



July is also Disability Pride Month! Every July, we celebrate Disability Pride Month to commemorate the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signed into law on July 26, 1990. World Health Organization calls the population living with a disability the “world’s largest minority,” as an estimated 15 percent of the world’s population lives with some type of disability. People with disabilities are the largest and most diverse minority group within the population, representing all abilities, ages, races, ethnicities, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds. Disability Pride honors and accepts each person’s uniqueness and encourages us to understand that having a disability is only one part of the many attributes of an individual.

The California Public Utilities Commission recently announced monthly discounts for electric bills for income qualified customers. More information on the California Alternate Rates for Energy Program (CARE), please visit CARE/FERA Program. Additionally, some electric utilities offer cash assistance and special payment plans to consumers facing financial hardship. Learn more by visiting Utility Company Emergency Assistance ([ca.gov](https://www.ca.gov)).

This weekend, our Parks and Recreation staff will be at the Farmers’ Market so please stop by. You will learn volunteer opportunities, special events, and others. You may also want to bring suggestions/comments to help us further improve our programs. We would love to see you there.

With so many things going on at the City, we’d love to hear your thoughts on the current and future direction of our City. **We want your feedback!** The Lindenville Specific Plan welcomes your feedback on their first public draft by July 31, 2023. Comments may be submitted [here](#). If you prefer to give your input in-person, there is also an in-person community outreach at Orange Memorial Park on Friday, July 21st at 5 PM at Orange Memorial Park.

Did you know that there’s an easy way to provide feedback on upcoming City initiatives and projects? The City is working with a company called FlashVote to engage the community and gather valuable input from residents to inform our decisions. Sign up takes less than one minute and your input is always kept anonymous. We encourage residents to sign up here now: <https://www.flashvote.com/cityofssf> or call 775-235-2240 to participate by phone or text only.

Next Saturday, July 22nd, I will be at the Grand Avenue Library at 10:30 AM during **Filipino Family Storytime**. I will be reading “Sari-sari Summers.” Please join me and bring your family!

I am also pleased to announce our annual National Night Out schedule! Every year on the first Tuesday in August, we come together to celebrate community connections. This year, National Night Out is happening on August 1st. Please join us in building community and get to know your neighbors! Additional details are on the flyer following this message.

Hope you are enjoying your summer!

Your Mayor,
Flor Nicolas

LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

See Click Fix! Let's keep our City beautiful. See Click Fix is a community engagement tool that allows anyone to report concerns, submit requests for service, or provide feedback. Submit your requests through [SeeClickFix](#).

FlashVote – Your Voice Matters! The City of South San Francisco is working with FlashVote to engage the community and gather valuable input from residents to inform our decisions. We encourage residents to sign up here now: <https://www.flashvote.com/cityofssf> or call 775-235-2240 to participate by phone or text only.

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!

Second Annual Antique Bazaar/Rummage Sale. Please join the South San Francisco Historical Society Museum and the Plymire-Schwarz House at their Second Annual Antique Bazaar/Rummage Sale on Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Plymire-Schwarz House (80 Chestnut Avenue, South San Francisco). For more information, please email info@ssfhistory.org.

PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Free Activities for Parks and Recreation Month ONLY!

Saturday, July 15th - Farmers Market: Stop by the Friends of Parks and Recreation table at the Farmers' Market and learn how you can help your community. Friends Helping Friends! Music, dancing, smiles, and more from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Orange Memorial Park.

Sunday, July 16th - Open Gym: Basketball and badminton will be free on July 16 and July 30, 2023 to the first 24 people. Register online at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog and click on the "open gym" tab.

Monday, July 17th - Knitting, Crocheting, and Crafts for Seniors: Are you an expert knitter? Have you ever tried crochet? Are you interested in learning? Is this something totally new to you that sounds fun? You don't have to be an expert knitter or crocheter to join, everyone is welcome! Knitting and Crocheting for Seniors is a free drop-in program that occurs every Monday from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Belloni Room at the Municipal Services

Building. Come create with other knitters and crocheters, hone your skills, or start a new hobby!

Tuesday, July 18th - Kids Crafts "Under the Sea:" In this arts and crafts drop-in class your little artist will explore the under-the-sea world and create their own fish! Join us for coloring, crafting, and a showing of the movie Finding Nemo. This class is inspired by the Park and Recreation's "Art Under the Sea" course that is offered periodically by Ms. Bella. For ages 3-5 located at the Paradise Valley Recreation Center, 291 Hillside Boulevard, from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Registration will open on Monday, July 3 at 6:00 a.m., online at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog.

Wednesday, July 19th - Free Bocce Lessons: Park and Recreation and the Italian American Citizen Club are offering free bocce lessons for the community on Wednesdays for the entire month of July, from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the South San Francisco bocce courts in Orange Park.

Thursday, July 20th - Sign Hill Nature Hike: This summer, SSF Parks invites you to a nature hike across Sign Hill Park! You will take in beautiful views while learning about local ecology including our restoration work to protect endangered butterflies and native plants. For more information or to register click [here](#).

