

**CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 9, 2024

**TO:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Greg Mediati, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Department Update

**California Parks and Recreation Society Awards Received**

Each year, the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) hosts an annual competitive awards program celebrating outstanding examples of quality facility and park design, programming accomplishments, effective communications, community leadership, and professional successes in the parks and recreation industry. Parks and Recreation staff submitted nomination applications in December and were recently notified of the receipt of two of their most highly-competitive awards:

- Excellence in Design, Park Planning: Orange Memorial Park Sports Field
- Excellence in Design, Facility Design: Library | Parks and Recreation Center

As an awardee, the City will receive the following benefits:

- A mosaic plaque.
- Statewide recognition via a dedicated video presentation at [CPRS Connections 2024](#) Conference and Expo during the general session on Thursday, February 29.
- Prominent acknowledgement at the CPRS Connections 2024 Conference and Expo through the Best of the Best area in the Expo Hall and on the 2023 Best of the Best Recognition Wall.
- Statewide recognition in the spring issue of California Parks & Recreation Magazine and on the CPRS website, <https://www.cprs.org/resources/cprs-awards>.
- Use of the Award of Excellence logo for agency promotional purposes.

**San Mateo County Measure K Grant Applications**

In fall 2023, San Mateo County announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity for Measure K funding over the next three fiscal years. The application period closed on Friday, January 5. The County received over \$250 million in requests for the first year with only \$35 million in available funding. County staff expect to bring award recommendations to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in March. Parks and Recreation staff applied for the following projects:

**Little Steps Preschool Funding (\$396,512 per year)**

Beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025, City staff were informed of a projected allocation from Big Lift of \$86,200, only 40% of the typical \$220,000 in funding used to operate Little Steps Preschool.

For the Measure K grant application, staff is seeking funding for the full, direct cost of operating Little Steps over the next three years to allow continuity of operations while City staff assess other long-term funding and operating options for Little Steps Preschool.

### **Sign Hill Stewards Natural Resources Programming (\$263,000 per year)**

The Parks and Recreation Department received a Measure K grant sponsored by Supervisor Pine in 2019, which allowed the Department to begin the Sign Hill Restoration Project (SHRP) to support species recovery on Sign Hill. Since then, this project has grown into a multi-faceted environmental stewardship program. With the support of Measure K, the Department would grow the impact of the SHRP by enhancing habitat restoration efforts and enriching educational programming.

### **Senior Transportation and Meals Program (STAMP) (\$392,842 per year)**

If awarded, Measure K funds would be used to create the Senior Transportation and Meals Program (STAMP). Under this proposal, Measure K funds would allow for the expansion of the congregate nutrition program and allow the Department to implement a senior taxi program modeled after that offered by the City of San Mateo's Get Around! program. This program offers seniors a safe and affordable means of transportation where they can schedule rides in advance or on-demand, 24 hours a day/7 days a week for a very modest fee of between \$2-5 per ride. A typical taxi or Uber ride, on the other hand, is between \$25-30.

### **Senior Program Updates**

The Roberta Cerri Teglia Center located at 601 Grand Avenue, offers a variety of programs and classes for the senior community. Since reopening the Roberta Cerri Teglia Center following last year's flooding incident, attendance for each of the programs has continued to gradually grow.

The Center has three floors that are ADA accessible. Participants are able to check in at the front desk for free drop-in programs on the third floor. The third floor has a small gym, billiards room, two activity rooms, and a social hall with a kitchen. The computer area is in the process of being converted into a communal living room for participants to gather, in direct response to feedback received from patrons. Computers for general use and technology assistance will continue to be available for visitors in the small activity room.

Some of the drop-in programs include exercise classes, art classes, music classes, games, congregate lunch program, and more. The Full of Fun Program for adults with special needs utilizes the third floor once a month in the evenings for activities.

The second floor houses a licensed Adult Daycare Program – one of the only publicly operated programs in the region. The program operates 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Clients participate in an intake process prior to starting the program where staff meet with their families or caretakers to understand their needs as well as their goals for the program. The focus of the program is for clients to socialize with each other in a safe and supervised setting, while engaging in meaningful activities such as memory games, exercising, singing, music, art, current events, and much more. Lunch is provided every day in partnership with Meals on Wheels. Fees for this program are based on need, with a sliding scale threshold of \$64 per day.

The first floor has a dance and fitness studio and two office spaces as well as a lobby area. This space is used for ballet folklorico classes, drop-in yoga, and the free tax preparation services. Staff are looking to develop a resource center in the lobby area.

Hours for third floor activities are 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Below are the average number of participants that attend daily in each program:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Average Daily Number of Participants</b>
Billiards	Monday through Friday, 6-8 participants Saturday, 12+ participants
Chess	3-6 participants
Fine Art Exploration	8-10 participants
Open Gym	3 participants
Hawaiian Plus	10+ participants
Karaoke	7-9 participants
Knitting & Crochet	5-7 participants
Mahjong	30+ participants
Yoga	35+ participants
Zumba Gold	10-12 participants
Ping Pong	25+ participants
Technology Assistance	5-12 participants
Special Events/Programming	45+ participants
Congregate Nutrition	248 applicants, 75 participants every Tuesday and Thursday
Adult Daycare	14 currently enrolled

A survey of seniors was completed to understand what other programs they would be interested in participating in. The survey was conducted from October through December 2023. Over 100 participants provided feedback. Some of the programs the participants are interested in include tai chi, nutrition and cooking classes, line dancing, coding, exercise therapy, qigong, book clubs, and exercising with light weights.

The Senior Services team also sends out a newsletter to over 300 residents in print and email. The newsletter is sent bi-monthly and includes updates regarding the Center, programs, any senior related information from the San Mateo County, housing and financial resources, library information, and fun memory games or trivia. Staff are looking to revamp the senior section in our quarterly recreation activity guide. Some changes have been made for the spring issue with more planned to help improve awareness of City offerings. Staff are currently enhancing the marketing efforts through social media as well as partnering with the Alzheimer’s Association, San Mateo Caregiver Collaborative, and Age Forward Coalition to spread the word about the free programming offered at the center.

There is currently a Recreation and Community Services Coordinator position open for

recruitment, and once filled will be tasked with expanding senior offerings.

### **Valentines for the Troops**

On Tuesday, January 23, the Senior Services Program hosted its annual Valentines for the Troops event at the Roberta Cerri Teglia Center. The event was a success with over 45 people in attendance. In addition to the cards made at the event, there were four volunteers who made cards at home, and the children from the After School Recreation Program also made cards. In total, over 1,000 cards were sent to troops abroad. Mayor James Coleman and Councilmember Flor Nicolas welcomed everyone at the event. The staff at the Teglia Center worked hard to prepare a delicious breakfast for everyone in attendance.



