

# Treasure Island & Yerba Buena Island Events

May 2026 & June 2026

## May 2026

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Mahmut Orhan, Wakyin & More at Great Lawn – May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Treasure Island Nature Walk – May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Curator's Tour of Treasure Island Museum at TI Museum – May 3<sup>rd</sup>

TIDA Board Meeting – May 13<sup>th</sup>

She Slams - Wellness Event for Women at Bay Padel – May 17<sup>th</sup>

Sistek at Aracely – May 31<sup>st</sup>

## June 2026

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Chris Lorenzo Concert at Building One – June 6<sup>th</sup>

Padel Tournament at Bay Padel – June 6<sup>th</sup>

Tour of Building One and its Museum Galleries at TI Museum – June 6<sup>th</sup>

Chase & Status Concert at Building One – June 6<sup>th</sup>

TIDA Board Meeting – June 10<sup>th</sup>

Maccabi House Concert at Building One – June 13<sup>th</sup>

Tea and Program at TI Yacht Club – June 13<sup>th</sup>

One TI Community Roundtable Meeting – June 17<sup>th</sup>

Juneteenth Celebration at Cityside Park – June 20<sup>th</sup>

Celebration of Nations Waterfront Watch Party at Gold Bar – June 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

## Ongoing Events

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Off the Grid at Cityside Park – Every Saturday from April 11<sup>th</sup>- May 16<sup>th</sup>

Sunset Flow Yoga at Cityside Park – Every Tuesday (NEW)

One TI Food Pantry at SWCC – Every Tuesday

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

Senior Wellness Wednesday at SWCC – Every Second Wednesday

Coffee Club at SWCC – Every Third Thursday

Healing Circle at Starview Court – Every Thursday

Live Jazz at Gold Bar – Every Friday

Sunset Comedy at Mersea – Every Friday

Live Band at Mersea – Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Outdoor Yoga at Cityside Park – Every Sunday

Sunset DJ at Gold Bar – Every Sunday

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# TIDA IN THE NEWS

May 2026

## Summary

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- News about the Islands was positive this month with pieces on new leadership changes, general development interest pieces and articles mentioning current and former residents.
- Highlights: The CAO team published a press release about the appointment of new TIDA Executive Director Sheela Jivan and several outlets picked up the story.

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### ENVIRONMENT

**Fighting for a foothold: restoration work safeguards fragile ecosystem on Yerba Buena Island**

[Northern California Public Media](#), May 21<sup>st</sup> 2026

Biodiversity is the immense variety of all living things on Earth—including plants, animals, microorganisms and humans.

In this special for NPR's Climate Solutions Week, Bay City News journalist Ruth Dusseault talks with ecologist Josiah Clark about the conservation of ecosystems, and what it can teach us about diversity in human societies.

You can listen above to her interview with Clark in the field after a day's work restoring native ecosystems on Yerba Buena Island, and you can listen to her conversation below with KRCB's Noah Abrams, reflecting on her reporting.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### **\$350M in Mobility Work Preps Bay Area Islands for Growth**

[Engineering News Record](#), May 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

With some 8,000 new housing units and three master-planned neighborhoods anticipated by the middle of the next decade on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority is overseeing construction of various mobility projects. Two are slated to complete this year, with another, a multiuse path in various stages of design, bidding or funding.

## ISLAND RESIDENTS

### **SF bodycam video shows handcuffed man complaining he couldn't breathe before he died**

[NBC Bay Area](#), May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

Officer body-worn camera video obtained by NBC Bay Area's Investigative Unit under the state's Public Records Act shows that a handcuffed San Francisco man twice complained that he couldn't breathe before his in-custody death back in 2022.

The mother of Kurt Von Boehrens, 35, has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit, alleging that first responders failed to monitor his vital signs as they held him face down in handcuffs for several minutes.

The incident began, police say, when Von Boehrens, an Army veteran, pulled a fire alarm on Halibut Court on Treasure Island the afternoon of March 16, 2022.

### **At city hearing, SoMa residents press SFPD on slow response times in neighborhood**

[Mission Local](#), May 28<sup>th</sup> 2026

City supervisors and residents questioned representatives of the San Francisco Police Department Thursday over slow police-response times in District 6, which includes SoMa.

The hearing comes as District 6 Supervisor Matt Dorsey, who chairs the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, has faced calls from constituents to address his district's slow police response times...

