



## Mayor's Update



Hello SSF,

Congratulations! We made it to Friday! Thank you to everyone who came to last Saturday's Black History Month event at our Library. I am truly thankful and appreciative of San Mateo NAACP Acting President and Millbrae Vice Mayor, Maurice Goodman, for his inspiring message regarding the importance of knowing who throughout history has positively shaped our great city, state, and nation. I was also pleased to view a great performance by the "Kalimba King" who provided an awesome, interactive presentation and performance with the African-based instrument, the kalimba. The event was concluded with free, delicious treats from South City's very own Keith's Chicken and Waffles for all attendees!





At last week's City Council meeting, our Police Chief Scott Campbell presented a summary of crime statistics from the past year. As a Council, we were very pleased to hear that overall crime in South San Francisco is down from the prior year. This is a testament to the commitment and resiliency of all our public safety officers, personnel, and their leadership.




# SSF Crime Statistics 2022 to 2023

*Courtesy of SSF Police Department*


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**12% Reduction in Stolen Vehicles** 


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 **43% Reduction in Commercial Burglaries & Attempts**

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**24% Increase in Residential Burglaries and Attempts** 

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 **12% Reduction in Vehicle Burglaries**



**Burglaries**

**62% Reduction in Catalytic Converter Thefts**



**12% Increase in Robbery**

**29% Reduction in Sexual Assaults**



**16% Increase in Illegally Possessed Firearms/Assault Rifles**

**23.4% Reduction in Mental Health Commitments**



**25% Reduction in Vehicular Collisions & 27.5% Increase in Citations/Warnings**

[View Statistics](#)

Additionally, SSF Police Department welcomed nine new staff (including dispatchers, police service technicians, parking enforcement officers, police laterals, and academy graduates) as well as promoted twelve members of their current staff at last week's promotion and swearing-in ceremony.





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## **UPCOMING SSF & LOCAL EVENTS**

**Leaders Are Readers, and Readers are Leaders!**

# Leaders are Readers, and Readers are Leaders!

Special Storytime with SSF Councilmember Flor Nicolas  
and Daly City Councilmember Glenn Sylvester



"Today a reader,  
tomorrow a leader"

## Saturday, 2/24

901 CIVIC CAMPUS WAY  
11:30 AM



Join us for a special story time featuring leaders in our community and other communities as well! Our very own SSF Councilmember Flor Nicolas and Daly City Councilmember Glenn Sylvester will do a "duet" in reading. The goal is always to empower our youth to become readers and thereby leaders, and to expand readership and promote literacy with the help of community leaders who will be role models in reading and literacy. All ages are welcome!

**Did you know...you can take an express bus to downtown SF  
or East Palo Alto?**

**EPX**



**EPX**

Effective 02/11/24

FARES	LOCAL/EXPRESS CASH	DAY PASS
Adult _____ Age 19 – 64	\$2.25	\$4.50
Youth _____ Age 18 and younger	\$1.10	\$2.00
Eligible Discount _____ Age 65+, disabled & Medicare card (proof of eligibility or identity required)	\$1.10	\$2.00

**Children**  
Two children (age 4 and younger) ride free with each adult or eligible discount fare-paying passenger. Additional children subject to youth fare.

**TICKET INFORMATION**  
Use a Clipper® physical or mobile card to receive a fare discount and free 2 hour transfers between SamTrans local/express routes, or to purchase a month pass. Please visit [www.clippercard.com](http://www.clippercard.com) for more information.

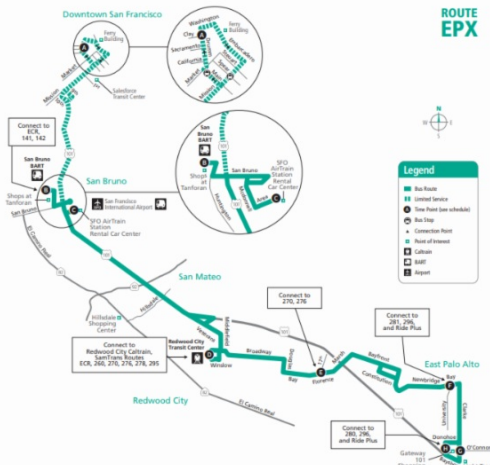
One way tickets and Day Passes are also available on the SamTrans mobile app, or payable by cash on board. Exact cash fare is required. Driver does not make change.

For more details about fare payments please visit [www.samtrans.com/fares/how-to-buy](http://www.samtrans.com/fares/how-to-buy).

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[www.samtrans.com](http://www.samtrans.com) (TTY 650-508-6448)

**ROUTE EPX**



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The Embarcadero & Ferry Building  
Salesforce Transit Center

**San Bruno**  
BART  
The Shops at Tanforan

**San Francisco Int'l Airport**  
Caltrain

**Redwood City**  
Sequoia Station  
Shopping Center

**East Palo Alto**  
Gateway 101  
Shopping Center

**How to Use this Timetable:**  
Locate the time point (●) on the map prior to where you want to board the bus. Not all bus stops are shown. Find the same time point on the schedule. The departure/arrival times are listed under each time point. Please plan to arrive 5 minutes prior to your departure time. To plan your trip, use this timetable with the SamTrans System Map, which shows where all routes operate. Trip-planning assistance is available by calling SamTrans at 1-800-660-4287.

