



South San Francisco

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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! Santa is Coming Back!



The Covid-19 global pandemic has taken a toll on all of us, but don't you worry, **Santa Comes to Town** is returning to South San Francisco with a *slightly* modified look to ensure we all continue to remain safe this holiday season! Santa and Mrs. Claus have been diligently working with the Parks and Recreation Department to make sure this year is extra special! In partnership with the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club of South San Francisco, the City is hosting Santa Comes to Town on **Sunday, December 5th, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** on the steps of City Hall! The event will see a few adaptations such as a socially-distanced picture opportunity with Santa on the steps of City hall, but fear not, Santa's ears will be open to hear about all the good things our little boys and girls have done throughout the year! Please visit www.ssf.net/rec for more information.

Have You Been Naughty or Nice? Be Sure to Let Santa Know!

Don't fret! If you can't make Santa Comes to Town, our popular Letters to Santa program is also back! Please stop by the front steps of City Hall and drop off your Letter to Santa no later than Wednesday, December 8th at 5:00 p.m. **Be sure to write your full name and home mailing address, including apartment number if applicable, in the upper left hand of the corner of the envelope.**

How it works:

Write your letter to Santa and place it into an envelope. The City will mail your letter to Santa **if there is a return address written clearly in the upper left corner of the envelope.** The letter will travel to Santa where the elves will open the letters and make sure it contains a full name and complete address. The letters are coded, copied, and the personally identifiable information is redacted and the redacted letter is posted for adoption. Generous volunteers adopt letters and fulfill wishes! *Please note, not all letters sent may be adopted.* This is a new program through the United States Postal Service.

Upcoming Events

SSF 2021 REDISTRICTING COMMUNITY MEETING/ PUBLIC HEARING

- Wednesday, December 1, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Hybrid (In-person/Virtual)
www.ssf.net/2021-redistricting

IPP WREATH WORKSHOP FUNDRAISER

- Saturday, December 4, 2021
In Person Times:
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
& 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Take Home Kits:
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Joseph A. Fernekes
Recreation Building
Registration required
www.ssf.net/rec

WINTER CLASS REGISTRATION

- Monday, December 6, 2021
6:00 a.m.
www.ssf.net/rec

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

- Tuesday, December 7, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Services Building,
Social Hall
Email Cityinfo@ssf.net

MOMENTUM – MOVING FORWARD A CULTURAL ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

- Friday, February 11, 2022
& Saturday, February 12, 2022
www.ssf.net/culturalarts

LUNAR NEW YEAR: YEAR OF THE TIGER

- Thursday, February 17, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
Register at
www.ssf.net/departments/library

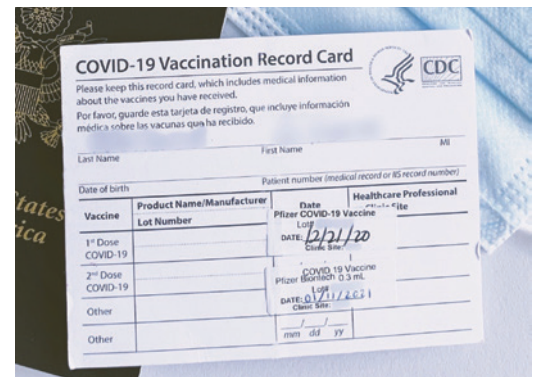


Covid-19 Updates

Indoor Mask Mandate for San Mateo County

As of this printing, the indoor mask mandate remains in effect in San Mateo County. This past October, Bay Area health officials announced the criteria necessary for lifting indoor mask mandates. The counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma and the City of Berkeley will lift the indoor masking requirement in public spaces not subject to state and federal masking rules when all the following occur:

- The jurisdiction reaches the moderate (yellow) COVID-19 transmission tier, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and remains there for at least three weeks; **AND**
- COVID-19 hospitalizations in the jurisdiction are low and stable, in the judgment of the health officer; **AND**
- 80% of the jurisdiction’s total population is fully vaccinated with two doses of Pfizer or Moderna or one dose of Johnson & Johnson (booster doses not considered);



OR Eight weeks have passed since a COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for emergency use by federal and state authorities for 5- to 11-year-olds.

Visit the county’s dashboard at <https://bit.ly/SMCdashboard>. This dashboard charts the county’s progress in reaching the measures needed to lift the mandate.

