



I can't wait to see you all tomorrow, October 28th, for the Grand Opening of our new Library | Parks and Recreation Center! This family friendly celebration begins at 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Live bands, food trucks, and free recreation classes will be free and open to the public. A schedule of events, parking & transportation information, and more can be found at [www.ssf.net/LPR](http://www.ssf.net/LPR).

Please join us for our State of the City Address happening on Wednesday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. in our new City Council Chambers (901 Civic Campus Way). The State of the City Address provides an update on the opportunities and progress our City is making in 2023.

The City of South San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program has a Below Market Rate (BMR) condominium unit available for sale at 2230 Gellert Boulevard, Unit 3105 in the South City Lights Development. This is an affordable below market rate (BMR) unit through the City of South San Francisco's Affordable Home Buyer Program and is subject to income restrictions, resale controls, monitoring, & other restrictions apply. To learn more, please view details following this message.

SamTrans is proposing some changes and improvements to its bus fares and would like to hear from you, especially if you are a bus rider! Proposals include the elimination of the summer youth pass, consolidation of Local and Express fares for a single price, and free fares for pre-arranged school field trips. A multilingual public hearing will be held on October 30th at 5:30 p.m. and a second public hearing will be held on December 6th at 2:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held virtually, and links are listed below under "LOCAL NEWS AND HAPPENINGS."

Celebrate the traditions of the "Dia de Muertos" or "Day of the Dead" on Saturday, October 28th and Sunday, October 29th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with the South San Francisco Cultural Arts Commission with a multi-media art. This cultural tradition, observed in Mexico and Central America honors loved ones who have gone before us. All ages are invited to participate in fun cultural craft. More information may be found at [www.ssf.net/culturalarts](http://www.ssf.net/culturalarts).

Join the San Mateo County Latino/a/x Collaborative for its 10th Annual "Sana, Sana, Colita de Rana" event on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at South San Francisco High School (400 B Street, South San Francisco). This free, family-friendly mental health event will cover topics including access to behavioral health services, healing from immigration grief, and emotional wellness. Community resources and on-site health screening

and vaccines will be available. This event will be presented in Spanish with English interpretation. For more information, visit [www.smchealth.org/2023sanasana](http://www.smchealth.org/2023sanasana).

Thank you to all who attended the Philippine flag raising at City Hall and to those who enjoyed the Halloween Extravaganza at Orange Memorial Park last Saturday.

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

### 2023 State of the City Address

Join Mayor Flor Nicolas for the 2023 State of the City Address on Wednesday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. in our new City Council Chambers (901 Civic Campus Drive). No registration is necessary. For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 877-8500.

### Below Market Rate Homeownership Opportunity - 2230 Gellert Boulevard, Unit 3105, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Exquisite condominium offers three bedrooms and two bathrooms, situated within the sought-after South City Lights Community, in the prestigious Westborough neighborhood of South San Francisco. Revel in the generous living space, at 1290sqft. Well-appointed kitchen is a culinary enthusiast's paradise, with granite countertops and modern stainless-steel appliances, all seamlessly connected to the spacious living and dining area. Escape to your private sanctuary in the primary bedroom, featuring an en-suite bathroom with dual sinks, granite surfaces, an oversized bathtub, and a roomy walk-in closet. The second and third bedrooms beautifully round out this sunlit and spacious residence. This is an affordable below market rate (BMR) unit through the City of South San Francisco's Affordable Home Buyer Program and is subject to income restrictions, resale controls, monitoring, & other restrictions apply. Maximum household incomes cannot exceed 80% of the San Mateo County Area Median Income. Maximum income for 3 persons = \$134,200; 4 = \$149,100; 5 = \$161,050; 6 = \$173,000. Prospective BMR buyers shall submit a complete pre-screen application to start eligibility process. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOV. 2, 2023 by 12pm. For more information, please click [here](#).

### *About the City's Below Market Rate Program*

The City of South San Francisco's Below Market Rate (BMR) Program requires the sale of homes priced to be affordable to households that are low to moderate income. Usually, the BMR price is lower than the prices of similar homes that are being sold or rented on the open market. BMR owners must occupy the home as their primary residence and cannot rent the home. The Ordinance guiding this program, as well as the BMR rental program, is Chapter 20.380 of the City's Municipal Code. Additional information can be found on the City's [Below Market Rate Housing](#) page.

## Proposed SamTrans fare changes

SamTrans is proposing some changes and improvements to its bus fares and would like to hear from you!

These changes are designed to simplify the fare structure, add new options and benefits for SamTrans riders, and in many cases reduce fares.

