



South San Francisco

WE PROUDLY REMAIN *THE INDUSTRIAL CITY*

Help us Shape South San Francisco!



The City is embarking on a multi-year, comprehensive process to update its General Plan and we want you to be a part of this process! Over the course of the next two years, you will be hearing more and seeing more about **Shape South San Francisco**. **Shape South San Francisco** is the blueprint for development in the City and addresses all aspects of development, including land use, housing, traffic, natural resources, open space, safety, and noise.

Why Now?

The South San Francisco General Plan was last adopted in 1999. Each city in California is required by state law to have a General Plan to guide its future land use decisions. Each newsletter issue will focus on a different element of the General Plan. This issue is dedicated to Parks, which is timely given that Parks and Recreation Month is celebrated in July.

The General Plan will take into account the City's Parks Master Plan, which was completed in 2015. In addition, the Parks and Open space element of the General Plan addresses residents' access and connectivity to parks, habitat corridor preservation, access to shorelines, and opportunities to expand and improve the City's park spaces and recreation programs. The General Plan process evaluates the availability of parks in each neighborhood and identifies opportunities to create new park sites.

We Can't Do This Without You!

Determining the needs and vision of the community requires a substantial public outreach approach and community involvement at workshops and study sessions. The outreach plan and workshops are planned for this summer and fall. You are encouraged to attend these public meetings to help shape the future of South San Francisco. For more information, visit the city website at www.ssf.net/GeneralPlan, or email us at CityInfo@ssf.net.

Upcoming Events

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

- *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*
Friday, July 19; at sundown
Free Admission:
Orange Memorial Park

WALKING TOUR: HISTORIC GRAND AVENUE

- Saturday, July 20; 10:30 a.m.
Grand Avenue Library,
306 Walnut Avenue

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

- Tuesday, August 6
Various locations & times
throughout the City
Contact sheri.boles@ssf.net
for details

PYTHON RON'S REPTILE KINGDOM (2 SHOWINGS)

- Saturday, July 27th; 12:00 p.m.
Main Library Auditorium,
840 West Orange Avenue
- Saturday, July 27th; 3:00 p.m.
Grand Avenue Library,
306 Walnut Ave

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

- *The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part*
Friday, August 9; at sundown
Free Admission:
Orange Memorial Park



July is Park and Recreation Month

Parks and Recreation is *Game On* for Park and Recreation Month!



Get ready to get in the game this July with the South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

Since 1985, America has celebrated July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month. Created by NRPA, Park and Recreation Month specifically highlights the vital and powerful role local parks and recreation, such as the South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department, play in conservation, health and wellness, and social equity efforts in communities all across the country.

This year, it's all about highlighting the fun, games, and exciting offerings at your local parks and recreation centers. From providing special events to exciting sports leagues and everything in between, the Parks and Recreation Department has a wide variety of programs that are not only fun, they also bring the community together. NRPA and the Parks and Recreation Department are encouraging everyone to get out there and get in the game in their own way at their local parks and recreation centers.

In South San Francisco, you can celebrate Park and Recreation Month by trying one or more of several free activities the Parks and Recreation Department is offering in the month of July. From Open Gym, Parent and Child Recreation Swim, Zumba, Rock Painting, to even an Art Walk through Orange Park, we hope the South San Francisco community will find something that may pique your interest. These activities are free to the community thanks to sponsorship by the South San Francisco Friends of Parks and Recreation.

"July is the perfect time to highlight all the benefits parks and recreation provides right here in South San Francisco," said Sharon Ranals, Parks and Recreation Director. "Our local parks and recreation directly contribute to reduced obesity rates, an improved ecosystem, and increased property values." The Parks and Recreation Department is leading initiatives and providing opportunities for people of all ages to achieve healthier lifestyles, and promote and understand nature and conservation as well as bringing the community closer through a variety of programs and services. The Department's newest campaign, ***Get Moving South San Francisco!*** aims to highlight these opportunities over the next several months. Read more about this effort on page 4.



Gardiner Park

Gardiner Park Improvement Project

Improvements to Gardiner Park are right around the corner!



The second project of Parks 11, Gardiner Park is a 5,000-square-foot mini park located in the Pecks Lot neighborhood. Currently the park includes a half-court basketball court and small playground. The park's infrastructure is in urgent need of replacement. In February 2019, Parks and Recreation hosted a community meeting at the playground to share design ideas with the neighborhood. Residents reviewed the proposed new design and selected their preferred play equipment and park layout.

In keeping with the spirit of the current Gardiner Park, the plan keeps the basketball court area but replaces the hoop with an adjustable height hoop to accommodate younger children. The playground will expand to include hillside slides and elements for toddlers. Additional lighting, new colorful planting, and a mural will make the park feel welcoming to everyone in the neighborhood. With the help of the Parks and Recreation Commission, staff revised the design in April and May. Work is now underway to complete the drawings before beginning construction in the fall of 2019. The project is made possible through funding from the State of California, Community Development Block Grants, and park impact fees collected by the City from commercial development projects.



