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## Public Works: Working for You!

National Public Works Week is May 20 – 26, 2018, a celebration and recognition of the vital role public works plays in delivering quality of life and connecting us all together in our daily lives. Public Works provides, maintains, and improves the streets, bike paths, bridges, and walkways that keep us connected as a community, and its clean water and sanitation services keep us healthy and allow our community to grow and prosper. Take a moment this month to thank our more than 80 South San Francisco Public Works employees who work tirelessly throughout the year to keep us all connected and thriving.

In the last year, Public Works has accomplished a great deal, including managing the renovation of the Grand Avenue Library; installing 158 new ADA ramps citywide; launching of the Scoop carpool app and program for city residents and employees; introducing a LimeBike bikeshare program; upgrading and installing 644 new smart parking meters in the downtown area; introducing the City's **Adopt a Storm Drain** program; renovating Brentwood Park and Willow Garden Park; installing 250 trash capture devices to reduce trash levels entering the San Francisco Bay; rehabilitating eight miles of city roads; fully treating 7.5 million gallons of wastewater every day at the Water Quality Control Plant (WQCP); picking up 2,662 tons of trash and litter; repairing 496 potholes, and responding to over 3,700 requests for service via the City's **Engage SSF** app.

As the City continues to grow on a contemporary course while keeping its traditional flare, our Public Works Department proudly serves the citizens of South San Francisco with progressive momentum to support and sustain our environment and infrastructure through responsiveness, innovation, and professionalism in partnership with our diverse community.



## Upcoming Events

### COFFEE WITH THE CITY MANAGER & PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- April 24, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Antigua Coffee, 437 Grand Avenue

### STREETS ALIVE! PARKS ALIVE! & FARMERS' MARKET GRAND OPENING

- May 5, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Farmers' Market  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Orange Memorial Park

### MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY COMMUNITY CIVIC CAMPUS TOWN HALL

- May 22, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Municipal Services Building,  
Social Hall  
33 Arroyo Drive

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- May 28, 7:00 a.m., Breakfast at Fire Station #61 (480 N. Canal Str.), \$5/person, FREE for Veterans
- 9:00 a.m. Parade from Fire Station #61 to Memorial Park Eternal Flame Sculpture
- 10:00 a.m. Ceremony at Orange Memorial Park (corner of Orange Ave. & Tennis Dr.)

### SSF BLOOD DRIVE

- June 12, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Municipal Services Building,  
Council Chambers  
33 Arroyo Drive

*\* More City events noted on the back page of newsletter*



## Public Works: Working for YOU!

### Pedestrian Safety Improvement Projects

Improving pedestrian safety is a high priority for the City, and there are many pedestrian safety improvement projects underway in South San Francisco. Recently, the City completed a pedestrian safety project at Los Cerritos Elementary School, which included installation of speed radar feedback signs, ADA-compliant curb ramps, flashing beacon signs, and high-visibility crosswalk markings. In addition, the City is completing a project on Haskins Way to construct 400 feet of new sidewalk, along with three new ADA-compliant curb ramps, between East Grand Avenue and East Jamie Court.

Also **under construction** is the installation of rapid flashing beacons at intersections on Grand Avenue between Airport Boulevard and Walnut Avenue, and on West Orange Avenue at Centennial Way. These rectangular rapid flashing beacons will make the mid-block crosswalks more visible to motorists as pedestrians cross the road.

The City has three pedestrian safety projects in the **design** phase:

- Installation of corner curb extension and bus curb extensions on Linden Avenue between Aspen and Miller Avenues.
- High-visibility markings added to crosswalks on Linden Avenue and Spruce Avenue, between Lux and Miller Avenues.
- Installation of curb extensions, high-visibility crosswalks, and rapid flashing beacons for various crosswalks adjacent to Sunshine Gardens Elementary School.

Construction on these three new safety improvements will begin in early 2019.



