



# South San Francisco

WE PROUDLY REMAIN THE INDUSTRIAL CITY

## Measure W Adopted



**Measure will help maintain & enhance local services including 911 response times, police patrols, crime & gang suppression programs and programs for seniors.**

On November 3rd, South San Francisco residents adopted Measure W, which was placed on the ballot after months of community input about maintaining our essential City services and fiscal stability.

The adoption of Measure W ensures that the City of South San Francisco will be able to maintain and enhance locally controlled City services that the community cares about and has come to expect—including neighborhood police patrols, crime and gang suppression programs, street maintenance and pothole repair, and other essential services.

The City prides itself on being fiscally prudent and accountable, with balanced budgets that address the services that are important to our community. In that tradition, Measure W requires independent citizen oversight, mandatory financial audits, and public reporting to make sure funding is spent on community priorities.

We look forward to keeping the City of South San Francisco informed and working with the community to maintain our quality of life and fiscal stability. Visit [ssf.net](http://ssf.net) for more information about Measure W.



## Upcoming Events



### Donate Food = Waive Your Fine

November 16th - December 31st

SSF Library will waive late fines when you donate non-perishable food items at 840 W. Orange. Food goes to Second Harvest Food Bank. Last year, patrons donated nearly two TONS of food and saved \$3,127.97 in fines. Let's do it again this year!

### Santa Comes to Town!

December 5th

Don't miss Santa's SSF fire truck arrival to City Hall! From 11am – 3pm, all children will receive a cookie, hot chocolate, and photo with Santa. Join the City Council in this jolly tradition that's taken place since 1981. More information: 650.829.3822.

### Wreath-Making Workshops

December 6th

For \$25, workshop leaders will provide all materials and hands-on instruction. Money raised will go to the Improving Public Places group. **RSVP required.** From 9am–Noon (family friendly) or 1pm–4pm (adults only). More information: 650.829.3800.





## A Message from the Mayor



After nearly a year as your Mayor, I'm pleased to soon turn over to Vice Mayor Mark Addiego the leadership of a city that keeps building

on its legacy of entrepreneurship, innovation, and industriousness.

As I reflect on the past landmark year in South San Francisco, I find there are many things we can all be proud of. After four decades of discussion about revitalizing the heart of our community, we adopted a Downtown Plan. Following its guidelines over the coming years, a vibrant pedestrian-, bicycle-, and

transit-friendly Downtown will blossom, offering plenty of open space, parking, and additional housing units. Further energizing the area, a new \$55 million Caltrain station will open at the foot of Grand Avenue in 2019. Construction begins next year.

The Industrial City is more than just business and government, however. South San Francisco is, above all, a place for people. Our aim is to keep our community feeling like a small town, where people live comfortably, enjoy life and, as always, know their neighbors.

One of the greatest

pleasures I have found while serving as Mayor is the chance it has given me to work more closely than ever with my four talented and dedicated City Council colleagues. In my many years of public service, never have I encountered such a cohesive and accomplished group. Thank you, Mark Addiego, Pradeep Gupta, Karyl Matsumoto, and Liza Normandy. And thank you, South San Francisco. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Mayor.

*Richard A. Garbano*

## Holiday Fun!



**Mark your calendars! Next to the North Pole, South San Francisco is Holiday Headquarters.**

### **Tree Lighting on Sign Hill.**

Beginning at dusk on Friday, Nov. 27th, the tree will be lit for the holiday season.

### **Live Holiday Music**

Free musical entertainment will be showcased at the new Breezeway on Grand Avenue (356 Grand) to put everyone in the holiday mood. 12-1pm Fridays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18.

### **Holiday Caroling**

Be on the lookout! During our annual "Santa Comes to Town" event on Dec. 5th, roaming carolers will sing from 2-5pm as they make their way through downtown.

### **Wreaths Along Grand and Linden.**

With the help of SSF's own Barrango, Inc., we're hanging 105 custom-made holiday wreaths on downtown lampposts.

### **The Nutcracker**

SSF Civic Ballet's presentation of The Nutcracker will feature over 200 children from Parks and Recreation's ballet program, from pre-ballet "Winkies" to the most advanced "Sugar Plum Fairy."

