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Celebrating Success: Highlights from the Business Excellence Awards

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce hosted an unforgettable Business Excellence Awards on October 11th at the Library, Parks, and Recreation Center, celebrating the exceptional contributions of local businesses and leaders. The event drew over 200 attendees, including community members, chamber partners, elected officials, and business owners, who came together to honor innovation, impact, and excellence in South San Francisco.

The evening opened with a warm reception as the jazz band from **El Camino High School** set a lively tone for arrivals. Guests enjoyed wine spritzers from **The Wine Vault** and beautifully presented charcuterie boards from **AC Hotel**, creating a sophisticated and welcoming atmosphere. Following the reception, the Chamber's annual meeting was held in the Council Chambers, presided over by Board President, Sailesh Mehra. Congresswoman **Jackie Speier** conducted the installation of the new officers and board members for her 30th consecutive year, underscoring her enduring commitment to our community.

With the formalities complete, the celebration kicked off with DJ music, gourmet bites, cocktails, and vibrant networking, emceed by the engaging **St. John.** Attendees enjoyed an evening filled with camaraderie and the spirit of community as they celebrated South San Francisco's best.

The climax of the night was the announcement of the Business Excellence Award winners, recognizing the dedication and impact of these remarkable recipients:

- Business of the Year: Bay Ed Fund
- Emerging Business Award: Tiny B Chocolate
- Small Business Award: Bronstein Music
- Large Business Leadership Award: Skyline College
- Sustainability & Green Business Award: Waymo
- Community Impact Award: Ernesto Lucero, City of South San Francisco Economic Development Department
- Innovation in Business Award: Curry Pizza House

- Customer Service Excellence Award: AC Hotel SFO / Oyster Point Waterfront
- Diversity & Inclusion Award: California Life Sciences
- Entrepreneur of the Year: Dani Fandino, Flowers and Events by Dani
- Mayor's Award: **South San Francisco Education Foundation**

Congratulations to all the award winners who embody excellence and the resilient spirit of South San Francisco. Each recipient has made invaluable contributions to our community, and we are proud to celebrate their achievements.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this memorable night, and please visit our photo gallery to relive the event's highlights! Here's to another year of growth, innovation, and community spirit in South San Francisco.



Chamber Board Members



Cesar Dominguez, Sharon Ranals, Mayor James Coleman



El Camino High School Jazz Band



The Wine Vault



Mama's Sugar Alchemy



Consciously Pourin' by Celestina



Amoura Restaurant



Basque Cultural Center



The Anecdote





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Entrepreneur of the Year - Dani Fandino, Flowers & Events by Dani



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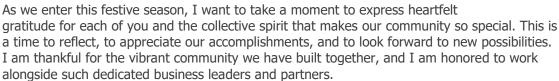
Check out our website gallery for more event photos!

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A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem,

CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

Dear Chamber Members,



A Note on Member Privacy: Beware of Scams

I want to address an important matter that's come to our attention recently. Unfortunately, scammers have been attempting to sell our membership list to our members and the wider



community. If you receive an email offering to sell the Chamber's membership list, please do not respond or engage. Instead, let us know immediately, and we'll address it. Remember, as a valued member, you are entitled to receive the membership list at no cost—just reach out to us directly, and we'll provide it.

Exciting News: "Santa Comes to Town" Returns to Grand Avenue!

Thanks to our efforts and collaboration with the City Council, we're thrilled to announce that "Santa Comes to Town" will return to Grand Avenue this year! Mark your calendars for December 7, from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Chamber is working closely with the city and other partners to create a festive, family-friendly event that celebrates the season and strengthens our community bonds. Please help us spread the word—it's sure to be a memorable day for all!

Thanksgiving Promotions for Restaurants

If your restaurant will be open on Thanksgiving and offering a special meal, please let us know! We'd love to highlight your business on our social media channels and help bring in holiday guests. This is a wonderful time to showcase your culinary offerings and bring our community together around the table.

Thank You for Supporting the Business Excellence Awards

Thank you to all who attended and supported our Annual Business Excellence Awards. It was an inspiring evening celebrating the achievements of our local businesses. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for your hard work and dedication to South San Francisco. Events like these remind us of the power of connection and the importance of honoring our community's excellence.

A Friendly Reminder: Vote on November 5

Finally, as Tuesday, November 5 approaches, I encourage everyone to exercise your right to vote. Our voices matter, and voting is an important way to shape our community's future. Let's ensure our voices are heard and that we contribute to decisions that benefit our businesses and community.

As you plan for the close of this year, I encourage you to take stock of your accomplishments and set fresh goals for the year ahead. Invest in relationships, build strong connections, and keep an open mind to new opportunities that can propel your business forward. Remember, the Chamber is here to support you in any way we can—reach out anytime with questions, ideas, or simply to connect.

