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It's City Hall's 101st Birthday – Come Celebrate with Us!

101 years ago, a first class stamp cost 2 cents, women received the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th amendment, Band-Aids hit the scene, and locally, construction was completed on South San Francisco's City Hall and it opened to the public. City Hall was built for \$125,000 with plans replicating Philadelphia's Independence Hall and thousands attended the dedication and parade.

Please join us as we celebrate the 101st Birthday of City Hall by hosting an outdoor concert in front of City Hall on **Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The 400 block of Grand Avenue will be closed off to traffic starting Saturday morning and will reopen in the evening after the concerts are over.

The event features two concerts; the first one starting at 1:00 p.m., which is **Orquesta Borinquen**. Orquesta Borinquen includes some of the most talented musicians in the Bay Area salsa scene today. They are one of the few bands who can range from salsa dura to salsa romantica in an authentic fashion. The second band, **Tainted Love**, will start at 3:30 p.m. A Tainted Love performance is like reliving the 80s in a way you have never before.

The event will also feature:

- A vaccination clinic on the patio of Grand Avenue Library
- Tours of the Mayor's office in City Hall and a chance to take pictures from the balcony
- Food trucks
- City-sponsored information tables
- Vendors from Renaissance
- A photo booth
- Children's activities in the Grand Library and outdoors, including a balloon artist and face painters
- The Parks and Recreation Department's Mexican Folklórico Dance and Hawaiian Hula Dance programs

Although this event is outdoors, the City is encouraging people to be safe during the COVID-19 global pandemic and are encouraging all attendees to wear masks when you are not able to safely social distance. More detailed information about the day's events are on our website, at www.ssf.net/CityHallBirthday.

Upcoming Events

CITYWIDE CLEANUP DAY

- Saturday, October 2, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
SSF Corporation Yard,
550 N. Canal
www.ssf.net/citywidecleanup

ASIAN ART MUSEUM PRESENTS: DEMONS, CREATURES, AND MONSTERS - OH MY!

- Thursday, October 21, 2021
2:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
Register online
<https://www.ssf.net/library/>

THE GREAT PUMPKIN, SOUTH CITY!

- Saturday, October 23, 2021
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Orange Memorial Park,
781 Tennis Drive
www.ssf.net/rec

40TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

- Saturday, November 6, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Municipal Services Building,
33 Arroyo Dr.
www.ssf.net/rec

2021 THANKSGIVING FUN RUN

- Saturday, November 13, 2021
Starts at 9:00 a.m.
340 Point San Bruno Blvd.
www.ssf.net/rec

PROJECT READ TRIVIA CHALLENGE

- Friday, November 19, 2021
5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
South San Francisco
Conference Center
www.ssf.net/projectread
(650) 829-3871



Covid-19 Updates

Keep it Up South San Francisco!

San Mateo County reports 87.9 percent of South San Francisco residents age 10 and above have received at least the first dose of the vaccine, and 79.8 percent are fully vaccinated. Children 12 years and older are able to get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. County Health is continuing to host a vaccine clinic every Friday through the end of the year from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the SSF County Health Clinic located at 306 Spruce Avenue. Get the vaccine! Protect yourself, your family, and your community. Everyone must do their part!



Looking for Your COVID Vaccination Records?

The California Department of Public Health has created an online portal where you can access your vaccination information. The site will give you a digital copy of your vaccination record, which you can also print. Go to myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov.

Vaccine Boosters and Shot

As federal and state authorities approve new vaccination protocols for immunocompromised patients, San Mateo County Health recommends immunocompromised residents consult with their health care provider about additional doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. At this time, boosters **are not administered at community-based vaccine clinics**. The County will remobilize mass vaccination capacity in the coming weeks as eligibility expands for third doses beginning September 20.

Bust Common Myths and Learn the Facts!

Accurate vaccine information is critical and can help stop common myths and rumors. Below are some myths and their facts from the Centers for Disease Control.

MYTH: *Will a COVID-19 vaccine alter my DNA?*

FACT: No. COVID-19 vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way. Both mRNA and viral vector COVID-19 vaccines deliver instructions (genetic material) to our cells to start building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19. However, the material never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where our DNA is kept.

