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A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem

## CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



Dear Chamber Members and Friends,

May is in full swing and the energy in our business community continues to grow. From new connections being made to exciting projects in motion, it is a great time to be part of South San Francisco's vibrant network of local leaders and entrepreneurs.

As we head into summer, we want to help spotlight what you have going on. Do you have a Father's Day special? A summer sale? A pop-up or seasonal event? Let us know so we can share it through our newsletter and social media.

## **New Business Regulation to Note**

If your business offers subscriptions or free trials, a new California law takes effect on July 1, 2025. Businesses will need to get clear consent before charging customers after a free trial ends, send annual reminders, and make it just as easy to cancel as it was to sign up. If you are not sure how this may impact you, we can help connect you to resources.

## Save the Dates

We have two exciting community events coming up downtown and we would love for our members to be involved:

## • June 28 – Pride Event

We are partnering with the City of South San Francisco and Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center to host a Pride celebration in the breezeway. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun and inclusive event.

#### • August 23 – Cultura Fest

This year's Cultura Fest will include a parade. Start gathering your business team, social group, or nonprofit now. Prizes will be awarded for the largest group and the most original presentation. Come show off your pride and creativity.

Thank you for continuing to be the heart of this Chamber. Your energy, commitment, and ideas help make South San Francisco a strong and supportive place to do business. Let's keep the momentum going.

Warmly, Mary Prem

## WildFlour Bakery & Taproom Hosts Grand Opening and Chamber Mixer at Karyl Matsumoto Plaza

There's something delicious brewing at Karyl Matsumoto Plaza. WildFlour Bakery & Taproom officially opened its doors with a lively grand opening celebration and Chamber mixer that drew more than 100 guests—including chamber members, city leaders, neighbors, and friends.

The event was led by Mayor Eddie Flores, with special remarks from Assistant City Manager Rich Lee, Chamber Board President Sailesh Mehra, Board Member Cesar Dominguez, and Chamber CEO Mary Prem. It was a true community celebration with great company, great conversation, and even better bites. WildFlour brings a fresh twist to South City's food scene. Alongside its mouthwatering pastries, fresh-baked breads, and gourmet sandwiches, the taproom pours a rotating selection of local craft beers and curated wines. It's a place where the comfort of a neighborhood bakery meets the laid-back feel of a wine bar.

Perfectly situated next to the South San Francisco Caltrain Station, WildFlour is a great place to grab something on the go—or to kick back and stay a while. Think picnic-ready sandwiches, bottles of wine for your train ride, or a casual meet-up spot with friends right in the heart of downtown.

The plaza, named after former Mayor and Councilmember Karyl Matsumoto, stands as a tribute to her vision of vibrant, people-focused public spaces. With WildFlour now anchoring the space, that vision is fully coming to life.

"WildFlour is a perfect reflection of South City—creative, vibrant, and community-focused," said Mayor Flores. "It's more than a place to eat and drink. It's a place to gather and connect."

The Chamber is proud to welcome WildFlour Bakery & Taproom to our business community. If you haven't been yet, do yourself a favor and swing by. Your taste buds will thank you.

Check them out: 200 Airport Blvd Unit 1, South San Francisco



## The Chamber Awarded \$51,000 in Scholarships to South City Seniors and Felt All the Joy

What an unforgettable afternoon at the Basque Cultural Center. Our Scholarship Awards Luncheon brought together more than 200 students, families, donors, city leaders, chamber members, and community friends to celebrate something truly meaningful: supporting the future of our youth.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, we awarded 51,000 dollars in scholarships to students who have not only excelled in school but have also shown resilience, leadership, and heart. Their stories moved us. Their dreams inspired us. Their potential is undeniable.

A huge thank you to our emcee, Anthony Tony Clifford, who brought warmth, laughter, and heart to the stage. Mayor Eddie Flores shared powerful words about lifting up the next generation, and we were honored to have Congressman Kevin Mullin, Supervisor David Canepa, and the entire South San Francisco City Council there in full support. Each student received a well-deserved certificate and a round of applause that lit up the room.

We also want to thank our scholarship review committee. Reading through 52 applications is no small task, and we are so grateful for the time and care they gave. And to our Chamber

Board of Directors, thank you for your ongoing support and for helping make this moment possible.

This event was more than a luncheon. It was a celebration of hope, purpose, and what happens when a community believes in its young people.

To our students, we are proud of you. We believe in you. And we cannot wait to see where your journey takes you next.





















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Tel: (831) 768-2000 Address: 350 Technology Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076 Email: <u>info@graniterock.com</u>

## North East Medical Services (NEMS)

North East Medical Services (NEMS) is a nonprofit community health center serving the San Francisco Bay Area. With a mission to provide affordable, comprehensive, compassionate, and quality health care services in a linguistically competent and culturally sensitive manner, NEMS offers a wide range of services including medical, dental, behavioral health, optometry, and ancillary services.