A new express bus service launched last week, taking passengers from East Palo Alto to downtown San Francisco, while making stops along the Peninsula, including Menlo Park, Redwood City Caltrain and the San Bruno BART station. The new service will take advantage of the Highway 101 express lane and cost riders \$2.25 (\$2.05 with Clipper).

**More Information**

**Summer Camp**

Summer 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.

**Public Lottery Registration:** February 26 - March 4  
Lottery registration forms will be available [online](#) February 26 at 9:00 a.m. or call (650) 875-6900 for more information.

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

**Adult Bocce League**



# Adult Bocce League Spring 2024

**ORANGE MEMORIAL PARK**  
Bocce Courts: Adjacent to the Parking Lot  
781 Tennis Drive, South San Francisco

Our Adult Bocce League will again be offered this spring of 2024!

Bocce, also known as Italian lawn bowling, is one of the most widely played games in the world and is one of the oldest lawn or yard games.

## IT'S BOCCIE TIME!

- ✔ Beginner & Advanced Levels
- ✔ Register as an individual
- ✔ Register as a Team
- ✔ Fun for everyone!

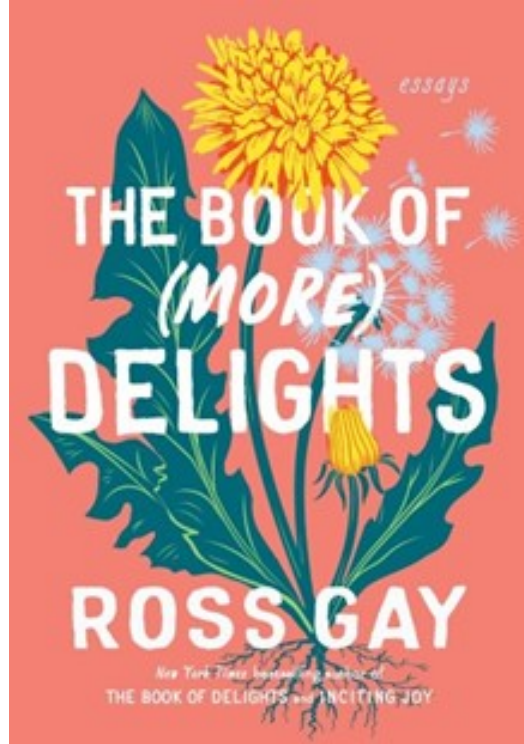


<p><b>4:45 P.M. - 5:45 P.M. ; 6:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>Age: 18 years &amp; Up</b> <b>April 4 - May 23, 2024</b> <b>Beginner/Advanced Individual or Team</b></p>	<p><b>7:15 P.M. - 8:15 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>Age: 18 years &amp; Up</b> <b>April 4 - May 23, 2024</b> <b>Advanced Teams Only</b></p>
<p>Now offering senior discount! *those 62 over may deduct the 20% off resident rate.</p>	

Registration begins Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. online: [www.ssf.net/rec-catalog](http://www.ssf.net/rec-catalog)  
 For more information:  
 Call the Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800  
 or email [web-rec@ssf.net](mailto:web-rec@ssf.net)

## Book Buzz: Writing With Ross Gay's THE BOOK OF (MORE) DELIGHTS





Ross Gay's [\*The Book of Delights\*](#) (2019) and [\*The Book of \(More\) Delights\*](#) (2023) are genre-defying books that record the small joys that occur in one year, from birthday to birthday, and that we often overlook in our busy lives. The magical thing about reading Gay's *Delights* books: his delights will become your delights, too! In this workshop, we will read selections from [\*The Book of \(More\) Delights\*](#), discuss our own small happinesses, and take Ross Gay's lead in taking time out of our day to mindfully write about our delights. **Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Thursday, February 29, 4:30 p.m.**

### **Easter Bunny Photo Hop**





CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO



# Easter Bunny Photo Hop

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024**

Orange Memorial Park - Eucalyptus Shelter  
Along Memorial Drive

**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

*Rain or Shine!*

**Pre-Registration Required!**  
Pre-register for a specified time to take pictures and search for eggs!

Pre-Registration opens:  
Residents: Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. online  
Non-Residents: Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. online  
Register at [www.ssf.net/rec-catalog](http://www.ssf.net/rec-catalog)

*Thank you to our sponsor!*  
**Hatch Realty Group**

For more information contact the Parks & Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800

