



Happy Friday! The seemingly endless cascade of storms in 2023 – with still more rain in the forecast next week – is a sharp reminder to get ready for all sorts of things that could go wrong. Natural disasters, particularly weather disasters, are becoming more frequent and more costly, in both lives and losses. The best time to prepare for any potential disaster is now, not when the lights go out or emergency managers are issuing evacuation orders. **Now is the Time to Prepare for Emergencies: Know Your Zone.** The best time to prepare for any potential disaster is now, not when the lights go out or emergency

managers are issuing evacuation orders. To prepare for possible evacuations, for instance, 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:

- Dog Park Survey
- Introducing the new Adult Bocce League! **New dates*
- Cultural Activities Grant | *New extended deadline!*
- Sign Hill Master Plan Pop-Up Event
- Jack Drago Cultural Arts Commission Youth Art Scholarship
- Scholarships Available through the IACC
- Senior Services Tax Prep
- Affordable Housing Available in South San Francisco
- Household Hazardous Waste Event in South San Francisco
- County Needs Help to Secure Broadband Funding
- A Vision for Water-Based Transportation Survey Ends Tonight at Midnight
- County Health's COVID-19 pop-up clinic program concludes March 31
- Interest-free Financing Through Peninsula Clean Energy
- Leadership Council SMC are Accepting Applications
- Upcoming Library Events

In closing, sign up for SMC Alert to receive emergency notifications and make a plan for your family. You can find additional emergency planning tips here. 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.

LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

- **Dog Park Survey.** The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking input from dog owners in South San Francisco and the current park rules pertaining to dog parks. Your input will help inform the Department moving forward with policy, implementation, and installation of dog related amenities. The survey is open through Friday, March 31. Take survey here: <https://bit.ly/SSFDogParkSurvey>. For additional questions and inquiries regarding our dog park, please contact the Parks Division at parks@ssf.net.
- **Introducing the new Adult Bocce League!** Bocce, also known as Italian lawn bowling, is one of the most widely played games in the world and is 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. For questions, 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 7:15pm-8:15pm; Fee: \$120.00/team (4 player minimum & 8 player maximum)
- **Cultural Activities Grant | *New extended deadline!*** The Parks and Recreation Department and Cultural Arts Commission is 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. The goal of this grant program is 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 entering into a funding agreement with the City. If you are interested in applying for this program, applications and eligibility information are listed on our website: www.ssf.net/CulturalActivityGrant and are available at the Municipal Services Building located at 33 Arroyo Drive. The application period will remain open through March 31 at 3:00 p.m. For questions and additional information contact: 650-829-3809 or kari.jung@ssf.net.
- **Sign Hill Master Plan Pop-Up Event** | Saturday, April 1, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Sign Hill Parking Lot & Trailhead at end of Ridgeview Court. The City of South San Francisco is seeking community input to create a master plan for Sign Hill Open Space, a valuable and historic local resource for the community and critical habitat for wildlife on the Peninsula. The Sign Hill Open Space Master Plan will guide the future

improvement of the trail system to enhance public access and visitor experiences while protecting the site's biological and cultural resources. There are two ways to provide feedback: Attend the Sign Hill Pop-Up Event on April 1 or complete the online survey or visit our website: <https://bit.ly/SignHillMasterPlan>.

- **Jack Drago Cultural Arts Commission Youth Art Scholarship**
[ATTENTION SSFUSD Seniors: The Cultural Arts Commission is awarding up to three scholarships, for up to a total of \$4,000 to graduating South San Francisco Unified School District high school seniors who have shown achievement in the arts and plan to continue the study of art. Application deadline: Monday, April 17, 2023. Information and online application form: [Current Opportunities for Artist](#)
- **Scholarships Available through the IACC.** The South San Francisco Italian American Citizens Club (IACC) is offering two \$1500 scholarships to 2023 graduating seniors. Applicants must be either a student of Italian descent living in South San Francisco, a senior studying Italian at an accredited school or related to an IACC member. Applicants should have a grade point average of 3.25 or better. Applications can be found on their website at www.SSFIACC.org.
- **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. Pre-registration is required. 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. Services available the following dates: **Mondays:** February 13, 2023 - April 10, 2023; **Saturdays:** February 18, 2023 - April 8, 2023
- **Affordable Housing Available in South San Francisco.** Grand and Linden Family Apartments are a brand new 84-unit housing community in South San Francisco consisting of two buildings within a few blocks of each other. These properties offer 55 Section 8 Project-Based Voucher units consisting of studios, 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom, and 3-bedroom apartments. Apply online at: www.mysmchousing.com now through April 3, 2023 at 5:00 PM. If you are unable to access the online application portal, please leave a message at (650) 802-3352 for application assistance.
- **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, 9:00am-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 appoint (per carload). *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