### **Cultural Arts Update**

#### **By the Light of the Moon: Celebration of Lunar New Year Art Show – February 9 & 10**

The South San Francisco Cultural Arts Commission presents a multi-media art show titled By the Light of the Moon, A Celebration of Lunar New Year Art Show. Artists were asked to submit work that reflected themes related to the Moon, Lunar New Year, or the Year of the Dragon. The show will take place at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center, third floor gallery. It will open on Friday, February 9, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will continue on Saturday, February 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Friday evening art show opening will include the dedication of an artistic bench acquired in memory of late Cultural Arts Commissioner Shane Looper. There will be an extended exhibit period which runs on selected dates and times from February 11 through February 25. Admission is free.

#### **Charlene "Shane" Looper Memorial Bench Dedication – Friday, February 9**

As part of a brief opening ceremony to the Lunar New Year Art Show, the community is invited to a dedication of a memorial bench dedicated to the late Cultural Arts Commissioner and community volunteer, Charlene "Shane" Looper. Shane Looper's profound commitment to the arts unfolded not only in her thirteen years of service on the Cultural Arts Commission but also in her skill as a master floral designer. Her advocacy extended to art exhibits, public art, the Jack Drago Cultural Arts Commission Youth Art Scholarship, and the Improving Public Places Committee.

The bench, named "Composition #4" crafted by artist Mike Gustavson, is situated on the third floor of the Library | Parks and Recreation Center. The dedication will begin at the 6:00 p.m.

opening of the art show.



### **Introducing Michele de la Menardiere - Second Solo 2D Art Exhibit**

A new solo artist exhibition began on February 3, featuring the vibrant work of San Francisco artist Michele de la Menardiere. Her 16 paintings showcase breathtaking colors and an audacious flow of elements that explore indescribable emotions such as awe, ecstasy, and solace. Michele's extensive body of work has been exhibited throughout the U.S. for over twenty years, along with international exhibits in Kosovo and Algiers. Her art will be on display at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center, first floor corridor and Atrium from February through May 2024. More information on Michele and her work can be found at [www.delamenardiere.com](http://www.delamenardiere.com).



This solo artist exhibit is the second of three exhibitions taking place from October 2023 through September 2024. The exhibits are made possible by a generous grant from the San Mateo County Arts Commission and San Mateo County Office of Arts and Culture.

### **School Readiness Fair Recap**

The Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Fair took place on Thursday, January 18 at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center. The event was organized in partnership with the South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department, South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD), The Big Lift, Get Healthy San Mateo County, and the Renaissance Center. Families with children eligible for kindergarten or transitional kindergarten in South San Francisco were

encouraged to attend. There were 25 vendors with resources for families. They included the South San Francisco Library, Second Harvest, Cal Kids, Mother's Club, Familias Tomando Acción, and many more. Families received a bingo card and were able to mark it off every time they visited vendors. A completed bingo card allowed participants to enter the raffle for CuriOdyssey tickets. Approximately 200 visitors participated in the event. 325 meals were provided for families and over 100 free backpacks and a variety of books were given away. The event featured guest speakers that provided information on what to expect in kindergarten as well as transitional kindergarten and Preschool readiness.



### **Siebecker Preschool Update**

On Friday, February 1, students at the Siebecker Preschool participated in fun and educational Groundhog's Day activities. Topics included the change of weather, seasons, and making predictions. The children enjoyed being read *Groundhog Gets a Say* which is a book about Groundhog's Day and watched a video of Punxsutawney Phil. After their discussion, they participated in an outdoor experiment with shadows.



### **Aquatics Program Update**

#### ***Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) Adaptive Coaching Clinic***

On Friday, January 26, Aquatics Coordinator Cynthia Lin attended an adaptive coaching clinic held by the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) at the Presidio Community YMCA Letterman Pool and Gym in San Francisco. CAF is a non-profit organization that provides sport and recreation support and opportunities to individuals with physical disabilities. The coaching clinic was a two-hour session. The first hour consisted of an in-depth lecture on how to coach individuals with disabilities such as multiple sclerosis, amputations, spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, visual impairments, and other conditions that impact mobility, balance, motor control, and neuromuscular function. The lecture covered various coaching techniques and strategies that can be used to support individuals with disabilities. The second hour was an in-water workshop where participants received instruction and practice in appropriate transfer positions, assisted holds that promote correct body composition in the water, and techniques for single-arm freestyle.

According to the Amputee Coalition, there are 2.1 million people in the United States who are living with limb loss or limb difference, with 10 percent of them residing in California. Additionally, nearly one million people in the United States are living with multiple sclerosis, and some members of the South San Francisco community who visit the Orange Pool regularly are among them. The pool can be a great source of physical exercise and movement due to the buoyancy of water that reduces the stress of gravity. It is important to continue making efforts to make the pool more inclusive by attending instructional clinics, conferences and providing additional training for aquatics staff.



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## Free Admission

## Extended Gallery Exhibit - Dates & Hours

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- ◆ Monday, February 12 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

- ◆ Tuesdays, February 13 & 20 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesdays, February 14 & 21 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Thursdays, February 15 & 22 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Fridays, February 16 & 23 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, February 24 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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# ART SHOW

Friday, February 9, 2024  
6 PM - 8 PM

Saturday, February 10, 2024  
10 AM - 4 PM

Library | Parks and Recreation Center  
901 Civic Campus Way  
South San Francisco  
3rd Floor Gallery

Admission  
Free

## ARTIST INFORMATION

Online entry deadline:  
January 23, 2024 (Digital art)  
January 30, 2024 (2-D & 3-D art)



For complete guidelines & online application  
[www.ssf.net/culturalarts](http://www.ssf.net/culturalarts)  
Select "Current Opportunities for Artists"

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# Senior Programs

## South San Francisco

Roberta Cerri Teglia Center 601 Grand Avenue, SSF, CA 94080

Library | Parks & Recreation Center, 901 Civic Campus Drive, SSF, CA 94080



DAYS	CLASS	TIME	LOCATION
Monday & Wednesday	Yoga	9:15AM- 10:15AM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Monday & Wednesday	Knitting & Crocheting	10:00AM- 12:00PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Monday	Ping Pong	11:00AM- 2:30PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Monday	Fine Art Exploration	12:30PM- 2:30PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Tuesday	Hawaiian Plus	10:45AM- 12:00PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Tuesday & Friday	Senior Dance	10:00AM- 1:00PM	Library   Parks & Recreation Center
Thursday	Senior Dance	9:00AM- 12:00PM	Library   Parks & Recreation Center
Wednesday	Zumba Gold	11:30AM- 12:30PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Wednesday	Karaoke	1:00PM- 2:30PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Thursday	Fine Art Exploration	9:30AM- 12:30PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Friday	Mahjong	9:30AM- 1:00PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Saturday	Yoga	9:15AM- 10:45AM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Saturday	Chess	9:30AM- 11:00AM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Saturday (February)	Technology Assistance	10:00AM- 12:00PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Saturday	Movies	12:20PM- 2:30PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Monday- Saturday	Open Billiards Open Computer Lab Open Gym	9:00AM- 2:45PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center
Tuesday & Thursday	Congregate Nutrition	12:00PM- 2:00PM	Roberta Cerri Teglia Center

## **Congregate Nutrition Program**

Located at the Roberta Cerri Teglia Center, 601 Grand Avenue, SSF, CA 94080.