Three performances at the El Camino High School Little Theater: Saturday, Dec. 19th, 1pm & 7pm and Sunday, Dec. 20th, 1pm. Tickets: \$6.00. For more information, call Parks and Recreation, 650.829.3800

## Reduce Water = Rewards \$

California Water Service (Cal Water) is launching a three-month rewards program in appreciation of its customers' efforts to reduce water use. Starting in December, this program will recognize 25 customers in Cal Water's South San Francisco district who stay within their water budgets during that billing cycle.

As we move toward winter and the weather cools, reducing water use becomes more challenging. The South San Francisco district must meet state-mandated water use reduction targets of 8 percent.

To encourage customers in the South San Francisco district to continue to conserve, 25 customers in this service area who meet or are

under their water budgets that month will be drawn at random to receive \$50 gift cards for the December 2015, January 2016, and February 2016 bill cycles. Customers' water consumption for each bill is the month prior to the billing date. Customers who qualify will be automatically entered into each drawing. More information: [calwater.com/reward](http://calwater.com/reward).

Keep up the good work, SSF!





# Construction Connection

*Every issue of this newsletter will feature new projects in South San Francisco.*

## What's Going on Near SSF BART?

City Ventures is building 35 new townhomes (seven affordable units) and four single-family homes on the vacant lot at 1256 Mission Road., one block from BART. Demolition and grading began in July, and City Ventures plans to sell the homes in mid-2016. The units will be particularly attractive to BART commuters.

## What's Going on at 415 Grand Avenue? A Lot!

Amis Creperie + Cafe ("Amis" is French for "Friends") opened at the end of August on the building's main level.

Armstrong Brewing Company opened its first brewery in Sept. in the downstairs suite. The company hired Morgan Mural Studios to paint an SSF history-themed mural on the north side of 415-417 Grand Ave.

Upstairs, San Francisco Wine School began offering classes in October. The school's programs focus on preparation for credential exams. However, they also offer courses that attract enthusiasts outside of the industry who wish to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of wine.



## What's Going on Grand?

A new party-based business has moved in to part of the former bank building at the corner of Grand and Linden Avenues. The Coop, which has applied for a business license, is a Los Angeles-based franchise chain that offers "play and party" space for kids and adults. The facility includes a ball pit, curly slide, rope climbing tunnel, bouncer equipment with basketball net, and a teepee.

You can read about the company on their website [thecoop-la.com/franchise-info/](http://thecoop-la.com/franchise-info/)

Hometown Heroes at 303 Grand Avenue started serving its full food menu. A "grand opening" celebration with the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce occurred at the end of September.

**Got a question?**  
Email: [cityinfo@ssf.net](mailto:cityinfo@ssf.net)

## What's Happening at the Old Strip Mall on Callan?

Seafood City is creating a specialty grocery store and "lifestyle food court" at 3573 Callan Blvd. This is the first phase of a major renovation of the Westborough Hill Plaza shopping center where Goldilocks Bakeshop used to be. After Seafood City opens, retailers will enjoy a new 7,000-square-foot redevelopment on the north side of the center.

## Connect on Nextdoor!



Connect with your neighbors on Nextdoor! Nextdoor.com was designed specifically to make neighbors feel comfortable and safe in sharing information with one another. All members must verify that they live in their particular neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password-protected and cannot be accessed by anyone outside the neighborhood, including the police.

Join your neighbors in building a stronger, safer South San Francisco at [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com).



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## City Codes 101

In order to keep our community informed of Municipal Code violations that have taken place on private property, every newsletter issue will feature short items about some of the most frequent types of violation complaints that the city's Code Enforcement Division receives. In its efforts to support a cleaner, safer community, Code Enforcement responds to problems reported by neighborhood residents. In this newsletter issue: Overgrown Vegetation.

### **Issue: Overgrown Vegetation (SSF Municipal Code 8.54.070 (b)(1)(2))**

Nearly one in four complaints the Code Enforcement Division has received this year is related either to (1) the need to remove all dead, decayed, diseased, or hazardous trees that present a danger to public safety, or (2) weeds or other vegetation that create an unsightly appearance.

### **Solution:**

Controlling weeds will significantly lower fire hazard potential, reduce the presence of rats and other unwanted wildlife on your property, and help maintain property values for yourself and your neighbors. And remember, even though your lawn is brown during the drought (thank you for conserving water!) it's still important to maintain it. Landscaper's tip: Drought-tolerant plants are an attractive and hassle-free alternative to grass, and can update the entire look of your yard.

**Questions?** Email us at **web-sf@ssf.net** or call 650.829.6645.

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