



South San Francisco

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Don't Wait Until It's Too Late – Be Prepared, Be Involved, Be Informed



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The January 4th magnitude 4.4 earthquake was a wake-up call for many, and was reportedly felt by 9.8 million Californians as far north as Marin County and as far south as Santa Cruz County. Now is the time for all South San Francisco residents to be prepared, involved, and informed!

Be Prepared

Your basic emergency supplies should include:

- A two-week supply of water in sealed unbreakable containers
- A two-week supply of food that doesn't need refrigeration, a manual can opener, and eating utensils
- A first-aid kit
- Hand sanitizer and toiletries
- A change of clothes
- Prescription medicine
- Important medical records
- Trash bags, duct tape, sheets of plastic, disposable gloves, and face masks

Be Involved

Join the South San Francisco Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT program provides valuable training on how you can be better prepared, respond to, and recover from a disaster. CERT volunteers are trained to respond safely, responsibly, and effectively to emergency situations, supporting our

community during non-emergency events as well. Contact Ken.Anderson@ssf.net or call (650)829-6645 for more information.

Be Informed

SMC Alert is an alert notification system that immediately contacts subscribed community members during urgent or emergency situations. Subscribers may choose from multiple options for receiving emergency and non-emergency notifications, such as text and voice messages to cellular phones, emails to smartphones and tablets, and voice messages to landline phones.

SMC Alert is free, though wireless carriers may charge a messaging fee for text alerts sent to wireless devices. SMC Alert is available in all cities and towns in San Mateo County. There are two ways to sign up for the service:

- Visit the registration web page at www.smcalert.info, or
- Text your five-digit zip code to 888777



Upcoming Events

ANNUAL SENIOR HEALTH FAIR

- March 9, 2018;
9:00 a.m. – noon
Municipal Services Building,
Atrium and Adjacent Rooms
33 Arroyo Drive

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

- March 10, 2018;
6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Municipal Services Building,
Social Hall
33 Arroyo Drive

SSF CAREER & RESOURCE FAIR

- March 16, 2018;
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.:
Early entry for SSF Residents
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.:
Open to general public
Municipal Services Building,
Social Hall
33 Arroyo Drive

REVELATIONS: ART FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOUTH

- March 22, 2018; 6:00 p.m.
Main Library,
840 W. Orange Avenue
The de Young Museum presents a celebration of African American artists from the South

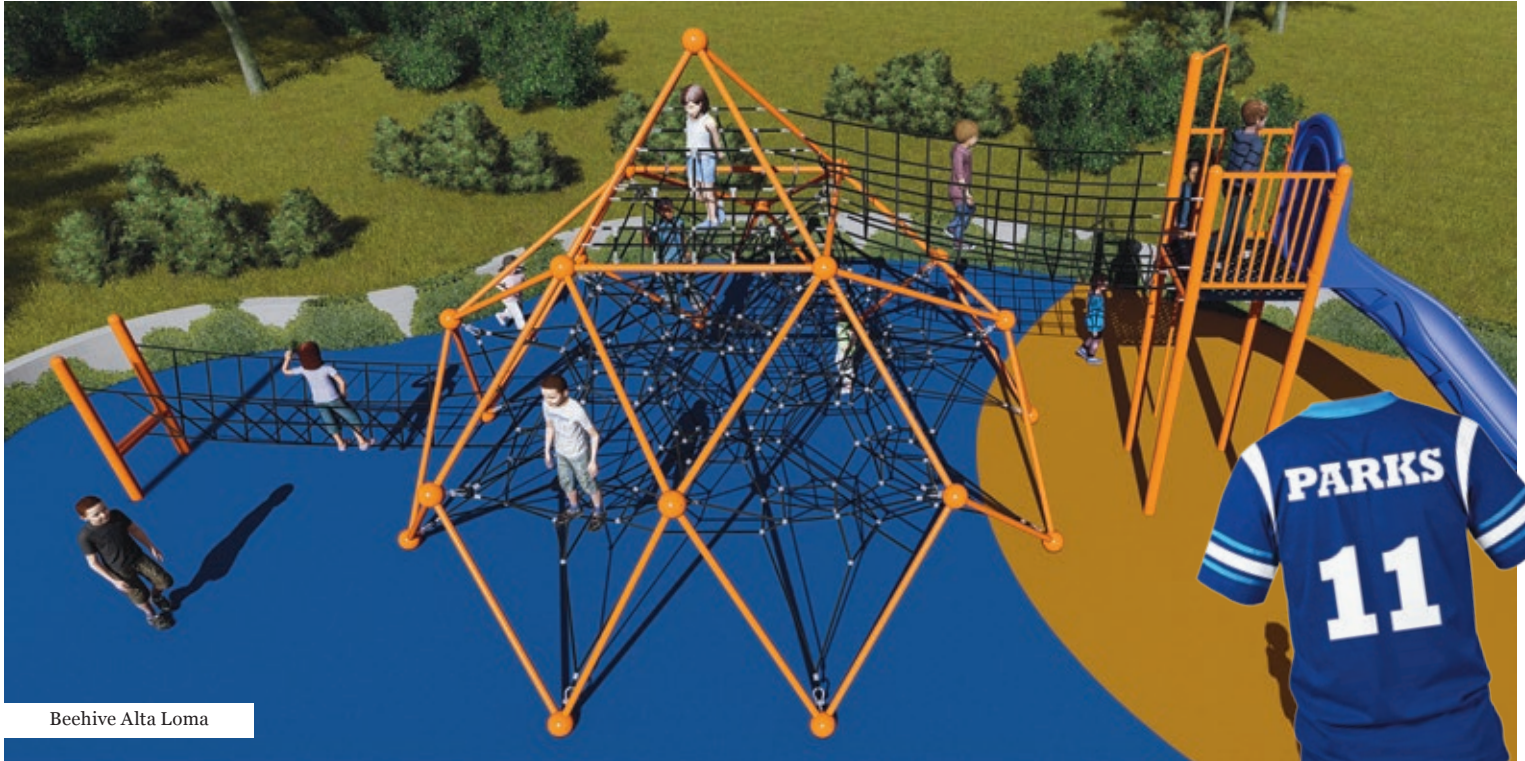
ASIAN ART MUSEUM PRESENTS: DIVINE BODIES

