



Mayor's Update



Hello, SSF!

In recognition of National Law Enforcement Day, which was celebrated this past Tuesday, January 9, I would like to acknowledge and celebrate the following South San Francisco Police Department employees on their recent retirements: Master Sergeant Bill Schwartz on 25 years of service, Captain Keith Wall on 30 years of service, Deputy Chief Ron Carlino on 33 years of service, and Records Specialist, Letty Beard on 37 years of service! Thank you for your dedication to ensuring the safety of our great city, your presence will be missed, and I wish you the best of luck with your new endeavors!



CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Highlights from this week's city council meeting include:

- [Broadband Study Session: we will be moving forward with building more infrastructure throughout South San Francisco to make sure everyone has access to quality internet speeds.](#)
- [Anti-Displacement Roadmap: Our city will be embarking on a two years long process to study ways we can reduce displacement. We will be researching ways to prevent homelessness and keep people housed in affordable homes.](#)

UPCOMING SSF & LOCAL EVENTS

Optimizing Social Security Income with Brad Hamada | Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.

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.

Office Closures

City of South San Francisco offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Virtual Cookbook Spotlight: Filipinx: Heritage Recipes from the Diaspora | Virtual Wednesday, January 17, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a delicious cooking demo, from our kitchen to yours. Learn some basic techniques and flavor profiles for Filipino immigrant cooking, and then join us for a short discussion about adapting family recipes. We welcome cooks of all levels to find out what's new to discover in the South San Francisco Public Library cookbook collection!

[Register Here](#)

Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Fair

SAVE THE DATE!
GET READY TO LEARN!
SSF Preschool & Kindergarten Readiness Fair
FAMILY RESOURCES
GIVEAWAYS
SPEAKER SESSIONS
**JANUARY 18TH
4-7 PM**
Library | Parks and Recreation Center
901 Civic Campus Way, SSF

¡GUARDA EL DIA!
¡PREPARATE PARA APRENDER!
Feria de Preparación Para SSF Pre-escolar & Kinder
RECURSOS FAMILIARES
PREMIOS
SESIONES DE EXPOSITORES
**ENERO 18
DE 4-7 PM**
en la Biblioteca/Parques y Centro Recreacional
901 Civic Campus Way, SSF

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Join the South San Francisco Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Fair. The fair will be held at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center in the Social and Banquet Halls. There will be family resources, giveaways, and speaker sessions. The event is organized in partnership with the South San Francisco School District, City of South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department, Renaissance entrepreneurs center, and Get Healthy San Mateo. We hope to see you there!

Asian Art Museum presents Hidden Unions: Art of the Himalayas | In-person at Main Library, 901 Civic Campus Way, 2nd Floor Community Room OR Virtual | Thursday, January 18, 2:00 p.m.

The tallest mountains on Earth are found in the Himalayas — a spectacular mountain range extending through countries including Tibet, China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, and India. Learn more about art from this fascinating part of the world through objects from the Asian Art Museum, many of which reflect Tibetan Buddhist beliefs and practices. Colorful and complex mandalas; fierce and sometimes gruesome protective deities; serene and unworldly Taras; ritual implements made of human bones; and exquisite hanging scrolls that aid meditation — these are just a few of the types of art produced in what some call “the roof of the world.” The Asian Art Museum Docent Program is generously supported by the Dhanam Foundation and Society for Asian Art. This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library.

[Register Here](#)

Lunar New Year Celebration

2024
Celebrate Lunar New Year with

LION DANCE ME & STORYTIME
Saturday, January 20, 2024 | 10:30 AM
Library | Parks & Recreation Center
901 Civic Campus Way

2024
Celebrate Lunar New Year with

LUNAR NEW YEAR STORYTIME
WITH
OLIVER CHIN
Saturday | January 20, 2024 | 2:00 PM
Grand Library
306 Walnut Ave

Followed by storytime with author, Oliver Chin

THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON
Tales from the Chinese Zodiac

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Celebrate Lunar New Year with a special lion dance performance from *Lion Dance Me* at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center, followed by a story time with author, Oliver Chin, who will read his book, "Year of the Dragon". Oliver Chin will do a second reading of "Year of the Dragon" at 2:00 p.m. the same day at the Grand Ave. Library (306 Walnut Ave., SSF).