Wishing you all a joyful, prosperous holiday season filled with gratitude and new possibilities.

Warm regards, Mary Prem

Chamber Partners with Local Organizations for a Successful Career Fair on October 8















On October 8, the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of South San Francisco, JobTrain, Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, and City Career Fair, hosted a highly successful Career Fair, bringing local talent and employers together for a day filled with opportunity and growth. Held at the Library, Parks and Recreation Center the fair attracted an impressive turnout, with both job seekers and businesses eager to connect and explore new career paths within our community.

Thanks to this collaborative effort, attendees had access to valuable resources, including resume workshops, career-building sessions, and on-the-spot interviews with companies across industries such as biotech, healthcare, hospitality, and technology. This hands-on engagement led to numerous success stories, with many participants securing follow-up interviews and even immediate job offers.

The October 8 Career Fair demonstrated the power of partnership and the shared commitment to supporting local employment and economic development. A heartfelt thank you to our partners, participating businesses, and everyone who attended. We look forward to more events like this, building a stronger workforce and thriving job market in South San Francisco!

Festa Italiana: A Celebration of Italian Heritage and Community Spirit

















South San Francisco's Festa Italiana was a spectacular event this year, filled with lively music, delicious food, and vibrant cultural displays! Hosted by the Italian American Citizens Club at Orange Park, the festival brought together families, friends, and neighbors to celebrate Italian heritage and enjoy a day of community fun. Attendees were treated to authentic Italian cuisine, from pasta to cannoli, while classic cars and local vendors added to the festive atmosphere.

Highlights included live music, bocce ball games, and a crowd-pleasing dessert table that featured traditional Italian sweets. The event was a true showcase of community pride, and we were thrilled to see so many familiar faces from South San Francisco.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the celebration, and special thanks to the Italian American Citizens Club for hosting such a memorable day! Be sure to check out our newsletter photo gallery for some favorite moments from Festa Italiana.



Celebrating 10 Years of Antigua Coffee Shop

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce proudly celebrated the 10th anniversary of Antigua Coffee Shop, a local favorite serving more than just coffee! Known for its delicious breakfast, lunch, dinner, and refreshing wine spritzers, Antigua has become a cherished community spot. Chamber members gathered to honor this milestone and presented a certificate of appreciation, recognizing Antigua's dedication to creating a warm, welcoming space for all. Here's to many more years of great food, drinks, and connection!



Chamber Celebrates Ribbon Cutting at Centennial Park South

The SSF Chamber of Commerce proudly joined city leaders, local businesses, and community members to celebrate the ribbon cutting of Centennial Park South! This vibrant new space is a testament to South San Francisco's commitment to enhancing community wellness and providing accessible outdoor areas for all. The park features updated recreational facilities, green spaces, and walking paths, creating a welcoming environment for families, friends, and neighbors to enjoy. We look forward to seeing Centennial Park South become a beloved part of our community!









Chajinel Home Care Services Celebrates 10 Years!

Congratulations to Chajinel Home Care Services on a decade of compassionate senior care! Led by Chamber Board VP Daniela Jonguitud, Chajinel has become a trusted community partner. The milestone was celebrated in style at the new Elia Restaurant in San Carlos, attended by elected officials and key stakeholders. Here's to many more years of impactful service!

Chamber Attends Champagne Garden Party at Plymire-Schwarz House Museum

















Plymire-Schwarz House Museum

519 Grand Ave, South San Francisco 650-875-6988 The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was delighted to attend the Champagne Garden Party, hosted by the South San Francisco Historical Society at the beautiful Plymire-Schwarz House Museum. This elegant gathering brought together community members for an afternoon of history, connection, and, of course, champagne!

Held in the picturesque gardens of the Plymire-Schwarz House, the event featured sparkling champagne, delectable hors d'oeuvres, and guided tours of the museum, offering guests a glimpse into South San Francisco's vibrant past. Among the attendees was former Mayor Rich Garbarino, adding a special touch to the occasion and underscoring the community's dedication to preserving local heritage.

The Chamber extends its gratitude to the SSF Historical Society for organizing this memorable event and for their tireless work in celebrating and safeguarding our community's history. Thank you for an unforgettable afternoon that honored South San Francisco's spirit and legacy!



LIVE KARAOKE

AC PATIO | 5-10PM FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE



AC HOTEL SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT/OYSTER POINT WATERFRONT 1333 VETERANS BLVD, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080



Chamber CEO Speaks at Rotary Club Luncheon

South San Francisco Chamber CEO Mary Prem recently spoke at the Rotary Club luncheon, sharing the Chamber's efforts to support local businesses, boost digital engagement, and connect with younger audiences. In gratitude, the Rotary honored Mary by donating vaccines for 50 children, reflecting their commitment to community health. The Chamber values this partnership and looks forward to future collaborations with the Rotary Club.



