

August 2022



Our monthly news & updates

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CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

A Message from Chamber CEO, Karin Moss

I hope you were able to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Fairfield by Marriott. I was touched to receive this wonderful letter from Pravin at Marriott after the event:



It was an immense honor to host, meet, and spend time with you all at the Grand Opening of the 'Fairfield by Marriott SFO Airport North Oyster Point Area' in South San Francisco (SSF).

Upon reflection of our Grand Opening event, one of the most striking and apparent takeaways was the collective power of various stakeholders coming together. We are grateful to everyone for being a part of our Fairfield SSF community, and we also look forward to growing with our new community.

As Flor Nicolas, Vice Mayor of SSF mentioned, "the process to get us to where we are today started in 2015, when the hotel concept was approved by the planning commission. Look around, look at what we've done...[the Fairfield has] changed the landscape of South San Francisco."

Once again, we extend our gratitude to the Mayoral Office, SSF Chamber of Commerce, City Manager, Police Chief, Councilmembers, SF Peninsula Members, local businesses, and our friends and family. We look forward to working with you as we partner with and amplify SSF through its hospitality needs.

As Eddie Flores, Councilmember for the city of SSF, reminded us, "[the hotel's] success is our success," and we look forward to operating precisely by that motto. We are excited to work toward building strong, symbiotic relationships with our new South San Francisco family.

Sincerely,

Pravin Punjiya



Scott Buschman Photography



What does the Bay Area's new normal look like?

The pandemic and then remote work have swept change through the Bay Area and our downtowns. What will the new normal look like, and when will it arrive? The Bay



Area Council has been tracking this question for the last 16 months:
<https://www.bayareacouncil.org/employer-survey-results/>

Now, they are seeking more employers to participate in the Employer Network to have a voice in the region's reopening plans. If you can help, please [register here](#) or contact Bay Area Council team member Emily Loper at eloper@bayareacouncil.org.

The South San Francisco Conference Center hosted their quarterly General Managers / Directors of Sales meeting in July. This is a great way to keep the pulse on our SSF hotel community. The Chamber of Commerce arranged for our guest speaker, Kristine Tsusaki-Reddick, Director of Association Relations for Visit California. Thank you to the South San Francisco Police Department and The San Francisco Peninsula for their great partnership!



Corporal Jesse Ledesma, Sergeant Sean Curmi, SSF Conference Center Executive Director Jim McGuire, Visit California's Kristine Tsusaki-Reddick, The San Francisco Peninsula's Nova Maldonado, Jacqueline Joshua and President & CEO John Hutar



Guest speaker Kristine Tsusaki-Reddick with Visit California



Civics 101 Academy

The County of San Mateo is accepting applications for the [Civics 101 Academy](#), a free nine-week course that provides an in-depth look at how local government works.

A series of workshops and hands-on exercises offers participants with the chance to learn from top County leaders, including elected officials, and ask questions.

[Civics 101](#) also serves as a recruiting tool for the County's numerous advisory boards and commissions.

The 2022 [Civics 101 Academy](#) will run for nine consecutive Tuesday evenings, 6:00PM - 8:30PM, from September 6 through November 1.



renaissance
entrepreneurship center



POP-UP ACCELERATOR

This four-week class will review grassroots marketing techniques, how to sell legally, as well as strategies for being successful at pop-up events.

Must take class to participate in Renaissance fall events*

Wednesdays | Aug 3-24 | 6-9 PM

Instructor: Aaron Lander

Register - rencenter.org/calendar

Contact:

brc@rencenter.org

650-829-4660

UPCOMING EVENTS

DALY CITY

Latinx Heritage Month
Celebration

*Sept 17, 2022

*Seeking 20 vendors!

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*Oct 8, 2022

*Seeking 10 vendors!

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Concert in the Park

*Sept 24, 2022

*Seeking 12 vendors!

PACIFICA

Sharp Park Sundays

Starting September

*Seeking 20 vendors!



County of San Mateo Foodware Ordinance

FREE Mini-Expo for Restaurants and other Food Facilities

Meet Foodware Vendors • Test Foodware • Ask Questions



August 16, 2022

Stop by any time between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Foster City Community Center

New foodware requirements in many
San Mateo County jurisdictions begin October 1, 2022



RSVP TODAY
foodware.eventbrite.com



Learn more about the Foodware Ordinance at www.smcfoodware.com



SAN MATEO SBDC PRESENTS:



CAPITAL SUMMIT

2022

August 16th, 2022 | 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

801 Jefferson Ave, Redwood City

Panel with traditional and non-traditional lenders

Check in starts at 9:30 am

Kickoff 10 am

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER OR GO TO:

<https://smsbdccapital.eventbrite.com>

Lunch will be provided



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Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Please contact: (650) 395-9130



New Director of Finance for SSF

Karen Chang, a seasoned finance professional with more than 25 years of experience, has joined the City of South San Francisco as its new Director of Finance.

"Karen brings a wealth of experience to our City from the private and public sectors critical to managing the City's financial resources and functions," said South San Francisco City Manager Mike Futrell. "Her diverse experience is a tremendous asset to our Executive team and our Finance Department."



As Director of Finance, Chang is responsible for a combined City operating and CIP budget of nearly \$400 million. She will serve as fiscal advisor to the City Manager, City Council, and City Departments to develop creative and sound strategies that benefit the community.

Chang looks forward to her new role, stating "I am honored to join the City of South San Francisco, especially during such a dynamic period of growth. I look forward to making a positive impact for the South San Francisco community and taking actions to maintain and improve the City's long-term financial sustainability."

