

Treasure Island & Yerba Buena Island Events

December 2025 & January 2026

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TI/YBI Community Meeting and Mixer at SWCC – December 3rd

Treasure Island Staff Holiday Potluck at SWCC – December 11th

Treasure Island Toy Giveaway – December 17, 18, 19th

January 2026

Native Planting Volunteer Day with SF Environment & Minerva University – January 23rd

Ongoing Events

One TI Food Pantry – Every Tuesday

HealthRight 360 Mobile & Street Medical Van at SWCC – Every Thursday

Live Jazz at Gold Bar – Every Friday

Sunset Comedy at Mersea – Every Friday

Live Band at Mersea – Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Sunset DJ at Gold Bar – Every Sunday

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December 2025

Summary

- News coverage about the island was fairly limited this month. The pieces that were published were neutral to positive and focused on points of interest on the islands.
- Highlights: KQED coverage on the Nimitz House was more positive than previous coverage on the Navy Quarters area.

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There's a Grand Historic House Hiding Under the Bay Bridge

[KQED](#), December 4th 2025

If you've ever driven across the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, you've passed right over one of the Bay Area's most historic houses — probably without realizing it. Take the Yerba Buena Island exit and after a few winding turns, you'll come upon a surprisingly nice group of homes.

The houses in question are multi-storied, perched on a sloping green hillside. It's a grand scene, a collection of white columns framing stately front porches, windows adorned with delicate lattice work, and sweeping views of the Bay. Although one house stands out from the rest: the Nimitz House.

More formally known as Quarters One, the Nimitz House is a relic of the island's military past. Built in the early 1900s, the home was once the official residence for the top commanding officer on base. Compare old photos with the house today, and you'll see how much has changed.

The most dramatic shift is the Bay Bridge itself — the rebuilt eastern span towers over the grand home, creating a cacophony of car noise. Years of disuse have also stripped the house of some of its original shine.

"It's just such an anomaly there," said Bay Curious listener Ben Kaiser. "It just does not belong... it [looks] like a toy house placed under a bridge. [It's] truly visually confusing."

Striking Gold on Treasure Island: Inside San Francisco's Gold Bar Whiskey

[NBC Los Angeles](#), December 12th 2025

San Francisco's Treasure Island is home to more than just skyline views—it's where Gold Bar Whiskey is carefully crafted. California Live's Jobeth Devera went behind the scenes to see how this award-winning spirit goes from barrel to bottle. From the rich history of the distillery to the art of blending, it's a process steeped in passion and precision. Whether you're a whiskey lover or just curious, this local gem is a true taste of the Bay.

Treasure Island, a 'Health Care Desert,' Gains a Clinic on Wheels

[San Francisco Public Press](#), December 16th 2025

Despite having one of the highest rates of uninsured people in San Francisco, Treasure Island has no permanent medical service, nor does the city plan to establish any, even as new developments are expected to bring 20,000 residents by 2042.

Few options exist for the roughly 2,800 residents on the island, 38% of whom live below the poverty line, according to the 2020 Census. They are encouraged to call 911 and rush across the Bay Bridge to city hospitals in a medical emergency.

The San Francisco Department of Public Health ran a nurse clinic there but closed it in 2024 due to staffing shortages. Residents can still call a hotline and request services, but since then the island had not received on-site health services — until this October, when a bookmobile-like medical van arrived.

HealthRight 360, a San Francisco-based nonprofit health provider, rebooted mobile and street medicine operations previously rolled out in two other underserved neighborhoods: the Tenderloin and the Mission. The van works in tandem with services that HealthRight 360 delivers and can provide referrals to a residential stepdown program for those in substance abuse recovery.

With a \$500,000 grant from Sutter Health, HealthRight 360 expanded its mobile medical team, extending the reach of the organization's federally qualified health center. The vehicle — more the dimensions of a large delivery truck than of a light-duty van — includes two private exam rooms with services including preventive screenings, wound care, vaccinations, lab work and case management. It serves people who are uninsured, eligible for Medi-Cal or experiencing housing instability or homelessness.
