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Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023-24



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Measure K Timeline

2008-2009

The Great Recession: Tax revenue plummets as needs for such basics as food, shelter and health care rise, stressing local budgets to the breaking point.

NOVEMBER
2012

Voters pass a half-cent* local sales tax (Measure A) placed on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors. The tax measure passes with 65.4 percent of the vote. Collection of the tax began on April 1, 2013, and the Board of Supervisors began to authorize spending later that year. The tax was to sunset on March 31, 2023.

NOVEMBER
2016

Deciding to build on the progress being made with the local funds, the Board of Supervisors placed a 20-year extension of the sales tax on the November 2016 ballot, designated as Measure K in the randomized alphabet drawing. Measure K was overwhelmingly approved with 70.37 percent of the vote.

***Note:** a half-cent sales tax adds 10 cents to a taxable purchase of \$20. The additional tax on a \$100 taxable purchase is 50 cents. Prescription drugs and most groceries are exempt from sales tax.

Executive Summary

In November 2016, San Mateo County voters approved Measure K, which extends a half-cent sales tax to provide local funds for local needs until the year 2043.

To enhance transparency and accountability, the County tracks all Measure K funds and places initiatives funded by Measure K into one of seven categories:

- Public Safety
- Health and Mental Health
- Youth and Education
- Housing and Homelessness
- Parks and Environment
- Older Adults and Veterans Services
- Community Services

In addition, the County separately tracks onetime loans and initiatives that are funded at the recommendation of a member of the Board. These are called district discretionary expenditures.

In the fiscal year from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, expenditures across all initiatives totaled \$124,185,522.

Of that amount, investments in Housing and Homelessness topped expenditures by category at \$50.45 million, or 41 percent of the total.

Following Housing and Homelessness, investments in Community Services totaled \$23.14 million, or 19 percent of the total. This category includes spending on infrastructure and technology improvements as well as support for certain community-based organizations.

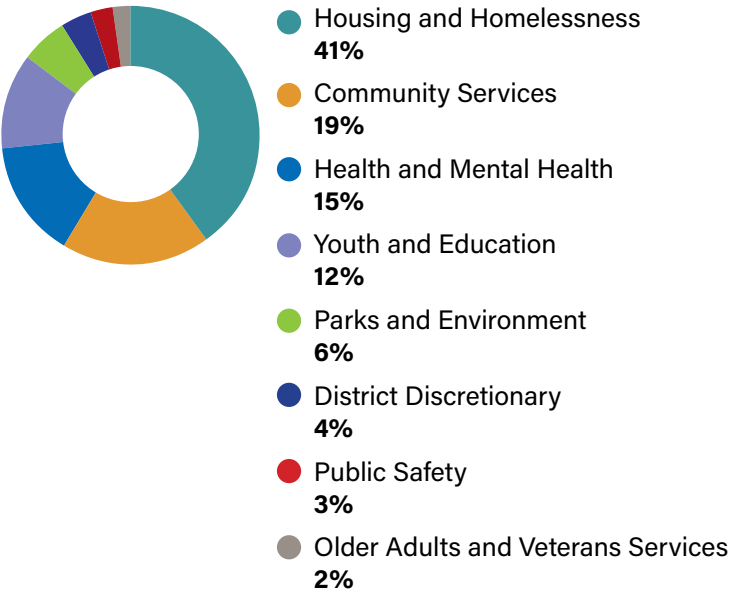
Investments in Health and Mental Health followed at \$18.54 million, or 15 percent of the total. The next highest category was Youth and Education at \$14.46 million, or 12 percent.

Youth and Education was followed by Parks and Environment at \$6.88 million, or 6 percent. Investments in Public Safety totaled \$3.35 million, or 3 percent, and Older Adults and Veterans Services at \$2.96 million, or 2 percent.

District discretionary spending totaled \$4.41 million, or 4 percent.

