



## Mayor's Update

Hello SSF!

Last Saturday, I was excited to kick off a Lunar New Year celebration at our new Library—complete with a lion dance performance, dim sum and boba tea, and a storytime reading by author, Oliver Chin, of his children’s book, “Year of the Dragon”. Thank you to the 300+ people who were able to join us!





## South City Joining the Fight Against Illegal Guns

**This week, I was proud to join [Mayors Against Illegal Guns](#)—to continue the fight against gun violence and to keep our communities safe. This week marks the sixth annual [National Gun Violence Survivors Week](#)—a time when we come together to honor and amplify the stories and voices of gun violence survivors who live with the impact of gun violence every day of the year. **Tragically, the United States’ gun death rate is 13 times that of our peer countries.****

These tragedies also hit close to home—This week marks the anniversary of the two deadly mass shootings at Half Moon bay and Monterey park in California.

During National Gun Violence Survivors Week, our city council recommits ourselves to honoring survivors with action. In the past, our city has partnered with our County in hosting anonymous gun buybacks and has also passed a safe storage and gun lock ordinance. And during our council meeting this week, we passed a [Proclamation Recognizing National Gun Violence Survivors Week \(January 22 – 26\)](#).



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## **UPCOMING SSF & LOCAL EVENTS**

**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) 329-3800 | [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](#)

### Filipino Bilingual Family Storytime

Samahan mo kami sa mga kwento at kanta kasama si até Louella! Join us for stories and songs with Até Louella! Main Library, Youth Library, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way) on Saturday, January 27, 11:30 a.m. All ages welcome!

## Tech Tuesday: Microsoft Word

Did you know the library offers a weekly Tech Tuesday series? Join us at the Main Library, 901 Civic Campus Way, 2nd Floor Digital Media Lab on Tuesday, January 30 at 12:00 p.m. for a basic level class on how to use Microsoft Word. Practice your word processing skills and learn some tips and tricks for using Word and formatting your documents. No registration is required, but space is limited.

[See Complete Calendar](#)

## All About E-books – Drop-In Assistance

Meet with a librarian to learn how to checkout and download free e-books from the South San Francisco Public Library. Come to the Main Library, 901 Civic Campus Way, 2nd Floor Community Room on Wednesday, January 31. Bring your e-reader or mobile device and library card to one of our drop-in sessions! Show up at any time between 10 a.m. -12 p.m. for assistance – no appointment necessary.

## Vote Center



The SSF Main Library will be an Early Vote Center for the Presidential Primary Election starting February 2 through Election Day on March 5.

[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?

## Cultural Arts Commission Art Show



**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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## 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 Police Community Academy

**STARTS  
MARCH 19**

**EVERY TUESDAY  
6:30 PM TO 9 PM**

**ENDS MAY 21ST**



**TOPICS**

- Investigations
- Use of Force Issues
- Hiring, Police Academy, FTO
- SWAT and K-9 Demonstration
- Traffic Enforcement
- and more...

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FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**JOIN THE SSFPD**



# COMMUNITY ACADEMY



How does a police department function?  
Why do officers do what they do?  
Is law enforcement the profession for me?  
How do I become more familiar with the men and women who serve and protect my community?

Scan the QR Code to apply.



**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 Fernekas 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).

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](#)

### **Spring Adult Men's Basketball League (5X5), Softball League and Co-ed Softball League**

Adult Men's Basketball League at the Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center. The registration deadline is February 23, and the season begins in March.

Adult Men's Softball League and Adult Coed Softball League will begin league play in April 2024. Register March 11th – 15th.

Call (650) 829-4680 or click the link below.

[More Information](#)

### **Pickleball Court Pilot Program**

The Orange Memorial Park Master Plan envisions the addition of dedicated pickleball courts, as funding allows. To provide a space for this growing sport in the interim, tennis court #5 at Orange Memorial Park will be dedicated for pickleball activities as a demonstration project to determine if that court could be permanently used for pickleball.



Following completion of the pilot project, which will conclude in mid-2024, the court may be resurfaced to repair cracked surfacing, permanently restriped, and outfitted with pickleball nets to the extent budget allows.

During this demonstration period, your feedback will help inform the future of this court. Please take our survey using the following link:

[Take the Survey](#)

## 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?](#)

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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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