

May 2021



Our monthly news & updates

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President Jim McGuire

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and its Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to remember one of our City's finest. We lost Mr. Gene Mullin last month on April 5th – a sad day for our community. Mr. Mullin served as our Mayor in 1998 and in 2002 before he began his service as a State Assembly Member. Mr. Mullin taught government and coached basketball for 32 years at South San Francisco High School. Gene was a true supporter of our Chamber and regularly attended our Annual Business Awards Dinner and many other Chamber functions. Personally, I remember serving on the South San Francisco Conference Center's Authority Board with Gene back in 2001 and I was always in awe of his great intelligence, leadership skills and overall brilliant personality. Gene commanded the room in a very eloquent manner like no one else could. Gene did so much for our City and received many accolades for his dedication, including the South San Francisco City Council Outstanding Citizen award and the San Mateo County Bar Association Liberty Bell and San



Mateo County Teach of the Year awards, just to name a few. Gene's son, Assembly Speaker pro Tem Kevin Mullin has been a great friend and supporter of our Chamber in addition to being the emcee for our Annual Business Awards Dinner for the past several years, and the Chamber family would like to extend our deepest condolences to Kevin, Jessica and the entire Mullin family. Gene, thank you for everything that you did for our City and our Chamber. You will be forever present in our hearts.

Welcome to the month of May where we celebrate the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862 – better known as **Cinco de Mayo!** We also celebrate our Mom's on May 9th for **Mother's Day** and we recognize and remember our **Armed Forces Day** on May 16th. The official kick off for the summer season is **Memorial Day**, but more importantly it is a poignant reminder of the tenacity of life. It is tradition to raise the flag on this day. May is also recognized as **Mental Health Awareness Month** – a very important time to raise awareness of those living with mental or behavioral health issues and help reduce the stigma so many experience.

Thank you to everyone that attended our **2nd Hotelier's Roundtable Zoom** last month. We had about a dozen hoteliers tune in to hear updates from **Eunejune Kim** – City of SSF Public Works Director and City Representative for Caltrans, **Kevin Kone** – CFO with San Francisco International Airport, **John Hutar** – President and CEO of the SMCCVB and our very own **Dean Grubl** – Executive Director for the South San Francisco Conference Center.

We also had our very first **Member Networking Event and Happy Hour** where we learned who the recipient was for the "**2020 Mayor's Award**" from a special presentation by **Former Mayor Richard Garbarino**. Congratulations to Board Director **Jim Metz** for receiving this incredibly special honor! So well deserved! Mr. Metz, who is also known as "Mr. Taste of South San Francisco" was recognized for his years of service and dedication to the City and our Chamber and his many years leading the way for our "Taste of South San Francisco" annual event, which we are striving to hold again in person next year! Congratulations again, Jim Metz!

A warm Chamber WELCOME to our newest members Leadership Council San Mateo County (Burlingame) and Moonstar Kitchen (SSF).

Please join us for our upcoming event "**What Business Owners MUST Know About Mental Health Outcomes from COVID**" on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 10:00am. RSVP on website calendar, <https://www.ssfchamber.com/calendar/>

Be well, stay safe and let's hope we move into the Yellow Tier very soon!



***Gene at our Chamber's
Annual
Awards Dinner, March 2020***



***Mr. "Taste of SSF Jim
Metz"***

Director Bill Benavides

When we hear the word "old" most people think of something negative like old shoes, old hat or old car. When I think of old, I think of the term, "Old Town". I say Old Town with much pride. Old Town has always been home and the center of the Community. When I was growing up Downtown Old Town had everything a person could need. There were department stores, toy stores, a theater, many restaurants and all of the utilities; PG&E, Cal Water, and Scavenger, all within walking distance. I had the good fortune to grow up in the center of this little universe. One in which my parents taught me how to visit and use my money wisely at these many establishments.



My parents invested well and purchased numerous rental properties. As a boy my father would take me to the rentals to help him with repairs. I soon realized that I enjoyed the many facets of home repairs. And my favorite part of doing repairs was going to South City Lumber for all of the needed supplies. The knowledge that I acquired from initial basic repairs led me to expand my knowledge and I soon had the grasp of basic electrical, plumbing, masonry, and construction. This basic foundation led to the creation of my company BLT Construction.

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in the growth and networking of my company. When I joined many years ago, I was warmly welcomed by Maria Martinucci, and when Liza took over as CEO not only did that warmth continue, but the camaraderie grew. Recently Old Town has received a facelift and it has changed the look of the city but it has not changed the warmth and atmosphere that I know so well.

The Chamber has been instrumental in keeping the lines of communication open during this very turbulent year. And they have truly helped many of the business that we all frequent.

It is with great pride that I say let's support our Chamber and let's work towards making this year the best one possible.



