

**CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 4, 2025

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Department Update

**Terrabay Gymnasium HVAC Replacement**

A new rooftop HVAC unit was recently installed at Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center. Building Maintenance staff collaborated with City Mechanical and Swinerton Builders to help manage the project and operations. Rooftop installation is always a challenge, and the project required the use of a large crane to help remove the existing unit and raise the new unit to install in its place. The unit is currently in operation and has since been put on a schedule, making the space climate more comfortable for our staff and patrons.



### **Reopening of Library | Parks and Recreation (LPR) Café Request for Proposal (RFP)**

Staff previously issued an RFP seeking a vendor to operate the cafe on the third floor of the Library | Parks and Recreation Center (LPR). Due to several vendor submittals not meeting the requirements outlined in the RFP, the RFP will be reopened. A mandatory site visit for interested proposers is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 23. Proposals are due on Thursday, October 23. The RFP is available on the City's procurement webpage at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/ssf?status=all>.

### **Classes Program**

#### *Movie Night/Field Day*

On Friday, July 18, the South San Francisco Parks and Recreation team hosted its annual Movie Night in the Park and Field Day in celebration of Parks and Recreation Month. This year's festivities featured lawn games, free hot dogs, snacks, and drinks, along with a free screening of *Moana 2*. Ahead of the film, Recreation Hula Instructor Mary Ann Narvaez and her program participants delivered a vibrant performance, inviting audience members to join in for a celebratory dance. An estimated 400 attendees enjoyed the event, including community members, Parks and Recreation Commissioners, and San Mateo County Supervisor David Canepa, who recognized the occasion and emphasized the importance of celebrating Parks and Recreation Month. This was the second movie night hosted at the Orange Memorial Park Meadow and was considered altogether a well-attended event.



*Movie Night in the Park was very well-attended. Those who attended enjoyed the movie, free activities and hotdogs provided!*

### *Introduction to the Night Sky*

On Tuesday, August 19, the Introduction to the Night Sky instructor Josh Roberts closed out the summer session with a portable planetarium. This inflatable planetarium allowed the instructor and students to view the celestial solar system. The focus of the last class was an in-depth look at the topics discussed throughout the summer session and opportunity for students to ask questions and viewpoints of interests. Josh has over a decade of experience presenting in planetariums around the Bay Area and worked with NASA's Ames Research Center. The Classes Program is excited to continue offering this course in the upcoming fall session and expanding Josh's programming in the coming months.



*Instructor Josh Roberts with inflatable planetarium.*

### **Cultural Arts Commission**

#### *Introducing the 2025 Jack Drago Youth Art Intern, Lola Castro*

In 1999, a scholarship program for graduating South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD) high school seniors was conceived by the Cultural Arts Commission. Titled the Jack Drago Cultural Arts Commission Youth Art Scholarship, it was named in honor of Jack Drago, former South San Francisco mayor and founder of the arts commission.

In 2025, the scholarship program transitioned to the Jack Drago Youth Art Internship, established to provide financial support to a young creative while also enabling the candidate to engage in meaningful, project-based work and develop real-world skills in arts administration, public engagement, and creative programming.

Lola Idelle Zelter Castro was selected from a group of eight candidates. Lola is a graduate of El Camino High School. She participated in several school clubs including the cross-country club, swimming club, and Queer-Straight Alliance club. Her passion for music led her to participating in band where she was regarded as the “Band Kid.” She’s a performer with different musical ensembles, including Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble and the Mission District Young Musicians. She has also performed administrative work for the South San Francisco Unified School District.

Lola’s practical skills lent itself to a performing arts track for her summer internship project. She will be devising a plan to bring live performing arts to the SSF Farmers’ Market. The goal is to engage the community and enhance participation, ultimately benefiting the vendors and the South San Francisco community at large.

Lola’s internship will end mid-September. She will continue her studies at UC Davis with the goal of pursuing a degree in both civil engineering and music performance. Her aspiration is to focus on public transportation, shaping the urban environment for future generations.



