



Happy Friday! We have a very special week ahead. Please join me in acknowledging and celebrating the essential work conducted by our amazing dispatchers during “**911 Dispatcher Appreciation Week**”, which is held this year, April 9-15. Our tireless dispatchers serve our communities, citizens, and public safety personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 911 dispatchers are represented by the Thin Gold Line. This narrowest of lines represents those who are rarely seen but always heard and appreciated. The calm voice in the dark of the night; the heroes behind the scenes; the gold link that holds us all together. Thank you to our **South San Francisco Police Department Dispatchers** for everything you do! You are truly appreciated!

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

- Earth Day Clean Up
- Arbor Day and Earth Day Volunteer Event 2023
- Sign Hill Stewards Volunteer Program
- SSFUSD’s Superintendent Dr. Moore receives Superintendent of the Year Award
- SamTrans needs your help to improve its bus stops
- April is California Earthquake Awareness Month
- Got Wheels! Waitlist is CLOSED
- Upcoming library events

In closing, just a reminder to take the My Water Pledge during the month of April at mywaterpledge.com. Be sure to take this pledge by April 30 for a chance to win prizes and get the City of South San Francisco on the map! 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,
Flor Nicolas

LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

- **Earth Day Cleanup** | Saturday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Utah Avenue bridge. In collaboration with the County of San Mateo’s Public Works Department, the City of South San Francisco’s Environmental Compliance Program is hosting a cleanup event. The community is invited to volunteer as we pickup up trash along the banks of Colma Creek to help preserve our local watershed. Your efforts will decrease litter and pollutants flowing into the bay and support the local ecosystem. For more information, you can reach the Environmental Compliance

- **Arbor Day and Earth Day Volunteer Event 2023** | The Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the Improving Public Places Committee, will be hosting the annual Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 29 at Sister Cities Park from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will be planting pollinators and trees that are beneficial to our local ecosystem.
- **Sign Hill Stewards Volunteer Program** | You are encouraged to sign-up to help restore habitat and protect nature with the Parks and Recreation Department in South San Francisco. Join Natural Resource Specialist, Candace LaCroix, every other Friday and the last Saturday of the month on Sign Hill. Registration is required. Registration information can be found [here](#). For questions email: candace.lacroix@ssf.net
- **Association of California School Administrators Region 5 Recognizes San Mateo County Administrators** | The [Association of California School Administrators \(ACSA\) Region 5](#) recognized ten San Mateo County administrators at its annual awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 5, for their achievements and dedication to public education. Through its annual awards program, ACSA recognizes a select group of individuals for their significant contributions to education. The awards program includes Administrators of the Year awards, which are given to administrators who demonstrated outstanding performance and achievement in various job-alike categories, and special awards, such as the Valuing Diversity Award, which is given to a member whose efforts to promote diversity epitomize ACSA's mission of creating an equitable, world-class education system and developing and supporting inspired educational leaders who meet the diverse needs of all California students. **Among these recipients is South San Francisco Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Shawnterra Moore, who received the region's Superintendent of the Year award.** [Read more here.](#)

COUNTY UPDATES

- **SamTrans needs your help to improve its bus stops!** SamTrans wants to hear about your experience using bus stops and learn what improvements—such as seating, shelter, real-time bus arrival information, and trash cans—are most important to you. Your input will help SamTrans develop the Bus Stop Improvement Plan (BSIP), which will create new bus stop design guidelines and establish a process with local governments to improve bus stops throughout the SamTrans service area. Learn more about the SamTrans Bus Stop Improvement Plan at [SamTrans.com/BSIP](https://www.samtrans.com/BSIP). Take the 5-minute survey [here](#). The survey is open until April 30. You can also share your thoughts at a virtual community meeting on Thursday, April 20 at 5:30-6:30 pm.
- **Bus Stop Improvement Plan Virtual Community Meeting**, Thursday, April 20, 2023, 5:30-6:30 pm; Meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82286234287>, Call-In Option: (309) 205-3325. Webinar ID: 822 8623 4287, Languages: Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Tagalog

