



Mayor's Update

Happy Friday SSF,

This past week I spent a couple days visiting our local businesses in South San Francisco, and letting folks know about an exciting new program the City of South San Francisco is working on in partnership with [CORA](#) to help prevent and end Intimate Partner Abuse!

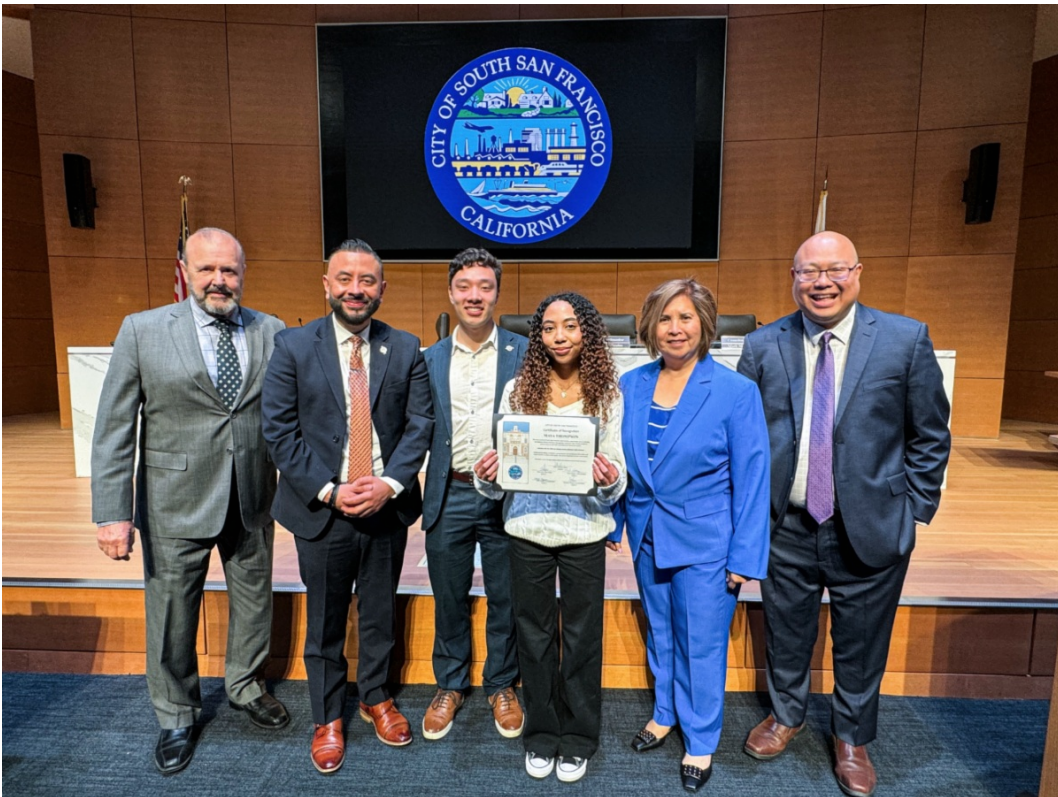
CORA is providing free 15-minute trainings to small businesses and their staff — teaching them how to spot signs of relationship abuse, what to say, how to respond, and what resources to provide! And our city is funding these trainings for every business who chooses to take part in South San Francisco! If you own a business or know someone who does, please encourage them to contact me or [CORA](#).



We've had plenty to celebrate this week, beginning [with last Friday's recognition](#) of South City's very own first responders by the Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs' 59th annual Police, Sheriff, and Firefighters Awards Banquet! Lieutenant Chris Devan, Sergeant Amy Sariotti, Officer Matt Zander, Officer Jonathan Yoshida, and Fire Apparatus Engineer Rob Towle were among the special group of first responders who were recognized and honored. Congrats to all of them for their service to our community!



At our most recent City Council Meeting, we honored Maya Thompson, a South San Francisco resident and student at El Camino High School, for being inducted into the [35th San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame](#). Maya was selected as one of six women for her contributions to [our community](#). Congratulations, Maya!



Youth in Government



Our annual Youth in Government program also officially started this past Thursday, where we welcomed 16 high school students from the South San Francisco Unified School District to learn more about local government! Be sure to follow us on social media ([Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)) to see more of their journey with us.

Women's History Month Spotlight: Toni Powell

Women's History Month may be coming to a close, but let's continue to acknowledge the outstanding women who contribute to our community all year long! I'd like to give special recognition to one of our SSF Housing Authority Commissioners, **Toni Powell**. Toni's impact has gone far and wide throughout the Bay Area as the President of Board of Directors of City Youth Now (CYN) and the President of Board of Directors of Father Advocates Implementing Rights (F.A.I.R.). She has been honored as the first Black female director of various other organizations, including San Francisco Juvenile Hall and Log Cabin Boys Ranch. She is a 40-year member of Neighborhood Baptist Church and a retired Juvenile Probation Director after 34 years with San Francisco Juvenile Probation. We're grateful for your leadership, Toni. Thank you the many ways you serve our great city and the larger Bay Area!



**TOMORROW: Orange Memorial Park Aquatic Center
Groundbreaking**



South San Francisco is going to start construction on our new Orange Park Pools (yes, TWO pools)! This marks an exciting step in beginning the construction phase of the project following many months of community engagement and design development. Please join us for an exciting groundbreaking ceremony (party) tomorrow, March 30 beginning at 10:00 a.m.! Parking will be available on Tennis Drive and street parking. Staff will be on site to guide you.

Please note: Orange Pool is expected to remain open as construction progresses.