Children Ages 5 to 11 Can Now Receive the Vaccine!

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention gave kids ages 5 to 11 the green light to get Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine. Children will get 10-microgram shots – one-third of the dose given to adults and teens.

San Mateo County also hopes to offer the pediatric vaccine at some county-operated community clinics, with convenient access for residents in the most impacted neighborhoods. Residents can check **MyTurn** (<https://myturn.ca.gov/>) to book appointments at these clinics and see other offerings near where they live, including local pharmacies.

Local pharmacies, including CVS, Safeway, Lucky Supermarkets, and Walgreens offer vaccines for the 5-11 year-old group at some of their locations. Residents should check **MyTurn** and these pharmacy chain’s websites to confirm availability.





City News You Can Use

Ho Ho Holidays are Here!

As you drive around South San Francisco, you will see things looking a bit more festive this year! Holiday decorations will be installed at City Hall, Orange Memorial Park (Fernekas Building and Orange Memorial Pool), Westborough Park, Buri Buri Park, and the Municipal Service Building. Wreaths will also drape more than 100 light poles along Grand and Linden Avenues.

What will you see?

You'll see regal gift boxes atop the City Hall lawn, along with lit garland and a wreath on the balcony. At Orange Memorial Park, you will see green zigzag pole mounts, bow-accent kits, and a large Season's Greetings lit sign. Westborough Park and the Municipal Services Building will also be lit with zig zag pole mounts, wreath, and garland. Buri Buri Park will entice you with trees wrapped in mini lights and stars.



Who Doesn't Love FREE Parking During the Holidays? It's OUR gift to YOU!

Visitors to the Downtown area can support our small businesses this holiday season and not have to worry about parking fees in the Miller Avenue parking garage from December 20, 2021 through January 1, 2022. We hope free parking in the Miller Avenue parking garage will encourage holiday shopping and dining throughout the holiday season!

Meet Our Newest Addition to the SSFPD

For many, the holiday season comes with requests from their children for a new puppy! We want to introduce you to our newest addition to the South San Francisco Police Department. Meet Lena, our newest K9, who is partnered up with Officer Sakurai. K9 Lena is a two-year-old German Shepherd/Belgium Malinois mix and was born in the country of Hungary. K9 Lena is trained in firearms detection and patrol work, which consists of tracking, criminal apprehension, and evidence recovery. K9 Lena and Officer Sakurai have already been put to use, helping a neighboring police department locate a firearm used in a shooting.

K9 Lena goes home with Officer Sakurai and they are together 24/7, which has helped them form a close bond. K9 Lena loves getting head scratches, running around, and most of all, chewing on slippers!





City News You Can Use

Redistricting South San Francisco 2021

Participating in the redistricting process can be just as important as voting! We need YOUR help redrawing City Council Districts. The purpose of redistricting is to redraw the maps that impact our community and to ensure you have the power to determine fair and inclusive representation in your council district. Join us for a hybrid (In person/Virtual) **Community Workshop/Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Municipal Services Building, 33 Arroyo Drive. Questions? Please contact the City Clerk's office at (650) 877-8518 or visit www.ssf.net/2021-redistricting.

South San Francisco's Minimum Wage Increases to \$15.80/hour January 1, 2022

On January 1, 2022, the City of South San Francisco's Minimum wage increases to \$15.80 per hour. This applies to all businesses within the geographic boundaries of South San Francisco and any employee working at least two or more hours per week. The City has a dedicated web page for Employees and Employers at www.ssf.net/MinimumWage.

Under the Minimum Wage Ordinance, employees who assert their rights to receive the City's minimum wage are protected from retaliation. To report a suspected violation, contact the City of San Jose's Office of Equality Assurance (OEA) if you believe an employer is not paying minimum wage. All complaints are **confidential**, and an employer cannot terminate or discriminate against an employee for filing a complaint with OEA.

There are three ways to file a complaint:

1. In person at the **Office of Equality Assurance** - 200 East Santa Clara Street, 5th Floor, San Jose, CA 95113
2. By calling (408) 535-8430
3. By emailing MyWage@sanjoseca.gov

New Economic Advancement Center Opens January 2022!

The new Economic Advancement Center (*Centro de Avance Económico*) is opening its doors to the South San Francisco community in January 2022, located at 366 Grand Avenue. The Center will focus on providing residents and small businesses with a suite of resources for job seekers, training opportunities, entrepreneurs and start-ups, as well as local small businesses with the goal of advancing economic opportunities for our residents and small business community.

