

# South San Francisco History Timeline

## Year 1542

Image of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo

California

Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo claims California. Spanish explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, sailed north of Mexico claiming western North America for Spain and naming it California.

## Year 1579

Image of Sir Francis Drake and his coat of arms

Sir Francis Drake

Sir Francis Drake lands on the California Coast; it is not certain if the site is Ana Nuevo or Point Reyes.

## Year 1769

California Explored

Gaspar de Portola Expedition, led by Father Junipero Serra, explores upper California and discovers San Francisco Bay

Ramaytush Ohlone: The original peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula.

Before the arrival of the Spanish in 1769, the Ramaytush Ohlone totaled approximately 1500 and lived around the South San Francisco Bay and south to Monterey.

## Year 1821

Mexico Earns Independence from Spain

Mexico earns independence from Spain, seeing California's adoption into Mexican statehood.

## Year 1835-1843

Image of Rancho Buri Buri map

Rancho Buri Buri

Mexico grants Jose Antonio Sanchez, a noted soldier and Indian fighter, 15,000 acres of land from Millbrae to Colma in 1853. Jose Antonio Sanchez maintained his casa grande in what will become Millbrae, until he dies in 1843. At his death, it is divided equally among his 10 sons and daughters.

## Year 1848

### Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

Mexico cedes territories to the United States because of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, entering California into American statehood.

## Year 1850

### Chinese Immigration to California

Chinese immigrants begin arriving in California, seeking opportunities through the Gold Rush, and building of the transcontinental railroad.

## Year 1850

### Twelve Mile Farm

Image of Red Barn, originally located on Twelve Mile Farm, later relocated.

The Twelve Mile Farm was built in 1850.

## Year 1853

### Alfred Edmonson

1,500 acres of the Rancho Buri Buri is sold by Isidro Sanchez to Aldred Edmonson.

## Year 1856

### Image of Charles Lux

### Charles Lux

German butcher & businessperson, Charles Lux, purchases part of Rancho Buri Buri to fatten cattle preceding slaughter. This is the beginning of Baden (later a subdivision of SSF).

## Year 1858

### Image of Henry Miller

### Henry Miller

German immigrants to California, Charles Lux and Henry Miller formed a partnership which at its height, owns an estimated million head of cattle and 1.8 million acres of land.

## Year 1889

Peter Iler

Peter Iler of Omaha, Nebraska was commissioned by Gustavus F. Swift to choose a location for a town and meat packing plant in California.

## Year 1890

SSF Land and Improvement Company

The South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company was incorporated.

## Year 1891

Image of Merriam Block

Merriam Block

Merriam Block (now the northwest corner of Airport Boulevard and Grand Avenue) built.

## Year 1892

South San Francisco News

South San Francisco News, the town's first newspaper, begins publication in March 1892 and continued publishing until September 1893.

## Year 1893-1894

Image of Western Meat Company

Western Meat Company

Incorporation of Western Meat Company, SSF's first major industry. Controlled by the "Beef Trust" Swift, Armour, Cudahy, & Morris. In 1894, Andrew Hynding, later elected as South City's first mayor, is hired by the Western Meat company as a clerk.

## Year 1894

Image of Steiger Terra Cotta Pottery

New Industry

Steiger Terra Cotta Pottery Works and Baden Brick Company are established in 1894.

## Year 1894

### Baden School

Baden School is constructed for \$10,000 with 4 classrooms and a broad sidewalk, so kids will not lose their boots in the mud getting from the hitching posts to the building. The school has bars on the windows, causing pundits to inquire whether they are to keep intruders out or the kids in.

## Year 1895

### Population

Baden, now known as South San Francisco, had 671 inhabitants in 1895.

## Year 1895

Image of Enterprise-Journal press room early 1900s

### Read All About It!

The Enterprise, conceived by Ebenezer Cunningham and William Marting, begins publication and becomes SSF's second newspaper. One week after Enterprise's first issue, the city's first official census is taken and proclaims 671 people lived in the community.

## Year 1896-1899

Image Western Meat Company building

### Western Meat Company

As of 1896, the Western Meat Company is slaughtering a weekly average of 700 cattle, 4,000 lambs & sheep, and 3,000 pigs. As of 1899, Western Meat Company is packaging 10,000 to 20,000 pounds of meat a day for shipment to US soldiers involved in the Philippines Insurrection (1899-1902).