Web: https://nems.org Tel: (415) 391-9686 Address: 200 Linden Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080

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#### San Mateo Adult & Career Education (SMACE)

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Tel: (650) 558-2100 Address: 789 E. Poplar Ave, San Mateo, CA 94401 Email: ataylor@smuhsd.org



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Web: <u>amadorgc.com</u> Tel: (650) 834-6137 Email: <u>info@amadorgc.com</u> Address: Serving the San Francisco Bay Area Member since: March 2022

**Brentwood Holding Company, LP** is a real estate investment and development firm based in South San Francisco. Established in 1954, the company focuses on commercial land subdivision, retail centers, residential income properties, and office and warehouse developments. With decades of experience, Brentwood Holding Company is known for its commitment to quality and long-term community investment. Tel: (650) 583-2164 Address: 180 S Spruce Ave, Suite 160, South San Francisco, CA 94080 Member since: May 2016

## **City of South San Francisco**

Known as the Birthplace of Biotechnology, the City of South San Francisco is a vibrant and diverse community just south of San Francisco. With strong ties to innovation, business, and community, South City offers excellent public services, beautiful parks, and easy access to regional transit. It continues to be a place where people come to live, work, and thrive. Tel: (650) 877-8500 Address: 400 Grand Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080 Member since: May 1988

**Costco Wholesale** is a membership-based warehouse store offering quality products in bulk at competitive prices. From groceries and electronics to pharmacy and optical services, Costco is a one-stop shop for both families and businesses. Tel: (800) 774-2678 Address: 451 S Airport Blvd, South San Francisco, CA 94080 Member since: January 1987

**School House Grocery Liquor & Deli** has been serving South San Francisco since 1969. This local favorite offers groceries, beer, wine, liquor, and a deli known for fresh, made-to-order sandwiches.

Tel: (650) 588-3983 Address: 598 Baden Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080 Member since: April 2000

Security Public Storage provides clean, secure storage units with 24-hour video surveillance and on-site management. Whether you need short-term or long-term space, they offer reliable storage solutions with no hidden fees. Tel: (650) 742-9999 Address: 160 S Spruce Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080 Member since: May 2014

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Leadership Council San Mateo County connects and empowers leaders across business, nonprofit, and government sectors through programs focused on collaboration, community impact, and leadership development. Tel: (650) 273-7149 Address: 366 Grand Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080 Email: info@leadershipcouncilsmc.org Member since: April 2021

Westborough Water District provides safe drinking water and dependable sewer services to the Westborough community in South San Francisco, serving around 13,500 residents with a focus on quality and efficiency. Tel: (650) 589-1435 Address: 2263 Westborough Blvd, South San Francisco, CA 94080 Email: wwd@westboroughwater.org



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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health Awareness Month was created to address the stigma of mental illness, educate the public about mental wellness, support those who need help, and advocate for policies that support mental health.

In May 2023, former U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, MD, released an advisory addressing the "epidemic of Ioneliness and isolation."

In 2024, <u>San Mateo County was the first county in America to address loneliness as a public health emergency</u> with a unanimous vote by the Board of Supervisors. "We have 45% of the people who find themselves being lonely and suffer from loneliness." said Supervisor David Canepa, President of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

Having supportive relationships strongly supports one's mental health. It may be a little intimidating to take the lead, but most people are pleased to be sought out as a friend.

- Reach out: Haven't heard from a friend in a while? Pick up the phone. Schedule regular calls with loved ones or schedule a visit to catch up in person.
- Take the lead: Invite a new or long-time friend to lunch. Organize a neighborhood potluck, book group, or walking
  group.
- Get out there: Friendships can be founded on shared interests. Take a class or volunteer in your community. After you make a new friend, initiate a coffee get together.
- Ask for help: If you're lonely and having difficulty connecting with others or if your mental health concerns are more serious, getting professional help is recommended.

For Kaiser Permanente members, no referral is needed to connect with <u>mental health resources</u>, and intake phone counselors and our Emergency Departments are available 24 hours a day. We provide individual therapy, group therapy, health classes, and medication. In addition, <u>Emotional wellness apps</u> are available to KP members at no extra cost.

Anyone in the U.S. who is experiencing a mental health crisis can call or text 988 for free, confidential emotional support 24 hours a day with a trained counselor and connect with resources. Learn more at the national <u>988 Suicide & Crisis</u> <u>National Lifeline</u>.

#### 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 <u>info@ssfchamber.com</u> or visit <u>www.ssfchamber.com</u>

Follow us on <u>Facebook</u> & Instagram for the latest Chamber news.

## **Calendar of Events**

May

- 5/7 Chamber Mixer Rockoto & Paychex 4:30pm
- 5/14 City Council Meeting 6:30pm
- 5/17 Ribbon Cutting Paymore 12noon
- 5/20 Board Meeting 8:30am
- 5/28 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 <u>event calendar</u>!

## 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



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