*Jack Drago Youth Art Intern, Lola Castro (fourth from left), posing with Cultural Arts Commissioners.*

#### *Survey Exploring Performing Arts at the Farmers' Market*

The Jack Drago Youth Art Intern, Lola Castro, is leading the development of a new initiative to bring live performing arts to the South San Francisco Farmers' Market. The goal is to showcase local talent and support a more engaging and vibrant market experience for community members and vendors alike. To help shape this effort, Lola developed and launched an online community survey with guidance from staff in both the Parks and Recreation Department as well as the City Manager's Office. The survey invites community members to share their interest in live performances, as well as suggest specific style preferences or local performers they would like to see featured.

The survey was launched in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department's Movie Night at Orange Memorial Park that took place on Friday, July 18 and closed on August 15. Once data has been reviewed, the next phase will be to move forward with planning to launch the new pilot performance series titled "Agriculture and Artistry." This new pilot program intends to support local performing artists through a series of ten solo or group acts with the intention of launching sometime in September. Since this program is new and under development, the timing may be adjusted.

#### *Call for Entries – October Art Show*

Two- and three-dimensional art entries are invited for an October exhibition titled the "Past, Present, Future Art Show." In keeping with the month's celebration of Indigenous culture, submissions should reflect the artists' heritage and life experience, the foundation which shapes future hopes. The guidelines and online entry form are now available. The online entry deadline is September 22.

The show takes place at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Gallery. It will open on Friday, October 3, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and continues Saturday, October 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The additional gallery period runs weekdays, from October 6 through 31.

Admission is free. For detailed entry information and event updates, visit [www.ssf.net/culturalarts](http://www.ssf.net/culturalarts).

### **Sports Program – Summer 2025**

As summer winds down, several of our most popular South San Francisco programs have officially concluded, capping off another successful summer season. From the Junior Giants Program to adult sports, SSF has seen strong participation and a great sense of community spirit across the board.

#### *Adult Basketball*

South San Francisco Adult Basketball enrolled seven teams for this summer. Playoffs began on August 13, with the top four seeds and ended in a championship game on August 20. Currently, returning teams are the top three seeds with a new team, New Genes, holding their spot in fourth place. Competition levels have been high since the beginning of the season. Fans and staff have enjoyed watching every Wednesday night at Terrabay.

#### *Adult Softball Recap*

This summer's adult leagues were more competitive than ever. Coed Softball Finals concluded with SutroXtracts, the top veteran team from recent spring and summer seasons, claiming victory in the Competitive Division, and Sign Hill Sluggers, our very own city employee team, taking first place in the Corporate/Rec Division. This is the first championship title for the Sign Hill Sluggers, earned after two years of growing together and building team chemistry.

#### *Junior Giants*

South San Francisco and the beloved Junior Giants program extends its gratitude to its 155 volunteers this season. This year, 450 participants (a new record) made it through the eight-week summer with practices at the grass fields during the week. Games were played at Orange Memorial Park Sports Field on Fridays and Saturdays. The excitement of the newest field in South San Francisco continues to be a highlight for the community.



*City employee team, Sign Hill Sluggers, win the championship title.*

The league concluded with the annual Junior Giants Festival on Sunday, August 3. Many teams qualified for this event based on the program's reading curriculum, reaching a certain amount of reading minutes for the summer. Players also earned a backpack for their minutes alongside attending the festival.

This year's program was supported by two outstanding program ambassadors, Ellie and Giselle. Ellie, a returning ambassador with both her kids in the program, was honored with the All-Star Pick Award at Oracle Park on August 15, receiving an engraved bat during a special on-field ceremony. Giselle, a San Jose State collegiate softball player and proud SSF native, led social media efforts and built strong connections with players and families throughout the season. Both ambassadors will wrap up their terms by the end of August, completing final administrative duties and exit interviews. Their commitment and enthusiasm made a lasting impact. A special shoutout to Sports Coordinator Brooke Bayangos, who just completed her second term overseeing this massive program. Brooke has done an outstanding job leading and growing Junior Giants this season. South San Francisco will continue to grow the program, especially seeking to expand its softball divisions even more next year.



