



The summer seems to be flying by! It's hard to believe that students in the South San Francisco Unified School District will head back to school on August 9. We wish students, parents, educators, and district staff a wonderful 2023-2024 school year! Please note that the City Council meeting of August 9 is cancelled. However, the month of August is going to be very busy and jam packed with interesting community events and programs. Please see below for announcements.

Your Mayor,
Flor Nicolas

LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

It's a Wrap! - Another Successful National Night Out in South San Francisco

On Tuesday, August 1st, residents, neighbors, and City departments came together to foster community connections across nine National Night Out events held throughout the city. This is an annual community-building event that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safe and connected. All nine events held this year showcased neighbors, residents, law enforcement, city services, and local businesses' commitment to fostering a safe and welcoming city to live in.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made National Night Out 2023 a memorable success. A special thanks to the event hosts, and thanks to city staff for supporting the events with promotional materials, library books, stickers, smiles, and even an electric street sweeper. Let's not wait until next August to get together. Please [sign up here](#) to receive city information and join us at upcoming events.

2023 Youth Summer Internship Program

Last week, we congratulated eleven South San Francisco high school students and recent graduates for their successful completion of the City's Youth Summer Internship program. This program provides comprehensive work-readiness training and mentoring, along with a 7-week paid internship in one of our many City departments. Our interns completed a wide range of special projects and assignments, contributing invaluable service to our community. We wish them all great success in their future career endeavors! THANK YOU to the Human Resources team for coordinating the Youth Summer Internship program, to the YMCA for their support, and to departmental staff who supervised and mentored the students.

South San Francisco Farmers' Market – August 4

Everyone is invited to the South San Francisco Farmers' Market this Saturday. The Market is open every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., behind the Joseph A. Fernekas Building at Orange Memorial Park, 781 Tennis Drive. As always, there will be crafts, plants, food, and more.

This week's special events:

- Stop by the **SSF Library** booth which will have staff offering fun resources and activities for the entire family.
- The dedicated and proud **South San Francisco-San Bruno Water Quality Control Plant (WQCP)** team invites you to stop by the Science of Sewage Roadshow booth at the Market every Saturday throughout the Month of August. WQCP provides treatment of wastewater to protect human health and the environment. Come learn about the intricacies of wastewater treatment and the importance of preserving our local watershed by preventing trash and pollutants from entering the precious San Francisco Bay. Staff will provide sign-up sheets for tours of the Water Quality Control Plant in September and October 2023. Watch for the opportunity to receive a special give-away!

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 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.

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

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 at the Yerba Buena Gardens in San Francisco. To kick off the festivities, there will be a parade on Saturday, August 12, 2023. We encourage you to join us! To 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](#).

Backpack Giveaway for SSF Students

Students in need of a new backpack and supplies for the coming school year may receive one at no cost on Saturday, August 12th, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. This event is entirely funded through private sector donations and is sponsored by South San Francisco business Rep Urs Clothing. The event will be held at the City Hall parking lot at the corner of Miller Avenue and Walnut. Please note that the parking lot will be closed that day for this event, so participants who are coming by car should plan on parking on the street or at the Miller Parking Garage.

Grand Avenue Walking Tour | Grand Library (306 Walnut Avenue) Saturday, August 12, 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM.

The SSF Public Library History Room will host a walk down Grand Avenue,

sharing architectural details about historic buildings and stories about the people who built the city at the turn of the century. We will see the hotel that housed the earliest workers in the booming industrial town, the house that served as the City's first hospital, and a dozen other historical sites. The tour begins with a video about the city's history. Please note that the library's parking lot will be unavailable for parking on this date due to an event scheduled in the lot. This tour will also be held in Spanish at 11 a.m. Due to limited space, you must RSVP to history@ssf.net.

Joint Advisory Committee of the Child Care Master Plan Meeting

The Child Care Master Plan for South San Francisco was released in July 2022. The plan included a detailed description of childcare resources, issues and considerations, and a significant number of recommendations. The Joint Advisory Committee reviews the plan, prioritizes recommendations, and provides input to key decision-makers to inform the next steps. The next advisory committee meeting is August 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the South San Francisco Unified School District Office at 398 B Street, South San Francisco.

