



South San Francisco

WE PROUDLY REMAIN *THE INDUSTRIAL CITY*

April is National Volunteer Month: THANK YOU South City Volunteers!



April is National Volunteer Month, and our City wouldn't operate nearly as well as it does if we didn't have engaged community residents. Volunteers are not paid, and they generously donate a part of their lives to do the work that sometimes others don't want to do – but they give of their time selflessly. We have more than 600 volunteers in the City that keep us thriving! We want to honor the contributions and work volunteers do and the impact they make on our community. We have many different volunteer groups in the City, whether it's being a Sign Hill Steward, a *Community Emergency Response Team* (CERT) member, library or senior services volunteer, or being a Police Explorer. What you do matters, and we thank you for that. Learn more about our different volunteer opportunities on page two and three of this newsletter and get involved. Help keep our City a great place to live, work, learn and play.

Presidential Volunteer Service Award

The City of South San Francisco recognizes the vital role our volunteers have in many of the programs and initiatives that benefit our community which is why we are excited to announce a new component in the **South San Francisco Volunteer Corp program**. Residents who volunteer with the City may be eligible to receive a *President's Volunteer Service Award*. This esteemed award is signed by President Biden and is a token of appreciation given to residents who have donated more than 100 hours each year to our community. In addition, this year we've kicked off the South San Francisco Mayor's Volunteer Service Award, which honors those volunteers that have served 75 – 99 hours. This year, we have more than 200 volunteers who have qualified to receive the *President's Volunteer Service Award*, and we have more than 30 volunteers who have qualified for the South San Francisco Mayor's Volunteer Service Award. You have made a significant impact on the quality of life in South San Francisco!

If you are interested in volunteering with the City, please email CityInfo@ssf.net or visit www.ssf.net/Volunteer for more information. Thank you for your unwavering services to our community – you inspire our youth and adults towards volunteerism.



Upcoming Events

SSF YOUTH POET-IN RESIDENCE: BOOK RELEASE & NEW RESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

- Friday, April 21
5:00 p.m.
SSF Main Library; www.ssf.net/library
Questions? (650) 829-3860
or email ssfpladm@plsinfo.org

CITYWIDE CLEAN UP DAY

- Saturday, April 22
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Public Works Corporation Yard
550 N. Canal Street
Questions? CityInfo@ssf.net

IMPROVING PUBLIC PLACES ARBOR DAY RECOGNITION

- Saturday, April 29
9:00 a.m.
Sister Cities Park at the end of
S. Magnolia Ave.
If interested, email
Parks.Volunteers@SSF.net

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY POP-UP BOOK SALE

- Friday, May 5 – Sunday, May 7
During Library Operating Hours
Main Library, 840 W. Orange Avenue
www.ssf.net/library
or call (650) 829-3860

“COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS”: CELEBRATING AAPI MONTH

- Friday, May 12
5:30 p.m.
Municipal Services Building
33 Arroyo Drive
Join our Mayor and Vice Mayor for an
inspiring conversation on celebrating
the AAPI Heritage
More info, email CityInfo@ssf.net

SSF CIVIC BALLET'S: SPRING SHOWCASE

- Sunday, June 4
1:00 p.m.
El Camino High School Auditorium
For more information, email
web-rec@ssf.net or call (650) 829-3800



Volunteer Groups in South San Francisco

Meet our Volunteer Groups in South San Francisco

Volunteering has so many valuable benefits. Volunteering within your community can reduce stress, combat depression, increase confidence, promote mental and physical health, develop feelings of belonging, in addition to improving the experiences of South San Francisco residents and its visitors. Read more below about ways you can get involved – this is just a sample; many more opportunities can be found at www.ssf.net/Volunteer.



Adopt a Storm Drain:

South San Francisco's **Adopt A Storm Drain** Program encourages citizen stewardship and environmental awareness to keep our neighborhoods and waterways clean. Volunteer efforts in this program contribute towards the City's *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan* and compliance with the *State Water Resources Control Board* by significantly reducing the amount of pollution entering our waterways, beautifying our neighborhoods, reducing localized flooding, and inspiring others to be good stewards for our environment. Information about this rewarding program and the program's online application are available on the City's website at www.ssf.net/adoptastormdrain. For questions regarding this program, please contact Public Works at (650) 877-8550.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):

The **South San Francisco's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** is a program that educates resident volunteers about disaster preparedness and how to respond to other hazards that may occur in South City. *CERT* volunteers are trained in fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search rescues, disaster psychology and team organization, as well as CPR and First Aid. Currently, South San Francisco has a total of 120 *CERT* volunteers, and they assist in many activities! *CERT* offers a basic training course in the spring consisting of five 3-hour sessions and two 8-hour sessions. If you are interested in joining the SSF *CERT* Volunteers, please call the *CERT* information hotline at (650) 829-4336.