*SSF Junior Giants Ambassador, Ellie, receives the All-Star Pick Award at Oracle Park*

### **Aquatics Program: Summer 2025 Inservice Training**

The Aquatics Program held a robust summer in-service staff training for lifeguards and swim instructors at Orange Pool Monday, June 9, to Thursday, June 12. The training covered a thorough review of policies and procedures, the rollout of a new swim lesson curriculum, and extensive practice with emergency action plan (EAP) scenarios.

#### *Monday, June 9: Policies and Procedures Review*

The first day of training, Monday, June 9, was dedicated to a thorough review of Orange Pool's policies and procedures. Key topics covered included:

- City Mission and Core Values
- Teamwork and Integrity
- Vigilance and Responsibility
- Effective Communication
- Customer Service and Approachability
- Respect for Management and Colleagues
- Maintaining a Safe and Clean Environment
- Continuous Improvement
- Zero Tolerance Policies and Job Performance
- Individual Accountability

#### *Tuesday, June 10: New Swim Lesson Curriculum and Safety*

The training focused on the new swim lesson curriculum and crucial safety measures for instructors. All new levels were discussed with the staff, including detailed lesson plans. Key aspects covered included:

- Class Management and Safety
- Effective Communication
- Techniques, Methods, and Demonstrations
- Correction and Assessment

*Wednesday, June 11: Emergency Action Plan Scenarios*

Lifeguards and non-lifeguard staff participated in hands-on emergency action plan (EAP) scenarios. These drills provided practical experience in responding to various emergencies, with a focus on integrating non-lifeguard staff to understand their role in assisting without CPR training. All lifeguards had the opportunity to participate and received immediate feedback after each drill. Scenarios included:

- Water Emergency (Distressed/Active Victim): Water Emergency (Passive Victim)
- Medical Emergencies
- Stroke Recognition (FAST Mnemonic)
- Earthquakes
- Fire
- Active Shooter (Run, Hide, Fight)

*Thursday, June 12: Spinal Injuries and Collaborative Drowning Scenario with South San Francisco Fire Department (SSFFD)*

This training focused on specialized rescue techniques and inter-agency collaboration:

- Spinal Injuries in Water
- Drowning Scenario with South San Francisco Fire Department



*Aquatics staff participated in a variety of trainings throughout the summer.*

### **Senior Services Program**

*Congregate Wrap Up FY 2024-25*

The Congregate Nutrition Program was a huge success during Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The Senior Services team served a free lunch to participants aged 60+ every Tuesday and Thursday, with approximately 90 people coming each day. There were 262 Congregate Nutrition Program attendees for the year, totaling 7,980 meals served from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Of the 262 attendees, 174 of them are South San Francisco residents, with other participants coming from San

Bruno, Pacifica, Daly City, Colma, and Redwood City. In addition to the meals, the Senior Services team provided four nutrition education presentations, which included Preventing Muscle Loss, Understanding the Nutrition Facts Label, Healthy Lifestyle/Healthy Lifestyle for Men, and Fiber for the Elderly. Participants were provided non-food resources as well from HIP Housing, Alzheimer's Association, Ombudsman Services, Safe Routes, San Mateo County Mobility Guides and Transportation Services, Rising Sun, Home Assist, First Light Home Care, Peninsula Family Services, and more. We are very proud of the work of the Senior Services team, and look forward to another successful year for the Congregate Nutrition Program.

#### *Full of Fun Wrap Up Summer 2025*

Full of Fun Summer Camp for teens and young adults with special needs occurred for three weeks this summer. Each week, campers and high school volunteers enjoyed participating in art projects, science experiments, cooking projects, outside play time, board games, ping pong, and preschool buddy time together. On the last day of camp, staff hosted an annual family barbeque, with many family members and City employees joining to wrap up Summer 2025. Everyone had so much fun at Full of Fun Camp this summer and staff are already looking forward to hosting Nights of Fun during the school year.



