



Last night, together with my fellow Councilmembers, the Peña family, and members of our community, I had the privilege of lighting up our Sign Hill Tree and City Hall gold in memory of South San Francisco native, Juliana Peña, who passed away at the age of 3 from neuroblastoma in 2012. Every parent's worst nightmare, one in every 260 children and adolescents under the age of 20 will be diagnosed with cancer each year. While rare, these cancers are the leading cause of death from disease in children and adolescents. Learn more about bringing awareness to childhood cancer and help us "Go Gold" by

visiting [www.acco.org/about](http://www.acco.org/about).

A huge thank you to those of you who joined us at the South San Francisco Women's Leadership Conference this past Saturday. It was indeed a day of women empowerment! A special thanks to our keynote speakers including our hometown heroine, Honorable Jackie Speier, and San Mateo County Sheriff Christina Corpus. I am in awe of the amazing work they continue to do every day. Thank you all for joining us for a day of education, elevation, and solidarity.

As we heard at Saturday's conference, childcare remains a barrier to the advancement of women in the workplace. The City of South San Francisco adopted a Child Care Master Plan last year with the hope of expanding access to childcare in South San Francisco. We want to hear from all of our parents, guardians, Early Childhood Education Staff, Providers, and Child Care Advocates. Please join us on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Fernekes Building for a Community Meeting on Child Care in South San Francisco and share with us your childcare needs and concerns. Learn more about the Child Care Master Plan at [www.ssf.net/departments/city-manager/master-plans](http://www.ssf.net/departments/city-manager/master-plans).

A friendly reminder that in observance of Labor Day, city buildings and facilities will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023. Emergency services buildings and services will remain operational.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!

Your Mayor,  
Flor Nicolas

## LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

South San Francisco Farmers' Market – September 2, 2023

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

### **Coffee with Vice Mayor Nagales and City Manager Ranals**

Please join Vice Mayor Mark Nagales and City Manager Sharon Ranals on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Philz Coffee at Westborough Square for coffee and conversation on city issues.

### **Free South City Shuttle Expands Route**

Beginning on Monday, September 11, the free South City Shuttle will begin expanded operation with a new route, the Orange Line, which will serve the Winston Manor, Westborough, Serra Highlands, Buri Buri, and Avalon areas from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm, Monday through Friday. For route and schedule information go to [www.ssf.net/shuttle](http://www.ssf.net/shuttle) or call the Public Works Department at 650-877-8550.

### **Genentech Goes to Town**

Genentech will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Genentech Goes to Town program this month from September 11 – 24. Genentech employees are issued "genenbucks" which can be redeemed only at participating businesses in South San Francisco. This is one of the ways that Genentech has supported local businesses for the past 30 years, encouraging their employees to shop and dine in South San Francisco. Residents may see more Genentech employees frequenting local businesses during this month, particularly at lunchtime on Thursday, September 14, in the Breezeway between the Miller Parking Garage and Grand Avenue. There will be music performances and other lively activities to enjoy, so stop by and check it out.

## **COUNTY & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Community Input for Lindenville Specific Plan**

The community is invited to attend either or both meetings shown below to offer feedback on the final draft of the Lindenville Specific Plan.

- Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m.
- City Council meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. Join in person or virtually.

For meeting details, project information, and to give feedback on the plan, visit [SHAPESSF.COM/plan-lindenville](http://SHAPESSF.COM/plan-lindenville). We hope to see you there!

### **Child Care Survey from the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women**

The Commission on the Status of Women is committed to helping increase access to child care in San Mateo County and wants to understand past and/or current experiences. The information shared will inform a report to the Board of Supervisors to support funding for child care access and other aspects of caregiving that impact the economic security of women. The survey is anonymous and includes Spanish and Mandarin prompts. [Commission on the Status of Women - Child Care Impact Survey \(google.com\)](https://www.ssmateo.org/Status-of-Women-Child-Care-Impact-Survey)

### **Rainbow Kids Webinar**

The last Rainbow Kids webinar from Community Equity Collaborative is on

Thursday, September 7 @ 7:00 pm! Please join facilitators Azisa Todd, Lead Trainer and Events Coordinator at the San Mateo County Pride Center, and Nathanael Flynn, early childhood educator and author, for this free 90-minute webinar focusing on why and how to talk with young children about diversity as it relates to gender, families, and love. They'll share age-appropriate information and practical strategies to support them as they explore who they are and who is in their world during these early years. Certificates of participation are available upon request. For more information and to register visit [Rainbow Kids | Community Equity Col \(communityequitycollaborative.org\)](https://www.rainbowkids.org/community-equity-col)

### **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**

#### **Joint Advisory Committee of the Child Care Master Plan (JACCCMP) for South San Francisco**

The Joint Advisory Committee of the Child Care Master Plan (JACCCMP) for South San Francisco is hosting a Community Meeting on Saturday, September 16th at the Joseph Fernekes Recreation Building at 10:00 a.m. to update the community on the Child Care Master Plan and the work the JACCCMP has done. They are seeking input from providers, parents, and community members. Learn more about the Child Care Master Plan at [www.ssf.net/departments/city-manager/master-plans](http://www.ssf.net/departments/city-manager/master-plans).

#### **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](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sign-hill-stewards-habitat-restoration-tickets-304822130197). For questions email: [candace.lacroix@ssf.net](mailto:candace.lacroix@ssf.net).

### **LIBRARY EVENTS**

**Grand Library will be closed for Labor Day from Sunday through Monday, September 3-4, 2023.**

#### **Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with SSFPL!**

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place from September 15 – October 15. Join us for the kickoff celebration with the [Cunamacué: Afro-Peruvian Family Dance Workshop](#) on Saturday, September 9. Check out our [Library News Story](#) for more information and program lineup for Hispanic Heritage Month at the Grand Library!

**Photography Workshop: Distractions and How to Avoid Them While Shooting| Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Monday, September 7, 7:00 p.m. Don't change your lens—change your story!**

A new photography workshop every Thursday evening in September! In this workshop series, you'll learn eye-opening tips for making your photographs into works of art. In Workshop 1, learn to make your images pop by eliminating distractions, framing your image, and using natural and artificial light to convey your artistic vision.

SAVE THE DATE



The City of SSF invites you to a  
**COMMUNITY MEETING**  
ON CHILD CARE IN SSF

**SAT, SEPT 16 | 10 AM - 12 PM**

**Joseph A, Fernekes Building  
in Orange Memorial Park**  
781 Tennis Drive, SSF, CA 94080

*Parents & Guardians, Child Care Providers, ECE Staff, Child Care Advocates...*  
**We want to hear from you!!!**

Looking for or using child care? Working in the child care field in SSF?  
**Learn more about the 2022 SSF Child Care Master Plan by joining Co-Chairs  
Mayor Flor Nicolas and Councilperson James Coleman!**

Share your childcare needs and concerns with members of the Child Care  
Advisory Committee and City leaders and Celebrate National Working  
Parents Day on September 16th!!

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