



Attention: Ladies! Please join me and our special guests for the South San Francisco Women's Leadership Conference, to be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the South San Francisco Conference Center. Special keynote speakers include former Congressman Jackie Speier and San Mateo County Sherriff Christina Corpus, as well as other prominent Bay Area women leaders! Let us help lift each other up and talk about empowerment. Tickets may be purchased [here](#). For more information, please visit [www.ssf.net/wlc](http://www.ssf.net/wlc). I look forward to seeing you there!

I invite you to the Grand Avenue Library on Saturday, July 22nd at 10:30 a.m. for Filipino Storytime. I will be reading "Sari-Sari Summers," by Lynnor Bontigao, a beautiful intergenerational story about a grandmother and her granddaughter's bonding moment one summer.

Have you checked out Job Train at the Economic Advancement Center yet? If you're looking to pursue a career in the medical field but can't commit to a lengthy or costly training program, check out the JobTrain Medical Assistant program. The new cohort starts August 28th. More details below.

If you frequently drive on El Camino Real in South San Francisco, you may notice newly painted green bike lanes, high visibility crosswalks, and a new Bus/Bike Platform on El Camino Real between Country Club Drive and Hazelwood. The City, in partnership with Caltrans, SamTrans, and others, are participating in the Complete Streets Leadership Academy with this 10-week demonstration project starting in August. We are hopeful that this demonstration project will provide a safer biking and pedestrian environment for all. Below, please find a flyer with more information on this demonstration project.

In honor of Parks and Recreation Month, the City is hosting a series of free events listed below. This weekend, the City is offering free swim lessons on Sunday, July 23rd from 3:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. at Orange Pool. For more information, see details below under Parks & Recreation Events.

Lastly, I have really enjoyed the Farmer's Market! This weekend, you can sign up for the Free My Healthy Hometown Prescription Cards at the Farmer's Market. South City residents can save up to 80% off on generics and up to 40% on name-brand medications. The discount card is accepted at more than 65,000 participating pharmacies nationwide, including all major pharmacy chains and most local independent pharmacies. Get your FREE card and information about the program this Saturday, July 22nd at the South San Francisco Farmers' Market from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful and safe weekend! Hope to see you on Saturday!

Your Mayor,  
Flor Nicolas

## LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

**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 South San Francisco Historical Museum (80 Chestnut Avenue). For more information, please email [info@ssfhistory.org](mailto:info@ssfhistory.org).

**JobTrain Medical Assistant Program.** Are you interested in pursuing a career in the medical field but can't commit to a lengthy or costly training program? You can train to be a Medical Assistant in just a few months and at no cost! [JobTrain](#) Medical Assistant graduates will be qualified to work in medical clinics, dental & optometry offices and more. Sign up and get started on your new career today. The next North San Mateo County (South San Francisco) cohort begins August 28 and will meet evenings at Baden High School. For best results, start the application process by **August 8**. Learn more and sign up for an Information Session today! <https://bit.ly/jobtrainmedicalassistant>. Stop by the Economic Advancement Center at 366 Grand Avenue or call 650-829-4652.

**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!

In addition to discount prescription cards, you will learn about the Sign Hill Habitat Restoration Project and how to volunteer to help our community at Orange Memorial Park from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. when you visit our Parks and Recreation tent and talk to our Sign Hill Stewards.

## PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Celebrate our last week of Park & Recreation Month with these great activities:

### Sunday, July 23

**Free Swimming Lessons:** Join us at Orange Pool for a free-swimming lesson on Sunday, July 23. Our goal is to provide 230 swim lessons at no cost to our residents, particularly those who have been unable to register or are on the waitlist. If you are already enrolled in swimming lessons at Orange Pool, kindly refrain from registering for this free class. Regardless of experience level, both new and seasoned swimmers are welcome to participate. Our standard

swimming lesson program will be implemented, offering levels 1 through 5. Please review the prerequisites for each class before enrolling to ensure your child is at the appropriate level. Registration will open at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12. Register online at [www.ssf.net/rec-catalog](http://www.ssf.net/rec-catalog) or in person at Orange Pool, 1 W. Orange Ave.

### **Tuesday, July 25**

**Zumba Drop-In:** Join these free drop-in sessions that will get your heart pumping located in the Marie Peterson Room at Municipal Building, 33 Arroyo Drive from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Space is limited and will be granted on a first-come, first serve basis.

### **Wednesday, July 26**

**Free Bocce Lessons:** We 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 Memorial Park.

### **Sunday, July 30**

**Open Gym:** Basketball and badminton will be free on July 16 and July 30, 2023 to the first 24 people that register online at [www.ssf.net/rec-catalog](http://www.ssf.net/rec-catalog) and clicking on the "open gym" tab.