MYTH: *Can receiving a COVID-19 vaccine cause you to be magnetic?*

FACT: No. Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine will not make you magnetic, including at the site of the vaccination, which is usually your arm. COVID-19 vaccines do not contain ingredients that can produce an electromagnetic field at the site of your injection. All COVID-19 vaccines are free from metals.

MYTH: *Do COVID-19 vaccines contain microchips?*

FACT: No. COVID-19 vaccines do not contain microchips. Vaccines are developed to fight against disease and are not administered to track your movement. Vaccines work by stimulating your immune system to produce antibodies, exactly like it would if you were exposed to the disease. After getting vaccinated, you develop immunity to that disease, without having to get the disease first.

Would you like to be kept in the loop on COVID-19 updates/resources and City News? Please sign up for email alerts at www.bit.ly/SSFNewsletter.



Are You Prepared?

Make a Plan, Build a Kit, Be Prepared

September is **National Preparedness Month** providing an opportunity to prepare ourselves and our families against disasters such as an earthquake or flood and everyday risks such as house fires and medical emergencies. Often, we are the first ones in our communities to act after a disaster strikes and before first responders arrive, so it's important to prepare in advance to help yourself and your community. 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 your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as flood, earthquakes, and fires.



Lastly, don't let an earthquake catch you off guard! The California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) launched the first ever statewide public earthquake warning system, Earthquake Warning California. Californians can receive earthquake warnings with the state's free **MyShake** App, which can be downloaded on the Apple App Store or Google Play on smartphones or tablets. The technology links mobile devices with ground sensors to send warnings to those in the nearby area when significant shaking is detected so that individuals have a few extra moments to take protective actions, such as to drop, cover, and hold on. **Don't wait until it is too late!**

What is Your Escape Plan?

Between natural disasters and a once-in-a lifetime pandemic, California has seen it's fair share of firsts. Now, more than ever, it's important for us to raise the awareness, and pay attention to **Fire Prevention Month**, which occurs every October.

In less than 30 seconds a small flame can turn into a major fire. Sadly, fires kill more Americans each year than all natural disasters in the United States combined. That's why this year's National Fire Prevention Month campaign, "**Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety**," is one to not take lightly. Take the time this month to educate and talk with your whole family about fire safety – including testing alarms, changing the batteries or upgrading to 10-year sealed battery alarms, how to use a fire extinguisher, and escape route planning, as less than 50 percent of homeowners have a plan in place!

Welcome Home South San Francisco Firefighters!

Since June, we've had more than 25 firefighters staffed on major fires in California, Oregon, and Montana, all the while maintaining service to our residents in South San Francisco. The State has seen an unprecedented 2021 wildfire season, and our very own South San Francisco Firefighters have risen to the task, along with many other brave men and women in San Mateo County. The majority of our staff have returned home, but as of this printing, we still have three firefighters at the Dixie Fire in Plumas County, and a Battalion Chief at the Caldor Fire in South Lake Tahoe. September is **Firefighter Appreciation Month** – next time you see our SSFFD, a simple "hello" will make their day!





CITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

PG&E's Moratorium for Nonpayment Shutoffs is Set to Expire September 30, 2021

As part of the COVID-19 response and recovery, PG&E suspended shutoff of electricity and gas for those unable to pay their PG&E bill – this moratorium ends September 30, 2021, after which PG&E may cut off service for nonpayment. Act now if you need help. PG&E will sign up eligible customers in new extended payment arrangements by the end of September 2021. This new program will protect customers from shutoffs while helping them pay down their balance over time. Residential and small business customers with a PG&E bill at least 60 days past due will automatically be enrolled over the next few weeks starting with the September bill.

Help paying your utility bills is also available. Visit [HousingIsKey.com](https://www.housingiskey.com) to apply for financial assistance for past-due utility bills, as well as future months of utility payments. Both residential and commercial customers having a hard time paying their bills should contact PG&E immediately at (800) 743-5000.

We've Got You Connected! Learn More About Broadband Benefits

Did you know the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has a program that will help to lower the cost of broadband internet service for eligible households during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic? The Emergency Broadband Benefit program provides a **discount of up to \$50 per month** toward broadband internet service for eligible households. The benefit also provides up to \$100 per household discount toward a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet if the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase through a participating provider.

Visit www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit to see if your household is eligible. Only **one** member of the household needs to meet at least one of the criteria. Additional information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit is available at www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, or by calling 833-511-0311 between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. any day of the week.