*Full of Fun campers and staff*

#### **Childcare Program Update**

##### *End-of-Summer Camp Report: A Look Back at a Fantastic Summer!*

This report serves as a celebratory overview of highlights, successes, and memorable moments from the past nine weeks of summer camp, showcasing the impact on campers and the community.

- **Total Campers:** 729 registered campers filled our sites with energy and excitement every day.
- **Locations:** Camp was a success at four sites, including Orange Memorial Park, Ponderosa, Terrabay, and an ELOP Program at Monte Verde. Each location was a hub of creativity, laughter, and fun.
- **Camper Spirit:** From the youngest to the oldest, campers showed amazing sportsmanship, teamwork, and kindness. Staff are incredibly proud of their growth and the friendships they have made.

- **Camper Demographics:** Enrollment remains diverse, with participants from various neighborhoods and age groups. Campers are between the ages of 4 and 14.

### **Community Day at the Gene Mullin Community Learning Center**



*Preschool Supervisor Diana Gonzalez tabling at the Community Day event.*

On Saturday, August 9, Preschool Supervisor, Diana Gonzalez, attended the Community Day event at the Gene Mullin Community Learning Center. She shared information on Little Steps Preschool. The public was invited to attend this event to enroll their children in the Homework Club for this 2025-2026 school year. The event was open from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., with coffee and snacks for those who participated. The South San Francisco Library offered free books to the children, bilingual

story time, and an opportunity to see the newly renovated “look” of the Learning Wheels. Familias Tomando Accion and San Mateo County were also in attendance to offer information to families. Preschool brochures were also provided to interested families to encourage sign-ups for their infants to enroll in Little Steps Preschool once they turn three years old. Many families asked questions regarding the importance of young children enrolling in preschool if there was no need for childcare. Diana also offered families tours of the preschool classroom.

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**Concert in the Park Update**

Parks and Recreation Department staff are in the final planning stages to prepare for the 2025 Concert in the Park event held at Orange Memorial Park. The event will take place on Saturday, September 20 from 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Due to construction of the new aquatic facility, this event will take place for a second year in the picnic meadow on Memorial Drive. Given the success of the 2024 event and extra excitement around this year's Grammy award-winning headliner, Ozomatli, staff have made some adjustments this year to allow more space for concertgoers. The most notable change to the event layout includes relocating vendor booths from the grass meadow to the parking lots, leaving most of the meadow for audience members. See Attachment 1 for an updated event map. Other changes this year includes enhanced off-site parking and free shuttle options to relieve traffic around the park, as well as the support of a security firm to support event day safety. The parking and free shuttle options and other event day details will be available at [www.ssf.net/concert](http://www.ssf.net/concert). Staff continue to update this website as we finalize the event logistics.

*Run of Show*

Councilmembers are invited to join the Mayor on stage at 12:45 p.m. to be presented for opening remarks.

<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Concert in the Park 2025 – Run of Show</b>
11:30 AM	Event Opens - Food Trucks, Family Fun Zone, Exhibitor Tents
12:15 PM	Performance by El Camino High School Jazz Band
12:45 PM	Welcome by Mayor or designee ( <i>Please report to the stage by 12:35 p.m.</i> )
1:00 PM	Performance by Livewire
2:45 PM	Performance by South San Francisco Hawaiian Hula Class
3:30 PM	Performance by Ozomatli
5:00 PM	Event ends

### *Parking / RSVP*

Given the limited parking spaces on site, we ask that you please RSVP to Keren Solano, Administrative Assistant, at [keren.solano@ssfca.gov](mailto:keren.solano@ssfca.gov) so we can plan for your attendance. An email reminder with parking instructions and other event information will be sent to City Councilmembers the week of the event. Staff will be on site on event day to assist you.

### *Musical Performances*

Staff are excited to announce Ozomatli's upcoming performance at Concert in the Park. Since 1995, the multi-genre cultural powerhouse has blended Latin, hip-hop, funk, reggae, and global influences into an unmistakable sound that captures the city's energy and diversity. In June, they kicked off the 30 Revolutions Tour, a tribute to three decades of music, culture, and connection.

