



This week, May 21-27, we celebrate **National Public Works Week** by recognizing the year-round contributions of public works professionals in their communities. This year's theme "*Connecting the World Through Public Works*" highlights how the many facets of public works impact the vital infrastructure and services that keep our communities safe and sound 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In South San Francisco, this involves the engineering, design, planning, maintenance and operation of over 140 miles of city streets, 200 miles of sidewalks, 150 miles of sewer lines, 125 miles of stormwater lines, 5,000 streetlights, over 80 signalized intersections, 13 major sewage pumping stations, an award-winning water quality control plant that processes an average of nine million gallons of wastewater per day, and much more! Join me in honoring the vital contributions made by public works professionals in South San Francisco and nationwide and celebrate their dedication to our way of life. During National Public Works Week, show your appreciation and support for Public Works employees by using the hashtag **#NPWW** on social media platforms.

*For details on upcoming activities, please scroll down below.*

- FREE Bicycle Lights and Reflective Tags
- Parks and Recreation Summer Class Registration
- Town Hall with Congressman Kevin Mullin May 31
- Join the South San Francisco Team for the San Mateo County PRIDE month parade
- State Digital Equity – Take the Survey
- SSF Chamber of Commerce has a new CEO
- Peninsula Restaurant Week is going on until May 27
- County Health Encourages Mpox Vaccination Ahead of Summer Pride Celebrations
- County Establishes Lead Paint Removal Program
- Used EV resources
- Upcoming library events

Just a reminder, City offices are closed in observance of Memorial Day Monday, May 29. The City is hosting a ceremony at 10:00 at the Veterans' Memorial, which is at the corner of W. Orange Avenue and Tennis Drive. We hope to see you there!

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,

## LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

- **FREE Bicycle Lights and Reflective Tags!** In partnership with the City of South San Francisco Police Department and the San Mateo County Office of Education, the City of South San Francisco is pleased to donate reflective tags, LED bicycle lights, and bicycle safety best practices to anyone who wants to be safe on the road! Items are available for pickup at the South San Francisco Police Department at **One Chestnut Avenue**, South San Francisco between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Parks and Recreation Summer Class Registration.** Registration is now open to all residents and non-residents for the upcoming summer 2023 session. Registration is available online at [www.ssf.net/rec-catalog](http://www.ssf.net/rec-catalog) and the Recreation Office at the Municipal Services Building. Online registration will close one week prior to the classes start date. In-person registration will remain open at the Recreation Office at 33 Arroyo Drive, through the start of the summer session. View the Summer 2023 Activity Guide [here](#). For more information, visit our Classes webpage at [www.ssf.net/classes](http://www.ssf.net/classes). Spaces are still available in a variety of classes.
- **Town Hall with Congressman Kevin Mullin.** Wednesday, May 31, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please join Congressman Kevin Mullin for a town hall to discuss events in the 15th Congressional District and in Washington, D. C. This will be your opportunity to meet him, your new Congressman, in person and to share your concerns and ask questions. Municipal Services Building, 33 Arroyo Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080. [RSVP here](#).
- **Join the South San Francisco Team for the San Mateo County PRIDE month parade!** Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m. Interested in walking in the parade and representing South San Francisco? Join our team and get a free SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO PROUD t-shirt. The parade is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will start at 2<sup>nd</sup> & B Street in San Mateo. It will end at San Mateo Central Park where there will be a PRIDE celebration until 5:00 p.m. Please email [Devin.Stenhouse@ssf.net](mailto:Devin.Stenhouse@ssf.net) to sign up for the SSF team. For more information, [click here](#).
- **State Digital Equity – Take the Survey!** The internet is critical to everyday life. Yet 1 out of 5 Californians do not have access to affordable, reliable broadband internet, devices, or the skills to use them. Due to this gap, referred to as the digital divide, many are unable to obtain jobs, advance in their careers, participate in online education, or access healthcare and essential government services. The California Department of Technology (CDT) has developed one of the most accessible and innovative digital equity surveys in the nation to help achieve Broadband for All Californians. The survey will help identify digital equity barriers and needs of Californians living in unserved and underserved communities to help inform the State’s Digital Equity Plan, which once submitted and approved by the NTIA, will qualify California for additional funds to ensure that all Californians have access to affordable and reliable broadband internet service, devices, and skills training. The deadline for

collecting feedback is June 30, 2023. [Click here to take the survey.](#)

- **SSF Chamber of Commerce has a new CEO!** The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce today announced its selection of Mary Prem as its new CEO. Mary's career spans several decades and is characterized by a wide range of nonprofit leadership association successes. Mary has served as Executive Director for Housing Equality Law Project (HELP), a company in South San Francisco she established in 2009, that provided legal services to 500 clients annually. Prior to that she was Director of Fair Housing for Project Sentinel. Mary will join the staff starting June 5, 2023.