Within the Center, **JobTrain** will focus on preparing individuals to turn their lives around—from under or unemployment to success and economic prosperity. JobTrain brings a targeted program for South San Francisco to the Center by offering resources through assessment, job skills training, and high potential career placement. Contact JobTrain online at www.jobtrainworks.org, or by calling (650) 505-4727.

Also located at the Center, the **North County Business Resource Center**, a project of Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, South San Francisco and San Mateo County, will offer free business impact workshops, business consulting, and networking opportunities for small businesses and entrepreneurs. Services offered will include business planning, marketing, finance, and assistance starting or growing a business. Contact the North County Business Resource Center at brc@recenter.org, or by calling (650) 321-2193 x1103.



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Planning for the Future of Centennial Trail and Orange Memorial Park

Outreach and community engagement for the **Centennial Trail Vision Plan** and **Orange Memorial Park Master Plan** began earlier this summer. The first round of engagement gathered input on park and trail needs and constraints. Outreach and engagement included pop-up events at the park and trail, online and printed surveys, stakeholder meetings and a public open house on Saturday, August 14th at the Joseph A. Fernekes Building.



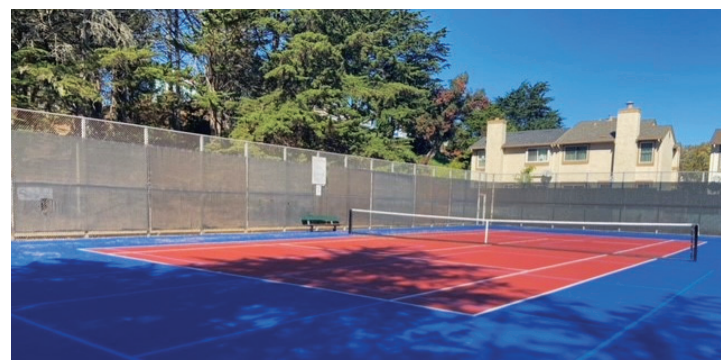
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3 Master Plans, 1 Process
Help Envision your Community

The second round of outreach and community engagement offered plan alternatives for the park and focus areas of the trail. Feedback on these alternatives was collected at the City Hall Birthday Celebration, the Halloween Event at Orange Memorial Park, virtual stakeholder meetings with landowners, recreation groups, community groups and Park staff as well as through online and printed surveys. A second public open house was held at the Joseph A. Fernekes Building Saturday, November 6th.

The design alternatives along with results from both rounds of engagement were presented to the Park and Recreation Commission on Tuesday November 16th. Information about the projects and future opportunities to engage in the process is available at <http://www.ssf.net/PRMasterPlans>.

Game, Set, Match!

Good news! The Westborough Park tennis courts are newly repaved, colored, and striped to accommodate both pickleball players and tennis players. The Stonegate tennis courts have also been striped to allow for pickleball play. This brings the total number of courts in the city to 12 courts; four at Westborough Park, four at Stonegate, and four at Buri Buri Park. Now that's something to LOVE! (*Pun intended*).



Irish Town Green Update

Irish Town Green will see the new installation of two new pathways, one extending from Airport Boulevard and the other from Armour Avenue. There will also be new fencing installed around the park and within the park for user safety, as well as a few benches around the walking path. This project will allow for better access to the site for residents living in the downtown area. Estimated completion of phase 2 is spring, 2022.





Community Civic Campus Updates

The Community Civic Campus, Phase 2, Goes Vertical!

The Community Civic Campus at the corner of El Camino Real and Chestnut is the future home for the Police Department, Library, Parks and Recreation, and the Council Chambers which can double as a theater. Planned in two phases, with an overall completion date estimated for 2023, this new Community Civic Campus will highlight innovation in design of multi-functional, multi-user, interactive facilities. This project will create a visually distinct, high-profile civic presence, and contribute to the City's commitment to being a great place to live, work, learn, and play.



Where We're at Today with Phase 2: A Brief Timeline

Phase Two of the Community Civic Campus is the Library, Parks & Recreation and Community Theater/Council Chambers. Construction of the new Library, Parks & Recreation and Community Theater/Council Chambers continues.