The following report highlights some of the work accomplished with Measure K funds during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Measure K Spending FY 2023-24 \$124,185,522



The table below represents Measure K revenues and expenditures since inception

Fiscal Year	Measure K Revenues	Measure K Expenditures
2012-13	\$4,397,205	
2013-14	\$75,577,548	\$24,113,909
2014-15	\$80,598,111	\$36,396,204
2015-16	\$79,888,971	\$44,081,784
2016-17	\$83,033,888	\$58,199,714
2017-18	\$89,602,981	\$88,416,871
2018-19	\$98,604,386	\$102,600,256
2019-20	\$94,078,776	\$82,407,371
2020-21	\$88,750,803	\$69,968,983
2021-22	\$109,823,249	\$77,178,441
2022-23	\$119,614,687	\$79,304,436
2023-24	\$116,044,097	\$124,185,522
Total	\$1,040,014,702	\$786,853,491



Two New Vehicles for First Responders

The La Honda Fire Brigade welcomed a new custom-built apparatus to meet the unique needs and challenges of the coastal hills.

Rescue 57 is a 2024 Ford F-550 ambulance-rescue vehicle manufactured by Braun Emergency Vehicles. It replaces an old rescue vehicle that was at the end of its service life.

Rescue 57 responds to accidents, medical emergencies and rescues in La Honda and surrounding areas. It's smaller and more compact than the unit it replaced, allowing access to more difficult and remote locations.

Owned by the San Mateo County Fire Department and operated by the volunteer firefighters in the community of La Honda, the \$416,250 vehicle is a 4-wheel drive unit that holds rope, extrication and specialized rescue equipment.

Utility 58 – a 2024 Toyota Tacoma – also joined the fleet of emergency vehicles serving the unincorporated area. At a cost of \$46,020, this new utility vehicle is based at Fire Station 58 in Skylonda, near the intersection of Woodside Road and Skyline Boulevard.

It is designed to allow for better access to remote areas and replaces an old Ford Expedition that has reached the end of its service life.

The purchase of Rescue 57 and Utility 58 were made possible by Measure K through the Fire Engine Replacement Fund.

PUBLIC SAFETY





New Fire Station in Pescadero a Step Closer

Cramped and prone to flooding, the fire station serving rural southern San Mateo County has long been eyed for replacement.

Now the vision of a new station is coming into focus.

San Mateo County supervisors in April 2024 voted 5-0 to award a design contract for a new fire house at 350-360 Butano Cutoff, next to Pescadero Middle and High School. It will replace the current Fire Station 59, located in a flood zone, about 1.5 miles away.

The County's Capital Improvement Plan through the Measure K half-cent sales tax has allocated approximately \$20 million to relocate the new station.

In September 2023, the Board approved a 99-year lease for the 1.75-acre site with the La Honda Pescadero Unified School District.

Construction could begin as early as mid-2025.

Record Number of Assault Weapons Collected

Handguns, semiautomatic and automatic assault rifles were among the 297 firearms collected at a buyback event in May 2024.

A record number 24 assault weapons, four untraceable ghost guns and one machine gun were collected at the buyback in South San Francisco. All firearms were to be processed for destruction.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, the County of San Mateo, Citizens for San Mateo County Gun Buyback, the Colma Police Department, the Daly City Police Department, the San Bruno Police Department and the South San Francisco Police Department all partnered together for the four-hour event.

Residents were paid between \$50 and \$200 depending on the firearm with no questions asked.

The May event was the second buyback of the 2023-24 fiscal year.

At a December 2023 buyback in Belmont, a total of 223 firearms were collected. This included five assault weapons and two ghost guns.

Participating agencies included the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, County of San Mateo, the Belmont Police Department, the Redwood City Police Department, East Palo Alto Police Department, Menlo Park Police Department and the Citizens for San Mateo County Gun Buyback.

Measure K funds, allocated by the Board of Supervisors, contribute to the series of buybacks.





Bringing Health and Social Services Closer to Residents

Expected to open in 2026, the 77,000-square-foot North County Wellness Center will expand the County's ability to deliver health care and social services to residents of northern San Mateo County.

The center's clinics will primarily serve individuals and families who receive care through Medi-Cal or are eligible for Medi-Cal, which provides free or low-cost programs.

In addition to services offered by County Health and the Human Services Agency, the three-story building will also provide satellite offices for the District Attorney and Treasurer/Tax Collector.

After years of planning, local officials and County leaders broke ground in August 2024 on the ambitious \$132.5 million center at 1024 Mission Road in South San Francisco, near BART and SamTrans stations.