### Traffic Roundabout in Avalon

The City's first traffic circle was installed at the intersection of Avalon Drive and Alhambra Road in early February 2018, after several public meetings with residents of the Avalon-Brentwood neighborhood. This traffic circle is a pilot project, designed to reduce and slow down commuter traffic cutting through the neighborhood. A consultant will monitor its effectiveness. The new circle will accommodate turns for vehicles up to 40 feet long, including emergency vehicles. Plastic delineators were used to form the circle to make it easier for removal later if the experiment is deemed unsuccessful. New speed bumps will also be installed in the neighborhood this summer. Another community meeting will be held later this year to discuss traffic. The City welcomes your feedback! Please call our Engineering Division at (650) 829-6652 or email us at [Web-PW@ssf.net](mailto:Web-PW@ssf.net).



### Street Rehabilitation Project

The City's Street Rehabilitation Project will rehabilitate approximately 14,330 feet of City streets using the Cold-In-Place Recycling (CIPR) method. CIPR removes and reuses the existing asphalt surface by grinding off the top two to five inches of the existing asphalt surface. CIPR is used to restore the existing material, reducing the amount of outside material required at the site. The contractor collected samples from the streets in the fall of 2017, however, because CIPR is temperature dependent, the project is delayed until warmer weather arrives. Staff anticipates the contractor will break ground and start rehabilitating the streets beginning in April, with a completion date of sometime this summer. A map showing the streets involved in the CIPR project is located at <https://bit.ly/SSFStreetRehab>.



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## Street Surface Seal Project

The City completed the 2017 Street Surface Seal Project in the Winston Manor and Buri Buri neighborhoods last fall. This project rehabilitated approximately 1,000,000 square feet of City streets. After feedback from the West Winston Manor Association, the City also installed six curb ramps along Longford Drive, Sutton Avenue, and Dunman Way, and two curb ramps at Maple Avenue and Aspen Avenue.

## Junipero Serra & King Drive Intersection Improvements



Bike lane marking on Junipero Serra & King Drive

With the support of an \$849,000 federal Highway Safety Improvement Program grant, the City's Public Works Department completed a number of vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian safety improvements to Junipero Serra Boulevard at the King Drive intersection.

Vehicle and pedestrian safety improvements include:

- Reconstructed existing medians and right-turn islands;
- Replaced several short median traffic signals with single over-arching, highly-visible mast arm signals at each direction;
- Upgraded traffic signals to provide protected left-turn phasing for King Drive;
- Installed northbound and southbound solar-powered speed feedback signs;
- Replaced in-pavement vehicle detection with cameras to better detect motorcycles waiting at turn lanes;
- Painted highly-visible green bike lane markings to indicate vehicle/bicycle intersection crossings;
- Installed ADA sidewalk curb ramps and ADA-compliant pathways through the medians; and
- Added pedestrian signal heads with both audible and visible countdown timers.

## Junipero Serra Storm Drain Repair

You may be wondering what is going on near Junipero Serra and Westborough Boulevards. In late January, City staff found a failure in the storm drainage system located under the shoulder and bicycle path of the northbound lanes of Junipero Serra Boulevard. Due to recent heavy rains, stormwater has undermined and eroded the soil under the road section. Public Works staff responded immediately, installing traffic control on Junipero Serra and working with a contractor to remove a section of the street, plug the storm drain system to prevent any further erosion, and stabilize the area.

Due to spring wet weather conditions, the repair work is delayed. The overall repair should take approximately a month, depending on the weather.

## Brentwood Area Traffic Circulation Update



The City is seeking to improve traffic flow on Hazelwood Drive between El Camino Real and Mosswood Way, based on feedback from residents in the Brentwood neighborhood.

Kenwood Way, the public street in front of the Smart & Final store, was converted to right-in and right-out at Hazelwood Drive to improve pedestrian safety and to reduce traffic backups on Hazelwood Drive. Public Works installed "No Left Turn" signs and placed traffic delineators to limit traffic turns, and are now monitoring traffic flow to determine whether this change yields the safety improvements desired. Your feedback on this change is welcome! Please call our Engineering Division at (650) 829-6652 or email us at [Web-PW@ssf.net](mailto:Web-PW@ssf.net).