- The topping out of steel occurred on September 30th when the crane placed the last steel beam, which was painted and signed by the South San Francisco Councilmembers and Library and Parks & Recreation staff.
- Decking and welding began in September.
- In October, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) subcontractors mobilized and began work.
- Swinerton, the General Contractor, focused on prepping the building pad for the first slab on grade concrete pour which took place on November 3rd. Concrete pours will continue into December 2021, tracking to pour the 3rd level of concrete in mid-January 2022.

The Library, Parks & Recreation and Community Theater/Council Chambers is nearly 85,000 square feet, with a 12,400 square foot parking garage, surface parking and a 1.35-acre park. The building will include an automated library book return, event spaces, teaching and catering kitchens, dance and exercise studios, classrooms for all ages, children, youth, and adult libraries, a discovery center including a maker space, community room and digital studio, administrative offices and the new SSF City Council Chamber. The park includes a playground, synthetic turf field and a garden.



Honoring Our Past

City Renames Two Buildings and a Playground After Three Trailblazing Women

This fall, the City had a lot to celebrate and that also included celebrating the lives and achievements of three women who made a big difference locally, on the state, and national level.

Magnolia Senior Center Renamed the Roberta Cerri Teglia Center



On Saturday, September 25, City Councilmembers, staff, and residents gathered to honor Ms. Roberta Cerri Teglia, who was also in attendance. Ms. Teglia was born and raised in South San Francisco and was the City's first female planning commissioner, Councilwoman, and Mayor. She served as Mayor four times over the course of her City Council career, spanning from 1978 – 1995 and broke all sorts of barriers in achieving those positions. During her City Council tenure, Ms. Teglia advocated for many projects and programs that enriched the lives of residents, was a strong advocate for Senior Services and was on City Council for the funding, planning, and building of the Magnolia Senior Center.

Westborough Recreation Center Renamed the Alice Peña Bulos Community Center



On Saturday, October 23, City Councilmembers, staff, and residents once again gathered to honor another woman that made a significant impact to many lives – locally and nationally. Ms. Bulos was a former college professor in the Philippines, a leader of the Filipino community in the north Peninsula area for many years and lived across the street from Westborough Park until she passed away in October, 2016. Ms. Bulos left an indelible mark in the local Filipino community for her political leadership on the local, state and federal levels and was honored for her service and activism, including being acclaimed by the Democratic National Committee for a quarter century of service and was given the prestigious honor of serving on the Federal Council on Aging as an

appointee of President Bill Clinton from 1993 – 2000. She was the first person of Filipino descent to be selected by a sitting U.S. President to serve on a federal post.

She also served as Commissioner for the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women and the Health Plan of San Mateo County and she also represented California in five Democratic National Conventions.

Westborough Park Playground Renamed the Anne Waters Playground



On Sunday, November 7, City Council and community members gathered to celebrate the life of Anne Waters and the renaming of the 5-12 year old playground at the Westborough Park to the Anne Waters Playground. Anne Waters served countless hours of public service as a community volunteer, and had a strong connection to the Westborough neighborhood. She advocated for the recreational needs of the Westborough neighborhood, and served as Chair of the Westborough Swimming Pool Fundraising and Advisory Committee. Ms. Waters was instrumental in the allocation of funds for the construction of the Westborough Recreation Building. Although the goal of building a swimming pool adjacent to the Recreation Building did not come to fruition, Ms. Waters

and the Westborough Swimming Pool Fundraising and Advisory Committee, having conducted multiple fundraisers, donated the funds in their account toward renovation of the Westborough Park playground. Also active in city-wide initiatives, Ms. Waters served on the Cultural Arts Commission from 1994 – 2002. As a strong African-American woman who was an active volunteer focused on improving the community, Anne Waters was an inspirational role model. She was consistently kind, thoughtful, positive, and collaborative in her interaction with others.

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Renter Assistance

COVID-related Housing Assistance for Renters and Landlords

There are still financial resources available for both landlords and renters impacted by COVID-19. **Do not delay, apply online today at <https://HousingisKey.com>.** In-person support is available at the local YMCA at 1486 Huntington Avenue, Suite 100. For hours call (650) 276-4101 or visit <https://www.ymcasf.org/crc>.

If you are worried about eviction or would like to better understand your legal rights as a renter, please contact the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County at (650) 517-8911 or <https://www.legalaidsmc.org/housing-resources>, or Project Sentinel at (800) 339-6043 or <https://www.housing.org/covid-19>.