Proposed changes to be implemented on January 1, 2024:

- **Elimination of the Summer Youth Pass.** Summer Youth Pass has had a steady decline in participation and was paused during the pandemic and 2023. The decline in participation was amplified by the introduction of the [SamTrans Youth Unlimited Pass](#) which provides free SamTrans ridership for qualifying low-income students.
- **Consolidation of Local and Express fares for a single price.** All prices will be local fares and all local fare rules will apply.
- **Free fares for pre-arranged school field trips.** San Mateo County public schools will be eligible for free SamTrans bus service for pre-arranged field trips.

Proposed changes to be implemented upon the launch of [Clipper® Next Generation](#) (estimated Fall 2024):

- **Introduction of contactless Open Payment.** Customers will be able to pay for fares using contactless credit and debit cards on Clipper validators on SamTrans bus service.
- **Introduction of Day Pass and Monthly Pass Accumulators (also known as fare capping).** Fares for customers using Clipper or open payments will be capped for daily and monthly usage.
- **Discontinuation of bus fare payment on the SamTrans mobile app.** Customers will be able to purchase tickets on the Clipper mobile app.
- **Participation in the regional transfer discount program.** Customers will get discounted fares for transferring between participating Bay Area transit systems.

There are two opportunities for public comment:

### Multilingual Virtual Community Meeting

Monday, October 30, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Info: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88078523828>

Webinar ID/ Meeting ID: 880 7852 3828

Access via Telephone: 1.253.215.8782 (enter webinar ID and press # when prompted for participant ID) for audio only.

This meeting will have simultaneous language interpretation in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Tagalog.

### Public Hearing

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. *(or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard)*

Zoom Info: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87609824114?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87609824114?pwd=UGhLRjNXb2xWeFM3alBrNUxVbGNmQT09)

[pwd=UGhLRjNXb2xWeFM3alBrNUxVbGNmQT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87609824114?pwd=UGhLRjNXb2xWeFM3alBrNUxVbGNmQT09)

Webinar/Meeting ID: 876 0982 4114

Passcode: 519746 in the Zoom app for audio/visual capability  
Access via Telephone: 1.669.900.9128 (enter webinar ID and press # when prompted for participant ID) for audio only.

This public hearing is part of the regularly scheduled SamTrans Board of Directors meeting. View the agenda here: [www.samtrans.com/meetings/2023/12/samtrans-board-directors](http://www.samtrans.com/meetings/2023/12/samtrans-board-directors)

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SamTrans propone algunos cambios y mejoras a sus tarifas de autobús y nos gustaría conocer su opinión.

Estos cambios están diseñados con la propuesta de simplificar la estructura de tarifas, agregar nuevas opciones y beneficios para los pasajeros de SamTrans, y en muchos casos, reducir las tarifas.

Los cambios propuestos serán implementados el 1 de enero de 2024:

- **Eliminación del pase "Summer Youth Pass"**. La participación del pase "Summer Youth Pass" ha disminuido constantemente y se interrumpió durante la pandemia y en 2023. Este resultado se vio por la implementación del [pase SamTrans Youth Unlimited](#) que ofrece transporte gratuito a los estudiantes de SamTrans con bajos ingresos que cumplan los requisitos.
- **Consolidación de las tarifas locales y exprés por un precio único**. Todos los precios serán tarifas locales y se aplicarán todas las normas tarifarias locales.
- **Tarifas gratuitas para excursiones escolares organizadas con antelación**. Las escuelas públicas del condado de San Mateo reunirán los requisitos para recibir el servicio gratuito de autobuses de SamTrans para excursiones organizadas con antelación.

Los cambios propuestos se aplicarán en el momento del lanzamiento de [Clipper® Next Generation](#) (previsto para otoño de 2024):

- **Introducción del "Pago abierto" (Open Payment) sin contacto** Los clientes podrán pagar sus tarifas utilizando tarjetas de crédito y débito sin contacto en los validadores Clipper del servicio de autobuses de SamTrans.
- **Introducción de acumuladores del pase de un día y pase mensual (también conocidos como "Limitación de tarifas" (Fare Capping))**. Las tarifas de los clientes que utilicen Clipper o pago abierto tendrán un límite para el uso diario y mensual.
- **Se suspende el pago del pasaje de autobús en la aplicación móvil de SamTrans**. Los clientes podrán comprar los boletos en la aplicación móvil Clipper.
- **Participación en el programa regional de descuentos por trasbordo**. Los clientes obtendrán tarifas con descuento para realizar trasbordos entre los sistemas de transporte público participantes del Área de la Bahía.

Hay dos oportunidades para que el público haga comentarios:

Reunión comunitaria virtual multilingüe  
Lunes, 30 de octubre de 2023 a las 5:30 p.m.

Información para comunicarse por

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88078523828>

Identificación del webinar/ Identificación de la reunión 880 7852 3828

Acceso por teléfono: 1.253.215.8782 (ingrese la identificación del webinar y oprima # cuando se le pida la identificación del participante) solo para audio.