## Year 1896

Image of Grace Episcopal Church

### Grace Episcopal Church

The Grace Episcopal Church at Grand and Spruce was dedicated.

## Year 1898

### South San Francisco Lumber Company

The South San Francisco Lumber Company was established in 1898.

## Year 1898

### Early Chinese Immigration

A group of Chinese immigrants settled in Baden and ran a variety of businesses including a violet farm and shrimp camp near San Bruno Point.

## Year 1899-1900

Image of men in front of a local saloon

### Community Growth

By 1899, the Charles Lux ranch became a popular picnic spot. Spectators come to watch cowboys hired to break wild horses for use as U.S. Cavalry mounts in the Boxer Rebellion in China. The Establishment Lists indicates sixteen saloons for every one church in South San Francisco.

## Year 1899

Image of W.P. Fuller and Company building

W.P. Fuller

W.P. Fuller Oil & Lead Company relocates to SSF Land & Improvement Company property at Oyster Point after a fire in their San Francisco facility.

## Year 1902-1906

Image of All Souls Church

### New Churches

In 1902, a Catholic church, later named All Souls Catholic Church, is built at Linden & California. St. Paul's Methodist Church began holding services in Butchers Hall in 1903 and built a church at Grand and Maple in 1906.

## Year 1904

Image of Bank of South San Francisco with a screen car in front of it.

## SSF Railroad and Power Company

The SSF Railroad & Power Co., aka "New Electric Line", begins streetcar operations along Grand Avenue to the waterfront in 1904, providing an easy commute for SSF's largest industries.

## Year 1905-1906

Image of SSF Women's Club members

### Community Resources

The South San Francisco Women's Club was formed in 1905, and the South San Francisco General Hospital, at Grand and Maple Avenues, was established.

## Year 1905

Image of two men inside the bank of South San Francisco

### Bank of South San Francisco

The Bank of South San Francisco was incorporated and opened for business in 1905.

## Year 1906

Image of outside Western Meat Company building

### Earthquake!

Henry Miller orders butcher shops along the earthquake destruction swath to hand out free meat to earthquake victims for a period of 7 days.

## Year 1907-1908

Image of Southern Pacific Railroad Train Station Depot at Grand Avenue

### Company Town

SSF is known as a company town; new industries include Steiger Terra Cotta, Fuller Paint Company, 2 steel mills, a tannery, 2 brickyards, and a lumber company. The SSF Railroad & Power Co. operates a power plant in SSF, and the town has its own telephone service. Southern Pacific has redirected its main line through town. As the population rises to 1,989, the Grand Avenue School (San Bruno School District) opens to accommodate the growing population.

## Year 1908-1910

Image of outside Sanitary Bakery

### Industry and Community Growth

In 1908, Griffa and Sons, a family-owned general store, opened the 100 block of Grand and moves to 240 Grand in 1909. In 1909, Pacific Coast Steel, later Bethlehem Steel, and the Sanitary Bakery are established. The population of South San Francisco as of 1910 is 2,500.

## Year 1908

### City of SSF Incorporated

Incorporation is granted by the County of San Mateo on September 3, and on September 19, the State of California designates South San Francisco a city of the sixth class under its constitution. Andrew Hynding is elected president of the Board of Trustees and serves one term.

## Year 1912

### Chinese Shrimp Camps

It was reported that four Chinese owned and operated shrimp camps burned down in 1912 along the bay shore of South San Francisco. The origin was unknown, and no casualties were reported.

## Year 1912

### Santo Cristo Society

The Society is formed, and donor names are paved into the sidewalk at the corner of Linden and California Avenues. A house in SSF rents \$15 per month.

## Year 1913

Image of three men standing in large pipes at the Shaw Batcher Steel Company.

### Shaw-Batcher Steel Company

The Shaw-Batcher Steel Company is established in 1913.

## Year 1913

### Civic Center

The city block bounded by Grand, Walnut, Miller, and Maple Avenues is purchased by the city from the SSF Land & Improvement Co. for its future civic center site.

## Year 1913

### SSF High School District

South San Francisco High School District is organized, and classes are temporarily held at the Grand Avenue Elementary School. Rue Randall Clifford becomes the first high school teacher.

