



Happy St. Patrick's Day! St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. Today, people of all backgrounds celebrate St. Patrick's Day, especially throughout the United States, Canada, and Australia. Although North America is home to the largest productions, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated around the world in locations far from Ireland, including Japan, Singapore, and Russia. Popular St. Patrick's Day recipes include Irish soda bread, corned beef and cabbage, and champ.

In the United States, people often wear green on St. Patrick's Day. At our upcoming City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 22, we will celebrate Irish American Heritage Month by issuing a proclamation – I encourage you all to attend and celebrate those Irish Americans who have made a difference in our community and nation!

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

- Summer Camp Public Lottery Registration
- The San Francisco Opera is Coming to South San Francisco - **New location*
- Spring Camp Registration: Registration ends March 22
- Introducing the new Adult Bocce League! **New dates*
- Cultural Activities Grant | *New extended the deadline!*
- 92nd Annual Easter Bunny Photo Hop
- Parks and Recreation is Hiring!
- Household Hazardous Waste Event in South San Francisco
- County Needs Help to Secure Broadband Funding
- The San Mateo County Transit District (District) Board of Directors is seeking applicants
- What can you get from the Inflation Reduction Act?
- Apply to join Peninsula Clean Energy's Citizens Advisory Committee
- Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council (BACHAC)'s Social Health Equity Project
- Upcoming Library Events

In closing, it appears we weathered these latest rounds of storms without having many major issues. I want to thank our City staff, especially our maintenance staff from Public Works and our Parks and Recreation Departments, who worked around the clock to ensure our residents stayed staff!

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.** Registration is being accepted over the counter at the Fernekes 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.
- **The San Francisco Opera is Coming to South San Francisco | Friday – Sunday, March 17 – 19, Orange Memorial.** 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. ***New Location: Orange Memorial Park Tennis Drive Parking Lot.*** Admission is free, and pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register visit: www.ssf.net/culturalarts or www.sfopera.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, and ***registration will end Wednesday, March 22.*** For questions, call (650) 875-6900 or email kim.morrison@ssf.net or cristina.simmons@ssf.net.
- **Introducing the new Adult Bocce League!** Bocce, also known as Italian lawn bowling, is one of the world's most widely played games and one of the oldest lawn or yard games. A Thursday night league will begin in the spring for both beginners as well as seasoned bocce players. Game times will be between 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Register at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog. Please note: start and end dates have been delayed two weeks due to recent weather. Contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800 or email web-rec@ssf.net.
- ***New Dates: March 30, 2023 - May 18, 2023**
- BOCCE-101 Beginner League: 6:00pm-7:00pm; Fee: \$30.00/person resident & nonresident
- BOCCE-102 Experienced League 7:15 pm-8:15 pm; Fee: \$120.00/team (4 player minimum & 8 player maximum)
- **Cultural Activities Grant | *New extended the deadline!*** The Parks and Recreation Department and Cultural Arts Commission are pleased to

announce the Cultural Activities Grant Program, created to support community organizations and artists who wish to offer free or low-cost events and activities that will expose the community to cultural and recreational activities and programming. This grant program aims to foster cultural experiences for the community, infuse neighborhoods with the arts and increase exposure to cultural activities that will lead to a greater understanding and respect for diverse cultural heritages. Typical grant awards will range from \$500-\$2,000 and will require your organization to enter into a funding agreement with the City. If you are interested in applying for this program, applications and eligibility information is listed on our website: www.ssf.net/CulturalActivityGrant and available at the Municipal Services Building at 33 Arroyo Drive. The application period will remain open through March 31st at 3:00 p.m. For questions and additional information, contact: 650-829-3809 or kari.jung@ssf.net.