Sit-down meal service will take place from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the Social Hall.

Participants should enter at the Grand Avenue entrance. Participants must sign in with a staff person, before receiving a meal and pre-registration is required. Please make sure to submit an application.



## **Class Offerings**

Please look at our activity guide for more quarterly programming for seniors. Class offerings include music, art, sewing, dance, exercise, life planning, health and wellness and much more. Go to [www.ssf.net/classes](http://www.ssf.net/classes) for more information on quarterly classes.



## **Newsletter Subscriptions!**

We are accepting newsletter subscriptions. The cost is FREE for our subscribers. If you are interested, please email Kasey Jo Cullinan at [kaseyjo.cullinan@ssf.net](mailto:kaseyjo.cullinan@ssf.net) or Lisa Wilson at [lisa.wilson@ssf.net](mailto:lisa.wilson@ssf.net) with your name, telephone number, email address, and address.

## **More Information**

For more information on Senior Programming, please visit our website at [www.ssf.net/seniors](http://www.ssf.net/seniors) or call (650) 829-3820.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 16, 2024

**TO:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Greg Mediati, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Department Update

**Upcoming Events: February - March**

**“By the Light of the Moon” A Celebration of Lunar New Year, Year of the Dragon Art Show – Extended Exhibit**

Open now through Sunday, February 25. See attached flyer for times.

Library | Parks and Recreation Center

**Cultural Arts Fundraiser: Lunar New Year Calligraphy Workshop**

Sunday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Library | Parks and Recreation Center

Cost: \$40

Keeping with the theme of this month’s art show, the Cultural Arts Commission is hosting a Lunar New Year Calligraphy workshop led by artist Jojo Liu. Attendees will learn about the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy basics, including holding a brush, writing basic strokes, and New Year sayings. Proceeds raised will go towards the Cultural Arts programs, including the Jack Drago Cultural Arts Commission Youth Art Scholarship. Spaces are limited. Councilmembers who would like to attend may RSVP to Angela Duldulao at [angela.duldulao@ssf.net](mailto:angela.duldulao@ssf.net).

**Youth Baseball Celebration**

Saturday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Orange Memorial Park Sports Field

Join us for the 2024 Youth Baseball Celebration as we kick off the baseball season. Celebrations will include a parade of the teams and guest speakers. The mayor, or designee, typically plays a role in welcoming everyone to the event and throws out the ceremonial first pitch of the youth baseball season. Councilmembers who would like to attend may RSVP to Angela Duldulao at [angela.duldulao@ssf.net](mailto:angela.duldulao@ssf.net).

**Easter Bunny Photo Hop – Resident Registration Begins**

Saturday, March 23 at 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Orange Memorial Park – Eucalyptus Picnic Shelter

Resident Registration begins on Monday, March 4 at 6:00 a.m. at [www.ssf.net/rec-catalog](http://www.ssf.net/rec-catalog).

This is a family-friendly event where visitors can take pictures with the Easter Bunny and participate in an egg hunt where children will walk away from a bag full of treats. Participants

can pre-register for specific times beginning every 15 minutes (i.e. 8:00 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., etc.).

Councilmembers are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Angela Duldulao at [angela.duldulao@ssf.net](mailto:angela.duldulao@ssf.net). Please specify what time you would like to attend between 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and how many family members will be joining you (include number of children as well).

### **Centennial Way Park South Groundbreaking Event Recap**

Despite the rain, on Saturday, February 3, City Councilmembers, Congressman Kevin Mullin, Supervisor Dave Pine, Parks and Recreation Commissioners, and representatives from project grantors from the State of California joined staff and community members in a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction for Centennial Way Park South. The new park, located along Centennial Way Trail between Huntington Avenue and South Spruce Avenue features a new skate park, bike pump track, outdoor classroom, pollinator garden, playgrounds, fitness equipment, and improved pathways. Following the groundbreaking program, members of the community assisted in the planting of several trees and helped with litter removal along the trail.

The contractor has installed construction fencing, began clearing and grubbing the site and installed tree protection zones. Fabrication of granite skate elements and other park features is underway. Electrical and storm drain trenching is scheduled for the coming week but may be impacted by rain. The project is expected to be completed in late summer.



**New 2024 Commission Officers**

At their January meetings, the Parks and Recreation Commission and Cultural Arts Commission elected the following officers:

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Chair: Ruth DeNardi

Vice Chair: Brittany Burgo

Secretary: Kristy Camacho

**Cultural Arts Commission**

Chair: Lydia Pomposo

Vice Chair: Frances Luster



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# Lunar New Year Calligraphy Workshop

Sunday, February 25, 2024

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Library | Parks & Recreation Center

A Workshop Benefitting the Cultural Arts Programs

Cost: \$40.00

Pre-registration required:  
[www.ssf.net/rec-catalog](http://www.ssf.net/rec-catalog)



Come celebrate the Year of the Dragon and bid farewell to the fantastic Cultural Arts Commission art show, "By the Light of the Moon, Celebration of Lunar New Year, Year of the Dragon." Dive into a Lunar New Year Calligraphy workshop led by the amazing Jojo Liu. Learn about the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy basics, including holding a brush, writing basic strokes, and New Year sayings. Proceeds raised will go towards the Cultural Arts programs, including the Jack Drago Cultural Arts Commission Youth Art Scholarship. Please note, spaces are limited.

Questions:  
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# Easter Bunny Photo Hop

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024**

**Orange Memorial Park - Eucalyptus Shelter  
Along Memorial Drive**

**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



## **Pre-Registration Required!**

Pre-register for a specified time to take pictures and search for eggs!

**Pre-Registration opens:**

**Residents: Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. online**

**Non-Residents: Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. online**

**Register at [www.ssf.net/rec-catalog](http://www.ssf.net/rec-catalog)**

Thank you to our sponsor!

