



## Mayor's Update



Happy Friday SSF!

This is my last newsletter as your Mayor, so let me first thank you for allowing me some space in your inbox to update you on all things South City. It has been my great privilege to serve this amazing community in this capacity. While I will be rotating out of the Mayor position, I'll still be on the city council. Thank you and happy holidays!

Sign up for SMC Alert!

The graphic features a laptop and a smartphone displaying the SMC Alert sign-up page. The background is a scenic view of a coastline with hills and a bay. The City of South San Francisco seal is in the top right corner. The text "SIGN UP FOR SMC ALERT" is prominently displayed in the upper left. The laptop screen shows the sign-up form with fields for "Register Now" and "Login", and a link to "Forgot User ID or Password". The footer of the laptop screen displays the "COUNTY OF SAN MATEO" logo and contact information: "500 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063 | (650) 363-4000". The smartphone screen shows the same sign-up form, but with a "Forgot User ID or Password" link and a "COUNTY OF SAN MATEO" logo at the bottom.

**SIGN UP FOR SMC ALERT**

**SMC ALERT is free.**  
(Your carrier may charge you a fee to receive alerts on your wireless device). SMC ALERT is available in all cities and towns in San Mateo County. [Please read the FAQ's for more information.](#)

[Register Now](#)

[Login](#)

[Forgot User ID or Password](#)

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(650) 363-4000

**Stay informed during emergencies with SMC Alert - a free service that sends updates about local disasters, weather warnings, and traffic issues**

Yesterday caused quite a stir with the tsunami warnings. I want to thank our first responders for moving quickly to communicate and prepare the City for a potential emergency. Thankfully, the alert was called off, but I highly encourage everyone to sign up for [SMC Alert](#) so you can be contacted during urgent or emergency situations which may include life safety, fire, weather, accidents involving utilities or roadways or disaster notifications.

[Sign Up Here](#)

## Santa Comes to Town and Elves' Winter Market

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Santa's returning to City Hall tomorrow! Come meet jolly old Saint Nicolas, and get your photos taken, then cross the street to the breezeway by the Economic Advancement Center (366 Grand Avenue) for the Elves' Winter Market featuring local vendors showcasing unique gifts, delicious food, and live music. While you are downtown, please support small businesses by grabbing a coffee, enjoying a bite to eat, or visiting a local shop!

**Celebrate the Holidays in SSF!**



We have many ways to spread the holiday cheer here in South San Francisco! Check out this [article](#) to see how.

## DID YOU KNOW?



The Plymire-Schwarz house is decorated for the holidays and has extended hours?

South City's very own Historical House and Gift Shop will be open with extended Saturday hours November 30 through December 21: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Shop our recently restocked Boutique loaded with amazing treasures at unbelievable prices. Our historic jewel has been decorating for the Holidays since 2015, and the museum has been open to the public since 1997. Come and tour an important bit of our City's history.

[Learn More](#)

Save the Date: City Council Reorganization



## SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

You are cordially invited to attend a ceremony and reception  
for the City of South San Francisco's Elected Officials and the  
Installation of the Mayor and Vice Mayor

Tuesday, December 10, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

South San Francisco Conference Center  
255 S. Airport Boulevard  
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Reception following the ceremony  
RSVP: <https://SSFREorg2024.eventbrite.com>

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[RSVP Here](#)

### Public Notice on Pedestrian Safety

As the days grow shorter, and we experience more hours of darkness in the morning and evening hours, several near-miss auto vs. pedestrian accidents have been reported. An important safety reminder is that it is very difficult for drivers to see pedestrians in who are dressed in dark clothing. We strongly encourage residents to wear a light-colored jacket or a reflective vest when out walking at night. We encourage motorists to slow down, and to please look out for pedestrians, particularly when navigating turns across crosswalks. Thank you for helping keep our neighborhoods safe!

[Take the Age-Friendly Survey](#)

CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO



**AARP**  
California

# AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SURVEY



As part of the City of South San Francisco's designation as an Age-Friendly City with AARP it is embarking on the development of its Age-Friendly Action Plan. AARP would like to find out about your community and what you'll need as you get older to make your community a great place to live. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation in this survey. All your responses will be kept entirely confidential.

The survey will take approx. 20 minutes. Please scan the QR code or go to <https://survey.cmix.com/2E8BE77D/G10DF6LT/en-US> to take the survey. Please note that all questions have to be answered for your survey to be counted.

For more information please call Laura Armanino,  
Recreation Manager at 650-829-3983  
or [laura.armanino@ssf.net](mailto:laura.armanino@ssf.net)



Help shape South San Francisco's Age-Friendly Action Plan by completing our survey. Your responses are confidential and essential! Complete all questions for your input to count.

[Take the Survey](#)

## UPCOMING SSF & LOCAL EVENTS

Donate to the Holiday Drive

City of South San Francisco

# 2024 HOLIDAY DRIVE

Accepting toy donations for children 0 to 10 years and if you choose, a monetary donation for children 11 to 17.