- March 24, 2018; 2:00 p.m.
Main Library,
840 W. Orange Avenue
Multimedia talk on historical paintings and sculptures from Hindu and Buddhist traditions alongside modern photography



Parks 11 Update

Design for Six Parks Beginning Soon!



Beehive Alta Loma

In our fall 2017 newsletter, 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 Park baseball field, tennis courts, and playground
- Avalon Park baseball field
- Hillside soccer and softball fields
- Sellick Park playground
- Gardiner Park playground
- Newman and Gibbs playground
- Dundee Park playground

Construction at Alta Loma Park Playground began in October, and is scheduled to reopen in early 2018. Once a completion date is confirmed, the City will host a ribbon cutting event.

Renovation design work is underway for the sports fields at Orange Memorial Park, Buri Buri Park, Avalon Park, Hillside Park, Sellick Park, and Gardiner Park. During this design period, we are excited to offer opportunities for residents, park neighbors, and sports league stakeholders to provide their input on the scope of the improvements. We welcome your feedback!

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



News You Should Know

South San Francisco is Doing its Part to Keep Pollutants Out of the San Francisco Bay

Because the quality of our environment is important to our quality of life, the City of South San Francisco aggressively implements pollution control measures to keep pollutants out of the San Francisco Bay, in line with stringent federal and state requirements. The City's Industrial Pretreatment Program conducts regular inspections of commercial facilities to ensure discharges to the City's sanitary sewer system are in compliance with both federal and state regulations. These efforts ensure the lowest pollutant levels possible. When combined with the current technologies in use at the South San Francisco/San Bruno Water Quality Control Plant (WQCP), the resulting clean water discharged to the Bay often exceeds stringent regulations.

Aggressive efforts are also undertaken daily to ensure stormwater entering the Bay is free of trash and other pollutants. These efforts include regular inspections at commercial facilities, installation and maintenance of more than 300 trash capture devices throughout the City, and regular creek and land cleanups. All of these efforts combined help ensure our City is doing its part to keep pollutants out of the Bay.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Keep Car Wash Pollution Out of the Storm Drain

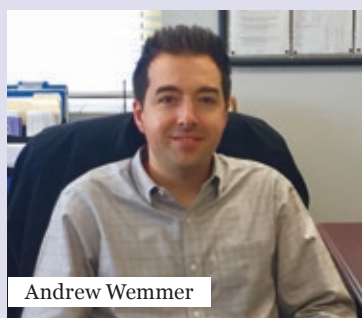
Did you know when you wash your car in the driveway or street, contaminants such as oil, grease, and metals (copper, nickel, and zinc) as well as the dirt and soap can flow into storm drains, which discharge directly into our local creeks, the San Francisco Bay, and the Pacific Ocean, polluting our environment?

Follow these simple tips for cleaning your vehicle without harming our creeks, ocean, and the Bay:

- **Take your car to a commercial car wash or spray booth.** All of the dirty water from these facilities is sent to a wastewater treatment plant.
- **Wash your vehicle on the grass or gravel.** Wash water can soak into grass and gravel or be diverted to nearby landscaping, away from the street and storm drains.
- **Minimize cleaners.** Reduce the amount of soap you use. Wash your car with plain water, and use a hose nozzle with a trigger to save water. Use soaps, cleaners, and detergents that are labeled "phosphate free" or "biodegradable," and be sure to pour your bucket of soapy water down the sink drain.



GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY EMPLOYEES



Andrew Wemmer

Meet Andrew Wemmer, an Environmental Compliance Supervisor for the South San Francisco/San Bruno Water Quality Control Plant (WQCP). The Environmental Compliance Program administers the Pretreatment Program, Pollution Prevention Program, and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Programs mandated by the State of California. According to the California State Water Resources Control Board, urban stormwater runoff is a leading cause of water pollution in California. Common pollutants include motor oil, soapy vehicle wash water, and litter.

Andrew is in charge of ensuring the City's permits are in compliance with federal and state regulations. As he likes to say, "we refer to ourselves as water cops." He's keeping an eye on all the waste water being discharged throughout the City to the WQCP, as well as the stormwater discharged into the Bay. Wastewater comes from homes and businesses and stormwater flows through all of the drains in the streets. If there was one thing that people

could do to make Andrew's job easier, he says, "it would be to think a little bit more about where your water goes." Andrew says oftentimes "it's out of sight, out of mind for people," but things that people should not put down the drain—unused medications, paper towels, and flushables—"it's those things that can cause our infrastructure a lot of problems."

You can help Andrew keep pollutants out of the Bay by calling the Stormwater Hotline at (650) 829-3848 if you see someone dumping something in the storm drains.



Affordable Housing Resource Guide

The following information is a resource to help residents navigate affordable housing options in South San Francisco and San Mateo County. Please note that the City of South San Francisco is not endorsing the organizations listed as resources. Our goal is to simply provide the public with information about available resources in the community. The City of South San Francisco does not maintain a waitlist for housing in the City.

Affordable Housing Resources

San Mateo County Department of Housing

- The Department of Housing does not provide emergency housing services. **If you need emergency housing assistance, please dial 2-1-1 for a 24-hour helpline.**
- Affordable housing in the County primarily serves low-income households.

County Housing Authority Programs & Shared Housing

- The Department of Housing website (<https://housing.smcgov.org>) contains the most up-to-date information. The **Waiting List** page has Project-Based and Public Housing Wait Lists throughout the County. The Housing Authority also has an **Online Application Site**, which accepts pre-applications for the Moving-To-Work (MTW) program.
- **HIP Housing** is a home-sharing program that matches home providers that have an extra room or a separate unit available to a home seeker who is looking for a place to live. More information can be found at <https://housing.smcgov.org/home-sharing-program>.



Affordable Rental Housing (Subsidized Apartments)

San Mateo County Department of Housing

- SMCHousingSearch.org is a free resource to help you find housing in San Mateo County that fits your needs and budget.

Apply for Downpayment Assistance or to Purchase an Affordable Home

If you are low- or moderate-income and want to purchase a home and stay long-term in the County, you may want to consider these resources:

- The **Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART)** www.heartofsmc.org provides down-payment assistance loans for first-time home buyers meeting certain qualifications. Contact HEART at (650) 204-5640 for more information.
- You can also contact **Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco** <http://www.habitatgsf.org/> at (415) 625-1000 to ask about their sweat equity homeowner program.



Legal Assistance

The following services are for both tenants and landlords with questions or concerns about rental applications, unlawful discrimination, security deposits, repair responsibilities, rent increases, termination of leases, and eviction notices.

- The Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, www.legalaidsmc.org, (650)558-0915
- Landlord/Tenant Clinic - San Mateo Superior Court, www.bit.ly/TenantClinic
- Project Sentinel, www.housing.org, (800) 855-7100



Construction Connection

Our City is expanding – bringing new jobs, housing, and economic growth to our community. Some of the major projects currently in progress include:

200 Linden Avenue – Mixed Use/Residential



The Planning Commission recently approved applications to construct a new seven-story, mixed-use building with a total of 97 for-sale units and approximately 6,300 square feet of retail space at 200 Linden Avenue. The project will include 19 units sold at below market price (affordable units), parking and bicycle space.

988 El Camino Real (South City Car Wash) – Mixed Use/Residential



This proposed project at 988 El Camino Real includes 172 residential units, two levels of parking, and 11,900 square feet of retail space fronting El Camino Real and Chestnut Avenue. South City Car Wash currently occupies the site. Community meetings have been held to gain feedback from surrounding neighbors. The Planning Commission will likely consider this project for approval in February, 2018. If approved construction will likely start in 2019.

Oyster Point Update



The Oyster Point Specific Plan (OPSP) calls for the transformation of 81 acres of Bay front area into a mixed-use development that will include a state-of-the-art Life Sciences campus, new park and recreation space, a vibrant marina environment, and a site that can accommodate commercial and hotel uses.