## Year 1914

### Santo Cristo Festa

Santo Cristo Festa was celebrated in SSF by local Portuguese immigrants as early as 1914. In 1924, there was a Portuguese celebration including a street parade and Mass at All Souls Church.

## Year 1914

Image of outside the Metropolitan Hotel in South San Francisco.

### Metropolitan Hotel

Metropolitan Hotel opens & houses many early businesses. It has a long association with commercial and community events.

## Year 1914

### Dr. Harry Plymire

Dr. Harry Plymire converted his home, at the corner of Spruce and Grand Avenues, into a hospital.

## Year 1915

Image of fire truck in front of the South City Garage on Linden Ave in the early 1900s.

### Fire Department

The SSF Fire Department acquires a Seagrave pumper, the first motorized fire engine.

## Year 1916

Image of outside the Grand Avenue Library

### First Library in SSF

Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie granted the city \$10,000 and provided the building plans. The library, on the corner of Grand and Walnut Avenues, was opened in 1916.

## Year 1916

### Italian American Citizens Club

The Italian American Citizens Club was established in South San Francisco.

## Year 1916-1918

Image of the Bay Shipyards circa 1918.

### Shipyards

SSF is considered part of the Port of San Francisco; pierheads and bulkhead lines are established by order of the War Department. Shipyard companies such as Pacific Coast Steel & Shaw Batcher Steel Company construct submarines, gunboats, and other wartime vessels for World War I. R.S. Brown, employee of Shaw Batcher Shipyard, won a contest sponsored by a San Francisco newspaper, when he drove 1,150 7/8th inch rivets in a single day. The 1st ship, funded by the government, is launched from Shaw Batcher Shipyard, an 8,800-ton steamer, Isanti, quickly followed by launching a 2nd freighter, the Nantahala.

## Year 1916

Image of a group of men outside of the Reichardt Duck Farm

### Community Growth

1916 is a busy year in SSF with All Souls Church being dedicated, the City's first high school, Spruce Avenue High School, opening, the Italian American Citizens Club being founded, and the Reichardt Duck Farm being established on Mission Road.

## Year 1918-1920

Image outside of the Ford dealership in 1925

### SSF on the Move

SSF General Hospital moves to a modern building at Grand and Spruce Avenues while the W.P. Fuller and Company ships about 200 tons of products to SF daily by barge or railroad. Fred J. Lautze opened South City's first automobile dealership to serve the city with a population of 4,411 people.

## Year 1920

Image of outside of City Hall in South San Francisco

### City Hall

City Hall, built for \$125,000 with plans to replicate Philadelphia's Independence Hall, is erected and dedicated. Thousands attended the dedication and parade.

## Year 1922-1930

Image of Chief Belloni receiving a new police vehicle in 1940.

### Louis Belloni

Louis Belloni, born in San Jose May 12, 1895, formerly a butcher for Western Meat Company, joins the SSF Police Department in 1922 and is appointed as Police Chief in 1924. Politics takes its toll in 1925 when Chief Belloni is fired and then rehired almost immediately. Luis becomes Chief of the South City Volunteer Fire Department in 1928 and remains through 1930.

## Year 1923

Image of an early Chamber of Commerce Director

### Support Local Businesses

The Chamber promotes local businesses by publishing slogans such as "Think well of your town, speak well of it, remember you live here. Buy here. Keep your tax dollars at home" in the Enterprise. "South San Francisco the Industrial City" was painted, using whitewashed lime and white cement, on the hill separating the Parkway and Paradise Valley. The hill becomes known as Sign Hill.

## Year 1924-1926

### La Sociedad Mutualista Mexicana Morelos

Eight South San Francisco men begin collecting funds and organizing fiestas for the local Mexican community. These men would later form La Sociedad Mutualista Mexicana Morelos.

## Year 1924-1925

Image of the site of Orange Park prior to development

### Parks and Roads

In 1924, San Bruno Road is changed to Hillside Boulevard, and in 1925 SSF Land & Improvement Co. donated 20 acres for Orange Park (3rd Street) & the city purchased 4.7 acres near the Martin School and 3.3 acres on Miller Avenue for \$22,000.

