



Happy Friday! This extended series of storm incidents are a good reminder that emergencies can happen at any time. Thank you to the community for reporting issues and connecting with each other during this stressful time. Continue to be alert and enjoy the pending sunshine.

Now more than ever, it's a good reminder that **Emergency Preparedness is a Way of Life**: Recent adverse weather conditions serve as an important reminder to prepare for emergencies. Brush up on emergency preparedness with information about [Community Wildfire Preparedness & Planning Resources](#), [National Preparedness Month & Ways to Protect your Loved Ones](#), [Family Disaster Plan worksheet](#), and [Getting Ready & Staying Informed Before the Next Big Earthquake](#). **Don't forget our City email distribution list!** Please forward this to your family, friends, and neighbors that may not receive these alerts and encourage them to [sign up here](#).

Volunteer in an Emergency: Looking to support your community in an emergency? Consider joining our amazing [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#)!

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

- Health Updates
- 2023 California Distinguished Schools Award
- SSF Chamber Scholarships Available for High School Seniors
- California Water Service Scholarships Available
- Gene Mullin Community Learning Center Classes – Register Now!
- Abundance: A 2-dimensional Art Show
- North County Recreation League: 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Bowling League
- Our Parks and Recreation Department is Hiring!
- FREE Caltrain Go Passes
- Upcoming Library Events

In closing, this Sunday, January 22 marks the beginning of the **Lunar New Year**. Americans typically refer to the 15-day celebration as Chinese New Year, but the festival is actually celebrated by several Asian nations — including Taiwan, South Korea, Vietnam, and Singapore — with Lunar New Year traditions that vary from country to country. Much like the Western New Year, people consider Lunar New Year a chance to leave behind the troubles of the past year and improve upon the good luck that came their way. If you're hoping to set yourself up for good luck this upcoming new year, you can join in on some of the following Chinese New Year traditions [here](#). Wishing you all good luck in this new year!

Your Mayor,

HEALTH UPDATES

- **COVID-19 Test-to-Treat Sites Closing February 5, 2023** The state announced most of the LHI/OptumServe COVID-19 Test-to-Treat sites in San Mateo County are closing by Sunday, **Feb 5, 2023**, due to December utilization rates below 50%. Below are the affected locations in South San Francisco.
 - Orange Memorial Park, 781 Tennis Drive
 - Mater Dolorosa Church, 307 Willow Avenue
- Testing sites that will remain **OPEN** past 2/5/23:
 - **San Bruno** – Bay PLS Labs, 841 San Bruno Ave. W, Suite 100
 - **San Mateo** – College of San Mateo (Drive Thru), 3401 CSM Drive
- **At-Home Test Kits.** Residents can access at-home test kits through the following pathways:
 - Healthcare provider- Medi-Cal patients, Kaiser, Aetna, Blue Shield, etc.
 - Federal government through USPS
 - CBO distribution
 - Participating in county-sponsored community, faith, or school-based pop-up vaccine clinics
 - Participating in food distributions sponsored by Second Harvest Food Bank
- **Telehealth Provider Access.** If you're feeling sick or have tested positive for COVID-19, one of the safest ways to find out what medical care you may need is by phone or video while staying home. This is called "telehealth." If a telehealth provider determines that you should receive prescription medication for COVID-19 treatment, they can send a prescription to your local pharmacy or help you get a prescription filled through the mail. The California Department of Public Health has partnered with Sesame Care to provide free telehealth services for uninsured or underinsured individuals within California who cannot connect with a healthcare provider within 24 hours of receiving a positive test result. For more information on how to access this free service click this link.

LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

- **Congrats to SSFUSD Schools, Monte Verde and Buri Buri Elementary, for Receiving the 2023 California Distinguished Schools Award.** The California Distinguished School Award program honors schools that performed well on several State indicators displayed on the 2022 California School Dashboard, such as suspension rate, chronic absenteeism, and student performance in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. The State alternates between honoring elementary and middle and high schools, with awardees holding their title for two years. Way to go, SSFUSD!
- **Attention High School Seniors: Scholarships Available!** The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation is pleased

to announce its sponsorship of college scholarships to assist students in continuing their academic and/or career pursuits. Student applicants must be residents of South San Francisco. They must be able to offer proof of registration in a college or institution of higher learning, including trade school. Candidates should submit the 2023 Scholarship Application/Resume/Essay to the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, 213 Linden Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080 no later than **Thursday, March 9, 2023, by 4:00 p.m.** Transcripts should also be submitted to the Chamber office at the same time. [Click here for the application packet.](#) Questions? Please call the Chamber at (650) 588-1911 or email info@ssfchamber.com.