Thinking of Developing a Second Unit to Your Home? We Can Help!

South San Francisco has launched its new Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program helping homeowners navigate the process of adding an ADU to their homes. *Bright in Your Own Backyard* South San Francisco is a new ADU program that can help homeowners finally take the step in starting their ADU dream. Participating homeowners will receive up to 100 hours of free feasibility and project management support from nonprofit Hello Housing to help you navigate the complicated process of designing, constructing and renting an ADU or a Jr. ADU.

The City has partnered with the nonprofit **Hello Housing** and is now accepting applications on a rolling basis for South San Francisco homeowners interested in adding an ADU or a JADU to their single-family-home properties. All eligible rolling applicants will be added to an active waitlist in the order that they are received and will be added for the second round of funding that is expected in early spring 2022. All interested SSF homeowners should visit <https://bit.ly/SSFADUservices> to apply and should also subscribe to the Bright Spot newsletter to stay informed about ADU services and resources at: <https://www.hellobright.org/subscribe>.



CITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

Let’s Sort it Out Together!



Recycling is one of the easiest things you can do to have a positive impact on the environment and the system is already in place – all you have to do is throw your garbage in the correct container! However, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, only 34.5% of Americans recycle on a regular basis. South San Francisco Scavenger Company can help you understand how to sort garbage correctly to help the environment. Visit the SSF Scavenger’s “Sort Smart Recycling Guide” at <https://ssfscavenger.com/sort-smart/> or scan the QR code to take you there.

Blue Bin (two compartments) – Containers and Paper

At the top of the blue residential bin are two lids for two separate compartments – the blue lid for “Containers Only” and the gray lid for “Paper Only.” The most common items include:

- **Containers Only** – glass bottles and jars, food cans, aluminum cans, plastic food storage containers, plastic egg cartons, milk jugs, plastic water bottles, plastic and aluminum takeout containers, yogurt cups, plastic cups, aluminum foil, empty cleaning product containers, plastic nursery containers, and all #1 (PET), #2 (HDPE), #4 (LDPE), and #5 (Polypropylene).
- **Paper Only** – cardboard, gift boxes, books, construction paper, paper egg cartons, gift bags and boxes, paper bags, posters, junk mail, newspapers, shredded paper, wrapping paper, tissue boxes, paper towels, and toilet paper rolls.



Gray Bin – Garbage/Landfill

The gray bin is a one compartment bin to only contain materials that will be disposed to a local landfill. Common items for this bin include plastic bags, styrofoam, sponges, mylar bags and wrappers, cigarette butts (extinguished) and packs, diapers and feminine hygiene products, cat litter and animal feces (bagged), facemasks, balloons, reusable shopping bags, and plastic plates.



Green Bin – Organics/Compost

The green organics/compost bin should only include materials such as yard trimmings, pizza boxes, food scraps, coffee filters, ice cream cartons, parchment paper, paper napkins, milk and juice cartons, cardboard takeout containers, tissue paper, wax paper, waxed cardboard, cannabis waste, cotton swabs, wooden chopsticks, corks, and pet food.



You are the first and most important step in the recycling process, so please be mindful of which bin you place any discarded materials. If the wrong materials enter the recycling system, they can damage equipment, harm workers, and even cause the rejection of an entire shipment. For additional information and questions regarding material disposal in South San Francisco, please contact SSF Scavenger Company, Inc. at (650) 589-4020.

Above all, reduce, reuse or recycle your waste! Climate change and resource depletion are real. You can make a difference and collectively we can change the world for the better.



Community Civic Campus Updates

The Community Civic Campus is Coming Alive!

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

Phase One, which consists of the new Police Operations and 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, saw construction start in February 2020, with six months of underground utilities and foundation work. The concrete masonry support building began in July, which will house a firing range, K-9 units, and motorcycle and bicycle squad parking. The steel framing for the Main Building started in October 2020, which will house offices, the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, and detention cells. Driving by the site today, one can see the exterior metal paneling is nearly complete, the parking lot was paved, and landscaping will soon be planted. A ribbon-cutting is scheduled for December 7, 2021. The new Police Operations Center will provide our residents with a safe and efficient facility for decades to come.