Hatch Realty Group

For more information contact the Parks & Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800

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**DATE:** March 1, 2024

**TO:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Greg Mediati, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Department Update

**FlashVote Survey: Recreation Programs Requested by Residents**

On Tuesday, February 20, staff issued a FlashVote survey to gather resident feedback on recreation programs offered by the City. The goal of the survey was to solicit input on current participation, what additional programs residents would like to see offered, and when new programs should be offered. A very high-level summary of findings include desires for:

- More one-time workshops.
- Expanded senior programming / senior center locations.
- Additional Spanish speaking programs.
- Programs to support children with special needs.
- Continued offering of virtual classes.
- More science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) related classes.
- Additional music classes.

A full summary of results is attached to this report. This data will help inform a series of focus group meetings, starting with a focus on young adults (ages 18-30), as requested by Mayor Coleman, to explore additional offerings. Focus group meetings are expected to begin this fall. Additionally, staff looks to re-engage the Senior Advisory Committee to solicit feedback on senior programs.

# Survey Results: Recreation Programs

**Survey Info** - This survey was sent on behalf of the City of South San Francisco to the FlashVote community for South San Francisco, CA.

These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

166

Total Participants

160 of 370 initially invited (43%)  
6 others  
Margin of error: ± 8%

Applied Filter:  
**Age (median: 45)**

Participants for filter:  
**166**

**Response Time (hours)**

Started:  
**Feb 20, 2024 11:07am PST**

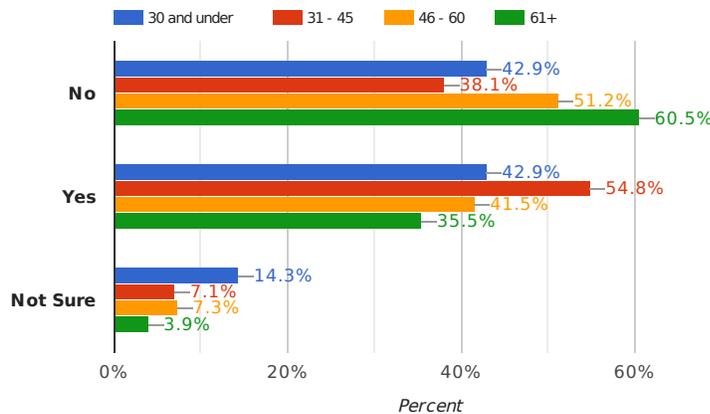
Ended:  
**Feb 22, 2024 11:07am PST**

Target Participants:  
**All South San Francisco**

**Q1** In the last 12 months, have you or your household participated in any recreation programs run by the City of South San Francisco?

(166 responses by )

Options	30 and under (7)	31 - 45 (42)	46 - 60 (41)	61+ (76)
No	42.9% (3)	38.1% (16)	51.2% (21)	60.5% (46)
Yes	42.9% (3)	54.8% (23)	41.5% (17)	35.5% (27)
Not Sure	14.3% (1)	7.1% (3)	7.3% (3)	3.9% (3)

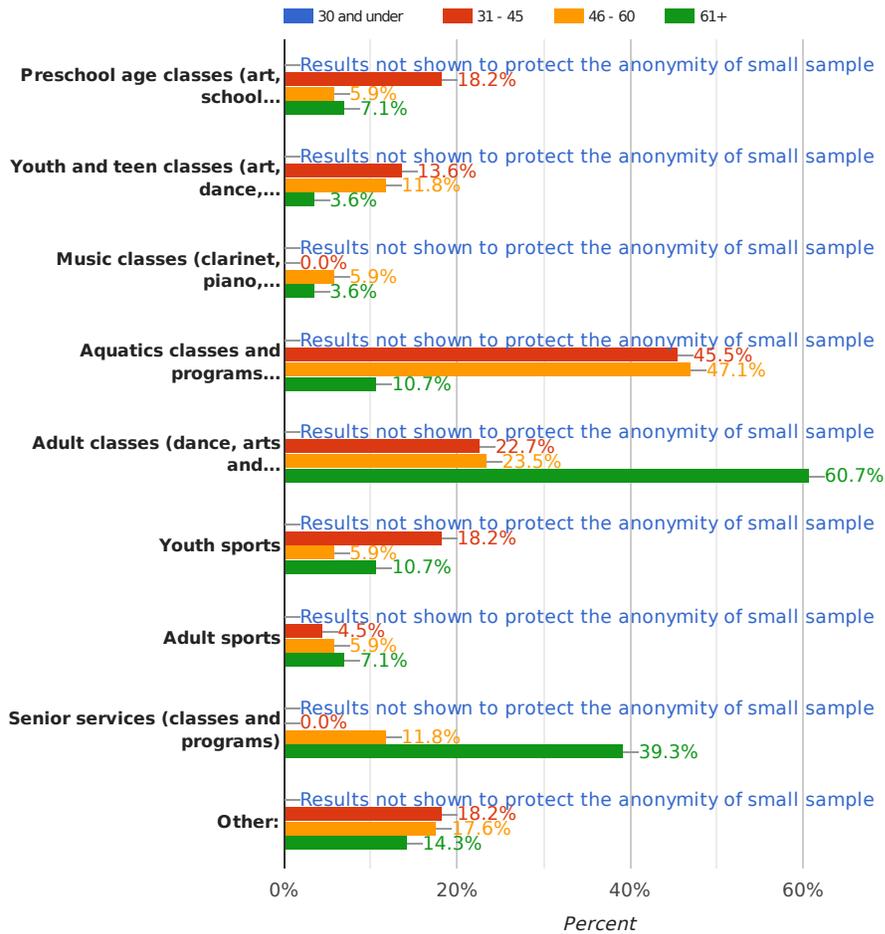


**Q2** Which of the following City of South San Francisco recreation programs have you or your household done in the last 12 months? (Choose all that apply, if any)

(70 responses by )

Options	30 and under (3)	31 - 45 (22)	46 - 60 (17)	61+ (28)
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<b>Options</b>	<b>30 and under</b> (3)	<b>31 - 45</b> (22)	<b>46 - 60</b> (17)	<b>61+</b> (28)
Preschool age classes (art, school readiness, karate, enrichment, etc.)	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	18.2% (4)	5.9% (1)	7.1% (2)
Youth and teen classes (art, dance, martial arts, enrichment, etc.)	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	13.6% (3)	11.8% (2)	3.6% (1)
Music classes (clarinet, piano, ukulele, etc.)	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	0.0% (0)	5.9% (1)	3.6% (1)
Aquatics classes and programs (swimming, etc.)	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	45.5% (10)	47.1% (8)	10.7% (3)
Adult classes (dance, arts and special interest, exercise and fitness, etc.)	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	22.7% (5)	23.5% (4)	60.7% (17)
Youth sports	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	18.2% (4)	5.9% (1)	10.7% (3)
Adult sports	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	4.5% (1)	5.9% (1)	7.1% (2)
Senior services (classes and programs)	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	0.0% (0)	11.8% (2)	39.3% (11)
Other:	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	18.2% (4)	17.6% (3)	14.3% (4)



