

**CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 29, 2024

TO: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers

FROM: Greg Mediati, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Department Update

Parks Updates

Brentwood Park Project

On Tuesday, March 19th consultants performed a bird nesting survey to clear the final trees for removal within Brentwood Park. No active nesting animals were found, and the remaining trees slated for removal have been completed.

Additionally, irrigation design for replanting is nearing completion. When these plans are complete staff will start engaging contractors to get quotes for installation of the irrigation and select large trees. Staff was hoping this site would be replanted as part of arbor day, however, irrigation work likely will not be completed in time. Instead, another volunteer planting event will be held here later this spring.

Gates In Parks

Parks staff have been working on replacing cattle gates around the city. Westborough Park and Sign Hill are two sites that are receiving new cattle gates. At Westborough Park, the new gate replaced bollards that were able to be driven around. This new install will prevent vehicles from passing while still allowing pedestrians to pass through. The gate at Sign Hill, located at the Diamond Ave entrance, is no longer working properly and is being replaced by a more light-weight, yet still effective gate.



At City Hall, the tot lot is receiving new gates at each entrance to prevent children from exiting the playground with no impediment onto Walnut Avenue or into the City Hall parking lot. Previously there were gates at the playground that were removed approximately ten years ago due to ADA concerns. These new gates will be ADA compliant and match the existing material of the fence.

Clay Park Paving

Repaving of the Clay Park basketball court is scheduled to begin on April 1. This work will consist of a slip sheet overlay, 1.5” of asphalt poured on top, and new colored sports court surfacing with striping. Asphalt will be feathered into the existing areas to make a seamless transition. Neighbors will be noticed prior to this work commencing to ensure that they are aware of the noise associated with this minor construction.

Avalon Park Tree Removal

During the winter storms a large pine tree failed at Avalon Park, striking the scoreboard, and damaging it beyond repair. Parks staff have been waiting for the turf to dry up to complete this work. This work was finally able to be completed after the recent stretch of dry weather. Staff have also been working with contract electricians to source and replace the scoreboard in as quick of a time frame as possible.



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Youth Baseball Celebration Recap



The annual Youth Baseball Celebration took place at the new Orange Memorial Park sports complex.



The annual Youth Baseball Celebration took place on Saturday, March 9 at the new Orange Memorial Park sports complex. It was a beautiful day honoring the teams that participate in the South San Francisco Youth Baseball Managers Association. The league consists of 29 teams in different age divisions from wiffle ball – 14 U.

Acting Sports Coordinator, Brooke Bayangos and Sports Supervisor, Mike Mulkerrins emceed the event, which started with a parade of the teams around Fregosi Field with members of our City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, and staff in attendance to help support this annual event. Mayor James Coleman gave opening day remarks and presented Woody Rael and Jim Elder with a certificate of achievement for their many years of service to the youth baseball program. Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Ruth DeNardi also spoke to the attendees and thanked everyone for their support and the organization of the league.

Mayor Coleman threw the first pitch to kick off the season. Games started shortly after the ceremony and continued until 9:00 p.m. It was a great start to the baseball season at the new sports complex.

Easter Bunny Photo-Hop Recap



Easter Bunner Photo Hop attendees had an opportunity to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

On Saturday, March 23, the Parks and Recreation Department gathered at Orange Memorial Park in celebration of the 93rd annual Easter event. This year's event was co-sponsored by the Hatch Realty Group and the South San Francisco's Women's Club. Families enjoyed a bag with candy, a photo-op with the Easter Bunny, and participated in an Easter egg hunt. Although there was scattered rain in the morning, it did not deter pre-registered and walk-in participants from joining. Approximately 1,000 residents attended the event.

Orange Memorial Pak Aquatic Center Groundbreaking Recap



The new Aquatic Center groundbreaking event took place on March 30.

The Orange Memorial Park Aquatic Center groundbreaking ceremony took place on Saturday, March 30 with approximately 150 people in attendance. The ceremony started with opening remarks from Mayor Coleman. The mayor expressed his gratitude to the staff and the design team, as well as residents for their time and input, and for passing Measure W in 2015, making the new Aquatic Center possible.

Mayor Coleman gave a detailed overview of the new Aquatic Center, which spans over 24,000 square feet and has a wide range of amenities for visitors. The center includes two pools, one for competitive and lap swimming, and a second warmer water pool designed for

seniors, families, and classes. Visitors will be able to enjoy clean locker rooms, comfortable lounging spaces, and a multi-use room for classes, training, and parties. The facility is also a model of sustainability, with solar panels and one of the first all-electric pools in the state.

The Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Ruth DeNardi also provided remarks and expressed her gratitude to the City Council, City Manager, staff and residents.

Following remarks, the City Council proceeded with the ceremonial groundbreaking, followed by light refreshments and an opportunity for attendees to speak with staff and project team members.

Cultural Arts Commission Update

2024 Jack Drago Cultural Arts Commission Youth Art Scholarship

The Cultural Arts Commission is awarding up to three scholarships for up to a total of \$3,000 to South San Francisco Unified School District graduating high school seniors who have shown achievement in the arts and plan to continue the study of art. Acceptable art forms include but are not limited to: photography, sculpture, digital media, ceramics, performing arts, literary arts. Entries must be received by the entry deadline of Wednesday, April 17. Applications are available at www.ssf.net/culturalarts.

Virtual Art Exhibit "By the Light of the Moon, A Celebration of Lunar New Year"

Community members have another opportunity to enjoy work from February's "By the Light of the Moon" art exhibit. Artists reflected on moon-inspired themes and Lunar New Year traditions at the well-attended event. A virtual gallery of select award-winning entries is now available through April 30. Viewing is free. The virtual art gallery is available online at <https://bit.ly/LunarNY-ssf24>. More details on this first 2024 art gallery exhibit sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission can be found at www.ssf.net/culturalarts.

Youth Art Show

The annual Youth Art Show, sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission in partnership with the South San Francisco Unified School District, returns on Friday, April 12, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hundreds of two- and three-dimensional art works, created by students from elementary school through high school, will be on exhibit at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center. Short performing arts presentations are returning after a four-year pandemic hiatus. Saturday will also feature a fun craft table activity. There will also be a month-long extended exhibit of selected youth art following the show. It is open to the public and admission is free.

Early Learning Programs Update



Our preschool program held parent teacher conferences.

Siebecker, Westborough, and Little Steps Preschools recently held parent teacher conferences. Throughout the year, the Department's preschool teachers make observations and work on individual and group goals for the children. Parent teacher conferences are focused on children eligible for kindergarten in fall 2024. Children are assessed for their academic readiness to transition to kindergarten and other areas of development such as social, emotional, cognitive, physical, fine motor skills and their perception of the world around them. In the beginning of the new year, teachers introduce an assessment booklet to review information the child knows to help them determine what is in progress. Teachers meet with the children one on one and away from the other children to allow them to properly assess the child. Once all the assessments are completed, staff schedules an in-person or virtual parent teacher conference to review how the child performed with the child's parents. Meeting with the parents allows for discussion on the potential goals they can work on at home. Staff also use this as an opportunity to inform parents

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about enrolling their child to their home school within the school district for kindergarten, information on submitting transfers, and after school program options. Parents are not limited to this one-time parent teacher conference and are welcome to schedule a conference with their child's teacher at any time. The Department's preschool program currently has a total of 60 children between the three sites who are eligible for kindergarten for fall 2024.



SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
Cultural Arts Commission & Unified School District



Friday
 APRIL 12
 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION
Open to the Public

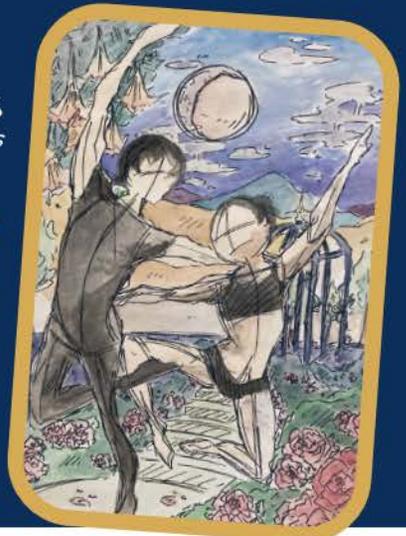
Saturday
 APRIL 13
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Library | Parks and Recreation Center
 901 Civic Campus Way
 South San Francisco

VISUAL ARTS
by SSFUSD Students

PERFORMING ARTS

SATURDAY CRAFTING



YOUTH ART TOP: The Great Wave by Lan Nguyen SIDE: Garden Show by Chloe Truong



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