Leadership Council San Mateo County Moves into New Office at the Economic Advancement Center in South San Francisco

Leadership Council SMC Co-Presidents Kaarin Hardy and Margi Power are pleased to announce their new office at the Economic Advancement Center (EAC) on Grand Avenue. They are excited to share office space and collaborate with the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center as well as JobTrain, and are grateful to the leaders at the EAC and the City of South San Francisco for their warm welcome. The office space opportunity came about through conversations with Tim Russell, Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center Program Director, and Eddie Flores, South SF Councilmember, both of whom are June 2022 graduates of the Leadership CORPS Program.



Leadership Council San Mateo County is a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring, connecting, and educating leaders from the business, government, and nonprofit sectors to positively transform San Mateo County and find solutions for the biggest issues facing our county.

Leadership Council SMC elevates and empowers Leadership talent across the entirety of San Mateo County through its immersive and experiential leadership programs, speaker events, and learning opportunities. To learn more about Leadership Council SMC and join their mailing list, visit www.leadershipcouncilsmc.org.



Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, August 20, 2022

9:00AM – 12:00PM

Meeting Point: SSF Downtown Breezeway

329 Grand Avenue

South San Francisco, CA 94080

The Improving Public Places Committee is hosting a planting and clean up volunteer event on Saturday, August 20th from 9:00AM – 12:00PM. The event will focus on our downtown area focusing mostly on Grand Avenue. The event will start at the breezeway that is currently being renovated next to Starbucks (329 Grand Ave) and focus on planting in the breezeway and refreshing some landscape islands on Grand Avenue. Volunteers will also be focusing on weeding and litter pick up throughout Grand Avenue to help beautify our historic downtown.

Limited parking will be posted in "Lot 5" located between Baden Avenue and 3rd Lane. Additional parking is located at the back parking lot of City Hall. From there, the breezeway is a short walk down Grand Avenue. Volunteers are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves and other tools that could help with planting, weeding, and litter pick up. However, supplies will be provided for those who do not bring their own as well as light refreshments.

If you are interested, please **RSVP to parks@ssf.net** prior to **August 15th** so we can plan accordingly.

South San Francisco Cultural Arts Commission

Summer Barbeque for the Arts



Benefits the
**Jack Drago Cultural Arts Commission
Youth Art Scholarship**

Sunday, August 28, 2022 / 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Joseph Fernekes Building in Orange Memorial Park
781 Tennis Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Delicious Grilled Lunch | LIVE Music | Silent Auction | Unique gifts by artist vendors | and more.

Admission includes

Basic grilled lunch, Silent Auction
Entertainment

Additional food & beverages
available for purchase

Adults - \$10 / Youth (16 & Under) - \$5

Only service dogs are permitted to enter the facility

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET IN ADVANCE

Visit the Parks and Recreation Department, 33 Arroyo Drive

Purchase online at www.ssf.net/rec

Tickets will be available at the door.

Quantities are limited. First come, first served.



For more information

www.ssf.net/culturalarts

SSF Parks and Recreation Department

SSF Municipal Services Building

33 Arroyo Drive, SSF (650) 829-3800





**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
CONFERENCE CENTER**

The First Annual Fundraising Gala

This year supporting



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Please contact:

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255 South Airport Blvd. South San Francisco



Our Year of

**WORKING TOGETHER
TO END HOMELESSNESS**

County of San Mateo presents
Our Year of Working Together to End Homelessness Summit

When: Friday, October 28, 2022, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Where: Westin San Francisco Airport, 1 Old Bayshore Highway, Millbrae
[Register Here](#)

• **SAVE THE DATE** •



AT SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE CENTER

WWW.SSFCHAMBER.COM

Calendar of Events

Webinars, ZOOM, Meetup, Coffee Chats and more....



You can RSVP and pay for our events by going to the calendar section and clicking on the event you want to attend. Registration is for SSF Chamber members.

SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

TASTE of South San Francisco

Friday, November 4, 2022

12:00 – 2:00pm

South San Francisco Conference Center
255 So Airport Blvd., SSF

More details coming soon!

Not a Chamber member yet?
Contact the Chamber at info@ssfchamber.com
or visit www.ssfchamber.com

Follow us on Facebook for the latest
Chamber news.

South San Francisco Chamber Member Benefit

Did you know as one of the many benefits of being our member that you can submit your events for Chamber approval through our monthly newsletter, or social media outlets. Once approved, it will be listed on our [event calendar](#)!



**Your support is truly
appreciated!**

Al-Tone Overhead Door, Inc. (January 2000)
Bitters & Bottles (August 2013)
Brady Air Conditioning, Inc. (July 2003)
Bronstein Music (April 1946)
Carcione's Fresh Produce Co., Inc. (May 2000)
CAT Communications (April 1993)
Comcast Business (June 2020)
Commute.org (August 2002)
Dimerco Express (April 2009)
Grand Avenue Hardware (November 2012)
Larkspur Landing Hotel (April 1999)
Legal Shield (May 2017)
Los Metates Taqueria (September 2006)
Physique Magnifique Fitness Training Ctr. (January 2019)
Pro Color Collision (Previously Royalty Auto) (July 1998)
Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center-Mid Peninsula (July 2021)
Robison-Nieri-White Construction (July 2012)
Rozzi Reproduction & Supply (January 2002)
Ryan & Ryan Construction (April 2012)
SSF Conference Center (August 1992)
San Francisco State University-Graduate Business (January 2018)
Sitike Counseling Center (July 1998)
South San Francisco Host Lions Club (July 2008)
Summerhill Housing Group (August 2017)

Chairman Circle Members

*Chairman's Circle members receive benefits above and beyond typical membership,
with the highest visibility at Chamber events and in publications*

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