



South San Francisco

WE PROUDLY REMAIN THE INDUSTRIAL CITY

Ho! Ho! Ho! Guess Who's Coming to Town?

Santa Claus is coming to town and we couldn't be more excited to welcome the jolly guy back to South San Francisco! The South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department invites you to join Santa on the steps of City Hall on Sunday, December 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at South San Francisco's City Hall (400 Grand Avenue in South San Francisco). Enjoy a festive morning where all kids in attendance can get their picture taken with Santa! This event is free to the community and co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of South San Francisco and the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.



In collaboration with Kiwanis Club, South San Francisco Public Library will provide hands-on STEM learning activities for families, as well as free books for youth inside and on the outdoor patio of the Grand Avenue Library either before or after they meet Santa. This event will coincide with the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Pop-Up event taking place at 366 Grand Ave. Rain or shine, Santa and his friends cannot wait to see you! For questions, please call (650) 829-3800.

Save the Date! We are lighting the Sign Hill tree, downtown, and City Hall all at the same time on Monday, November 28 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Please join us for this ceremony and camaraderie, meet Santa's elves, enjoy some hot chocolate and holiday carolers, and get a free City of South San Francisco ornament. This event will be held on the steps of City Hall at 400 Grand Avenue.

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Pop-Up Event

The Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, a nonprofit that works with individuals who want to start a small business and helps them successfully do so by offering training on a variety of topics, such as business planning, access to capital, as well as offering ongoing assistance for the business owner, is a partner with South San Francisco and our Economic Advancement Center! They are hosting its **2nd Annual Renaissance Winter Pop-Up**, which welcomes South San Francisco residents' businesses, such as *Viviana Luxury*, *Witch's Tea*, *CZ Designs* as well as others from North San Mateo County and around the Bay. Participants in this year's pop-up have taken part in classes, workshops, and consulting with the Renaissance Center, and now have the opportunity to sell their products to a new audience.

If you are looking for beautiful jewelry, plants, totes or other handmade gifts for yourself and you bring an appetite, you'll leave satisfied! Join us at the Economic Advancement Center, 366 Grand Ave, on Dec 4, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

WREATHMAKING WORKSHOP FUNDRAISER

- Saturday, December 3
9:30 a.m. (family friendly)
& 1:00 p.m. (adults only)
Joseph A. Fernekes Building
781 Tennis Dr.
Pre-registration is required and take-home kits are also available.
www.ssf.net/rec-catalog

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSALE

- Friday, December 9 - 11
during Library Hours
Main Library
840 W. Orange Avenue, SSF, CA
Questions? (650) 829-3860
ssfpladm@plsinfo.org

SSF CIVIC BALLET'S NUTCRACKER

- Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec.17 at 2:00 p.m.
and 7:00 p.m. and
Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2:00 p.m.
Location: TBD
Questions? (650) 829-3800

THE SSF CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTS "ABUNDANCE" – A TWO-DIMENSIONAL ART SHOW

- Friday, January 27, 2023
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 28, 2023
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
SSF Municipal Services Bldg.
33 Arroyo Drive
www.ssf.net/culturalarts

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PRESENTATION WITH FORMER MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER KARYL MATSUMOTO

- Friday, February 17th, 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Services Building
33 Arroyo Drive, SSF, CA
Questions? (650) 829-3860
ssfpladm@plsinfo.org

YOUTH ART SHOW

- In partnership with the SSFUSD
Friday, March 10, 2023 | time TBA
Saturday, March 11, 2023 | time TBA
SSF Municipal Services Bldg.
33 Arroyo Drive
www.ssf.net/culturalarts

SOUTH SAN Holiday Light

Take a break and feel the spirit of the season. Enjoy the view.
Take a tour of the city and see the creatively decorated



1 WESTBOROUGH PARK
2350 Galway Drive

2 BURI BURI PARK
200 Arroyo Drive

3 MSB
33 Arroyo Drive

4 ORANGE PARK
1 W Orange Avenue

5 LIGHT POLES ON GRAND AVENUE
(AIRPORT - SPRUCE) & LINDEN AVENUE
(ARMOUR - RAILROAD)

SAN FRANCISCO Light Map 2022

Enjoy the South San Francisco holiday light display.
Decorated streets and homes in South San Francisco.



TOURING TIPS

- Drive carefully. Be mindful of the road and your surroundings. Briefly pull over to safely view lights, and always watch for pedestrians.
- When visiting parks in neighborhoods, be mindful of the neighbors who live next door to the park.
- Please do not touch or disturb the decorations that are in arms reach. Please keep decorations as you see them for everyone to enjoy!
- Enjoy and have fun! Share your favorite house using the hashtag #SSFHolidayLightMap
- If you notice an outage, please call (650) 829-4601 or email web-ecd@ssf.net

6 CITY HALL
400 Grand Avenue

7 ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT CENTER (EAC)
366 Grand Avenue



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Economic Advancement Center



The Economic Advancement Center Can Help!