Opening for Ozomatli is Livewire. Livewire is a dance and rock cover band based in the San Francisco Bay Area, performing for public, private, and corporate events. Showcasing an eclectic mix of the best songs from the 70s and 80s through current rock and dance hits, the band accurately covers a wide range of music.

The Department is also proud to announce the El Camino High School Jazz Band and the Department's own Hawaiian Hula Classes to perform at this year's concert.

### *Family Fun Zone and Other Activities*

The Family Fun Zone and Children's Activity area will be located on the Sports Field. Activities will be similar to last year with inflatables, a skating rink, and carnival games. New for this year, the sports co-sponsored groups and other sport/exercise child activity vendor booths will be located on the field. They will be providing activities within their larger booth footprint for the community to participate in. They include SSF Youth Baseball Managers Association, SSF Aquatics Club, SSF United Youth Soccer League, Super Soccer Stars, Bay Area Calisthenics, and Fit4Mom.

### *Food and Drink Concessions*

The South San Francisco Friends of Parks and Recreation will serve beer and wine, as they have done historically, raising monies for Parks and Recreation programs and scholarships. The food trucks include Brazuca Grill, Dominic's, Red Sauce Meatballs, Silvas, Phil's Hot Dogs, Mozzarella, and Mister Softee. Food trucks will be in a new location along the path by the canal.

### *Vendor Booths*

Forty-eight tents will be hosting a variety of vendors in the two parking lots along the meadow. Vendors include City Departments, co-sponsored groups, non-profits, and local arts and crafts vendors that will be spread through the two vendor areas and the sports field.

Staff have increased the footprint of the senior rest stop areas, a recommendation from the Age-Friendly Action Plan, moving them to a better viewing area for the concert, as well as adding one rest stop to the new vendor area.

#### *Attendee Guidelines, Elections / Public Forum Booth*

The Department has established the Attendee Guidelines in Attachment 2 to discourage activities or conduct which may detract from the enjoyment of the event by others. The guidelines address allowable use of sunshades and tents in a designated Canopy Zone. Similar to past years, the guidelines also include a provision for an Elections / Public Forum Booth as an allowable space for groups representing politically oriented activities to distribute election materials and speak to residents. Increased contract security has been hired for this event to support City staff.

#### *Donors*

Staff have been able to enhance this event thanks to donations from Genentech, State Farm, and Kaiser Permanente. In addition, Parking Company of America has offered an in-kind donation of shuttle services to support a special event shuttle route. These donations will be presented to City Council for acceptance at a future meeting.

#### **Urban Forestry Conference at Stanford**

Recently, Director Greg Mediati and Parks Manager Joshua Richardson were invited to speak at an urban and community forestry conference at Stanford University. Greg and Joshua spoke to the important aspects of community partnerships in managing and expanding the City's urban forest. Staff were the only municipal representatives invited to speak, representing the local government perspective, and the recent community planting partnership with Rise South City.



#### **Seniors Program**

##### *San Pedro Valley Park Field Trip*

On Friday, August 15, the Senior Services team partnered with San Mateo County Public Health, Policy and Planning as well as the San Mateo County Parks Foundation to provide a free field trip to San Pedro Valley Park for Senior Services Program participants. The County arranged the transportation as well as the park reservations for this trip. Together they promoted and recruited

seniors through City recreation programs and the South San Francisco Health Clinic to attend the fieldtrip. The participants enjoyed their time there. They walked and hiked trails, met park rangers, learned about the local ecosystem at the visitor center, saw wildlife, and participated in an arts and crafts project. Staff looks forward to working with San Mateo County in the future to provide more field trips for South San Francisco seniors.



## **Rentals Update**

### *Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition*

On Thursday, August 28, the South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department hosted the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center (LPR), welcoming approximately 400 cyclists from across the Bay Area.



