



Mayor's Update



Hey SSF!

Happy December! This is James Coleman, and as of 3 days ago, I am now your new Mayor! Just this past Tuesday our city council held a reorganization ceremony—I was sworn in as South San Francisco's youngest ever and first openly LGBTQ+ Mayor, and Eddie Flores was sworn in as Vice Mayor. As a lifelong resident of South City, I am so honored to accept this position for the coming year. I'm looking forward to work with the South City community to make our city a better place for all! 😊 Now on to the news...

ONE DAY HOMELESS COUNT



The County of San Mateo's Human Services Agency (HSA) invites you to participate in the 2024 **One Day Homeless Count**! HSA, in collaboration with community partners, will be hosting the One Day Homeless Count

on **Thursday, January 25, 2024** from approximately **5 a.m. to 10 a.m.** Every other year, our County is federally required to conduct a Point-in-Time Count of the homeless population in our area. The data we collect supports local planning, grant funding, and improving the programs that provide pathways to permanent housing.

On the morning of **January 25**, volunteers across the County will conduct an observational count of individuals who are unsheltered. Volunteers will navigate every street within their assigned census tract and record their findings using our mobile application. A strong volunteer base helps to ensure complete and accurate coverage of our County.

[Register Here to Volunteer](#)

COMMITTED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Grand and Linden Family Apartments: 418 Linden Avenue

The State of California certified the City of South San Francisco's adopted Housing Element, finding it in compliance with State Law. The certification means South City is doing our part to address the housing crisis and ensure that all our families have a safe and stable place to live.

The City's Housing Element provides the pathway for the City to fulfill the State's requirement to plan for construction of nearly 4,000 housing units in South San Francisco through 2031. With this approval, South San

Francisco becomes one of only three San Mateo County jurisdictions, along with Redwood City and Brisbane, to have an Adopted Housing Element certified compliant by the State.

This certification comes on the heels of the State designating the City of South San Francisco a Prohousing jurisdiction this past summer. This designation means that the City will get priority consideration for certain state affordable housing and infrastructure funding programs. South San Francisco joins only 30 other Prohousing communities in the state.

The City's General Plan streamlines new housing review with objective design standards and fair developer contributions towards open space, public amenities, and transportation investment. The City adopted a new Accessory Dwelling Units ordinance and removed its previous mandatory parking replacement policies so homeowners can easily add to their property. The City also offers pre-approved designs for green and all-electric detached Accessory Dwelling Units developed by the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County (HEART).

[Read More about the City's Housing Element](#)

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO HOLIDAY LIGHT MAP

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
Holiday Light Map 2023**

Take a break and feel the spirit of the season. Enjoy the South San Francisco holiday light display. Take a tour of the city and see the creatively decorated streets and homes in South San Francisco.

TOURING TIPS

- Drive carefully. Be mindful of the road and your surroundings. Briefly pull over to safely view lights, and always watch for pedestrians.
- When visiting parks in neighborhoods, be mindful of the neighbors who live next door to the park.
- Please do not touch or disturb the decorations that are in arms reach. Please keep decorations as you see them for everyone to enjoy!
- Enjoy and have fun! Share your favorite house using the hashtag #SSFHolidayLightMap
- If you notice an outage, please call (650) 829-4601 or email web-ec@sf.net.

1 WESTBOROUGH PARK
2330 Gateway Drive

2 BURI BURI PARK
230 Arroyo Drive

3 LIBRARY | PARKS AND RECREATION
901 Creekside Campus Way

4 POLICE DEPARTMENT
1 Chestnut Avenue

5 ORANGE MEMORIAL PARK
1 W Orange Avenue

6 LIGHT POLES ON GRAND AVENUE (AIRPORT - SPRUCE) & LINDEN AVENUE (ARRIQUIGUI - RAILROADS)

7 GRAND AVENUE LIBRARY
326 Walnut Avenue

8 CITY HALL
400 Grand Avenue

9 ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT CENTER (EAC)
356 Grand Avenue

10 BREEZEWAY
Between Ft. Anis & Starbuckel between 221 & 229 Grand Avenue

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There's a chill in the air, and South San Francisco is full of holiday spirit!

Take a moment this month to step away from the hustle and bustle and enjoy the sights featured on the 2023 South San Francisco Holiday Light Map.

South San Francisco Holiday Light Map

LETTERS TO SANTA



Santa's Mailbox is here! Located on the front steps of City Hall (400 Grand Avenue), don't forget to drop your letter off to Santa by **December 15th** to make sure Santa has time to respond. Questions? Email Katie.Donner@ssf.net.

THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CIVIC BALLET PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER



Join the South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department for a captivating performance of “The Nutcracker,” by the South San Francisco Civic Ballet. Performances take place on **Saturday, December 16th (1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)** and **Sunday, December 17th (1:00 p.m.)** at the South San Francisco High School Theater (400 B Street).

[More information on the South San Francisco Nutcracker](#)

UPCOMING SSF & LOCAL EVENTS

Terrabay Open Gym Schedule for December

Terrabay Open Gym Schedule for December, come on out and work off that Thanksgiving turkey! Please note that there is no open gym December 23, 2023-January 2, 2024.

Basketball: M/W/F/Sa/Su from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pickleball: T/TH from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Badminton: Su from 9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information call (650) 829-4680.

Winter Camp

The Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Enrichment Services (YES) has a fun-filled program planned for winter break! Our Winter Wonderland theme will include art, science, sports, and kid's cafe activities. We have included theme dress days to add to the fun! Winter Camp is open to children who are in TK through age 12.

Dates: December 26, 27, 28 and January 3, 4, 5

Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center, 1121 S. San Francisco Drive, South San Francisco

Cost: Resident \$39.00 per day/ Non-resident \$44.00 per day Applications are available at www.ssf.net/childcare. For more information, call (650) 875-6900 or email Kimberly Morrison at kimberly.morrison@ssf.net.

Winter Bocce League

A Thursday night league will be offered in the Winter for seasoned bocce players. Indoor court playing only and eight total teams. Game times will be between 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. and registration begins online on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:00 a.m. The Beginner League will not be offered during the winter session and will return for the spring 2024 session.

Dates: Thursday, January 18, 2024 – Thursday, March 7, 2024 BOCCE-102 Intermediate League 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Fee: \$120.00/team (4 player minimum & 8 player maximum)

For more information call (650) 829-3800.

Spring Adult Men's Basketball League (5X5)

Full court basketball league to be held at the Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center. Team play will be held in two different classifications - "D3" on Wednesdays, and "D2" on Thursdays. Season begins in March. Roster packets and information are available in January. Call Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center at (650) 829-4680 for more information.

Registration: Deadline is February 23, 2024

Fee \$660.00 per team

For more information call 650-829-3800.

SSF Softball Leagues

Spring Adult Men's Softball League Team slow pitch softball will begin league play in April 2024. Roster packets and information are available upon request. Call Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center at (650) 829-4680.

Registration Dates: March 11th – 15th
Fee: \$660.00 per team, 8 game seasons.

Spring Adult Coed Softball League Team slow pitch softball will begin league play in April 2024. Roster packets and information are available upon request. Call Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center at (650) 829-4680.

Registration Dates: March 11th – 15th

Fee: \$510.00

For more information call 650-829-3800.

Light-Up Paintings

Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Friday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.

Did you know that you can SEW a circuit on fabric? In a special Grand Makerspace workshop, you can learn how to make an LED light up on canvas using only conductive thread-- and paint a glowing painting! Supplies are limited. This program is recommended for ages 12+.

Frozen Sing-Along Party

Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate the season and come sing along with Elsa, Anna, and Olaf as we screen the Sing-Along Edition of Disney's Frozen. We'll have supplies on hand for you to make character-inspired accessories to wear as you watch the movie. If you want to build a snowman, you can do that too!

Frozen will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and runs approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes. Snacks will be provided; dress-up is encouraged!

Financial Education Program with Brad Hamada, Workshop 6: Fulfilling Long Term Goals

Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, December 9, 3:30 p.m.

In the final workshop in the series, we discuss two important goals in people's financial picture: 1) College Planning and 2) Retirement. College planning is probably one of the most misunderstood processes in the financial planning process, and you only have one chance to get it right. Learn how to optimize the college process by understanding the main priorities to maximize your student's college experience and minimize costs.

Retirement is your longest-term goal in your financial life. With so many options over so many years, it is important to understand early and plan properly. After this workshop, you will be able to identify the options, recognize how they are best used, and plan for a long, peaceful retirement.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES





I am honored to serve as the youngest Mayor and as the first openly LGBTQ+ Mayor in the City's history. I am also thankful to have Eddie Flores by my side as Vice Mayor. Vice Mayor Flores is the first Salvadoran to serve on a City Council in San Mateo County and only the second Latino to serve on the City Council.

The reorganization ceremony drew a crowd of over 400 people from in and around South San Francisco to the city's brand-new Library and Parks and Rec building. Elected officials from around the Bay Area including State Senator Josh Becker, State Assemblymember Alex Lee, San Mateo County Sheriff Christina Corpus, and San Mateo County Supervisors Noelia Corzo and David Canepa attended this historic event.

Our Next City Council Meeting will take place on December 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in our City Council Chambers (901 Civic Campus Way). Check www.ssf.net for more details.

Yours in service,

James Coleman
Mayor of South San Francisco



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