactive objects and soils found under and around peoples' homes. Residual radiation remains.

Trelease's family lived inland on the right side of the two-block area circled in dark blue. They were exposed to all 10 radioactive objects and soils the Navy found inside the circle. Most of the radioactive material was radium-226 which has a half-life of 1,600 years.

The box in the upper right lists the 10 places along the red line where the Navy found radiation. The first was in the Bayside Solid Waste Disposal Area at the shore.

Second, under townhouse 1205, from which the Navy relocated Cyndi and Paris Hayes, one of 24 families moved out in 2013 because of radiation.

Third, from under the front step of townhouse 1203A, the Navy dug a basketball-sized clump of radioactive soil in 2019. The arrow in the Navy's photo shows lighter cement where they replaced the 1203A step and sidewalk.

Fourth, in the area circled in black, the Navy dumped radioactive trash in a burn pit beneath Bayside Drive.

Fifth, under the townhouse 1201B sidewalk and lawn. In 2013, men in hazmat suits working for Navy contractor Gilbane dug out a radioactive object where kids sat and played and later got sick.

In 2020, the Chronicle reported that Kathryn Towne and her family lived at 1201B Bayside Drive from 2005 to 2016. Her family, including her children, suffered from rashes, hair loss, tumors, thyroid and heart problems that she attributed to radiation exposure.

In front of the sixth location, townhouse 1220, in 2014, this former resident showed me her swollen, painful legs that look like the enlarged extremities of a person undergoing radiation therapy.

Number seven was a radioactive object the Navy found across Gateview Avenue under the grass behind a metal bench where kids caught the school bus.

Radioactive area number eight was the entire 1126 Reeves Court sidewalk. The red line continues through the grass between townhouses 1128 and 1126 Reeves Court, turns right onto the 1126 Reeves Court sidewalk, and runs in front of the former location of townhouse 1126 Reeves Court.

In 2017, the Navy demolished 1126 Reeves Court because of toxicity.

In 2014, while 1126 Reeves Court still filled this space, nine-year-old Brianna Miller lived there in Unit F. One day she ran down the sidewalk next to a line of flags bearing the radiation symbol. The red line follows the path of the flags to a sand lot where kids, including Brianna, played on radioactive area number nine, a blue play structure that has not been removed as of 2023. The kids said that afterwards they felt sick, and Brianna reported that her hair fell out in clumps.

From the sandlot, the red line runs inland to radiation source number 10, Halyburton-Bigelow Solid Waste Disposal Area. That toxic dump sits 50 feet from the demolished 1126 Reeves Court townhouse where Trelease and her daughter Brianna lived in Unit F until 2017.

While living at 1126F Reeves Court, Trelease had a stroke.

In 2017, she moved across the island to Townhouse 1237A Northpoint Drive next to the Northpoint Solid Waste Disposal Area. There, after 16 years of exposure to highly toxic radiation, weapons grade chemicals, and heavy metals from three toxic dumps in two Treasure Island neighborhoods, Trelease suffered a massive heart attack and bypass surgery.

This photo depicts her holding roses on her 50th birthday, Nov. 5, 2022. A week later, Nov. 14, she died. The question remains: What is responsible for taking this young, vibrant life so early? Who is responsible for this death?

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