

June 2025



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SOUTH CITY PROUD

Saturday, June 28, 2025
10:00am - 2:00pm



Grand Avenue Breezeway
(366 Grand Ave, SSF)

Questions: [\(650\) 829-4652](tel:6508294652)

A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem

CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



Dear Chamber Members and Friends,

Summer is here, and we have some exciting things coming up. Here are a few updates and invitations from your Chamber:

South City Proud – Pride Celebration on June 28

We are proud to invite you to **South City Proud**, our community Pride event happening **Saturday June 28 from 10 AM to 2 PM** in the breezeway off Grand Avenue in downtown South San Francisco. There will be vendor booths, DJ music, art displays, a 360-photo booth, bingo with great prizes, and the main attraction...a community fashion show.

Everyone is welcome to walk in the show. Come dressed in something bold, expressive, or simply showcase your business brand. It is a fun and welcoming way to connect and celebrate together.

If you are a Grand Avenue merchant, we encourage you to:

- Offer Pride-themed bites that guests can easily enjoy on the go
- Decorate your storefront to show your spirit
- Promote your business during the event

Let's all celebrate what makes South City so special.

Business Excellence Awards – Nominations Opening Soon

We are getting ready for this year's Business Excellence Awards. Nominations will open soon, and only active Chamber members will be eligible.

Categories will include:

- Greenest Company of the Year
- Small Business of the Year
- Most Community Driven
- ...and more

It is a great way to recognize the amazing work being done by our local businesses.

Business Preparedness – Important Info Session Coming

We are planning an upcoming session to help our members understand how to respond in the event of an ICE enforcement action. Our goal is to make sure you are informed and prepared. We will bring together legal and business experts to answer questions, share best practices, and help protect your business and your team. More details will be shared very soon.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope to see you at one of our events this summer.

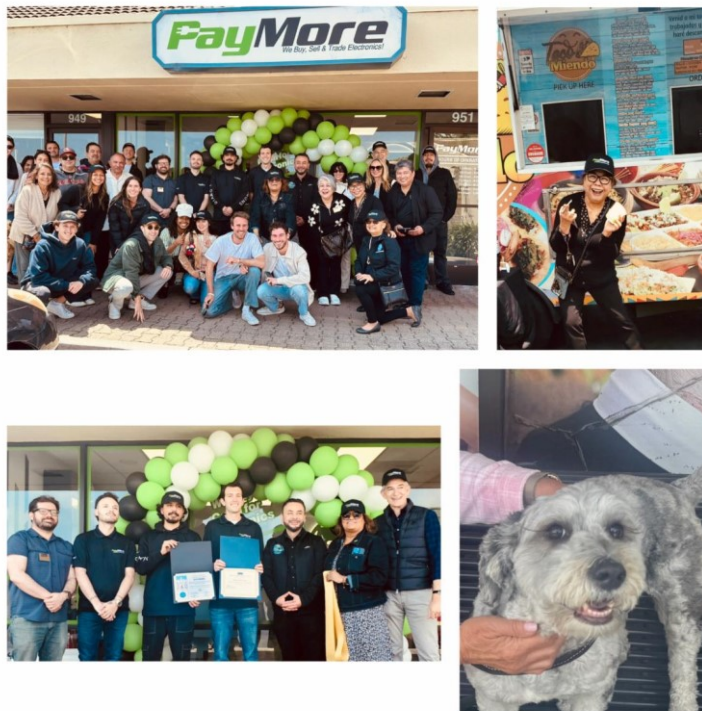
Warmly,
Mary Prem

Mixer Spotlight: Paychex and Rockoto Bring the Fun

What a great night at Rockoto. Chamber members, city friends, and business partners came together for delicious bites, good conversation, and plenty of laughs. A big thank you to Paychex for sponsoring the evening and to **Roger Rodriguez**, Chamber board member and owner of Rockoto, for hosting us with such warmth and hospitality. From fresh ceviche and pasta to their signature whiskey sours, the food and drinks were top notch. Mixer bingo added a fun twist, with a few lucky winners going home with prizes. We were happy to welcome city representatives and Chamber board members **Sailesh Mehra**, **Mike Formosa**, **Daniela Jonguitud**, and **Cesar Dominguez**, along with **Marie Patea** from the City of South San Francisco. The energy in the room was all about connection, and it reminded us that behind every handshake and every bite is a small business, a big idea, and a community that thrives when we come together. Thank you to everyone who joined us. We look forward to seeing you at the next one.

