



Happy Friday! This week, we celebrate *National Engineers Week 2023* from February 19 - 25 with the theme "Creating the Future." It recognizes how engineers play a vital role in innovating solutions to global challenges that impact future generations through new technologies, products, and opportunities. As an engineering graduate, I'm proud to highlight several specialized engineers, who call our City of South San Francisco home, all of whom contribute critical work towards the success of a thriving and safe quality of life for our community and the generations ahead. South San Francisco's professional

engineers, civil and structural engineers and Water Quality Control Plant operating engineers encompass an impressive variety of advanced-level disciplines in the civil, sanitary, traffic, maintenance, and construction engineering developments seen throughout our city streets, facilities, parks, bridges, utilities, and overall infrastructure. No matter what their discipline is, it is certain that these Public Works professionals are hardworking and inspiring reminders of where a technical education in science, math, and technology literacy can lead.

Please join me this week in acknowledging the accomplishments and contributions our very own dedicated, diverse, and well-educated engineering workforce provide to our South San Francisco community.

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

- Summer Camp Public Lottery Registration
- COVID-19/Flu Vaccine Pop-Up Clinic
- Meet with SSFUSD about "Portrait of a Graduate."
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event in SSF
- Youth Art Show
- SSF Chamber of Commerce Annual Recognition & Business Awards
- Senior Services Tax Prep
- Spring Camp Registration
- SMC Disaster Recovery Center
- Caltrain Temporarily Reduces Weekend Service to Expedite Electrification Construction
- SM 101 Express Lanes Open March 3
- Upcoming Library Events

As always, if you know of a friend or neighbor who does not receive these important City updates, please forward this email to them, and they can [sign up here](#).

Your Mayor,
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LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

- **Summer Camp Public Lottery Registration.** Lottery registration will be Monday, February 21 – Monday, February 28. Families will be notified before March 8 regarding details for their registration. In-person registration will be held on March 11, 2023 at the Joseph A. Fernekes Recreation Building (781 Tennis Drive). This year's summer camp programs will begin Monday, June 5 and operate through Friday, August 4 and families can register by the week! For questions call (650) 875-6900 or email kim.morrison@ssf.net or cristina.simmons@ssf.net.
- **FREE South San Francisco COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Pop-Up Clinic.** Monday, February 27. 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. inside the gymnasium of Spruce Elementary School (501 Spruce Avenue). The City of South San Francisco has partnered with the County of San Mateo and the South San Francisco School District to host a FREE clinic at Spruce Elementary. Get your COVID-19 booster for free (ages 5+). Haven't gotten your first dose? No problem! We can get you vaccinated no matter where you are at with the vaccines. Need a flu shot? You can get that too! You will also receive a free PPE goodie bag when you get vaccinated, which includes antigen test kits, masks, and hand sanitizer. For the first 35 South San Francisco residents who register, you will also get a gift card! Transportation services are available for those who qualify. Indicate transportation assistance on the registration form for more information. [REGISTER HERE](#). Questions? Please contact Tamiko.Huey@ssf.net or call (650) 829-6680.
- **Meet with SSFUSD about "Portrait of a Graduate."** Last fall, the South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD) heard from more than 3,500 SSFUSD community members through surveys, SSC and PTA meetings, focus groups, and interviews. Their diverse Visioning Working Group, made up of 21 SSFUSD parents, alums, staff, and community partners, used this input to develop a draft "Portrait of a Graduate." This "Portrait of a Graduate" describes what they want for all their students when they leave SSFUSD. They are excited to bring our community together to talk about what they've heard, and make sure we are clear about their priorities for its students. Please join us for their upcoming Community Conversations on March 1 or 4. See below for details, and how to register. If not, please you share your thoughts with us via a 5-minute survey. Please review their [1 page PDF](#) that can be printed or shared via email. They also have [digital flyers for social media](#) that you can download. All are in English and Spanish.
 - [Register for a Community Conversation](#) on March 1 or 4
 - [Share your thoughts via a survey](#)
- **Household Hazardous Waste Program Drop-off Event in SSF.** The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program is hosting a drop-off event in South San Francisco on Saturday, March 4, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm. Accepted items include cleaning products; fertilizers and garden chemicals; pesticides, herbicides and rodenticides; solvents; flammable liquids; fluorescent lights (compact and tubes), paint thinner,

