



Happy Friday! We have an exciting weekend to look forward to. Tonight, we are celebrating **AAPI Heritage Month**, and I will be facilitating a [Community Conversation](#) event in our Municipal Services Building to hear about stories of resilience and strength, and to provide inspiration and hope. More information about this event can be found below. Also, we have the highly anticipated re-opening of our [South San Francisco Farmers' Market](#) at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning in the back parking lot of the Joseph A. Fernekes Building at Orange Memorial Park.

This revitalized market will be year-round, and will be every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The first 50 people to attend tomorrow's re-opening event will receive a free City of South San Francisco tote bag! I encourage you all to attend the revitalized Farmers' Market at Orange Memorial Park, located at 781 Tennis Drive.

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In closing, next week, we honor "National Police Week" from May 15 – May 21. National Police Week offers honor, remembrance, and peer support while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty. Thank you to our entire South San Francisco Police Department for all you do daily to keep our residents and visitors safe. We appreciate you!

As always, if you know of a friend or neighbor who does not receive these important City updates, please forward this email to them, and they can [sign up here](#).

Your Mayor,
Flor Nicolas

LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

- **AAPI Community Conversations | Friday, May 12, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** In honor of Asian-American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Month, join us for a ***Community Conversation*** event hosted by South San Francisco Mayor Flor Nicolas. The event will be held at the Municipal Services Building, 33 Arroyo Dr., Council Chambers. Hear from local AAPI leaders their stories of resilience, inspiration, and celebration of their AAPI heritage. Following the panel discussion, there will be AAPI resource tables and light refreshments to enjoy. *RSVP is not required, but appreciated to plan for food!* **RSVP HERE**
- **Sign-up for a FREE Hepatitis B Screening on Friday, May 19, and Friday, May 26.** Did you know that one in 12 adult Asian immigrants have Hepatitis B? And those who have this disease are 100 times more likely to develop liver cancer. Those with Hepatitis B could experience no symptoms, in fact, two in three Asians with Hepatitis B don't know they are infected. Because testing is the only way to know if someone has been infected with Hepatitis B, the City of South San Francisco is partnering with San Francisco Hep B Free Bay Area to provide FREE Hepatitis B Screenings. Residents may learn more about Hepatitis B and sign up for a FREE screening on Friday, May 19, and Friday, May 26 at the Breezeway of the Economic Advancement Center (366 Grand Ave) from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **Military Equipment Community Meeting.** On May 22, 2023, the South San Francisco Police Department is hosting a community engagement meeting regarding the funding, acquisition, and use of items designated as military equipment pursuant to Assembly Bill 481. The meeting will include a short presentation about Assembly Bill 481, a summary of our equipment, followed by an opportunity for you to ask questions and speak with staff from the police department. Our military equipment policy was introduced during a regular City Council meeting on June 22, 2022, and was adopted by the City Council on July 27, 2022. A copy of our military equipment policy is available [here](#). The meeting details are as follows: Monday, May 22, 2023, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, South San Francisco Police Department Community Meeting Room, 1 Chestnut Avenue, South San Francisco, (650) 877-8900. Questions? militaryequipment@ssf.net
- **Gun Buyback Results.** A total of 264 firearms were collected during a gun buyback Saturday, May 6, 2023, held in South San Francisco. This total included nine assault weapons (as defined by the state of California) and four “ghost” guns, which are untraceable. The event was hosted by the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office, South San Francisco Police Department, San Bruno Police Department, Daly City Police Department, Colma Police Department, and the Citizens for San Mateo County Gun Buyback. A gun buyback for southern San Mateo County is being planned.
- **San Mateo County Parks in partnership with the San Mateo County Human Services Agency presents the Mariposa Program.** Individuals in San Mateo County that are benefit recipients of Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKS, and San Mateo County Access and Care for Everyone (ACE) are eligible for a free San Mateo County Park annual pass! To request your park pass, contact the San Mateo County Human Services Agency at (650) 508-3200. Please leave your name and phone number

and someone will return your call.

- **San Mateo County Parks Take a Hike 2023 Challenge** Welcome to the 2023 Take A Hike Challenge! We have selected seven hiking routes in our parks to introduce you to the variety and beauty of your San Mateo County Parks! A special reward is available for those who complete the #2023TakeAHikeChallenge. The deadline to complete the 2023 Take A Hike Challenge and claim your prizes is October 31, 2023. [Follow these steps to complete the challenge.](#)
- **May is Older Americans Month Senior Services Program Highlights.** Our City's Senior Services offers many wonderful programs and services. Due to the Roberta Cerri Teglia Center being closed for repairs, we have relocated most of our 3rd floor drop-in programs. We are very excited to still be able to provide most of our programs during this closure and we look forward to seeing you all there. [Please click here](#) for more details about the new locations of our programs. If you have any questions, please call (650) 829-3820 or our main office at (650) 829-3800.