Wreath making

summer camp

play at the high school promoted by parks n rec

Farmers market and movie in the park at Martin Elementary

Turkey trot

South City activities

Sign Hill Stewards

Rented Orange Memorial Park community rec center for event

After school care

Citizens Academy group

Art galleries

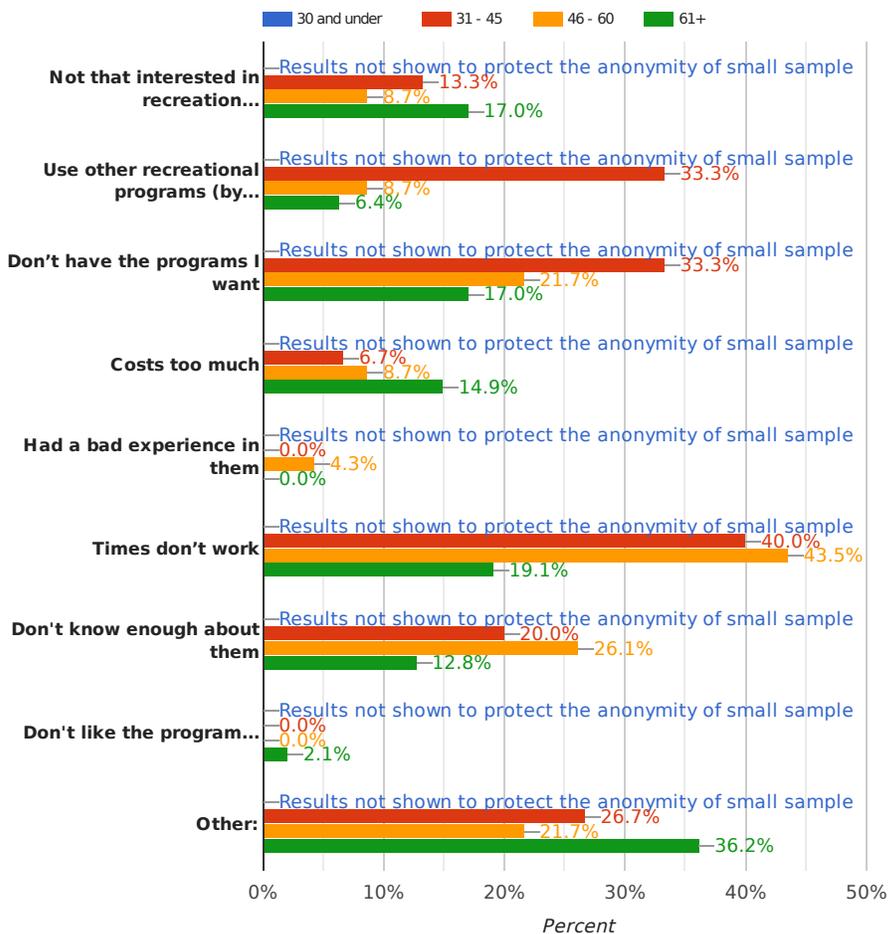
wreath-making event

**Q3** Why haven't you or your household participated in any recreation programs run by the City of South San Francisco in the last 12 months? (Choose all that apply, if any)

(88 responses by )

<b>Options</b>	<b>30 and under</b> (3)	<b>31 - 45</b> (15)	<b>46 - 60</b> (23)	<b>61+</b> (47)
Not that interested in recreation programs	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	13.3% (2)	8.7% (2)	17.0% (8)
Use other recreational programs (by other providers)	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	33.3% (5)	8.7% (2)	6.4% (3)
Don't have the programs I want	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	33.3% (5)	21.7% (5)	17.0% (8)
Costs too much	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	6.7% (1)	8.7% (2)	14.9% (7)
Had a bad experience in them	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	0.0% (0)	4.3% (1)	0.0% (0)
Times don't work	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	40.0% (6)	43.5% (10)	19.1% (9)
Don't know enough about them	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	20.0% (3)	26.1% (6)	12.8% (6)

Options	30 and under (3)	31 - 45 (15)	46 - 60 (23)	61+ (47)
Don't like the program formats/structures/sizes	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.1% (1)
Other:	Results not shown to protect the anonymity of small sample	26.7% (4)	21.7% (5)	36.2% (17)





No time

Looking for Table Tennis / Ping Pong Programs. Used to have them at the senior center.

I am involved in other projects not related to recreation

Am a mobility impaired octogenarian and unable to attend most programs.

Those in high demand fill up too quickly

I prefer to do outdoor activities

Had personal business that prevented me

My child has autism and none of the parks and rec programs can accommodate him, as in 1:1 support.

No particular reason

Just keep putting off, several I'm interested in when I get the activity guide.

Save the MSB so it can continue to be used as originally planned.

Don't have kids at home any more

Didnt have time for the winter programs offered

Hace mucho tiempo inscribi a mi hijo en natación ,

can not find parking spot

Space challenged facilities and inadequate parking at the new Civic Campus. Reopen the MSB NOW!

Don't have time. Living under capitalism is stressful. Especially with an elderly person

I'm disabled and need accommodations

I don't trust the general public yet as far as Covid is concerned. It will be a while before I do

Class full

i have, i forgot i played in a bocce league

too busy

Dr said dancing is one of best things to do for health for many reasons!-folk, ballroom, etc