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!

SAVE THE DATE! Art in the Park: Supporting SSF's Young Artists 2023 Art in the Park Fundraiser

Sponsored by: Cultural Arts Commission
Sunday, August 27, 2023 | 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Joseph Fernekas Building | Orange Memorial Park
FREE ADMISSION

Join the Cultural Arts Commission at Art in the Park: South San Francisco's young artists fundraising event. The event celebrates young artists and community. There will be live performances, prizes, food, and drinks.

Local artisan vendors and makers will sell original art and handmade crafts during the event. Artisan vendors and makers interested in participating should apply. A limited number of tables are available. The registration fee/donation to apply for a table on a first come, first served basis is \$50. Application and fee payment deadline is Friday, August 11, 2023. For more information go to: www.ssf.net/culturalarts.

Fundraiser proceeds benefit the Jack Drago Cultural Arts Commission Youth Art Scholarship, an annual award established for the purpose of providing eligible graduating seniors from the South San Francisco Unified School District continued education in the visual arts.

Coming Soon - Citizen's Academy 2023

South San Francisco offers a free Citizen's Academy every other year, designed to provide a hands-on overview of City government. The Academy will run for 9 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., beginning

September 12 and running through November 14. The program provides an opportunity for residents to learn how and why City decisions are made and how City funds are allocated. Each week, a different department, including the City Council and City Attorney, will host a session, provide an informative presentation that highlights their department (including staffing, budget, operations, etc.). A light catered dinner for participants and staff is included. Sessions are held at different locations. Many Citizen's Academy graduates have gone on to serve on Boards and Commissions. Enrollment is limited. Applications will be available on-line and at City Hall in the City Manager's Office beginning Monday, August 7.

South San Francisco is Hiring!

The City of South San Francisco offers a wide range of part-time and full-time employment opportunities serving a wide range of City departments and services. The City is committed to maintaining a strong team culture and providing opportunities for learning and growth. We encourage members of our community to consider a career with the City! All current employment opportunities along with an online application are listed on Calopps.org. You can also register on CalOpps to be notified of new opportunities that come available.

PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Sign Hill Stewards Volunteer Program

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: www.eventbrite.com/e/sign-hill-stewards-habitat-restoration-tickets-304822130197. For questions email: candace.lacroix@ssf.net.

Fall 2023 Classes & Aquatics Registration

The Recreation Division is excited about the upcoming Fall session! The Fall 2023 Activity Guide features classes from youth age through adult programming from September to December. Save the dates for our upcoming classes registration:

Now through August 13: Create and/or update your CivicRec account to be ready for your registration date. For questions on creating or updating your account, contact the Recreation Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 14: resident registration will begin online at 6:00 a.m. at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog. In-person resident registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Recreation Office at 33 Arroyo Drive.

Monday, August 28: non-resident registration will begin online at 6:00 a.m. at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog. In-person non-resident registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Recreation Office at 33 Arroyo Drive.

Monday, September 11: the fall 2023 session begins.

Reminder: Registration for each non-aquatic classes will end one week prior to

the start of class. Participants must be registered to participate in our recreation classes. To register, visit our online registration webpage at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog. For questions and assistance specifically pertaining to classes, please contact the Recreation office at (650) 829-3800, or email web-rec@ssf.net.

Aquatic Fall Registration Dates:

Session #1 (All classes including weekend classes)

Resident Registration – Monday, August 14

Non-Resident Registration – Monday, August 28

Session #2 (Mon/Wed and Tues/Thur evening classes only)

Resident Registration – Wednesday, October 4

Non-Resident Registration – Friday, October 6

Session #2 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday classes only)

Resident Registration – Monday, October 23

Non-Resident Registration – Friday, October 6

Session #3 (Mon/Wed and Tues/Thur evening classes only)

Resident Registration – Wednesday, November 8

Non-Resident Registration – Saturday, November 11, at 8:00 a.m.