Kids Craft "Car-Toon Crafts:" In this arts and crafts drop-in class your little artist will speed into action and create their own race car craft! Join us for coloring, crafting, and a showing of the Cars movie. This class is inspired by the Park and Recreation's "Cartoon Crafts" course that is offered periodically by Ms. Bella. For ages 3-5 located at the Paradise Valley Recreation Center from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. on July 20th. Pre-registration required. Registration will open on Monday, July 3 at 6:00 a.m., online at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog.

Friday, July 21th - Movie Night/Field Day: Come to have loads of fun and create new memories at the City of South San Francisco's free Summer Movie night at Orange Memorial Park. There will be fitness classes, games, food sales, and more. Bring snacks, beverages, low-lying lawn chairs, and blankets to enjoy the movie Turning Red which will begin at sundown.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Grand Avenue Library Expanded Summer Hours: While the Main Library is closed to prepare for its move to the new Library and Parks & Recreation Center, the Grand Avenue Library, located at 306 Walnut Street, is offering expanded summer hours.

Summer hours are the following:

- Mondays through Thursdays: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Fridays: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sundays: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

All reserved materials may be picked up at the Grand Avenue Library. All storytimes and other programs, including Summer Learning Challenge activities, will be held at the Grand Avenue Library while we await the opening of the new Library and Parks & Recreation Center in the Fall of 2023.

Storytimes at the Grand Avenue Library. Please visit Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) for storytime while the Main Library is closed:

- 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.
- Cantonese Storytime, Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. (*Cantonese Storytime on 7/15 is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologize for any inconvenience.)
- Portuguese Storytime, 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p.m. (8/12, 9/9)
- Filipino Family Storytime, 4th Saturday at 10:30 a.m. (7/22, 8/26, 9/23)

Gardening with Kitchen Scraps | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Wednesday, July 19, 6:00 p.m. With only a little effort and a pinch of creativity you can devise imaginative indoor gardens from your kitchen leftovers! Kitchen scrap gardening is when you grow plants from veggie bits you'd normally throw in your compost bucket. Not only is it a kick to grow new plants from old plant parts, but it's also healthy, sustainable living. We'll be discussing easy-to grow plants like green onions, as well as re-rooting greens like celery and lettuce, and the steps to container-growing sprouted potatoes and root vegetables.

Super Super Mario Mania | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Friday, July 21, 2:00 p.m. Enjoy all things Super Mario Bros! Attendees will make fire flowers and design new, unique items for Mario and his friends to use as they battle Bowser and his army of Koopas and Goombas. This event is fun for the whole family and is perfect for fans of the games or the most recent film.

Filipino Family Storytime with Mayor Nicolas | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, July 22, 10:30 a.m. This month's Filipino Family Storytime will feature a special guest reader, Mayor Nicolas! Listen to Mayor Nicolas read aloud to children and their parents and/or caregivers. All ages are welcome! Filipino Family Storytime is monthly on the fourth Saturday of the month.

Happy Birds | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, July 22, 1:30 p.m. Happy Birds will WOW audiences of all ages! Six beautiful feathered friends will perform over 25 tricks during this fun and educational show. Visitors to the library will learn important facts about parrots. The show features two talking and singing Amazon parrots, colorful Macaws, and clever Cockatoos. This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library.

From the History Room: Engaging Beyond Our Walls | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Ongoing. Explore Grand Avenue's historic buildings like you never have before! Play the game **Engaging Beyond Our Walls** and embark on a scavenger hunt using only your phone! Learn more about historic buildings along Grand Avenue and hear exclusive stories from members of the community about their relationship to these historic buildings. Visit the Grand Avenue Library (306 Walnut Avenue) starting on July 8 to start playing!



South San Francisco Historical Society

Second Annual

Antique **Bazaar**

Saturday, July 22, 2023

80 CHESTNUT AVENUE

High-quality new & vintage items

9am - 3pm

info@ssfhistory.org



National Night Out in South San Francisco!

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Every year on the first Tuesday in August, we come together to celebrate community connections. National Night Out, happening Tuesday, August 1, is about building your community, getting to know your neighbors, and promoting neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Please feel free to attend any of the events listed below. These events are free and open to the community.

Good News Chapel

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Address: 215 West Orange Ave

SSF Housing Authority

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Address: 350 C Street

711 Hill Avenue

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Address: 711 Hill Avenue

136 Rockwood Drive

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Address: 136 Rockwood Drive

Friends of Old Town - School Street at Hillside

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Address: 291 Hillside Blvd

Vice Mayor Nagales - Westborough Park Picnic Shelter

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Address: 2380 Galway Drive

Councilmember Addiego - Sunshine Gardens Elementary School

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Address: 1200 Miller Ave

Councilmember Coleman - Buri Buri Park

Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Address: 200 Arroyo Drive

For more information contact Tamiko Huey at (650) 829 - 6680 or email tamiko.huey@ssf.net



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