

July 2025



Our monthly news & updates

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⚠ SCAM ALERT – PLEASE READ ⚠
Protecting Our Chamber Community

We've been notified that some members are receiving **fraudulent emails** offering to sell the South San Francisco Chamber's **member list**. These emails may appear to come from "Read Assistant" or use a **spoofed version of our email address**.

🚫 The Chamber Does *NOT* Sell Member Lists

Your member information is **never sold**. As a Chamber member, you are entitled to access the member list **for free**.

- ☒ Just ask us directly
- ☒ Or visit our website

Legitimate Chamber Emails

You may receive official communications from us, such as:

- Invitations to mixers and events
- Support for our **Scholarship Program** (usually in **letter format**)

What To Do If You Receive a Suspicious Email:

1. **Do not respond** or click on any links
2. **Forward the email to us** at info@ssfchamber.com
3. **Call us** if you're unsure-we're here to help

These scams are becoming more convincing, but **together we can stay ahead of them**. Thank you for helping protect our Chamber community.

--South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Welcomes New Board Directors and Officers

Thank you to all our Chamber members who voted to renew our Board of Directors. We're proud to continue working alongside these dedicated leaders who represent the strength and diversity of our business community:

- **Suzanne Lee**, Genentech

- **Sailesh Mehra**, SM8
- **Natalia Morales**, Kilroy Realty Corporation
- **Pravin Punjiya**, Fairfield Inn by Marriott SFO
- **Kevin Williams**, California Water Service

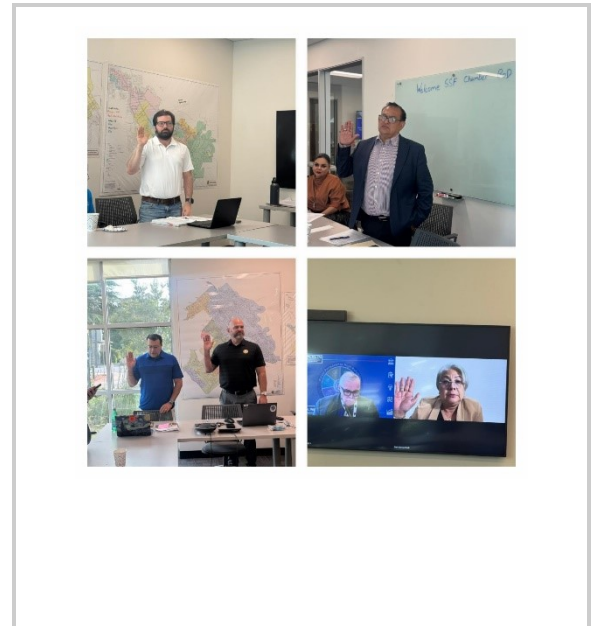
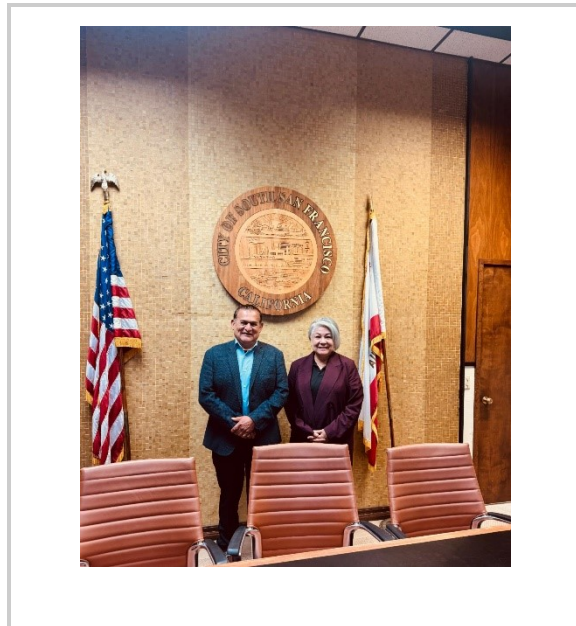
At the June board meeting, the Chamber's Board of Directors elected new officers:

- President: **Dani Fandino**, Flowers and Events by Dani
- Vice President: **Cesar Dominguez**, ProColor Collision
- Treasurer: **Michael Formosa**, South San Francisco Scavenger

We extend a heartfelt thank you to **Mayor Eddie Flores** for swearing in our new and returning leaders during a special board meeting.

