

**CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 20, 2025

TO: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers

FROM: Greg Mediati, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Department Update

Senior Services Program

Senior Police Academy

The Senior Services team has partnered with the South San Francisco Police Department (SSFPD) to provide a seven week Senior Police Academy to 20 participants at the Roberta Cerri Teglia Center. The classes occur every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Multi-Use Room on the third floor of the center. The first class was on Wednesday, February 26, which consisted of a welcome from Chief Scott Campbell, introductions from the Services unit, and questions from academy participants. The classes moving forward will cover San Mateo County Adult Protective Services, a station tour, first aid, K-9/SWAT presentations, and information about fraud and scams. Participants are excited to learn and staff is thrilled to be partnering with SSFPD to provide this academy for the second time.



This is the second time the Senior Police Academy is being provided.

Youth Enrichment Services (YES)

Valentine's Day Celebrations

Valentine's Day was filled with fun and parties in the after-school program. Not only did the children have a variety of sweet snacks, they played themed games, educational activities, and crafts.

Activity Centers

Activity Centers are a highlight at all the programs where children can choose from a variety of activities and freely move between them. This allows children to practice decision making during their day. At Spruce, Activity Centers included fuse beads, puzzles, board games, and a marble run.



Youth Enrichment Services provides a variety of activities for children.

Spring Camp, Summer Camp, After School Program Online Registration

New this year, the Youth Enrichment Services program began offering an online registration option for spring and summer camps. The last major shift in registration processes for summer camp and the after school program took place in early 2019, when the Department shifted to a lottery application process to eliminate the pressure on families to camp out overnight in line to register their child. Both online registrations for spring and summer camp were extremely successful with positive feedback from families. Detailed instructions with screen shots of each registration step were available in English and Spanish. Paper applications, as well as in-person assistance, was available for families who did not have computer access or who needed assistance with the registration process.

YES registration for the 2025-2026 After School Program is being offered for the first time online. Families can register any time from March 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. through Friday, March 21, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. to participate in the lottery for after school care at Buri Buri, Monte Verde, Ponderosa, Spruce, Los Cerritos, and Martin Elementary Schools. A lottery will be conducted the week of March 24, 2025 and families will be notified by April 11, 2025 if they are enrolled or on the waitlist. Families may continue to apply for enrollment after the March 21 registration deadline and will be enrolled or waitlisted in the order that applications are received.

All online registrations took place at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog. More information about childcare programs is available at www.ssf.net/childcare.

Preschool Update



The children enjoyed the Learning Wheels van and got to take a book home.

Siebecker, Westborough, and Little Steps Preschools celebrated, "Read Across America." Every day there was a different theme. The themes for the week were: Wear Dr. Suess, Shirts with Words, Favorite Hat, Superhero Day, and Pajama Day. Teachers had fun activities based on the themes. Vivian, a librarian with the Learning Wheels, visited each site to do a reading with the children and to allow them to explore the Learning Wheels van. The children got the opportunity to choose a book to take home.

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Centennial Way Park South Receives Recognition with Statewide Award

For a second year in a row, the City received a competitive award in the category of Excellence in Design – Park Planning from the California Parks and Recreation Society. This year's award was granted for Centennial Way Park South, which was recognized at the California Parks and Recreation Society annual statewide conference on Thursday, March 20. In this category last year, the City received an award for the Orange Memorial Park Sports Field. In addition, the City was also awarded in the category of Excellence in Design – Facility Design for the Library | Parks and Recreation Center. Awardees were invited to give a brief presentation at the Awards of Excellence Best of the Best Showcase, highlighting outstanding statewide projects, programs, and initiatives. Parks and Recreation Director Greg Mediati presented to a crowd of about 20 attendees who were eager to learn about the City's efforts in the planning and design of the Centennial Way Park South Project.



Left: Director Greg Mediati presents at the Best of the Best Showcase; Center: Excellence in Design – Park Planning award plaque; Right: The Parks and Recreation team along with landscape architect Brian Fletcher from Callander Associates.

Seniors Program Update

Senior Classes at Alice Bulos Community Center

At the beginning of March, the Senior Services team relocated some of the exercise classes from the Roberta Cerri Teglia Center to the Alice Peña Bulos Community Center. Instructor Monica Gutierrez is working toward a professional yoga instructor recertification, which takes 500 hours of class time. Luckily, the team was able to work with her new schedule to still provide her well-loved classes to participants in a new location. The classes that were relocated include Seated Pilates on Mondays from 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m., Seated Weights on Tuesdays from 10:50 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m., Seated Full Body Workout on Wednesdays from 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m., and Stand Tall Yoga on Fridays from 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. The classes at the Alice Bulos Community Center have been very successful. All the classes have grown in attendance and there are many new participants from the Westborough neighborhood joining the classes. The senior classes share the space with the Westborough Preschool students as well as the Kindergarten Readiness class under careful staff supervision – much to the delight of the preschools who enjoy seeing their senior friends.

Night of Fun: March Madness

On Monday, March 17, the Full of Fun campers enjoyed a “March Madness” basketball night at Terrabay Gymnasium. Sixteen campers, four volunteers, and five staff were in attendance. Participants had a great time together playing basketball, pickleball, listening and dancing to music, and enjoying refreshments. Staff look forward to getting everyone together again in April.