## **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.
- 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)

**Filipino Family Storytime with Mayor Nicolas | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.** This month's Filipino 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!

**Happy Birds | Saturday, July 22, 1:30 p.m.** Happy Birds will WOW audiences of

all ages! Six beautiful feathered friends 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. Visit [Happy Birds'](#) website to learn more. This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library.

**Short Reads: Graphic Novel Book Club for Teens | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Tuesday, July 25, 2:00 p.m.** Short Reads is a book club for middle and high school students. This month we are reading the graphic novel, *Messy Roots: a Graphic Memoir of a Wuhanese American* by Laura Gao. Summary: "After spending her early years in Wuhan, China, riding water buffalos and devouring stinky tofu, Laura immigrates to Texas, where her hometown is as foreign as Mars—at least until 2020, when COVID-19 makes Wuhan a household name. In *Messy Roots*, Layra illustrates her coming-of-age as a girl who simply wants to make the basketball team, escape Chinese school, and figure out why girls make her heart flutter." No registration required. Request a copy here: <https://ssfpl.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S76C3448403>.

**Sophie's World | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Wednesday, July 26, 4:00 p.m.** 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! This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library.



South San Francisco Historical Society  
Second Annual  
**Antique Bazaar**

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**Saturday, July 22, 2023**

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<b>80 CHESTNUT AVENUE</b> <b>High-quality new &amp; vintage items</b>	<b>9am - 3pm</b>  <i>info@ssfhistory.org</i>
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# COMPLETE STREETS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



## Temporary El Camino Real Demonstration Project

Project Fact Sheet | July 2023

### PROJECT VISION

The Complete Streets Leadership Academy is a collaboration between South City, Caltrans, Smart Growth America, SamTrans, San Mateo County Transportation Authority, San Mateo County Office of Education, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, and the City’s BPAC to demonstrate Complete Streets concepts on a state-owned highway: El Camino Real (SR 82).

Caltrans has approved an up to 10-week demonstration starting August 2023 and would take place on El Camino Real (SR 82) from Country Club Drive to South Spruce Avenue / Hazelwood Drive.

Each component of the project would install temporary safety treatments for people walking/using mobility devices, people biking, people taking transit, and transform El Camino Real into a roadway that accommodates all.

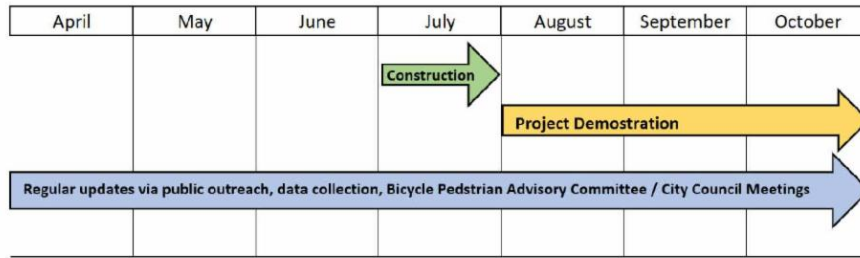
The official project launch will take place in August – volunteers are needed for special events and share your thoughts with the City!

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Temporary protected bicycle lanes
- ❖ Demonstration of bus/bike hybrid zones
- ❖ New high visibility crosswalks on Country Club Drive & El Camino Real (SR 82)
- ❖ Existing driveway access to be maintained for ECR businesses
- ❖ Project approved by Caltrans for up to 10 weeks
  - ❖ Late July through early October
- ❖ Community engagement opportunities and events
- ❖ Feedback needed from residents, businesses, and the larger SSF community



## PROJECT TIMELINE, 2023



### CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS AND WHAT TO EXPECT

The project site is located on El Camino Real and can be accessed through residential areas from Country Club Drive and Francisco Drive, and S Spruce Avenue / Hazelwood Drive. The site is near several schools, businesses, and runs parallel to the Centennial Trail to the east. As with any temporary projects, some area impacts are expected.

- ❖ Temporary impacts may include:
  - Parking restrictions
  - Bus stop relocations (installation days only)
  - Transit service changes (installation days only)
  - Roadway changes (during special event days)

The Temporary Demonstration aims to address current safety needs and incidents on El Camino Real, protect vulnerable pedestrians, and improve transit access and operations. The Temporary Demonstration Project would not include a reduction in vehicle travel lanes on El Camino Real. The City of South San Francisco will consistently work with the community and contractor to minimize any disruptions and mitigate concerns.

### PROJECT PARTNERS



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