



# South San Francisco

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## Santa Comes to Town!



Santa and Mrs. Claus are busy making their plans – and checking them twice – to visit children all over the world. One of their tour stops is South San Francisco City Hall! Please join us for this annual holiday tradition when “Santa Comes to Town” on Saturday, December 7, at City Hall, 400 Grand Ave., from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Co-sponsored by the City of South San Francisco, the Kiwanis Club of South San Francisco, and the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Torani, this FREE family-friendly event is open to the public and features none other than The Man in Red and at his side, Mrs. Claus, who will be escorted in style to City Hall by our South San Francisco Fire Department!

In addition to enjoying delicious peppermint cocoa, courtesy of Torani, children can pose with Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with their elves, as Santa’s official photographers capture the special moments in time; one photograph per household, please.

While waiting in line to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, children and their families can tap their toes to the holiday jazzy tunes of the “Jonah Cabral Quartet.” By the way, you may recognize band leader Jonah, as he is a proud alum of the South San Francisco Unified School District, attending Junipero Serra Elementary School, Alta Loma Middle School, and El Camino High School! In fact, Jonah currently works at Alta Loma Middle School and El Camino High School as their Saxophone Coach! (Continued on page two)

## Upcoming Events

### WINTER CLASS REGISTRATION

- Resident registration: Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:00 a.m.
- Non-resident registration: Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6:00 a.m.
- Classes begin: Monday, January 6, 2020

### WINTER OPEN HOUSE

- Friday, December 13, 2:00 p.m.  
Main Library,  
840 West Orange Avenue  
Grand Library,  
306 Walnut Avenue

### FINANCIAL FITNESS 101: BUILDING WEALTH

- Saturday, December 14, 2:00 p.m.  
Main Library,  
840 West Orange Avenue

### SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CIVIC BALLET NUTCRACKER

- Friday, December 20, 2019  
7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 21, 2019  
1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- South San Francisco High School Theater
- Cost: \$8 Adults, \$6 Youth

### A GENERAL ART SHOW & KARAOKE NIGHT

- Friday, February 14, 2020  
5:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.  
(Karaoke 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, February 15, 2020  
10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- Municipal Services Building
- Free



## Santa Comes to Town (Cont'd)

Like the United States Postal Service, Santa will be here in South City come rain or shine, so please check weather conditions and dress accordingly (bring a coat or jacket – just in case). Speaking of the USPS, Santa's North Pole Mailbox is in front of City Hall for children to drop off their letters to Santa by Tuesday, December 10, 5:00 p.m. Now is the time to tell Santa if you've been naughty or nice! Please remember to include the children's names and addresses, so Santa can write back!

For more information, please contact Santa's Helper (Sheri Boles, City Manager's Office), at [sheri.boles@ssf.net](mailto:sheri.boles@ssf.net) / (650) 829-6680. We *ho-ho-hope* to see you on December 7th!



## Whether You Think They're Naughty or Nice, They Have a Right To Be Here: Coexisting with Coyotes in South San Francisco

Wild territory is shrinking, forcing wildlife to live closer to people. The following information, including a tip sheet on the last page of this newsletter, can help you prepare in the case of seeing a coyote in your neighborhood.

Coyotes are extremely adaptable animals and quickly adjust to changing conditions. Canid experts have found that coyote populations can actually increase in response to lethal control, and agree that maintaining stable coyote populations is the best approach. They are comfortable in the country, mountains, or in cities, as long as there is appropriate shelter and food. As a result, people must be aware of their presence and take precautions to avoid conflict with them. With a better understanding of coyotes and their habitat, people can coexist with these adaptable canines.

### What should I do if I see a coyote?

- **Make a shaker – and shake it!** Put 40 pennies inside an empty soda can, then wrap with shiny aluminum foil, and secure with duct tape. It's an easy and effective hazing tool.
- **Carry an umbrella – and pop it!** This is a portable and easy solution. Animals don't like surprises!
- **Carry a whistle – and blow it!**
- **Look around – and improvise!** Be BIG and LOUD, shout, wave your arms above your head, throw handy objects toward (not at) the coyote. Hazing is powerful and easy for all ages.

Let's not forget, coyotes are an important part of a healthy ecosystem. More tips are located on page eight of this newsletter, as well as on our website at [www.ssf.net/coyotes](http://www.ssf.net/coyotes).