Member News, Community Events & Announcements

South San Francisco
Chamber of Commerce,
Councilwoman Nicolas &
Sitike Counseling Center
Present: Real Talk...
A Speaker Series in
Honor of Mental Health
Awareness Month

Thursday May 20th
at 3:00pm
Mental Health
Equity

Thursday May 6th
at 3:00pm
Crush the Stigma

Thursday May 27th
at 3:00pm
Cultivate Resilience



Thursday May 13th
at 3:00pm
COVID-19 &
Mental Health

Cost: FREE
limited capacity up to 100

RSVP required:
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CINCO de MAYO SPECIALS

STEAK QUESADILLA | 18

NACHOS | 14

MICHILADA | 12

Tajin, Salt Rim, Worcestershire Sauce, Tabasco, Tomato Juice, Soy Sauce, Lime Juice, Modelo Beer, Lime.

FIGTACULAR | 14

Patron Silver, Cointreau, Orange Juice, Simple Syrup, Fig Preserve, Lemon Peel

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Manage COVID-19 Stress with Headspace

COVID-19 is impacting people across our country, and here in California. This can add significant stress to your life. San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is here with you to help manage stress, concern or anxiety by introducing Help@Hand™ and the digital solution, Headspace.

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Sudden and dramatic changes can cause a wide range of emotions

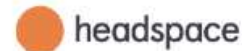
- Loneliness from staying home
- Worry about family and friends
- Concern for your own health
- Questions about what comes next
- Stress from supporting your children, older adults, or other folks with special needs
- Anxiety from job loss, paying bills or food insecurity



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STRESS & ANXIETY

- Anxiety
- Stress
- Panic
- Anger
- Change



PERSONAL GROWTH

- Patience
- Acceptance
- Grief
- Kindness
- Appreciation



MOVEMENT & SPORT

- Mindful walking
- Running
- Motivation
- Concentration
- Training



PRODUCTIVITY & WORK

- Focus
- Prioritization
- Balance
- Productivity
- Creativity



PHYSICAL HEALTH

- Mindful eating
- Cravings
- Pain management
- Cancer
- Pregnancy



SLEEP

- Sleepcasts
- Sleep music
- Wind downs
- Sleep course
- Nighttime
- SOS



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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
& RECOVERY SERVICES

Headspace is being offered to San Mateo County residents through the Help@Hand project, which is funded by the Mental Health Services Act through Prop 63. More information on Help@Hand can be accessed at HelpatHandCA.org.

Organics Recycling Ordinance Coming to South San Francisco

With organic waste being half the waste Californians dump in landfills, it has negatively affected public health and contributes to greenhouse gas emissions. In response to these impacts, the state implemented recycling regulations to reduce organic waste disposal to 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025. These efforts will also help reduce food insecurity by requiring commercial edible food generators to arrange the maximum amount of their edible food, which would otherwise be disposed, alternatively recovered for human consumption.

By January 2022, jurisdictions are required to have ordinances in effect enforcing these state recycling regulations. State enforcement efforts will also begin. The City of South San Francisco is currently preparing a Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Ordinance, which will affect businesses, schools, residents, and public entities, based on their waste generation volume and property types (multi-family). Some of the state recycling regulations this ordinance will enforce include:

- **Assembly Bill 1826 – Mandatory Organics Recycling (effective 2016)**
 - Commercial – requires businesses, schools and public entities that generate two (2) cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week (garbage + recycling) to arrange for collection of organic waste by **September 2020**.
 - Residential/Multifamily – all multi-family residential complexes with five (5) or more living units to implement an organics recycling program for yard trimmings by **January 2016**.
- **Assembly Bill 827 – Mandatory Commercial Recycling (effective 2020)**
 - Amends AB 341 (Mandatory Recycling) and AB 1826 requiring “front of house” recycling and organics collection bins in all restaurants and cafeterias where patrons clear their own tables.
- **Senate Bill 1383 (effective 2022)**
 - Tier One generators of edible food waste will need to arrange for donating to the local food bank or another organization by **January 1, 2022**. Tier One generators include supermarkets, grocery stores $\geq 7,500$ sq. ft., foodservice distributors, and wholesale food markets.
 - Tier Two generators will need comply by **January 1, 2024**. The County of San Mateo is developing a plan that will help direct edible food waste generators to donation sites. Tier Two generators include restaurants ≥ 250 seats or $\geq 5,000$ sq. ft., hotels with onsite food facility and ≥ 200 rooms, health facilities with onsite food facility and ≥ 100 beds, state agencies with cafeteria with ≥ 250 seats or $\geq 5,000$ sq. ft., local education agencies with onsite food facility, large venues, and large events.

The City of South San Francisco and its solid waste trash franchisee, South San Francisco Scavenger Company, Inc., are at the service of guiding our community towards compliance of all current and upcoming recycling requirements. For further information on solid waste and recycling, please visit the City of South San Francisco’s website at www.ssf.net/recycling and South San Francisco Scavenger’s website at <https://ssfscavenger.com/>



Genentech's 2025 Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) Commitments

At the heart of all of their initiatives is a strategic focus that rests on three pillars:

foster belonging, advancing inclusive research and health equity, and transforming society.