Friends of the Library:

The South San Francisco **Friends of the Library** supports children and adult programming, summer learning, adult literacy projects, raising funds and promoting community support and use of the library. If you are interested in volunteering with the **Friends of the Library**, please email ssfpladm@plsinfo.org.



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Friends of Parks and Recreation:

SSF Friends of Parks and Recreation is a 501c-3 non-profit volunteer citizens group organized to support Parks & Recreation programs. The Friends raise funds through memberships and sales of merchandise and refreshments at community events. All funds are then given back to the Parks and Recreation Department to enhance scholarships, camps, aquatics, and other programs. For additional information contact

kimberly.morrison@ssf.net.

Improving Public Places Committee:

The Improving Public Places Committee is a group of people sharing a common vision of beautifying various sites in South San Francisco. You will receive one-on-one coaching before any project begins. Volunteers will assist with tasks such as planting new garden areas and trees, adding mulch, raking, weeding, trimming, watering, and general maintenance of an established public area. For more information on future projects, please call the Parks Division at (650) 829-3837 or email parks.volunteers@ssf.net.

Sign Hill Stewards:

In 2019, the Parks and Recreation Department launched the *Sign Hill Habitat Restoration Project* as part of a Measure K grant with San Mateo County. Since then, project staff and volunteers have spent hundreds of hours restoring Sign Hill by installing native grassland plants and removing invasive plants. For questions email: candace.lacroix@ssf.net.

South San Francisco Police Department's Explorer Program:

The South San Francisco Police Department Explorer Post #850 is a non-profit organization that is geared towards public service. Membership in this program is open to qualified teens between the ages of 14 - 21. Members must be a resident of South San Francisco or attend a high school in South San Francisco with at least a "C" average in all classes. Those that are 18 - 20 years of age are preferred to be attending college with a minimum of six units. The purpose of this program is to teach young people the procedures of the South San Francisco Police Department and other Law Enforcement agencies, to aid the South San Francisco Police Department and its individual members in their duties as Police Officers, and in serving and protecting the public, to promote better relations between police and young people, and to provide services to the community. For more information call (650) 877- 8900 or email SSFPDEXplorerPost850@ssf.net.





South City Going GREEN!

Go Green South City!

Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, is a global celebration focusing on living sustainably to reduce harmful emissions, preserve our environment, and live healthier lives.

The City of South San Francisco has set bold goals to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and achieve carbon neutrality by 2040. The City strives to achieve a “vision for zero” by reducing harmful emissions and creating improved air quality for all, per the City’s Climate Action Plan, which was adopted in October 2022. Together we can achieve our goal of zero emissions for a safer and healthier community!



Five Ways to Act this Earth Day



1. **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.** Reuse or repurposing items helps conserve natural resources and reduces the amount of waste that is disposed of in the landfill. Recycle accepted items in the blue bins. Check out South San Francisco Scavenger, Inc. at <https://ssfscavenger.com/sort-smart/> for more details on how to *sort smart*.



2. **Compost.** Composting organic items like food scraps and yard debris is not only a great way to reduce the amount of waste we send to the landfill, but it’s also easy. The City offers free compost pails to all South San Francisco residents who have organic service to help you separate food scraps from your trash (limit one per SSF household). To apply, visit www.ssf.net/recycling.



3. **Conserve water.** Everyone can help conserve water with small steps like watering your lawn at dawn or dusk to reduce evaporation, using a broom instead of a hose to clean walkways and driveways, and considering planting low water or drought-resistant plants. For more tips on ways to conserve water and potential rebates, visit <https://drought.calwater.com/conserve>.



4. **Properly dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).** HHW includes items like batteries, paints, cleaning chemicals, medicine, and electronic wastes. It’s illegal to put these items into the trash. Items like motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, car batteries, latex paint, florescent batteries, and household batteries should be disposed of properly. Visit <https://www.smchealth.org/post/make-hhw-drop-appointment> to make an appointment to drop off eligible items.



5. **Report Illegal Dumping.** Illegal dumping of garbage and unwanted items hurts our environment. Not only is it unsightly, but trash also creates safety hazards on public walkways and streets, and environmental hazards when dumped in our waterways. To report illegal dumping, please contact the City’s code enforcement at (650) 829-6692 or to file a report online, please visit <https://seeclifix.com/south-san-francisco/>.



South San Francisco Housing

Grand and Linden Properties Provide 100% Affordable Housing Downtown – Applications Now Open!

The Grand Avenue (201 Grand Ave.) and Linden Avenue (418 Linden Ave.) project, currently under construction by ROEM Development, are now accepting applications for their first residents. These buildings will provide 82 affordable homes in the heart of downtown. Both buildings include amenities such as a laundry room, bike parking, and outdoor space with a BBQ area.