Funding comes from the County's General Fund and Measure K.

The design features bright, daylit common areas with natural timber walls. It is among the first health care buildings constructed with cross-laminated timber, which involves layers of wood bonded with adhesives.

The abundance of natural wood instead of synthetic materials commonly found in paneling and ceiling tiles lowers the building's carbon footprint. The wood also adds a soft, natural glow to the light and naturally helps to muffle the sounds of a busy office.

Overhangs and sunshades decrease heat gain and glare. Outside, wellness gardens and other native plant landscapes treat stormwater. The finished floor of the entire building was raised more than a foot to lift it above the 100-year floodplain.

The timber construction and inclusion of electric vehicle chargers, bicycle parking, native plants, solar energy stations and other sustainable features put the County on a path to achieve LEED Gold Certification.

Features:

- Six-chair dental clinic with digital imagery
- Physical therapy services
- Specialty exam and procedure rooms
- Behavioral health services
- Access for individuals and families to enroll in Medi-Cal, CalFresh and other programs
- Satellite offices for the District Attorney and Treasurer/Tax Collector

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH





A Respite for Adults in Crisis

Serenity House aims to fill a gap in services for adults undergoing a mental health crisis.

Located on the campus of San Mateo Medical Center, Serenity House offers services for those with deteriorating mental health issues and who need short-term 24/7 treatment, respite and support.

Professional staff provide care, supervision and guidance to assist clients in reducing stress and returning to their living situations – before the need for hospitalization.

The Serenity House program is voluntary and serves San Mateo County adults. Clients are evaluated by staff who determine if the program is the right fit. The evaluation considers many factors, such as personal history, risk of hospitalization and medical conditions.

To keep the setting small and home-like, the number of residents at Serenity House is limited. Residents must be able to live in the community without posing a threat to themselves or others.

Staff are trained in safety and security protocols and de-escalation strategies for clients in crisis. Serenity House also has access to medical staff from the San Mateo Medical Center. Clients on average stay for 10 days.

Measure K funds contribute to operations.

IN THE 2023-24 FISCAL YEAR

97% clients
discharged from Serenity House
to a lower level of care

“Serenity House offers short-term residential services for adults in a mental health crisis. We provide a safe place to stay and support individuals in their recovery.”

Substance Use Recovery Through Advanced Treatment

Addiction is a chronic disease, much like heart disease or diabetes, that can be treated and managed with medication, counseling and support. Medication-assisted treatment can help clients end this harmful cycle and start living a life free of alcohol or opioid addiction.

Medication-assisted treatment is the use of medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, which is effective in the treatment of opioid use disorders and can help some people to sustain recovery. The medications ease the detox and recovery process, prevent harmful use and overdose for people seeking recovery, especially those with moderate to severe disorders.

County Health’s Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment team helps connect individuals ready to receive treatment to care and support. Team members are located in the emergency department at the San Mateo Medical Center and some County primary care clinics, the jail and other locations.

Measure K funds support the program.

Have a Question About Medication Assisted Treatment?
Call 650-573-2735 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week, including holidays.

DURING THE 2023-24 FISCAL YEAR

4.7 days
was the number of days between a client requesting services and the initial appointment for medication assisted treatment; the target was 5 days





The Big Lift Launches its 2023-26 Strategic Plan

After several years of partnership with San Mateo County communities, The Big Lift has launched its 2023-2026 Strategic Plan to maximize its impact on third grade reading levels in San Mateo County.

The Big Lift is an eight-district preschool to third grade collective impact initiative led and funded by the County of San Mateo in partnership with the San Mateo County Office of Education and the San Mateo County Library system.

The Strategic Plan presents a series of strategies and associated goals for evolving The Big Lift's program model, governance and organizational structure to position the initiative to have maximum impact on 3rd grade reading levels in San Mateo County. A wide range of The Big Lift stakeholders shared their perspectives as a part of the planning process.

Strategies Include:

EQUITY: Develop and operationalize an equity framework.

INSPIRING SUMMERS: Provide academic and enrichment programs to prevent summer learning loss.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT: Partner with families to provide resources and tools to bolster their children's literacy development, as well as encourage regular attendance in school.