The event featured guest speakers who discussed bicycle access improvements, local trail exploration, and road safety demonstrations. Sponsors such as AT&T and Waymo also participated, offering insights into autonomous vehicles and their impact on cyclist safety. Throughout the day, participants joined organized group rides around South San Francisco, including a popular ride along the Centennial Trail with over 30 riders each session.

To accommodate the large turnout, the Coalition reserved multiple spaces within the LPR including the Social Hall, Banquet Hall, Council Chambers, Winter Garden, both kitchens, and the outdoor patio and green space. The day concluded with a lively jazz band performance and happy hour on the patio. The Rentals team played a key role in the success of the event, which included multiple in-person meetings with the Rentals Coordinator and Supervisor during the planning phase. Five part-time Recreation Leaders worked the night before the event to set up tables, chairs, and stages, ensuring the facility was ready for a seamless 8:00 a.m. start. On the day of the event, six part-time Recreation Leaders were on site to assist with setup, manage garbage removal, and perform deep cleaning of the rooms to prepare the spaces for Friday morning programming.

The event was also supported by the South San Francisco Economic and Community Development Department, as well as the Information Technology Department who provided technical support, including setup of microphones, slideshow presentations, and laptop testing across all three event spaces. Now in its second year at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center, the event was a great success. The South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department looks forward to welcoming the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition back in 2026 if they decide to return.



### **Sports Program: Fall Middle School Camps**

The South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department hosted free seasonal camps for volleyball, flag football, and basketball. These camps provide a great opportunity for coaches to meet prospective players and for students in sixth through eighth grade to get active, build skills, and learn more about the program before formal evaluations begin. This is the second year in a row that free camps have been provided to the community.

#### *Volleyball Camp*

This season, the two-day volleyball camp was held on August 26 and 27 at Terrabay Gym. Tuesday's session welcomed 35 participants and Wednesday's session had 33 participants. Most families opted to register for both days. Players and coaches enjoyed high-energy drills, fun scrimmages, and the chance to connect before the season officially kicks off. The enthusiasm and turnout made it a strong start to the fall program.

#### *Flag Football Camp*

The one-day flag football camp took place on August 28 at Orange Memorial Park Sports Field with 26 students in attendance. Coaches led skills stations and team-building activities, giving participants a preview of the upcoming season. Parents were encouraged to register their kids for the league after the camp. Based on the feedback received, most students had a great time working with their coaches and teammates on the field and there are now a total of 44 students registered for evaluations.



### **Youth Enrichment Services (YES)**



Youth Enrichment Services (YES) After-School Programs have started the school year with many exciting activities and learning opportunities. School has been in session for just over two weeks and children have participated in a variety of activities as well as a lot of outdoor time, especially with the beautiful weather. Staff also provide daily homework assistance. Some of the educational activities have included STEAM candy structures, oatmeal energy balls, all about me art, magnetic blocks, fusebeads, fruit loop trees, dot art rainbows, and scratch painting.

### **Orange Memorial Park Tree Trimming**

To prepare Orange Memorial Park for the upcoming Festa Italiana and Concert in the Park events, the Parks Division tree crew has been hard at work. Efforts have included significant pruning and maintenance. Specifically, staff performed raising pruning on the eucalyptus trees to create adequate clearance for food truck exhaust vents that will be lined along the Colma Creek Canal during Concert in the Park. This work is essential for both safety and logistics during the events. Additionally, staff removed diseased tissues from the various ornamental pear trees in the park while simultaneously completing clearance and aesthetic pruning. The crew also took out a dead tree and performed significant pruning on a variety of other trees in the areas around the Fernekes Building and the Sculpture Garden, ensuring these prominent locations are clear and visually appealing for all visitors.



### **Cultura Fest 2025 Preparations**

To ensure the downtown area was ready for the recent Cultura Fest, Parks staff were hard at work around the City Hall Grounds and Grand Avenue. Their efforts included refreshing all the planters with new rock and wood chip mulch, which significantly improved the aesthetic. Staff also performed extensive weeding to ensure the area looked clean and well-maintained for all the visitors. Additionally, they replaced several plants that were struggling, ensuring a vibrant and healthy look for the festival. Finally, the team performed essential pruning on the trees in the vicinity, which not only enhanced the overall beauty of the area but also improved safety for those attending the event.