Phase Two of the Community Civic Campus is the Library, Parks & Recreation and Community Theater/Council Chambers. Construction began in January 2021, and since then Swinerton Builders has completed site preparation, mobilization, and undergrounding of utilities, and most recently worked on the foundation, installed rebar, and constructed a retaining wall along El Camino Real. Now you can see the building structure going vertical and the building taking shape! Construction is expected to be complete in mid-2023.

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.





Construction Update

Construction Connection

Our City is expanding – bringing new jobs, housing, and economic growth to our community. To see a list of projects in the City, please visit our interactive map at [construction.ssf.net](https://www.ssf.net/construction). Some of the major projects currently in progress include:

150 Airport Blvd

Fairfield Residential is in the final stages of completing construction of “Altitude” – a 157-unit market-rate housing project at 150 Airport Blvd., just one block from the new Caltrain Station Plaza. In addition to the 157 apartment units, Altitude will feature a two-level parking garage, a community clubhouse, gym, and other amenities. The project is in the final stages of construction and should open soon.



201 Grand Ave/418 Linden Ave Affordable Housing Development

Construction has started on a new mixed-used project in downtown South San Francisco at 201 Grand Avenue (former site of Ben Tre) and 418 Linden Avenue that will offer 84 affordable housing units, and 6,000 square feet of retail and commercial space. This new five-story building will have a traditional architecture that is reminiscent of the brick warehouse-style buildings that dominated downtown South San Francisco in the mid-20th century. Demolition and site preparation have started for the two locations. Construction is expected to be complete in Spring 2023 and the affordable housing units will be available to residents making 30 percent – 50 percent of Area Mean Income (AMI), which equates to a two-person household making less than \$73,100 a year. A lottery for the affordable units will take place early 2023.



Cadence Phase 2

Sares Regis is building this 95-unit market-rate housing project on the 200 block of Miller. They recently completed some minor offsite utility work and they plan to start the actual on-site construction of the project later in 2021 with completion projected in mid-2023. Cadence Phase 2 is an important part of the City’s overall housing strategy for the Downtown. Since the Downtown Plan was approved in 2015, a total of 1,076 units of housing have been either approved, started construction, or completed. Of this amount, about 219 units (20.4%) are affordable units that are priced below market rate, with a preference for people who live or work in South San Francisco. By creating a balanced mix of housing at all income levels – and locating the units close to transit and in walking distance to the Downtown shops – the City is injecting new economic vitality into Grand and Linden Avenues.



El Camino Real/Spruce Avenue

After several years, the privately-owned site at 180 El Camino Real will finally have a new look, thanks to Safeway and real estate developer SteelWave, the new owner of the property. Safeway and the developer’s top priority is to build a new 63,000 square foot grocery store at the corner of El Camino Real and Spruce Avenue, plus additional small-sized neighborhood-serving retail. The goal is to have the new Safeway and shops up and operating in a year. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2022 with completion in late 2022. Other uses for the remainder of the site are in the conceptual planning phase and will be reviewed by the City Planning Department when an application is submitted.



Mercedes Benz (Former site of OSH Hardware)

Mercedes Benz of San Francisco is relocating its car dealership to 2245 Gellert Blvd, renovating the former site of OSH Hardware, and converting it into a new 119,000 sq. ft. auto sales and service facility. The entire dealership is anticipated to bring about 150 new jobs to the city. The dealership is on schedule to open in late October.



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City Hall History

As we celebrate the opening of City Hall 101 years ago, it's fun to look back on its history.

Did You Know? The land for City Hall was purchased for \$10,000 and architects modeled City Hall after Philadelphia's Independence Hall.

Fun Facts:

- The City Hall basement was once a jail and a Fire Department.
- The three-member police department occupied half of the first floor. Municipal and Civil Courts occupied the top floor.
- In the early days, both the Police & Fire Departments used the City Hall clock tower as a means to communicate.
- When a fire was reported, the volunteers would ring the fire bell in the clock tower and then make their way to the fire pulling the hose and ladder carts.
- The tower was also used during WWII for monitoring short wave radio communications, and radio civil defense.
- The balcony and front steps have been used as a viewing stand for many events over the years. Presidential motorcades passed by, including President Herbert Hoover in 1932, and Robert Kennedy when he campaigned for the presidency in 1968.
- City Hall was remodeled in 1949 – 1953. The Fire Station moved out of City Hall to a new Central Fire Station at 201 Baden Avenue.