If you have not yet been to Rockoto, you are missing out. Be sure to stop by **207 Linden Avenue** in South San Francisco and experience their amazing food and warm hospitality.





Welcome PayMore to South San Francisco

We are excited to welcome PayMore to the South San Francisco business community. The celebration began with a ribbon cutting led by **Mayor Eddie Flores** and the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

PayMore brings a great service to our city by buying and selling electronics locally, giving residents a smart and sustainable way to upgrade their tech. Owner **Andrew** and his team made everyone feel right at home with delicious tacos, friendly conversations, and even a few dogs who joined the celebration.

A big congratulations to Chamber supporter and local realtor **Florie Ventura**, who won a brand new PS5 in the giveaway.

We are proud to have PayMore in our business family and look forward to seeing their success in South City. Welcome, Andrew and team!



Memorial Day at the South San Francisco Fire Department

This Memorial Day, I had the honor of joining the community for the South San Francisco Fire Department's pancake breakfast. More than just a morning meal, it was a heartfelt tribute to the service members who once called South City home and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Mayor Eddie Flores led the ceremony alongside members of our fire and police departments, local veterans, city leaders, and neighbors from across the community. The sense of gratitude and unity in the room was powerful.

Events like this remind us of the strength and heart of South San Francisco when we come together to honor, reflect, and connect.

A Sparkling Night with Moonstar at the Stardust Gala

A Sparkling Night with Moonstar at the Stardust Gala was a beautiful evening filled with heart, purpose, and community spirit. Held at the Alexandria Campus in San Carlos, the event featured delicious food stations, live music, a dazzling fashion show, and a cooking demo by **Chef Martin Yan** of PBS's *Yan Can Cook*.

The night supported the incredible work of the Moonstar Charitable Foundation, founded by Chamber member **Daisy Li**, in their mission to fight food insecurity.

A big congratulations to Daisy and the Moonstar team for creating an unforgettable and meaningful experience. Learn more at moonstarcharitable.org.





Skyline College Students Share Fresh Ideas for Downtown San Bruno

We had the pleasure of hearing from the talented BAEC students at Skyline College, led by **Leah McLaughlin**. The students presented thoughtful and creative ideas to bring new energy to downtown San Bruno.

Their proposals included outdoor movie nights, karaoke events, and night markets filled with local vendors. Each idea was rooted in community input and reflected a strong understanding of what makes a neighborhood thrive.

We are excited to continue these conversations and explore how we can bring these student-led ideas to life. With young leaders like these, the future of our cities looks bright.

Chamber Attends Progress Seminar in Wine Country

The South San Francisco Chamber had the pleasure of attending this year's Progress Seminar in the beautiful wine country. This annual gathering brings together leaders from across San Mateo County to tackle the most important issues facing our region, including housing, transportation, economic development, and workforce growth.

A lot of great networking took place throughout the weekend. We had the chance to connect with elected officials, business leaders, nonprofit partners, and fellow chambers. These conversations help strengthen relationships and shape the future of our communities.

A big thank you to the Chamber San Mateo County for organizing such a well-run and impactful event. We left feeling inspired and ready to bring new ideas back to South San Francisco.



Breaking Ground at San Bruno Mountain Park

What a proud moment for our Chamber. We joined local leaders and community members to celebrate the groundbreaking of long-awaited improvements at San Bruno Mountain State and County Park.

Chamber CEO Mary Prem stood alongside **Supervisor David Canepa** to help kick off the event. Also representing South San Francisco were Board President **Sailesh Mehra**, Board Member **Cesar Dominguez**, and former Board President **Tony Clifford**.

