



## Mayor's Update



Happy Friday SSF!

Tomorrow is a busy day with the ribbon-cutting of the new [Karyl Matsumoto Plaza](#) and *Inspire* sculpture at 9 a.m. and the launch of [Caltrain's new electric trains](#). [Concert in the Park](#) also takes place at Orange Memorial Park Picnic Meadow beginning at 11:30 a.m. with the Grammy Award-winning musical group Dazz Band and the acclaimed Blessid Union of Souls. I hope to see you at both of these events!

### DID YOU KNOW?



The Inspire Sculpture runs entirely on wind power?

The movement of the individual circles is completely run by wind power. There are no motors. Each circle is perfectly balanced so that they would move with the slightest air currents. Under the most severe wind conditions, as the circles start to turn faster, centrifugal force will flatten out their positions and thus minimize surface area. Inspire is fabricated entirely in Stainless Steel and stands at 24' high with the pedestal. Come see the new sculpture designed by Jonathan Russell and Saori Ide of Ride Art Studio at the new [Karyl Matsumoto Plaza](#) on Airport and Grand.



Also happening tomorrow is Coastal Cleanup Day on from 9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Our Water Quality Control Plant Environmental Compliance and San Mateo County Public Works will be gathering at the Utah Bridge in South San Francisco to clean up our beautiful waterways. Grab your friends, family, and neighbors, reusable gloves (optional), and a water bottle, and let's turn the tide on trash!

[Sign Up Here](#)

Save the Date: State of the City on Oct. 1



2024  
**STATE OF THE CITY**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Library | Parks & Recreation Center - Banquet Hall  
901 Civic Campus Way, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Featuring performances from SSFUSD schools, and light refreshments

RSVP: [marie.patea@ssf.net](mailto:marie.patea@ssf.net) or (650) 829-6666 by September 27

Come join me and the City Council as we share our annual [State of the City](#). Enjoy performances from El Camino High School's Jazz Band and South San Francisco High School's Dance team. Please RSVP by September 27; email [marie.patea@ssf.net](mailto:marie.patea@ssf.net) or call 650-829-6666.

Watch the Scam Stopper Seminars Replay



# Scam Stopper

Free Seminar with  
Cybersecurity & Infrastructure  
Security Agency (CISA)

Replay from September 13, 2024 Presentation at the Rotary Terrace

Have you taken the Age-Friendly survey yet? Make your voice count by taking 20 minutes to share your responses directly with AARP.

[Watch the Recording](#)

## South San Francisco Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the City of South San Francisco the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget, which reflects the commitment of the City of South San Francisco Council and its staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

[Read the Press Release](#)

[Watch the City Council Candidates Forum](#)





# City of South San Francisco City Council Candidates Forum



Wednesday, October 16, 2024

6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Library | Parks and Recreation Center  
(Council Chambers)

901 Civic Campus Way, South San Francisco

*Forums are Open to the Public*

## Meet the City Council Candidates

### DISTRICT 2

Mark Nagales

Vivian Ramos

### DISTRICT 4

James Coleman

Avin Sharma

### SUBMIT QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Questions can be sent in advance of the forum to: [questions@lwvncsmc.org](mailto:questions@lwvncsmc.org)

Add **SSF Candidate Forum** in subject line

You may also submit a question in person at the event.

Please note, not all questions may be addressed due to time constraints

*Translation services in Spanish will be provided upon request.*

**Moderated by:**



**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF NORTH & CENTRAL SAN MATEO COUNTY

*The nonpartisan League of Women Voters has an established record for fair and informative forums. A trained League moderator will preside.*

**Register to vote by: October 21, 2024  
for the November 5, 2024, General Election**

*For streaming and viewing options, visit [www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net)*



Watch the Candidates Forum hosted by the League of Women Voters on Watch the Candidates Forum on local cable channel: Astound, Channel 26, Comcast, Channel 27, or AT&T, Channel 99 or [City of SSF Website](http://City of SSF Website), [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com), or [Zoom](https://www.zoom.us).

## UPCOMING SSF & LOCAL EVENTS

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library

THIS FALL 2024  
**CELEBRATE  
HISPANIC /LATINX HERITAGE**

**GRAND AVENUE LIBRARY:  
(306 WALNUT AVENUE)**

**Pajama Storytime Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month**  
Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 p.m.

**Hispanic Heritage Family Crafts**  
Saturday, September 28, 11:00 a.m.



**"Hora del Cuento en Pijama Celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Hispana"**  
Miércoles, 25 de Septiembre, 6:00 p.m.

**Artesanías Familiares para Celebrar la Herencia Hispana**  
Sábado, 28 de Septiembre, 11:00 a.m.

[Pajama Storytime celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

Wednesday, Sept. 25 | 06:00 PM

We will be reading stories by Hispanic authors and creating Repujado art inspired by Mexican folk art.

Leeremos cuentos de autores hispanos y crearemos arte repujado inspirado por el arte popular mexicano.

