

October 2026



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38TH ANNUAL

TASTE *of* SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

A WORLD OF FLAVORS
Taste local favorites and cuisines
from around the world.



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Sip.
Discover*

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SAN FRANCISCO.



VIP PREVIEW
4:30 – 5:30 PM

EARLY ACCESS +
EXCLUSIVE VIP EXPERIENCE



GENERAL ADMISSION
5:30 – 7:30 PM

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FROM LOCAL RESTAURANTS,
SIP WINE AND MORE!



Thursday
NOVEMBER 5, 2026

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A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem

CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



Hello South City!

Can you believe we're already heading into the holiday season? There's so much happening around town, and I hope you'll join us for some of the fun!

First, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, donated to, and supported our **Best of South San Francisco Awards Gala!** We've received so many wonderful messages from guests who had a fantastic evening celebrating our business community. Congratulations again to all our nominees and winners! You remind us why South San Francisco is such a special place to live, work, and do business. We couldn't have done it without our generous sponsors, donors, volunteers, and everyone who came out to celebrate.

Next up is our **38th Annual Taste of South San Francisco** on November 5 at **Embassy Suites!** This year, we're turning Taste into an experience! We're bringing together wonderful restaurants, entertainment, art, and a Makers Market, all during the dinner hour. Come discover your new favorite restaurant, reconnect with old favorites, get a head start on your holiday shopping, and enjoy an evening of networking with friends and neighbors. Whether you work in South City or call it home, there's something for everyone. Bring your appetite and join us!

And speaking of our community, please remember to vote! **Election Day is November 3.** Your voice matters, especially when it comes to decisions that affect our neighborhoods, businesses, and future. Mail your ballot early enough to meet the deadline, or use an official ballot drop box. Whatever you do, make sure your voice is heard!

We're also getting ready for our annual **Holiday Toy Drive**, and we'd love your help spreading some joy to children and families in our community. Businesses can host a toy collection bin, drop off donations at the Chamber office, or bring toys to the **South San Francisco Women's Club Holiday Mixer**. Please reach out to us if you'd like to participate. A little generosity can make someone's holiday a whole lot brighter!

And mark your calendars for **Santa Goes to Town on December 5!** We're looking forward to bringing holiday cheer to Downtown South San Francisco. We're also planning to bring back our popular Bingo games, giving our downtown businesses a chance to showcase what they offer while encouraging everyone to shop local, explore our businesses, and enjoy a little holiday fun.

As we head into the final months of the year, I hope you'll continue to support our local businesses. Stop in, say hello, shop small, dine local, and remember that every dollar spent in our community helps keep South City thriving.

Thank you for being part of our Chamber family. I look forward to seeing you around town! the Chamber. Together, we are building a stronger business community.

38TH ANNUAL

Taste

OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

A World of Flavors

VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES
FOOD • BEVERAGE • DESSERT • MAKERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026
EMBASSY SUITES SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Showcase your business. Reach new customers. Be part of one of South San Francisco's signature community events.

FOOD + DESSERT

- Showcase 1-2 signature items
- Approx. 350 tasting portions
- of EACH item
- Bring all serving supplies
- Attendee-voted Taste awards

BEVERAGE

- Wine, beer + beverages
- Approx. 350 tastings
- Wine + beer: 2 oz tastings
- Bring cups, ice + supplies
- Attendee-voted Taste awards

MAKERS MARKET

- Curated retail experience
- Sell your products onsite
- Bring display + inventory
- Bring your payment system
- Limited spaces available

CHAMBER MEMBERS: FREE

NON-MEMBERS: \$250

Fee may be applied toward a new Chamber membership.

SPACE IS LIMITED - MEMBER PRIORITY

Vendor application coming soon. Contact us now with questions or interest.

ATTENDEES WILL VOTE: FOOD • BEVERAGE • DESSERT • BEST PRESENTATION



QUESTIONS?

Mary Prem, CEO

mary@ssfchamber.com | (650) 588-1911

Vendor FAQ and application details will follow.

Vendor Application

38TH ANNUAL Taste OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO *A World of Flavors*

FOOD | WINE | ART | SHOPPING | COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026
EMBASSY SUITES SOUTES SAN FRANCISCO
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Experience a world of flavors with incredible restaurants, wineries and beverages, live music, art and curated shopping, all in one unforgettable evening.

Good food. Great company. A stronger South San Francisco.

