



Jamari's Journey: New Evans Avenue Mural

Using humor, wit, and compassion, artist Nancy Cato's pen and ink illustrations reflect the Black experience and engages everyday people in serious social conversations. Jamari's Journey is installed along the construction safety fence adjacent to the SEP's New Headworks Facility Project site, and tells the story of Jamari, a young child who is frustrated with the oppressive forces around him—pollution, violence, gentrification, and displacement. To escape these injustices, Jamari creates a portal to the Universe, where he can breathe and find serenity. When called home by his mother, Jamari, who now embodies the Universe, brings this new-found inner peace with him.

In partnership with the San Francisco Arts Commission, our temporary art program is featuring four artists for one year each. The SFPUC developed the Bayview Arts Masterplan and works with artists, local communities, nonprofits, and government agencies to create public art that reflects the character of our neighborhoods.

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Southeast Community Center Celebrates Grand Opening

The new Community Center opened this fall. This 45,000-square-foot LEED Gold Certified facility at 1550 Evans Avenue includes a childcare center, café, free wi-fi and public workspaces, and over 30 pieces of culturally celebratory art commissioned from local artists. The campus includes two acres of open space, an amphitheater, gardens, outdoor dining areas, and play spaces for children. To see everything the new Center has to offer, visit sfpuc.org/secc



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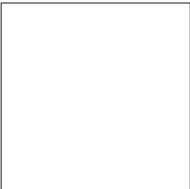
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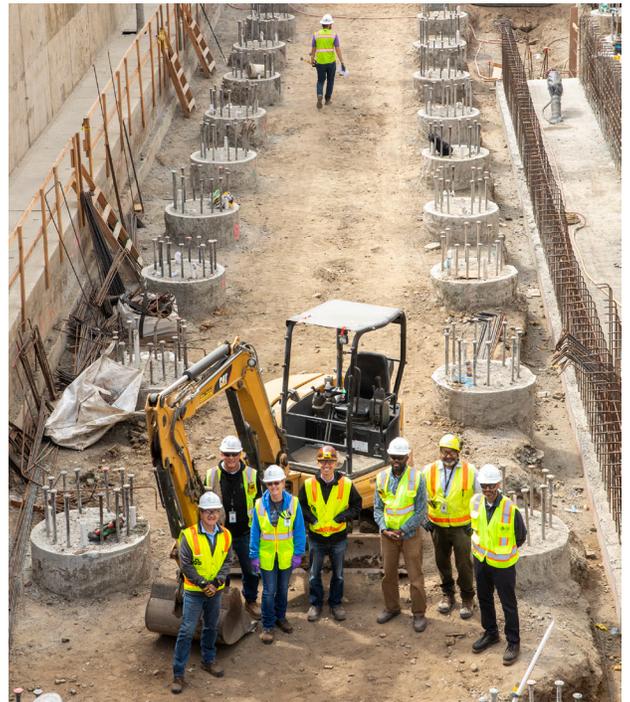
Entering 2023, we are excited about the progress we have made to transform our largest treatment plant into a sustainable, resilient modern resource recovery center. Reducing odors, creating critical redundancies, and modernizing our equipment will ensure the new facilities are cleaner, greener, and better for the community. These efforts are essential to maintaining our quality of life and strengthening our communities and economy.

Our crews are making considerable progress, including our most exciting announcement of 2022: the grand opening of the new Southeast Community Center! When the remaining work is complete, the SEP will look better, work better, and smell better for the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood, our staff, and the entire City.

