



Happy Friday! It's hard to believe it is already June. June kicks off a lot of activities in the County, including the celebration of Pride month, Juneteenth, the San Mateo County Fair, and a host of other activities. Why do we celebrate Pride month in June? On a hot summer's night in New York on June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club in Greenwich Village, which resulted in bar patrons, staff, and neighborhood residents rioting onto Christopher Street outside. Protestors demanded the establishment of places where LGBT+ people could go and be open about their sexual orientation without fear of arrest. What's interesting is the history of the rainbow flag, and how it's right in our backyard. It was gay politician Harvey Milk who asked a talented designer friend, Gilbert Baker, to design an all-encompassing symbol to take to San Francisco's Pride March in 1978.

Pride Month is for everyone to embrace who they are. The rainbow aptly signifies the colorful activities and flavors of this month-long celebration.

For details on upcoming activities, please scroll down below.

- Join the South San Francisco Team for the San Mateo County PRIDE month parade
- South San Francisco Progress Pride Flag Raising and Documentary Screening
- State Digital Equity – Take the Survey
- SSF Senior Health Fair
- Get your tickets to the San Mateo County Fair
- County Health Encourages Mpox Vaccination Ahead of Summer Pride Celebrations
- LGBTQ+ Trainings and Workshops
- Opioids and Fentanyl: Supervisors Move to Increase Public Education, Expand Access to Life-Saving Medication
- Upcoming library events

Just a reminder, every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., we have the South San Francisco Farmers' Market behind the Joseph A. Fernekes building at Orange Memorial Park, 781 Tennis Drive. I encourage you to attend as there is so much to offer beyond produce! We have food vendors, crafts, candles, jewelry, and more! 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,
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LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

- **Join the South San Francisco Team for the San Mateo County PRIDE month parade!** Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m. Interested in walking in the parade and representing South San Francisco? Join our team and get a free SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO PROUD t-shirt. The parade is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will start at 2nd & B Street in San Mateo. It will end at San Mateo Central Park where there will be a PRIDE celebration until 5:00 p.m. Please email Devin.Stenhouse@ssf.net to sign up for the SSF team. For more information, [click here](#).
- **South San Francisco Progress Pride Flag Raising and Documentary Screening.** Join us at the steps of City Hall (400 Grand Avenue) on Saturday, June 17, at Noon to raise the Progress Pride Flag. Free South San Francisco Proud t-shirts will be given (*while supplies last*). Following the event, a special screening of Dana Johnson's, [TheActivist: They/Them/Theirs](#) documentary will be held at the Grand Avenue Library (306 Walnut Avenue) at 1:00 p.m. **SEATS ARE LIMITED**. Please RSVP for this screening [here](#).
- **State Digital Equity – Take the Survey!** The internet is critical to everyday life. Yet 1 out of 5 Californians do not have access to affordable, reliable broadband internet, devices, or the skills to use them. Due to this gap, referred to as the digital divide, many are unable to obtain jobs, advance in their careers, participate in online education, or access healthcare and essential government services. The California Department of Technology (CDT) has developed one of the most accessible and innovative digital equity surveys in the nation to help achieve Broadband for All Californians. The survey will help identify digital equity barriers and needs of Californians living in unserved and underserved communities to help inform the State's Digital Equity Plan, which once submitted and approved by the NTIA, will qualify California for additional funds to ensure that all Californians have access to affordable and reliable broadband internet service, devices, and skills training. The deadline for collecting feedback is June 30, 2023. [Click here to take the survey](#).
- **Senior Health Fair.** The City of South San Francisco's 23rd Annual Senior Health Fair Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. Friday, June 30, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Municipal Services Building 33 Arroyo Dr., South San Francisco. All community members are welcome. Kaiser Permanente membership not required. Free Screenings: Blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, glaucoma, etc. Expert Advice: Skin care, hearing info., pharmacy consultation (bring your medications), allergy tips, emotional wellbeing, physical therapy, burn awareness and more. For more information, please call: 650-829-3820.

COUNTY UPDATES

- **Get your tickets to the San Mateo County Fair!** The [San Mateo County Fair](#) is a perfect family outing, we are the one-stop family fun day. With over 15+ food concessions and 60+ commercial vendors, we're bringing

you a variety of amazing foods, arts, crafts, games, and entertainment for the whole family. The San Mateo County Fair will be held in-person at the San Mateo County Event Center in San Mateo from Saturday, June 3 - Sunday, June 11.

