



I hope you and your loved ones fared well through the last two days of storm events. Recognizing the stressful issues of this past week, I thought it important to share a recap with you of how we fared, but also share with you upcoming events to bring a sense of normalcy. While certainly continuing our storm response, we recognize that the Mayor Update is a resource for all community members that find it valuable.

With a slight break in the weather, now is the time to prepare for the next wave of storms.

- The latest National Weather Service (NWS) update is that precipitation will be light/scattered from now through Saturday/Sunday; however, two storm systems are anticipated next week beginning on Monday; the NWS will issue a more accurate forecast on Sunday at which time the City will evaluate the potential impacts;
- Sand and bags are being replenished at Maintenance Services Building; supplies remain available to the public; just a reminder, only ten bags per household;
- The Temporary Evacuation Point/Charging Facility at the Fernekes Building is now closed but may reopen next week based on need;
- Slide and debris flow mitigation work completed after last weekend's storm on Sign Hill held very well, with little to no noticeable additional soil movement;
- Only a handful of city trees were downed to date, thanks to preventative maintenance efforts before the storm; however, several private trees fell; and
- Over the two operational periods, Fire responded to almost 20 storm-specific calls related to trees down, wires down, and flooding.

In this week's Mayor Update, you will find more information on the following:

- Bay Area Storm Updates
- Lunar New Year Celebration
- Parks and Recreation Class Registration
- Abundance: A 2-dimensional Art Show
- Sign Hill Stewards Volunteer Program
- Centennial Way Trail Improvements
- Upcoming Library Events

In closing, our public servants of the City of South San Francisco are our unsung heroes. They worked around the clock with a smile on their face, responded to requests promptly, and assisted our residents while also ensuring their own families were safe. I, along with our entire City Council, am grateful for our fantastic staff!

Lastly, I'd like to recognize that Monday, Monday, January 9 is **National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**. What an appropriate time to recognize our South San Francisco Police Department for all they did to help keep us safe during this last round of storms and quite honestly, what you do for us on a day-to-day basis. Thank you!

Your Mayor,
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BAY AREA STORM UPDATE

- **Storm Conditions.** The City is monitoring the next storm, with more rain forecasted for the weekend and continuing intermittently through next week. Find regular storm updates at www.ssf.net.
- **Gain Real-Time Updates on Storm Impacts and Potential Emergency Alerts and Warnings.** Get real-time notifications from the City via [email](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [NextDoor](#). Receive emergency alerts via [SMCAAlert](#).
- **Evacuations are always possible.** If you're ordered to evacuate, leave quickly. Here's what to pack in an [emergency kit](#). (Water, food and a flashlight are must-haves.) [Download a printable version](#) to take with you to the store. Once you look at the basic items, consider what [unique needs](#) your family might have, such as supplies for [pets](#) or [seniors](#).
- **SMC Alert - San Mateo County's Alert System.** The San Mateo County alert and warning system is undergoing a major upgrade. The web address for SMC Alert will remain SMCAAlert.info but the software will be changing from Everbridge to RAVE mobile alerting. If you are already enrolled in SMC Alert your information has been transferred to the new system, you will continue to receive alerts as you have in the past. We encourage you to create a new account on the new SMC Alert so that you can access new innovative features and make any changes to your account. Creating a new account will not cause you to receive doubled up messages. Messages from the new SMC Alert text messages may come from any of the following short code mobile phone numbers: 226787, 67283, 78015, 81837, or 77295. E-mail notifications will come from smcalert@smcgov.org

LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

- **Lunar New Year Celebration | Saturday, January 14.** Join us on the steps of City Hall next Saturday, January 14, as we celebrate Lunar New Year with a special Lion Dance Performance. The dance will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. at the steps of City Hall, 400 Grand Avenue in South San Francisco. If there is inclement weather, the performance will be moved inside the Grand Avenue Library, but the show will go on! Following the dance, there will be a special author reading starting at 2:45 p.m. in Grand Avenue Library. At this special Lunar New Year-themed storytime, author Oliver Chin will read from his book, "The Year of the Rabbit."

- **Parks and Recreation Class Registration.** Registration is now open to all residents and non-residents for the winter 2023 session. Registration is available online at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog and the Recreation Office at the Municipal Services Building. View the Winter 2023 Activity Guide: [here!](#) For more information, visit our Classes Webpage at www.ssf.net/classes. We are excited to announce a variety of new classes:
 - Introduction to Hindi Literature
 - Hip Hop Dance Lessons
 - Middle School Bowling League (NCLR)
- **Abundance: A 2-dimensional Art Show** | Friday, January 27, 6:00 pm and Saturday, January 28, 10:00 am, Municipal Services Building. What is the meaning of “abundance” in life? This 2-dimensional art gallery exhibit showcases amazing works in painting, drawing, graphics, photography, and mixed media exploring this theme. For more information, visit <http://www.ssf.net/culturalarts>.
- **Sign Hill Stewards Volunteer Program.** You are encouraged to sign-up to help restore habitat and protect nature in South San Francisco. Join Natural Resource Specialist Candace LaCroix every other Friday and the last Saturday of the month on Sign Hill. Registration is required. Registration information can be found [here](#). For questions email: candace.lacroix@ssf.net.
- **Centennial Way Trail Improvements – Spruce Ave to Huntington Ave.** The design for improvements along Centennial Way Trail between Huntington Avenue and Spruce Avenue has begun. Amenities will include a skate space, bike park, playground, outdoor classroom, pollinator garden, and more! Thanks to all who attended Community Workshop #1 for the Centennial Trail Improvements Project. Workshop #1 materials are available on the project webpage found at www.ssf.net/parkprojects. The latest on Centennial Trail improvements can be found at <https://www.ssf.net/centennial-way-trail-improvements>. If you’ve not done so already, please email parkprojects@ssf.net to receive notices of upcoming meetings and keep an eye on the project [webpage](#) for updates.

LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Create Your Own Cartoon Cut-Out | Main Library (840 W. Orange Ave) | Wednesday, January 11, 2023, from 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM.** Looking to make some sweet wall art? Join us in the Makerspace and create a life-size cut out of your favorite cartoon or anime character. Registration is required (click link to register). Only ten spots are available. The program is intended for ages 12-18 and will take place in the Makerspace.
- **Book Munchers | Main Library (840 W. Orange Ave) | Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 4:00 PM.** Book Munchers, a book club for ages 5-9, returns with *The Binder of Doom: Brute-Cake* by Troy Cummings (AR 3.5). Read the book, and then we’ll meet to discuss and work on an activity. Registration is required. Please register at the Orange Ave Library children's desk, call 650-829-3860, or email

ssfyouth@plsinfo.org. Need a copy of the book? Click here to place a copy on hold!

- **Celebrate Lunar New Year Storytime with Oliver Chin** on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Main Library (840 W. Orange Ave) and on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 2:45 PM at the Grand Avenue Library (306 Walnut Ave), after the lion dance performance on the steps of City Hall (400 Grand Ave)! At this special Lunar New Year-themed storytime, author Oliver Chin will read from his book, "The Year of the Rabbit."



A vibrant red poster for a Lunar New Year event. At the top left, there are colorful fireworks. To the right, a cute white rabbit in a red vest holds a large yellow fish. The main text is in large, bold, white and orange letters. Below the text, a stylized lion dance head is shown holding a red banner with Chinese characters. In the bottom right corner, there are logos for 'CULTURES UNITED' and the 'CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA'. The bottom left corner features the 'SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY' logo with icons for books, a magnifying glass, a speech bubble, and a globe.

LUNAR NEW YEAR
Lion Dance
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
AT 2:00 PM
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