- **April is California Earthquake Awareness Month!** Cal OES encourages residents to plan how to protect themselves during an earthquake. There are moments to act if you receive a warning or feel shaking. People can get a jump start before shaking can be felt. Take protective actions such as DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON (or LOCK, COVER, and HOLD ON if using a wheelchair). There may be circumstances where a warning is issued, but no shaking occurs. It is always better to err on the side of caution regarding earthquakes. We encourage you to share this information with friends and family in California to help spread the word about the technology available to help keep them safe. Download the **MyShake** App for mobile devices at no cost from Google Play and the Apple App Store. App users can set up a “HomeBase” location to receive earthquake warnings without having location services turned on. Please visit earthquake.ca.gov to learn more about the latest tools and resources and how to use them. You can also sign up for a regular partner e-newsletter on the website from Cal OES that includes the latest news and information about Earthquake Warning California.
- **Got Wheels! Waitlist is CLOSED.** Effective now, the waitlist to join Peninsula Family Service’s affordable on-demand transportation program for residents of 12 San Mateo County cities at least 70 years old is closed. The program has reached its capacity. Applicants on the wait list will be notified when a slot opens. For more PFS programs for older adults, visit: <https://www.peninsulafamilyservice.org/our-programs/older-adult-services/>

LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Easter Sunday Closure.** SSF Main Library and Grand Avenue Branch Libraries will close for Easter Sunday on Sunday, April 9. Both libraries will reopen at 10 AM on Monday, April 10.
- **Project Read Presents Bilingual Storytime | South San Francisco Clinic (306 Spruce Ave, 2nd Floor) | Every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.** Beginning April 12, come to our weekly storytime in Spanish/English and receive a free children’s book. For more information, call Project Read (650) 829-3871. **Project read presenta Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe | South San Francisco Clinic (306 Spruce Ave, 2do piso) | cada miércoles, 11:00 AM a 12:00 PM.** Comenzando el miércoles 12 de abril de 2023, ven a la hora de cuentos en español e Inglés. Reciba un libro infantil gratis. Para más información, llame a Project Read: 650-829-3871.
- **Peninsula Libraries Comic Arts Fest (PLCAF).** The 7th Annual Peninsula Libraries Comic Arts Fest is returning in April 2023! We’re celebrating the importance of comics, both as an art form and as valid literature, and enabling aspiring artists and readers of all ages through author visits, workshops, and comics-related programs. PLCAF has held engaging comics events since 2015, hosting many great well-established authors, as well as budding debut authors. We’ve also held Small Press Comics Expos highlighting local creators and workshops for writing and illustrating. We’re excited to bring in-person events back for our fellow comic fans in 2023!

- **Small Press Comics Expo | Burlingame Community Center (850 Burlingame Ave, Burlingame) | Saturday, April 15 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.** This free one-day event brings you the excitement of a Comic Con exhibit hall with local creators and special guests John Patrick Green and Keith Knight.
- **Portuguese Storytime | Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, April 8 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.
- **SSF Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 PM.** The South San Francisco Friends of the Library is looking for a few good friends! Join us at our public quarterly meeting and help support children's programming, adult literacy tutoring, summer learning, and many other library programs.
- **Character Design Basics | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Wednesday, April 12 at 3:00 PM.** Learn basic elements of character design that will make your characters more readable and relatable. Bring your characters to life by applying shape language, color language, and a unique silhouette. Discover all these character design skills and more in the Makerspace. **Preregistration is required.**
- **Book Munchers | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Thursday, April 13 at 4:00 PM.** Book Munchers, a book club for ages 5-9, returns with *Once Upon a Fairy Tale: The Magic Mirror* by Anna Staniszewski (AR 3.2). Read the book, and then we'll meet to discuss and work on an activity. Registration is required. Please register at the Orange Ave Library children's desk, call 650-829-3860, or email ssfyouth@plsinfo.org.



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