

South San Francisco

WE PROUDLY REMAIN THE INDUSTRIAL CITY

Concert in the Park is Back,

but this year, with Bells and Whistles (literally)!



Join us for a fun-filled day at Orange Memorial Park, celebrating music and community at the fourth annual Concert in the Park on Saturday, September 22 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This event is free of charge so bring your family and friends!

Concert in the Park this year also features more family-friendly activities with the creation of a *Family Fun Zone*, including bounce houses, a rock wall, train rides, petting zoo, and more! Musical performances begin with local favorites, the El Camino High School Jazz Band and South San Francisco High School Jazz Band. On the main stage enjoy the tunes of legendary Latin Rock band, Malo, well known for their 1972 hit single, "Suavecito," and dance the afternoon away. Hungry? Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the event.

Saturday, September 22, 2018
Orange Memorial Park
11:00am-4:30pm
FREE EVENT
Live Performances by:
MALO
and El Camino High School Jazz Band
South San Francisco High School Jazz Band
South San Francisco High School Jazz Band
Family Fun Zone:
Bounce Houses, Petting Zoo, Rock Wall, Train and morel
Food & Drink Sales:
Food Trucks, Beer & Wine
Contact the Recreation Office for more details:
(850) 829-3800 www.ssf.net/concert

Go to www.ssf.net/concert for a complete event schedule. Contact the Recreation office for questions or more information at (650) 829-3800. Learn more about the legendary Latin Rock band, Malo, on page two.

Upcoming Events

SSF FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, September 25, 2018
 9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
 Municipal Services Building,
 Council Chambers,
 33 Arroyo Drive

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL FALL BOOK SALE

Saturday, September 29, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
SSF Main Public Library,
840 West Orange

SIGN HILL RIBBON-CUTTING

Saturday, October 13, 2018

 10:00 a.m. - Noon
 Contact CityInfo@ssf.net for more information on location/logistics

PROJECT READ'S ANNUAL TRIVIA CHALLENGE

• Friday, November 16, 2018 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. South San Francisco Conference Center 255 S. Airport Boulevard triviainfo@ssf.net or (650) 829-3871





More About Malo and Their Bay Area Roots



Well known for their 1972 hit single, "Suavecito," legendary Latin Rock band Malo has roots in the Bay Area, starting with lead singer Arcelio Garcia, who played in a favorite Bay Area band called the Malibus in the mid-sixties. A few years into



the career of the Malibus, guitarist Jorge Santana, the brother of the famous Carlos Santana, joined the band. In 1970, the Malibus changed their name to Malo.

Malo signed with Warner Brothers Records and released their first album in 1972, simply titled "Malo." Between 1972 to 1975, Malo released three more albums titled "Dos," "Evolution," and "Ascension." Malo has toured the world, playing with such rock greats as The Rolling Stones, WAR, Tierra, El Chicano, and Queen, and continue to tour. Malo's current lineup includes: Arcelio Garcia, lead vocals and leader of the group; Jay Rossetti, lead guitar; Shadow, bass; David George, drums; Daniel Cervantes, keyboards; David Mack Castillo, congas; Gibby Ross, timbales; Jack Musgrove, trumpet; Brian Beukelman, trumpet; and Pete Rodriguez, trumpet/trombone.

Here's what past concert attendees had to say about Concert in the Park:

"It's an awesome feeling to be in South City and have such a wonderful program in your neighborhood with everyone coming together to enjoy the day!! Thank you so much!!!"

"Hope this is an annual event - it brings the community/people together in such a positive way."

"We loved it! Our family moved to SSF last year & this is our first concert."

"I love events like this in my City! It really brings the community together for some good family fun for all ages."