Parks Updates

Get Moving South San Francisco!

Did you know that...

- walking three times around the path at Alta Loma Park is equal to one mile?
- Terrabay Gymnasium and Magnolia Center have fitness equipment that is accessible to the public?
- the Parks and Recreation Department offers drop-in classes and activities through the week that include Zumba, yoga, social dancing, table tennis, and more?



The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that it has received a grant from Kaiser Permanente Northern California Community Benefit Programs to support the ***Get Moving South San Francisco!*** campaign. This initiative encourages community members to engage in health and wellness activities, along with introducing them to local parks and trails to help South San Franciscans “get moving.” A majority of the grant funds will go towards a scholarship program that will be offered to youth, adults, and seniors, or individuals who submit a doctor’s “prescription” for physical activity. The scholarship will cover some or all of the cost of participating in recreation programs as well as provide free gift certificates to the Farmers’ Market or special luncheons for seniors. Furthermore, the campaign will include links to other resources that are intended to educate and keep community members motivated towards increasing their level of activity and eating more fruits and vegetables. For more information about this program, visit www.ssf.net/parksandrec or call (650) 829-3800.

Orange Memorial Park Storm Water Capture Project

The Orange Memorial Park Storm Water Capture Project will provide water quality improvements to meet the National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) requirements of the San Francisco Bay Municipal Regional Permit (MRP), which governs stormwater discharges to San Francisco Bay. This project is designed to provide green infrastructure and reduce pollutant discharges of PCBs and mercury to San Francisco Bay.

After years of planning and public outreach, the City and its design team are moving forward with a plan to divert water from Colma Creek to a water capture facility located beneath the baseball and softball fields at Orange Memorial Park. The water will be filtered to remove pollutants and trash. Some of the cleaned water will be used to irrigate the park and adjacent areas, and a portion will move to an infiltration gallery to recharge groundwater. This project will have multiple benefits including water quality improvements, reducing the risk of flooding, and reusing treated water for irrigation and groundwater recharge. The Orange Memorial Park Storm

Water Capture Project is currently at 60 percent design and scheduled to begin construction early next spring. Construction of the underground water system will take approximately 18 months, followed by six months of construction on the ballfields, during which time the ballfields will be out of commission.

Following the construction of the project, the City will begin the Orange Memorial Park Sports Field Renovation Project. The Parks Division is taking the lead in designing and renovating the sports fields. Additional public outreach is planned to discuss design of the new fields, including whether to install synthetic turf versus natural turf, and future programming of the fields. The costs of the Orange Memorial Park Storm Water Capture Project is funded by a \$9.5 million dollar grant from the California Department of Transportation. The costs of the Orange Memorial Park Sports Field Renovation Project is approximately \$14 million dollars, partially funded by the grant, augmented by fees paid by developers and City funds.



Parks Updates

Introducing Our New Slope Mower

Enter the “Name the Mower” Contest and Win Bragging Rights



It’s green, stands at more than 3-1/2 feet tall and nearly six feet wide, weighs in at 2,850 pounds, features a powerful motor that runs at 2,400 RPM, and travels at a speed of up to 5.5 mph. What is it? It’s the City’s Parks and Recreation Department’s new remote-controlled slope mower!

This remote-controlled tool is complete with a flail mower attachment, wide-set tank tracks to give it a low center of gravity, and it is able to safely mow slopes up to 60 degrees. Although the generic name is a slope mower, “It is so much more than a *lawn mower*,” said Nate Pisani, Senior Parks Maintenance Worker, with the Parks and Recreation Department, the lead staff who operates its controls. With the controls in Nate’s deft hands, he is able to single-handedly perform weed abatement work of up to a six-to-eight person crew. The high efficiency of this new tool, which is partially funded by the City’s Improving Public Places Group, allows our Parks and Recreation Department team to focus on other priority projects in the City.

Calling All South City Residents: Enter Our “Name the Mower” Contest!

Although it is commonly referred to as the “Green Climber” in the industry, we are asking you – our residents – to help us name it! Please submit your suggestions to NamingContest@ssf.net now through Friday, August 2. The “Name the Mower” contest is open to South City residents. All ages welcome! Please provide (1) your full name; (2) name of the slope mower; and (3) phone number. For residents ages 18 and under, please include your age. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

WE’RE HIRING!

The South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department is looking for dedicated and talented individuals to join our awesome team! Whether you are looking for a summer job, a rewarding career path, or an additional income, we hope you will consider applying for one of our many part-time hourly job openings. Check out the “Job Opportunities” page at www.ssf.net/rec.



New Community Civic Campus Moves Forward!

