

\*An earlier version of this newsletter had incorrect Library event information. Please find updated library events below. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience. \*



As we celebrate this Fourth of July, let's keep our children, pets, and community safe. Children under the age of 15 accounted for nearly three in 10 of all fireworks related injuries in 2021. Firework noise and discharges can cause distress to young children, pets, and those suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome. A reminder that *all* fireworks are illegal in South San Francisco. To report the illegal use of fireworks, please contact the police department's non-emergency line at (650) 877-8900. Thank you for keeping our community safe.

Speaking of representing our community's interests, you may receive an email or text message in the coming weeks from the City regarding a new platform called FlashVote. FlashVote allows our residents to vote on any topic in seconds, from any communication device, at any time. The survey topics take less than 1 minute and is an easy way to provide the City with your feedback on city policies, projects, and programs. If you'd like to get a head start, please sign up today at <a href="https://www.flashvote.com/cityofssf">https://www.flashvote.com/cityofssf</a>.

I would also like to take this opportunity to dispel misinformation currently being circulated online and on social media concerning a false Boil Water Notice for San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) sourced water. Cal Water and the Westborough Water District confirm that water they provide is safe for customers to drink. For more information, please contact Cal Water or Westborough Water District directly.

Please join us at this week's Farmer's Market where the City and our partners at the Silicon Valley Bike Coalition and the San Mateo County Safe Routes to School will be hosting free bike repairs and activities at the Walk 'N Roll event on Saturday, July 1st from 9 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

A big thank you to our native son, Congressmember Kevin Mullin for hosting a District Town Hall in South San Francisco on Tuesday evening. It was an engaging town hall, providing constituents the opportunity to ask questions about everything from the political climate in Washington and being a member of the Dads' Caucus to climate change and affordable housing. We are lucky to have Congressmember Mullin fighting for our interests in Washington!

Lastly, I would like to extend my congratulations to Ms. Olga Garcia for becoming the first Latina President in the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce's 110-year history! Olga is an accomplished leader at CG Moving

Company, as a trusted leader in the industry. Welcome and congratulations, Olga!

Have a fantastic holiday weekend! Stay safe, South City.

Your Mayor, Flor Nicolas

## LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Help keep South San Francisco clean! Did you know that single family residential customers of South San Francisco Scavengers can schedule two free cleanups per calendar year? Eligible items include 12 bags of garbage, or 6 bags of garbage and one large item (sofa, mattress, appliance, etc.), or 2 large items. An appointment is required. additional cleanups are available for a fee as are special collections for multifamily and commercial properties. For more information go to https://ssfscavenger.com/residential-cleanup/or call 650-589-4020.

FREE Bike Repairs and Bike Activities at the South San Francisco Farmers' Market - July 1, 2023. Do you have a bike that needs repairing? Get repairs done for FREE at the Walk 'N Roll to the South San Francisco Farmers' Market event! This event will be hosted at the South San Francisco Farmers' Market at Orange Memorial Park by the Silicon Valley Bike Coalition and the San Mateo County Safe Routes on Saturday, July 1 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to provide bike repairs, bike parking, games, and an opportunity to win prizes. Bring your kids! Safe Routes to School is partnering with Safe Moves to provide a fun and free bicycle safety training course (located at the Basketball court or Orange Memorial Park). For more information and registration details please refer to the flyer below. Questions? Contact Tamiko Huey at <a href="mailto:tamiko.huey@ssf.net">tamiko.huey@ssf.net</a>.

South San Francisco Farmers' Market. 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. We have food vendors, crafts, candles, jewelry, and more!

## PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Free Activities for Parks and Recreation Month! Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation.

This year's theme — "Where Community Grows" — celebrates the vital role park and recreation professionals play in bringing people together, providing essential services and fostering the growth of our communities.

The services that park and recreation professionals provide are vital for our communities — from protecting open spaces and natural resources to helping fight obesity and providing activities and resources for all people. Park and Recreation Month encourages everyone to reflect on the exponential value park and recreation professionals bring to communities.

Go to <a href="https://www.ssf.net/departments/parks-recreation">https://www.ssf.net/departments/parks-recreation</a> in July for a list of FREE activities.