On behalf of the Chamber and its members, we also thank our outgoing officers, President **Sailesh Mehra** and Vice President **Daniela Jonguitud**, for their outstanding leadership and service.

We look forward to a new term filled with opportunity, growth, and continued collaboration.



A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem

CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



Dear Chamber Members and Friends,

Happy summer. I hope you're finding time to relax a little and enjoy the season.

I want to start by addressing something important. We've heard reports about possible ICE activity in the area, but many of them have turned out to be false. If you hear anything like this, please contact the Chamber. We'll

help verify the information with the proper authorities. We also have a guide for employers on how to prepare in case there's ever a real visit. Just let us know if you'd like a copy.

Thank you to everyone who came out for our recent Pride event. It was a great reminder of how strong and supportive our community is when we come together.

Next up is something brand new for us, our very first **Cultura** event on August 23. It's a celebration of culture, food, and connection, and we hope to see you there. If you'd like to be part of the Chamber's parade, let us know. We'd love to include you.

We've also got a busy season ahead:

- In early September, **Genentech Goes to Town** returns, helping bring more customers into local businesses.
- In late September, we'll host our **Installation and Business Excellence Awards** to honor our leaders and welcome our new officers.
- And in November, **Taste of South San Francisco** makes its return with food and drink from local favorites.

We're also looking to do more events in the breezeway downtown to help bring more people to Grand Avenue. If you have fun ideas or suggestions for what we can do there, please reach out. We'd love to work with you on it.

As always, keep sharing your events, specials, and business news with us. We're here to support you and help get the word out.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Chamber and the South San Francisco business community.

Regards,
Mary

South San Francisco Proud Brought the Love to Downtown

On June 28, we celebrated South San Francisco Proud right in the heart of downtown and the day was filled with energy, creativity, and community spirit.

The event kicked off with a fantastic performance by the **El Camino High School Jazz Ensemble**, setting the perfect tone for an afternoon of celebration. Guests enjoyed a lively fashion show, a dynamic drag performance, a message wall where community members shared words of pride and encouragement, and nonstop music from **DJ St. John of 99.7FM** that had everyone dancing.

This event was a true community collaboration, brought to life in partnership with the **City of South San Francisco** and the **Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center**.

Special thanks to **Devin Steinhouse** from the City, **Carlos Reyes** from Renaissance, Chamber board member **Cesar Dominguez**, and Chamber intern **Keilani Mejia** for helping plan and carry out such a joyful and inclusive celebration.

South San Francisco Proud reminded us all what can happen when we come together to uplift one another. We can't wait to do it again.



South San Francisco Shows Up Strong at BIO 2025 in Boston

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce proudly joined the South City delegation at BIO 2025 in Boston, one of the largest biotech gatherings in the world with over 25,000 attendees from 70 countries.

Mary Prem and **Dani Fandino** represented the Chamber alongside partners from the **South San Francisco Conference Center** and **The San Francisco Peninsula**. We spoke with hundreds of people at our pavilion, answered questions, and showed why South San Francisco remains the place to be for life science companies. Our mission was simple...attract new business, fill our vacant buildings, and bring global attention to the birthplace of biotech.

We're grateful to **Mayor Eddie Flores**, **Vice Mayor Mark Addiego**, **Councilmember Flor Nicholas** and the City Staff especially **Ernesto Lucero** and **Katie Donner** for standing with us and helping make the case for South City.

Special thanks to **Jim McGuire** from the SSF Conference Center, a former Chamber board president, and to **John Hutar** and **Maggie Lang** from The San Francisco Peninsula. Together, we made a great team and a strong impression.





Farm Fresh To You

<https://www.farmfreshtoyou.com>

They deliver organic, seasonal produce and other farm products straight to your doorstep making it easier than ever to eat fresh and support local farms. Learn more or sign up at [farmfreshtoyou.com](https://www.farmfreshtoyou.com).

