



Some really exciting changes are happening to our free South City Shuttle Program! This morning, we celebrated the expansion of our free South City Shuttle Program with a new Western Route. This route will provide free transportation service to neighborhoods west of El Camino that had previously limited or no existing local transit service including Winston Manor, Serra Highlands, Buri Buri, Avalon, and Westborough. A huge thanks to my Council colleague, Vice Mayor Nagales, for his current work on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) Board and to former Mayor and Councilmember Karyl Matsumoto, for her vision and advocacy in the creation of the South City Shuttle Program. The shuttle program is supported by the SMCTA's Shuttle Program. We appreciate their ongoing support to provide access to more schools, parks, and senior centers for all. Please visit www.ssf.net/services/free-south-city-shuttle for more information. Shoutout to our very own Marissa Garren of the Department of Public Works for all her hard work on applying for the grant for the expansion, working on the new route, and doing the Request For Proposal for shuttle operators, and many more to make it happen!

You may have noticed purple ribbons around City Hall lately. These ribbons promote awareness of National Suicide Prevention Month and Recovery Happens Month, both occurring in September. Did you know that 22% of high school students and 41% of LGBTQIA+ youth have had serious thoughts of suicide?

Let's raise awareness for suicide prevention and treatment, know the risks and warning signs for suicide, and learn what to do in a crisis. If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, I urge you to call or text 988. You can learn more by visiting [Lifeline \(988lifeline.org\)](http://Lifeline(988lifeline.org)). Together, we can help keep our loved ones and community safe.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Your Mayor,
Flor Nicolas

LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Have a Cup of Coffee with your Vice Mayor

All are welcome to join South San Francisco Vice Mayor, Mark Nagales (District 2), on Saturday, September 9 at Philz Coffee at 2248 Westborough Blvd. from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Enjoy a *free* cup of coffee with Vice Mayor Nagales

who will be available to answer any questions you may have about your community and/or to simply have a conversation about life in general. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

Fiestas Patrias

Celebrate *Fiestas Patrias* on Sunday, September 17 at 1:00 p.m. on Grand Ave. in front of City Hall (400 Grand Ave.). This event celebrates the observance of the following countries' independence from Spain: Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Brazil from Portugal. Sur San Francisco Unidos will host its 34th year of festivities which will include music, dance performances, and light refreshments. Grand Ave. will be closed to traffic between Spruce Ave. and Maple Ave. for the event, so we encourage you to bring the whole family!

South San Francisco Farmers' Market

Come to Farmers' Market this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Orange Memorial Park and stop by the El Concilio of San Mateo County table. El Concilio of San Mateo County is El Concilio of San Mateo County (ECSMC) is a non-profit, community-based organization that is committed to increasing education, employment and access to quality-of-life services to underserved communities in San Mateo County. It has responded to the well documented racial and ethnic health and education disparities that include all underserved, low-income, non/limited English-speaking communities through its programs.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Francis Drake Lodge No. 376 | Concert at the Lodge

Dinner and music featuring the El Camino High School Jazz Band on September 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at 307 Walnut Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080. Cost is \$30 per person. All proceeds will go to the El Camino High School Music Program. Please RSVP to 650-218-8175 no later than Monday, September 18, 2023.

City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG)'s Countywide Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP)

This project is collecting input on existing roadway safety conditions to help San Mateo County get funding to build roadway improvements that will positively impact everyone residing in and traveling through San Mateo County, especially the most vulnerable communities.

Please help increase the input in the mapping tool located at maps.kittelson.com/ccag-lrsp to help identify corridors, intersections, and other locations where traffic safety is a significant concern no later than September 30, 2023. For more information about the project, visit

ccag.ca.gov/countywide-local-roadway-safety-plan. Thank you for helping us make San Mateo County safer for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists.

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 or contact South San Francisco Unified School District's Nutrition Services Department with questions at 650-877-8716.

PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Library | Parks and Recreation Center Ribbon Cutting

The City of South San Francisco is excited to announce the grand opening and ribbon-cutting celebration of the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at the corner of Chestnut and El Camino Real, 901 Civic Campus Way. 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. Visit www.ssf.net/LPR for more information about this new facility.

Private Rentals at the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center

The new Library | Parks and Recreation Center will have a Banquet Hall and a Social Hall available to rent for private events. If you are interested in renting this facility, please [click here](#) and submit your interest form. By submitting this form your name will be placed on an interest list, this does not guarantee your event date. Please [click here](#) for rental fees for this facility. For questions, please contact the Recreation Administrative Office at (650) 829-3800. Photos and room diagrams coming soon.

Orange Memorial Park Sports Field

Save the date for the grand opening of the new Orange Memorial Park Sports Field on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. on the corner of West Orange Avenue and Memorial Drive in South San Francisco. Community members are invited to visit www.ssf.net/parkprojects to learn more.