## Census 2020 and Why It's Important to South San Francisco

It's that time again, South San Francisco, where every 10 years the U.S. Census Bureau is required to count everyone – yes, *everyone!* – living in the United States. Information collected from every residence includes: (1) Who is living at that address and (2) Basic information about each member of the household, including how many people are living there, who owns the home, your phone number, and each person's name, sex, age, and race/ethnicity. **\*Please note that Census 2020 will NOT ask about citizenship or immigration status. By law, the information you provide is confidential. The U.S. Census Bureau takes many steps to protect your personal information and does not share household or individual data.\*** Gathering census information is used to make important policy and budget decisions that will affect schools, roads, and hospitals in California, San Mateo County, and South San Francisco!

### ***Why Your Participation as a South San Francisco Resident is Important***

We need your help, South San Francisco! We are literally counting on you, all of your family members, and non-family members such as neighbors, workmates, roommates, and friends living in South San Francisco to participate! Every person counted means more federal dollars for South San Francisco. Did you know that each person counted equates to almost \$1,000 of federal funding per year? That means that our South San Francisco community loses money for every person who is not counted. And, keep in mind that we are provided this opportunity to increase our federal funding *only* every 10 years. Plus, the population count in each state impacts our representation in the U.S. Congress, which determines the size of our representation in the U.S. Electoral College – which elects the President of the United States.

### ***Why Our Community Needs Federal Funding***

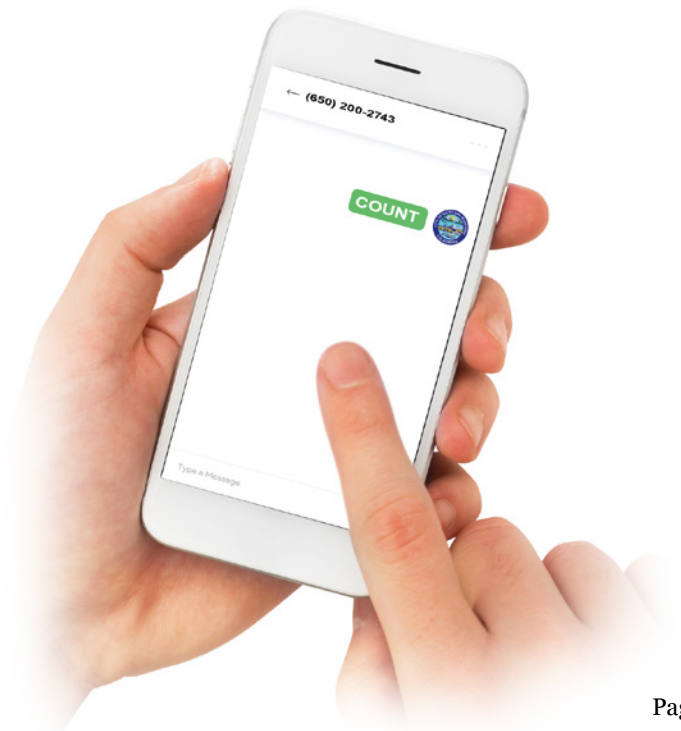
Federal funding provides for community programs, including MediCal, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Section 8 Vouchers, School Lunches, Foster Care, WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children), Head Start, Health Center Programs, Child Care, LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), among many other necessary programs for low-income families, seniors, persons with disabilities, children in foster care, pregnant women, and childless adults with incomes below 138 percent of federal poverty level.

### ***How Do I Participate?***

You can begin responding in late-March 2020 by either completing an online form – offered online for the first time and in English and 12 languages – or paper form offered in English or Spanish. If you do not respond by May, 2020, a U.S. Census Bureau representative will visit your household to follow-up.

### ***Where Can I Get More Information?***

It's easy! Text **COUNT** to **(650) 200-2743** and also receive more information about Census 2020. Let's work together, South San Francisco, pledge to participate in Census 2020, and **STAND UP TO BE COUNTED!**





## City News You Can Use

### South San Francisco Minimum Wage Increases to \$15 per hour Effective January 1, 2020

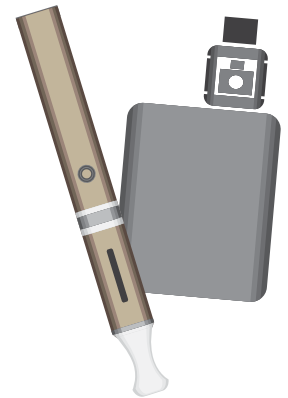
In August, 2019, the South San Francisco City Council voted unanimously to increase the hourly minimum wage to \$15 per hour for all employers subject to a South San Francisco business license effective January 1, 2020. Every employee who performs more than two (2) hours of work per week within City boundaries must earn a minimum of \$15 per hour. To learn more about the new minimum wage and to download employer notices, please visit [www.ssf.net/minimumwage](http://www.ssf.net/minimumwage).



