



Today, we kick off the National Hispanic Heritage Month as way to promote the history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic Americans. Approximately 33% of our community members identify themselves as Latino. Hispanic Heritage Month started in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson and runs September 15th through October 15th every year. This year's theme, "*Todos Somos, Somos, Uno: We are All, We are One,*" acknowledges the differences each group brings to the table and encourages communities to stand together as one community despite our differences. Please join us in celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month with the celebration of Las Fiestas Patrias, celebrating the Independence Day of many Latin American countries, happening in front of City Hall this Sunday! More details follow below.

September is also Emergency Preparedness Month! Let us make sure that we are equipped with the knowledge and information to know what to do. The San Mateo County Emergency System also known as [SMCReady](#) is a hub for emergency preparedness. You'll find information about what to do in an emergency, simple steps to get connected, and useful guides to help you get prepared. For up-to-date information on emergency incidents as they happen, sign up for SMC Alert, the County's alert notification system used to immediately notify residents during urgent or emergency situations. Alerts may be sent via text and voice messages to email accounts, cell phones, tablets, and voice messages to landline phones. SMC Alert is available in all cities and towns in San Mateo County. Sign up [here](#) today!

Join the City's Public Works and Parks and Recreation teams and the County's Health and Environmental Services Department for a Coastal Clean Up happening Saturday, September 23rd from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There are two locations this year- one at Haskins Way at the Bay Trail Parking Lot and at 180 Utah Avenue. Visit smchealth.org for more information.

Tomorrow, please join me and my colleague, Councilmember Coleman, to discuss the child care needs in our city. We especially want to hear from parents, guardians, child care providers, Early Childhood Education staff, and child care advocates on your needs and concerns in accessing and using child care in our city. Please join us tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Fernekes Building at Orange Memorial Park. If you have questions, please feel free to email childcareplan@ssf.net or call (650) 829-3983.

On September 11th, the City of San Mateo hosted a regional community meeting to discuss prevalent cybercrimes that target Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), including pig butchering (where fraudsters use a fake

identity and gather information on social media to gain trust and solicit money), ransomware, and business email compromise (where fraudsters compromise a network and send emails posing as business representatives to redirect payments to the fraudster's bank accounts). Representatives from The Asian American Foundation, the San Mateo Police Department, San Mateo County District Attorney, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shared data on the impact of cybercrimes, recommendations of how to mitigate becoming a victim, and valuable online resources to share with the South San Francisco community.

Preventative measures for these prevalent cybercrimes include:

Pig Butchering

- Do not talk about personal finances with strangers.
- Never send money to someone you met online.
- Do not provide personal information to anyone online or to a website you do not know is legitimate.
- If it sounds too good to be true, *it is a scam*.
- Be cautious of the information you post on social media – only share with friends and family. This information is used by criminals to appear that they know you.

Ransomware

- Do not click on links or open attachments from unexpected messages or text messages.
- Back up your data with online and offline copies.
- Install critical software patches.
- Use anti-virus software.

Business Email Compromise (BEC)

- Use multi-factor authentication.
- Limit information on social media.

If you become a victim of BEC, the Financial Fraud Kill Chain Request steps are noted below:

1. Contact your financial institution *immediately*.
2. File a complaint with ic3.gov.
3. Contact US federal law enforcement.

I've listed several online resources at the end of this message.

I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow at the Child Care Community Meeting!

Your Mayor,
Flor Nicolas

LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

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 Fernekas 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!

Inaugural Festa Italiana

A free, fun family event, Festa Italiana will take place on Sunday, September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Orange Memorial Park. Hosted by the Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco, participate in the Peroni Bocce Tournament, sip Tuscan wines, enjoy Italian cuisine, and view classic Italian cars. A Kid's Zone and Soccer Challenge is available for youth. To register, please visit www.eventbrite.com/e/festa-italiana-south-san-francisco-tickets-657124957437.

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 [Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council](#) (BACHAC) table. BACHAC is dedicated to eliminating health disparities across generations and diverse communities through education and services. BACHAC has worked with corporations, mid- and small sized companies, community-based organizations, nonprofit health organizations, governmental agencies, health educators, institutions of higher learning, and the faith community to create a village united around a common goal: increasing awareness of and reducing the debilitating effects of health concerns that disproportionately affect communities of color.

Additionally, [El Concilio of San Mateo County](#) (ECSMC) will also be in attendance. 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. We hope to see you there!

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.

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

The San Mateo County 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. bit.ly/ChildCareImpactSurvey

PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

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.

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.

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

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.

We're 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.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Learning Wheels at the Community Meeting on Childcare in SSF | Joseph A. Fernekes Building at Orange Memorial Park (781 Tennis Drive) | Saturday, September 16, 10:00 AM- 12:00 p.m.

Learning Wheels is a literacy program that provides free children's books and helps connect families to organizations in the community. Come visit our table

during the Community Meeting on Childcare in SSF to receive a book and information.

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 Flores online at www.cascadadeflores.com. This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library.

Spanish Book Club | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Thursday, September 21, 12:00 p.m.

El club de lectura en español se reúne el tercer jueves de cada mes para discutir varias obras de literatura moderna incluyendo autores del mundo hispanohablante. Recoja su libro gratis en el mostrador de la biblioteca de Grand Avenue. Este mes leeremos "El País bajo mi piel" por Gioconda Belli.

Asian Art Museum Presents "Genghis Khan: Hero or Tyrant?" | [Virtual \(via Zoom, registration required\)](#) | Thursday, September 21, 2:00 p.m.

Genghis Khan – a name that conjures up visions of Mongol hordes riding across Asia. He and his descendants came to dominate the largest land empire in history. The history of Khans will be told using objects from the Asian Art Museum's collection. See how his legacy continued to influence history for over 800 hundred years. Presented by the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco Community Speakers Program. [Registration is required](#). This program is made possible by the South San Francisco Friends of the Library.

Photography with Mike Isola: Intentional Movement for Artistically Creative Images | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Thursday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.

Don't change your lens—change your story! A New Photography Workshop Every Thursday in September! With photographer Mike Isola you'll learn eye-opening tips for making your photographs into works of art. In Workshop 3, Mike will demonstrate three types of intentional movement: Intentional Camera Movement, Intentional Lens Movement, and Intentional Subject Movement. Enhance your creative skills and add movement to your toolkit of photography techniques.

CYBERCRIME ONLINE RESOURCES

- www.ic3.gov - Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)
- www.cisa.gov/stopransomware - Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency
- www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/safety-resources/scams-and-safety/on-the-internet
- staysafeonline.org - National Cybersecurity Alliance
- www.dhs.gov/topics/cybersecurity - Department of Homeland Security

- www.identitytheft.gov - Federal Trade Commission
- www.sfbay-infragard.org - Infraguard: A partnership between the private sector and the FBI
- abagnale.com - Frank Abagnale – Renowned fraud expert

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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Invites you to celebrate
"LAS FIESTAS PATRIAS"

Commemorating the independence from Spain of:
Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaragua and Brazil from Portugal



El Salvador



Guatemala



Honduras

Sunday, September 17, 2023
South San Francisco City Hall
400 Grand Avenue
1:00 pm



México

ENTERTAINMENT

Ballet Folklórico Alma de México SSFHS and Community

Ballet Folklórico SSF Parks and Recreation Department

Grupo Folklórico Viva of SSF Parks & Recreation

South City Warriors Band & Colorguard

DJ



Nicaragua



Brazil



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