Bad weather

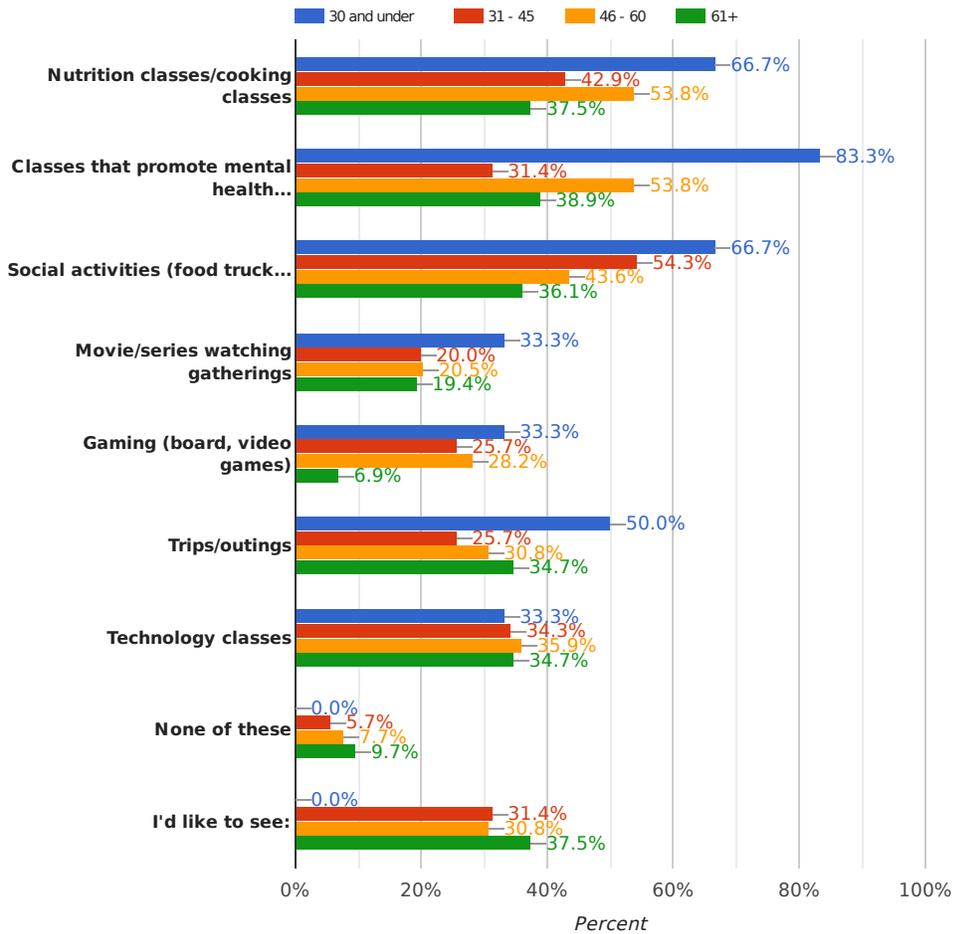
Chronic pain

The prices jumped so much in recent years.

#### Q4 What new programs would you like to see offered, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(152 responses by )

<b>Options</b>	<b>30 and under</b> (6)	<b>31 - 45</b> (35)	<b>46 - 60</b> (39)	<b>61+</b> (72)
Nutrition classes/cooking classes	66.7% (4)	42.9% (15)	53.8% (21)	37.5% (27)
Classes that promote mental health (yoga, meditation, walk with a doc, etc)	83.3% (5)	31.4% (11)	53.8% (21)	38.9% (28)
Social activities (food truck gatherings, tweetups)	66.7% (4)	54.3% (19)	43.6% (17)	36.1% (26)
Movie/series watching gatherings	33.3% (2)	20.0% (7)	20.5% (8)	19.4% (14)
Gaming (board, video games)	33.3% (2)	25.7% (9)	28.2% (11)	6.9% (5)
Trips/outings	50.0% (3)	25.7% (9)	30.8% (12)	34.7% (25)
Technology classes	33.3% (2)	34.3% (12)	35.9% (14)	34.7% (25)
None of these	0.0% (0)	5.7% (2)	7.7% (3)	9.7% (7)
I'd like to see:	0.0% (0)	31.4% (11)	30.8% (12)	37.5% (27)



save offers experiences cultural  
craft center like community local  
sports programs dance  
age ice gardens hands school  
residents day art south msb  
free active events city use  
building support children time park etc ssf  
now help kids social new

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Free classes

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Amateur sports for elementary school kids

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Looking for Table Tennis / Ping Pong Programs. Used to have them at the senior center.

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More for seniors

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Different layout. It's Not user friendly

Free wifi to all South San Francisco residents.

Not so much a series of classes but more one-time events (like the ones the department offers now)

A park! Sunshine Gardens..the only neighborhood without one

A senior chit chat session to discuss, books, crafts, retired experiences, etc helps with isolation

Kids: More Art classes or hands on activities or experiences for kids ages 8-12

Day trips and social activities for active seniors

More programs that support children with autism.

Zoom yoga class

issue now is that parking at the new civic center, More than once I left due to no parking

Filipino cultural dance

therapy style classes for stroke victims or disabled in general

Places closer to old town for activities

Presentations by interesting businesses, non-profits, bio-tech scientists, travel buffs, etc!

More events like oktoberfest, holland king's day, toddler meet ups,

The MSB to be saved for use by the community for classes.

senior focused activities

Painting or drawing classes

South City history events or walks

Save the MSB building for senior activities and services during the day!

Social gatherings for seniors in Spanish. Spanish music Zumba and coffee time, meditation, coping w

Permanent indoor Pickleball.

Clases de fútbol y basketball para niños

please have the movie or gathering events at other parks in the city.

more classes and social events for SENIORS! Convert municipal bldg to a SSF Senior Center!!

ACTIVE SENIOR oriented programs.

More cultural events or maybe art contests where local artists, music and food vendors

The MSB saved as a senior/multi-use community center for ALL residents of every age.

Pool

Children's programs: sports, events, crafts, gyms

Native Plant cultivation, gardening

More arts/crafts offerings

Art classes for adults during the evening not midday.

LINE DANCING

dancing classes-folk, ballroom, etc

Youth chess , programming, engineering , and science classes with hands on projects

Activities for SSF citizens and community to volunteer and support/help our South City!

Bonsai classes again

More free classes for seniors

Ice skating/ice hockey

Language classes

Greeting card or paper craft

Children's cooking or auto intros at local businesses that get stipends or other benefit