## Parks and Recreation Update



### Parks 11 Design and Public Input Events Coming Soon!

In our fall and winter newsletters, we provided residents with a summary of the Parks 11 Program, which will invest six million dollars to improve parks and sports fields over the next several years. This park investment program includes improvements to the following locations:

- Orange Memorial Park softball field
- Orange Memorial Park baseball field
- Buri Buri Park baseball field and basketball court
- Southwood baseball field
- Alta Loma baseball field, tennis courts, and playground
- Avalon baseball field
- Hillside soccer and softball field
- Sellick Park playground
- Gardiner Park playground
- Newman and Gibbs playground
- Dundee Park playground



We are happy to report that our first project is complete! Alta Loma Park Playground is now open for the public to use and enjoy.

Designs for Orange Memorial Park, Buri Buri Park, Avalon Park, Hillside (Terrabay) Field, Sellick Park, and Gardiner Park have begun. During this design period, we are excited to offer opportunities for residents, park neighbors, and sports league stakeholders to provide their input to inform the scope of the improvements.

Please visit our Parks 11 webpage regularly for more information on project status and outreach events at <http://www.ssf.net/parks11>. You may also contact the Parks Division Office for more information by emailing [parks@ssf.net](mailto:parks@ssf.net) or by calling (650) 829-3837.

### Citywide Reforestation Update

In July 2017, Parks and Recreation staff committed to planting 120 new trees over the course of the next 12 months. To date, over 150 trees were replanted in the City of South San Francisco. A majority of these trees were planted in the fall and winter, as cool temperatures and rain helps the trees establish and mitigate planting stress.

Most recently, staff replanted several trees on Hillside Boulevard, Junipero Serra Boulevard, the Linden and Pine greenspot, the Westborough Boulevard median between Junipero Serra at the I-280 overpass, and several vacant tree wells throughout the City. Learn more about the City's Urban Forest and Tree Preservation Ordinance at [www.ssf.net/trees](http://www.ssf.net/trees).

### Proper Tree Care: Don't Top Your Trees

Too often we see trees, like the one pictured to the right, that have suffered topping cuts by poorly trained tree trimmers and homeowners. Defoliating trees in this fashion is all too common and very detrimental to their health, as it removes the tree's ability to create energy needed to live, grow and defend against decay, disease, and insects. The weakened trees often die or regrow hazardous branches that need even more regular and costly maintenance. Topping of trees, defined as protected by the SSF Municipal Code, can also lead to substantial fines.

Please help us keep our community green and healthy by properly caring for your trees. For more information on proper tree care, contact the Parks Division Office at [parks@ssf.net](mailto:parks@ssf.net) or visit the International Society of Arboriculture for resources on tree care best practices at: [www.treesaregood.com/treeowner/pruningyourtrees](http://www.treesaregood.com/treeowner/pruningyourtrees).





## May Has Lots in Store For You!

### New Things are Waiting for You at the Library

April 8–14, 2018, is National Library Week, an annual celebration of the life-changing virtues of libraries, librarians, and library workers. Libraries aren't just places to borrow books or study—they're also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions.

#### What's New?

The Main Library (840 W. Orange Ave.) now has a Makerspace, collaboration room, and virtual reality machines. Visitors can also stream foreign films and documentaries through the library's digital collections (download the *Kanopy* app to access). Librarians have also been working hard to enhance services for children and families, launching the *Hack Your Homework* after-school program at both the Main and Grand Avenue (306 Walnut Ave.) Libraries. In addition, the library has a *Teen Digital Media Lab* in the works, all part of creating a technology-rich learning environment for students.

The City of South San Francisco's Main and Grand Avenue Libraries continue to be one of the most active libraries around, where events such as storytimes, computer classes, crafts, book clubs, and guest speaker engagements happen every day. Find your learning moment today at the library!