Mama's Sugar Alchemy

Erika Rivera

(415)240-2912

mamassugaralchemy1@gmail.com

Founded by Erika Rivera, this local gem specializes in beautifully crafted, delicious desserts that are perfect for any occasion.

TwelveMonth

330 Lorton Ave, Burlingame CA 94010

<https://www.twelvemonthburlingame.com/>

We're proud to welcome Twelvemonth to the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Located in Burlingame, this exceptional plant-forward restaurant was just ranked #4 on Newsweek's list of the top 5 best farm-to-table restaurants in the nation. Twelvemonth offers a fresh, seasonal dining experience rooted in sustainability and creativity.

THANK YOU FOR RENEWING!



AAA Clifford Consulting (July 2019)
AMGEN (July 2021)
Bonneville (February 2024)
Brady Air Service, Inc. (July 2003)
CAT Communications (April 1993)
Chico Marx (July 2023)
Costco Business Center (July 2017)
Evolve Training Center (June 2020)
Group 4 Architecture, Research & Planning (May 1986)
JobTrain, Inc. (September 2022)
Moonstar Kitchen (April 2021)
Royal Pin Donuts (May 2017)
Sitike Counseling Center (July 1998)
SSF Elk's Lodge #2091 (June 1998)
Sticky Thumb Weed Delivery (July 2024)
Zarc Recycling, LLC (July 2010)



Kiwanis®
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, JULY 26

9:00 AM — 2:30 PM

**TRI COUNTIES BANK PARKING LOT
975 EL CAMINO REAL @ WESTBOROUGH
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO**



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SUPPORTING:

El Camino and South San Francisco
High Schools

Circle K International
San Francisco
State University

Helping Kids in our Community

SSFkiwanis.org

Cultura Fest

CELEBRATING SALVADORAN AND
LATIN AMERICAN HERITAGE,
CREATIVITY, AND COMMUNITY

LIVE MUSIC • DANCE • ART • FOOD • CULTURE

AUGUST 23, 2025. 11AM-5PM
400 GRAND AVE, DOWNTOWN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Performances by:
Tlto mira
Cathia
Crooked Stilo
Bayonics
Grupo Maiz
DJ Discodelica

Hosted by:
Amazon prime comedian,
Hoozay and Tony from
Bayuncos

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BAY AREA

TOUCH A TRUCK

Join us for a fun-filled morning the whole family will love! Climb inside real trucks, meet local heroes, and learn how these big rigs help keep our community running. From fire trucks to police vehicles, public works trucks, parks trucks and more, your little ones (and big ones too!) can touch, explore, and take pictures with them all!

**SATURDAY,
JULY 19**

**10:00 AM-
12:00 PM**

**STATION 61
480 N CANAL ST.**



Diaper donation appreciated

This event is FREE for all but we kindly ask each family to bring unopened diapers to support the South San Francisco Firefighter Union Diaper Donation Program, helping local families in need, one diaper at a time. Every donation makes a difference!

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO POLICE
ASSOCIATION & K9 UNIT

4TH ANNUAL **GOLF** TOURNAMENT



MONDAY
OCTOBER 27

AT GREEN HILLS
COUNTRY CLUB

Check-in: 10:00am
Shotgun starts 11:00am

\$325- Per Player
\$1200- Foursome

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Early Bird Specials
\$300 - Per Player
\$1100 -Foursome
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Register now at:
charitygolftoday.com/ssfk9pa





Oyster Point Yacht Club
911 Marina Blvd, South San Francisco

1st Annual Benefit By The Bay Supporting St. Vincent de Paul Society In SSF!



Canned Foods Are
Welcomed
(Circle of inspiration)
www.coisfba.org

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JOIN US!
IT'S FREE!

JULY 19TH, 2025
6PM-11PM



Clothing is
Welcomed

Appetizers and Food Available
Live Band by AUTOCORRECT
& David on Trumpet/Jazz In Bar

SSF Boys and Girls Club



Voluntary Donations
Recommended
Through QR Code

Comment O.P.Y.C.



(SVDP)



Access to Capital Mixer

Join us for a dynamic networking event designed to connect local, and small businesses, and with lenders, funding partners, and business support resources.

