

SFPD Teams Up With Mayor Breed and Citywide Partners to Distribute Hundreds of Christmas Trees to San Francisco Families 19-148

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Mayor's Office, City Departments, and Local Nonprofits Host 4th Annual Christmas Tree Giveaway in Bayview-Hunters Point and Western Addition

Mayor London N. Breed, the San Francisco Police Department and San Francisco Housing Authority are teaming up with community partners this holiday season to share hope and joy in Bayview-Hunters Point and the Western Addition by providing more than 300 Christmas trees and holiday activities and entertainment to San Francisco families.

“This time of year and in the spirit of giving, the City and our community organizations come together to support families who are less fortunate,” said Mayor Breed. “For the fourth year in a row, we’re giving away Christmas trees to San Francisco families that can’t afford to buy their own, because every family should be able to enjoy the holiday season and focus on spending time with family—not worrying about if they can afford a tree.”

"Our officers are proud to help spread cheer to San Francisco families this holiday season," said SFPD Chief William Scott. "We are thankful for our ongoing collaboration with Mayor Breed and our community partners that enables us to give something extra back to the people of our great city."

The first tree giveaway will take place **Sunday, December 22 2019 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM at Now Hunters Point, located at 201 Jennings Street.** Activities will include face painting, free roller skating, refreshments and photos with Santa.

The Christmas tree giveaway in the Western Addition will take place **Monday, December 23 from 2:00PM to 4:00PM at the Fillmore/Turk Street mini park.** Trees will be distributed at **3:00pm**. A Celebrity Meet and Greet and Toy Giveaway will take place from **4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Fillmore Heritage Center (1330 Fillmore Street).** This event will feature games, arts and crafts, snacks and beverages and guest appearances by Baron Davis, Matt Barnes, Stephen Jackson and others.

The SFHA worked with The Guardsmen, a Bay Area-based nonprofit organization which works to improve the lives of at-risk youth, to provide trees to residents. Swinerton donated additional materials for the tree stands which crews from City Build will be assembling.

"The San Francisco Housing Authority is grateful for the kindness, generosity, and support of the San Francisco Police Department and San Francisco chapter of The Guardsmen for donating trees to our families residing in the housing developments," said Tonia Lediju, Mayor London Breed's Transition Lead and Acting Executive Director of the San Francisco Housing Authority. "It is exciting for our families to have the opportunity to choose their own tree and enjoy it for the holiday season."

"The Guardsmen is honored to once again partner with The San Francisco Police Department and Mayor Breed's Office on the annual toy and tree giveaway," said Joseph R. Elefante, President of the Guardsmen. "Since 1947, The Guardsmen has worked to improve the lives of Bay Area youth. The toy and tree giveaway is an incredible event, and we hope that our tree donation will help spread some additional holiday cheer. We thank everyone who made this happen, and look forward to helping families pick out their trees on Sunday, December 22nd."

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