



Happy Rainy Friday! The rain is back, and we are enduring another winter storm that's expected to bring heavy rain and high winds that could cause flooding, mudslides, and falling trees through the weekend. The National Weather Service forecasted gusty winds, thunderstorms, and heavy rain starting late last night and into today, with a flood watch continuing through the weekend. Staff is monitoring catch basins/storm drains and additional equipment and extra staff are on standby through Sunday to respond to the storm, if necessary. Please take precautions now for potential flooding and possible power outages due to storm impacts and sign up for emergency alerts [here](#). **Just a reminder: Please only call 9-1-1 for emergencies.** Lastly, for your and your family's safety, know your zone. Emergency managers have carved the Peninsula into more than 300 zones on an online, publicly available map supported by Zonehaven, a California-based company under contract with the County of San Mateo. Each zone is assigned a short code. All residents can enter an address to [find your zone](#). In an emergency, first responders will issue evacuation or other orders and advisories based on the zones. This information will be pushed out via the news media, social media such as Twitter, emergency alert notifications, and other platforms.

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

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In closing, as we continue to celebrate March as Women's History Month, I wanted to again recognize our new City Manager, Sharon Ranals. She has

been a longtime employee of the City, so she is no stranger to many of you! I want to take this time to uplift all women in our community. So often, we think we are overselling ourselves, but I want to say that you are not! As women, we need to create an environment that fosters a variety of leadership styles in which diverse racial, ethnic, and gender identities are seen as just as professional as the current model we live in. I encourage you to take a moment to read this [article](#) in the Harvard Business Review and reflect on how we can encourage and inspire more women in our community to lift up others and succeed.

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

- **Daylight saving starts this weekend.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 2:00 A.M. and we "spring forward" one hour. The Sleep Foundation [recommends some strategies](#) for adjusting to the time change.
- **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. Friday's show will be from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Saturday's show will be from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.ssf.net/culturalarts.
- **Youth Baseball Parade |** Saturday, March 11 - **CANCELLED**. The annual Youth Baseball Parade is unfortunately cancelled due to the weather.
- **San Mateo Mobile Clinic in SSF is Moving!** Are you homeless, uninsured, or insured, with Medi-Cal, Medi-Care, or San Mateo County health insurance? Find high-quality, immediate healthcare services at the Mobile Clinic! Drop by - no appointment is needed. For over 15 years, the San Mateo County Mobile Clinic was previously located in the parking lot of Linden & Pine but as of March 13, 2022, the Mobile Clinic will now be conveniently located at 371 Miller Avenue, South San Francisco. This centrally located Mobile Clinic provides convenient and confidential medical care every Monday between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 371 Miller Ave, South San Francisco. Rain or shine, the Mobile Clinic is here to take care of South San Francisco residents. Services offered include:
 - **Urgent care:** illness and injury treatment
 - **Primary care:** treatment, health advice, referrals
 - **Screenings:** blood pressure, sugar for diabetes, Tuberculosis, pregnancy, STDs
 - **Vaccinations:** for adults 18+ years

- **Adult school & work physicals:** results in 48 hours
 - **Family planning:** counseling, emergency contraception, prevention
 - **Referrals for mental health services**
 - **Needle exchange**
- **Summer Camp Public Lottery Registration.** Registration will be accepted over the counter at the Fernekes Building, 781 Tennis Drive, starting March 13. 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.
- **The San Francisco Opera is Coming to South San Francisco | Friday – Sunday, March 17 – 19, Orange Memorial.** The San Francisco Opera is taking opera out of the Opera House and bringing it to Orange Memorial Park, on a shipping container-turned-stage. Audiences will be able to enjoy a free, one-hour version of Puccini's famous *La Bohème* performed live in Italian with English narration and keyboard accompaniment. These free performances on a state-of-the-art mobile stage will bring powerful emotions and soaring arias in a relaxed, intimate environment. Opera start times will be 7:30 pm for the Friday and Saturday shows and 2:00 pm for the Sunday show. Admission is free and pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register visit: www.ssf.net/culturalarts or www.ssfopera.com/box
- **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.
- **"Abundance" Two-Dimensional Art Show Extended Exhibit | Through March 31.** Online. Artists reflected on the meaning of abundance at the two-day January art show sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission. Visitors enjoyed viewing exceptional two-dimensional works including painting, photography, collage, and other 2-D media. Thirty local and Bay Area artists displayed fifty amazing works. Seven entries were awarded. The Commission thanks all the participants and congratulates the finalists of this art gallery event. For information: www.ssf.net/culturalarts
- **92nd Annual Easter Bunny Photo Hop | Saturday, April 1, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Orange Memorial Park: Soccer Field.** Bring your entire family to this fun annual event! You will have the opportunity to take pictures with the Easter Bunny, participate in an Easter egg hunt, and walk away with "goodies" for the kids! This is a free event! Pre-registration is required. SSF residents can register online beginning Monday, March 13 at 6:00 am online and 8:00 am in person at the Recreation Office (33 Arroyo Drive). Non-resident registration will begin Monday, March 20 (same time). For more information, dial (650) 829-3800 or email web-

- **Household Hazardous Waste Event in South San Francisco.** The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program is hosting a drop-off event in South San Francisco on Saturday, April 1, 2023, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. 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 carload). *If you have greater than 10 gallons, you must schedule additional appointments for every 10 gallons and make separate vehicle trips for each appointment.* No commercial waste is 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 is needed. Visit smchealth.org/post/hhw-most-wanted for local drop-off sites. For more information, visit smchealth.org/hhw