acids/bases, aerosol cans, and automotive supplies (car batteries, motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, brake fluid). All waste collected is reused, recycled, or stabilized for proper disposal to achieve zero waste and prevent any items from going to the landfill and contaminating our water and soil. No electronic, radioactive, explosive, or medical waste is accepted. *This event is open to all who live in San Mateo County.* To participate, you must schedule an appointment at San Mateo County's HHW Program: smchealth.org/hhw-appt or by calling (650) 372-6200. The event location is disclosed once your appointment is confirmed. Limit 10 gallons or 50 pounds per appointment (per car load). If you have greater than 10 gallons, you must schedule additional appointments for each 10 gallons and make separate vehicle trips for each appointment. No commercial waste allowed. Residents unable to attend this event can still dispose of household hazardous waste for free at San Mateo County's permanent HHW facility Thursdays-Saturdays (except major holiday weekends). You must make an appointment at smchealth.org/hhw-appt or call (650) 372-6200. Recycling/safe disposal of paint, fluorescent lights, household batteries, and used motor oil/filters can be done at a local collection center – no appointment needed. Visit smchealth.org/post/hhw-most-wanted for local drop-off sites. For more information, visit smchealth.org/hhw

- **Youth Art Show | Friday & Saturday, March 10 & 11, Municipal Services Building.** Back after a 3-year hiatus, the *YOUTH ART SHOW*, presented by the SSF Cultural Arts Commission, in partnership with the SSF Unified School District, celebrates the artistry of SSFUSD students. This amazing program *features* hundreds of artworks highlighting works in various media, from kindergarten through high school. For more information, visit www.ssf.net/culturalarts.
- **SSF Chamber of Commerce Annual Recognition & Business Awards.** March 23, 2023 | SSF Conference Center | 6pm-9pm. The Annual Recognition and Business Awards Dinner is an event that cannot be missed! We will be recognizing businesses, organizations, and individuals in the categories of Business of the Year, Excellence in Small Business, Mayor's Award, Lifetime Achievement, Minority/Woman Owned Business, Special Recognition, Innovation, Legacy/Family-Owned Business, and Chamber Board Director of the Year. We are honored to have Congresswoman Jackie Speier (ret) as our emcee. Special Event Sponsorships are available. Call the Chamber for more information at 650-588-1911, or email info@ssfchamber.com. Advance reservations and payment required. RSVP to <https://www.ssfchamber.com/2023-business-awards.htm>. Early Bird price: \$110.00. After March 16: \$120.00
- **Senior Services Tax Prep at the Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center with Parks and Recreation & AARP.** Get your taxes prepared for FREE with the Parks and Recreation Department and AARP! This free tax preparation service is for low- and middle-income people with preference given to senior citizens. There is no income limit. However, we cannot prepare complex tax returns such as rental property and depreciated property. Services available the following dates (**NO WALK-INS**):
 - Mondays: February 13, 2023 - April 10, 2023

- Saturdays: February 18, 2023 - April 8, 2023
- To schedule an appointment, contact the Senior Services Team at (650) 829-3820, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All appointments must be made with a staff person, and cannot be scheduled by voicemail. *Presented by: AARP Foundation Tax-Aide in partnership with the City of South San Francisco Senior Services. For details, call 650-829-3820.*
- **Spring Camp Registration: Availability is still open.** Spring Camp will be held at the Joseph A. Fernekes Recreation Building (781 Tennis Drive) on Monday, March 27, 2023, through Friday, March 31, from 7:30 am – 6:00 pm daily. Eligible participants include children who are currently enrolled in kindergarten through 5th grade. Space is limited. For questions call (650) 875-6900 or email kim.morrison@ssf.net or cristina.simmons@ssf.net.