Senior Valentines Day for the Troops



On Tuesday, January 23, the Parks and Recreation Department Senior Services Program will host their Annual Valentines for the Troops Event from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Roberta Cerri Teglia Senior Center. Come and participate in making Valentines cards to send overseas to our troops as well as enjoy a delicious breakfast together. Registration is required for this event. For more information or to register please call (650) 829-3820 or (650) 829-3816.

Cultural Arts Commission Art Show (now accepting applicants)



SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

By the Light of the Moon

Celebration
of Lunar
New Year



Year of
the
Dragon

ART SHOW

Friday, February 9, 2024
6 PM - 8 PM

Saturday, February 10, 2024
10 AM - 4 PM

Library | Parks and Recreation Center
901 Civic Campus Way
South San Francisco
3rd Floor Gallery

Admission
Free



ARTIST INFORMATION

Online entry deadline:
January 23, 2024 (Digital art)
January 30, 2024 (2-D & 3-D art)



For complete guidelines & online application
www.ssf.net/culturalarts
Select "Current Opportunities for Artists"

INFORMATION

SSF Parks and Recreation Department
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"By the Light of the Moon," A Celebration of Lunar New Year, Year of the Dragon.

MEDIA:

- 2-Dimensional - Physical work that can be hung on a wall.
- 3-Dimensional - Physical work that can be displayed on a table or pedestal.
- Digital - Art that will ONLY be displayed on an electronic device - TV monitor or screen.

ART ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per entry

More Information

Questions?

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Affordable Connectivity Program







The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This new benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. This Covid-era program may be coming to a close, so apply soon if interested!

[To Apply](#)

[Aplicar](#)

[Learn More](#)

