

**November 2020**



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### **President Jim McGuire**

It is great to start off my article with some ***good news!*** San Mateo County has advanced to the Orange/Moderate/Tier 3 level as of last week! Based on a recent press release from the County of San Mateo Joint Information Center Emergency Operations Center:

With the risk from coronavirus now officially declared “moderate,” the county moves into the less-restrictive orange Tier 3 in the state’s [four-tier, color-coded plan](#) for reducing COVID-19 with criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on activities.



The move allows indoor family entertainment centers, outdoor bars and breweries not serving food, indoor climbing walls and certain other businesses and activities to open with capacity restrictions. Dine-in restaurants, movie theaters, places of worship and additional businesses can boost their indoor

capacities as well. Businesses, museums, child care facilities and other operations that reopen must follow state health guidelines specific to that industry and adhere to local health orders mandating face coverings and other health and safety practices.

With the move to orange Tier 3, here are just *a few examples* of what is **NOW** allowed:

**Shopping malls:** Can open indoors with modifications (closed common areas and reduced capacity food courts)

**Places of worship:** Can open indoors with modifications (open at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer)

**Dine-in restaurants:** Can open indoors with modifications (capacity must be limited to 50% or 200 people, whichever is fewer)

**Bars/Breweries -where no meal provided:** Can open outdoors only with modifications

**Movie theaters:** Can open indoors with modifications (capacity must be limited to 50% or 200 people, whichever is less)

**Gyms & fitness centers, including indoor pools:** Can open indoors with modifications (capacity must be limited to 25%, indoor pools can open, indoor hot tubs, saunas and steam rooms must close)

**Family entertainment centers** (Can open indoors for naturally distanced activities, with modifications; capacity must be limited to 25%)

Good news for sure! We are all hopeful that we are on the right track and we STAY on the right track. Don't forget that San Mateo County is among the first to have a COVID "Compliance Team". The County is serious about COVID-policy violators. How serious? How about up to a \$3,000 fine and possible criminal prosecution to those business who do not follow proper protocols. **San Mateo County Supervisor David Canepa** has been very vocal about this. Visit the county's home page: [www.smcgov.org](http://www.smcgov.org) for more information. It's pretty simple – wear your mask, practice social distancing, wash your hands – do your part to help prevent the spread of this virus.....please.

Let's see, what else is happening this month.....oh yes.....**VOTE!** Make your vote count and have your voice be heard! This may be one of the most important Presidential Elections in our history, so please be sure to **vote!**

As we enter this last month of the fall season and start to prepare for the fast approaching holiday season, let's hope that next year at this time we will be back to a life that we all have missed. I personally am looking forward to another Taste of South San Francisco and a See's Candies "Sip & Shop" at this time next year. Wouldn't that be great? Let's do our best to help make that a reality together.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. Have a great month, be well and stay safe!

**Message from Christina Ng**, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors:



My husband and I founded Grand Palace Restaurant back in 1998, we started in a small space in the basement of 415 Grand Avenue, and then 5 years later to our current location at 359 Grand Avenue, fast forward, and it has been more than **22 years doing business in South San Francisco!**

During these years, I was dedicated full time running my business, long hours, seven days a week, South San Francisco downtown is my second home.

In these years, I have witnessed the changes happening in our downtown, from a few sleepy blocks to a busy Avenue, a good variety of restaurants, great food, with all these developments going on, new condos, new train station, new storefronts, I can vividly imagine what our future downtown will look like. **I love this downtown!**

With all the ups and downs, this year has been the most challenging year, with almost 8 months into the pandemic, shut down, and reopen, trying out the outdoor dining, we are still trying find the light to the end of the tunnel, and trying to navigate in the darkness, I see employees get laid off, business owners not able to pay their rent, and trying to hang on to their livelihoods, I cannot imagine the amount of business tax revenue the city is losing. *I understand that there will be ups and downs in life, or in business for that matter, I am hopeful, I am determined, and trust, dawn will come!*

I urge residents of South San Francisco and people work in our City to support our downtown businesses, so we can survive this difficult time, **together**, we can enjoy this beautiful downtown again.

### **Member News & Announcements**

COVID-19 Compliance in San Mateo County

# WHAT DOES THE 'ORANGE TIER' MEAN FOR BUSINESS?



Thursday, November 5 | 2:00PM - 3:00PM | VIA ZOOM

San Mateo County's COVID-19 risk was recently declared *moderate* and moved into the 'Orange Tier' by the State.

Please join us to to learn more about what the 'Orange Tier' means for business in San Mateo County.