COUNTY UPDATES

- **Peninsula Restaurants Week.** May 19 - May 27 is Peninsula Restaurant Week, coordinated by [The San Francisco Peninsula Restaurants](#). Restaurants are encouraged to sign-up for free. Restaurants that participate in [Peninsula Restaurant Week](#) receive free advertising through the county-wide marketing campaign. Restaurants can sign up [here](#). For questions or assistance, contact the [South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce](#) at (650) 588-1911, or visit www.PeninsulaRestaurantWeek.com for more information.
- **Retailers That Sell Tobacco to Kids Face Stiffer Penalties** The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors today voted unanimously to increase penalties on businesses that sell cigarettes and other tobacco products to minors. Proposed by County Health, the increased penalties are intended to discourage retailers from taking the risk of selling tobacco products to minors and help prevent youth from getting hooked on nicotine. In California, 67 percent of current and former smokers report that they started smoking by the age of 18. [Read more here.](#)
- **County Controller Publishes Property Tax Highlights for Fiscal Year 2021-22.** The Property Tax Highlights publication, which shows property tax revenues collected and distributed to local governments operating within San Mateo County, [is now available](#). County Controller Juan Raigoza encourages all interested residents to visit his office's [website](#) to learn more about property taxes and the County's finances.

LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Project Read Book Club | [Virtual via Zoom](#) | Friday, May 12, 8:00 PM**
Do you want to build community? Read new books? Have vibrant conversations? If so, join Project Read for an exciting online Book Club Informational Meeting. This event is perfect for English speaking adults who want to improve their reading skills while connecting and exploring new literary works. During the meeting, we'll discuss the club's goals,

upcoming book selections, and culture. Interested in participating? [Join us this Friday and get started!](#) For more information call 560.829.3871 or email grace.hirschfeld@ssf.net.

- **Portuguese Storytime | Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, May 13, 2:00 PM.** Stories, songs, and action rhymes in Portuguese for children of all ages and parents or caregivers, followed by stay-and-play. Histórias, cantigas e parlendas em português para crianças de todas as idades e pais ou responsáveis. Socialização logo em seguida.
- **Carnivorous Plant Care | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Saturday, May 13, 2:00 PM.** Learn how to care for carnivorous plants such as Venus flytraps, pitcher plants, sundews, and tropical butterworts. Free plants will be available while supplies last.
- **Spanish Book Club | Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Thursday, May 18, 12:00 PM.** El club de lectura en español se reúne el tercer jueves de cada mes para discutir varias obras de literatura moderna incluyendo autores del mundo hispanohablante. Recoja su libro gratis en el mostrador de la biblioteca de Grand Avenue durante la primera semana del mes mientras sobren copias. Este mes leeremos *El Amante Japonés* por Isabel Allende.
- **Middle Grade Book Club | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Thursday, May 18, 4:00 PM.** Join our book club for 8 - 10 year olds! This casual, just-for-fun club meets monthly to talk about the books we've read and socialize over a shared activity. We always read "middle grade" fiction – books written specifically for 3-5 graders. Please check out this month's book – *Max and the Midnighters* by Lincoln Peirce – and read at your leisure. If you are unable to find a copy on our library shelves, our staff will help you obtain a copy from our greater library system. If you have a book to recommend for a future meeting, please bring it along to share with the group! Email ssfyouth@plsinfo.org to register or for more information.
- **Asian Art Museum presents The Quiet Beauty of Woodblock Prints | Virtual via Zoom (registration required) | Thursday, May 18, 2:00 PM.** Japanese art is known for the beauty and variety of its woodblock prints. The techniques and aesthetics used in woodblock prints have influenced Western art especially the Impressionists. Woodblock printing made art accessible to the masses. They served multiple purposes from advertising posters to printed books to promoting fashion icons. Take a journey to heighten your appreciation of the beauty of woodblock prints and relish the artistic results. Presented by the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco Community Speakers Program. This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library. Registration is required.
- **Crafts at the Library: Mug Love | Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Friday, May 19th, 3:30 PM.** Love is always in the air! What better way to show your appreciation for the loves in your life than to create your very own piece of giftable art? Using permanent markers and oil-based pens, participants will create beautiful, unique mugs. All supplies will be provided on a first come, first served basis. All ages.

- **Drawing Meditation with Kenneth Tan | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Saturday, May 20, 3:00 PM.** Join author and artist Kenneth Tan, author of [Crescenciana: A Memoir in Words and Illustrations](#), for a class in meditative drawing in honor of AAPI and Mental Health Awareness month. Kenneth's memoir is about his relationship with his grandmother, Crescenciana, a survivor of World War II and the Japanese occupation of the Philippines. Crescenciana made watercolor paintings and Kenneth drew her stories on top of them. Kenneth will be teaching this pattern drawing style as a way to invoke calmness and creativity. No registration required.



SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
Farmers' Market

The South San Francisco Farmers' Market is coming back home! Join us as we reopen our new and improved year-round Farmers' Market with dozens of vendors.

When: Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., every Saturday, all year!
Where: Orange Memorial Park, 781 Tennis Drive, behind the Fernekes Building in the parking lot.
What: Fruits, vegetables, honey, hummus, bakeries, and hot foods to sit and enjoy after you shop.

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Questions? Email CityInfo@ssf.net or visit www.ssf.net/FarmersMarket.

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