The park will soon feature new picnic areas, restrooms, and an interpretive pavilion, making this natural treasure even more welcoming and accessible for all. We are honored to support projects that celebrate our community and protect the natural beauty around us. Learn more: <https://lnkd.in/gYJ5Hw6g>



Hey Dogs, LLC

heyhotdogs@gmail.com

We're excited to welcome Hey Hot Dogs, LLC to the Chamber. Operated by former firefighter **Greg Culloco**, Hey Hot Dogs is serving up mouthwatering hot dogs with heart and flavor. With Greg's dedication to community and great food, this local business is sure to be a favorite in South San Francisco.

heyhotdogs415@gmail.com

My Growth Marketer

Samantha Contreras

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My Growth Marketer, founded by **Samantha Contreras**, helps businesses grow through strategic marketing, branding, and digital outreach. Samantha brings creativity and a results-driven approach to every project, helping clients build their presence and reach new audiences.

Park Padel

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Park Padel is South San Francisco's newest destination for sport, social connection, and wellness. This dynamic facility offers a fresh way to stay active through padel, a fast growing racket sport that is fun for all levels. Whether you are playing for fitness or fun, Park Padel creates a welcoming space to connect, compete, and unwind.

Skylawn Memorial Park

Melissa Gonzalez

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Skylawn Memorial Park is a serene and beautifully maintained resting place serving families with compassion, dignity, and care. Located in the hills above San Mateo, Skylawn offers a peaceful setting with sweeping views and a wide range of services to honor and celebrate life.

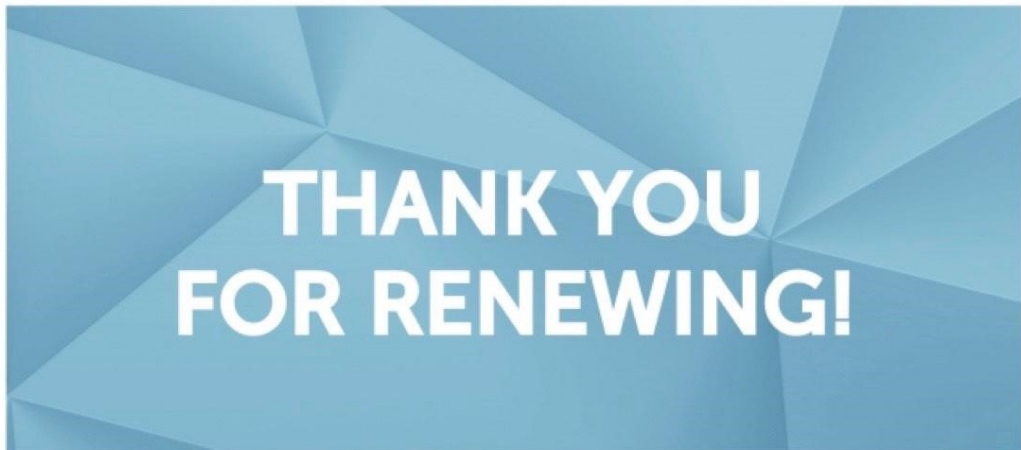
The Early Years

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The Early Years is dedicated to providing nurturing, high-quality early childhood education. Their team focuses on creating a safe and engaging environment where young minds can grow, explore, and thrive.



Basque Cultural Center

The Basque Cultural Center is a longtime South San Francisco favorite, offering a unique blend of community, culture, and cuisine. Known for its welcoming atmosphere and delicious Basque and French-inspired menu, the center also serves as a hub for cultural events, private gatherings, and community celebrations. Whether you are dining in the restaurant or attending a special event, the Basque Cultural Center is a place where tradition and hospitality come together.

599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Phone: (650) 583-8091

Email: info@basqueculturalcenter.com

Website: www.basqueculturalcenter.com

Chajinel Home Care Services

Chajinel Home Care Services provides compassionate, culturally sensitive care to seniors and families throughout the Bay Area. Founded with a mission to serve with heart and dignity, Chajinel offers personalized in-home support that respects each client's background, values, and needs. Their team is dedicated to helping individuals age comfortably and safely in their own homes, while also supporting their loved ones with guidance and peace of mind.