### **Rose Garden Refresh**

Parks staff has continued their diligent work on the Rose Garden outside City Hall, ensuring it remains a beautiful and thriving space. Earlier this spring, the roses underwent significant pruning, a crucial step that was performed to promote fresh regrowth and ensure a more abundant and vibrant display of blooms throughout the season. More recently, the staff has been focused on the ongoing upkeep of these plants. Their efforts have included refreshing the wood chip mulch, which helps retain moisture and suppress weeds while also giving the garden a clean, uniform look. Additionally, they have been applying fertilizer to provide the roses with the essential nutrients they need to flourish. Finally, staff have been performing corrective pruning and actively managing for insects to maintain the health and aesthetic appeal of the garden.



### **Sellick Park Playground Minor Improvements**

At Sellick Park, Parks staff have been working on refreshing the look of the playground structure. A few months ago, wooden steps leading up to the playground that were rotted had been replaced and certified playground wood mulch was installed to cushion falls. More recently, all concrete, plastic and metal surfaces were pressure washed and inspected for loose hardware or damage. Spiderwebs were removed and rusted hardware was replaced. Some surfaces required light sanding before staff could begin the extensive painting project. Several coatings of commercial grade exterior paint with a glossy sheen were then applied to all plastic and metal components of the playground to help withstand the harsh elements at that location. A few minor touchups need to be completed still as well as replacement of the rusty chains and faded swings. These few tasks are occurring over the next few weeks as staff balance this project and the preparation of Orange Memorial Park for Festa Italiana and Concert in the Park.



Before



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Before



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### **Concert in the Park prep at OMP**

Parks staff have been busy prepping for the upcoming Concert in the Park scheduled for Saturday, September 20. Some tasks that have already taken place are checking and adjusting irrigation, replacing broken irrigation heads, string trimming/pulling weeds as well as trimming the ivy along the fence line of the Park Lane Apartments. Gopher abatement is an ongoing effort as well as filling in soil and seed to large divots in the picnic meadow lawns. A couple of the BBQ pits have been replaced as well. In the next couple of weeks leading to the big event, more

staff will be assigned. During this time, pressure washing all concrete areas and park furniture will be completed as well as some painting projects. Sweeping of the turf fields, deep cleaning the park restrooms, string trimming, edging and mowing all grass areas will be completed prior to the event as well. Ongoing trimming and litter removal is occurring regularly. Recycled tree chip will also be added to planter areas. Lastly, blowing of the parking lots and all other hardscapes will be completed the evening before the Concert. Additionally, Improving Public Places is hosting two small clean up events at Orange Park, helping with debris, weed, and litter removal around the Park.





South San Francisco Parks & Recreation Department



# CONCERT in the PARK 2025



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

**11:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

## ARTISTS ANNOUNCED!

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**South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department**  
**Concert in the Park - Orange Memorial Park**  
**September 20, 2025, 11:30 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Guidelines for Attendees**

Concert in the Park 2025 is a free, family-oriented community event that includes activities for all ages to enjoy. These guidelines are intended to protect attendees from any activities or behaviors which may detract from the enjoyment of the event by others.

**Bring:**

- Yourself, family, and friends!
- Low back chairs and picnic blankets.
- Valid ID to get your alcohol wristband if you plan to purchase beer and wine.
- Cash – some vendors may not accept debit/credit card purchases. Beer and wine sales are cash only.
- Cameras to snap, tag, and share your experience.
- Good vibes!