Preschool Program Update

Filoli Gardens Visit

On Monday, March 10, students from Little Steps Preschool attended their last visit of the school year to Filoli Gardens. Nine children and two families participated. Upon arriving, the children were greeted by deer before Filoli staff lead the children on a fun and educational tour. The colorful tulips filled many areas of the garden. The children spent time counting flowers. They also measured one of their garden’s widest trees by hugging the tree. A total of eight children fit around the tree circumference. In the garden, children harvested and sampled carrots, lettuce, cauliflower, radishes and lemons. At the end of the visit everyone sat in the garden area for story time. Lastly, everyone enjoyed lunch before returning to school.



The children were able to sample items from the garden.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Preschool

Siebecker Preschool students recently celebrated St. Patrick's Day. The children gathered and

discussed what they could use to lure the Leprechaun to their classroom. They left gold glitter, sparkles and gold coins as a path leading to the door. This activity allowed them to share ideas and to work together. While they didn't see the Leprechaun, he did leave the children with a message.

At Westborough Preschool, the Leprechaun left a gallon of green milk, green bagels, and other treats with a note. Throughout the week the children stayed busy with activities pertaining to St. Patrick's Day.



The children at the preschools participated in a variety of St. Patrick's Day activities.

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Sports Program Update

2025 Spring Adult Sports



Bocce participants

Spring adult sports programs have begun with seven coed basketball teams, 12 coed softball teams and 26 bocce teams.

Adult basketball started with many returning teams competing in a very balanced and competitive league.

Coed softball reached the maximum number of teams with two leagues: Corporate/Recreation and Competitive. The season began on April 7.

Bocce, a wonderful part of the South San Francisco community, will have friendly competition again on Wednesday and Thursday nights as well as Friday mornings. The Thursday night league will comprise of 15 teams. The bocce league started in 2023 and continues to grow each season!

Cultural Arts

Youth Art Show

The Youth Art Show, celebrating the artistry of South San Francisco Unified School District students, and sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission in partnership with the SSFUSD, returns on Friday, April 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This colorful program features hundreds of imaginative works in a variety of visual arts mediums spread out over three floors at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center. The engaging artwork represents elementary grades through high school.

The opening weekend will feature performing arts presentations by students from the Department's Civic Ballet, and the El Camino High School Jazz Combo beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and the Department's Mexican Folk Dance program beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. There will also be a fun craft activity on Saturday. The event is free and open to the public.

In addition, this year the third-floor art gallery room will display selected youth art for an extended exhibit that will be open weekdays (Monday through Friday), April 13 through May 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery will also be open until 8:00 p.m. for special evening viewing on Tuesday, April 22. Youth art located in the second floor display cabinets will also be on extended exhibition. More details are available at www.ssf.net/culturalarts and www.ssf.net/pandrevents.

Congressional Art Competition – 15th District Limited Exhibition at LPR

Each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Kevin Mullin is hosting the local competition for high school students living or going to school in California's 15th Congressional District. The winning artwork of the 15th District's competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol building along with artwork from all participating districts from around the country. The winning artwork is also featured on the official House of Representatives website's [Congressional Art Competition](#) web page. Entry information is available at [Congressman Kevin Mullin's webpage](#). Applications are due Wednesday, April 9. General competition information can also be found on the [Congressional Institute](#) website.

The Parks and Recreation Department is honored to support this endeavour and will feature an exhibition of the 15th District art submissions which will be displayed on the third floor. The contestants' artworks will be viewable by the public from Friday, April 18 through Thursday, April 24. A closing awards ceremony is planned for April 24. The timing of this unique exhibit opportunity is ideal as it coincides with South San Francisco's Youth Art Show extended exhibition and exemplifies the value of encouraging and celebrating youth creativity.

Youth Enrichment Services (YES)



Storytime at LPR.

Elementary schools had early dismissal times recently for parent teacher conferences, allowing additional time and support for children in the Department's After School Programs. The extended time with the children also allowed staff to schedule off-site adventures while incorporating time for the children to learn about their community. Activities included walking to local parks; visiting the library for story time, a scavenger hunt, and Makerspace; trips to local stores to learn about purchasing items; carpentry; wheel day where children can bring their bikes and scooters while also learning about bike

safety; cooking; on-site movies, art, science and engineering projects, and games.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
Cultural Arts Commission & Unified School District
2025

Youth ART Show

OPENING WEEKEND

Friday, April 11

4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 12

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

100'S OF VISUAL ARTWORKS!
*By Students Elementary through
High School*

PERFORMING ARTS

El Camino HS Jazz Combo

SSF Civic Ballet students

Marianna's Mexican Folklórico Dance

SATURDAY CRAFTS

**FREE
ADMISSION**

Open to the Public

EXTENDED EXHIBIT

of select art

April 13 through May 15

3rd Floor Gallery Room

Monday-Friday 10AM-5PM

Evening viewing on April 22 10AM-8PM

Display cabinets
(2nd & 3rd floor)

Library | Parks and Recreation Center

**901 Civic Campus Way
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LA CIUDAD DE SUR SAN FRANCISCO
Comisión Cultural de Artes y el Distrito Escolar Unificado
2025

Presentación de **ARTE** Juvenil

SEMANA DE APERTURA

viernes, 11 de abril
4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

sábado, 12 de abril
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

¡CIENTOS DE ARTES VISUALES!
*por estudiantes de escuela
primaria y secundaria*

ARTES ESCÉNICAS

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SÁBADO - MESA DE MANUALIDADES

**ENTRADA
GRATIS**
Invitación pública

EXPOSICIÓN EXTENDIDA

de arte selecta

13 de abril a 15 de mayo

3er piso de la galería

lunes a viernes 10AM-5PM

horas a media tarde, 22 de abril 10AM-8PM

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