The ***Economic Advancement Center (EAC)***, located at 366 Grand Avenue, opened earlier this year and has already helped hundreds of our residents and small businesses by offering free workforce training, career advice, small business support, and programs to help people start their own business. The EAC is operated by the City of South San Francisco and houses *Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center*, *JobTrain*, Leadership Council of San Mateo County, and the YMCA.

And something new -- starting Monday, December 5, *JobTrain* will begin offering a 17-week program of evening Medical Assistant career training. Medical Assisting is an in-demand career, offering many career pathways and unlimited upward mobility. There are currently more than 1,600 open positions for medical assistants in San Francisco and San Mateo counties. Through various lectures and hands-on experience, students will be able to implement a variety of medical assistant skills such as following HIPAA & OSHA guidelines, general administrative duties, medical terminology, clinical duties, billing, and coding. Life skills and job readiness training are also provided during this training course, and once completed, *JobTrain* offers job placement services. This training is at NO COST to participants. Call or go online at MA.Info@jobtrainworks.org to register for an orientation.

Meet Leadership Council of San Mateo County!

The mission at Leadership Council San Mateo County is to inspire, connect, and educate leaders who will positively transform San Mateo County. Its staff is dedicated to creating broad access to leadership skill building opportunities that have traditionally only been offered in well-resourced organizations. These trainings provide professional and personal growth, allowing local leaders to accelerate their impact in their jobs and communities.

Our Economic Advancement Center is truly a success and provides the training necessary to open up career opportunities for the underemployed and unemployed residents of South San Francisco, making our City a vibrant economic hub in San Mateo County. To learn more about all the non-profits that work out of the *Economic Advancement Center*, please visit www.ssf.net/eac, call (650) 829-4652, or visit 366 Grand Avenue from 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.





CalFresh

There's Even More Happening at 366 Grand Avenue!

In addition to our brand-new Economic Advancement Center, every Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., residents can stop by and get services from the San Mateo County's Outreach Unit, a "mobile office" providing easy access to social services such as food, health care insurance and more. This Outreach Unit is staffed with **CalFresh** and Medi-Cal program supervisors, coordinators, benefits analysts, and community workers. The Mobile office mirrors the same process, regulations, and rules as the regional offices.

What is **CalFresh**?

CalFresh is a nutrition program that can help low-income individuals and families purchase healthy foods. CalFresh provides monthly financial assistance on a debit-like card known as an EBT card. If approved, your benefits will automatically be added to your account each month. The amount of benefits you can receive is dependent on your family size, countable income, and monthly expenses such as housing & utilities. The EBT card can be used at most grocery stores, discount chains, Farmers Markets, and neighborhood stores.

Why apply?

CalFresh will stretch your food dollars. You can buy more fruit, vegetables, eggs, milk, and other nutritious foods to help you and your family stay healthy. If you are finding it difficult to afford the nutritious food that you and your family need, the **CalFresh Program** may be able to help you. You can apply for **CalFresh** online through their website (<https://www.smcgov.org/hsa/calfresh-eligibility>) or stop by 366 Grand Avenue on a Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Not sure if you should apply? No problem!

The Outreach Unit is in South San Francisco to serve South San Francisco. Come by and learn more about **CalFresh**. The Outreach Unit can:

- Aid in applying for **CalFresh**, **Medi-Cal**, and **CalWORKS**.
- Share up-to-date information on community resources and local events.
- Provide factual and up-to date information regarding **CalFresh** and **Medi-Cal**.

Reducing Waste During the Holidays

Speaking of food, as you cook this holiday season, consider where you are putting your food waste. State law requires single-family and multifamily complexes, as well as businesses to recycle organic waste. All remaining food waste and food-soiled paper can go to your green organics cart. Help do your part this holiday season and all year by sorting smart with your garbage, recycling, and organics carts. Visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov for more information.



Aquatic Center



New Aquatic Center at Orange Memorial Park is Taking Shape!

The City is building a new Aquatic Center at Orange Memorial Park, replacing the current city pool which has nearly reached the end of its useful life. The new Aquatic Center will be located at the corner of Orange Park at Orange Avenue and Tennis Drive, adjacent to the existing pool, allowing for the current Orange Pool to remain in operation while the new aquatic center is constructed. Once the new facility opens, the old pool will be demolished making way for a new parking lot and drop-off. Construction of the new aquatic center is expected to begin in spring/summer 2023 and the projected opening date is spring/summer 2025.