## Year 1926-1927

Image of outside McLellan Nursery

### Community Growth

SSF now has 36 industries and holds a groundbreaking for an underpass allowing Bayshore Highway traffic to pass beneath the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. The Bank of Italy (later Bank of America) was established in SSF, and the Enterprise purchased the SSF Journal. The McLellan family purchases land in SSF for a nursery which opens in 1935 and operates through 1998. The estimated population of SSF was 7,800.

## Year 1928

Joe's Blue Room

Joe and Tisbe "Mama" Bertolucci opened Joe's Blue Room as a boardinghouse for steel mill workers in SSF, later became Bertolucci's Ristorante in 1962 and still is in operation as one of the city's oldest Italian businesses.

## Year 1929

Image of Sign Hill. Words South San Francisco City of Industry appear on side of mountain.

Sign Hill

Sign Hill, the signature image of SSF, becomes permanent. \$4,845 is spent to plant "South San Francisco the Industrial City" in sixty-foot cement letters on a hill above town using 25,000 cubic yards of concrete. Construction is completed in 10 days.

## Year 1930

Aerial image looking northwest of Central South San Francisco.

Phantom of Bayshore

Augie Terrango becomes SSF's first motorcycle police officer, nicknamed the Phantom of the Bayshore, reports up to 8 accidents a day at the intersection of Grand & Bayshore.

## Year 1931-1932

Image of the State Theatre in South San Francisco.

## Entertainment and Industry

The State Theater, located at the corner of Linden and Baden Avenue, opened in 1931. Western Meat Co. became Swift and Co. in 1932, and by the mid-1930's, Swift was shipping up to 88,000,000 pounds of meat a year. Also in 1932, Baden Dog Racing Track, constructed for \$100,000 and located just north of Tanforan opens. Dog racing is declared illegal in California in 1938, and the Baden track closes.

## Year 1933

### The Morelos Society

The Morelos Society (La Sociedad Mutualista Mexicana Morelos) was established in 1933 in SSF.

## Year 1936

### David W. Ratto

David W. Ratto, first Italian American to become SSF mayor.

## Year 1938

### Employee Housing

An extensive program of housing was initiated under the Federal Housing Act, providing new homes for the factory employees of the industrial plants. Prices ranged from \$4,000 to \$4,250.

## Year 1938-1940

### Population

South San Francisco has grown to a population of 6,290. 5,000 people are employed at various factories, including Swift & Company (previously Western Meat Company), Bethlehem Steel (previously Pacific Coast Steel), and W.P. Fuller Paint Company.

## Year 1940

### Morelos Society's Annual Independence Day

Ester Navarro was the first queen elected for Morelos Society's annual Independence Day celebration.

## Year 1904-1941

Image of Bethlehem Steel Shipyard.

## Steel Industry in WWII

Western Pipe & Steel lays first keel under government ship contract during WWII. There are 250 men working on the ways. Liberty Fleet Day is celebrated on September 27, 1941. The first C-3 type freighter built by Western Pipe & Steel is launched; 43 ships are built, and each can carry as many as 2,000 soldiers. Barrett builds 366 ft long barges capable of carrying 5,000 deadweight tons at Belair Shipyard on the marsh; the first is christened Agate. Cabin quarters accommodate a 10-man crew to control it.

## Year 1943-1958

Image of the Good News Chapel Church in the Lindenville Housing Project.

### Lindenville

Lindenville, a problematic federal housing development, is created with 720 units of housing for 4,200 people. In 1943, the Peninsula Chapter of the NAACP brought charges of racism against the Lindenville housing unit in South San Francisco, which had been built as housing for those who moved to the Bay Area to work in war-related industries such as shipyards. This protest was made on the behalf of 200 African American residents who faced segregation within the housing unit. The Federal Housing Authority responded by allowing for more integration. The development is turned over to the city in 1955 and demolished in 1958.

## Year 1944

Image of ships being built in a shipyard on the San Francisco Bay.

### War Effort

By July 1944, 15,594 men and women are employed. Ships built are unique in that all 48 are constructed without rivets, instead welding the seams. A large percentage of welders are female. The population increased from 6,629 to 15,862. There were over 46 industries, many involved in the war effort.

