



THE COUNTDOWN TO OPENING BEGINS, and you heard it here first!

Save the date for *Saturday, October 28, 2023*, for the ribbon-cutting and grand opening of the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center at the corner of Chestnut and El Camino Real. This project has been in the works since November of 2015 when voters passed Measure W, the ½ cent sales tax which is making possible so many quality-of-life improvements for our community. Stay tuned for more information over the coming weeks about the activities planned for this very exciting new state of the

art co-located Library, Parks and Recreation Center, and City Council Chambers.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – Tuesday, August 1

Started by a volunteer in Philadelphia in 1984, National Night Out events have been held for the past 39 years in 17,000 communities, activating 38 million neighbors. Over four-hundred cities in California will participate this year, including South San Francisco. It is an annual community-building campaign that promotes neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Gatherings enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Stop by one of the National Night Out events in your neighborhood! If you don't see an event scheduled in your neighborhood, consider initiating one next year!

- Good News Chapel, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., 215 West Orange Avenue
- SSF Housing Authority, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., 350 C Street
- 711 Hill Avenue, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., 711 Hill Avenue
- 136 Rockwood Drive, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., 136 Rockwood Drive
- Friends of Old Town, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Paradise Valley Park, 291 Hillside Boulevard.
- Vice Mayor Nagales, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Westborough Park Shelter, 2380 Galway Drive
- Councilmember Addiego, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Sunshine Gardens Elementary School, 1200 Miller Avenue
- Councilmember Coleman, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Buri Buri Park, 200 Arroyo Drive

Board and Commission Openings

The City is currently recruiting members to serve on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Cultural Arts Commission, Housing Authority Tenant Commission, Library Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, Parking Place Commission, and Youth Commission, notice attached. Applications and instructions to apply can be found on the city's

website: www.ssf.net/government/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-application or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, 400 Grand Avenue, South San

San Francisco, CA 94080. Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2023. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 877-8518.

Special Event: Family Storytime with Author Sophia N. Lee | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Friday, August 11, 11:30 a.m.

South San Francisco Public Library is honored to feature celebrated children's author Sophia N. Lee as our guest host for Family Storytime! Join us at 11:30 a.m. to meet Ms. Lee and be the first to hear her newest picture book, *Lolo's Sari-Sari Store*, read by the author herself. Sophia N. Lee grew up in the Philippines. She wanted to be many things growing up: doctor, teacher, ballerina, ninja, crime-fighting international spy, wizard, time traveler, journalist, and lawyer. She likes to think she can be all these things and more through writing. She is the author of *Soaring Saturdays; What Things Mean*, which won a Scholastic Asian Book Award's grand prize; *Holding On*; and *Lolo's Sari-sari Store*. Learn more about her at SophiaLeeWrites.com.

South City Proud Pinoy Team for the 30th Annual Pistahan Parade in San Francisco on Saturday, August 12, 2023

The Pistahan Festival is the largest celebration of Filipino art, culture, dance, food, and music in the United States and it will be held on August 12-13, 2023 at the Yerba Buena Gardens in San Francisco. To kickoff the festivities, there will be a parade on Saturday, August 12, 2023. We encourage you to join us and secure a T-shirt and register to be a part of the South City Proud Pinoy team in the parade, please [click here to register](#).

South San Francisco Women's Conference on Saturday, August 26, 2023

Calling all strong and ambitious women! Please join me and special guests for the South San Francisco Women's Leadership Conference, 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 Congressmember Jackie Speier and San Mateo County Sheriff Christina Corpus, as well as other prominent Bay Area women leaders! Tickets may be purchased [here](#). For more information, please visit www.ssf.net/wlc. I look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you and yours a wonderful and safe weekend!

Your Mayor,
Flor Nicolas

LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

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: 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!