For questions pertaining to the Aquatic programs, contact the Aquatics team at (650) 875-6973, or email web-rec@ssf.net.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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.

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)

Financial Education Program with Brad Hamada, Workshop 3: Preparing with Proper Protection | Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, August 5, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

In this workshop you will learn about the most effective and efficient way to build a strong financial future using a few very simple rules of thumb and a little bit of common sense. Understand how to prioritize your financial obligations to maximize your peace of mind. What is the best way to protect your assets, your hard-earned possessions, and most importantly, your family's financial future? Understand how insurance works, how it plays into your financial life, and understand what the most suitable program for your situation is.

Books to Film Movie Night: Dune, Part One (2021) | Grand Ave Library (306 Walnut Ave) Wednesday, August 9, 5:00 p.m.

Come to our monthly Book-to-Film Movie Nights! Arrive early to learn a little about the book and its movie adaptation; the film will begin at 5:30 p.m. This month we're watching Academy Award nominee Timothee Chalamet, with Zendaya, Rebecca Ferguson, and Oscar Isaac starring in this first of a two-part adaptation of Frank Herbert's Nebula Award-winning novel *Dune*. The deliciously complex science fiction epic follows Paul Atreides as his family, the noble House Atreides, is thrust into a war for the deadly and inhospitable desert planet Arrakis. You don't have to read the book to join us for the movie.

COUNTY EVENTS

Community Input Sought for San Mateo County's Measure K Funding Priorities

The County of San Mateo announced a series of listening sessions and survey to hear directly from residents about their experiences and needs on issues related to housing and homelessness, children and families, emergency preparedness, and mental health. These four areas were identified as priorities for the Board of Supervisors and were also elevated in other community outreach efforts. Residents are invited to attend a listening session and take an online [survey](#), which is available in English, Spanish, Tagalog and Simplified Chinese.

Your voice matters! We hope to hear from communities most impacted by inequities.

These listening sessions are designed to create a welcoming environment for everyone to share their unique perspective, including removing language barriers. Live interpretation and small group discussions will occur in English, Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin at each session and additionally in Tagalog in Daly City and San Mateo.

One listening session will be held in South San Francisco on August 23 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Joseph Fernekes Recreation Building, Orange Memorial Park, 781 Tennis Drive.

San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day - PREPARE. SURVIVE. RECOVER

The 19TH Annual San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day will be held on Saturday, August 5, at the San Mateo County Event Center. Free, family-friendly fun includes resources, classes, and interactive demonstrations including Emergency Medical Services, First Aid, School Safety, Police, and Fire activities. For more information call 650-363-4790 or go to smcdisasterprep.org.

C/CAG Countywide Local Road Safety Plan Public Meeting

Join us on Thursday, August 10th at 6pm via Zoom to learn more about the project and how you can get involved!

Webinar link: <https://bit.ly/3Q4MEDa>

Dial-in: +1 669 900 6833

Webinar ID: 889 9594 9131

Every year, people are killed or seriously injured due to speeding, running red lights, and other factors that put other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians at risk. Please join the conversation to help improve street and road safety in your community!

For more information about the Countywide Local Road Safety Plan development, visit the [project webpage](#).



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The SSF Citizens' Academy is a 9-week course that engages participants in a hands-on overview of City government.



MEET THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY PERSONNEL

Meet city council members (including the mayor), chief of police & fire chiefs, department heads, and dozens of city of SSF personnel.



SEE THE PROCESS

Learn how and why decisions are made and how city funds are allocated.

www.ssf.net



Every Tuesday!

SEPTEMBER 12 -
NOVEMBER 14

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Locations vary *

Light supper will be provided at each session.
Registration is required. Please use link below
or scan the QR code

<https://forms.office.com/g/DHRUqBr0FC>

2023 South San Francisco Citizens'
Academy Application



*Sessions occur in various City facilities including the Police Station and new Library Parks and Recreation building

Questions?

(650) 829 - 3817



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