Beyond Concert in the Park, There's More in Store for You from Our Parks and Recreation Department

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

Sponsored by the SSF Cultural Arts Commission
Gallery: Friday, October 12, 2018; 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Gallery: Saturday, October 13, 2018; 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Municipal Services Building, 33 Arroyo Drive

HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, October 27, 2018
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Municipal Services Building,
 33 Arroyo Drive

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR

 Sponsored by SSF Senior Services
 Saturday, November 3, 2018
 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Municipal Services Building, 33 Arroyo Drive

THANKSGIVING 5K FUN RUN

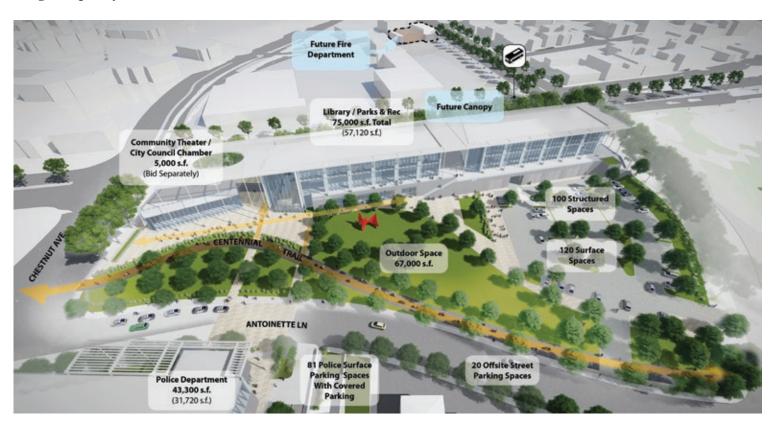
Saturday, November 18, 2018 Starts at 9:00 a.m.
Cost: \$20.00 (18Y & up pre-registration)
\$30.00 (18Y and up event day registration)
\$5.00(Ages 13Y-17Y);
Free (Ages 12Y & under)

Community Civic Campus Reaches a Milestone!

The South San Francisco community is pulling together to bring a transformative new *Civic Campus* to life, complete with a new main Library and Technology Discovery Center, an expansive Parks and Recreation Center, a Community Theatre, a state-of-the-art police operations center with an advanced 911 dispatch center, and 67,000 square feet of open park space. Located along Centennial Trail, at the corner of El Camino Real and Chestnut Avenue, the Civic Campus will have something for everyone to enjoy and underscores that South San Francisco is a great place to live, work, learn, and play!

The library will be significantly larger than the current square feet dedicated to library services at 840 West Orange Avenue. The Parks & Recreation Center will occupy 34,000 square feet, which includes a 6,000 square foot social hall to house large gatherings, and function as a banquet space with a catering kitchen; and multiple areas of varying size to accommodate expanded Parks and Recreation programs. There will be a separate 5,000 square foot Community Theatre which will host meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, and other public bodies, while also being available for performances and other community meetings and events.

Following a series of public meetings and outreach, the City Council recently approved the overall design of the Civic Campus, directing the architects to proceed with schematic design. The project is funded primarily by a new tax approved by South San Francisco voters in late 2015 known as "Measure W." Construction will start in early 2020 and take approximately two years to complete, delivering a distinct, high-profile civic presence contributing to the great quality of life in South San Francisco.



Visit our dedicated Community Civic Campus website. Stay connected. Stay involved! www.CommunityCivicCampus.net.

Questions or comments? Please email CommunityCivicCampus@ssf.net



Preparation and Prevention Are the Keys to Success!

September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month, recognized each September, reminds us to prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year in case disaster strikes. This year, National Preparedness Month is focused on planning, with an overarching theme:

Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.

Take time to learn lifesaving skills, such as CPR and first aid. The South San Francisco Fire Department offers these classes in English and Spanish. Check our website at www.ssf.net/CPR or call the Fire Department at (650) 829-3950 for a schedule of classes. Also, check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as flood, earthquakes, and tornadoes. Make sure to consider the costs associated with disasters and save for an emergency. And, don't forget about your pets!

The devastating hurricanes and wildfires of 2017 reminded the nation of the importance of preparing for disasters. Often residents are the first in our community to take action after disaster strikes and before first responders arrive, so it is important to prepare in advance to help yourself, your family, and your community.

Be in the Know When There's an Emergency! Sign up for SMC Alert

SMC ALERT is an alert notification system used to immediately contact you during urgent or emergency situations with useful information and updates by sending text messages to your:

- email accounts (home, work, school, etc.)
- cell phones, pagers
- smartphones/handheld devices

Sign up at http://hsd.smcsheriff.com/smcalert

SMC ALERT is free.* Staying informed is critical during disasters and other emergency situations. We can't reach you if you don't register!