Sports Field Features:

- Electronic Scoreboards
- Synthetic Turf
- Sports Field Lighting
- Enhanced Planting Areas
- Spectator Areas
- One Adult/Teen Baseball Diamond with Dugouts, Bullpens & Batting Cage
- One Adult/Teen Softball Diamond with Dugouts, Bullpens & Batting Cage
- Two Youth Baseball Diamonds with Dugouts & Bullpens
- Two Adult Soccer Fields with Portable Goals
- Two Junior Soccer Fields with Portable Goals
- Four Youth Soccer Fields with Portable Goals
- Drinking Fountains
- Concession Building

Halloween Extravaganza!

SAVE THE DATE! Halloween Extravaganza Saturday, October 21, 2023 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Orange Memorial Park 781 Tennis Drive, SSF Free Admission It's that time of the year to get into the Halloween spirit with this fun event for all community members to enjoy! Festivities will include a pumpkin patch, games, food, and more. We hope to see you there and costumes are always encouraged.

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. Additional event details will be updated at: www.ssf.net/rec. For questions or sponsorship inquiries, please contact the Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800 or email 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. For questions email: candace.lacroix@ssf.net.

Improving Public Places

Come join the Improving Public Places Committee and City of South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department for a volunteer clean up event at Orange Memorial Park on Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Work will take place near the Orange Park Sculpture Garden and Bocce Courts. Tasks will include weeding, mulching, and general clean up within the native garden adjacent to the parking lot. Please wear closed toe shoes and pants. Tools and safety gear will be provided, but you are welcome to bring

your own. Please RSVP by emailing Parks.Volunteers@ssf.net.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Cunamacué Afro-Peruvian Rhythms Family Dance Workshop | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, September 9, 1:00 p.m.

Cunamacué introduces Afro-Peruvian culture through music and dance! Participants will enjoy live music featuring Afro-Peruvian instruments while learning dance routine for the Festejo -- the most popular Afro-Peruvian rhythm. This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library.

Bilingual Spanish Storytime with Special Craft for Welcoming Week | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Monday, September 11, 10:30 a.m.

Join us in person for Spanish Bilingual Storytime at Grand Ave Library every Monday at 10:30 a.m. On September 11, we will be offering a special craft to celebrate [Welcoming Week 2023](#). Stay after Storytime to design a puzzle piece that reflects your family's unique backgrounds and cultures. This event is co-sponsored by the County of San Mateo Office of Community Affairs. No registration necessary. All are welcome.

Acompáñenos en persona a los cuentos bilingües en la biblioteca de la Grand Ave todos los lunes a las 10:30 a.m. El 11 de septiembre, ofreceremos una manualidad especial para celebrar [la Semana de Bienvenida de 2023](#). Quédese después de la hora del cuento para diseñar una pieza de rompecabezas que refleje los orígenes y culturas únicos de su familia. Este evento está copatrocinado por la Oficina de Asuntos Comunitarios del Condado de San Mateo. No es necesario registrarse. Todos son bienvenidos.

Photography with Mike Isola: Point System Photography | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Thursday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.

Don't change your lens—change your story! A New Photography Workshop Every Thursday in September! Learn eye-opening tips for making your photographs into works of art. In Workshop 2, Mike will show you a unique system for setting up photos on location—determining the best spots to capture your perfect image, picking the perfect points and accurately lining them up from where you are standing.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with South San Francisco Public Library!

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place from September 15 – October 15.

Throughout September and October, we will be holding [events for the entire family](#).

Cascada de Flores presents *el Brujo y la Sirena* | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, September 16, 2:00 p.m.

Join Cascada de Flores presenting *el Brujo y la Sirena* (The Wizard and the Mermaid), a musical story about the adventures of a mermaid and her wizard friend. This interactive family program invites you to sing and dance to the music of several Latin American countries, with their various rhythms, languages, and of course, a lot of different kinds of guitars! Cascada de Flores presents bilingual music and dance programs for children and families focused on traditional Latin American folk songs and Mexican traditional music and dance. Firmly committed to music and cultural education, they have performed in over 1,000 schools and libraries for over 500,000 children. Visit Cascada de



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Suicide Prevention Resources:
All resources available 24/7

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org
Veterans: Press 1
En Español: Presione 2
For TTY Users: Use your preferred relay service or dial 711 then 988

Crisis Text Line
Text HOME to 741741
Text with a trained counselor for free

The Trevor Project
1-866-488-7386
www.thetrevorproject.org/get-help-now/
Phone, chat, and text support for LGBTQ+ youth

The Friendship Line
1-800-971-0016
Crisis and warm line for adults 60+ years operated by Institute on Aging

For mental health resources visit the Take Action for Mental Health campaign at www.TakeAction4MH.com

To learn the warning signs, visit:
suicideispreventable.org



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