HOST SPONSOR



EMBASSY SUITES
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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Be part of this beloved community event and connect your business with a vibrant audience.



SIGNATURE SPONSOR
\$5,000

- Premier sponsor recognition throughout event marketing, website and signage
- Prominent logo placement on event materials and program
- Recognition during closing remarks and Tastiest Restaurant winner announcement
- 8 VIP tickets



CULINARY EXPERIENCE SPONSOR | \$2,500

- Sponsor one of the culinary experience rooms featuring participating restaurants, wineries, makers and more
- Naming recognition at the room entrance
- Logo on event materials, program and website
- Recognition during closing remarks
- 4 VIP tickets



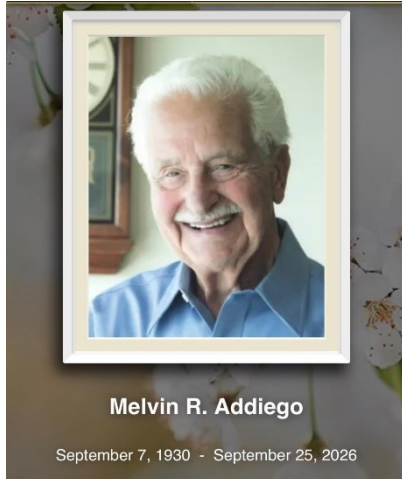
EXPERIENCE SPONSOR
\$1,000

- Support an experience such as live music, art, karaoke, wine or another featured element
- Recognition at the sponsored experience
- Logo on shared event materials, program and website
- Recognition during closing remarks
- 2 VIP tickets

FOR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Mary Prem, CEO | mary@ssfchamber.com | (650) 588-1911





Remembering Melvin R. Addiego

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce extends our heartfelt condolences to Mayor Mark Addiego and his family on the passing of his father, Melvin R. Addiego, on September 25, 2026, at age 96.

An Army veteran who served in Korea, Mel was a devoted family man and generous supporter of our community. His contributions to the Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation and the local library reflected his commitment to giving back. He enjoyed gardening, fixing clocks, outdoor adventures with his son Michael, and attending South San Francisco civic events with his son Mark.

Our thoughts are with the Addiego family and all who loved him. Donations in Mel's memory may be made to the Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice.



PUBLIC WORKS

October 5, 2026

CITY COUNCIL 2026

MARK ADDIEGO, MAYOR (DIST. 1)
MARK NAGALES, VICE MAYOR (DIST. 2)
JAMES COLEMAN, MEMBER (DIST. 4)
EDDIE FLORES, MEMBER (DIST. 5)
FLOR NICOLAS, MEMBER (DIST. 3)

LAURA SNIDEMAN, CITY MANAGER

NOTICE OF DOWNTOWN PARKING CHANGES

Dear Downtown Business and Property Owner:

The City of South San Francisco Public Works Department would like to inform downtown businesses and property owners of upcoming parking rate changes and new loading zones within the Downtown Parking District.

PARKING RATE INCREASES

Effective **Friday, October 9, 2026**, metered parking rates will increase by \$0.25 per hour, and monthly parking permit rates will increase by \$10 per month.

Parking Permit Rates

- Miller Parking Garage – Monthly: **\$50**
- Miller Parking Garage – Quarterly: **\$150**
- Surface Lots – Monthly: **\$60**
- Surface Lots – Quarterly: **\$180**

NEW DOWNTOWN LOADING ZONES

The City will also be installing new loading zones at select locations within the Downtown Parking District, including:

- Linden Avenue at Grand Avenue
- Cypress Avenue at Grand Avenue
- Maple Avenue at Grand Avenue
- Linden Avenue at 7th Lane

PARKING PLACE COMMISSION MEETINGS

If you have any questions, please email Parking@ssfca.gov.

Community members may also provide comments or share questions or concerns at an upcoming Parking Place Commission meeting. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the Employment Advancement Center (366 Grand Avenue)**.

For meeting information, agendas, and schedules, please visit the City's Boards & Commissions webpage. For additional information about downtown parking, please visit the City's Downtown Parking webpage or scan the QR code.





Genentech Goes to Town Wraps Up

Thank you to Genentech for investing in our community and supporting our local businesses through Genentech Goes to Town! We hope everyone enjoyed welcoming Genentech employees and introducing them to what South City has to offer.

Participating businesses, please bring your GenenMoney to the Chamber by October 23rd so we can issue your reimbursement check.