COUNTY UPDATES

- **The deadline to Apply for Federal Disaster Assistance is March 16.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Small Business Administration offer relief grants, loans, and other assistance for damage caused by the storms and flooding that began in late December 2022. The deadline to apply is March 16, 2023. Disaster assistance may include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs, medical expenses, childcare, and moving & storage expenses. Specialists are available to assist with the application process at the San Mateo County Event Center through March 14, [online](#) or by calling 800-621-3362. [Read more here.](#)
- **County Needs Help to Secure Broadband Funding.** The County of San Mateo is asking residents, particularly those without access to Broadband Internet, to take a survey from the [Federal Communications Commission](#) that could help secure funding to bring high-speed Internet access to local underserved and unserved communities. The FCC requires Internet service providers to report where they make Internet services available. The FCC reviews the data and then publishes it on the [National Broadband Map](#). Residents can dispute, or challenge, information shown on the map that they believe is inaccurate. [Read more here.](#)

- **Caltrain Temporarily Reduces Weekend Service to Expedite Electrification Construction.** On March 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.](#)
- **The San Mateo County Transit District (District) Board of Directors is seeking applicants to fill one public member seat.** The successful candidate will be one of nine directors responsible for setting policy for the district, which is responsible for the countywide SamTrans bus and paratransit services. Public members who apply must be San Mateo County residents living outside of the County's coastal region and must not have held public office for at least one year. Each appointment has a four-year term. The board consists of nine members: three members appointed by the Board of Supervisors, three members who are appointed by the City Selection Committee, who are council members representing the northern, central, and southern portions of the county; and three public members, one of whom is a coast side resident. Regular meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. The deadline for applying is 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 30. The application is available at www.samtrans.com/boardofdirectors or by calling 650-5086242.
- **Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA's Pet Food Bank.** Striving to keep pets and their families together, Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA created a Pet Food Bank to assist pet owners with food and other supplies for their pets. Low-income county residents or those suffering financial hardship can register to receive pet food and litter from the food bank. Income verification is not necessary, but advance registration for the Pet Food Bank is required. The Pet Food Bank occurs on the second Friday of each month and is 100% donor funded. To receive pet food, applicants must:
 - Be a resident of San Mateo County and experiencing financial hardship.
 - Agree to use the food bank for personal companion animals in need.
 - Understand that food is donated to Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA and the same brand or type of pet food cannot be guaranteed each month.
 - Enroll no more than four pets per household.
 - Please email Brian@PHS-SPCA.org for questions and to register for the food bank and receive monthly provisions.

LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Overdrive App is retiring!** If you read ebooks or listen to audiobooks with the OverDrive app, changes are coming! The legacy OverDrive app will

soon be discontinued, and you'll need to switch to Libby, OverDrive's newer reading app. You can still use the legacy OverDrive app for now, but we recommend upgrading to Libby today. It's easy to use and full of fun features. Please visit <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/switchtolibby> to learn more.

- **Sign up your child for Big Lift Inspiring Summers 2023!** The South San Francisco Big Lift sites are Spruce Elementary and Los Cerritos Elementary, now accepting students entering Kindergarten through 3rd Grade from June 14 to July 21, 2023. Big Lift boosts academic and social skills for students and all sessions will be full days and in-person, with COVID-19 safety measures in place. The curriculum includes reading, science, art projects, field trips, mindfulness, and games. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided. This innovative program is made possible through generous funding from the County of San Mateo Measure K tax dollars. No cost for qualified families and families must meet income eligibility requirements.
- **Portuguese Storytime | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, March 11 at 2:00 PM.** Stories, songs, and action rhymes in Portuguese for children of all ages and parents or caregivers, followed by stay-and-play. Histórias, cantigas e parlendas em português para crianças de todas as idades e pais ou responsáveis. Socialização logo em seguida.
- **Leprechauns in the Library | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Wednesday, March 15 at 4:00 PM.** Rumor has it that leprechauns like to cause mischief on the night before St. Patrick's Day, and sure enough, it seems that we find evidence of this every year in the library. This year, let's try to catch them in the act! Join us in the Makerspace to design, build, and decorate a leprechaun trap. All materials will be provided; however, you may wish to bring a small cardboard box or another container to use as the base of your trap. This fun STEM activity is recommended for children ages four and up. To test our own leprechaun traps, we will be hosting another **Stuffie Sleepover immediately following our trap-making activities from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** We welcome you to bring your favorite stuffed animal along to spend the night and help us with our search. Make a small trap to leave with your stuffie; come back for pickup on Saturday, March 18, and find out if we've had any luck finding a leprechaun!
- **Books and Families | Paradise Valley Park (400 Hillside Blvd) | Thursday, March 16 at 11:00 AM.** In partnership with Learning Wheels at Project Read, the SSFUSD's Child Development Program would like to invite the community to "Books and Families" where there will be free books, prizes, and lots of fun!
- **Asian Art Museum presents The Language of Flowers in Asian Art | Virtual via Zoom | Thursday, March 16, 2:00 PM.** The Language of Flowers in Asian Art showcases the expressive power of flowers in the arts and cultures of Asia. Since ancient times flowers have been cultivated in gardens and represented in art. The properties of flowers have come to symbolize both human and divine qualities. Our program

featuring objects from the Asian Art Museum's permanent collection focuses on six celebrated flowers - lotus, plum blossom, cherry blossom, chrysanthemum, tulip, and rose – and the message they convey. Presented by the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco Community Speakers Program. Registration is required. This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library.

- **How to Design Food Menus in Canva | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Thursday, March 16, 6:00 PM.** A restaurant's menu gives the customer a great idea of the business's personality and helps to keep the brand fresh in their mind when they leave your facility. Canva is a great free design tool that will allow you to make those connections and impressions to your customers! This program is presented in partnership with the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center. Find out more [here](#).



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