## Year 1948

### Starlite Drive-in

The Starlite Drive-In Theater opened with the entrance located on Linden Avenue, bounded by Spruce Avenue and Canal Street.

## Year 1948

Image of three women hold newspapers that read WAR ENDS!

## VJ Day

Around 1,600 local men joined the military and some 20 did not return. VJ Day was celebrated with wild joy at the Fraternal Hall on Grand Avenue with a parade and picnic.

## Year 1949

### City Manager/City Council

The City Manager/City Council form of government was adopted, but it was not until 1954 that the new system was in full operation. The first City Manager was Mark Larwood.

## Year 1949

Image of a streetcar.

### Streetcar

The #40 streetcar line, an important form of transportation between the Village of Baden and San Francisco, stopped running.

## Year 1949

Image outside of Central Fire Station under construction.

### Fire Station

Voters approved funding for a modern fire station and training facility, and the City Council approved funding to hire paid, trained firefighters.

## Year 1950

Image of roads being built.

### Transformation

South San Francisco's population is 19,351. Utah Construction, with City support, developed an "industrial park", by blasting away a 150' rock hill and using it as a fill to build up hundreds of acres of marshland.

## Year 1952

### Sing Sheng v. Southwood

Chinese immigrant Sing Sheng and his family attempted to move into the all-white Southwood neighborhood but faced racial discrimination after he tried to purchase a home. Sheng

proposed holding a vote, facilitated by the mayor, which would allow Southwood residents to determine if his family is welcome to move into the area. The Sheng family is voted out of the neighborhood, 174 to 28. The case drew national attention.

## Year 1953

Image of Buri playground dedication with J. Frank Barrett and Harry Hilp.

Buri Buri Park

Buri Buri Playground, gifted to the City by J. Frank Barrett and Harry H. Hilp, is dedicated in August.

## Year 1953

Image of SSF General Hospital

Kaiser Permanente

SSF General Hospital becomes Kaiser Permanente.

## Year 1958

Image of the Golden Jubilee Parade with officers riding horses in formation.

Golden Jubilee

The city celebrates its Golden Jubilee in grand style.

## Year 1961

Image of the front of El Camino High School.

El Camino High School

Newly constructed El Camino High School opens on the former Reichardt Duck Farm on Old Mission Road to serve the rising population of 39,418 residents.

## Year 1962

Westborough

530 acres of Westborough are annexed by SSF.

## Year 1962

Aerial image of the WP Fuller Paint Plant.

## WP Fuller Paint Plant

The WP Fuller Paint Plant merged with Hunt Foods, and in 1967 merged again with O'Brien Varnish to become Fuller O'Brien.

## Year 1962

### Oyster Point Marina

Oyster Point Marina opened with facilities for 286 small crafts. This would later be expanded to hold over 400 boats by the 1970's. The Marina included a fuel dock and landscaping for recreation purposes. Oyster Point is a popular site for fishing, boating, swimming, and other recreational activities.

## Year 1963

Exterior image of Cabot, Cabot and Forbes.

### Industrial Park

Cabot, Cabot & Forbes Industrial Park is announced; F.W. Woolworth, Graybar Electric, Infant Specialty, Monterey Cheese, and Thompson Industries relocate.

## Year 1964

### Morelos Society

Inauguration of the new Morelos Society meeting hall at 209 Miller, where it still stands today as a venue for weddings, meetings, and other receptions.

## Year 1964-1969

Image of firefighters on ladder putting out the fire at All Souls Church.

### All Souls Church Fire

All Souls Catholic Church is destroyed in a major fire. Rebuilding begins in 1965 and is dedicated in 1969.

## Year 1967

Exterior image of the outside of the SSF Main Library

### Main Library

The new Main Library, located on West Orange Avenue, is dedicated in the memory of Rue Clifford. The construction cost \$865,000. The population is 47,700.

## Year 1967

Image of the Wind Harp.

Wind Harp

A 92-foot steel sculpture designed by Aristides Demetrios is unveiled on a hilltop in the 7,600-acre industrial park.

## Year 1968

Exterior image of Swift and Company

Swift and Company

Swift and Company, formerly Western Meat Company, close after 74 years.

## Year 1968

Skidoo

Otto Preminger came to town to film part of the movie "Skidoo" in the SSF City Hall.