The conceptual design of the new Aquatic Center includes the following: an indoor pool with seven (25-yard) lap lanes and beach entry; an outdoor pool with 10 (25-yard x 25-meter) lap lanes; two sets of locker rooms for each pool; three individual family locker rooms; activity room; pool equipment storage, mechanical equipment rooms, drop-off and ADA parking, landscaping integrated with Orange Memorial Park, and the relocation and enhancement of the existing Veterans Memorial at the park.

To learn more about the Aquatic Center project and see a list of frequently asked questions, visit www.ssf.net/newpool. Questions and comments about the project can be directed to poolproject@ssf.net.

Centennial Way Trail Improvements

The City of South San Francisco, with matching grant funding assistance from the State of California, will construct a new four-acre linear park along Centennial Way, between Huntington Avenue and Spruce Avenue. Amenities will include a skate space, bike park, playground, outdoor classroom, pollinator garden, and more! Join us December 8 for a second community workshop to inform the design and share your thoughts. Information about the project, workshops, and surveys are available at www.ssf.net/parkprojects. Construction is expected to begin in early 2023 and the projected opening date is spring 2024.





Public Safety in South San Francisco

Commission on Equity and Public Safety in South San Francisco

The new **South San Francisco Commission on Equity and Public Safety** has been hard at work in 2022! Last June, the South San Francisco City Council created a **Commission on Equity and Public Safety** to make recommendations regarding city policies and procedures that impact equity, safety, and security in South San Francisco. The Commission engages community participation in City programs and policies regarding equity and safety, and meetings are open to anyone in the public to attend. The Commission has decided to focus on policing in its first year. The Commission is currently reviewing the *Community Wellness and Crisis Response Team* model, which sends a Mental Health Clinician to co-respond with police to emergency calls regarding people suffering a mental crisis.

The Commission was developed from a recommendation from the prior *Commission on Racial and Social Equity*, which was appointed in 2020 following the murder of George Floyd and worked throughout 2020 and 2021 examining equity issues in South San Francisco. The current Commission carries on this legacy as an ongoing community space to make recommendations for equity and social justice. Meetings are open to the public and public comments are welcome. The Commission meets the third Monday of every month. More information can be found at www.ssf.net.

What is Cultures United?

The City of South San Francisco has kicked off its new diversity initiative, the **Cultures United Campaign!** Cultures United celebrates our City's wonderfully diverse community through cultural heritage months and holidays, acknowledging and paying tribute to the many cultures that make up our city. In 2022, Cultures United celebrated Lunar New Year, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Diversity Month, Irish-American Heritage Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Pride Month, Juneteenth, Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month, Filipino American History Month, Italian-American Heritage Month, just to name a few.

Celebrations have included flag raisings, performances including lion dancers for Lunar New Year and Irish step-dancers for Irish-American Heritage Month, culturally appropriate snacks such as conchas for Hispanic Heritage Month and lumpia for Filipino American Heritage Month, reading materials including book lists from the Library for different months, and more!

Stay tuned for more celebrations and if you'd like to get involved, please contact us at CulturesUnited@ssf.net.



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Eddie Flores, Member



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Adopt a Storm Drain

Winter Rains Are Around the Corner: Help Avoid Flooding by Adopting a Storm Drain

Underneath the streets of South San Francisco is a hidden maze of storm drains, which helps ensure our homes and businesses don't flood during heavy rains. This underground network is fed by 2,629 storm drains located on every street and neighborhood in our City. The effectiveness of this system is only as good as our ability to keep our streets clean and the storm drains open and flowing. The system doesn't work well when clogged with litter, leaves, and other debris which, unfortunately, clog the storm drains.

YOU can make a DIFFERENCE! Volunteer to help keep our storm drains free from litter and debris by "**Adopting a Storm Drain**" in our City. Simply picking up any litter or sweeping debris away from the storm drain will go a long way towards ensuring the system is ready and working when we have heavy rains. Adopt a Storm Drain near where you live, or get your neighbors together and adopt your block or even adopt a block in the commercial area to help keep our City clean. Volunteers will receive a box of supplies and advice on how best to keep storm drains clear. Volunteer today by calling the South San Francisco Public Works Department at (650) 877-8550 or email StormPrep@ssf.net.

A clean storm drain prevents flooding, improves traffic flow, and maintains pedestrian access, especially for children and aging adults. Join your neighbors in helping to protect the environment, manage stormwater, and minimize flooding by Adopting a Storm Drain today!