



## Mayor's Update

Hi SSF!

I was so excited to start the week off volunteering with Congressman Kevin Mullin, Kaiser Permanente, and the educators at Alta Loma Middle School for MLK Day of Service. Together, we painted the blacktop and created new planters for the school's community garden. As a graduate of ALMS 10 years ago, it was great to visit and see so many incredible changes since I last visited—new buildings, beautiful murals, and solar panels throughout campus.



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## UPCOMING SSF & LOCAL EVENTS

**Lunar New Year Celebration with Lion Dance Me and Storytime  
with Author, Oliver Chin**



Celebrate Lunar New Year with a special lion dance performance from *Lion Dance Me* at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center (901 Civic Campus Way) tomorrow, Saturday, January 20 at 10:30 a.m. This will be followed by a storytime with author, Oliver Chin, who will read his book, "Year of the Dragon". **Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.**

**Lunar New Year Storytime with Oliver Chin | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, January 20, 2:00 p.m.**

Oliver Chin will do a second reading of "Year of the Dragon".

**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](http://www.ssf.net/culturalarts)  
Select "Current Opportunities for Artists"

### INFORMATION

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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?

## Centennial Way Groundbreaking



### CENTENNIAL WAY PARK SOUTH GROUNDBREAKING EVENT

Saturday, February 3, 2024  
9am - 11am

Location: Centennial Way Trail at Spruce Ave, SSF  
Event Parking: Bimbo Bakeries - 264 S Spruce Ave.

Join us to celebrate the start of construction of  
Centennial Way Park South.  
Skate space, bike park, playground, outdoor  
classroom, pollinator garden, and more - coming soon!

Activities:

- Groundbreaking Ceremony
- Tree Planting
- Trail Clean-up



RSVP:  
<https://forms.office.com/g/KBvbdSUraC>

[www.ssf.net/parkprojects](http://www.ssf.net/parkprojects) | (650) 829-3800 | [web-rec@ssf.net](mailto:web-rec@ssf.net)

Please join us to celebrate the start of construction of the new park along Centennial Way Trail between Spruce Avenue and Huntington Avenue on **Saturday, February 3, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** on Centennial Way at South Spruce Avenue. The event will include a groundbreaking ceremony, litter pickup event, and tree planting. Parking will be available at Bimbo Bakeries, located at 264 South Spruce Avenue.

[RSVP Here](#)

Young Adult Novelist Convention (YANovCon)

Peninsula Libraries Present  
**YANovCon 2024**  
Young Adult Novelist Convention  
Saturday, February 3  
11:00 AM - 4:30 PM



**Keynote Speaker Ray Stoeve,  
Writing Workshop with Lily Meade,  
Author Panels and Book Signings!**

**Featured Authors:**



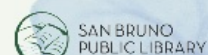
Julie Abe | Candace Buford | Kara HL Chen | H.E. Edgmon | Maurene Goo | Byron Graves |  
Jason June | Sean McGinty | Lily Meade | Lio Min | Sonora Reyes | Hannah Sawyerr | Ray Stoeve

**South San Francisco Public Library**  
901 Civic Campus Way

Learn More & Register:



[bit.ly/YANovCon2024](https://bit.ly/YANovCon2024)



Join us for the Peninsula Library System's Young Adult Novelist Convention (YANovCon)! View the exciting list of authors and speakers, and have your book signed by its author! Free and open to all!

[More Information](#)

**Spring Camp**

Public Registration: Begins February 5

Spring Camp will be held at the Joseph A. Fernekes Recreation Building and Ponderosa Elementary School Friday, March 29 – Friday, April 5. Children currently enrolled in TK through 12 years old are eligible. Resident Fee: \$39/day, Non-Resident Fee: \$44/day.

Questions?