INSTRUCTIONAL QUALITY: Support implementation of teaching practices that align with the science of reading in preschool to third-grade classrooms.

Funds from Measure K support The Big Lift. Learn more at thebiglift.org.

**YOUTH AND
EDUCATION**





Big Lift Inspiring Summers

This year marked the 9th anniversary of Big Lift Inspiring Summers, a summer learning program that aims to support evidence-based language and literacy development in young students. The program is a partnership between San Mateo County Libraries and The Big Lift.

This summer (2024), Inspiring Summers served 1,038 children from rising kindergarten to rising 3rd grade across eight school sites in six school districts. San Mateo County Libraries also expanded access, resulting in a 10 percent increase in program completion compared to last summer.

Youth discovered joy and learning through engaging, child-directed STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) learning experiences. Ninety-five percent of parents noted that their child discovered a greater joy for learning and exploration through the program. Additionally, 92 percent of families reported that their child gained self-confidence, and 91 percent observed improvements in their child's communication skills.

**THE BIG
LIFT**

CASA Volunteers Advocate for the Most Vulnerable Children

CASA, formally known as Court Appointed Special Advocates of San Mateo County, pairs children in the foster care and juvenile justice systems with community volunteers who provide one-on-one support, mentoring and advocacy in the courtroom and beyond.

CASA volunteers are community members from all backgrounds and occupations who dedicate around 10 hours a month towards helping a child in the foster care system.

Through spending one-on-one time with them, they gather information on that child's circumstances in order to make recommendations to the court that will best support them. They advocate for the permanency, well-being and safety that each child deserves and that will help them flourish.

In short, volunteers provide life-affirming connection and empower young people to reach their fullest potential. In a survey of youth who received CASA services for one year, 10 out of 10 respondents reported feeling supported by their volunteer.

CASA is supported in part with Measure K funds.

CASA of San Mateo County holds orientations for anyone age 21 and older who is interested in becoming a volunteer.

Learn more at casaofsanmateo.org.



Volunteer Spotlight

“ ”
If I knew when I graduated as a CASA what I know now, I would tell myself...

Be patient, go with the flow, and let go of your preconceived notions... You have to learn that you cannot change the circumstances and the ways families live. The best you can do is just be, be there for your youth, and hope you are making a positive impact.

Nataliya
CASA Volunteer



Gateway Rising Opens in Menlo Park, a Showcase for What's Possible in Affordable Housing

Gateway Rising has the name and the looks of one of those high-end apartment complexes for young professionals. Hacker Way (home to Meta) is just a few blocks away, the Googleplex a few exits down Highway 101.

The block-long development along Willow Road east of Highway 101 features 140 units along with a fitness center, bike parking, a communal room with a kitchen, picnic tables and much more. Buildings are connected with airy enclosed walkways with floor-to-ceiling glass; exteriors lean toward clean lines and warm colors.