Whether you're launching a startup or scaling an established venture, this event offers direct access to the relationships that drive success



Event Highlights:

- Meet financial institutions and funding partners
- Explore capital access programs and growth resources
- Network with fellow business owners

REGISTRATION LINK



<https://forms.office.com/g/49yzhUF4iQ>



**Wednesday
July 30, 2025**



9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Southeast Community
Center, Multi-Purpose Room
1550 Evans Ave,
San Francisco, CA 94124

CONFIRMED PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



U.S. Small Business
Administration



BMO



Treasurer & Tax Collector
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO



smallbusiness@flysfo.com



(650) 821-5021



<https://www.flysfo.com/business/small-business-development>



NORTH SAN MATEO COUNTY RENAISSANCE CENTER

JULY CLASSES

FINANCE

How to Analyze Your Business Financial Performance

Online

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JULY
Wednesday
1 - 3 pm

In this workshop, you will learn financial analysis tools to assess your company's financial health and to make timely and strategic decisions.



Gabriela Sapp

Identifying Sources of Capital to Fund Your Business

Online

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JULY
Wednesday
1 - 3 pm

Discuss more than business loans - learn about alternative financing such as grants, peer to peer lending, factoring, PO financing, crowdfunding, and equity financing.



Gabriela Sapp

Canva 101: Learn the Basics

Jefferson Adult Education, Daly City
Computer Lab #132

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JULY
Tuesday
6 - 8 pm

A class for absolute beginners to this (free) graphic design tool! Bring your laptop and join us in learning how to make flyers, business cards, and much more!



Abby Feder

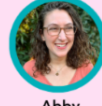
Canva 101: Practice the Basics

Jefferson Adult Education, Daly City
Computer Lab #132

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JULY
Tuesday
6 - 8 pm

Are you ready to hone your graphic design skills? Come away from this workshop with a graphic you can use with guidance from an expert!



Abby Feder

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Contact Us At:
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(650) 829-4652



To register go to:
rencenter.org/events



Transforming Lives through entrepreneurship
Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization



Protecting your skin from the sun

There are many good reasons to protect your skin from the sun's ultraviolet, or UV, rays ... like preventing sunburn and preventing early signs of aging, skin wrinkling, and lowering your risk of skin cancer.

You can protect your skin in a few simple ways.

Avoid exposure to the sun

- Try to spend less time in the sun between 10 am to 4 pm. Find shade if you need to be outdoors.
- Wear clothing that blocks the sun. This can be a wide-brimmed hat that covers your neck, ears, eyes, and scalp. You can also wear loose-fitting, tightly woven clothes that cover your arms and legs.
- Wear sunglasses that block UV rays.

Use sunscreen

- Always wear mineral sunscreen on exposed skin. Make sure to use a broad-spectrum mineral sunscreen that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Use it every day, even when it is cloudy.
- Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before you go out in the sun. Reapply sunscreen every 2 to 3 hours while you are in the sun and after you sweat a lot or swim.
- Take extra care to protect your skin when you're near water, at higher elevations, or in tropical climates.
- Use a broad-spectrum mineral lip balm that is SPF 30+ to protect your lips from getting sunburned.

To learn more or to share this information, [please visit this website](#).

Ed Kao, MD

Physician-in-Chief

Kaiser Permanente South San Francisco Medical

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

Follow us on [Facebook](#) & Instagram for the latest Chamber news.

Calendar of Events

7/4 Happy Independence Day

7/9 City Council Meeting 6:30pm

7/15 Board Meeting 8:30am

7/23 City Council Meeting 6:30pm

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





2023-24 Board Officers

President
Dani Fandino
Events & Flowers by Dani

Vice President
Cesar Dominguez
ProColor Collision

Treasurer
Michael Formosa
SSF Scavenger Company

Ex-Officio City Manager
Sharon Ranals

Ex-Officio City Economic Mgr
Ernesto Lucero

Board of Directors

Kamal Hyder
SF Bay ADU

Daniela Jonguitud
Chajinel Home Care Services

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Roger Rodriguez
Rockoto Peruvian Restaurant

Kevin Williams
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Kevin Worth
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Administrative Assistant

Keilani Mejia
Staff Intern