Student Aid & Cal. Dream Act Applications

CLASS OF 2024		CLASE DE 2024	
<h2 style="text-align: center;">★ CASH FOR COLLEGE NIGHT ★</h2> <p>SSFUSD is hosting multiple workshops for financial aid for college. Financial advisors will review steps to completing the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application and help assist you in completing the application!</p> <p>Sign up for any of the dates at either school HERE! Translators and Childcare will be provided</p>		<h2 style="text-align: center;">★ AYUDA FINANCIERA ★</h2> <p>SSFUSD está organizando talleres sobre ayuda financiera. ¡Asesores financieros revisarán los pasos para completar la solicitud FAFSA o California Dream Act y ayudarán a completar la solicitud!</p> <p>Regístrate para cualquiera de las fechas en cualquiera de las escuelas aquí! Habrá traductores y cuidado de niños disponibles.</p>	
<p>1st Session: January 23, 2024</p> <p>Time: 6:00–8:00pm</p> <p>Location: Library–South City HS 400 B Street, SSF</p>		<p>3rd Session: 1 Sesión: March 12, 2024 January 23, 2024</p> <p>Time: Hora 6:00–8:00pm 6:00–8:00pm</p> <p>Location: Ubicación Library–South City HS 400 B Street, SSF Library – Hosted at South City HS</p>	
<p>2nd Session: February 6, 2024</p> <p>Time: 6:00–8:00pm</p> <p>Location: Library– El Camino HS 1320 Mission Rd. SSF</p>	<p>*Please make sure you have an FSA ID ready before attending the FAFSA workshop, click here to create one*</p> 	<p>4th Session: 2 Sesión: March 13, 2024 February 6, 2024</p> <p>Time: Hora 6:00–8:00pm 6:00–8:00pm</p> <p>Location: Ubicación Zoom Library– Hosted at El Camino HS</p>	<p>*Asegúrese de tener una FSA ID lista antes de asistir al taller de FAFSA, haga clic aquí para crear una*</p> 
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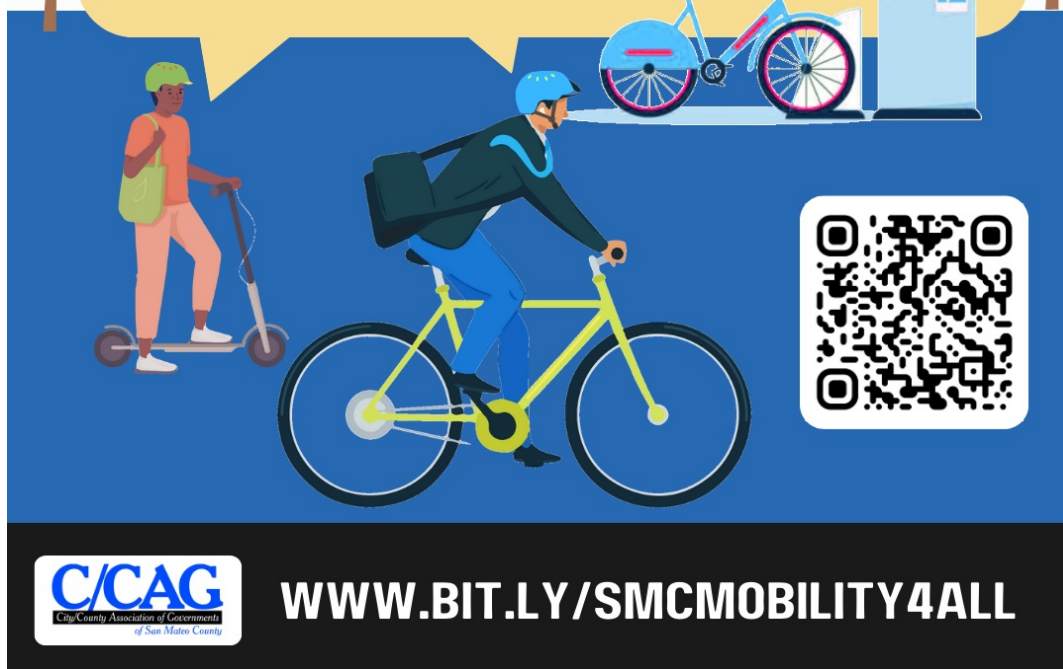
The South San Francisco Unified School District is committed to having all of their 12th grade students complete either the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). In alignment with their *Drawing of a Graduate*, through this effort they are helping students LEARN, THRIVE, and NAVIGATE.

AB 469 requires all high school seniors to apply for financial aid. There are several changes to the financial aid application process this year, some of which expand aid eligibility and make it easier for families to apply, however, some of the changes compound barriers that make it challenging for historically marginalized families to complete their applications.

SSFUSD will be holding different events to support their 12th grade students and their families through the application process. See the flyer above to attend a *Cash for College* event. Please contact your student's school counselor with any questions. We're "ALL IN" for financial aid.

C/CAG Virtual Feedback Forum

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE OF SHARED SCOOTERS AND BIKES!



Silicon Valley Bike Coalition (SVBC) and City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) are hosting a virtual feedback session on Wednesday, January 17 to share information about the agency's countywide bike-and-scooter share project coming in the fall of 2024. They are offering stipends in the form of \$40 gift cards for each participant who registers using their "Partner Organization Registration" ticket. Register as soon as possible to secure a spot and gift card. They are happy to provide Spanish, Chinese, or Tagalog interpretation if requested by January 12th.

[Register Here](#)

[Learn More](#)

Picnic Reservations

You can now register for picnic sites for the 2024 season at the Recreation Office at the new Library | Parks & Recreation Center and online. The picnic season runs from March 2, 2024 -October 27, 2024. There are 15 picnic sites and two enclosed shelters available. Contact the Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800 for questions.

[Email](#)

[Reserve Here](#)

Private Rentals



Let us help you plan your next meeting, party, event, or picnic in one of our beautiful facilities. South San Francisco has several rooms and facilities available for different functions. We are now booking 11 months out starting Monday, January 8, 2024.

[Learn More](#)

[Questions?](#)

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.

[Register Here](#)

Questions?

Yours in service,
James Coleman
Mayor of South San Francisco



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