## Year 1970

Image of Sign Hill.

Sign Hill

The population of South San Francisco has risen to 47,700. Voters choose to retain Sign Hill, which the city estimates would cost \$40,000 to remove.

## Year 1974

Kaiser

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center moves from the building at Grand & Spruce to a modern facility at 1200 El Camino Real.

## Year 1975-1980

Firefighters responding to the Shell oil tanker incident.

City Growth

By 1975, 325 full time employees work for the City of South San Francisco. The population rises by 49,393 by 1980.

## Year 1976

Image of the South San Francisc DNA sign.

### Genentech

Robert Swanson & Herbert Boyer founded Genentech in a warehouse, as the first biotech company, many more companies would be created and attracted to SSF over the years. South San Francisco has become the center of biotechnology worldwide and is known as the Birthplace of Biotech.

## Year 1978

### Sister Cities

South San Francisco has been a member of Sister Cities International since 1978, when the city first partnered with Lucca, Italy. Since then, South San Francisco has established a Sister Cities partnership with Atotonilco El Alto, Mexico; Kishiwada, Japan; Lucca, Italy; Pasig City, Philippines; and Saint Jean Pied de Port, France.

## Year 1981

Exterior image of the Magnolia Senior Center.

### Historical Society

The Historical Society of South San Francisco is incorporated to preserve local history and opens the Historical Society Museum in 1988, located in the Magnolia Senior Center.

## Year 1982

### Basque Cultural Center

The Basque Cultural Center was established in SSF after groundbreaking began in 1981. The Center includes a member hall and handball courts, and eventually they opened a restaurant to feature Basque cuisine. In 2022, the Basque Cultural Center celebrated its 40th anniversary.

## Year 1983

Image of man welding metal.

### Steel Industry

U.S. Steel, previously Western Pipe & Steel, closes its SSF plant after almost 70 years of service. The steel industry that had dominated the city and defined its character and growth had moved on. During its time in SSF, thousands of miles of pipe for CA's water & hydroelectric developments, parts for oil refineries and power plants, structural members for the Moscone & Oakland conventions centers, the San Mateo Bridge, and the Alaska pipeline were made. The property was sold to Shearwater Development.

## Year 1990

### Population

South San Francisco is growing and thriving with a population of 54,312.

## Year 1993

Exterior image of the South San Francisco Conference Center

### Conference Center

The South San Francisco Conference Center opens.

## Year 1994

Exterior image of the Plymire Schwarz Museum.

### Plymire Schwarz Museum

The Plymire-Schwarz Museum, at 519 Grand Avenue, is a restored 1905 colonial revival style house located at 519 Grand Avenue. This historic home was donated to the Historical Society who worked diligently to restore the furnishings with period-appropriate antiques.

## Year 1996-2010

Image of classic cars parked on the grass.

### Day in the Park

The 1st Day in the Park at Orange Memorial Park includes a car show, entertainment, and exhibits. Created by Councilman Fernekes it is sponsored by Genentech, See's Candies, Britannia

Investments, Myers Development, etc. The community event is held each September through 2010.

## Year 1996

### Sign Hill Historic Designation

Sign Hill is placed on the California Registration of Historical Resources and National Register of Historical Places.

## Year 1999

Image of the Millenium sculpture

### Industry and Art

SSF is home to 40 biotech companies and the Millennium sculpture, created by James T. Russell, on Westborough Boulevard and dedicated on November 5,1999.

## Year 2001

Exterior Image of the Gene Mullin Community Learning Center

### Community Learning Center

The CLC, a program of the SSF Public Library dedicated to improving residents' lives through educational opportunities, opens at 520 Tamarack Lane.

## Year 2003

Image of the SSF Bart station

### BART

The SSF BART station opens and becomes an asset to the community. The interior includes barrel vault roofs reminiscent of San Bruno Mountain and 16 animated murals created by Artists Rufus Butler Seder and Jeff Northam that represent aspects of the industrial, cultural, and social history of SSF.

## Year 2003

### Biotech

Genentech has become one of the city's largest employers with 4,500 employees. South San Francisco is home to over 80 biotech companies.

## Year 2008

Image of a party with people dressed in formal attire.