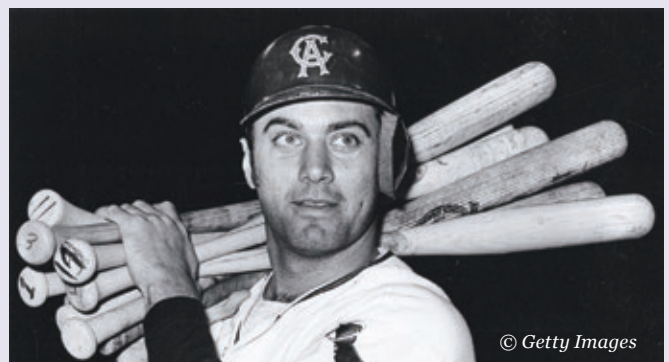
### May is Historic Preservation Month

Everyone has places that are important to them. Places they care about. Places that matter. The same is true right here in South San Francisco. During National Historic Preservation Month, we encourage all citizens to start a dialogue with family, friends, and extended community members about South San Francisco's history and what it means to you.

Whether you're a life-long resident or new to South San Francisco, why not check out the historical Grand Avenue Walking Tour? Start at City Hall and follow the path to learn about 11 local landmarks including our early newspaper, movie theater, bank, and hospital. You can download the map for "The Grand Walk" at <https://bit.ly/TheGrandWalk>. Get out and enjoy spring by taking the historical walking tour while learning a little bit more about the City we love.

### SSF History Tidbit:

Speaking of spring, it's time for baseball, and did you know South San Francisco was home to the great Jim Fregosi, Major League Baseball player, manager, and scout? Jim Fregosi was a six-time All-Star! When he passed in 2014, Jim was remembered as one of the game's most colorful characters. He was so popular in Anaheim, where he played 11 seasons as the Angels shortstop in the 1950s and 1960s, he was considered "bigger than astronauts" according to the *Orange County Register*. The baseball field at Orange Park is named after his father, Archie, owner of a local market, who was honored for his love of coaching and for supporting Little League teams. Locals remember trading Jim's baseball card for one of Archie's candy bars at Fregosi Market when they were kids.





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# May is Older Americans Month – Engage at Every Age

Every May, the nation observes **Older Americans Month**. This year’s theme, **Engage at Every Age**, emphasizes that you are never too old (or too young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Celebrating Older Americans Month also allows us to recognize the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our community.

One out of ten South San Francisco residents is over the age of 65. By participating in activities that promote mental and physical wellness, and offering wisdom and experience to the next generation, older South San Franciscans can enrich their own life experiences, as well as the experiences of others by setting an inspiring example for everyone in our community—young and old.

The City of South San Francisco values and supports our aging population and community resources for seniors are available at the local government level.



### Recreation Activities:

**Magnolia Senior Center**  
601 Grand Ave., 3rd Floor  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
Phone: (650) 829-3820

The Magnolia Senior Center is a drop-in multipurpose center open to any senior 55 or over, but primarily serving those in South San Francisco. Social, recreational, educational and special activities include bingo, billiards, knitting and crafts, cooking demonstrations, table tennis, mahjong, and special events.

The Magnolia Senior Center also offers:

- An Alzheimer’s Support Group and regular scheduled blood pressure screenings
- HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program, at the Medicare counseling program) is available by appointment
- Exercise, American Line Dancing, and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes are offered at this site by the Parks and Recreation Department and Adult Education
- Senior social dancing, bead stringing/knotting class, yoga classes, Coping with Change Support Group, Tai Chi, the 55 Alive Safety Driving Courses, knitting for beginners, and stretching and flexibility are all offered under the umbrella of Senior Services

### Transportation:

**FREE South City Shuttle**  
Phone: (650) 877-8550  
Email: shuttle@ssf.net

The South City Shuttle provides free service around South San Francisco, with trips to local stores, senior center, libraries, City Hall, and parks. The shuttle also provides transit connections with SamTrans and BART. This free shuttle is open to the general public.

