



Mayor's Update

Hey SSF!

Happy Holidays! As the year winds to a close, I want to give a big shout out to everyone who volunteered at this year's Holiday Toy Drive. I was inspired by an overwhelming turnout of City staff, nonprofits, and community members who organized and distributed gifts and food to families all across the city. I am thrilled to share 465 households with children received toys and 650 families received food from the Holiday Drive! THANK YOU to YMCA, Second Harvest, and our Police and Fire Departments for spreading the holiday cheer!







LETTERS TO SANTA

We received over 500 hundred letters to Santa from our youngest South San Francisco residents! All letters that included a return address should receive a response from the “big guy” himself! Before forwarding to the North Pole, I thought I’d share a few of them with you...please enjoy:

Can you please please make
it SNOW! please please
please please.

please!

PLEASE

Please Please

please please
PLEASE please
From Santa SNOW!

Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good girl this year. I also have milk and cookies for you and carrots for your reindeer. These are the things I would like to get: 2 things for Christmas. Could I have blue roller skates (no lights on it please) and can I grow taller?

Thank you if you do,

p.s: if you have extra, can you give me a piece of coal for my dad to bbq? Thanks!



Dear Santa, I am thankful for nothing. I want to give all my gifts to charity to kids in need.

From

Dear Santa,

want a pricess peash lego.

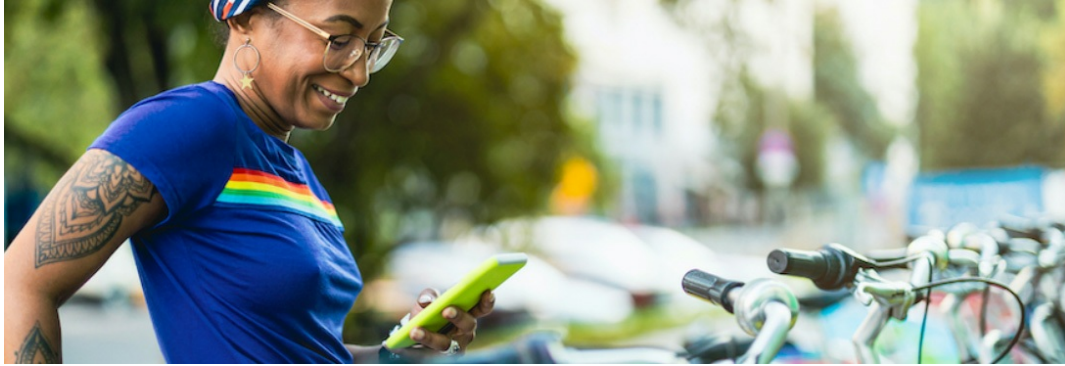
I have been kindo good.

you know why. My brother keep pulling my hair and I pull his h

back. I want a iphone 14.

From,

GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK FOR A NEW BIKE/SCOOTER SHARE PROGRAM



C/CAG (City/County Association of Governments) is launching a new bike/scooter share pilot program in San Mateo County. C/CAG is reaching out to residents, workers, and visitors throughout the County to understand their needs and perspectives to design a program that works best for the community. The survey will close on February 5th, 2024.

[Learn More](#)

[Take the Survey](#)

DONATE YOUR UNUSED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES



The Medical Equipment Loan Program (MELP) is hosting a medical equipment drive on Saturday, January 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 1625 El Camino Real in Belmont. MELP is a nonprofit organization that takes donated medical equipment and supplies (i.e., wheelchairs, transport chairs, rollators, walkers, shower benches and chairs, etc.) and then, after inspection, cleaning and performing any needed repairs, loans the equipment or supplies out to anyone who needs it **free of charge**.

[Learn More](#)

UPCOMING SSF & LOCAL EVENTS

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.

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.

[To Register](#)

[Questions?](#)

Library Holiday Closure Schedule

Both the Main Library and Grand Library will be open on Friday, December 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The libraries will be closed from Saturday, December 23 – Monday, December 25, and then reopen

on Tuesday, December 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Both the Main Library and Grand Library will be open on Friday, December 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The libraries will be closed from Saturday, December 30 – Monday, January 1, 2024, and then reopen on Tuesday, January 2, at 10:00 a.m.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program:

Help your child read 1,000 books before kindergarten and receive a certificate from us! We have a great testimonial from an SSF family, Emilia. When we asked Emilia and family what their most favorite thing is about the Library, this is what they had to say: *"We love our storytimes and books. We're so happy you're here!" - Debbie & Emmy.*

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Yours in service,

James Coleman
Mayor of South San Francisco



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