Our office is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thank you to all the businesses that participated! 213 Linden Ave, SSF (650)588-1911



California Federation of Women's Clubs

Member, General Federation of Women's Clubs, International



FOUNDERS' 20 DAY²⁶

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026
12:00 – 2:00 PM at
DoubleTree Hotel – Garden Room
275 South Airport Blvd, SSF CA 94080
\$35 per person



Please join the SSF Women's Club to celebrate the successes and cherished traditions of our beloved Club. We will honor our presidents, recognize our valued members, and share in the pride of what we have accomplished together. All are welcome!

Member's name and guest(s) _____

Cell Phone/email _____ Amt Enclosed _____

Please send payment by Oct 10th: \$35.00 Zelle at ssfwomensclub@gmail.com, or to Venmo @ssfwomensclub, or check payable to "SSF Women's Club" and mail to Janine Greenwald 425 Beech Ave, SSF 94080.

Please reserve your seat today

Menu:

Chicken Piccata

Rice pilaf

Roasted vegetables

Caesar salad

Bread and butter

Doubletree Cookies

Vegetarian and gluten-free options

Contact Angi Rodriguez 650-703-2251 or Sandra Estrin 650-873-8030

LEAD Local 2026-2027 Build Your Leadership Toolkit This Fall!

LEAD Local

 LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL
SAN MATEO COUNTY

**Leading
Through Change**

 **In-Person Session**
Thursday, 10/22/26
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

 **Virtual Follow-Up Session**
Thursday, 11/5/26 via Zoom



RAHUL KHATOD
Executive Coach & Leadership Facilitator

There's Still Time to Join Us on October 22!

Change is constant, but how we respond to it makes all the difference.

Join us for our next LEAD Local professional development workshop, Leading Through Change, led by Executive Coach & Leadership Facilitator Rahul Khatod.

In this interactive session, you'll learn to recognize your patterns under stress, shift from reactive to creative thinking, and intentionally direct your energy toward what matters most. You'll leave with practical strategies to help you stay grounded, make clearer choices, and lead confidently, no matter what comes next.

[Leadership Council San Mateo County Lead Local - Register here](#)



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**

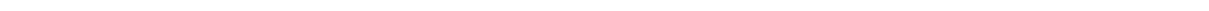
Bring your unwrapped new toy or monetary donation to the
SSF Chamber Mixer

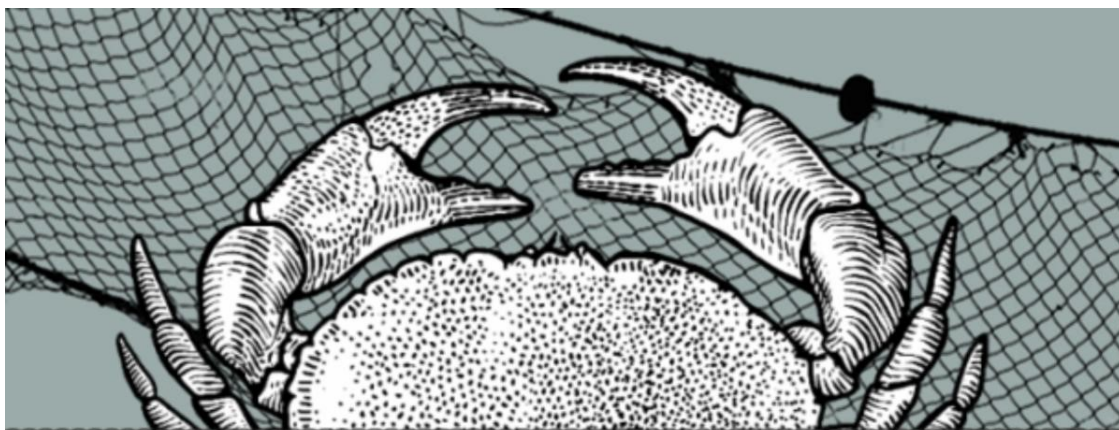
held at the **South San Francisco Women's Club**
470 Grand Avenue, SSF

Thursday, December 3rd, 5:00-7:00 pm

(no stuffed animals please)

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





Kiwanis Club of SSF Crab Feed Fundraiser

Friday, January 22, 2027, 6pm - 10pm
SSF Elks Club, 920 Stonegate Dr., SSF, Ca. 94080

Tickets Through RSVP in Advance Only

\$90 - per person

\$720 - per table of 8

*Group seating available upon request. For
more information call, 650-808-0663*

Menu

Marinated crab *

Caesar salad

Pesto pasta

Garlic bread

Dessert

*Beef option available
upon advanced request!