The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce recently joined Monterra Credit Union for a ribbon-cutting and mixer event at their newly branded location, marking an exciting new chapter for the credit union formerly known as San Mateo Credit Union. In attendance were notable community leaders, including Supervisor David Canepa; Emily Salgado from Assemblymember Diane Papan's office; South San Francisco's Vice Mayor Eddie Flores and Mayor James Coleman; City Manager Sharon Ranals; SSF Chamber Treasurer Michael Formosa; SSF Chamber CEO Mary Prem; and Monterra Credit Union's CEO Wade Painter.

The credit union's rebranding to Monterra Credit Union reflects its commitment to serving the broader Bay Area community, while staying true to its local roots. Originally established as San Mateo Credit Union, Monterra has served as a trusted neighborhood financial institution, supporting individuals and businesses across the region. The new name and look symbolize Monterra's dedication to growth and progress, while continuing to prioritize the needs of local residents.

Guests enjoyed networking, refreshments, and a warm welcome from Monterra's team, underscoring the credit union's commitment to building strong community relationships. The SSF Chamber is excited to see Monterra Credit Union thrive and support local financial well-being as a reliable and community-centered institution. Congratulations to Monterra on this new chapter!































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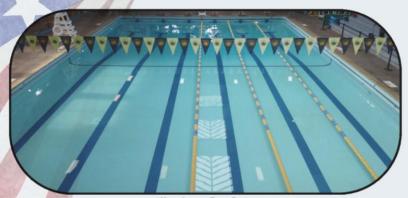
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VETERANS SWIM FREE

"This is our way of saying "Thank you," for your sacrifice, contribution, and services!

-SSF Parks and Recreation Department



Schedule

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Adult Lap Swim 5:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adult Recreation 10:00 AM - 1:45 PM

7:45 PM - 9:30 PM

Friday, November 8, 2024

Adult Lap Swim 5:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Adult Recreation 10:00 AM - 1:45 PM

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Adult Lap Swim 7:15 AM - 8:45 AM

Open Recreation 12:45 PM - 2:30 PM

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Adult Rec Swim 7:15 AM - 9:15 AM Open Recreation 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Monday, November 11, 2024: CLOSED

Orange Pool

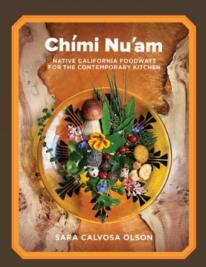
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6:00 p.m.

November 7

Social Hall



About Chími Nu'am

In this sumptuous cookbook, Sara Calvosa Olson (Karuk) reimagines some of the oldest foods in California for home cooks today. Meaning "Let's eat!" in the Karuk language, Chími Nu'am shares the author's delicious and inventive takes on Native food styles from across California.

Designed as an accessible entry for people beginning their journey toward a decolonized diet, Chími Nu'am welcomes readers in with Calvosa Olson's politically perceptive and irresistibly funny writing. With more than 100 photographs, this cookbook is a culinary gift that will add warmth and mouthwatering aromas to any kitchen.





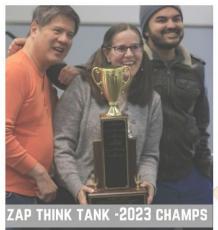


Main Library, 901 Civic Campus Way South San Francisco, CA 94080 Learn more:





Trivia Challenge



PROJECT READ NORTH SAN MATEO COUNTY

Friday November 15th, 2024

Please call (650) 829-3871 or email triviainfo@ssf.net for information.



51st Annual Thanksgiving Fun Run

Oyster Point Park Phase 2C Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, November 23, 2024 9:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting Oyster Point Marina Race will begin after the ribbon cutting

New Amenities Include:

- Dog Park
- · Upgraded pathways
- · Site lighting
- Upgraded picnic area
 Seating
- Improved landscaping
- Fitness equipment



Activities:

- · Ribbon cutting
- · Light refreshments
- · Post race awards
- Mobile adoptions with Peninsula Humane Society

Register for the race on-line at www.ssf.net/rec-catalog Click on "Special Events"
For information on Oyster Point 2C visit www.ssf.net/parkprojects or call 650-829-3800
Additional event details will be updated at www.ssf.net/pandrevents.





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Parking Enforcement Update





ENGLISH:

Starting Monday, November 4, 2024, the South San Francisco Police Department has contracted LAZ Parking, a private company, to handle parking enforcement. LAZ will be the main enforcement entity, with police personnel providing support as needed.