Coyote Point Summer Fest – San Mateo County Parks

San Mateo County Parks is offering a fun, free, family-friendly summer celebration at Coyote Point on Saturday, August 26, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will feature giant kites, train rides, food trucks, bike rides, activity stations, and local resource booths. There will be performers, great food by Daniels's Kitchen, Kiss my Boba, and Sam's Chowder Mobile. Activities include Kiddos Chu Chu, fun crafts, and lots more. This is a free event, and registration is not required; \$6 vehicle entrance fee.

www.smcgov.org/hsa/event/coyote-point-summerfest

Child Care Coordinating Council (4C's)

Paying for childcare can be a financial burden for many families. In San Mateo County, a number of childcare programs exist to support families in need. Each program typically has their own application process and possibly a waiting list. Families are encouraged to apply for all programs that interest them. For more information: sanmateo4cs.org/families/paying-for-child-care/

San Mateo County Measure K Listening Sessions

The County of San Mateo is hosting a series of listening sessions and survey to hear directly from residents about their needs in four key areas. Residents are invited to share their experiences and needs on issues of housing and homelessness, children and families, emergency preparedness and mental health. Residents are invited to attend a listening session and take an online [survey](#), which is available in English, Spanish, Tagalog and Simplified Chinese. The information gathered will help inform the Board of Supervisors as it allocates funding from the local [Measure K](#) sales tax in ways that address the needs shared by residents and advance equity. A summary report from the listening sessions and surveys will also be shared with the public and presented to the [Board of Supervisors](#) in October. For more information:

www.smcgov.org/ceo/news/what-do-you-need-thrive

PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

The celebration of July as Parks and Recreation Month continues! Please check out these great Parks and Recreation events and programs:

Parks and Recreation is Hiring!

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for dedicated and talented individuals to join our awesome team. For more information on current job openings visit www.ssf.net.

Sign Hill Stewards Volunteer Program

You are invited 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 candace.lacroix@ssf.net.

SAVE THE DATE! Art in the Park: Supporting SSF's Young Artists

Sponsored by the SSF Cultural Arts Commission

Sunday, August 27, 2023

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Joseph A. Fernekes Recreation Building, 781 Tennis Drive

Discover summertime joy at this reimagined annual fundraiser. Enjoy a fabulous art fair, great activities, and tasty treats. Proceeds will benefit the Jack Drago Cultural Arts Commission Youth Art Scholarship and other South San Francisco cultural arts programs. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.ssf.net/culturalarts or call (650) 829-3800.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

There's one month left in our Summer Learning Challenge!

Visit summerlearners.org or visit the Grand Avenue Library and turn in your completed summer reading log to get a chance to win a \$1,000 college scholarship, a CuriOdyssey family pass, a San Mateo County Parks pass, or tickets to the Bay Area Discovery Museum or to the San Francisco Giants games! Sign up for our [Library e-newsletter](#) so you don't miss out on programs or announcements!

Celebrate National Night Out (NNO) with the Library and Learning Wheels!

SSF Library will be making appearances at multiple NNO locations. Our Learning Wheels truck will be at Westborough Park at 5 p.m., then at Paradise Valley at 6:15 p.m., where we will also be doing a few 3D printing demos! You can also catch our teams at Buri Buri Park, South San Francisco Housing Authority, and the Good News Chapel.

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:

Outdoor Toddler Storytime (weather permitting), 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.
- Filipino Family Storytime, 4th Saturday at 10:30 a.m. (8/26, 9/23)

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Bugs of Pokémon | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, July 29, 2:00

p.m. Did you know that the creator of Pokémon, Satoshi Tajiri, spent his childhood collecting bugs in the Japanese countryside? His love of bugs can be seen throughout Pokémon from the buggy pocket monsters that were inspired

by real insects and arachnids, to the Pokémon attacks and abilities that actually exist in the real world. Come learn about the bugs that inspired Pokémon and how the game of Pokémon and the science of Entomology are alike! This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library.

Families in the Park | Tuesdays August 1st, 15th, and 29th, 8:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Families in the Park is a gathering for families with children to exercise, play, and socialize at Orange Park. **We will meet at the Gene Mullin Community Learning Center (520 Tamarack Ln., SSF) at 8:45 a.m. and begin walking to Orange Park at 9:00 am.** For more information or to register, contact Project Read at 650-829-3871 or by email projectread@ssf.net.

Project Read Book Club | Gene Mullin Community Learning Center (520 Tamarack Lane) | Thursday, August 24, 7:00 p.m.

Are you looking for a community that will uplift you in your journey to improve your literacy? Do you want to read a humorous yet heartfelt comic book with a powerful message of self-love and acceptance? If so, join Project Read's Book Club! Call 650-829-3871 to get a FREE copy of the book. Join us on August 24 at 7pm for a vibrant discussion of *American Born Chinese* at Gene Mullin Community Learning Center!



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