We are excited to celebrate a significant milestone on the Community Civic Campus project! The City Council unanimously approved the project schematic design, prepared by SmithGroup, the master architect for the project. The new main campus is an elegant, forward-thinking civic presence for the City of South San Francisco. The 80,000-square-foot building accommodates a larger Main Library and expanded Parks and Recreation facility, and a dynamic City Council Chamber that can also serve as a community theater. The combined program, with shared civic amenities, creates a distinctive



environment. Opening on to an impressive, 1.3-acre public park, the project offers visitors an experience that is engaging and memorable. All areas of the site are ADA accessible with prioritized ADA parking. There will also be access improvements, including 220 parking spaces (surface and structured parking), bicycle parking, and an extension to Centennial Trail, to encourage a variety of transportation modes.

The signature ceramic frit glass-enclosed, three-level structure unifies three important program functions into a single building: Library, Parks and Recreation, and the City Council Chamber. The campus design is functional and practical, yet is also grand, providing a signature statement celebrating our City's past and our future. The three-story main building will be made of glass that exposes the building's steel structural frame, allowing for a light and airy environment that provides a welcoming entrance from El Camino Real as well as Antoinette Lane.

What is ceramic frit?

To make designs more energy-efficient, the architects have chosen to use fritted glass, which helps reduce glare, cut cooling costs, and lower the danger to birds, while giving the exterior a distinctive look. Examples of ceramic frit are seen at the SFO International Terminal, SFPUC Headquarters in San Francisco, and City College of San Francisco.

What's Next?

We are building the project in three phases. The first phase is the police station, which is scheduled to break ground in January 2020. The main campus is scheduled to break ground in fall 2020, and the last phase is the fire station, at a future time to be determined.

Stay Connected! Stay Involved! Visit our dedicated website, www.CommunityCivicCampus.net.



Welcome to the Neighborhood!

We have new neighbors in South San Francisco! Several new residential developments are now fully occupied and many new restaurants and other businesses have opened. Please join us in welcoming, and celebrating, the following businesses and new residential units.

RESTAURANTS:

Andiamo in Banca

Andiamo in Banca Italian Ristorante is now open in South San Francisco! Located at 301 Grand Avenue in the historic “Bank of South San Francisco” building originally built in 1918, this Andiamo In Banca – which translates into “we go to the bank” in Italian – is owned by restaurateur John Akkaya, who also has eateries in Burlingame (Café Figaro) and Mountain View (Ristorante Don Giovanni).



Brew@382

Brew@382 is officially open for business. The tap room, which is located adjacent to the existing Café 382, offers an assortment of local beers, wines, and prepared tapas dishes. The space allows the existing restaurant to use the new space during the prime breakfast and lunch hours. Brew@382 is owned and operated by local restaurateurs Billy and Kosta Panos.



Hometown Bowl to Open This Summer

Earlier this year, the owners of Hometown Heroes entered into a long-term lease agreement with the property owner at Brentwood Bowl to upgrade the existing bowling alley. The new bowling alley, renamed Hometown Bowl, will introduce a “Rock n’ Bowl” concept geared towards millennials. Currently, they are constructing Phase 1 of the improvements, which include installing a new kitchen, cocktail lounge, and snack area. The bowling lanes are upgraded with new seating, mood lighting and monitors. The bowling alley will include ADA improvements, such as a chair lift, to permit everyone access to the lanes. The owners plan to complete the tenant improvements this month and open the new business in August.

RESIDENTIAL:

Cadence

Tenants have started moving into the south building of Cadence, which is located at the corner of Miller Avenue and Airport Boulevard. This project includes two seven-story residential buildings with 260 units. The project is considered transit-oriented development because of its proximity to the Caltrain station, numerous bus stops, and retail and restaurants located nearby. The South building main construction is complete with only minor site work elements remaining. The north building is nearing completion with a target date in early July.



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Put Down the Lighter – For Your Health

We've all been told that smoking isn't good for you – but have you stopped to think about the people around you? Second-hand smoke can trigger asthma, cause cancer, and decrease everyone's quality of life.

To maintain a healthy quality of life for residents in South San Francisco, the City **prohibits smoking in the downtown**, in multi-unit housing developments, in city parks and in city buildings. In the downtown area, smoking is prohibited on all outdoor property along Grand Avenue between Spruce Avenue and Airport Boulevard, and along Cypress Avenue, Linden Avenue, Maple Avenue, and Walnut Avenue where those streets intersect Grand Avenue. This includes, but is not limited to, sidewalks, benches, walkways, streets, and outdoor eating areas that are within this area. The *No Smoking ban* is enforced with a fine up to \$100 per infraction.

In the spirit of our Parks and Recreation *health and wellness focus*, why not consider quitting today? Call California Smokers' Helpline at 1-800-NO-BUTTS.