SPANISH:

A partir del lunes 4 de noviembre de 2024, el Departamento de Policía de South San Francisco ha contratado a LAZ Parking, una empresa privada, para encargarse de la aplicación de las normas de estacionamiento. LAZ será la principal entidad ejecutora, y el personal policial de la Ciudad brindara apoyo según sea necesario. Lea los detalles a continuación.

Key Dates / Fechas Clave :

Nov. 11: Enforcement Begins

Nov. 11 – Dec. 1: LAZ Parking will issue warnings for metered parking violations

Dec. 2: Full enforcement for all violations with citation issuance

Nov. 11: Comienza la aplicación

Nov. 11 – Dec. 1: LAZ Parking emitirá advertencias por violaciones de estacionamiento medido

Dec. 2: Aplicación completa para todas las violaciones con emisión de citaciones







Know your numbers during National Diabetes Month

November is National Diabetes Month – a time to bring awareness and attention to this disease. For those living with diabetes, it's also a time to learn how to successfully manage it, and how Kaiser Permanente's treatment and care options can help you live life on your terms.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 34 million Americans have diabetes, and 1 in 3 people, or 88 million, have prediabetes, which indicates higher than normal blood sugar levels that aren't high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes.

There are two types of diabetes:

Type 1 (also known as juvenile or insulin-dependent) is when the body stops producing insulin. Typically, this occurs when the immune system destroys the cells that release insulin.

Type 2 (also known as adult-onset or non-insulin-dependent) is when the body becomes less responsive to insulin. This is the most common form and is diagnosed at any age but appears most often during adulthood. However, Type 2 diagnoses among children are on the rise.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is key to managing diabetes

Diabetes can be controlled with a proper diet, regular exercise, and weight management:

- Be mindful of carbohydrates and choose smarter snacks the right diet can prevent, put off, or help manage diabetes more easily.
- . Keep a routine of regular physical activity, such as walking for 30 minutes at least 5 days a week.
- Aim for and maintain a healthy, manageable weight. Even losing as little as 10 pounds can make a
 difference in your health.

Stay on top of your diabetes care from anywhere

In addition to working with you to ensure you regularly test your blood sugar and take your prescribed medications, your Kaiser Permanente physician can enroll you in a remote monitoring program which wirelessly delivers your blood glucose statistics to your physician from anywhere in real time. This means your doctor can provide immediate care if needed and share the results with your entire care team.

Learn more about diabetes care at Kaiser Permanente.

Edward Kao, MD

Physician-in-Chief

Kaiser Permanente South San Francisco Medical Center



Holiday Toy Drive

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

Accepting
Toys for children ages 1 to 12
or, If you choose
a monetary donation
for children ages 13 to 17

Bring your unwrapped,
new toy gift or monetary donation to the
SSF Chamber Mixer
at the the SSFWC Clubhouse on
Thursday, December 5th, 5:00-6:30 pm
455 Grand Ave.

(no stuffed animals please)

Make checks payable to the South San Francisco Women's Club and mail to PO Box 455, SSF, CA 94083 or pay via $\,$

Venmo: @SSFwomensclub

Zelle: SSFwomensclub@gmail.com

Or bring them to the mixer on Thursday, December 5th.

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 www.ssfchamber.com

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Calendar of Events

November

As we settle into November, fall's energy of reflection and gratitude grows even stronger. The cooler air, warm colors, and upcoming holiday season invite us to pause, appreciate, and refocus on our goals. November is a month to give thanks, connect with others, and make meaningful strides in both business and life. Let the season inspire you to nurture your ambitions, build connections, and prepare for a successful end to the year. The season of gratitude and growth is here—let's make it count!

11/5 Election - Please Vote!

11/7 Skyline College, Appreciation Reception

11/13 6:30pm - Regular City Council Meeting

11/27 6:30pm - Regular City Council Meeting

11/28 Thanksgiving

12/7 Santa Comes to Town - Grand Ave

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>



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Amami San (September 2020)

Bachecki, Crom & Co., LLP (November 2015)

Berberian Nut Company (January 2014)

Blake Griggs Properties, LLC (November 2017)

Broadway Masala (November 2023)

Classic Bowling Center (November 2023)

Dela Rama Dental Care (November 2016)

Flowers and Events by Dani (October 2023)

Hometown Heroes (August 2015)

Incline Insurance Services, Inc. (November 2020)

InFlow Tech, Inc. (November 2007)

Las Hijas del Gallo Bakery Inc. (June 2023)

Larkspur Landing Hotel (April 1999)

La Tapatia, LLC (November 1987)

MC2 Bay Area Public Affairs LLC (October 2017)

Peninsula Clean Energy (November 2017)

R&A Janitorial Service, LLC (November 2006)

SM8 (June 2021)

San Francisco Wine School (October 2015)

Veronica M. Herrera, Enrolled Agent (November 2016)

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