**Leave at home:**

- Umbrellas (beach and handheld) will not be allowed in the audience viewing area.
- Germs – if you are feeling sick or exhibiting flu-like symptoms, please stay home.
- Pets, except ADA service animals. ADA service animals are specifically trained to aid a person with a disability. Emotional support and family pets are not permitted.
- Drugs or drug paraphernalia, marijuana, or marijuana products.
- Weapons, pepper spray/mace, flares, or fireworks.
- Barbecues.
- Drones or remote-controlled toys.
- Disruptive behavior. Included but not limited to:
  - No sitting, standing, loitering in designated fire lanes or pedestrian walkways.
  - No taunting, abusive, or insulting language.
  - No obscene or offensive gestures, imagery, or symbolism.

**Fun Zone**

- **Fun Zone will be open 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- Children who wish to participate in any activity in the Fun Zone will need to have a parent/guardian sign a waiver for them to receive a wrist band.
- Food is not allowed in the Fun Zone area, only water.
- Dogs or other animals are not allowed in the Fun Zone area, except for ADA service animals.

**Sunshades and Tents:**

- Use of sunshades or tents (no larger than 10'x10') is allowed **only** in the area designated as the Canopy Zone. Sunshades and tents are not allowed in any other part of the event footprint so not to block the line of site to the stages from the general audience viewing area. The Canopy Zone will be marked off with a chalk line and is also identified on the

attached event map (coming soon). Sunshades and canopies cannot be staked into the ground. Orange Memorial Park can get very windy so sunshade and tent users should be prepared to secure their set up with weights. Staff may direct concert goers to take down their canopies if wind conditions or other conditions are such that it may present a danger to the welfare of others.

- There will be a designated rest area for seniors who wish to be able to sit in a shaded area and enjoy the concert on the grass area.
- Please refer to the concert map for these locations (coming soon).

### **Elections / Public Forum Booth**

Candidates canvassing or individuals/groups representing politically-oriented activities are welcome to occupy the Elections / Public Forum Booth in the Exhibitor Area between 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This booth is being provided to allow candidates or individuals/groups representing politically oriented activities to distribute election materials and to speak to residents. Please note the following policies for individuals/groups wishing to use the Elections / Public Forum Booth:

- The Elections / Public Forum Booth is a shared booth and may not be reserved for sole use by a single organization or individual.
- The booth is housed under a 10' x 10' high peak festival tent and will include two 6' tables and four chairs.
- Given the limited space in the booth, the candidate or cause should only have one representative at a time.
- Display materials shall be limited to a poster, which may be put up inside the booth only, and a supply of handouts for canvassing.
- Campaign workers may walk around the event area to distribute campaign items but may not accost fair goers with aggressive distribution of materials and sales-type interactions that blocks people's movements or that physically disrupts the public's enjoyment of the event.
- Any concert attendee, including candidates, may bring their own 10' x 10' tent, and establish a tabling area within the designated Canopy Zone. **Space is very limited and available on a first come, first served basis as space allows** so it is recommended you arrive early to secure a space if you plan to put up an individual small tent or canopy.

### **South San Francisco Municipal Code – Public Parks**

All relevant provisions of the South San Francisco Municipal Code (SSFMC) which regulate activities and behaviors within public parks shall apply to the confines of the Concert in the Park event. The following are a highlight of the most common regulations that are not permitted:

1. Dogs or other animals, on or off leash, except for service animals (SSFMC § [10.36.095](#));
2. Smoking of tobacco or any other plant or product, including the use of electronic smoking devices, a pipe, cigar, hookah, or cigarette of any kind (SSFMC § [8.50.030\(b\)\(1\)](#); [8.50.090\(c\)\(4\)](#));
3. Amplified music other than the main stage performance (SSFMC § [10.36.160](#));
4. Riding of bicycles or operation of motorized vehicles within the park (SSFMC § [10.36.040](#)). Mobility devices for disabled users are exempt;

5. Disorderly behavior, including but not limited to threatening behavior or conduct that tends to breach the public peace (SSFMC § [10.36.150](#)).

Individuals who are in violation of these guidelines and interfere with the enjoyment of the event may be directed by Event Staff or the SSF Police Department to correct the violation. In the case of a serious or dangerous situation, or for failure to comply with a request to correct a violation, individuals may be ejected from the event and/or referred to the SSFPD for enforcement.