### Centennial Celebration

The 100-year anniversary celebration of the City of South San Francisco begins with a Gala on January 1, and continues through the year with various cultural, educational, and celebratory events.

## Year 2008

Exterior drawing of the Joseph A. Fernekes Building

### Joseph A. Fernekes Building

Constructed in 2008, the Joseph A. Fernekes Building is an award-winning facility located in Orange Memorial Park in South San Francisco. Situated between the Orange Pool, sports fields, and playgrounds, the facility serves the community's cultural, recreational, and celebratory needs.

## Year 2008

### Historical Society

The Historical Society museum moves to Chestnut Avenue, and a ribbon cutting is held November 6.

## Year 2009

Image of man riding his bike on Centennial Way

### Centennial Way

Centennial Way is completed, providing commuters, bicyclists, joggers, and walkers with a safe and serene means to get from the South San Francisco BART station to the San Bruno BART station. Two more amenities featured in this project are a dog park and Centennial Plaza.

## Year 2011

Exterior image of the Miller Avenue parking garage.

### Miller Avenue Parking Garage

The completion of the Miller Avenue Parking Garage brings 254 parking spaces, including 4 electric vehicle charging stalls, downtown with easy access to Grand Avenue via the Pedestrian Walkway.

## Year 2012

Image of the SSF Ferry Terminal

Ferry Terminal

The Ferry Terminal at Oyster Point in South San Francisco opened in 2013, providing a commute option for employees from SF and the East Bay.

## Year 2014

Jim Fregosi

Former SSF resident Jim Fregosi, Major League Baseball player, manager, scout, and six-time All-Star, passed away. Jim played 11 seasons as the Angels shortstop in the 1950s and 1960s in Anaheim. The baseball field at Orange Park is named after his father, Archie, owner of a local market, who was honored for his love of coaching and for supporting Little League teams.

## Year 2014

South City Shuttle

Residents and visitors to South San Francisco have a new way of getting around – a free transit bus called the South City Shuttle, providing a transit connection between civic centers, transportation hubs, city facilities, parks, and arterial streets.

## Year 2016

Grand Avenue Library 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Grand Avenue Library is a “Carnegie Library” that opened in 1916 celebrates its 100th Anniversary and grand reopening after a remodel which added an outdoor patio among other improvements.

## Year 2016

SSF Scavenger Company

SSF Scavenger Company is the first California facility to convert food scraps and yard waste into fuel. Working with the City of South San Francisco, Assemblymember Kevin Mullin, Senator Jerry Hill, and community partners, SSFSC applied for and received a grant from the California

Energy Commission. Scavenger designed and built a cutting-edge organic waste digesting facility that uses dry anaerobic digestion technology to generate clean-burning compressed natural gas (CNG) that is used to power the company's collection fleet.

## Year 2016

### Galli's Sanitary Bakery Closes

After 107 years, this iconic family-owned business closed for the last time in October 2016.

## Year 2017

### Futurelab

Genentech collaborated with the South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD) to create Futurelab to support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. Futurelab builds on Genentech's long-standing commitment to science education and seeks to make a difference in the lives of local students, as well as empower teachers and inspire employees. Genentech committed over \$18 million dollars to South San Francisco schools, including the donation of a new \$8 million.

## Year 2020

### Covid-19 Impacts on City Services

The City of SSF switched to online and remote support of most services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic with most services resuming in person by or before August 2021.

## Year 2020

### 2020 Census

The population in 2020 was 66,105. Over 40% of the residents are Asian and more than 32% are Hispanic or Latino.

## Year 2020

### Sign Hill Fire

On October 16, 2020, a massive fire engulfed much of Sign Hill, destroying or damaging over 1,000 trees and leaving the landscape charred and broken.

## Year 2020

### City Hall Anniversary

City Hall's 100th Anniversary.

## Year 2021

Eugene Mullin

Eugene Mullin, who had served the community through his lengthy career as an SSF High School teacher, City Council member and Mayor of SSF, and Assemblyman for the State of California passed away in his home in SSF on April 5 at the age of 83.

## Year 2021

Alice Peña Bulos Community Center

The Westborough Recreation Center was rededicated as the Alice Peña Bulos Community Center to honor the contributions and achievements of Peña Bulos, who was known as the "Grand Dame of Filipino American Politics."

The end of the timeline.