- **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 now or 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-rec@ssf.net.
- **Parks and Recreation is Hiring!** The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for dedicated and talented individuals to join our excellent team. For more information on current job openings, visit <https://www.ssf.net/departments/parks-recreation/recreation-division/job-opportunities/>.
- **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

- **SMC 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 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.](#)
- **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 p.m. The deadline for applying is 5 p.m. Thursday, March 30. The application is available at www.samtrans.com/boardofdirectors or by calling 650-508-6242.
- **What can you get from the Inflation Reduction Act?** The Inflation Reduction Act offers thousands of dollars in rebates and tax credits to help homeowners switch from methane gas and other fossil fuels to clean electricity and improve energy efficiency. The Inflation Reduction Act makes it more affordable to improve indoor air quality, help the environment, and reduce home energy bills. [Read more here.](#)
- **Apply to join Peninsula Clean Energy's Citizens Advisory Committee.** Be a part of bringing clean energy benefits to your community! Peninsula Clean Energy is recruiting members for our Citizens Advisory Committee. Serving as liaisons to their community, Citizens Advisory Committee members directly contribute to Peninsula Clean Energy's mission of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by expanding access to sustainable and affordable energy solutions. Individuals who live or work in San

Mateo County or the City of Los Banos are eligible to apply. [Apply by March 31 here.](#)

- **REGISTER for this FREE, powerful session, and let your voice be heard!** Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council (BACHAC)'s Social Health Equity Project is using a racial equity lens to assess the Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs) reports of non-profit healthcare systems in San Mateo County. The goal is to provide policy recommendations leading to transformational change for our communities. Join us to learn about BACHAC's own analysis and an opportunity to give input on recommended policies that impact the health of our community. All voices are welcome! Spanish interpretation will be available. This virtual Community Town Hall will occur on Wednesday, March 22, from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 pm. You can register [here](#).

LIBRARY EVENTS

- **SSFPL Book Club | Virtual via Zoom | Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 PM.** Join us for our monthly book club. We will be meeting virtually to discuss [The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America](#) by Richard Rothstein. Please email steinberg@plsinfo.org for the meeting information or if you need help finding a copy of the book for this month. Related Resources: Find out more about SSFPL Book Club on our website [here](#), and see what else we're reading in 2023 on [Bibliocommons](#)
- **Books and Families | City Hall Tot Lot (Miller and Walnut Ave) | Thursday, March 22 at 10:00 AM.** In partnership with SSFUSD's Child Development Program, the Learning Wheels at [Project Read](#) would like to invite the community to "Books and Families," where there will be free books, prizes, and lots of fun! We will meet at the City Hall Tot Lot, weather permitting. In inclement weather, we will meet at Grand Ave Library instead.
- **Books and Families | Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Thursday, March 22 at 2:00 PM.** In partnership with SSFUSD's Child Development Program, the Learning Wheels at [Project Read](#) would like to invite the community to "Books and Families," where there will be free books, prizes, and lots of fun! Weather permitting, we will meet at the Grand Ave Library and then go to City Hall Tot Lot afterward.
- **Middle Grade Book Club | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Thursday, March 23 at 4:00 PM.** Join our book club for 8-10-year-olds! This casual, just-for-fun club meets monthly to talk about 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 *in your preferred format*, and read at your leisure: [The Babysitter's Club: Kristy's Great Idea](#) (chapter book) - written by Ann Martin; [The Babysitter's Club: Kristy's Great Idea](#) (graphic novel) - written by Ann Martin and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier. You do not have to read both editions of the book; choose the format you like best! If you are unable to 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.

- **Filipino Family Storytime | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Saturday, March 25 at 10:30 AM.** Join us for Filipino Family Storytime with Louella! All ages are welcome. The program takes place at the Main Orange Library in the Auditorium.



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SPEAKERS

LISA TEALER

Executive Director, BACHAC

TANIA PEREZ

Social Health Equity
Consultant, BACHAC

ONLINE EVENT - REGISTER AT:

<https://tinyurl.com/4bm4pnx9>

*Spanish Interpretation will be available.
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**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 22ND
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