Additional programming utilizing the new LPR building

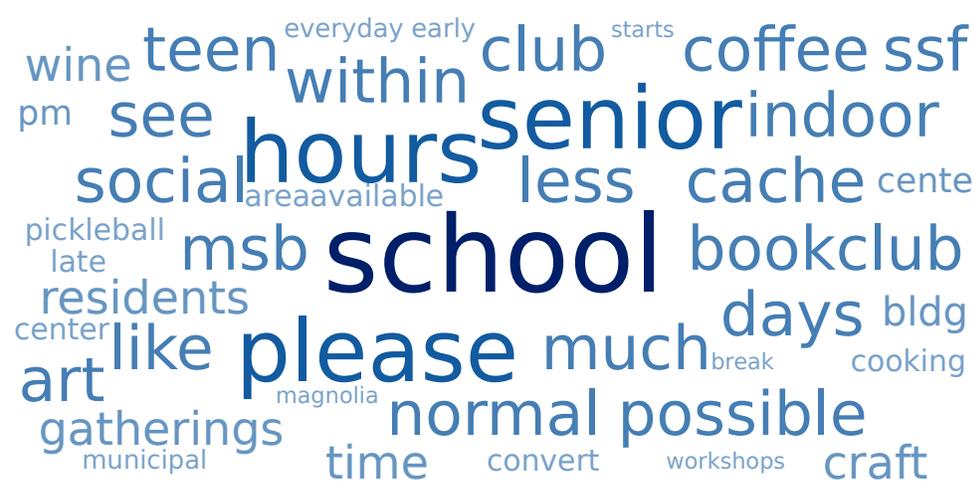
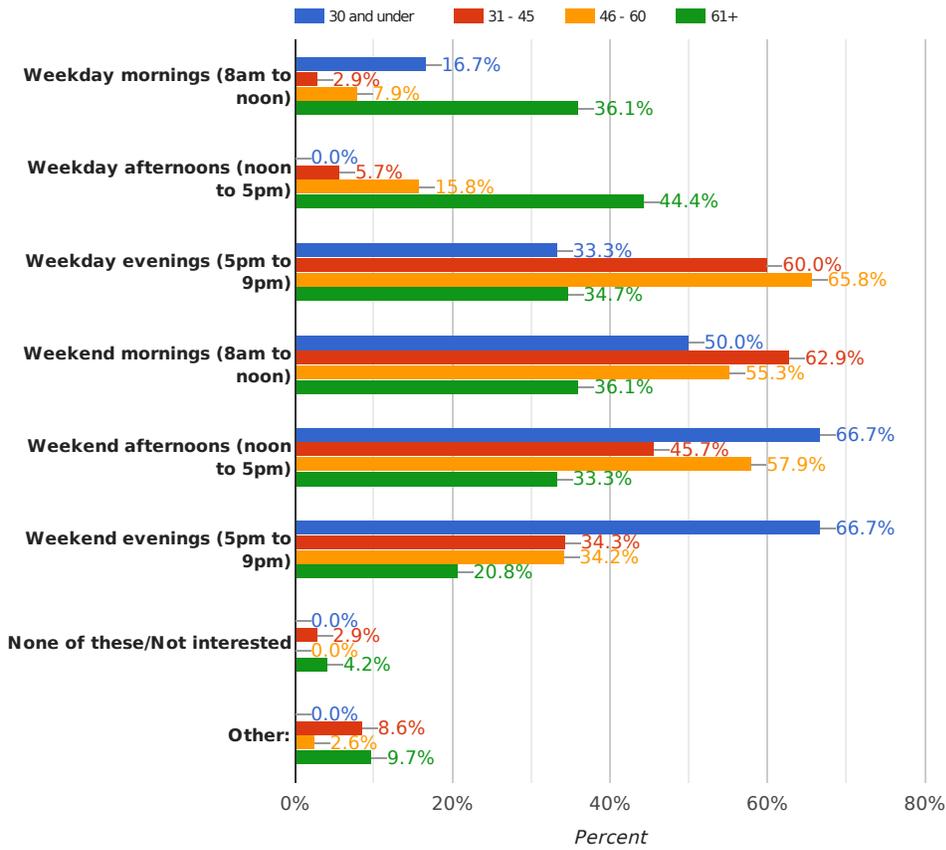
doing more things as a family IE the wreath class work with schools do a math night, literacy night

Dog obedience

**Q5** When would you like to see more recreation options available, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(151 responses by )

<b>Options</b>	<b>30 and under</b> (6)	<b>31 - 45</b> (35)	<b>46 - 60</b> (38)	<b>61+</b> (72)
Weekday mornings (8am to noon)	16.7% (1)	2.9% (1)	7.9% (3)	36.1% (26)
Weekday afternoons (noon to 5pm)	0.0% (0)	5.7% (2)	15.8% (6)	44.4% (32)
Weekday evenings (5pm to 9pm)	33.3% (2)	60.0% (21)	65.8% (25)	34.7% (25)
Weekend mornings (8am to noon)	50.0% (3)	62.9% (22)	55.3% (21)	36.1% (26)
Weekend afternoons (noon to 5pm)	66.7% (4)	45.7% (16)	57.9% (22)	33.3% (24)
Weekend evenings (5pm to 9pm)	66.7% (4)	34.3% (12)	34.2% (13)	20.8% (15)
None of these/Not interested	0.0% (0)	2.9% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.2% (3)
Other:	0.0% (0)	8.6% (3)	2.6% (1)	9.7% (7)



During days off from school, I would like to see at all hours.

After school

As much as possible within normal hours

One-time cooking, wine, craft, and art workshops!

Indoor Pickleball available everyday

Please increase more parking area for anytime

All of the above, less none of the above.



the main issue is where are we suppose to park in the civic center. My mother likes to take classes but she can't cross the street at el camino.

Sorry, I do not participate in organized activities.

Comfortable locations close to old town downtown South San Francisco.

zoom online

SSF has the best recreation programs around. The new LPR Center is spectacular!

Save the MSB and use it for its original purpose. The residents need this beautiful building because of its space, location and ease of use, i.e., ample parking.

There are plenty of programs already. Focus spending on essential services

You do a great job!

Save the MSB building for senior activities during the day! Council members should use this building for regular council meetings instead of the one at the new location to free up limited parking spaces there!

I love the classes & event or programs that SSF Library or Park and Recreation puts on. I try to attend all of it if possible unless this is a schedule conflict. Thank you.

No

Open MSB during day for seniors. This was our meeting place for lunch and socializing with friends. We don't have a place where we can sit and enjoy company of our friends.

Permanent indoor Pickleball using the old MSB. Do not tear it down as Seniors need more space to gather!!!!!!

Que tengan más instructores de natación, inscribí a mi hijo en una oportunidad y luego me dijeron que se cancelaba porque no habían instructores, luego ha estado en lista de espera pero no he conseguido que aprenda a nadar. También me gustaría que den clases de futbol americano. También me gustaría que ofrezcan clases de chess.

The big problem is no enough parking spaces. EV charging stations shall used for two hours limit. Now EV charging stations always occupied whole day and night by who lived around that area.

more events, classes, etc that caters to older teens, parents, middle aged (30-40s) persons. there is limited to no activities for these 2 age bracket. seniors, babies and young teens are not the only people in SSF.

Reopen and repurpose the Municipal Services Building to serve the community on the westside of town. Address the needs of active seniors as the less active seniors can be accommodated at Teglia Center.