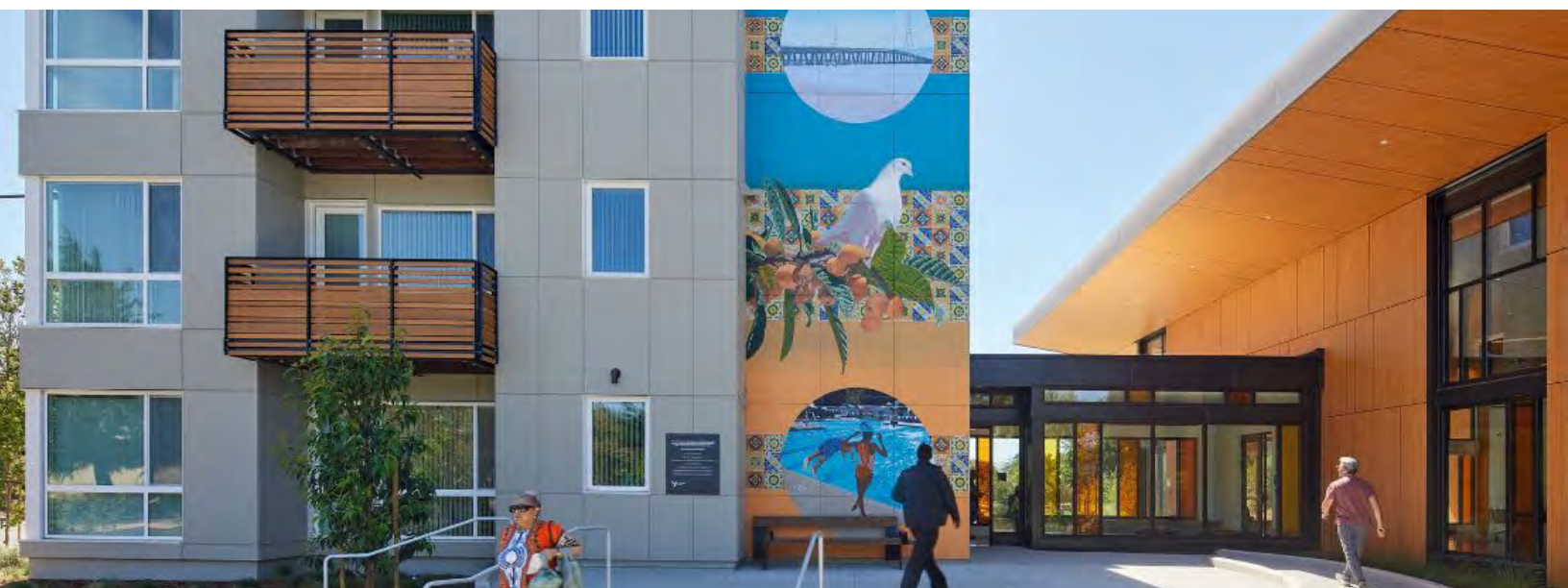
It's also affordable housing, 2024-style.

Officials, along with Gateway residents, came together in May 2024 to cut a red ribbon at San Mateo County's newest affordable development. Located in the Belle Haven neighborhood, Gateway Rising has emerged as a showpiece for what's possible with foresight and public-private partnerships that work.

In a project led by MidPen, a nonprofit housing developer, the County's contributions included a \$5.1 million loan from the County's Affordable Housing Fund, financed largely by Measure K.

"We applaud San Mateo County and the City of Menlo Park for their vision and leadership in committing early and deep support to the redevelopment, and we're proud to be a partner in bringing safe, high-quality, affordable homes to the Belle Haven neighborhood," said Matthew O. Franklin, president and CEO of MidPen Housing.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS





On the Front Lines: Homeless Outreach Teams

With a shopping bag slung over an armrest and a hoodie shielding her face, the woman might be mistaken for a dozing traveler, one among the thousands passing through San Francisco International Airport.

But Francisco Valencia took in the scene: worn bag, clothing a bit unkempt, no sign of a carry-on or other luggage. He opened an app on his phone and added the woman to the tally of individuals who were experiencing homelessness on January 25, 2024.

Valencia is one of about 330 social workers, volunteers and local officials who fanned out before dawn to count the number of unsheltered individuals in tents, vehicles, makeshift shelters, parks and elsewhere in San Mateo County.

Teams of mostly two walked streets in Daly City, searched head-high grass along the levee in East Palo Alto and peered around trees in coastal parks with the goal of gathering data that helps inform action.

Officially called the Point-in-Time Count, the tally of “sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January” takes place every two years as required by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.



“The count provides a critical snapshot of people experiencing homelessness in our community and is essential for measuring trends over time.”

Claire Cunningham, director of the Human Services Agency, which coordinates the local count

Ending homelessness is a County priority. Measure K funds support outreach, shelter and other services for unhoused individuals.

