



As the first Filipina Mayor in South San Francisco history, I am proud to celebrate Filipino American History Month with all of you. In 2009, the U.S. Congress designated October as Filipino American History Month, commemorating the Filipino experience in America as far back as 1587. Today, there are 4.1 million Filipino Americans in the United States, making it the second largest Asian American ethnic group in the nation. Please join me in celebrating our Filipino heritage at the Filipino American History Month and Philippine flag raising on October 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. on the front steps of City Hall. I hope to see a lot of our kababayans in their Filipiniana or "South City Proud Pinoy" shirts at the event. More information may be found on the flyer following this message.

Please join me and our partners, Kaiser Permanente Filipino Nurses Association, San Francisco Premier Lions Club and its affiliates, and the Francis Drake Masonic Lodge No. 376 on Sunday, October 15th for a Free Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the City Hall Parking lot (Miller Avenue and Walnut Avenue). A walk-up station will be available. For more information, visit www.ssf.net/flu.

Save the date of October 18th for the Grand Opening of the South San Francisco Orange Memorial Park Sports Field Grand Opening! The field opens at 5:00 p.m. and the first pitch happens at 6:30 p.m. The kickoff ceremony will be followed by games by SSF United Youth Soccer League and SSF Youth Baseball Managers Association. For more information call (650) 829-3800 or visit www.ssf.net/parkprojects.

The week of October 9th is Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Cooking Safety Starts with YOU. Pay attention to Fire Prevention." This year's focus on cooking safety works to educate the public about simple but important steps they can take to help reduce the risk of fire when cooking at home, keeping themselves and those around them safe. To learn more about cooking safety, visit www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About.

Speaking of fire safety, did you know that Lithium-Ion batteries may catch on fire or explode if damaged or used incorrectly? Lithium-Ion batteries supply power to many different devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. Stop using the battery if you notice odor, a change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. Move away from the device and call 9-1-1. For more safety tips, see the flyer following this message.

A reminder that City facilities will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2023 in honor of Indigenous People's Day. Emergency services will remain operational.

As always, if you know of a friend or neighbor who does not receive these important City updates, please forward this email to them, and they can [sign up here](#).

Your Mayor,
Flor Nicolas

LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Filipino American History Month Celebration

October is National Filipino American History Month and we want everyone to come celebrate on Saturday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m. on the steps of City Hall (400 Grand Ave.). Join Mayor Flor Nicholas, Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines in San Francisco, Mr. Neil Frank R. Ferrer, SSF Youth Commissioner, Nika Mariano, St. Augustine's choirs, and delicious food provided by Ongpin and Karilagan. Additionally, the Philippine flag will be raised at City Hall and be sure to pick up a SOUTH CITY PROUD PINOY shirt for just \$5 each! Enjoy the food, music, and most of all, celebrate with the City of 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 for fresh, delicious fruits and vegetables straight from the source! Additional features include a Mexicana-Filipina food truck, fresh hummus, fresh baked goods, candles, plants, crafts, and much more!

Additionally, the SSF Fire Department and the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week (FPW) for more than 100 years, will promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Cooking Safety Starts with YOU." Pay Attention to Fire Prevention." The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take when cooking to keep themselves and those around them safe. Visit this Saturday at the Farmer's Market to learn about fire safety, see you there!

Finally, stop by the El Concilio of San Mateo County (ECSMC) table. 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.

PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Holiday Schedule

All South San Francisco Parks and Recreation programs and offices will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2023, in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. We will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Orange Memorial Park Sports Field Grand Opening

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.

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.

Recreation Office Moving

In preparation for the grand opening of the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center, the last day of in-person service at the Recreation Office at the Municipal Services Building (33 Arroyo Drive) will be on Friday, October 13, 2023. Remote customer service will be offered via phone and e-mail from Monday, October 16 to Friday, October 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Classes and permitted events will continue in the Municipal Services Building through Friday, October 27. Registered participants in classes affected by the move will be notified of their class relocation. The Recreation Office will resume regular in-person service on Monday, October 30 at the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center, 3rd floor, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Questions? Contact the Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800 or email web-rec@ssf.net.

Dia de Muertos Art Exhibit

Saturday, October 28, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 29, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Free admission Library | Parks and Recreation Center 901 Civic Campus Way. Join us for a wonderful community art exhibit at the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center honoring Day of the Dead. www.ssf.net/culturalarts for more information.

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.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Library Holiday Closure | October 8-9, 2023

Grand Library will be closed for Indigenous People's Day from Sunday through Monday, October 8-9, 2023.

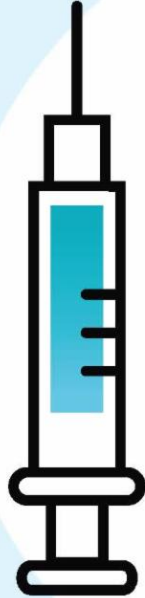
Introduction to Microcontrollers | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, October 7, 2:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of electronics by making a light-sensitive LED nightlight with microcontrollers! Making smart devices with microcontrollers is easier than you think. We will explore the fundamentals of programming and electronics that form the basis of the modern world. Microcontrollers like the Arduino, the ESP32, and Raspberry Pi Pico give you the power to create smart devices! We invite makers of all experience levels (including none) to join us and share your expertise at this Maker Team Workshop. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

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Drive through and walk ups available! Registrations are encouraged. Please use this [link bit.ly/4575Zsn](https://bit.ly/4575Zsn) or scan the QR code



GET YOUR FLU SHOT HERE:



City Hall Parking Lot



Sunday, October 15, 2023
10:00 AM - 2PM **(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)**



NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED! DRIVE THROUGH AND WALK UPS AVAILABLE!

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Estacionamiento del Ayuntamiento



Domingo, 15 de Octubre de 2023

10AM - 2PM (MIENTRAS DUREN LAS RESERVAS)

¡NO SE NECESITA CITA! PUEDES IR EN AUTO O
CAMINANDO!



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Filipino American History Month *Celebration*

**Saturday
October 21, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

City Hall - 400 Grand Ave
South San Francisco

**Philippine Flag
Raising**

This is a **FREE** event.
We hope to see you there!

- ✓ **Speakers include:**
Philippine Consul General Neil Frank Ferrer
Mayor Flor Nicolas
SSF Youth Commissioner Nika Mariano
- ✓ St. Augustine's Children's Choir
- ✓ St. Augustine's Praise and Glorify Choir
- ✓ Free food provided by: Fil-Am 2, Karilagan,
Ling Nam and Ongpin



**T-shirt Sales:
\$5 each**

650-877-8502 | www.ssf.net

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

GRAND OPENING



**OCTOBER
18**

6:30 P.M.
FIRST PITCH/FIRST KICK
CEREMONY

**W. ORANGE AVE.
& MEMORIAL DR.**

FOLLOWED BY GAMES BY
SSF UNITED YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
SSF YOUTH BASEBALL MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

FIELD OPENS AT 5:00 P.M.

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