## Countywide Services for Seniors

### Assisted Living Placement Services:

**Senior Home Source**  
Phone: (650) 455-5083  
Web: seniorhomesource.org

### Home Modifications:

#### **Center for Independence of the Disabled**

Phone: (650) 645-1780  
Free housing accessibility modification assistance, including assistance to those who rent, to qualified clients in San Mateo County.

Also, don’t forget, the **South San Francisco Library and Parks & Recreation Department** offers many services to seniors which can be found on our website at [www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net).



## Construction Connection

*The Bay Area is enjoying unparalleled economic success, with San Mateo County having the lowest unemployment rate in California. With that success comes the demand for housing and, in particular, affordable housing. City strategic plans envision housing growth in two primary areas – downtown near the Caltrain Station and along our major commercial corridor, El Camino Real. Some of the projects currently in progress include:*

### **Residential: Summerhill Apartment Communities at 988 El Camino Real**

The City Council approved construction of a five story residential development with 172 units, plus ground-floor retail, amenity spaces, parking for retail, and two levels of subterranean parking for the residential units. The project will replace and widen the sidewalks along El Camino Real and Chestnut Avenue, include a public fitness park and improve the Centennial Trail pedestrian crossing on Chestnut Avenue.

### **Commercial: Home2Suites Hotel by Hilton at 550 Gateway Boulevard**

Home2 Suites by Hilton has started construction of a new six-story, 155-room hotel on a two acre site East of Highway 101 at 550 Gateway Boulevard. Hotels in South San Francisco run at near full occupancy at all times, making this new hotel a welcome addition to meet the growing number of visitors to our city. The hotel is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

### **Residential: Rotary Senior Housing Project at 310 Miller Avenue**

The South San Francisco Rotary Club, in partnership with the City of South San Francisco, is building 81 affordable residential units for senior citizens. Once completed in 2019, the residence will feature community rooms for gatherings and offer a variety of coordinated events and activities for residents. For more information, or to be placed on the waitlist, call 1-800-635-2558 or visit online at [www.HumanGood.org](http://www.HumanGood.org) to begin the application process.



**CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:** Please check the construction website for updates and traffic information at <http://construction.ssf.net>. If you have any concerns, you can reach us on our construction hotline at 650-829-4600. You can also email us at [Construction@ssf.net](mailto:Construction@ssf.net). Thank you for your patience and understanding. The City is committed to providing you with timely information to minimize inconveniences.

### **Oyster Point Update**

South San Francisco enjoys miles of shoreline along the San Francisco Bay, including an area owned by the City called Oyster Point. In 2011, the City Council approved a plan to improve our waterfront, which included new parks, an improved bay trail, recreation areas, rebuilding of South City Beach and new roads and infrastructure. A private developer will actually build the improvements, along with a new state-of-the-art life sciences campus. The roughly \$2 billion transformation of this 81-acre bay front area has already begun.



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## Looking for more things to do in the City?

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#### **FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION OF AND THEN THEY CAME FOR US**

- Thursday, May 10; 6:00 p.m.
- Main Library, 840 W. Orange Ave.

*And Then They Came for Us* brings history into the present, retelling this difficult story and following Japanese-American activists as they speak out against the Muslim registry and travel ban.

#### **GENERAL ART SHOW**

*A two-dimensional fine art exhibit. Join us Friday night for the first-ever Cultural Arts Commission Karaoke event! Admission free.*

- **Exhibit Opening:** Friday, May 11, 2018  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Gallery:** Saturday, May 12, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Municipal Services Building,  
33 Arroyo Drive

#### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

- Saturday, May 12; 10:00 a.m. –  
2:00 p.m.  
Main Library, 840 W. Orange Ave.

#### **POLICE PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR SENIORS**

- Sunday, May 20, 2018  
Magnolia Center, 601 Grand Ave.  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

This free annual breakfast for adults age 55 and up includes pancakes, bacon, pastries, coffee, tea, and orange juice. Prepared and served by the South San Francisco Police Association.

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