RSVP DEADLINE: Jan. 10, 2027

RSVP by scanning the QR Code



Checks should be made payable to:
Kiwanis Club of South San Francisco
P.O. Box 292
South San Francisco, Ca. 94083-0292

Any questions call 650-808-0663.

6:00pm - cocktail reception and silent auction

6:40pm - welcome

7:00pm - crab feast

8:00pm - raffle drawing

8:30 pm - silent auction closes

Fundraiser to Benefit Local Youth and Family Charities

Interested in sponsorship opportunities
or have questions? Email: info@ssfkiwanis.org



Kiwanis
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Board Members

Linda Parenti
Patrick Cheng
Paul Formosa
Sara Watson
Yolanda Gonzalez,
Jeanne Ramirez
Vera Ginotti
Pan Bauer

Beau Tea SSF

Mimi Nguyen
375 Grand Ave
South San Francisco, CA 94080
beauteassf@gmail.com
<https://order.snackpass.co/beautea>

California Catering

Chris DeGrande
920 Stonegate Dr.
South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 589-0729
cacateringcompany@gmail.com

Perfect Timing Personnel Services

Grayson Phillips
819 A St #25
San Rafael, CA 94901
grayson@perfecttiming.com
<https://www.perfecttiming.com/>

A52 Signs & Graphics, LLC (August 2023)
1111 Shafter Ave, San Francisco, CA 94124
(415) 235-8671
www.a52signs.com

Al-Tone Overhead Door, Inc. (January 2000)
540 Del Monte Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 755-3454
www.altonegaragedoor.com

Alida Manor Apartments (April 2018)
416 Alida Way, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 797-6111
www.alidamanor.com

Amara (August 2025)
1015 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, CA
(650) 486-1703
www.amararestaurants.com

Amoura Restaurant (October 2009)
713 Linden Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 754-6891
www.amourasf.com

Anchor Drugs – Health and Holistic Center (October 2009)
161 S. Spruce Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 360-5300
www.anchorpharmacy.com

Cheung Hing BBQ Restaurant (October 2013)
333 Grand Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080

WELCOME!

**MEET OUR
NEW MEMBERS**

**THANK YOU
FOR
RENEWING
MEMBERS!**

(650) 872-1638
www.cheunghingca.com

Cuneo Bakery, Inc. (August 2024)
210 Baden Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 871-9090

Downtown Liquor (July 2023)
301 Grand Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 410-5063

Giorgi Brothers Furniture (October 1949)
211 Baden Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 588-4621
www.giorgibros.com

GNS South Tower, LP (February 2016)
1 Tower Place, Suite 225, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 600-3878
www.transwestern.com

J&J Market (July 2023)
115 Grand Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 392-0439

Lum Optometry (July 1998)
2278 Westborough Blvd, Suite 204, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 589-7198
www.lumoptometry.com

Luminous Day Spa, Inc. (December 2007)
204 Grand Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 871-0759
www.luminousspa.com

Nicolas Family (October 2017)
South San Francisco, CA

ProColor Collision (July 1998)
476A Victory Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 875-7773
www.procolor.com/en-us/shop/south-san-francisco/

SamTrans (September 2023)
166 N. Rollins Rd, Millbrae, CA 94030
(650) 551-6172
www.samtrans.com

San Mateo County Transportation Authority (September 2023)
166 N. Rollins Rd, Millbrae, CA 94030
(650) 551-6172
www.smcta.com

Skyline College (July 2000)
3300 College Dr, San Bruno, CA 94066
(650) 738-4100
www.skylinecollege.edu

Unitek College
257 Longford Dr, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(415) 347-8420
www.unitekcollege.edu

**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.

Non-Members are welcome with
prepaid Fee.

Not a Chamber member yet?
Contact the Chamber at
info@ssfchamber.com
or visit www.ssfchamber.com

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Calendar of Events

**10/6 Candidates Forum - San Mateo County
Supervisor District 5
Mark Nagales | Juslyn Manalo**

11/3 Election Day

11/5 Taste of SSF (Embassy Suites-SSF)

12/3 SSF Women's Club Mixer & Toy Drive

12/5 Santa Comes to Town

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'S CIRCLE

MEMBERS

Thank you for investing in our business community

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Arlene Dozier
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Laura Snideman

Ex-Officio City Economic Mgr
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North West Water Proofing Inc.

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