Their ongoing partnership with the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and many others ... continues to be essential to living out their commitments to create a more equitable world for their patients and our communities.

[Read more!](#)



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Always Best Care – Peninsula (January 2014)

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Brentwood Holding Company, L.P. (May 2016)

GNS South Tower, LP (February 2016)

IAFF Local 1507 *(March 1999)*

Maat Arts, LLC *(May 2017)*

Pass Janitorial Service *(March 2001)*

Rozzi Reproduction & Supply *(January 2002)*

SSF Adult Education *(April 2000)*

See's Candies, Inc. *(March 1982)*

Westborough Water District *(May 1988)*

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**How restaurants,
bars can apply for
emergency assistance
from SBA
revitalization funds**

[Article Credit:
Good Morning America](#)



City of South San Francisco Small Business Grant Program is NOW Open!

Another round of funding is now open to eligible small businesses in South San Francisco. The application is open until Wednesday, May 5th, and can be found by applying to (<https://ssf.slideroom.com/#/login/program/60420/jlI2WuQeD1>). \$100,000 remains in the program's fund, which will provide ten businesses with a \$10,000 grant each. A lottery will be held the week of May 17th. All applications will be given equal consideration and preliminary review. Which businesses are eligible:

- Have a physical location in South San Francisco;
- Have a valid SSF Business License
- Employ less than 25 employees, or generate less than \$5 million in annual gross receipts
- Either be located in the [CDBG Program Area](#), or employ at least 1 low-income employee
- Be economically impacted by COVID-19; and
- Have not already received funding from this program since 2020.



CA Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant

Round 6 of the [California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant](#) opened on **Wednesday, April 28th at 9:00 AM** and closes **Tuesday, May 4th at 5pm.**

Eligible applicants include prior waitlisted small businesses and non-profits in addition to new applicants. Waitlisted applicants do not need to reapply however, new applicants must apply. Applications must include an application certification, business financial information, and a government-issued photo ID. Grant recipients will not be chosen on a 1st come 1st serve but will give priority to businesses in disadvantaged communities and underserved business groups.

[Apply Here](#)

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[Video Guides](#)



Economic Injury Disaster Loan Update

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has increased the [Economic Injury Disaster Loan](#) (EIDL) maximum, modified the Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan and launched a new round of assistance, the Supplemental Targeted Advances.

Prior [EIDL](#) recipients may now request additional funds up to \$500,000. This loan is a 30 year, fixed 3.9% interest rate loan, with no repayments for 24 months. To request more funds, [login](#) to your account and click "request more funds".

The [Targeted EIDL Advance](#) provides forgivable funds of up to \$10,000 to businesses in low-income communities and suffers from a 30% reduction in revenue. The SBA will reach out to previous EIDL applicants who only received partial Advances or no Advances. Additionally, the Targeted EIDL Advance application process has been modified to determine if businesses are eligible for the [Supplemental Targeted Advance](#). The Supplemental Targeted Advance will provide \$5,000 to

businesses in low-income communities, with fewer than 10 employees and who suffered more than a 50% economic loss. This \$5,000 in financial assistance does not need to be repaid. Again, the SBA will reach out if you qualify from an email address ending with @sba.gov.

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Email Questions to TargetedAdvance@sba.gov.



**Restaurant Revitalization Fund
Now OPEN!!**

The **[Restaurant Revitalization Fund](#)** aims to provide financial assistance to restaurants, bars, and other food /drink businesses the faced pandemic-related revenue loss. Recipients will receive funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss based on this calculation, 2019 gross receipts minus 2020 gross receipts minus PPP loan amounts. Recipients may receive up to \$10 million per business and up to \$5 million per physical location.

Eligible entities can apply through a recognized SBA Restaurant

Partner, [directly](#) through the SBA, or (844) 279-8898. View this [sample version](#) of the application if you would like to begin preparing your application.

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Call Center hotline (844-279-8898)

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SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

Mental Health Awareness Month (for May) – Hosted by SSF Chamber of Commerce

(zoom information pending)

SSF Chamber of Commerce, Councilwoman Nicolas, and Sitike Counseling Center Present:

**Real Talk...A Speaker Series in
Honor of Mental Health
Awareness Month**

Cost: Free, limited capacity 100

Presentations are FREE!

However, if you would like to
make a donation

to Sitike, you may click on the
website link to PayPal

- 5/6 at 3pm – Crush the Stigma
- 5/13 at 3pm – COVID-19 &
Mental Health
- 5/20 at 3pm – Mental Health
Equity
- 5/27 at 3pm – Cultivate
Resilience

[RSVP](#)

**What Business Owners MUST
Know About Mental Health
Outcomes from COVID**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

10:00am

[RSVP](#) on website calendar,

You can RSVP and pay for events by going to the calendar section and clicking on the event you want to attend. Registration is for SSF Chamber members.

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