*Your carrier may charge you a fee to receive alerts on your wireless device.



Be prepared! Key items to include in your emergency kit.

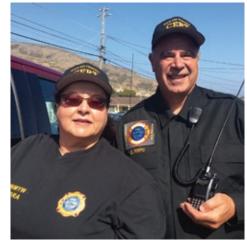
- Bottled water (1 gallon per person/ per day for at least 3 days)
- Canned goods and nonperishable foods, particularly those that do not need cooking
- · Manual can opener
- Radio (battery-powered or hand crank), NOAA Weather Radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and lantern, with extra batteries (candles are discouraged, as they present a potential fire danger)
- · First aid kit
- Diapers, wipes, baby food, formula, if needed
- Pet food, supplies, tag, crates, if needed
- Prescription medications (2-week supply)
- · Whistle to signal for help
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, soap, sanitizer and other personal hygiene items
- Watch or battery operated clock
- Cell phone charger devices (auto, solar, or crank charger)
- Cash
- Water purification tablets

Check your kit at least annually for any food, water, batteries, or other items that may need to be replaced or have expired.

Preparation and Prevention Are the Keys to Success!

Why These SSF Residents Joined CERT and How You Can Become a Part of this Program

Meet Steve and Sandra Firpo, South San Francisco residents for more than 30 years, who reside in Sterling Terrace. They have been involved in the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program for the past two years. For Sandra, being involved in CERT is personally very empowering. "It increased my self-confidence knowing that I could be useful to myself, my family, my neighbors, and eventually to the City." Sandra and Steve say knowing what to do in an emergency makes them worry less and they know they can help out because they have the appropriate training. "What you learn in CERT are skills that you can use every day, ranging from first aid, to using a fire extinguisher, and an AED (Automated External Defibrillator.) Getting training on these ahead of time – so that you can fall back on training instead of trying it out for the first time during an emergency – is so crucial during a time when you need to take action." For them, it's worth the time commitment of being a part of CERT and its training, to know what you need to do in an emergency. "Like everything worth doing, it's worth putting the time into."



Get Involved!

The CERT basic training program is a course consisting of five, three-hour sessions; and two, eight-hour sessions. After graduating from the CERT program, you have the opportunity to join the more than 120 members of the CERT family. The team meets monthly to train on various skills, such as shelter operations, communications, and Emergency Operations Center support. To learn more about what is covered in training, visit www.ssf.net/CERT. You can also call the CERT information hotline at (650) 829-4336.



October is Fire Prevention Month in South San Francisco

Every year, the City of South San Francisco recognizes October as Fire Prevention Month. Nationally, it is celebrated the week of October 7-13, 2018. This year's campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere," works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire – and how to escape safely in the event of one:



"LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.



"LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.



"LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for schoolchildren. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

DID YOU KNOW:

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.





City News You Can Use

Vote! It Matters!

This Fall there are elections for national, state, and local offices and propositions. Election Day is November 6, 2018, and early voting starts on October 9, 2018. You can vote by mail or in person, but make sure you vote!

There are two City of South San Francisco measures on the ballot – **Measure FF and Measure LL**. Below is a summary of these two South San Francisco measures:

Transit Occupancy Tax (Hotel Tax) – Measure FF

The South San Francisco City Council approved putting on the November statewide ballot a measure to increase the City's transient occupancy tax, which is a tax on overnight hotel visitors. The current transit occupancy tax (TOT) is set at ten percent, plus a \$2.50 per room charge for the Conference Center. The current TOT was last adjusted in 2009. If approved by the voters, the TOT levied on travelers staying overnight in the City's 34 hotels would gradually increase to 14 percent by 2021: from 10 percent to 12 percent in 2019; from 12 percent to 13 percent in 2020; and a max of 14 percent in 2021. Only individuals staying in a hotel for less than 30 consecutive days would pay this tax. The hotel tax increase could generate as much as \$5.92 million per year in additional unrestricted revenue. These potential funds could be used for any lawful purpose, including funding city operations, such as police, fire, and public works.

