

December 2025



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HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE



*South San Francisco
Women's Club*



Supporting the SSF Fire and Police Departments
IAFF Local 1507 Charity Foundation

**Accepting Toys for children ages 1 to 10
or
monetary donations
for children ages 11 to 17**

Bring your unwrapped new toy or monetary donation to the
SSF Chamber Mixer

**held at the South San Francisco Women's Club
470 Grand Avenue, SSF**

Thursday, December 4th, 5:00-7:00 pm

(no stuffed animals please)

Make checks payable to the South San Francisco Women's Club

You may also bring your toys and donations to the
SSFWC Holiday Lunch taking place at the Basque Cultural Center on

Saturday, December 6th at 12:00 noon

if you will be attending



A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem

CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



Dear Chamber Members and Friends,

As we step into December, I hope you're finding moments to enjoy the season and reflect on the year. Our Chamber has had a full and meaningful 2025, and I'm grateful for the partnership, support, and energy you continue to bring to South City. This month gives us a chance to come together, celebrate our community, and lift up those around us.

Our annual toy drive is underway, and I invite you to join us at the Chamber Mixer this Thursday, December 4, from 5 to 7 pm at the South San Francisco Women's Club. Please bring an unwrapped toy or a gift card for local youth. If you can't attend, you're welcome to drop off donations at the Chamber office anytime this week. Your generosity helps make the holidays brighter for families in our city.

On Saturday, December 6, Santa Comes to Town from 10 am to 2 pm at City Hall. Bring your family and take a photo with Santa, then pick up the Chamber bingo card and visit participating merchants downtown for fun freebies. Return your completed card to the San Francisco Wine School for a chance to win a prize. It's a great way to support our small businesses while enjoying a festive day on Grand Avenue.

The City of South San Francisco's annual reorganization takes place on Tuesday, December 9, at the Library Parks and Recreation Center. This is an important moment for our city's leadership as we welcome incoming roles and thank those who have served. We encourage our members to attend and stay engaged with the civic process that shapes the business environment in our community.

As the year winds down, I hope you'll take a moment to reflect on 2025. Think about what worked well in your business, what you want to improve, and how the Chamber can support your goals. Whether it's marketing, networking, advocacy, or community visibility, we are here to help you succeed. I also encourage you to stay connected, renew or upgrade your membership early, and take advantage of the new programs and partnerships we'll be rolling out in the new year.

Thank you for being part of the South San Francisco Chamber family. Wishing you a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, connection, and good memories.

With gratitude,
Mary



Mayor Eddie Flores & the City Council Invites You to:

Santa Comes to Town

DECEMBER 6, 2025

10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

CITY HALL
400 Grand Avenue, South San Francisco

Know Before You Go:

Santa's Arrival: Santa will arrive by firetruck at 10:00 a.m.

Ticket Distribution:

- Participants will line up to receive a ticket with a designated return time slot for photos.
- Tickets will be distributed after Santa's arrival on a first-come, first-served basis with limited quantities per time slot.

Photo Session:

- Return at your assigned time slot with your ticket to ensure your spot.
- Only one photo per group will be taken.

For more information:

SSF Parks and Recreation Department

www.ssf.net/PandRevents

web-rec@ssfca.gov | (650) 829-3800



Presented by:



With support from:





El alcalde Eddie Flores y el Ayuntamiento te invitan a:

Santa Llegada a la Ciudad

6 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2025

10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

CITY HALL
400 Grand Avenue, South San Francisco

Antes de Ir:

Llegada de Santa: Santa llegará en un camión de bomberos a las 10:00 a.m.

Distribución de Boletos:

- Los participantes harán fila para recibir un boleto con un horario asignado para regresar y tomarse las fotos.
- Los boletos se distribuirán después de la llegada de Santa, por orden de llegada y con cantidad limitada por horario.

Sesión de Fotos:

- Regresa a la hora asignada con tu boleto para asegurar tu lugar.
- Solo se tomará una foto por grupo.

Para más información:

Departamento de Parques y Recreación de SSF

www.ssf.net/PandRevents

web-rec@ssfca.gov | (650) 829-3800



Presentado por:



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Elves' Winter Market



Shop local, eat local this Holiday Season!

Saturday, December 6, 2025
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Economic Advancement Center
366 Grand Ave, SSF, CA

Featuring

Local retail, craft, and fashion vendors!



If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please contact us!

