



Mayor's Update



Hey SSF!

Happy Friday! So much happened this past week including a productive end of the year council meeting, but I was especially proud to attend the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Graduation Ceremony. Renaissance helps launch and improve new and existing small businesses by providing training and a variety of special programs. Come check out all that Renaissance has to offer at our Economic Advancement Center (366 Grand Avenue).

Big congrats to the 21 graduates and their respective businesses! On to this week's update.

Yours in service,

James Coleman
Mayor of South San Francisco



As a South San Francisco High School alum, I was proud to present a certificate of congratulations to Coach Pua and the South San Francisco High School Football Team for winning the 2023 Central Coast Section Championships! Go Warriors!

The City presented Kaiser Permanente South San Francisco's Physician-in-Chief, Dr. John Skerry with a certificate of appreciation for 30 years of service to the South San Francisco community. Dr. Skerry retires at the end of the year and Dr. Edward Kao will be appointed Kaiser's new Physician-in-Chief in South San Francisco.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Other highlights from this week's Council Meeting include:

- [Approval of a Design Review for the NEW Orange Memorial Park Aquatic Center](#)
- [Approval to move forward the Vantage Healthpeak Life Science Complex at Forbes Blvd and Allerton Ave.](#)
- [Commitment of \\$1.6 million to support newly proposed 100% affordable housing for families and seniors, the Rotary Gardens.](#)

Our Next City Council Meeting will take place on January 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in our City Council Chambers (901 Civic Campus Way). Check www.ssf.net for more details.

CONGRATULATIONS, RENAISSANCE GRADUATES!



***Karen Jaw-Madson - Design of Work Experience
Rene Bass - California Mobile Notary
Marie Hampton - Superior Medical Transport
Tamara Roth - Taro Design Studio
Cesar Sorto - Old School Trucking LLC
Mariana Landeros - Casita Vegana
German Ochoa - Genesis Pest Management Inc
Dana Abarca - CA Spice Basket
Taynara Copola - Star Cleaning Services
Leticia Maia - Dozeles
Kristi Palmer Yawata - Brisbane Lunch Truck
Richard Lopez - Super Powr Protein, Inc
Estela Zavala Baez - Afternoon English Tea
Ernesto Bermudez - Campos Janitorial Services
Maria Campos - Campos Janitorial Services
Moses Elaros - GreenUva
Manolo Hernandez - El Salvador Tour Travel
Mercedes Monje Trujillo - Meche Solutions
Blanca Aldana - Studio 360
Claudia Argote - Charlie's Place
Elizabeth Covey-Snedeger - Sassy Diva Designs and Events***

ORGANIC WASTE



Organic waste, a major contributor to the state's methane emissions, accounts for a substantial 20% of California's methane output. Additionally, it is a source of air pollutants, particularly particle pollution from fine particulates or PM 2.5. Exposure to PM 2.5 increases the risk of health problems like heart disease, asthma, and low birth weight. Methane, one of the primary constituents of organic waste emissions, is an alarming climate pollutant that possesses a staggering potency 84 times greater than carbon dioxide.

Senate Bill 1383 is the most significant waste reduction waste mandate to be adopted in California in the past 30 years. It requires the State to reduce organic waste disposal by 75% by 2025. It also requires that 20% of currently disposed edible food be recovered for human consumption by 2025.

To meet these targets, effective January 1, 2024, state law requires local governments to start enforcing regulations. To fulfill this requirement, South San Francisco residents and businesses can acquire a designated green (organics) container through the City's waste and recycling hauler, South San Francisco Scavenger Co., Inc. by calling (650) 589-4020 or emailing info@ssfscavenger.com. The option of applying for an SB 1383 waiver is also available to multifamily (5 or more living units) and commercial properties. This waiver can be completed and submitted online at www.ssf.net/recyclingwaiver.

[Learn More](#)

**FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION EVENT**



**FREE Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Event!**
¡Entrega Gratis de Residuos Peligrosos!

Bring your cleaning products, pesticides, leftover paint, solvents, propane tanks, and other hazardous waste to the County of San Mateo's FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, January 6, 2024 in South San Francisco! Make an appointment at smchealth.org/hhw-appt.

[Make An Appointment](#)

UPCOMING SSF & LOCAL EVENTS

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. There are three enchanting performances taking place on Saturday, December 16 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the South San Francisco High School Theater. Tickets can be purchased beginning on Monday, November 27 at the Recreation Office, located on the 3rd floor of the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center at 901 Civic Campus Way.

Adult admission: \$10.00 (18Y & Up)

Youth admission: \$8.00 (3Y-17Y)

Senior admission: \$8.00 (62Y and up).

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800 or email web-rec@ssf.net.

Winter Bocce Ball

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.

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.

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.

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:

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

Bouncing Babies Storytime

Main Library, Youth Library, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way) |

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes for babies from birth to 18-months and parents or caregivers.

Simple Sashiko

Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Wednesday, December 20, 4:30 p.m.

Dive into the world of sashiko, a type of traditional Japanese embroidery from Edo era Japan, with easy brooches! Based on a basic running stitch, sashiko creates a textured pattern that can be used for both mending and embellishment. Learn the basics of this centuries-old technique with our easy project! Supplies are limited. This program is recommended for ages 12+.



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