New Affordable Apartments Take Shape in San Mateo

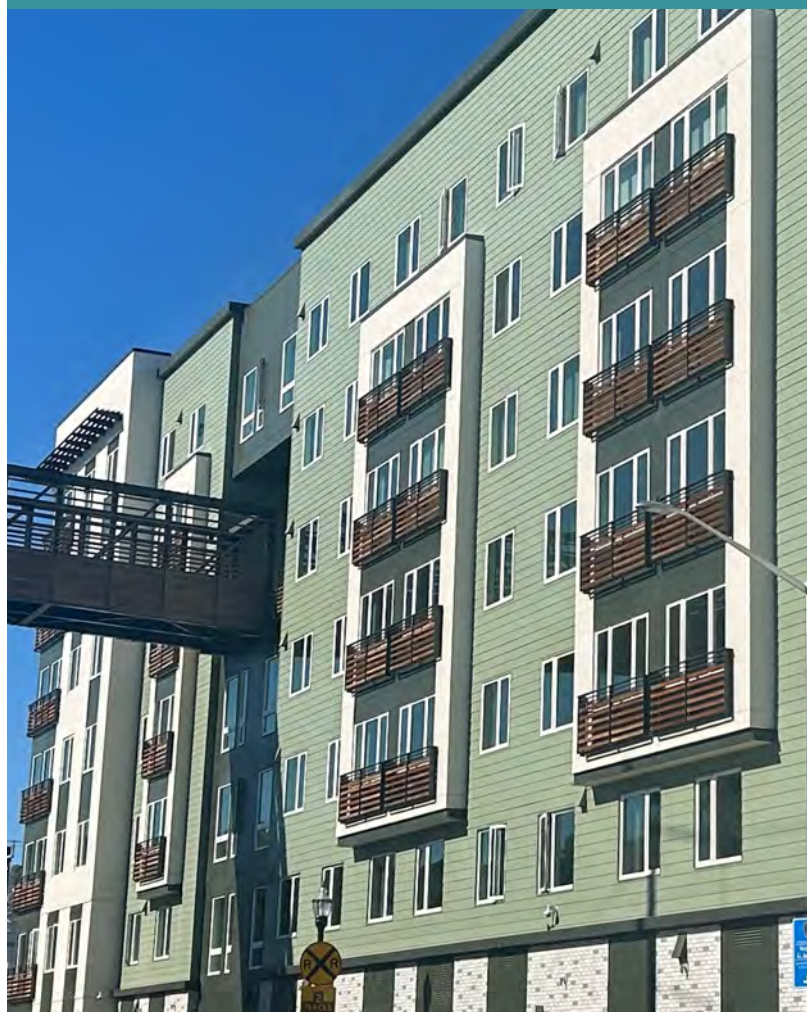
Kiku Crossing will provide 225 affordable homes for families and individuals in downtown San Mateo near public transit, restaurants, shopping and more.

The project, located on East Fourth Avenue, is the result of close partnership between MidPen Housing, the City of San Mateo the County to develop 100 percent affordable housing opportunities for Peninsula residents, including households experiencing homelessness, individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, public employees and households who live and work in San Mateo.

Residents will enjoy several amenities, including a community room with kitchen, an outdoor courtyard and rooftop deck, and an after-school program classroom. Services will be provided onsite by MidPen Services and coordinated with a network of service-provider partners.

The County’s Department of Housing invested more than \$5 million of Measure K funds to help with the cost of building.

Construction began in January 2022 and will complete in 2024.



Key Visitor Services Taking Shape at Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach

Key visitor services are taking shape at the recently named Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach.

From Highway 1, passersby can catch a glimpse of construction activity that includes the parking area and an ADA-accessible trail that will eventually lead to the mid-bluff section of the park.

Restrooms and a stacked seating/viewing feature are in various stages of construction in the mid-bluff area where picnic tables, interpretive panels and several overlook areas that offer different views of the expansive beach will be located. Eventually, a trail from these facilities will provide beach access.

A firm opening date has not been determined as the upcoming rainy season could impact final construction activity.

The project is being paid for with funds from the County's Capital Projects Fund, Measure K and California Department of Parks and Recreation Prop. 68 grant.



**PARKS AND
ENVIRONMENT**

A photograph of three children in a forest setting. They are gathered around a large, circular metal fire pit that contains a fire. One child in a yellow hoodie is roasting a marshmallow on a stick. Another child in a black shirt is also visible, and a third child is partially seen in the background. The forest has tall, thin trees and a dense canopy.

AREA CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION

A wide-angle photograph of Tunitas Creek Beach. The beach is sandy and stretches from the foreground towards the ocean. The ocean waves are breaking on the shore. In the background, there are steep, eroded cliffs. The sky is blue with some clouds. A banner is overlaid on the image, reading "AREA CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION".

San Mateo County's New Park

Tunitas Creek Beach



100 Years Old and New Every Day: A Century of Memories at Memorial Park

Rita Peppers was suddenly a kid again. Memorial Park does that.

