



I can't wait to see you all tomorrow for the 50th Annual Thanksgiving Fun Run at Oyster Point Marina. We have over 1,300 participants registered this year – the largest turnout ever! A reminder that the ceremony honoring the 50th anniversary of this event as well as the ribbon cutting for the new Oyster Point Marina Park will begin at 9:00 a.m. Due to the overwhelming response, registration is now closed, and day-of registration is unavailable.

After the Fun Run, please join us for the grand opening of Shabu Shack located at 200 Grand Avenue at 2 p.m. and enjoy a free appetizer per table all day.

In the spirit of giving thanks, I want to thank our City staff, especially our police and fire departments, for their efforts to keep our city safe during this week's APEC Conference. The Philippine President Bongbong Marcos and the San Francisco Philippine Consulate headed by Consul General Neil Frank R. Ferrer chose the South San Francisco Conference Center as the venue for President Marcos' meeting with the Filipino American communities in Northern California, the Pacific Northwest, the Rocky Mountains, and Alaska.



It's never too early to start celebrating the holidays. Please join us for a Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at the new Library | Parks and Recreation

Center on Thursday, November 30th at dusk (approximately 5:00 p.m.).

The 2023 Holiday Toy Drive is also underway! Donations are being accepted for children ages 0 to 10 and monetary donations for children ages 11 to 17. Please drop off your donations at Fire Station 61 (480 N. Canal Street) or the Police Department (1 Chestnut Avenue) on or before December 11, 2023. For more information, please call (650) 877-8931.

As we approach Thanksgiving, please remember that the fats, oils, and grease (FOG) that come from meats, cooking oil, lard, shortening, and other dairy products should not be put down the drain as they cool and cling to pipe walls. Over time, this causes buildup and plumbing problems. To rectify this, please scrape fats, oils, and grease into cans, wait for them to cool, then place into the trash. Visit [RES-News-Fall-2023-web.pdf \(ssfscavenger.com\)](#) for more information.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! May your blessings continue to be multiplied not only on Thanksgiving Day but throughout your lives.

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

City of South San Francisco City Council Reorganization

Please join the City of South San Francisco for the City Council Reorganization as we welcome a new Mayor and Vice Mayor for 2024. The reorganization will be held on December 5, 2023 at the City Council Chambers (901 Civic Campus Way) at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call (650) 877-8502.

South San Francisco Farmers' Market

The South San Francisco Farmers' Market will be open this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Orange Memorial Park parking lot (behind the Joseph A. Fernekes Building at 781 Tennis Drive) for fresh, delicious fruits and vegetables straight from the source! Additional features include a food truck, fresh hummus, fresh baked goods, candles, plants, crafts, and much more! We hope to see you there!

PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Santa Comes to Town! New Location!

Santa Comes to Town on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at the new Library | Parks & Recreation Center at 901 Civic Campus Way from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come and meet and greet Santa. This fun and festive event is free to the public.

Holiday Wreath Making

Create a gorgeous natural holiday wreath with fresh materials on December 9,

2023. This workshop provides basic materials as well as hands-on instruction so you can make your own holiday wreath. There is a "take home" kit option as well. For more information, please go to www.ssf.net/departments/parks-recreation and click online Registration. Then go to the special events tab to register.

Private Rentals at the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center

The new Library | Parks and Recreation Center will have a Banquet Hall and a Social Hall available to rent for private events. If you are interested in renting this facility, please [click here](#) and submit your interest form. By submitting this form your name will be placed on an interest list, this does not guarantee your event date. Please [click here](#) for rental fees for this facility. For questions, please contact the Recreation Administrative Office at (650) 829-3800. Photos and room diagrams coming soon.

Sign Hill Stewards

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: www.eventbrite.com/e/sign-hill-stewards-habitat-restoration-tickets-304822130197. For questions email: candace.lacroix@ssf.net.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Both SSF Main Library and Grand Avenue Library will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, and closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 23-24. Both Libraries will reopen at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 25.

Cantonese Storytime | Main Library, Youth Library, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way) | Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Join Ms. Maggie each Saturday in the Youth Library (2nd Floor) for Cantonese Storytime. See you there!

Filipino Family Storytime | Main Library, Youth Library, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way) | Saturday, November 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us for Filipino Family Storytime on the 4th Saturday of each month with Louella in the Youth Library (2nd Floor). All ages welcome!



CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

SIGN HILL

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING 2023

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
5:00 PM



LIBRARY | PARKS &
RECREATION CENTER

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

901 CIVIC CAMPUS WAY, 2ND FLOOR

QUESTIONS? CALL (650) 877-8502

City of South San Francisco

2023 HOLIDAY DRIVE

Accepting toy donations for children 0 to 10 years and if you choose, a monetary donation for children 11 to 17.

Please no stuffed animals and new toys only.



Toys can be brought to
Fire Station 61,
480 N. Canal or the
Police Department, 1 Chestnut
South San Francisco
Questions...contact
Mary Ann Spediacci
holidaydrive@ssf.net or
650-877-8931

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/iaffl1507cf>

Please make donations by December 11, 2023.



Volunteers needed November 20, December 18 & 19, 2023

If interested, contact Marie.Patea@ssf.net or
650-829-6666.

Improving Public Places

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP



SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

Joseph A. Fernekes
Recreation Building
781 Tennis Drive,
South San Francisco

**Pre-Registration Required*



Create a gorgeous natural holiday wreath with fresh materials!



Our workshop leaders will provide all the basic materials needed, along with hands-on instruction.



MORNING SESSION (FAMILY FRIENDLY)

9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

FA1-610

AFTERNOON SESSION (ADULTS ONLY)

1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

FA1-611

FRESH HOLIDAY WREATH "TAKE-HOME" KITS

10:00 AM - 2:45 PM

WW22-1000 (10:00am)	WW22-130 (1:30pm)
WW22-1015 (10:15am)	WW22-145 (1:45pm)
WW22-1030 (10:30am)	WW22-200 (2:00pm)
WW22-1045 (10:45am)	WW22-215 (2:15pm)
WW22-1100 (11:00am)	WW22-230 (2:30pm)
WW22-1115 (11:15am)	WW22-245 (2:45pm)

REGISTER AT: WWW.SSF.NET/REC-CATALOG

Register early as spaces are limited and fees will increase to \$35/\$40 the day of the event. For questions, contact the Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800 or email web-rec@ssf.net



ABOUT THIS EVENT

This workshop is a fundraiser for the Improving Public Places group, so not only will you learn the technique and leave with a beautiful wreath, but you can feel great about contributing to civic beautification.



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