



What a week it's been! The City hosted 15 students from our Sister City in Kishiwada, Japan, this past week. The Sister City Program began in 1956 under President Dwight D. Eisenhower and is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network creating and strengthening partnerships between the United States and International communities. Students toured city departments and facilities as well as both of our high schools. To learn more, visit <https://www.ssf.net/our-city/sister-cities>.

As you know, seniors are very near and dear to my heart! The California Department of Aging is seeking those ages 55 and older to provide feedback on programs and services to help shape communities that are inclusive, supportive, and responsible to the evolving needs of our senior communities. The survey may be found [here](#) in multiple languages and responses are confidential.

For ninth through 12th grade students, you are eligible to apply for the next cohort of San Mateo County's [Youth Climate Ambassador Program](#). Participants of this 7-month program (October 2023 - April 2024) build their knowledge of climate change, explore various climate solutions and develop a final project to create positive, environmental change within their school or local community. [Applications are open](#) now and close at midnight on Friday, Sept. 15.

Come and join the Joint Advisory Committee of the Child Care Master Plan (JACCCMP) for South San Francisco for a community meeting on Saturday, September 16th at the Joseph Fernekes Recreation Building at 10:00 a.m. to learn more about the Childcare Master Plan and all of the work being done to expand and promote childcare in our city!

The flu season is quickly approaching. Let's keep our loved ones safe by getting a flu shot. Please save the date of Sunday, October 15, 2023 for a flu shot clinic hosted by the City of South San Francisco, in partnership with the Kaiser Permanente Nurses Association and other community volunteer groups.

I am very excited to see many of you tomorrow at the South San Francisco Women's Leadership Conference!

Your Mayor,  
Flor Nicolas

## LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Complete Streets Temporary El Camino Real Demonstration Project

We want your feedback! In collaboration with 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, the City is demonstrating a Complete Streets concept on El Camino Real, providing pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements. The 10-week demonstration project is underway on El Camino Real from Country Club Drive to South Spruce Avenue and Hazelwood Drive. Please provide your feedback at [ECR Quick-Build Project Questionnaire Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.ssf.net/quick-build-project-questionnaire-survey). To learn more about this project, please see [638254513872970000 \(ssf.net\)](https://www.ssf.net/638254513872970000).

### **Citizen's Academy 2023 – Accepting Applications Now!**

South San Francisco offers a free Citizen's Academy, 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 [here](#) and at City Hall in the City Manager's Office, Grand Ave. Library, and the Recreation Office. For more information, please visit <https://www.ssf.net/departments/city-manager/communications/citizens-academy-2023> or contact Devin Stenhouse at [Devin.Stenhouse@ssf.net](mailto:Devin.Stenhouse@ssf.net) or (650) 829-3817.

### **South San Francisco Farmers' Market – August 26**

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:*

- The South San Francisco Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be at the Farmers' Market educating the public about knowing what disasters and hazards could affect their area, how to receive emergency alerts, "Know Your Zone", encouraging community members to build a "Go Bag", creating an "Emergency Plan", and the importance of getting involved and receiving CERT training.
- South San Francisco-San Bruno Water Quality Control Plant Team will continue to feature the Science of Sewage Roadshow booth every Saturday throughout August 2023! The Water Quality Control Plant 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.

## COUNTY & COMMUNITY EVENTS

### More than Just Meals

Did you know that completing an application for school meals helps your child and South San Francisco Unified School District? Families that fill out a meal application may also be eligible to receive the following benefits:

- Free annual bus passes;
- Lower Advanced Placement (AP) testing fees;
- Discounts of \$30 or \$75 per month on their internet bills; and
- \$100 discount to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet.

Every meal application also translates to additional funding for our school district. Funding for:

- Technology in schools;
- After school programs;
- Counseling services; and
- Free school lunches.

For more information go to [www.ssfusd.org/apps/pages/meals](http://www.ssfusd.org/apps/pages/meals) or contact South San Francisco Unified School District's Nutrition Services Department with questions at 650-877-8716.

## PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

### 50th Anniversary of the Thanksgiving Fun Run

This year marks the 50th celebration of our Annual Thanksgiving Fun Run! Save the dates for our highly anticipated annual 5K Thanksgiving Fun Run on Saturday, November 18. We'll also be celebrating the Oyster Point Marina Park Ribbon Cutting event. Don't miss out on this momentous event which will include a live DJ, awards for top runners and a best costume award!

- Special price of 50 cents to register!
- Ages 12 years and under: FREE.
- Pre-registration includes a t-shirt.

Register TODAY at [www.ssf.net/rec-catalog](http://www.ssf.net/rec-catalog). Additional event details will be updated at: [www.ssf.net/rec](http://www.ssf.net/rec). For questions or sponsorship inquiries, please contact the Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800 or email [web-rec@ssf.net](mailto: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: [www.eventbrite.com/e/sign-hill-stewards-habitat-restoration-tickets-304822130197](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/sign-hill-stewards-habitat-restoration-tickets-304822130197). For questions email: [candace.lacroix@ssf.net](mailto:candace.lacroix@ssf.net)

### 2023 Dia de Muertos | Day of the Dead Art Show

Entry Guidelines Available - THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

Event Dates: Saturday, Oct. 28 & Sunday, Oct. 29

New Location: SSF Library | Parks and Recreation Center, 901 Civic Campus Way, 3rd Floor Art Gallery

Information & Online Entry Form: [www.ssf.net/culturalarts](http://www.ssf.net/culturalarts), select Current

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

Join the Cultural Arts Commission at Art in the Park: South San Francisco's young artists fundraising event on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Joseph Fernekes Building at Orange Memorial Park. The event celebrates young artists and community. There will be live performances, prizes, food, and drinks. For more information go to: [www.ssf.net/culturalarts](http://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.

**LIBRARY EVENTS**

**Summer Learning Challenge is coming to an end on August 31!** Families will have until Saturday, September 2, to turn in all reading logs at the Grand Avenue Branch Library (306 Walnut Avenue). Each reading log will be entered for the grand prize drawing of \$1,000 college scholarship, as well as prize drawings of passes to Bay Area Discovery Museum, CurioOdyssey, and San Mateo County Parks! Drawing will take place during the week of September 5; winners will be notified by September 15.

**Cantonese Storytime at the SSF Farmer's Market | Orange Memorial Park (781 Tennis Drive) | Saturday, August 26, 11:30 a.m.** Join Ms. Maggie at the SSF Farmer's Market for one of our most popular weekly programs, Cantonese Storytime.

**2C.STEM Saturdays | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, August 26, 2:00 p.m.** 2C.STEM Saturdays is coming to Grand Avenue Library! Children ages 7 and up can learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math through hands-on projects. On this day, we will be making LED Bug Bots using the power of motors, batteries, and light.

**Virtual Book Launch: Dear Human at the Edge of Time | [Virtual Program Registration](#) | Thursday, August 31, 4:00 p.m.** South San Francisco Public Library is delighted to host the virtual book launch for "Dear Human at the Edge of Time", an anthology of poems on climate change in the United States, co-edited by San Mateo County Poet Laureate Emerita, Aileen Cassinetta. Join us for poetry readings by award-winning contributors including US Poet Laureate Ada Limón, Virginia Poet Laureate Emerita Luisa Igloria, Dr. Jessica Whitehead of the Institute for Coastal Adaptation & Resilience, and many more. After the readings, stay with us for a Q&A with the co-editors, writers, and scientists about working in collaboration with the Fifth National Climate Assessment, and the process of writing for environmental justice. For more information, check out this [book review](#) from Erwin Arroyo, founding editor of The Poetry Lighthouse. *This program is recommended for ages 16+.*

Families in the Park | Tuesday August 29, 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. Family activities include storytime, games, and raffle prizes. 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](mailto:projectread@ssf.net).



# City of South San Francisco Citizens' Academy



## Why Join Citizens' Academy?



### LEARN ABOUT YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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](http://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

Applications are due Friday, August 25 at 5:00 p.m.

Please note: space is limited and acceptance into the program will be determined the week of August 28 - September 1

Questions?

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