Phone: (650) 741-6101

Email: info@chajinel.com

Website: www.chajinel.com

Comfort Inn and Suites SFO Airport North

Comfort Inn and Suites SFO Airport North offers a convenient and comfortable stay just minutes from San Francisco International Airport. With complimentary breakfast, airport shuttle service, and welcoming rooms, it is a great choice for both business and leisure travelers.

225 North Access Road, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Phone: (650) 741-3700

Email: sales@comfortinnsfognorth.com

Website: www.comfortinn.com/hotel/sfoairportnorth-ca

Fairfield Inn and Suite by Marriott SFO Airport

Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott SFO Airport delivers warm hospitality and a stress-free stay just minutes from San Francisco International Airport. With free breakfast, shuttle service, and comfortable rooms, it is an ideal choice for business travelers and families alike.

255 North Access Road, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Phone: (650) 742-2308

Email: reservations@fairfieldmarriottsfo.com

Website: www.marriott.com/SFOFS

Home 2 Suites by Hilton

Home2 Suites by Hilton offers spacious, modern suites just minutes from SFO. With free breakfast, and great amenities, it is a top choice for extended stays and family travel.

209 North Access Road, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Phone: (650) 737-0900

Email: sfoan_home2suites@hilton.com

Website: hilton.com

Rockoto Peruvian Cuisine

Rockoto Peruvian Cuisine serves up bold and authentic Peruvian dishes in the heart of South San Francisco. Known for its fresh ceviche, flavorful plates, and welcoming vibe, it's a local favorite.

207 Linden Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Phone: (650) 873-3434

You're Invited

**Colma Veterans Village
Mercy House**

**BBQ & Ribbon
Cutting Ceremony**

June 26

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

1680 Mission Rd. Colma

Join us in celebrating the official
opening of the new
on-site greenhouse, built and sponsored by
SSF Elks Lodge #2091

Please RSVP if you plan
to stay for the BBQ:
Mrs.Loza@aol.com





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entrepreneurship center



LOOKING FOR VENDORS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

JOHN DALY BLVD. & MISSION ST.

 FOLLOW @TOPOFTHEHILLFESTIVALDC FOR UPDATES

TO SIGN UP AS A VENDOR

SCAN the QR Code or VISIT:
forms.gle/9GryWZ7hL3CLN2bW7



SCAN HERE

CONTACT

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PLEASE NOTE: This event is limited to vendors who are actively selling **physical merchandise or tangible items** (e.g., apparel, crafts, packaged food, artwork, etc.). Informational-only booths or promotional tables representing companies, organizations, or services without merchandise for sale **will not be permitted**. We appreciate your understanding as we aim to create a marketplace-focused experience for attendees.

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

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!



KIDS SUMMER EVENTS

Martial Arts – Games – Crafts



WHEN

JUNE 27TH
JULY 11TH
AUGUST 8TH
8AM – 4PM

COST

PRICE PER DAY

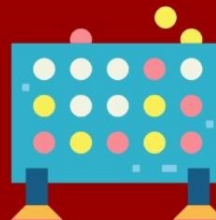
MEMBERS: \$109
NON-MEMBERS:
\$149

ACTIVITIES

- Jiu Jitsu
- Muay Thai
- Teamwork
- Arts & Crafts
- Fun
- Challenges
- Games

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

REGISTER HERE:





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NORTH SAN MATEO COUNTY RENAISSANCE CENTER

JUNE CLASSES

2

JUNE
Mondays
6 pm - 8 pm

Creating Your Target Audience [3 weeks - Online]

with Nicole Moreno-Deizner



Attendees will learn how to create detailed audience profiles, identify key demographics and behaviors, and apply these insights to strengthen their marketing and messaging strategies.

Start Your
Business with our
Free Courses!

18

JUNE
Wednesday
1 pm - 3 pm

Pricing Your Products and Services [Online]

with Gabriela Sapp



In this online workshop, we will talk about the importance of setting the right price for your products & services based on your revenue model & target market, using strategies such as value-based pricing among others.