**REGISTER HERE\***

\*Zoom information will be sent to registered attendees  
- This webinar will be recorded -

FEATURED SPEAKER:

Erin Thomas - COVID-19 Compliance Training and Standards Coordinator  
*Environmental Health Services, San Mateo County Health*

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For questions, please email Larisa Ocañada at [locanada@samceda.org](mailto:locanada@samceda.org)

### Linen Face Mask Sale



### SnB Party Rentals - Switching From Making Linen Napkins To Making Face Masks

SnB started tossing around ideas for a breathable, washable, hygienic, medical style face mask to meet the urgent needs of the people. "This won't completely offset the business losses," SnB says, "but it's a way to produce something that fills a gap and is desperately needed." Keeping workers busy in a time of crisis.

[Buy Now, Support Local!](#)



### TRASH TALK

¶ **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, Assembly Bill 1826** requires that all businesses generating 2 cubic yards or more of waste (garbage + recycling) per week implement an organics recycling program. If your business is not already separating food waste and food-soiled paper from your garbage, please contact South San Francisco Scavenger Co. & Blue Line Transfer Inc. at 650-589-4020

[Click here to learn more!](#)

## THE CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO ADOPTS DELIVERY FEE CAP TO SUPPORT RESTAURANTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*Third-party delivery providers like Door Dash, Grubhub, and Uber Eats cannot charge restaurants more than 15% commission for delivery and 10% commission for pick-up orders.*

On August 26, 2020, the City Council approved temporary emergency legislation to limit the commission that third-party food delivery companies can charge restaurants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Why adopt a Commission Cap?**

- In July 2020, amid a statewide spike in COVID-19 cases statewide, Governor Newsom ordered the shutdown of indoor dining to reduce further spread and protect public health.
- The 200+ eating and drinking establishments in South San Francisco are struggling to stay open, often offering delivery and pick-up through third-party delivery services.
- Prior to adoption of the emergency legislation, delivery services were charging commissions up to 35% of the customer's order.

### **Emergency Legislation Provisions:**

- The emergency legislation imposes a commission cap of 15% of the order subtotal for deliveries and 10% of the order subtotal for pick-ups. These caps apply to the provision of:
  1. Listing menus and processing orders;
  2. delivery (if applicable); and
  3. marketing.
- The commission cap will expire six months after the end of the local health emergency, unless extended by the City Council.
- The legislation also prohibits the third-party delivery services from reducing the pay, including tips, paid to any of their delivery drivers because of the commission caps.
- For the full text of the legislation, please visit [www.ssf.net/bizresources](http://www.ssf.net/bizresources).

If you have any questions about the emergency legislation, please contact the City of South San Francisco Economic and Community Development Department at [bizresources@ssf.net](mailto:bizresources@ssf.net) or 650-829-6620.



**BASQUE CULTURAL CENTER**  
 699 RAILROAD AVE. SSF  
 Sunday, November 15, 2020  
 Two Seatings in the Kautza  
 1:00PM & 5:00PM  
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**  
 ymndeguia@gmail.com

**Five Course Sagardotegi Menu**  
 including Cider, Txakolina & Red Wine

- Vegetable Soup
- Bacalao Cake
- Grilled Skirt Steak  
with Salad & French Fries
- Cheese  
with Quince & Walnuts
- Rice Pudding
- Coffee  
with Brandy and/or Amaretto

\$35.00 per person  
 \$15.00 for 12 & under



**November 26, 2020**  
**12:00PM to 7:00PM**  
**Dine In or Take Out**  
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - 650-583-8091**

**Three Course Holiday Menu**

- Bitterroot Squash Soup
- Salad with Roasted Pear & Candied Pecans

Oven Roasted Turkey Breast  
 with Brussels Sprouts, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,  
 House Made Stuffing with Apples, Mushrooms & Sage, and  
 Fresh Cranberry Sauce

\$29.95

**Appetizers**

- Paté de Campagne \$ 9.95
- Escargot Bourguignon \$12.95
- Jambon de Bayonne \$14.95

**Entrees**  
 Include Soup and Salad

- Peppercorn Steak (10 oz, 28-Day Aged) with Cognac Sauce,  
Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes & Vegetables \$34.95
- Pan Seared Sea Bass with  
Mashed Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts & Bacon \$32.95
- Roasted Eggplant Napoleon (vegetarian) \$24.95

**The Basque Cultural Center** has traditionally closed on Thanksgiving day, this year they decided to open for Thanksgiving lunch and dinner with *dine in and take out options*.

**\*\*Reservations are required\*\***





**Raise a Fork**



**for a Great Cause**

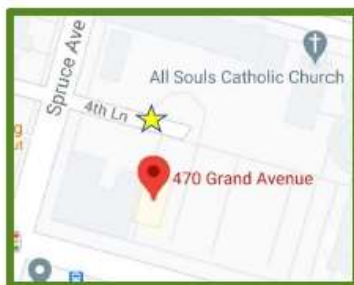
**Saturday, November 21, 2020**

Drive-thru to pick up between 4:00-6:00 p.m.