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, is 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.

**Summer Bocce League.** It's not too late to register for this summer's Bocce League! Bocce, also known as Italian Bowling, is one of the most widely played games in the world and is one of the oldest lawn or yard games. The league will be offered for both beginners and intermediates beginning July 13 through August 31. To register, visit the online recreation catalog at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog. Deadline to register will be on Monday, July 10. For questions, contact the Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800 or email web-rec@ssf.net.

**Sign Hill Stewards.** You are encouraged to sign-up to help restore habitat and protect nature with the Parks and Recreation Department in South San Francisco. Join Natural Resource Specialist, Candace LaCroix, every other Friday and the last Saturday of the month on Sign Hill. Registration is required. Registration information can be found here. For questions email: <a href="mailto:candace.lacroix@ssf.net">candace.lacroix@ssf.net</a>

**Movie Night in the Park.** Save the date to our summer Movie Night in the Park events coming this summer! July 21, 2023 at Orange Memorial Park (1 W Orange Avenue) and August 18, 2023 at a location to be determined. Movie titles to be announced. This event is FREE for all ages. Visit www.ssf.net/rec or call (650) 829-3800 for more information.

## LIBRARY EVENTS

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Closure.** SSF Main Library and Grand Avenue Branch Libraries will close for the Fourth of July on Tuesday, July 4. Main Library will reopen at 10 a.m. and Grand Avenue Branch Library will open at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5th.

**Summer Learning is going on strong!** 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 <a href="https://bit.ly/SLC-0623">https://bit.ly/SLC-0623</a> for more info.

Main Library to Close on July 7th. South San Francisco's Main Library on West Orange Avenue will close on Friday, July 7, at 6:00 p.m., in preparation for its move to a new, state-of-the-art Library and Parks & Recreation Center at El Camino Real and Chestnut Avenue.

Due to the nature of the construction process, an exact opening day for the new facility has yet to be determined. It is the City's goal to open the Library and Parks & Recreation Center in Fall, 2023. As we get closer to a clear opening date, we will share that information with the community.

The new Library and Parks & Recreation Center will be the home for many of the City's most popular programs and events. The Library will feature several new amenities for the community including a high-tech Discovery Center, Teen Zone, and study and meeting rooms, alongside Parks & Recreation's fitness and dance studios, classrooms, teaching kitchen, and large banquet and event spaces. The Center also features a 1.3 acre park and playground. Visit <a href="https://www.communityciviccampus.net">www.communityciviccampus.net</a> for more information about the project.

Storytimes will temporarily move from Main Library to Grand Library starting July 1. Please visit Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) for these storytimes:

- Spanish Bilingual Storytime, Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
- Toddler Storytime, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Bouncing Babies Storytime, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Family Storytime, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
- Filipino Family Storytime, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10:30 a.m. (7/22, 8/26, 9/23)
- Cantonese Storytime, Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

2C.STEM Saturdays | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, July 1, 2:00 p.m. 2C.STEM Saturdays is coming to Grand Avenue Library. Children can learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through hands-on projects. On July 1 we will be making Magnet Cars!

Library Farewell Open House | Main Library (840 W Orange Ave) | Thursday, July 5, 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. and Friday, July 6, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The Main Library will have a farewell Open House and provide light refreshments. Visit us and share your memories of the current Main Library before the library closes on July 8 to get ready for the move to our new state-of-the-art Library and Parks & Recreation Center opening this Fall 2023.







A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO



VIOLATORS CAN FACE FINES & CRIMINAL CHARGES LEADING UP TO INCARCERATION.

ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS ARE UNDERWAY.



## WALK 'N ROLL TO THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO FARMERS' MARKET!

Saturday, July 01 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Orange Memorial Park in South San Francisco Free bike repair, bike parking, snacks, prizes, games, and more!

Bring your kids! Safe Routes to School is partnering with Safe Moves to provide a fun and free bicycle safety training course (located at the Basketball court) with parent permission

Bring your bike by for a safety check! Mechanics will be on hand to fix up your bike: replace tubes, tires, chains, and cables. Labor is free! Kids' bikes welcome.

For more information contact tamiko.huey@ssf.net











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