COUNTY UPDATES

- **A Vision for Water-Based Transportation and Emergency Response on the San Francisco Bay.** The survey closes this Friday, March 24, 2023, at midnight. Please take our 5-minute [public survey](#) to weigh in on what ferry service should look like on San Francisco Bay over the next 30 years. Survey participants will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 Clipper Card or a San Francisco Bay Ferry water bottle. This new survey is one of the last opportunities for the general public to participate in [Bay Ferry 2050](#). Tell us what is important to you for the future of the [San Francisco Bay Ferry system](#). [Take the survey here](#).
- **County Health's COVID-19 pop-up clinic program for schools and faith-based organizations will conclude on March 31.** Organizations wishing to host a vaccine clinic may reach out to County Health at covidvax@smcgov.org for more information. Vaccines and boosters remain widely available at health care providers and pharmacies. For real-time information on the availability of vaccines and how to schedule an appointment by location, visit vaccines.gov.
- **Interest-free Financing through Peninsula Clean Energy.** Peninsula Clean Energy is providing homeowners in South San Francisco interest-free financing and new rebates to install electric water heaters and heating and A/C equipment. Zero Percent Loan program. This new program will provide interest-free financing of as much as \$10,000 per home for projects that include installation of electric heat pump equipment, including water heaters and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) units. The loans will range from two to 10 years and be repaid on monthly electric bills. They do not require a credit check but do require the customer to have a zero past-due balance on their previous three PG&E billing statements. Read more [here](#). Find out if you're eligible & what upgrades qualify.
- **Leadership Council SMC are Accepting Applications.** The Leadership

Council SMC is accepting applications and nominations for their two immersion programs: *Leadership CORPS* and the new *Emerging Leaders Program*. This is open to all community members! There are three information sessions that will provide all the details a candidate needs to know. Full program descriptions are on their website: Leadership CORPS and Emerging Leaders. The application deadline for both programs is Monday, May 1, 2023.

- Monday, March 27th, 6-7 p.m. ([Registration Link](#))
- Thursday, April 6th, 8-9 a.m. ([Registration Link](#))
- Friday, April 14th, 12 noon-1 p.m. ([Registration Link](#))

LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Textile Thursday: Glasses Case | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Thursday, March 30 at 1:00 PM.** Winter is almost over, and we'll be needing a nice case for our sunglasses. Brush up on your sewing skills or build new ones with these easy glasses case! A few small scraps of fabric are all that's needed to make one of these handy cases which also make thoughtful gifts. Materials: 2 pieces of coordinated quilting cotton 10X10 inches; 10" fusible interfacing or foam interfacing.
 - **Short Reads: Teen Graphic Novel Book Club | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Thursday, March 30 at 4:00 PM.** Short Reads is a graphic novel book club for teenagers. This month we are reading *Himawari House* by Harmony Becker. Reading the whole book is not required to attend the discussion. Visit bit.ly/3jD7o7o to request a copy of the book.
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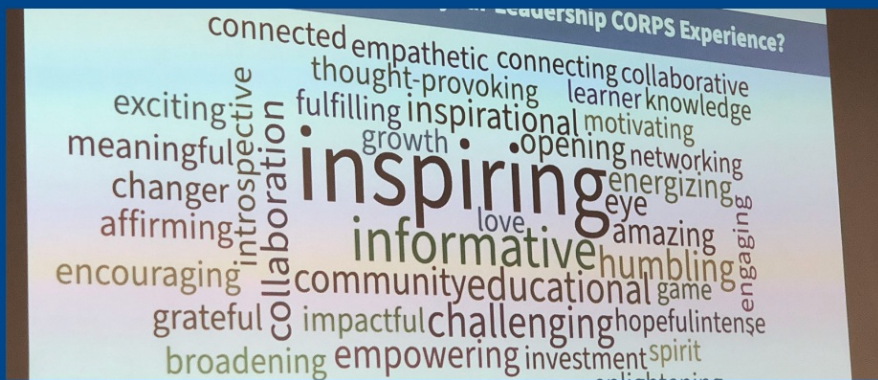


Attend an
Information Session!

- **Leadership CORPS Program**
for Senior-Level Leaders
 - **Emerging Leaders Program**
for Rising Leaders
- ... who live or work in San Mateo County*

via Zoom
March 27, 6-7 pm
April 6, 8-9 am
April 14, 12-1 pm

- **Application Deadline Is May 1, 2023.**
- **Get Your Questions Answered!**



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