“Me and my friend would go down to where the hollow log is. That would be our hangout,” she said as the summer sun filtered through tall redwoods down to a picnic table the 66-year-old shared with her husband, Barry, and their grandchildren, Carson, 4, and Nathan, 9 months old.

The memories flashed back: “Swimming in the creek with the ice-cold water that would go through my bones but we’d still play in it. The movies. Hanging out at that hollow log. I have to say that hollow log left an emphasis on me.”

Not far from where the Peppers enjoyed lunch (raspberries, watermelon and PB&J), about 250 people gathered to celebrate the park’s 100th anniversary. The celebration and a rededication ceremony in summer 2024 capped a years-long project to upgrade water and wastewater facilities as well as restrooms, campsites and more.

Measure K funds contributed to the work.

Parks Interpretive Program: Connecting Communities and Parks

San Mateo County Parks wants to connect more people to parks. Even with close to 3 million visitors a year, the department’s Interpretive Division is on a mission to introduce more community members to outdoor experiences with focused outreach to underserved communities and those new to San Mateo County.

In the 2023-24 fiscal year, the interpretive team, which includes one bilingual community engagement intern, led 189 events in parks and the community; 55 percent of which engaged underserved communities. By building awareness and understanding of the natural, cultural and recreational resources available, community members are likely to feel more welcomed and inclined to visit parks.

With Measure K support, popular events like the Take A Hike Challenge and the Memorial Park summer naturalist activities continue as do classroom programs, community gardening at Friendship Park and youth-focused events like the Junior Ranger program.

To introduce more families to camping, the Interpretive Division partnered with North Fair Oaks-based Casa Circulo Cultural in hosting an overnight stay at Memorial Park. Before the big night, families visited a local retailer to select gear and learn how to set up tents.

And Summerfest, a community celebration at Coyote Point Recreation Area, returned for its second year complete with jumbo kites powered by bay winds, cultural music and dance performances, and community resource booths.



Without an Advocate, Navigating the Bureaucracy Can Be a Costly Puzzle for Military Veterans



For Donald Christy, fighting on behalf of military veterans is second nature.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Christy served two combat tours in Vietnam, in 1965 and 1969, with the Marine Corps. He retired as a colonel in 1989 and settled in San Mateo.

Now, at 84 years old, he encourages all veterans from any era to, as he put it, “Find your local VSO,” that is, the Veterans Services Office. “They can help and be a true advocate for a veteran and their families.”

He speaks from experience. The San Mateo County Veterans Services Office helped him navigate the U.S. notoriously bureaucratic Department of Veterans Affairs to access health benefits.

“If I hadn’t had support, I probably wouldn’t have found a way to go through that bureaucracy,” Christy said. He figures assistance from a Veterans Services Office cuts months to years off the time it takes veterans to receive benefits they earned from the VA.

If you are a veteran in need of support, contact the Veterans Services Office: Phone: 650-802-6598



**OLDER
ADULTS AND
VETERANS
SERVICE**





Half Moon Bay Veterans Receive Honors for Their Decades of Service

Al Adreveno served in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II, then came home to serve his community of Half Moon Bay for seven decades.

Adreveno was honored alongside his son-in-law, John Muller, as 2023 “Veterans of the Year” by the San Mateo County Veterans Commission.

Muller served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Born and raised in Half Moon Bay, Muller is known as “Farmer John” for his Highway 1 pumpkin patch and deep involvement in local agriculture and community service.

The two – both former Half Moon Bay mayors – were honored at the 8th Annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon in November 2023.

The Veterans Commission also recognized Peggy Toye, a longtime volunteer with the American Legion Auxiliary District 26, as Patriot of the Year. PGA Hope Northern California was recognized as Enterprise of the Year.

The Veterans Recognition Lunch brings together past award recipients, veterans, current members of the military and many others to recognize outstanding contributions to the San Mateo County community.

The Board of Supervisors established the Veterans Commission in June 2015 with a mission to promote programs and policies that address the unmet needs of veterans in the county. The annual Veterans Recognition Lunch is a way both to highlight the contributions made by veterans, volunteers and local enterprises to the community while raising awareness about the availability of services for veterans.