### Sales of Flavored Tobacco and E-Cigarettes Restricted in South San Francisco

According to the California Department of Public Health, 80 percent of young people who have ever used tobacco started with a flavored tobacco product. Most commonly used among youth, e-cigarettes deliver flavorings, nicotine and other additives via an inhaled aerosol. E-cigarettes entered the marketplace in 2007, and since 2014 have been the most commonly used tobacco product among youth. E-cigarette use among U.S. middle and high school students has increased 900 percent from 2011-2015.

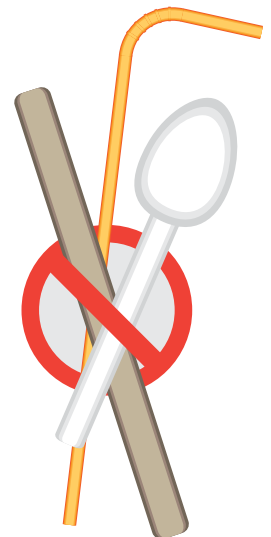
On September 25, 2019, the City Council adopted Chapter 6.47 of the South San Francisco Municipal Code prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco and e-cigarettes at all retailers in the city with the exception of Adult Only (21+) tobacco retailers. The new ordinance is effective on January 1, 2020. To learn more about the flavored tobacco ordinance, please visit [www.ssf.net/flavoredtobacco](http://www.ssf.net/flavoredtobacco).



### Disposable Plastic Food Service Ware

The United States uses over 500 million straws every day. Many of these straws end up in the landfill or ocean, irreparably harming marine life and making its way into our water supplies. Plastic straws do not biodegrade, rather they break down into small pieces known as “microplastics.” These microplastics never dissolve and are present in sea salt, tap drinking water, and shellfish. New studies confirm that some microplastics are smaller than dust particles or powdered sugar ingested by marine life, which threatens many species survival. Over 94 percent of tap water contains microplastics.

The City of South San Francisco is considering a ban on the use of plastic food service ware. Plastic straws are the focus of many of the current efforts to ban plastic food service ware due to its prevalence in the ocean. More than 8.3 billion straws pollute the world’s beaches, and if the current rate of usage continues, by the year 2050 there will be more plastic (by weight) than fish in our oceans. Straws are in the top 10 of litter picked up during coastal cleanups. The County of San Mateo’s Office of Sustainability is moving forward with adoption of a plastic food service ware ban that would ban disposable plastic food service ware including plastic straws, plastic stirrers, and plastic cutlery. The City of South San Francisco is exploring joining this effort alongside 15 other San Mateo County cities. The targeted adoption date is January 2020. Public comments are welcome on this proposed change. Please contact [CityInfo@ssf.net](mailto:CityInfo@ssf.net).





## City News You Can Use

### Meet Your Street Sweepers!

Did you know that South San Francisco street sweepers travel approximately 213 miles weekly amounting to 22,165 miles per year? The amount of trash and debris city sweepers collect alone, annually, is estimated at a total of 1,728 cubic yards (*that is the equivalent of nearly a football field, or 54,000 boxes!*). Please help the City by eliminating any dumping of trash or debris in city streets and clean any trash you may find near storm drains. This effort alone helps play a big part in one of the City's objectives of helping keep our environment clean and to help decrease water pollution for our community.



*(from left to right) SSF street sweepers John Curmi and Leo Filereto*

The City of South San Francisco is proud to provide cleaning of its city streets to help maintain a clean environment for the community. These street cleaning services are performed by the Public Works Maintenance Division on a weekly basis to its residential, commercial, and industrial areas. If you would like to know which day your street is scheduled to be swept, please visit the City's website and go to [www.ssf.net/streetsweeping](http://www.ssf.net/streetsweeping), and a quick link for the City's street schedule is at the top of the page. Please remember that if your scheduled service day falls on a city-observed holiday, street cleaning service will occur the following week on your street's regularly scheduled day. For questions regarding your street sweeping service, please contact Public Works Maintenance at (650) 877-8550.

### South San Francisco Increases Fines for Illegal Dumping

Take pride in your City and stop illegal dumping! Did you know that illegal dumping is a misdemeanor, with fines now set at **\$1,000** per violation? In addition, the City may file a civil action against violators to recover costs associated with illegal dumping. City staff does a lot to help keep our City clean, but we need your help in making this a great place to live, work, learn, and play.





## Phase One of the Community Civic Campus to Break Ground January 2020



### Contribute to History and Move Our Community Civic Campus from Ordinary to Extraordinary!

The vision for the Community Civic Campus is that it become an iconic landmark serving as a platform for amazing learning, recreational, wellness and community events for generations to come. Like our iconic City Hall on Grand Avenue, built 99 years ago and still going strong, the new Civic Campus will likewise become a landmark part of our community. The cost of construction to reach that lofty goal is all-in \$210 million. The City has financing for \$200 million, and is reaching out to our business and residential community to help fill the gap in the funding of \$10 million.