**Please no stuffed animals and new toys only.**



Toys can be brought to  
**Fire Station 61 at 480 N. Canal St**  
or the **Police Department at**  
**1 Chestnut Ave in SSF.**

Questions? Contact Mary Ann Spediacci  
at [holidaydrive@ssf.net](mailto:holidaydrive@ssf.net).

[www.ssf.net/holidaydrive](http://www.ssf.net/holidaydrive)

Please make donations by December 16, 2024.



**Volunteers needed November 26, December 19, 22, & 23.**  
If interested, contact Marie.Patea@ssf.net or 650-829-6666.

Come help make the holidays merrier for some South City kids! Toys can be brought to Fire Station 61 at 480 N. Canal St. or the Police Department at 1 Chestnut Ave, and monetary donations can be made at [ssf.net/holidaydrive](http://ssf.net/holidaydrive).

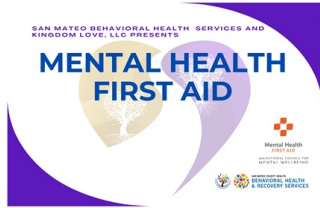
## Guiding with Love: Effective Discipline Across Childhood



Join us on Tuesday, December 10 at the Main Library on 901 Civic Campus Way for the first offering of a three-part Winter 2024-25 parenting series. This presentation explores positive and age-appropriate discipline strategies that support children's emotional and behavioral growth at every stage of development.

[Learn More](#)

## Mental Health First Aid



Learn to recognize and support adults facing mental health or substance use challenges. Complete a 2-hour self-paced online course before attending in-person on Thursday, December 12. **Registration required.**

[Learn More](#)

## Financial Fitness: Building Savings & Wealth



Start your journey to financial wellness, and learn the basics of saving, goal setting, and building a strong financial future in this interactive workshop. Join us on Saturday, December 14 at the Main Library (901 Civic Campus Way) for a workshop designed to help you build a stronger financial future.

[Learn More](#)

## See the Nutcracker in South San Francisco



Join the South San Francisco Civic Ballet for three performances of "The Nutcracker" at the South San Francisco High School Theater:

- Saturday, Dec. 21 at 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- Sunday, Dec. 22 at 1:00 PM

Tickets: \$10 (Adults), \$8 (Youth 3-17 & Seniors 62+), available at the Recreation Office, 3rd floor, Library | Parks and Rec Center, 901 Civic Campus Way.

For details, visit [www.ssf.net/pandevents](http://www.ssf.net/pandevents) or call (650) 829-3800.

[Learn More](#)

## Other Upcoming Events

Get involved in community! Check out our [City Calendar](#) for more opportunities to plug in!

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Free Disaster Preparedness Webinar



San Mateo County is offering a **Free Winter Storm and Earthquake Preparedness Webinar** (English/Spanish/Chinese).

**Date:** 12th December 2024  
**Time:** 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
**Location:** <https://bit.ly/smcwinterprep>

Meeting link: 

- Join us for an informative session designed to:
- ✓ Learn practical tips to safeguard your family
  - ✓ Discover tools for emergency preparedness
  - ✓ Learn about open retrofitting grants



El Condado de San Mateo ofrece un **seminario en línea gratuita sobre la preparación** ante Tormentas Invernales y Terremotos. **Se llevará cabo in Inglés, Español y Mandarín.**

**Fecha:** 12 de diciembre 2024  
**Hora:** 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
**Lugar:** <https://bit.ly/smcwinterprep>

Enlace del Seminario: 

- Unase con nosotros para estas sesión informativa:
- ✓ Aprenda puntos claves para la protección de su familia
  - ✓ Descubra herramientas y recursos para ayudarle en su preparación
  - ✓ Aprenda sobre becas disponibles para ayudarle a endurecer su domicilio

The County is hosting a free webinar on **Thursday, December 12, at 6:30 PM** via Zoom to share preparedness tips for storms and earthquakes. The presentation will be available in English, Spanish, and Mandarin, with breakout rooms for your preferred language.

[Learn More](#)

### You Can Teach Any Dog New Tricks, Young or Adult!



Besides helping your dog behave appropriately in social settings and

learn some new skills, training provides mental stimulation and enriches your dog's daily life. Behavior training sets people and their dogs up for success at home and in the community. Training also keeps dogs safer by teaching them to listen to commands and avoid dangerous situations.

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA is offering several classes and consultations. For more information please call (650) 340-7022 Ext 667 or visit [www.phs-sPCA.org/behavior](http://www.phs-sPCA.org/behavior).

Stay informed with other City communications! Sign up to receive newsletters from the Library and Parks & Recreation, or get notifications about the Shuttle, construction, and Police bulletins by signing up on the [City website](#).

Yours in service,  
James Coleman  
Mayor of South San Francisco



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