



South San Francisco

WE PROUDLY REMAIN THE INDUSTRIAL CITY

Happy Birthday South San Francisco!

Come Celebrate our Proud History on Saturday, September 19, 2015



Become an integral part of the tapestry of South San Francisco! Participate in the City's 107th birthday party at the Farmers' Market at Orange Memorial Park, Saturday, September 19, from 10am – 2pm. Start your day off on the 19th by joining fellow residents in a Coastal Cleanup, at either one of two sites: Utah Avenue Bridge and the end of Haskins Way. Volunteers are welcome at both sites from 9am until noon. Help keep our city clean!

Then, make your way to the Farmers' Market where there will be a face painter, balloon artist, and a big bouncing house for the kids. At 12:30 pm, join us at the Joseph A. Fernekes Building at Orange Memorial Park for a cake-cutting ceremony led by Mayor Rich Garbarino. The ceremony will be followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony dedicating two sculptures to the City.

But wait, the party isn't just on Saturday! We're celebrating all week leading up to the big day...we want YOU to be part of the "Faces of Our Community" digital picture exhibit. Get your picture taken at the digital photo booth at the main library, 840 West Orange Avenue. On September 19th, we will unveil our montage of South San Francisco residents. Smile and say, "Cheese." This is YOUR chance to become a part of South San Francisco history!

“ Think well of your town, speak well of it, remember you live here. Buy here. Keep your dollars at home. — SSF Chamber of Commerce, 1923 ”

Upcoming Events

Annual Chili Cook-Off

September 12th

Friends of Parks & Recreation invite you to a Chili Cook-Off on Sept. 12th from 11am - 2pm at the Joseph A. Fernekes Building - Orange Memorial Park.

Library Book Sale

September 25th

Donate your gently used books and DVDs for the Fall Book Sale! Drop off your tax deductible donation at the Main Library, 840 W. Orange Ave by Sept. 25th. The Spring Book sale is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10th from 10am - 2pm.

Concert in the Park

October 3rd

Free outdoor Concert in the Park, Saturday, Oct. 3rd at Orange Memorial Park from Noon - 5pm. Come listen to a classic mambo orchestra with your neighbors!

Annual Trivia Challenge

November 13th

Project Read's 23rd Annual Trivia Challenge will take place on Friday Nov. 3rd from 5:30pm - 9pm at the SSF Conference Center. Support your local library. See ssf.net for more information.





A Message from the City Manager



South San Francisco is an incredible city, built by enterprising business people and hardworking residents who created a great

place to live, work and play. We proudly remain **The Industrial City**, defined to mean *entrepreneurial, innovative and industrious*, the same qualities which built this city from the start, and which will ensure we succeed in the future.

South San Francisco has never been afraid of change, which has always been an ingredient in our success. From a leader in the meat packing trade, to a giant in the steel industry,

to now being the largest biotech cluster in the world, South San Francisco has evolved and adapted to remain successful. Through the years we have carefully managed change, ensuring quality of life while attracting businesses that create jobs for our people. Few cities in the U.S. can boast similar success.

Change is at our doorstep once again. Strong economic growth throughout the Bay Area is bringing new businesses to South San Francisco, along with new residents. This change brings many opportunities but in no way diminishes our rich history. As we have successfully managed change in the past, so shall we manage change now to accept the good that comes from economic growth while maintaining quality of life.

Our City Council is honoring the past while planning for the future. You are encouraged to join in the discussion!

Our Council meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7pm in the Municipal Services Bldg., 33 Arroyo Drive. Check the dates and see the agenda on **ssf.net**.

I am always available to discuss issues and ideas. Call my cell at **650.676.0173** or stop by my office at **City Hall** any time.

-Mike Futrell

What is Measure W?

“W” The City met with the community for months to solicit feedback on priorities and the City’s fiscal stability. Over 2,500 residents responded to surveys, attended Town Halls, and participated in phone and email interviews. As a result, the City Council unanimously placed Measure W on the November 3rd ballot to provide locally controlled funding to address community priorities such as public safety, street repairs, and senior services.

Locally controlled funding helps ensure current levels of police protection, gang prevention services, and fire safety services even as budgets may fluctuate. Additionally, the City must address over \$18M in street maintenance.