[For Project Updates](#)

UPCOMING SSF & LOCAL EVENTS

Save the Date: Earth Day Storytime with Me



Join me for a special storytime celebrating Earth Day at the Youth Library (901 Civic Campus Way, 2nd floor) on Tuesday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Now Accepting Applications for Youth Summer Internship Program (YSIP)



The City of South San Francisco is excited to announce its 4th annual Youth Summer Internship Program. YSIP provides high school students (ages 15-18) with paid, hands-on learning and development opportunities while gaining exposure to local government, discovering available career paths at the City of South San Francisco, and building skills and a foundation for future success. No experience is required to apply! The 8-week program will run June 10 - August 2, and selected interns will work between 20-25 hours per week in one of the City's departments.

Complete an [interest form](#) by Friday, April 12 at 5:00 p.m. to be considered. Interns will be selected via lottery drawing after initial eligibility screening.

[More Information](#)

2024 Jack Drago Cultural Arts Commission Youth Art Scholarship

The SSF Cultural Arts Commission is awarding up to three scholarships, for up to a total of \$3,000 to South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD) graduating high school seniors who have shown achievement in the arts and plan to continue the study of art. Acceptable art forms include but are not limited to photography, sculpture, digital media, ceramics, performing arts, literary arts. **Candidates should submit a completed application form and samples of their art** by the entry deadline of **Wednesday, April 17**.

[More Information](#)

South San Francisco is seeking the next Youth Poet-in-Residence!

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH POET-IN-RESIDENCE



APPLY TO BE OUR YOUTH POET-IN-RESIDENCE BY SUBMITTING ONE TO THREE ORIGINAL POEMS ALONG WITH AN ARTIST STATEMENT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ART IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

YOUTH POET-IN-RESIDENCE WILL SERVE FOR ONE YEAR, MAY 2024-APRIL 2025, AND WILL BE ASKED TO PRESENT THEIR POETRY AT FOUR ENGAGEMENTS.

WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$500!

RESIDENCY IS OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO GO TO SCHOOL OR LIVE IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO.

SEE SUBMISSION FORM FOR FULL GUIDELINES AND TERMS.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 11:59 PM



TO LEARN MORE AND SUBMIT, GO TO:
[SSF.NET/DEPARTMENTS/LIBRARY/SERVICES/TEENS](https://ssf.net/departments/library/services/teens)



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Calling all South San Francisco rising freshman to graduating seniors! Do you live in or go to school in South San Francisco and write poetry? If so, we invite you to apply as our next Poet-in-Residence, a one-year position (May-April) committed to engaging the public through poetry. Applications due Monday, April 2, at 11:59 p.m.!

[More Information](#)

[Apply Here](#)

Learn With Us at the Library

Click on each image for more information



Saturday, March 30, 2:00 P.M.: Robotics Fair

Race remote control robots, solve puzzles with modular and Lego robots, and learn about the circuits that power robots. No registration is needed. Recommended for ages 6+

Grand Avenue Library
306 Walnut Avenue

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 A.M.: Peninsula Libraries Comic Arts Fest (PLCAF)

PLCAF presents Kickoff Day, a chance to support small press comics by buying directly from the creators! Over thirty comics creators will be in attendance selling comics, books, and prints. Special guests include Gary Whitta, Ngozi Ukazu, Molly Ostertag, and Lalo Alcaraz. See the full lineup of exhibiting artists at

www.comicartsfest.com

Main Library
901 Civic Campus Way

Thursday, April 11, 6:00 P.M. Author Talk with Kate Zernicke, "The Exceptions: Nancy Hopkins, MIT & the Fight for Women in Science"

Kate Zernicke, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who broke the story, will be live and in-person to discuss her book about the elite women scientists at MIT, and their history-making fight for equality

Council Chambers
901 Civic Campus Way

The Planet vs. Plastics

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2024 EARTH DAY EVENT
SSF LIBRARY | PARKS & REC CENTER

**Sunday,
April 14,
2024**



**1pm to
4pm**



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*Become an earth hero and learn how
you can save the planet.*

Interactive exhibits, community conversations,
family-friendly activities, art installations,
resources, and sustainable vendors.

Bring your reusable water bottle, shopping bags,
and empty jars for refillable household products

Together, we can tip the scales in favor of Planet
Earth!

We are looking for volunteers and vendors to help provide education or services to the community. Interested vendors/volunteers should register at the link below.

[Register Here](#)

[Questions?](#)

Meet us at the Farmers' Market

A colorful poster for the South San Francisco Farmers' Market. At the top, the text "SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO" is in yellow, and "Farmers' Market" is in large, red, stylized letters. Below this, a tagline reads: "The South San Francisco Farmers' Market is back home! Join us as we feature dozens of vendors and weekly special guests." A text box provides details: "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.", and "What: Fruits, vegetables, honey, hummus, bakeries, and hot foods to sit and enjoy after you shop." To the right is a circular logo for the "WEST COAST FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION" featuring a landscape. The background shows a hill with the words "SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO THE INDUSTRIAL CITY" painted on it, and a market stall with various fruits and vegetables under a striped umbrella. At the bottom, it says "Questions? Email CityInfo@ssf.net or visit www.ssf.net/FarmersMarket."/>

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
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WEST COAST FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION

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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](#)

Sign Hill Stewards

Come help restore habitat and protect nature with the Parks and Recreation Department. Join Natural Resource Specialist Candace LaCroix every other Friday and the second Saturday of the month on Sign Hill.

[Register Here](#)

[Questions?](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Second Harvest is committed to doing whatever it takes to end hunger in our community. That means distributing nutritious food, leveraging every available food resource, and collaborating with organizations and people who share our belief that hunger is unacceptable. Nutritious food is the foundation for a healthy, productive life.

[Learn More](#)

Yours in service,
James Coleman
Mayor of South San Francisco



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