470 Grand Avenue, SSF (rear entrance)

*Plate includes Penne Pasta with Chicken,  
vegetables, roll with butter and cookie*

All orders and payments must be received by Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>



★ Pick up your plate at the rear entrance of the Womens Club. Enter on 4<sup>th</sup> Lane off of Spruce Avenue towards All Souls parking lot and we will be on the right.

Please make check  
or money order payable to:

**South San Francisco  
Women's Club**

mail payment care of:

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PO Box 1221, SSF, CA 94083

call 650-873-8030 for more info

~All proceeds support the SSF Women's Club~

**South San Francisco**  
Temporary Outdoor Dining Winterizing Program

**Temporary Structures: Tents & Canopies**

- Tents are allowed up to 400 SF (with extension of one side wall)
- Canopies (no side walls) are allowed up to 300 SF.
- Any tents or canopies exceeding this size require a permit from the Fire Department (C220) - contact us for more information and to obtain a permit if needed.
- All temporary structures and their anchors must meet NFPA 701, CAN 44 standards to ensure they are fire resistant. 2018C Fire Code/Chapter(s) must be in place and maintained on or adjacent to the tent/canopy.
- Clear and unobstructed entrance and egress pathways must be maintained at all times at a minimum of 36" width.
- Tents/Canopies must not obstruct visibility of any crosswalk, stop sign, crosswalk, or any walkway, etc.
- All temporary structures shall be properly anchored and secured to prevent movement or collapse from wind or other unforeseen conditions/waves.
- Structures that are placed and/or have on private property do not cover a tripping hazard and a height clearance is maintained for pedestrian passage.
- NO SMOKING is allowed at any time and no open flame devices, grills or cooking equipment are allowed in 25' radius tents/canopies.
- A minimum clear width of five (5) feet of sidewalk shall be maintained at all times for safe passage across the canopy footprint.
- Permitter shall be responsible for installing and maintaining ADA accessibility to and from the outdoor dining area.

**Heaters: Electric Heaters**

- Only electric powered heating devices are allowed inside (in or on a tent/canopy).
- Electric heaters shall maintain 20° of clearance throughout from all combustible material.
- Electric heaters and all other electronic appliances shall be listed and approved by UL, ETL or other approved testing agencies.
- Clearance walls required for electric heaters must be protected from both environmental and physical damage and must be clearly labeled to avoid or prevent a tripping hazard.

Contact the Planning & Building Division at [planning@ltsf.net](mailto:planning@ltsf.net) or (650) 877-8056. For information about hearing requirements contact the Fire Marshal at (650) 802-8045 or [cmf@ltsfnet.org](mailto:cmf@ltsfnet.org).

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**Heaters: Open Flame Heaters**

- Direct Flame Heaters (e.g. propane, alcohol, biomass fueled) are NOT permitted under any temporary structures (tents/canopies).
- Open Flame Heaters are permitted (ONLY) outside of temporary structures provided there is a clearance of 3' feet on all sides from combustible materials.
- Heater controls and fuel sources must be locked or secured to prevent unauthorized use by anyone other than the operator.
- Any unforeseen condition that would present a fire hazard, or would contribute to such spread of fire, or would delay or interfere with a rapid exit from the temporary structure, which are not covered within these guidelines, shall be immediately disabled or corrected and subject to review for the fire department.
- Only listed and approved portable outdoor gas-fired heating appliances utilizing a fuel gas container that is integral to the appliance shall be used.

**Lighting**

- Outdoor lighting must be provided using low voltage bulbs only.
- Solar lighting is encouraged.
- Outdoor solar collectors must be protected from both environmental and physical damage at all times and must be clearly marked to avoid or prevent a tripping hazard.
- Hard wired lighting, especially on public property, is subject to electrical permitting and building code requirements.
- Lighting and other electric appliances shall be listed for outdoor use by UL, ETL or another approved testing agencies.
- Lighting fixtures may be temporarily affixed to the exterior portion of the building occupied by the restaurant being the outdoor dining area, provided that any such lighting meets applicable California Electrical Code standards.
- Generators are not allowed to be used as a power source for any equipment in the outdoor expansion area.
- All equipment requiring an electrical power source is permitted, however there shall be no wires or cords to be placed on the sidewalk or required 3-foot path of travel.

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## Legislative Watch List

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Calculating **Federal COVID-19 Paid Leave** for Illness,  
Distance Learning



Expansion of **Family Rights Act** to Small Employers  
Signed into Law



Start Planning Now: An Overview of **SB 1383's Organic Waste Reduction Requirements**

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**Peninsula Clean Energy** *(November 2017)*

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