



I can't wait to see you all at tomorrow's (Saturday, October 21st) Filipino American History Month Celebration at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall for a Philippine flag raising. Our special guests include Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines in San Francisco, Mr. Neil Frank R. Ferrer, SSF Youth Commissioner Nika Mariano, St. Augustine children's choir, and Praise and Glorify choir. Delicious finger foods will be provided by Ongpin, Karilagan, Fil-Am 2, and Ling Nam. Please be sure to pick up a South City Proud Pinoy shirt for just \$5 each.

Right after the Filipino American History Month Celebration, put on a costume and head out to Orange Memorial Park for our annual Halloween Extravaganza from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Free Family Fun Day includes a pumpkin patch (by reservation only), games, food, and more! Give our recreation team a call for more information at 650-829-3800 or visit [www.ssf.net/rec](http://www.ssf.net/rec).

At the heels of the well-attended inauguration of our multi-sport field last Wednesday, another highly anticipated event is happening soon – the Grand Opening of the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center on Saturday, October 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The new Library | Parks and Recreation Center is located at 901 Civic Campus Way at the corner of Chestnut and El Camino Real. Please join us for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, entertainment, and food trucks!

Given the expected large attendance, please note the City has retained additional parking at the Municipal Services Building (33 Arroyo Drive), West Orange Library (840 West Orange Avenue), and San Mateo County Courthouse (1050 Mission Road). The South City Free Shuttle will also be operating for the day.

More information about the grand opening celebration, including parking, transit, and a complete schedule of activities, can be found on the City's website at [www.ssf.net/LPR](http://www.ssf.net/LPR).

If you are wondering where to go on Halloween night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., volunteers at the Plymire-Schwarz House (located at 519 Grand Avenue) will be handing out candies to ghosts and goblins, witches and super heroes, and families and friends. The House is decorated both inside and outside to set the Halloween mood. Stop by for a visit and free tour this Saturday, October 21, 2023 between 1:00 and 4:00! Unfortunately, the House will be closed for a private event on Saturday, October 28th and we cannot conduct tours on Halloween night.

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 **tomorrow**, October 21 at 10:00 a.m. on the steps of City Hall (400 Grand Ave.). Join Mayor Flor Nicolas, 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, Karilagan, Fil-Am 2, and Ling Nam Starbread. 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!

### Sana, Sana, Colita de Rana

Save the date of Saturday, November 4th for the 10th annual "Sana, Sana, Colita de Rana" event from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at South San Francisco High School. The County of San Mateo's Department of Behavioral Health and their partners at the Latino/a/x Collaborative host this free family friendly forum to provide resources and support to families who may be struggling with behavioral health challenges. This year's topics include sessions on access to behavioral health, healing from immigration grief, emotional wellness, community resources, and onsite health screening and vaccinations. Please see the flyer below for more information or contact the City's Manager's Office at (650) 877-8502.

## PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

### 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](http://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**

The Parks and Recreation office only offers remote customer service for now via phone and e-mail from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until October 27th. Classes and permitted events will continue in the Municipal Services Building through Friday, October 27th. 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](mailto: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](http://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](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).

### **Holiday Boutique and Makers Fair**

Mark your calendars! South San Francisco Senior Services is having its 42nd Holiday Boutique and Makers Fair on Saturday, November 4th, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at our new Library | Parks and Recreation Center - 901 Civic Campus Way in SSF! We have over 50 new and returning vendors coming to sell a variety of gifts, such as jewelry, holiday décor, plants and succulents, accessories, home goods, candles and wax melts, pet gifts, and more! The Holiday Boutique and Makers Fair is a great place to start your holiday shopping with gifts for everyone on your list, and it is a fun and festive event for the whole family.

### **LIBRARY EVENTS**

**SSF Main Library Grand Reopening | Library | Parks and Recreation Center (901 Civic Campus Way) | Saturday, October 28, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for **Storytime with Mayor Nicolas** at 2:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers and visit the **Human Blood Vessel Exhibit** from 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Community Room. Please visit [ssf.net/LPR](http://ssf.net/LPR) for the general schedule of events and for more information.

**Adult Craft: Paint a Ceramic Skull | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Friday, October 20, 5:00 p.m.**

With Halloween and El Día de los Muertos coming up, we're all in on the spooky decorations. Design and paint a custom ceramic skull, just in time for the Creepiest Time of Year! Make yourself a sugar skull, an eerie friend, or a charming gentleman to watch over your Halloween candy. Supplies are limited. This program is recommended for ages 12+.