North-SMC@rencenter.org

rencenter.org

(650) 829-4652



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entrepreneurship center



Mercado de los Elfos



¡Compre y come localmente en esta fiesta!

sabado, 6 de diciembre, 2025

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Centro de Avance Económico

366 Grand Ave, SSF, CA

Presentando

¡Vendedores locales de joyería, artesanías, ropa,
y mas!



Si estás interesado/a en participar como vendedor, por favor contáctenos.

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

You are cordially invited to attend a ceremony
and reception for the City of South San Francisco's
Installation of the Mayor, Vice Mayor and
Retirement of City Manager



Tuesday, December 9, 2025
6:30 p.m.



Library | Parks and Recreation Center
Council Chambers / Banquet Hall
901 Civic Campus Way
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Refreshments following the ceremony

RSVP at (650) 877-8502 or cityinfo@ssfca.gov

UPCOMING EVENTS



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12/06

GRINCH COMES TO
ANTIGUA 10AM-1PM
CHRISTMAS
MARKET-4:30PM-8PM

12/19

UGLY SWEATER
NIGHT- 5PM- 9PM

12/20

CHRISTMAS
MARKET-4:30PM-8PM

12/24
12/25

7AM-3PM
CLOSED

12/31
01/01

7AM-3PM
8AM-3PM





New Members for November

Chick Fil-A Serramonte

Susanna Choe

6 Serramonte Center, Daly City CA 94015

Giuliani Construction and Restoration

Alicia Perez

436 N. Canal Street

South San Francisco, CA 94080

Tel: 650-422-1685

www.giulianiconstruction.com

Renewing Members

Amazon (July 2024)

BWF Consulting Engineers (December 1986)
LaQuinta Inns and Suites by Wyndham (October 1987)
Oyster Point Yacht Club (December 2008)
SSF Police Activities League SSF PAL (August 2010)
SKS Partners, LLC (June 2018)
System Designers Group (September 1990)



Managing Family Stress During the Holidays

The holidays can bring joy — but they can also bring stress, especially when family dynamics are involved. Whether it's a political disagreement, grief, or simply too many events to juggle, these tips from Kaiser Permanente can help you navigate the season with more ease:

Set Boundaries Early

If certain topics like politics or religion tend to cause tension, let your family know ahead of time that you'd prefer to focus on shared experiences instead. You can also set expectations around the size of the event, masking, or vaccination if needed.

Be Honest About Your Limits

You don't have to attend every gathering. Let hosts know your schedule in advance and give yourself permission to say no. When you do attend, express gratitude for the time you can share.

Manage Gift-Giving Stress

Avoid overspending. Suggest alternatives like drawing names or skipping gifts altogether. Focus on the joy of being together rather than material exchanges.

Honor Loved Ones Thoughtfully

Grief can be especially hard during the holidays. Talk with family about how to honor those who've passed — whether it's sharing memories, displaying a photo, or preparing a favorite dish.

Prepare for Difficult Moments

Have a few self-care tools ready — a walk, a funny video, or a call to a friend. If someone drinks too much or becomes aggressive, give yourself permission to leave.

Use the “Bookend” Technique

Do something calming before a gathering (like deep breathing), and something joyful afterward (like dancing or calling a friend). Celebrate that you made it through.

Accept What You Can't Control

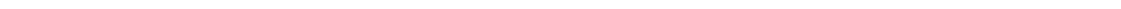
You can't change others, but you can choose how you respond. Acceptance can be a powerful gift to yourself this season.

On behalf of our team at Kaiser Permanente, we wish you joy, resilience, and health this holiday season.

Edward Kao, MD

Physician-in-Chief

Kaiser Permanente South San Francisco Medical Center



Friendly reminder to Chamber Members:

Have you changed your contact information, email address, or phone numbers?

Please provide the SSF Chamber of Commerce with your information to keep our website up to date.

You can email any changes to info@ssfchamber.com



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.

Not a Chamber member yet?

Contact the Chamber at

info@ssfchamber.com

or visit www.ssfchamber.com

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Calendar of Events

12/4 Chamber Mixer at SSF Women's Club

12/6 Santa Comes to Town

12/9 City Reorg

12/10 City Council Meeting

12/24 & 25 Christmas Holiday

1/1 Happy New Year

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!

Legislative Watch List

We take care of politics so you can take care of your business

Chairman Circle Members

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

Chairman Circle - GOLD MEMBER



Chairman Circle - SILVER MEMBERS



Chairman Circle - BRONZE MEMBERS



Chamber Personnel

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