Recently retired at 61 and I'm in very good shape and the exercise classes I take are great but I do see lots of senior citizens that enroll in the class but it is too much for them and it is very sad to see that they give up. SSF needs a senior center where classes for ALL SENIORS are taught at levels for 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and so forth. We pay taxes and deserve to have access and to a Senior Center. Magnolia is not SSF Senior Center. SSF needs to keep the municipal building for a Senior Center.

Save the MSB! It can be used for an overflow for the Campus, senior socializing on this side of the city, teen club, rentals for family events, a refuge as it has been in the atrium, we need a senior/multi-use community center on the west side of the city.

Lap swims and slow lane for aqua walking and jogging

Cost is always a factor.

Please save the Municipal Services Building (MSB). The new center, while lovely, does not have enough parking and cannot serve our entire community. The MSB is paid for and can serve as a treasured gathering place for everyone in our community, especially our seniors.

Reopen the Municipal Services Building with safe parking not enough safe parking at the new civic campus too many resources rooms are too small!

It would be great to see the City encourage residents to cultivate native plant gardens with events, information, incentives and workshops.

I wish you would provide better senior programs and provide transportation like you used to. There are many seniors in my neighborhood sitting at home alone with no way to get to events or classes. Senior class ideas: cooking for one, anti-falling class, art class, etc

Expand senior activities by utilizing the space at MSB, currently vacant. Presently yoga classes have been limited to 30 participants, first come basis. MSB has a large room and ample parking to accommodate all seniors eager to attend. I have attended recreation classes for over 20+ years, most of which were at MSB that is in a safer area for seniors, especially for evening classes.

As a senior, I have been advised that learning and doing dance activities are good for exercise, loneliness, mental health. Please add classes in various dance types like folk, square, country, ballroom, classical, etc dancing. I know My wife and I will

attend!

Please offer more music classes for piano and trumpet.

It would be great if all departments were as engaged in the community as Parks and Police.

I'd love to see more late evening classes for adults. It's hard for a parent to participate in activities starting before 7:30pm.

City of SSF staffs are doing a fantastic job and I appreciate your efforts to receive feedback from our community to develop and enhance operations and activities!

Lower prices

Keep the Municipal Bldg. open.

Advertise them more in Spanish via the weekly email

Free is always best but can be hard to find volunteers or people to commit and enroll.

It's difficult to get out of the house

Therapeutic exercise class at pool in the morning for seniors/people with injuries

When I was a kid, I participated in making my own pizza at Luigis. I'd love that kind of day camp experience for my child. Or other coordinated day trips at different locations and businesses receive some type of benefit for participating.

Happy with your options for others in the community.

I have noticed a decline in the number and variety of recreational classes since I participated in a pikeling class 4 years ago before the COVID pandemic.

I would like to see less development and more preservation of the natural environment; more dirt trails to run and hike specifically. I'd also like to see the new turf field in Orange Park open to the public 24/7 and allow taxpayers to make use of the really nice place that was built. South City has become more of a bedroom community in recent years, which isn't a bad thing necessarily, but focusing less on crowding the space with new development and opening up the natural beauty of the area would promote some sense of community that's been lost in the last 20 years or so. I appreciate the work you all do! Thanks.

I like what you offer. I've taken the Japanese flower-arranging class, wreath making, art and music classes. All wonderful.

More mental health classes, things that can be done on Zoom. not everyone can park in that small lot now, and walking across El Camino is not safe.

None

**CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 8, 2024

**TO:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Greg Mediati, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Department Update

**Parks Division Updates**

***Clay Park Resurfacing***

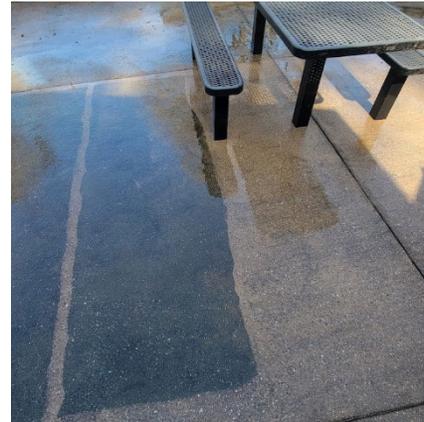
Staff have been working to obtain bids for resurfacing the basketball court at Clay Park and have received two bids and are currently awaiting a third. The scope of the project includes asphalt replacement with new court striping with a bid alternative to replace the posts and backboards if within the project budget. The nature of the work requires warm days with a clear forecast, so staff have been waiting to proceed with this work until the rainy season subsides. Once work commences it should be completed within two weeks. Park visitors and nearby residents will be notified prior to the start of work.

***Brentwood Park Rehabilitation***

Parks Division staff have been working with an on-call designer to create a new irrigation plan necessary in order to replant and establish trees at Brentwood Park. Staff have located positions of approximately 40 trees to be replanted in the back of the park. Tree species will be native to the area and will be planted in a manner to have an upper canopy, lower canopy, and understory layers to benefit multiple species of animals that call the park home. Additionally, the species chosen will grow at different rates to help create a staggered aging process which allows for proper management and succession planting of trees based off their life span to help keep the park forested into the future. In addition to this work, the last few tree removals along the back of the homes on Briarwood Drive has commenced but is momentarily paused until the back of the park has a chance to dry up so a crane can access the rear of the homes and to allow for biological surveys, which are necessary as we've entered nesting season. There are only four more trees left to be removed, which should occur in the coming weeks.

***Picnic and Baseball Season Begins***

Parks Division staff have been focusing on annual preparation work in advance of the busy picnic rental season. This includes replacing barbecues, pressure washing, and deep cleaning the sites among other tasks. In addition to this, staff have also been working on and completed preparing the baseball fields around the city to be ready for the start of the season. While the rains made it challenging, staff were able to install new mounds and clay infield material at all sites that the co-sponsored leagues use. Infield work was also completed, addressing divots and lips by cutting them out and replacing them with fresh sod that is level to the playing field.



***Westborough Shoulder Work***

Parks staff cleared the bike lanes and sidewalk from the adjacent privately owned parcels that run on the eastbound side of Westborough Boulevard between Olympic Drive and Oakmont Drive to create a safe right of way for pedestrians and bicyclists. These sites had long been neglected by the previous owners and growth had encroached into the sidewalk and bike lane, creating a hazardous condition. Staff are seeking bids to perform one-time clean-up work for these parcels as well as ongoing maintenance quotes for regular weed abatement. Additionally, arborists on staff will be assessing trees to prescribe removals or trimming as needed to protect both homes and commuters using Westborough Boulevard.