**Artist Talk with Rina Ayuyang, "The Man in the McIntosh Suit" | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, October 21, 1:00 p.m.**

Join us for a Filipino-American take on Depression-era noir featuring mistaken identities, speakeasies, and lost love with graphic novelist Rina Ayuyang. The year is 1929 and Bobot is just another migrant worker in rural California. Or rather, a migrant worker with a law degree from the Philippines reduced to manual labor in America. When his cousin writes claiming to have spotted his estranged wife in nearby San Francisco, he heads to the big city to find her. What follows is classic noir with seedy dives, mouthy pool sharks, and obsession. Rina Ayuyang indulges her passion for old Hollywood and movie musicals to create something she always had hoped for—a classic tale about people who looked just like her.

**Vampire Bugs | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Wednesday, October 25, 2:00 p.m.**

Vampires really exist...well, at least in the form of mosquitos, ticks, and other little blood-sucking creatures. Here's your chance to meet some without risking your neck! Let Dr. Rachel Curtis-Robles introduce you to some of San Mateo County's most notorious creepy crawlies as she shares some of her favorite stories, activities, and fun facts.

**[Happy Baby Signs Storytime](#) | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Wednesday,**

**October 25, 10:30 a.m.**

Teacher Bill incorporates ASL (American Sign Language) into his storytime series for children 0-6 years old and their parents and caregivers. Children will have fun laughing, signing and singing. Starting Wednesday, November 1, Teacher Bill will be teaching baby sign language at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center (901 Civic Campus Way).

**Virtual Event: San Mateo County Reads Presents William Kamkwamba, author of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* | Virtual via Zoom (Register [here for the Zoom link](#)) | Thursday, October 26: 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

Meet William Kamkwamba, author of the book [\*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind\*](#), a true story set in a drought-stricken village in Malawi. Despite financial constraints, William Kamkwamba's passion for learning leads him to build a wind turbine, transforming his community with electricity and water for irrigation.

**Middle Grade Book Club | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Thursday, October 26, 4:00 p.m.**

Join our book club for 8 - 10 year olds! We always read "middle grade" fiction - books written specifically for 4-6 graders. This casual, just-for-fun club meets monthly to talk about the books we've read and socialize over a shared activity. Please check out this month's book, and read at your leisure: [\*Dragon Mountain\*](#) by Katie and Kevin Tsang.



# 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](http://www.ssf.net)



City of South San Francisco  
Department of Parks & Recreation  
invites you to attend our

# HALLOWEEN

# EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, October 21, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Orange Memorial Park

781 Tennis Drive, SSF

Free Admission

**COSTUMES ENCOURAGED**

TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT

\*PUMPKIN PATCH

JUNGLE JAMES  
PETTING ZOO

\*FLOATING  
PUMPKIN  
PATCH

STORY WALK

GAMES



\*Pre-registration required.

Registration opens Oct 6th at 6 a.m. go to

[www.ssf.net/rec-catalog](http://www.ssf.net/rec-catalog) to register.

Event details at [www.ssf.net/rec](http://www.ssf.net/rec)

SSF Recreation Office (650) 829-3800 [web-rec@ssf.net](mailto:web-rec@ssf.net)

Spaces limited.



# GRAND OPENING

NEW LIBRARY | PARKS AND RECREATION CENTER

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023 • 11 AM – 5 PM**

901 CIVIC CAMPUS WAY • CORNER OF CHESTNUT & EL CAMINO REAL



**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY • FOOD TRUCKS • ENTERTAINMENT**

Please join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony and the grand opening of the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center at 901 Civic Campus Way, at the corner of Chestnut Avenue & El Camino Real. This project has been made possible by Measure W, approved by South San Francisco voters in 2015.

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LIBRARY | PARKS &  
RECREATION CENTER

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO





San Mateo County  
Latino/a/x Collaborative



presents

# 10th Latino/a/x Health Forum



Dra Garcia, has received numerous Leadership Recognition Awards for her commitment to serving Chicano, Latinx community.



The event is dedicated to Hector Robles- Moncada Co-chair & leader of the 1st Sana Sana Event



SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
& RECOVERY SERVICES



# Sana, Sana, Colita de Rana

A Decade of Healing Together

## Family Event

Saturday, November 4, 2023

11 am to 3 pm

South San Francisco High School

400 B Street

South San Francisco, CA

Presented in Spanish with English Translation

### Keynote Speaker: Dra. Estela Garcia

#### Learn about:

- How to obtain Behavioral Health Services
- Healing from Immigration Grief
- Emotional Wellness
- Community Resources

Free  
Event

Music Artist: Francisco Herrera!!!

Come and enjoy delicious food and dancing!

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All  
Welcome



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