Commercial Cannabis Business License – Measure LL

Cannabis was legalized in California in 2016. Since that time, the South San Francisco City Council has set in place a system of local cannabis regulations designed to protect public safety and preserve quality of life, while respecting the voters' choice to legalize cannabis. Retail cannabis operations, also called "storefront" cannabis shops, are not allowed in South San Francisco, but other commercial operations are allowed east of Highway 101. If approved, Measure LL would authorize the City Council to set the business license tax for all types of commercial cannabis operations permitted within the City at a minimum rate of one percent of gross receipts of sales. Additionally, Measure LL would establish the following maximum rates for permitted cannabis uses: a maximum



of two and a half percent of gross receipts for Testing, a maximum of four percent of gross receipts for Cultivation; a maximum of three percent of gross receipts for Distribution, a maximum of five percent of gross receipts for Manufacturing, and a maximum of five percent of gross receipts for Delivery-Only, as those particular uses are defined in Chapter 20.410 of the South San Francisco Municipal Code. If passed, cannabis companies permitted to operate in the City are estimated to pay as much as \$700,000 annually in taxes. These funds could be used to fund city operations, such as police, fire, and public works.

Proposition 6 – Repeal of the Gas Tax

In 2017, the California legislature passed Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), called the Road Repair and Accountability Act, raising the fuel tax and vehicle fees, and generating approximately \$5.24 billion per year in California to repair roads, improve traffic safety, and expand public transit systems. The funds are split 50/50 between state and local investments as follows:

Fix Local Streets and Transportation Infrastructure (50 percent):

- \$15 billion in "Fix-It-First" local road repairs, including fixing potholes
- \$7.5 billion to improve local public transportation
- \$2 billion to support local "self-help" communities that are making their own investments in transportation improvements
- \$1 billion to improve infrastructure that promotes walking and bicycling
- \$825 million for the State Transportation Improvement Program local contribution
- \$250 million in local transportation planning grants



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Fix State Highways and Transportation Infrastructure (50 percent):

- \$15 billion in "Fix-it-First" highway repairs, including smoother pavement
- \$4 billion in bridge and culvert repairs
- \$3 billion to improve trade corridors
- \$2.5 billion to reduce congestion on major commute corridors
- \$1.4 billion in other transportation investments, including \$275 million for highway and intercity-transit improvements

In its first year of operation, SB1 has provided \$301,706 to the City of South San Francisco for road repairs. The City expects to receive \$1,095,127 in SB1 funds in Fiscal Year 2018-19, which the City Council has allocated to improving medians, pedestrian safety, and expanded bus stops on El Camino Real.

Proposition 6 is on the November ballot and would repeal the fuel tax and fee increase that was enacted last year and mandate that any future fuel tax increase be approved only by the voters. If passed, the fuel tax will go down and the City will not receive the road improvement funds currently expected under SB1.

Love Living in South City, but Hate the Airport Noise? Apply for the Airport Noise Insulation Program!

We love living in South San Francisco, but can do without the noise from nearby San Francisco International Airport (SFO.) The City has partnered with SFO on an **Airport Noise Insulation Program** which may provide noise insulation at your home. The program offers noise insulation work at no charge to eligible properties to mitigate the impact of aircraft noise to residences. If you had noise insulation work done in the past, and that work now requires repair or maintenance, you can also apply to have that work done at no cost.

Funding comes from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and it will determine final eligibility, but City staff will help you through the process and advocate on your behalf. If you'd like to learn more, visit the City's website at www.ssf.net/AirportNoise. You can also call our hotline at (650) 829-6649 or email anip@ssf.net.



Free South City Shuttle is Expanding its Service.

The *Free South City Shuttle* is expanding its service starting October 1, 2018, thanks to the City receiving a grant from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and the City Council providing matching city funds. The current *Free South City Shuttle* has operated around South San Francisco since 2015 and is well used. The expansion will add a second *Free South City Shuttle* operating from 7:15 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, increasing capacity and convenience. Anyone can use the shuttle for free, helping to keep cars off the road, reducing greenhouse gasses, and providing mobility for those needing to get around town. For schedule and route information, visit www.ssf.net/SCS, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 877-8550, or email shuttle@ssf.net.



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

Underneath our 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 the elderly. Join your neighbors in helping to protect the environment, manage stormwater, and minimize flooding by adopting a storm drain today!