- **California Water Service Scholarships are Available!** California Water Service Group (Group) announced the commencement of its 10th annual College Scholarship Program cycle today, reaffirming the utility's commitment to improving lives in its communities. Students residing in areas served by its California, Hawaii, New Mexico, and Washington subsidiaries are encouraged to apply for a portion of the \$80,000 available in awards. Four \$10,000 grand-prize scholarships will be awarded, along with additional scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Eligible applicants must plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate study program at an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school for the 2023-24 academic year. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, community service, and financial need. To learn more about the scholarship program or to apply, students may visit [here](#). The application period will close on **Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. PDT**. Winners will be announced in the summer.
- **Register for Citizenship Workshops, Introduction to Computers, English as a Second Language classes, and more at the Gene Mullin Community Learning Center (CLC)!** The Gene Mullin Community Learning Center's educational programs, which focus on family support and community building, assist South San Francisco residents in reaching their full potential. Classes offered this Winter include Citizenship classes and workshops, Introduction to Computers, English as a Second Language, and more! [Please click here](#) to see the full schedule of classes offered during Winter 2023.
- **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>.
- **North County Recreation League: 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Bowling League** | Tuesdays, February 14 – March 21, 2023, Classic Bowl, 900 King Drive, Daly City. Teams will be made up of either mixed doubles, mixed trios, or mixed fours depending on registration. Teams can be formed from combined cities. Friends can bowl with friends from other schools! SSF residents can register at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog. For more information: (650) 829-3800. Brisbane, Millbrae, and San Bruno residents should contact their city's recreation departments to register.

- **Parks and Recreation Department is Hiring!** The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for dedicated and talented individuals to join our awesome team. For more information on current job openings visit <https://www.ssf.net>.
- **FREE Caltrain Go Passes.** Commute.org and Caltrain have partnered to provide a new Caltrain Go Pass to San Mateo County residents. The Go Pass provides free train trips on Caltrain between zones at any time! To be eligible, you must make less than \$70,000/year, work or live in San Mateo County, and plan on using the card at least twice a week. Go Passes will be valid until 12/31/23 with limited supply. If are interested in learning more about the program, please send an email to gopass@commute.org or text (650) 538-7603 for more information. You can also view the [Caltrain Go Pass Flyer 2023 in English y español](#). To apply, please visit the [Commute.org website](#). Need help applying? Our Promotors are ready to assist! Contact us at promotores@ssf.net or 650-829-6680.

LIBRARY EVENTS

- **The Wall Street Journal is now available.** Looking for in-depth, up-to-date business and finance news? You're in luck! The digital edition of the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) is now available, in English, Chinese and Japanese, with your library card. The Wall Street Journal is available to South San Francisco Library cardholders. To get started click [here](#).
 - **Middle-Grade Book Club | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Thursday, January 26 at 4:00 PM.** Join our book club for 8 - 10-year-olds! This casual, just-for-fun club meets monthly to discuss the books we've read and socialize over a shared activity. We always read "middle grade" fiction - books written specifically for 3-5 graders. Please check out this month's book and read it at your leisure: [Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy](#). If you cannot find a copy on our library shelves, our staff will help you obtain a copy from our greater library system. If you have a book to recommend for a future meeting, please bring it along to share with the group! Email ssfyouth@plsinfo.org to register or for more information.
 - **Friday Crafternoon: Ikat Painting | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Friday, January 27 at 3:30 PM.** Many cultures around the world perform ikat weaving. We will practice Ikat-style painting making traditional shapes and designs. This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library.
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South San Francisco Police Association
St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Enjoy an evening of entertainment and the chance to win door prizes!



Sunday, March 5, 2023

4:00 pm to 5:00 PM - Social Mixer

5:00 PM Dinner

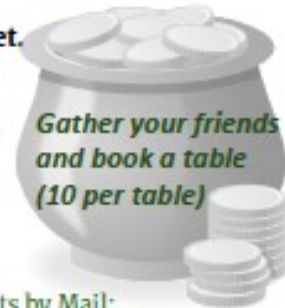
South San Francisco Conference Center
255 South Airport Blvd, South San Francisco

Pat Sullivan's World Famous
Corned Beef and Cabbage with all the trimmings!

The purchase of a dinner ticket includes one raffle ticket.
Additional raffle tickets may be purchased at the event.

\$55.00 per Person Donation may be made to:
SSFPA Survivor Benefit Fund
Tax ID# 94-2414766

Tickets are \$10.00 for Children 12 and under



*Gather your friends
and book a table
(10 per table)*

Tickets in Person:
South San Francisco Police Department
1 Chestnut Ave
South San Francisco

Tickets by Mail:
Rich & Elaine Garbarino
400 Avalon Drive
South San Francisco, CA 94080
*Send Self-addressed stamped envelope *

*For ticket information contact Records Supervisor Roxanne Moran,
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