## COUNTY UPDATES

- **Peninsula Restaurant Week is going on until May 27!** It's a food extravaganza connecting locals with neighborhood gems and Michelin star restaurants along the entire peninsula. Come explore and indulge your curiosity by supporting local restaurants participating in Peninsula Restaurant Week from **May 19 - May 27**. We're excited to connect our communities with local restaurants that need our support from South San Francisco to Los Altos and out to the coastside for Peninsula Restaurant Week! Check out [The Six Fifty's guide](#) to Restaurant Week for stories on participating restaurants.
- **County Health Encourages Mpox Vaccination Ahead of Summer Pride Celebrations.** In preparation for the summer season and Pride celebrations in the Bay Area, San Mateo County Health urges at-risk individuals to protect themselves against the mpox virus, which spreads through prolonged skin-to-skin contact and bodily fluids from sexual contact or close sustained physical contact. County Health provides a [listing of local resources](#) for vaccination.
- **County Establishes Lead Paint Removal Program.** With funding from a legal settlement with paint manufacturers, the County of San Mateo has entered into an agreement with local nonprofit [Rebuilding Together Peninsula](#) to establish a lead paint hazard remediation program for residential housing in the county. The Board of Supervisors has [approved the agreement](#), the latest step in a decades-long legal effort. Criteria for selecting homes for inspection and remediation have not yet been outlined. More information will be available from County Health as the program develops. [Read more here.](#)
- **Used EV resources.** Thinking of purchasing a used EV but don't know where to start? Peninsula Clean Energy offers rebates of up to \$4,000 for used plug-in hybrid and fully electric EVs. Residents can combine the rebate with incentives from other state and local programs. [Learn more about EVs.](#)

## LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Memorial Day Closure.** SSF Main Library and Grand Avenue Branch Libraries will close for Memorial Day on Sunday, May 28 and Monday,

May 29. Both Libraries will reopen at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30.

- ***Celebrate AAPI Month with Filipino Storytime and Cantonese Storytime!*** Filipino Family Storytime | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave), Saturday, May 27, 10:30 AM. Join us for Filipino Family Storytime with Louella! All ages welcome. Cantonese Storytime | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Saturday, May 27, 11:30 AM. Join Ms. Maggie each Saturday in the Main Library for Cantonese Storytime. See you there!
- **Tech Tuesday: Keyboard Basics | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Tuesday, May 30, 12:00 PM.** Learn some tips to improve your typing and trackpad skills and get set up to practice some more at home!
- **Optimizing Social Security Income with Brad Hamada | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Tuesday, May 30, 6:00 PM.** Social Security can be an additional source of continued income at retirement. However, the program can be confusing, and as a result, 96% of people don't optimize their benefits. Through this workshop, you will obtain a better understanding of the overall Social Security picture, and walk away with knowledge and resources to know how to make the best decision for yourself, your family, and your future generations.
- **Family Storytime | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Friday, June 2, 10:30 AM.** Family Storytime is now at Grand Library! Join us on Friday mornings for stories, songs, and fun for children of all ages and parents or caregivers.
- **Adult Crafternoon: A Mixed Bag of Fun | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Friday, June 2, 1:00 PM.** Did you know we are moving to a new building? When you move you must clean out the closets. We have a bunch of craft supplies for you to choose from and create your own piece of art. Project suggestions and instructions will be available. Supplies are limited. This program is for ages 18 and over. This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library.

JOIN US FOR THE  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SAN MATEO COUNTY  
PRIDE PARADE**



**COME SHOW YOUR PRIDE WITH  
MEMBERS OF THE SMC COMMUNITY!**



**Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am-11:00 am**



**Parade Start: 2nd & B Street**

**Parade End: San Mateo Central Park**



For more information please visit:  
(<https://www.smcpridecelebration.com/parade>)

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