- **County Health Encourages Mpox Vaccination Ahead of Summer Pride Celebrations.** In preparation for the summer season and Pride celebrations in the Bay Area, San Mateo County Health urges at-risk individuals to protect themselves against the mpox virus, which spreads through prolonged skin-to-skin contact and bodily fluids from sexual contact or close sustained physical contact. County Health provides a listing of local resources for vaccination.
- **LGBTQ+ Trainings and Workshops.** The Pride Center is proud to offer training, consultations, and educational opportunities to create institutional and cultural change. Our trainings help reduce stigma and discrimination throughout the county by engaging providers, teachers, and community through LGBTQ+ focused trainings and workshops. Our goal is to support San Mateo County in building cultural humility and creating more equitable environments for all LGBTQ+ folks. Rainbow Kids Webinar- Wednesday June 21st from 7-8:30pm. Kids develop concepts of gender, families, and love before the age of five; it's important that adults have the information they need to support young children in feeling safe and confident in their bodies, families, classrooms, and world. Registration is required, please click this link to register for the training. If you are unable to attend the June 21st training, we are holding this training one more time in September (9/7).
- **Opioids and Fentanyl: Supervisors Move to Increase Public Education, Expand Access to Life-Saving Medication.** San Mateo County Supervisors today moved to combat the growing public health threat posed by cheap opioids and fentanyl. Supervisors directed County staff to develop a comprehensive plan that focuses on public education, treatment options and increased access to life-saving medications that can reverse overdoses. "As the parent of a college sophomore and a recent college grad, this is an issue that feels very personal to me," said Dave Pine, president of the Board of Supervisors and organizer of the session. "I think the emphasis on education just has to be continuously called out. Our best approach is educating residents, especially youth and young adults, about the lethality of these drugs." Read more here.

LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Summer Learning is Here!** Summer Reading returns from June 1 - August 31! Open to all youths 0-18 years of age. The first reading log you finish comes with a free book, and each completed reading log will earn you a chance to win a \$1,000 college scholarship! Click here <https://bit.ly/SLC-0623> for more info.
- Whether you're interested in Youth, Adult, or Makerspace programs, sign

up for the Library e-Newsletter and never miss a program announcement!

- **Adapting Theatre into Fiction: A Discussion with Author and Playwright, Gina Femia | Virtua via Zoom | Tuesday, June 6, 3:30 PM.** Join award-winning playwright and author Gina Femia for a special discussion about the process adapting the play ALOND(R)A into Gina's debut novel, Alondra. This discussion will include a special look at the play's script in comparison with the novel, and a conversation about queer stories on the stage and the page. Virtual Via Zoom: RSVP Required.
- **Sophie's World | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Wednesday, June 7, 4:00 PM.** Spend your summer crafting with Sophie's World! Sophie Maletsky, of Sophie's World, uses her sixteen years of experience to come up with great new ways to entertain children. From crafts to activities, and games to parties, to songs and silliness, she has everything you need to have creative fun!
- **Pride at the Library: Pride T-Shirts | Main Library Parking Lot (840 W Orange Ave) | Thursday, June 8, 4:00 PM.** Come celebrate Pride at the library! Show your pride and customize your own t-shirt with fabric paint, tie dye and LGBT Pride themed stencils. Don't forget to bring your own t-shirt as supplies are limited. Program is recommended for all ages.
- **Life Sciences Discovery Day | Main Library Makerspace (840 W Orange Ave) | Saturday, June 10, 1:30 PM.** Join us as we partner with Amgen, learn from biology experts and reveal the inner workings of DNA in three experiment stations: Magic Milk; Candy DNA; DNA Necklace. Families are welcome to participate at all our stations, rated from basic to complex.
- **Celebrate Juneteenth with Storyteller Diane Ferlatte | Grand Avenue Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, June 10, 3:00 PM.** In celebration of Juneteenth, join master storyteller Diane Ferlatte as she shares African American folktales, legends, and history, bringing them alive through music and the spoken word. Musical accompaniment by Erik Pearson. Event for all ages. Grammy-nominated storyteller Diane Ferlatte is a multi-award-winning performer who has captivated audiences across the world. Visit her online at www.dianeferlatte.com.
- **Project Read Book Club | Gene Mullin Community Learning Center (520 Tamarack Lane) | Thursday, June 29, 7:00 PM.** Are you looking for a community that will uplift you in your journey to improve your literacy? Do you want to read a heartbreaking yet joyous book? If so, join Project Read's Book Club! Call 650-829-3871 to get a FREE copy of the book. Join us on June 29th at 7pm for a vibrant discussion of *The House on Mango Street* at Gene Mullin Community Learning Center!



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Storyteller Diane Ferlatte!

GRAND AVENUE LIBRARY
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023
3:00PM

Join master storyteller Diane Ferlatte
in bringing African American folktales,
legends, and history to life!
Musical accompaniment by Erik Pearson.

Event for all ages.

Call 650-829-3860 at least 10 weekdays prior to request sign language or other accommodations. Please refrain from wearing scented products to programs. Masks are strongly recommended to protect the elderly, immunocompromised, or people who are not vaccinated.



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