## Summer Camp

Public Lottery Registration: February 26 - March 4

In-Person Registration: March 16 at 7:00 a.m. at the Joseph A. Fernekes Recreation Building

Camps will be held at the Joseph A. Fernekes Recreation Building, Ponderosa Elementary School, and Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center Monday, June 3 – Friday, August 2. Families interested in registering must participate in the lottery to determine their place in line during the in-person registration. Ongoing registration and applications for the waiting list will be available after March 16.

More Information

## SSF Farmers' Market



**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO**  
**Farmers' Market**

*The South San Francisco Farmers' Market is back home! Join us as we feature dozens of vendors and weekly special guests.*

**When:** Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., every Saturday, all year!  
**Where:** Orange Memorial Park, 781 Tennis Drive, behind the Fernekes Building in the parking lot.  
**What:** Fruits, vegetables, honey, hummus, bakeries, and hot foods to sit and enjoy after you shop.

**WEST COAST FARMERS' MARKET ASSOCIATION**

**Questions?** Email [CityInfo@ssf.net](mailto:CityInfo@ssf.net) or visit [www.ssf.net/FarmersMarket](http://www.ssf.net/FarmersMarket).

The graphic features a stylized landscape with a sun, hills, and a market stall with various fruits and vegetables. The text 'SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO THE INDUSTRIAL CITY' is written on the hills.

Help support local farmers and small businesses at the SSF Farmers' Market. Pick-up 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!

More Information

## 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 - October 27. 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, or event in one of our beautiful facilities. South San Francisco has several rooms and facilities available for different functions. We are now booking 11 months in advance.

[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?](#)

**Family Literacy Workshops | Gene Mullin  
Community Learning Center (520 Tamarack Lane) |  
Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.**

Join our family literacy workshops every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Gene Mullin Community Learning Center. Tailored for children aged 0-5 and their caregivers, the program offers engaging story times, activities fostering early literacy, songs, book giveaways, and chances to win prizes! Enhance your child's love for learning and reading together!

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## 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 ending soon, so apply soon if interested!

To Apply

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Learn More



## Student Aid & Cal. Dream Act Applications

**CLASS OF 2024**

### \*CASH FOR COLLEGE NIGHT\*

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!

Sign up for any of the dates at either school [HERE!](#)  
Translators and Childcare will be provided

<p><b>1st Session:</b> January 23, 2024</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 6:00–8:00pm</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Library–South City HS 400 B Street, SSF</p>		<p><b>3rd Session: 1 Sesión:</b> March 12, 2024 January 23, 2024</p> <p><b>Time: Hora</b> 6:00–8:00pm 6:00–8:00pm</p> <p><b>Location: Ubicación</b> Library–South City HS Library – Hosted at 400 B Street, SSF South City HS</p>
<p><b>2nd Session:</b> February 6, 2024</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 6:00–8:00pm</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Library– El Camino HS 1320 Mission Rd. SSF</p>		<p><b>4th Session: 2 Sesión:</b> March 13, 2024 February 6, 2024</p> <p><b>Time: Hora</b> 6:00–8:00pm 6:00–8:00pm</p> <p><b>Location: Ubicación</b> Zoom Library– Hosted at El Camino HS</p>


\*Please make sure you have an FSA ID ready before attending the FAFSA workshop, click [here](#) to create one\*

**CLASE DE 2024**

### \*AYUDA FINANCIERA\*

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!

Regístrate para cualquiera de las fechas en cualquiera de las escuelas [aquí!](#)  
Habrá traductores y cuidado de niños disponibles.

<p><b>3 Sesión:</b> March 12, 2024</p> <p><b>Hora</b> 6:00–8:00pm</p> <p><b>Ubicación</b> Library – Hosted at South City HS</p>		<p><b>4 Sesión:</b> March 13, 2024</p> <p><b>Hora</b> 6:00–8:00pm</p> <p><b>Ubicación</b> Zoom</p>
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\*Asegúrese de tener una FSA ID lista antes de asistir al taller de FAFSA, haga clic [aquí](#) para crear una\*

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.

Yours in service,  
James Coleman  
Mayor of South San Francisco



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