25

JUNE
Wednesday
1 pm - 3 pm

Pop-Up Finance [Online]

with Gabriela Sapp



Is it worth it to participate in that pop-up from a financial perspective? Figure out how to make pop-ups work for you – and your bottom line.

Contact Us At:
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To register go to:
rencenter.org/events



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Negocio con
Clases Gratuitas!



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NORTE DEL CONDADO DE SAN MATEO RENAISSANCE CLASSES EN JUNIO

5
JUNIO
jueves
6 pm - 8 pm

**Comida y
Comunidad:
Usando Google Suite
Para Su Negocio**

con Tanya Reyes

📍 366 Grand Ave, SSF



18
JUNIO
miércoles
6 pm - 8 pm

**Fijación de Precios
para los Productos
y Servicios de Su
Negocio**

con Gabriela Sapp

📍 366 Grand Ave, SSF



10
JUNIO
martes
6 pm - 8 pm

**Introducción a
Canva**

con Adela Jaimes

📍 123 Edgemont Dr.
Daly City, 94015
Sala #132



En este taller aprenderás las claves para crear piezas visuales atractivas y efectivas en diferentes medios y para distintos propósitos; desde tu tarjeta de negocios, hasta las publicaciones de tus redes sociales.

17
JUNIO
cada martes
6 pm - 8 pm

**Futuros Seguros
[5 semanas]**

con Gabriela Sapp

📍 123 Edgemont Dr.
Daly City, 94015
Sala #206



Los participantes aprenderán sobre planificación financiera, ahorros, y préstamos. El curso enfatiza habilidades prácticas para garantizar la estabilidad y el crecimiento a largo plazo.

21
JUNIO
sábado
9 am - 12 pm

**Comenzando un
Negocio de
Comida Casera**

con Tanya Reyes

📍 366 Grand Ave, SSF



25
JUNIO
miércoles
6 pm - 8 pm

**Finanzas para
Eventos Pop-up**

con Gabriela Sapp

📍 366 Grand Ave, SSF



26
JUNIO
jueves
6 pm - 8 pm

**Número DUNS:
Construye el Crédito
de su Negocio**

con Gabriela Sapp

📍 Biblioteca Bayshore
460 Martin St, Daly City



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THIRSTY THURSDAY COCKTAILS

1st & 3rd Weeks of the Month

4:00 - 6:00 PM



***Yacht Club Membership has its privileges.
Come join us for "Thirsty Thursdays" and
find out if its for you.***

Hope To SEA You There!





Brain-boosting activities to exercise your mind and expand your life

Feeling focused or forgetful? Sharp or scattered? The human brain functions in many ways to support how we think, feel, and move throughout the day.

The good news is there are simple things we can do at any age to boost our mental fitness. Reading a book, taking a class, going for a walk, hanging out with a friend -- whatever you enjoy.

To keep your brain engaged, you can introduce fun activities into your regular routine.

Stay socially connected to friends and family

Social connections are very important for our mental health. Interactions can be included with other activities, such as taking a walk, volunteering, or making a meal together. They are easier when it's a standing date, so reaching out to schedule something isn't a barrier. Staying socially engaged can help you maintain executive function, language abilities, and memory.

Sleep well

Getting consistent sleep may feel unrealistic, but good habits make it more achievable. A wind-down bedtime routine is a small commitment that can boost your mood and productivity the following day. Reducing screen time at night is a great place to start.

Relax your mind

Studies show that [meditation](#) may result in many health benefits for your body and mind, including stress relief, decrease in blood pressure, and an increase in memory and focus. There are many types of meditation you can try, such as breath awareness or walking meditation. Explore a broad range of on-demand self-care resources designed to support a healthy state of mind. [Learn more.](#)

Ed 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



Calendar of Events

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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6/11 City Council Meeting 6:30pm

6/25 City Council Meeting 6:30pm

6/26 Board Meeting 8:30am

6/28 Pride Event "South City Proud" 10am to 2pm

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

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