Major Construction Updates

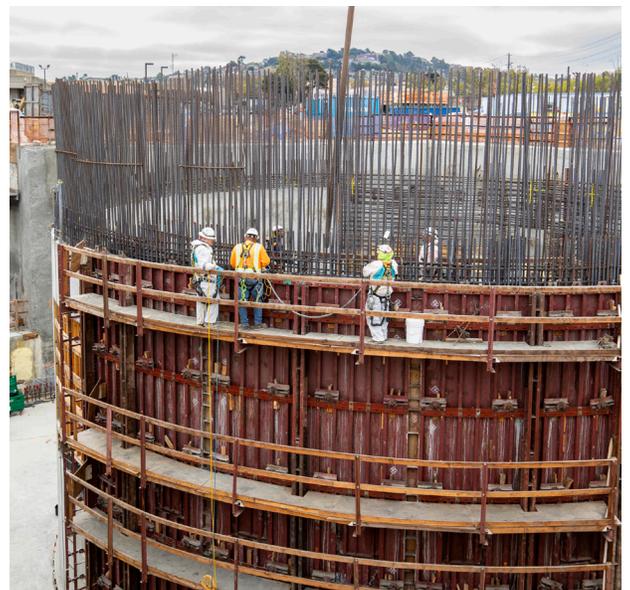
NEW HEADWORKS FACILITY: The first step in our wastewater treatment process occurs at the Headworks Facility where debris (such as baby wipes) and grit (like sand) are removed from the wastewater that enters the plant.

New Headworks is our most complex project. Not only are we implementing state-of-the-art odor control, but the entire facility is being built alongside our operating Headworks and next to the construction of our new Biosolids Digesters. This past year, New Headworks completed much of its structural work. Crews are now installing electrical, fire protection, ventilation, and mechanical systems. The New Headworks facility is being constructed to withstand a 7.9 magnitude earthquake. It is also designed to help minimize odors, reduce operational costs, and increase the Plant's efficiency.



BIOSOLIDS DIGESTER FACILITIES: Our largest project, the Biosolids Digester Facilities Project (BDFP) will replace the existing outdated solids treatment facilities with modern sustainable technologies. The new facilities will capture and treat odors more efficiently, produce a higher quality biosolids, and maximize the beneficial use of its biogas. Last year, major soil excavation and foundation work was completed.

In April 2022, the BDFP earned the Envision Platinum award for sustainable infrastructure from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI). This is ISI's highest certification for sustainability, resiliency, and equity in civil infrastructure. The Envision award is comparable to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) building certification.





Meet Tyrone

Tyrone 'Ty' Evans, is a Bayview native who has been Site Superintendent for the Joint Venture between MWH and Webcor Builders of the Biosolids Digesters) for five years. "I began as an apprentice carpenter and I worked myself up to carpenter foreman, and now superintendent." He encourages young people, especially young women, to get into the field. He is proud of his work at the site. "We put a lot of people to work here from the neighborhood."

Local Hire and Local Contracting

Here at our construction site, we are proud of our efforts to help contractors with their Local Hire and Local Contracting requirements as they meet or exceed the City's mandatory participation rates. We continue to offer job training partnerships, plus job and business referral opportunities, to our local Bayview-Hunters Point community to keep people working.

In fact, the construction industry in San Francisco offers many opportunities for people who want to build a better San Francisco. Through partnerships with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), the Building and Construction Trades unions, and local non-profits, a variety of job training and referral programs and contracting resources are available to local residents and small businesses.

We encourage people who are looking for more information to call OEWD CityBuild at (415) 701-4848 or the SFPUC's Job Information Hotline at (415) 934-5777. If you are interested in contracting opportunities, please call the Contractors Assistance Center at (415) 467-1040 or visit sfpub.org/contractorcenter.



How the New Biosolids Digesters Came to Be

Carolyn Chiu is the Senior Project Manager on the SFPUC's Biosolids Digesters Facilities Project (BDFP), the SFPUC's largest infrastructure project underway.

"We knew that the existing digesters were aging and causing odor complaints in the neighborhood, but rather than continue to do repairs, we decided to build new digesters," said Chiu. Doing this would ensure facilities would operate reliably through the foreseeable future and create an opportunity to reduce the facilities' impact on the community.

By 2010, after years of public and internal discussion and debate, planning for the BDFP began with Chiu as Project Manager. After a decade of additional public input, neighborhood conversations, robust planning and design, the project broke ground in early 2020.

Read the full article to learn more at sfpub.org/ChiuExplainsBiosolids