Measure W could provide funding to help properly maintain streets, fix potholes, and prevent our roads from falling into further disrepair.

Measure W would also help maintain and enhance 911 emergency response times, neighborhood police patrols, crime and gang suppression programs, and programs for seniors and disabled residents.

The City prides itself on being fiscally prudent and accountable, with balanced budgets that address the services important to our community. Measure W would require independent citizen oversight, mandatory financial audits, and public reporting to make certain the funding is spent on community priorities.

All Mail Ballot

The Nov. 3 election will be an all mail ballot. Every registered voter in South San Francisco will receive a ballot in the mail, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to return the ballot. This is your vote – do not throw it away!

The SMC Elections Dept. will begin mailing ballots to voters on or about Oct. 5. The all mail ballot hopes to increase voter participation while lowering the cost of holding elections. On election day, November 3, there

will be only two in-person voting booths – one at City Hall, 400 Grand Ave., and at the Municipal Services Bldg., 33 Arroyo Drive.

You can vote by mail on or before Nov. 3, or stop by one of these two polling places to drop off your ballot, or vote in person.

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 3 election is Oct. 5. You can register to vote at registertovote.ca.gov or by calling 650.312.5222.





Construction Connection

Every issue of this newsletter will feature new projects in South San Francisco.

What is going on at Oyster Point Blvd?

There are two steel frame buildings going up right next to Highway 101. These are part of the “Britannia Cove” project. This will ultimately be a seven-building biotech campus with 884,000 square feet of research and development space. The first two buildings will be completed next year, with the rest of the project built out during the next few years. The project also includes a new upscale hotel – called “AC Marriott” – construction to start within three to four months.



What is going on in downtown SSF?

Many new restaurants and shops have opened, with several more expected in the coming months.

Opening in September at 415 Grand Avenue is Armstrong Brewery, Amis Crêperie & Cafe, Copper Chimney (an Indian-Pakistani Bistro), and The San Francisco Wine School, which will occupy the entire top floor of the building. Also coming soon is Café 382, at 382 Grand Avenue, and the popular restaurant Ben Tré is relocating to 398 Grand Avenue. On Linden Avenue, brew masters are preparing to open 47 Hills Brewery.

Also nearing construction is a new Rotary Senior Housing Project, which will be located at 300 Miller Avenue. Ninety-one affordable units will be available to seniors at the completion of this project.

What else is going on in SSF?

South San Francisco is getting a new Caltrain Station! Working with our County Transportation Authority, we obtained funding to renovate and move our Caltrain Station from its current, substandard location, to the intersection of Grand Avenue and Airport Blvd. Construction will start in 2016 and end in 2019.

Several projects are in the pipeline, including housing at the closed Ford dealership and at the closed First National Bank, bringing new life to these two properties. Under construction on Mission Rd. are 31 town homes, and four single-family homes.

Got a construction question?

Email: cityinfo@ssf.net

Save the Date!

Concert in the Park, October 3, 2015

Featuring Grammy Award Winning Band, Pacific Mambo Orchestra!

Time to put on those dancing shoes! The South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a FREE outdoor Concert in the Park on Saturday, October 3rd on the soccer field at Orange Memorial Park, located on West Orange Avenue at Tennis Drive in South San Francisco. The event, which begins at 12pm, features two local Latin



jazz performances: Brian Andres and the Afro-Cuban Jazz Cartel, followed by the headlining act, Pacific Mambo Orchestra, a Grammy Award winning 20-piece San Francisco-based musical group, which has led the rebirth of Latin Big Band.

This family-oriented community event will also feature activities for all ages, including a rock climbing wall and bounce house, interactive dance demonstrations, food and drinks provided by the Friends of Parks and Recreation and the South San Francisco Farmers’ Market. You can find more information about this event at ssf.net.



Grand Avenue Library Closure

Our Grand Avenue Branch Library will be closed for a much-needed renovation, starting September 14, 2015, with a grand reopening tentatively planned for February 2016. The project will address building plan priorities identified by our community via surveys, public meetings and outreach activities. Service and program improvements include expanded space for children's

and teen collections and activities, computer and technology upgrades, a quiet study and meeting room, an outdoor reading and programming room, a second public restroom and security and accessibility upgrades to the exterior of the building. Once the project is underway, you can keep current on project progress via ssf.net/grandlibrary.



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