Esta reunión contará con interpretación simultánea en español, mandarín, cantonés y tagalo.

### **Audiencia Pública**

**Miércoles, 6 de diciembre de 2023, a las 2:00 p.m. (o tan pronto como el asunto pueda ponerse a la disposición del público)**

Información para comunicarse por

Zoom: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87609824114?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87609824114?pwd=UGhLRjNXb2xWeFM3aBrNUxVbGNmQT09)

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Identificación del webinar/reunión: 876 0982 4114

Contraseña: 519746 en la aplicación Zoom para acceder al audio/video

Acceso por teléfono: 1.669.900.9128 (ingrese la identificación del webinar y oprima # cuando se le pida la identificación del participante) solo para audio.

Esta audiencia pública forma parte de la reunión ordinaria programada de la Junta Directiva de SamTrans. Consulte la agenda

aquí: [www.samtrans.com/meetings/2023/12/samtrans-board-directors](http://www.samtrans.com/meetings/2023/12/samtrans-board-directors)

### **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!

## **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](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.



## **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 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 at 901 Civic Campus Way. 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 Amgen Human Blood Vessel Exhibit from 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Community Room. Please visit [www.ssf.net/LPR](http://www.ssf.net/LPR) for the general schedule of events and for more information.

### **SSFPL's regular hours return starting Sunday, October 29!**

Regular hours at the Main Library (at Library | Parks and Recreation Center, 901 Civic Campus Way) are:

- Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Wednesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Thursday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saturday 10 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Regular hours at the Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) are:

- Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Wednesday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Thursday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Friday 10 a.m. - 6 a.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday closed.

**Make Your Own Halloween Costume Accessories | Discovery Center Makerspace, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way) | Monday, October 30, 3:30 p.m.**

Make accessories for your Halloween costume this year in the new Discovery Center! Use Makerspace equipment such as the Cameo Silhouette, 3D printers and more to create your own one-of-a-kind Halloween costume or cosplay accessories! Recommended for ages 6 and up.

**Trick-or-Treat at the Main Library | Youth Library, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way) | Tuesday, October 31, 11 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. or while supplies last.** Family-friendly costumes are encouraged!

**Trick-or-Treat at the Grand Library | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Tuesday, October 31, 11 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. or while supplies last.** Family-friendly costumes are encouraged!

**Halloween Spooktacular! | Discovery Center Makerspace, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way) | Tuesday, October 31, 3:30 p.m.**

Come check out the new library during our Halloween Spooktacular! Come dressed in your costume and enjoy fun Halloween themed activities like making slime, Halloween trivia and pumpkin painting! Enter the costume contest and compete to win a prize! Recommended for ages 6 and up.

**Happy Baby Signs Storytime | Youth Library, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way) | Wednesday, November 1, 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.

**Celebrate Día De Los Muertos: Papel Picado | Discovery Center Makerspace, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way) | Wednesday, November 1, 11 a.m.**

Create decorations for Día De Los Muertos! Join us in the Discovery Center Makerspace and learn how to make Papel Picado, the traditional Mexican folk art made by cutting intricate designs into colorful tissue paper. This Program is recommended for ages 6 and up.

**Fiesta de las Calacas | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Wednesday, November 1, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Join us at the Grand Library for stories, music, art, and crafts. Make child-friendly versions of traditional clay calacas, watch an animated version of

Duncan Tonatiuh's *Funny Bones*: Posada and his Day of the Dead Calaveras, and create calaveras art inspired by the lively work of Jose Guadalupe Posada, Mexico's most famous illustrator.

**French Conversation Group | Main Library Community Room, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way) | Thursday, November 2, 6:00 p.m.**

Join us to practice speaking and listening to French and meet new friends! Some knowledge of French is recommended. | Joignez-nous pour pratiquer votre français et faire de nouveaux amis! Cet évènement est recommandé aux personnes qui parlent déjà un peu de français.

**Puppet Workshop with Ramon Abad | Grand Library (306 Walnut Ave) | Saturday, November 4, 2:00 p.m.**

South San Francisco is proud to welcome master puppeteer Ramon Abad to Grand Library, where he will be hosting a puppet making workshop! Mr. Abad will present a short puppet show before assisting children in making their own simple puppets. Those with cell phones will be further encouraged to shoot their own video performance.

**Meditative Drawing with Kenneth Tan | Main Library Community Room, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way) | Saturday, November 4, 2:00 p.m.**

Join Kenneth Tan, artist and author of *Crescenciana: A Memoir in Words and Illustrations*, for a class in meditative drawing. In this class, you'll learn to draw several line patterns that you'll use to create your own unique image. The process of drawing patterns can be calming, meditative, and fun! This class is beginner-friendly, and no previous drawing experience is necessary.





# 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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