There are different funding sources for the project which require two different applications. Interested households should apply to both applications. The application processes are:

1. **San Mateo County Housing Authority Units.** Visit www.mysmchousing.org and click “How To Apply” (located in upper right) to create an account with the Housing Authority. Application questions should be directed to the San Mateo County Housing Authority (650) 802-3300. Applications are open through Monday, April 17, 2023.
2. **Non-Housing Authority Units.** Visit www.grandlindenapts.com and click “Join our interest list” (located in upper left). All households that sign up for the interest list will be entered into a lottery to determine priority on a waitlist. Application questions should be directed to Grand & Linden property management at (650) 889-7730. Applications are open through April 22, 2023.

These two buildings are receiving applications together. Apply once to each type of application to be considered for both buildings.

What’s in the Pipeline for South San Francisco Housing?

In addition to the Grand and Linden project, there are other housing construction projects that will produce both affordable and market rate housing that are currently under construction or soon-to-be under construction in the City.

- **Cadence** – This is the second phase of the Cadence development project, which is currently under construction. Phase Two consists of a seven to eight-story building with 195 residential units and amenity uses. Estimated completion is early 2024.



- **Baden Station** – Construction started at the end of March on a 100 percent affordable housing building at 432 Baden Ave. *For the Future Housing* is the developer of these 36 affordable homes, with 18 units set aside for individuals with developmental disabilities. Applications for housing in this project are expected closer to completion of construction, which is anticipated in Spring 2024. The City will share application information when it becomes available.



Library and Parks & Recreation

The Countdown Begins – Less Than a Year Away Until our Community Civic Campus is Complete!

Construction continues for Phase Two of the Community Civic Campus – the future of Library and Parks & Recreation (LPR) is full of amazing opportunities for the South San Francisco Community. All interior walls are up and painted, ceilings are complete, the power is on, and contractors are working on the finishes.



The Council Chamber exterior is wrapped in an acoustical finish wood paneling three stories high. The drywall installation in the interior Council Chambers/Community theater is now complete. The contractor has started installing production sound and lighting equipment, wood wall panels and theater seating.

The contractor is installing lights, speakers, and fans in the Parks & Recreation fitness studio and dance classrooms. Parks & Recreation will have many classrooms in the new LPR building including culinary arts, children’s classrooms, music rooms, dance studios, a fitness studio, and creator’s studio. Wood baffle ceilings will be installed in the new library and both rentable event spaces. The youth library will include a discovery center with a community room, digital studio, and MakerSpace.

Park work has also begun! The playground equipment is currently being installed, and landscape work including topsoil, tree and shrub planting began this month.

The construction team has made great progress and continues to meet construction milestones and overcome construction challenges. We are excited to share this new facility with you later this year.





Orange Memorial Park

The Sports Fields at Orange Memorial Park are Coming Alive!

Let's get ready to play some ball! Construction of the sports fields at Orange Memorial Park began last summer, and since then, the project has advanced beyond subgrade work including drainage, utilities, and footings to more recently the installation of pathways, bleachers, netting and fence posts, lighting, scoreboards, and placement of the concession building.

The heavy rains and storms at the beginning of the year resulted in pauses of onsite construction while the soils dried in order to accept heavy equipment without causing damage. To make up for lost days, the contractor is increasing its crew size where practical. Over the next few months, fences, netting and synthetic turf installation will take place. Get ready because we are tracking for a late-summer 2023 opening!

Separately, with a generous donation from the South San Francisco Police Activities League (PAL), the City was able to fund the relocation of three mature palm trees that were being removed from an infrastructure project in the Town of Hillsborough, making our City their new home! The palms were installed at the corner of West Orange Avenue and Memorial Drive. As the tree roots secure to their new home, the palm fronds remain tied back to prevent movement in the wind.



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San Mateo County's Mobile Health Clinic in South San Francisco Has Moved

South San Francisco partners with the County of San Mateo to provide health care services to anyone uninsured or underinsured, or with Medi-Cal, Medicare, or San Mateo County health insurance, regardless of residence. It is now conveniently located at 371 Miller Avenue, South San Francisco. This centrally-located Mobile Health Clinic provides confidential medical care every Monday between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Rain or shine, the Mobile Clinic is here to take care of you and your family.

Services offered include:

- **Urgent care:** illness and injury treatment
- **Primary care:** treatment, health advice, referrals
- **Screenings:** blood pressure, sugar for diabetes, Tuberculosis, pregnancy, STDs
- **Vaccinations:** for adults, teens, children
- **Adult school & work physicals:** results in 48 hours
- **Family planning:** counseling, emergency contraception, prevention
- **Referrals for mental health services**
- **Needle exchange**



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