Scott Rowitz, executive director of the Yerba Buena Partnership Community Benefit District, said the staffing increase should only be the beginning of addressing the response time issues in the area.

“We need more staffing in Southern, because it’s only going to get worse,” he said, adding that the city should “triple down” on Southern Station, calling District 6 central to San Francisco’s economic recovery.

## **How one woman in disguise changed Bay to Breakers forever**

[SF Gate](#), May 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

In a city where people reserve space in their closets for costumes, it’s hard to imagine a time when one San Franciscan actually had to wear a disguise just to run in its yearly bay-to-ocean fun run. After all, Bay to Breakers participants are famous for putting on everything from regular running attire to outlandish costumes, and sometimes even nothing at all.

But on March 10, 1940, that’s what was done by Barbara J. Burke, who posed as a man to participate.

The year prior, Barbara had met a keen runner named Edward Preston at the World’s Fair at Treasure Island. The two fell in love. Edward, already a two-time winner of the race, wanted his girlfriend to join him in the run, which was then called the Cross City Race. But there was one problem...

## **OTHER**

### **Reshaping Treasure Island — with Bay FC and more**

[KALW Public Media](#), May 7<sup>th</sup> 2026

Treasure Island redevelopment is underway. For months, construction crews have been building new housing, parks, and roads, transforming the island from a quiet, low-income community into one of San Francisco’s biggest new neighborhoods.

The city hopes to bring thousands of new residents to the Island /as part of its plan to expand housing across San Francisco. Today, we go to the island to hear about the progress on one of the new developments: a training facility for Bay FC, the Bay Area’s newest professional women’s soccer team.

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[SF Gate](#), May 7<sup>th</sup> 2026

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### **City Administrator Carmen Chu appoints Sheela Jivan as Executive Director of Treasure Island Development Authority**

[SF Gov](#), May 7<sup>th</sup> 2026

Jivan will bolster economic and community development on Treasure Island, expanding housing, open space, and mixed-use projects in the emerging waterfront community.

Today, City Administrator Carmen Chu announced the appointment of Sheela Jivan as Executive Director of the Treasure Island Development Authority. Jivan currently serves as the Associate Director/Chief Operating Officer of the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley. Jivan brings 30 years of experience managing large-scale, mixed-use urban developments, affordable housing, and community planning.

As Executive Director, Jivan will oversee the development of Treasure Island and neighboring Yerba Buena Island, including the delivery of major infrastructure, new housing, transit connections, and public spaces.

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[MSN](#), May 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

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Jivan currently serves as associate director and chief operating officer of the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at University of California, Berkeley, a research and policy center dedicated to creating solutions for affordable and equitable housing. At the center, Jivan has led finance, operations, strategic planning, communications, and human resources for one of the nation's leading housing research and policy organizations.

### **Enjoy Off the Grid on Treasure Island and more**

[The Voice of San Francisco](#), May 7<sup>th</sup> 2026

There is something for everyone on Treasure Island, whether you are a history buff, managing little ones, or seeking craft cocktails and live music. Cityside Park beckons like a siren, offering sweeping oceanside views of the San Francisco skyline. Nestled among a maritime museum, restaurants, bars, modern residences, and the graceful glide of pelicans, it has become one of the bay's most enchanting gathering places.

Before this past weekend, I was a Treasure Island newcomer. Like many San Franciscans, I knew little of its hidden neighborhoods or quiet daily rhythm. The journey there often felt like a disproportionate expedition, though it lies just a short ferry ride away.

## **Yerba Buena Game Review**

[Analog Stick Gaming](#), May 26<sup>th</sup> 2026

Yerba Buena, which is Spanish for "good herb", is a trailing, aromatic herb (*Clinopodium douglasii*) from the mint family, native to the Pacific coast of North America. And, it's also the name of a small island in the San Francisco Bay, where the game, Yerba Buena, takes place. While I'm not convinced this is a good title for the game, as it doesn't really reflect the overall experience, it is that overall experience, on the other hand, that I'm not fully convinced about.

Yerba Buena, stars Barb, a seemingly normal woman who is between jobs, and feels largely aimless in life. She lives in Yerba Buena, and is friends with a few people, Russell, a taxi driver, Wanda and Jorge, who run a local convenience store, and Tee, who is a delivery guy who has been stuck in a T-pose all week.

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