A Capital Fundraising Campaign is underway to raise the last amount of funds needed, and you are invited to help! Be a part of this once-in-a-generation community project by contributing to the capital campaign. More information is available at [www.ssfsgives.org](http://www.ssfsgives.org), where you can also easily donate online. Current and future generations thank you for your support!

The Community Civic Campus project is quickly moving toward construction! Phase one is construction of the police station and the project team is currently in the process of selecting a contractor. City staff will bring the contract award to City Council in early January and plans to host a groundbreaking early 2020. Be on the lookout for an invitation!

Meanwhile work continues on Phase two – an iconic Library and Parks and Recreation Center, City Council Chambers/Community Theater, and outdoor park. The new three-story facility will replace the Municipal Services Building and the Main Library on Orange Avenue. It will feature adjacent large and medium event spaces, both with kitchens, including a specialized teaching kitchen, to host community events, classes, workshops and conferences; the spaces will also be available for private rentals. Several flexible, “future-proof” classrooms will make it possible to offer expanded and trending instructional opportunities for all ages, including preschool readiness, studio art, ballet, cooking, music, dance, exercise, life skills, and enrichment. Library spaces include a teen zone, large preschool through elementary age, children’s zone with homework zone and study rooms, and a science and tech discovery center. The City Council Chamber will serve double duty as a small theater and lecture hall, surrounded by a winter garden atrium area for pre-function gatherings. Co-location of Parks and Recreation and Library facilities is a creative strategy which will allow shared programming and the most intensive utilization of the building to maximize public benefit from this monumental civic investment.

City staff has solicited extensive public input and incorporated that input into the design as much as possible. An opportunity for additional public input on design alternatives for the park will be held in early December at a special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, which will be held at the Municipal Services Building, Council Chambers, 33 Arroyo Drive on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. Phase two is expected to start construction fall 2020.

**Stay Connected! Stay Involved!** Visit our dedicated website, [www.CommunityCivicCampus.net](http://www.CommunityCivicCampus.net).



## Let's Work Together to SHAPE the Vision of South San Francisco!

Shape SSF, the General Plan Update process, has reached an exciting milestone as we develop the vision and guiding principles for a new 20-year plan for South San Francisco! Over the last few months we gathered invaluable community input through nine sub-area meetings, four pop-up events, and multiple Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Council meetings. We also hosted a community educational forum on Emerging Trends in Mobility. A summary of the key themes that arose out of the community meetings is now available on the project website at [shapessf.net](http://shapessf.net), along with meeting agendas, presentations, and individual meeting summaries.

### What's Next?

The fall and winter are a busy time! In collaboration with the community, we will be:

- Developing a **vision, guiding principles, and key list of issues for the general plan** to address, derived from the community meetings and technical analyses;
- Publishing **existing conditions analyses** that identify baseline conditions for land use, transportation, climate change, parks and recreation, mobility, demographics, and more. From this analysis, a series of **factsheets** will be developed that cover: mobility, housing and displacement, climate change, social equity, and evolving demographics; and
- Building an understanding of **areas of land use change and potential alternatives for those areas of change**.



### Save the Date!

Community residents are invited to attend an upcoming open house to provide input on the draft visioning themes and guiding principles. This is an opportunity for you to express where you would like to see change and improvement, and to submit your big ideas for South San Francisco. The free **Community Visioning Workshop** will be held on December 4 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Municipal Service Building (33 Arroyo Drive) in the Council Chambers. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Childcare and refreshments will be provided.

Please join us at our second **Community Advisory Committee Educational Forum** to learn and share your ideas around housing in the city. A panel discussion will be followed by an interactive Q + A with meeting participants. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Municipal Services Building (33 Arroyo). The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy refreshments and the program will start at 7:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

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## Six Tips to Coexist with Coyotes

Keeping coyotes wild is the key to successfully coexisting with these naturally shy animals. It's easy when you know what to do.

- 1. Do not feed coyotes!**
- 2. Walk pets on leash.** During spring and early summer pups are in dens and coyote parents may try to deter you and your dog.
- 3. Supervise small pets and children & keep cats inside.**
- 4. Secure garbage, compost & pet foods.** Make sure can lids are tight, feed pets inside, pick up fallen fruit, and prevent bird feeders from attracting rodents.
- 5. "Haze" coyotes near homes & community spaces.** Be sure to act BIG and LOUD.
- 6. Talk to your neighbors.** See a coyote in your neighborhood? Ask your neighbors to remove attractants, haze coyotes on sight, and share this information with your friends and family.