Construction began in November, 2017, and is focused on the infrastructure at Oyster Point. This first phase of a project will upgrade more than 40 acres of

land at the end of Oyster Point Boulevard, along South San Francisco's waterfront. Part of Phase 1 includes nearly seven acres of public open space, which will include a four-acre beach area and additional open space.

Current work includes the demolition, grading, utilities, and other site preparation. Much of the existing Oyster Point Marina area was built on top of an old landfill, and the current project will repair, modify, and place a new cap on portions of the landfill. Once the grading and utility work is complete, a new, sweeping boulevard lined with trees will replace the old existing road. The area immediately adjacent to the marina will feature additional open space, landscaping, public restrooms, and public art. The marina itself, as well as the yacht club, will remain in place and will operate continuously during construction and beyond.

This multi-phased project – which is anticipated to take up to 10 years – will ultimately become an active, beautiful waterfront destination that the entire community can enjoy, with new development including biotechnology R&D space, an upscale hotel, a “Ferry village”-style collection of commercial uses that will support the adjacent SSF Ferry Terminal, and other potential uses.

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. Thank you for your patience and understanding. The City is committed to providing you with timely information to minimize inconveniences.



City Department News

Veterans Resource Center is Now Open!

The Library is pleased to announce the grand opening of our new **Veterans Resource Center** (VRC) planned in partnership with the California Department of Veterans Affairs. The VRC is located at the Main Library, 840 W. Orange Avenue, and is open during library hours. The Center will help veterans and their families learn about and access the state and federal benefits they have earned through their service to their country. These benefits include education, employment, housing, health, disability, and more. If you served, you earned!

The Library also has a collection of books, DVDs, and other resources to help veterans connect with benefits and services available locally. Trained volunteers are available to help with filling out forms, gathering necessary documents, and providing support during the benefits application process. Representatives from veterans' services organizations will offer programming periodically to provide information on specific programs and services. If you are interested in volunteering at the VRC, please contact Stacy Lein at lein@plsinfo.org, or call (650)829-3860.



Part of Our Lives: A People's History of the American Public Library – Wayne A. Wiegand

Please join us on March 13th in the Main Library, 840 W. Orange Avenue, Auditorium, at 6:00 p.m. to listen to speaker and featured author, Wayne A. Wiegand.

What do you love about the library? Discover the history of America's public libraries in this author talk with library historian and academic, Wayne Wiegand. Wiegand will talk about his book, *Part of our Lives*, which explores why Americans value libraries not only as civic institutions but also as public places that promote and maintain community. Travel back in time as he shares stories and records dating back to the 1850s, and consider the possibilities for a bright future as South San Francisco moves forward in the planning of our new library!



Got a Dog? Just Like to Walk Your Neighborhood? Join our Dog Walker Watch Program!

The South San Francisco Police Department's (SSFPD) **Dog Walker Watch** is based on people who would normally be out walking their dogs or on a casual walk paying more attention to their surroundings and reporting any suspicious activity to the police department. Since its inception, the SSFPD have held three training classes where more than 100 participants attended. The one-hour long training class also gives the attendees the opportunity to learn what is going on in their neighborhoods.

There will be two classes in 2018—one in the spring and one in the fall. If you would like to attend one of these classes, or to learn more about the program, please contact Corporal Matthew O'Connor at (650) 877-8900.



City Department News

Celebrate Youth Creativity at the 2018 Youth Art Show

Mark your calendars for the eighteenth presentation of the extraordinary **Youth Art Show**, on March 23, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and March 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The program features hundreds of visual art exhibits created by SSF Unified School District students. Youth performing artists will also participate in this exceptional event. Open to the public, it takes place at the South San Francisco Municipal Services Building, 33 Arroyo Drive. Admission is free. For updated information on this and other SSF Cultural Arts activities, visit the Cultural Arts web page at ssf.net or phone the Recreation Department at (650) 829-3800.



Three Musicians by Carisa Talay - Monte Verde



The Numbers on Your Home Could Save Your Life

The South San Francisco Fire and Police Departments take pride in their abilities to quickly respond to emergencies. Emergency response time can be significantly longer if they cannot find the street address on your home.

Here are some helpful tips to make sure safety personnel can easily identify your home when assistance is needed:

- Make sure the house number is legible and placed in a position that is visible from both directions of the street, fronting the property.
- Make sure your house number characters contrast with their background.
- Make sure your address is displayed in numbers and not spelled out.
- Make sure each character is at least four inches high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch.
- Avoid placing the address identification near growing trees or bushes, which may cover the address over time.
- Weathering will fade the address over time; repaint as needed.



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¡La Ciudad de South San Francisco ahora está ofreciendo la hoja informativa "All City" en español! Se puede leer la hoja informativa más reciente a <http://bit.ly/SSFCityNewsletter>. Además, todos los departamentos en la Ciudad tendrán copias disponibles.

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