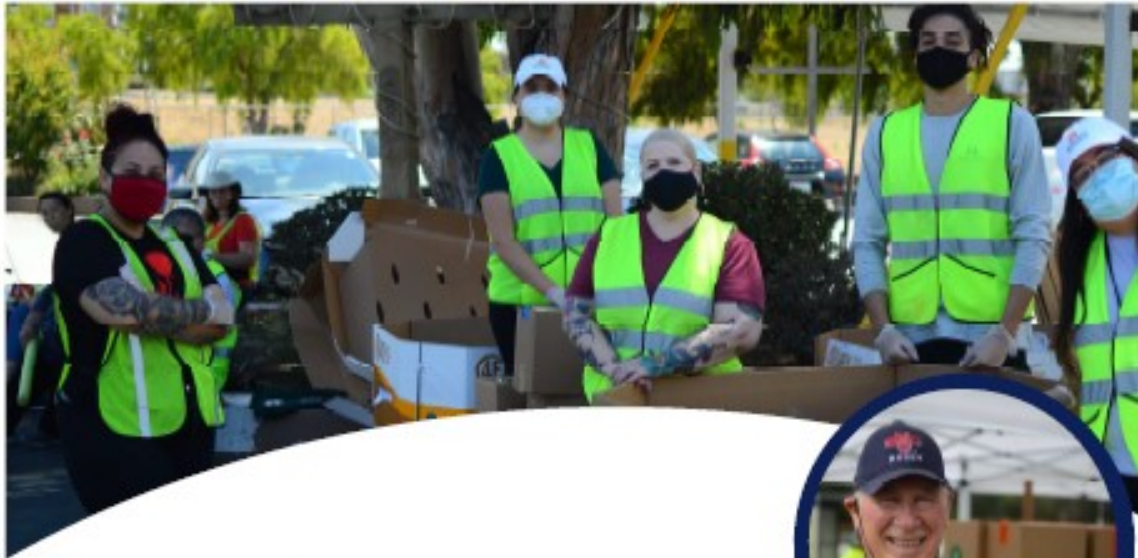
COUNTY UPDATES

- **Disaster Recovery Center to Remain Open in San Mateo through March 14.** A federal Disaster Recovery Center will remain open at the San Mateo County Event Center through March 14 to help residents affected by recent storms learn about available assistance. Operated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and California Office of Emergency Services, the center will operate daily at the San Mateo County Event Center from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., including weekends. Note the center will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14. [Read more.](#)
- **Caltrain Temporarily Reduces Weekend Service to Expedite Electrification Construction.** On the weekends of February 25-26, March 4-5 and 11-12. Caltrain will be suspending rail service between San Francisco and Millbrae Stations to accommodate Caltrain Electrification construction and testing. Caltrain encourages riders to see how this [change in service](#) will affect their commute and to seek alternative transit options if they would better suit their transportation needs. Limited bus service, known as a bus bridge, will be provided to Caltrain-dependent riders traveling to or from the affected area. These will be the first of 31 weekends in 2023 in which service will be adjusted to accommodate construction and testing for electrified service, which is expected to launch passenger service in fall 2024. On February 18-19, Caltrain will operate on its regular weekend schedule. [Read more here.](#)
- **SM 101 Express Lanes Open March 3.** Caltrans, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County are pleased to announce that starting March 3, 2023, the SM 101 Express Lanes from Whipple Avenue in Redwood City to I-380 in South San Francisco will be open to all [FasTrak® Flex](#) users. Until March 3, 2023, the Express Lanes between Whipple Avenue and I-380 will remain open to HOV 3+ (vehicles with 3 or more passengers) and motorcycles only from 5 AM – 8 PM, Monday through Friday. Please note, you must have [FasTrak® Flex](#) to access the lanes and all violators driving in the lanes will be subject to a fine.

Construction activities are weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Project Read Tutoring Assistance.** Do you know an Adult who wants to improve their reading and writing? Want to learn new technology skills? Or needs help filling out forms? Project Read, North San Mateo County, can help! We provide free 1-to-1 assistance by trained volunteer tutors to help adults achieve their potential as a parent, community member, worker & lifelong learner. Interested in learning more? Visit us at our South San Francisco Public Main Library location, contact us by phone at 650-829-3871 or email projectread@ssf.net.
 - **YA Youth Poetry Workshop | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Friday, February 24 at 4 PM.** Write and share your latest poems. Learn about becoming the 2023-24 Youth Poet-in-Residence (YPR). More information about the YRP program and the current resident can be found on the library's [teen page](#). This workshop is for high school students.
 - **Filipino Family Storytime | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Saturday, February 25 at 10:30 AM.** Join us for Filipino Family Storytime with Louella! The program takes place at the Main Orange Library in the Auditorium. All ages are welcome.
 - **Storyteller Kirk Waller | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 PM.** Join master storyteller Kirk Waller as he shares African and African American folktales, legends, and history, bringing them alive with music, movement, singing, and the spoken word. Kirk Waller is an award-winning storyteller who has been performing for more than 20 years. He is the former Chair of the Storytelling Association of California and served as Director of Storytelling at Stagebridge, the nation's oldest and most renowned theatre company of older adults. This is an all-ages event.
 - **Make a Loom: Weaving for Kids! | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Tuesday, February 28 at 4:00 PM.** Make a cardboard loom and weave your own textiles! All materials provided. This event is geared toward school-aged children.
 - **How to Animate Posts in Canva | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Thursday, March 2 at 6:00 PM.** Canva is a free design tool not only used to create materials such as flyers and brochures but also to create animations and short videos for social media, websites, and much more! This program is presented in partnership with the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center. Find out more [here](#).
 - View all [Library Events](#) here.
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