**Extended Gallery Exhibit**



**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

# By the Light of the Moon

Celebration  
of Lunar  
New Year



Year of  
the  
Dragon

*Since time immemorial humanity has regarded the moon with awe, mysticism, and reverence. The most recognized moon-inspired traditions occur during the Lunar New Year celebrated in communities of Asian descent. The Year of the Dragon is commemorated in 2024.*

## Free Admission

### Extended Gallery Exhibit - Dates & Hours

- ♦ **EXHIBIT OPENING DAY**
- Friday, February 9      6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- ♦ Saturday, February 10      10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, February 11      2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- ♦ Monday, February 12      10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- ♦ Tuesdays, February 13 & 20      10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- ♦ Wednesdays, February 14 & 21      10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Thursdays, February 15 & 22      10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Fridays, February 16 & 23      10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- ♦ Saturday, February 24      10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **EXHIBIT FINAL DATE**
- Sunday, February 25      10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



**LIBRARY | PARKS AND RECREATION CENTER**  
901 Civic Campus Way  
South San Francisco  
3rd Floor Gallery

**NEW SOLO  
ARTIST EXHIBIT**  
Visit the 1st floor to enjoy  
the mesmerizing art  
of Michele de la Menardiere.

**INFORMATION**  
SSF Parks and Recreation Department  
[www.ssf.net/culturalarts](http://www.ssf.net/culturalarts)  
Ericie Santos, Cultural Arts Specialist  
EM: [ericie.santos@ssf.net](mailto:ericie.santos@ssf.net) | PH: (650) 829-3810



## Adopt a Storm Drain



Are you interested in volunteering, while helping the environment and beautifying SSF neighborhoods all at the same time? If so, please sign up as a storm drain steward in the City of South San Francisco's Adopt A Storm Drain Program! You will be provided with free supplies to clean your storm drain(s). Keeping storm drain grates clear of debris is something that you can do to help prevent flooding. For questions or more information regarding this program, please call the S.S.F. Public Works Dept. at (650) 877-8550. Let's help keep SSF clean together!

[Register Here](#)

[More Information](#)

### **Seniors' Hawaiian Plus**

The Hawaiian Plus program encompasses all kinds of Hawaiian culture, ranging from lei making to playing ukulele. This class for adults (55 years and older) from all backgrounds to try something new, like learning to play the ukulele or singing traditional Hawaiian songs in a fun, inclusive, welcoming environment. We encourage everyone who enjoys singing, wants to have fun, or wants to try something new to come join us at the Roberta Cerri Teglia Center (601 Grand Ave., 3rd Floor) every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

[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 Fernekas Building in the parking lot.  
**What:** Fruits, vegetables, honey, hummus, bakeries, and hot foods to sit and enjoy after you shop.

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

**WEST COAST FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION**

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO THE INDUSTRIAL CITY

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](#)

## SSF Farmers' Market





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 second Saturday of the month on Sign Hill. Registration is required.

[Learn More](#)

### **Sign Hill Stewards**

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.

[Register Here](#)

[Questions?](#)

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## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

**Honoring Our Shared Humanity**

**UPCOMING  
WEBINAR**

**Honoring our  
Shared  
Humanity:  
Countering  
Islamophobia &  
Antisemitism**

**Islamophobia and antisemitism are on the rise locally due to international events.**

Join us for a live webinar featuring leaders in the Muslim and Jewish communities with a facilitated conversation and Q&A on:

- Understanding the history of Islamophobia and antisemitism and how they manifest today.
- How to counter both forms of bigotry.

**Thursday  
February 29th  
5:00 pm –  
6:15 pm**



Register or learn more:  
[bit.ly/smcsharedhumanity](https://bit.ly/smcsharedhumanity)

Interpretation is available in  
Arabic, Mandarin, and Spanish



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[Register Here](#)

**CORA Speak Up Program**

# Keep Customers & Employees Safe

## EDUCATION FOR SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESSES



## About the Program

Learn how to keep your customers and employees safe through the Speak Up Program. Through this free program, business owners and staff will come away with an understanding of intimate partner abuse, how to spot red flags, and what to say to someone they fear might be in an abusive situation. This program is made possible through a partnership between CORA - Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse and the City of South San Francisco.

### Learn More

Sign up for training by reaching out to CORA's Speak Up Community Team at [normaa@corasupport.org](mailto:normaa@corasupport.org)

**FREE 15 & 30 Min  
Virtual and In-Person  
Training for Business  
Owners & Staff**



[www.corasupport.org](http://www.corasupport.org)



The City of South San Francisco and non-profit partner, Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA), have partnered on a **Speak Up** workshop, bringing awareness to our community about Intimate Partner Abuse through a 15-minute training. This workshop has been funded by the City of South San Francisco so that it may be offered at no cost to our South San Francisco community. Thank you for doing your part to keep our communities safer!

Questions?

Parents Helping Parents



The transition to adulthood for people with disabilities can be overwhelming and complex! For both the individual and their families and allies! Connections California: Transition to Adulthood is here to help!

[More Information](#)

Yours in service,  
James Coleman  
Mayor of South San Francisco



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