San Mateo County Elder and Dependent Adult Protection Team

The San Mateo County Elder and Dependent Adult Protection Team (EDAPT) consists of law enforcement, social workers and attorneys who respond quickly and effectively to elder financial abuse, and who focused on the prevention, investigation and prosecution of financial abuse among older and dependent adults.

EDAPT is a division of Adult Protective Services within San Mateo County Health’s Aging and Adult Services, working closely with the District Attorney’s Office and County Attorney’s Office.

Financial abuse investigations can be very complex, multi-jurisdictional, and document-intensive; therefore, investigators must have the training and ability to decipher, digest, and explain financial records.

Since the EDAPT program was initiated in January 2016, staff have conducted hundreds of trainings to help those in the public sector as well as private citizens recognize the signs of elder abuse. They also conduct outreach and community education programs to promote awareness of elder financial abuse and victims’ services.

Working together, the team has shortened the response time in investigating financial elder abuse, created a robust prosecution unit dedicated to pursuing these crimes, and provided investigative training and case consultation for local law enforcement.

In the 2023-24 fiscal year, EDAPT staff conducted a total of 86 trainings. The program is supported with Measure K funds.

According to the FBI, a total of \$3.4 billion losses in financial fraud against seniors nationwide were reported in 2023, and elder fraud complaints increased by 14% from the year prior.



“A Place Where You Can Be You”

The San Mateo County Pride Center was born of the struggles and triumphs of the LGBTQ+ community over the years and stands for equity, inclusion, dignity, self-determination and justice.

The first of its kind in San Mateo County, the Pride Center provides intensive support services to individuals and families in the LGBTQ+ community. Centrally located in downtown San Mateo, the Pride Center is a partnership between StarVista (a local nonprofit), Outlet of Adolescent Counseling Services and Peninsula Family Service, in collaboration with San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

The center offers education, training, community events, peer support groups, daily programming, clinical therapy and case management. In October 2023, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to provide the center with \$500,000 in Measure K funds for capital improvements that include upgrading safety and security as well as functionality.

Learn more at sanmateopride.org.



**COMMUNITY
SERVICES**





129,000
people fed a month
in San Mateo County

Inflation, High Cost of Living Has San Mateo County Residents Turning to Food Banks

By most measures, San Mateo is one of the wealthiest counties in the United States with the nation's fifth highest median household income. Yet numbers can mask a reality that plays out daily at food distribution sites and pantries from Daly City to East Palo Alto to Pescadero.

To help struggling residents put food on the table, the Board of Supervisors provides Second Harvest of Silicon Valley with Measure K funds that help provide nutritious meals for those in need. The food bank works with an extensive network of partners – local pantries, faith-based organizations, schools, soup kitchens, senior centers – and community of volunteers to feed an average of 129,000 people a month in San Mateo County.

“Inflation has been very, very hard on our communities. What we are seeing now in terms of need is every bit as big as it was during the pandemic.”

Tracy Weatherby, Second Harvest's Vice President of strategy and Advocacy

A recent client survey by Second Harvest of Silicon Valley found that nearly 60 percent of respondents have less than \$100 in savings. Nearly 65 percent are worried about their ability to pay their rent or mortgage next month, and more than 55 percent do not believe their financial situation will get better in the next year.

Strengthening IT Infrastructure, Preparing for the Future

The County's Information Services Department maintains the IT infrastructure and supports all County employees as they serve the communities of San Mateo County.

With the support of Measure K, the County has invested in additional IT security tools to safeguard our data, improve our security posture from cybersecurity attacks, and maintain a robust IT infrastructure to allow the delivery of County services.

Measure K provided the start-up funding to provide high speed internet through the County's Public Wi-Fi program.

To date, this investment has led to over 380 public Wi-Fi access points to help bridge the digital divide in San Mateo County. This valuable service is still going strong today.

In the 2023-24 fiscal year, the average sessions per month increased from last year's average of 1 million to 1.4 million sessions per month.

The County surpassed last year's peak of 1.8 million sessions to a new peak of 2 million sessions in August 2023.



380
public Wi-Fi access
points to date

1.4 M
average sessions per
month in 2023-24

2 M
sessions in
August 2023



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