[Hispanic Heritage Family Crafts](#)

Saturday, Sept. 28 | 11:00 AM

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! We will be making colorful decorations including Papel Picado and tissue paper flowers. Help us decorate the library or take home your creations. All Ages! Until supplies last.

Deadline Approaching: October 2024 Art Show "Explore Your Roots"

# SAVE THE DATE

## EXHIBIT OPENING WEEKEND

Friday, October 11 | 6PM - 8PM  
Saturday, October 12 | 10AM - 3PM

## \*JOIN US FOR

FRIDAY'S vibrant performances  
SATURDAY'S Day of the Dead Crafting Fun  
*\*Times TBA*

## FREE ADMISSION

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

## ADDITIONAL GALLERY HOURS



Monday - Friday  
October 15 through 25  
10AM - 5PM

## INFORMATION

Parks and Recreation Department  
[www.ssf.net/culturalarts](http://www.ssf.net/culturalarts) | (650) 829-3800

# EXPLORE YOUR ROOTS ART SHOW

*An immersive art show  
celebrating the rich tapestry  
of our collective heritage.*



Explore your "roots" by delving into cultural foundations, symbolic connections, and personal origins. Whether through the lens of heritage, abstract symbolism, or personal stories, what does "roots" mean to you? Eligible mediums include two-dimensional and three-dimensional art works. The non-refundable online art entry fee is \$5 per entry. This juried exhibit is open to local and regional residents, 16 years and older.

Online Entry Deadline: September 27, 2024

[Learn More](#)

See you at the new pump track and skate park!

# CENTENNIAL WAY PARK SOUTH GRAND OPENING



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

**10 AM - 12 PM**

Location: **Centennial Trail between Spruce Ave and Huntington Ave**

*South San Francisco Public transportation is encouraged  
(San Bruno BART station nearby)*

Come see the skate space, bike park, playgrounds, outdoor classroom, pollinator garden, and more!



Another ribbon-cutting is taking place later this month, this time for our new Centennial way Park South! Come with your bike or skateboard and enjoy this new outdoor space along the Centennial Trail between Spruce Avenue and Huntington Avenue.

[Learn More](#)

**Festa Italiana**





# Festa Italiana

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO



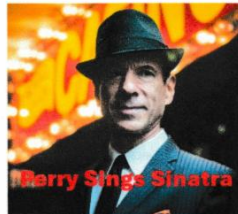
**A FREE, FUN FAMILY EVENT**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**  
**ORANGE MEMORIAL PARK**  
**11 A.M. – 6 P.M.**  
**BE ITALIAN FOR A DAY**



MUSIC \* FOOD \* KID'S ZONE \* CAR SHOW  
 BOCCE TOURNEY \* CULTURAL DISPLAYS



**ITALIANS IN BASEBALL**  
 EXHIBIT BY **MUSEO**  
 ITALO AMERICANO



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The California Law Enforcement Columbia Association is proud to present, along with the City of South San Francisco and the Italian American Citizens Club of SSF, Festa Italiana - a free, fun family event celebrating the Italian culture on Sunday, September 29 at Orange Memorial Park from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

Halloween Extravaganza!

South San Francisco Parks & Recreation

**HALLOWEEN  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

**Saturday, October 19, 2024  
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
Orange Memorial Park  
South San Francisco**

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

**Costumes  
Encouraged**

**\*FLOATING  
PUMPKIN  
PATCH**

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**\*PUMPKIN  
PATCH**

**AND SO MUCH MORE!**

*\*ONLY the Pumpkin Patch and Floating Pumpkin Patch require pre-registration.  
One pumpkin per family. Spaces Limited.  
Registration begins on Friday, October 4 at 6:00 A.M. online at [www.ssf.net/rec-catalog](http://www.ssf.net/rec-catalog)  
All additional activities are free.  
For full event details: [www.ssf.net/PandREvents](http://www.ssf.net/PandREvents)  
SSF Recreation Office: (650) 829-3800, [web-rec@ssf.net](mailto:web-rec@ssf.net)*

Boo! Halloween is around the corner, and we've got tons planned for you and your family on Saturday, October 19.

[Learn More](#)

### Other Upcoming Events

We've got a very full season ahead of us. Below are some of the events covered in last week's Newsletter. Check out our [City Calendar](#) for more opportunities to plug in!

- September 27: [What's Happening East of 101 – Biotech Speaker Series](#)
- October 1: [Loneliness to Light Gathering](#)

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Cal Water Rebates – Conserve Water and Save Money!



Some great rebates designed to encourage water conservation are available to South San Francisco Cal Water customers (Bayshore District) when you purchase high-efficiency toilets, clothes washers, irrigation controllers, and sprinkler nozzles. *It's important to find out what brands and model numbers are eligible for rebate before you shop for appliances or fixtures.* Qualified products are listed on their [website](#). Rebates are also available through the Lawn-to-Garden Turf Replacement and Smart Landscape Tune-Up programs. Click on the link to learn more and to apply online!

Missed a previous newsletter? View all of our Weekly South City Updates and press releases on the [City website](#).

Yours in service,  
James Coleman  
Mayor of South San Francisco





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