



Our monthly news & updates

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President Jim McGuire

September – the beginning of autumn and the start of another school year. A very different school year, indeed. As I mentioned in my letter last month, we all wish the very best of luck to all of our students, whether you are physically in a classroom, or that classroom is in the comfort of your own home. You got this! Happy Birthday to those born under the sign of Virgo and Libra and don't forget about your Grandparents on Sunday, 9/13 which is "National Grandparents Day". Labor Day, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are also celebrated in September.



September used to be the "ramp up" time for our **Annual Taste of South San Francisco**. **Board Director Jim Metz** would normally be busy now contacting all of our great restaurants, coordinating details and our Chamber staff would be busy preparing media releases and starting to work on table arrangements for what would have been our 34th annual event. If it sounds like I may be writing in past tense, it is intentional, unfortunately. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and so many of our restaurants that are suffering, the Board of Directors have made the difficult decision to postpone this event until next year. But not all is lost! You will soon be hearing from **CEO Liza Normandy** in an upcoming newsletter regarding a creative alternative so that you can still take advantage of our incredible restaurants in our city. So please look out for that, and we will be back next year – in person – and stronger than ever for our **Annual Taste of South San Francisco!**

Don't forget that although we are not allowed to meet in person for our great networking mixers, educational sessions like "Breakfast / Lunch & Learn", New Member Breakfasts or other great events that we would hold, you can still take advantage of your Chamber investment. The opportunity to network among local business owners, operators and industry movers is one of the most appealing aspects of your Chamber. Take advantage of our Chamber Directory, located on our website. Use the "search by Category" feature for quick results. Your Chamber of Commerce represents a very wide variety of businesses – not only here in South San Francisco, but in neighboring communities as well. We all need each other right now, so please remember to support our local businesses that are still able to be open during these challenging times!

Be sure to check our Facebook and Twitter feeds for updates on a regular basis. Please stay safe and healthy!

Message from Paul Formosa, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors:

Times are strange, even in the world of trash. What people throw out and where they throw it out has changed. South San Francisco Scavenger is collecting more from homes and less from businesses. We are seeing hundreds of disposable masks, gloves, and wipes. It is hard to believe that just 6 months ago, these items were not a significant part of our lives. The current situation may make trash seem unimportant but it's not. Trash

pickup is essential. It helps to keep our community safe and beautiful. Everyone needs to do their part by bagging garbage and keeping waste collection bins closed.

When time allows, please brush up on California's waste reduction and recycling requirements. Liza has made sure that the Chamber newsletter includes important announcements on this front. The latest was regarding Assembly Bill 827 which requires some businesses to provide organic waste collection bins to customers. Next up are AB 1826 and SB 1383 which will soon require all businesses to participate in an organics recycling program.

I thank all of you for your continued efforts to keep our community vibrant. Please stay safe!



Member News & Announcements

We cordially invite you to a virtual

BRUNCH & BENEFITS

*Learn about LegalShield's
small business and employee
benefit coverage*

11 am | Sept 3, 2020

Register below and
brunch is on us



LegalShield

Owners & HR staff RSVP via email:
masoli@legalshieldassociate.com



Dear Friends,

I would like to invite you to make a difference in the lives of local kids. Join us in raising funds and awareness through **Costco Wholesale's annual Children's Miracle Network Hospital fundraising campaign**. All funds raised support UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals.

Please consider supporting this campaign by making a monetary contribution of minimum \$250.00. As a thank you for your support, your business name will be prominently featured on its own 47"H x 32" W sized Jumbo Balloon poster board resembling the Children's Miracle network logo on the Front End of the warehouse during the entire month of September. Costco's fundraising campaign begins September 1st and will continue until Sept 30, 2020.

In addition to advertising your business name to thousands of Costco Members, 100 percent of your tax-deductible gift will go to improving the lives of kids right here in the Bay Area. UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals provide the most advanced medical care to every child, regardless of their family's ability to pay. With your support we can ensure that all kids treated at the hospital continue to receive the best medical care, whether it's for a complicated heart defect or to mend a broken bone.

On behalf of all the children who benefit from your support, thank you in advance for your participation in this wonderful and highly-anticipated fundraising campaign.

With deep appreciation,

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Saturday, September 12th

4pm—6pm

With the cancelation of the August Euskal Etxeko Jaialdia and the financial crisis that the center is experiencing due to the closure of the restaurant, the BCC is having a fundraiser so that members can enjoy the food of the Jaialdia in a safe way. If you can't make the drive-through, donations are welcomed via mail or on www.SFBCC.us.



The fixed dinner menu will consist of Veal Stew, Rack of Lamb, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables, Cheese and Gâteau Basque.

The fundraiser price for each dinner is \$50 and must be pre-paid by Sept 4th - no exceptions. Please make your pre-paid reservation online at www.SFBCC.us or by mailing a check to (payable to Basque Cultural Center - mail by Aug 31st):

Basque Cultural Center
c/o Francois Camou
599 Railroad Avenue
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Come pick up your pre-paid order on Saturday, September 12th between the hours of 4:00pm and 6:00pm. For everyone's safety, your order will be brought to you while you wait in your car. Parking will not be available and the building will not be accessible - no exceptions. As you drive through the Zazpiak Bat Dancers will animate this event - and there will be drive through door prizes randomly awarded! For more information or questions please email info@SFBCC.us or call 415-484-3334. MILESKER!



We are donating our time to restaurants offering carry-out, and delivery

Restaurants are facing a crisis. *How you choose to respond right now can determine the future of your small business.*

Until a Covid-19 vaccine is discovered and distributed (estimated 2021), we believe local diners will continue to opt for carry-out, and delivery.

How will locals know about your new hours, new carry-out and delivery menu, and new safety guidelines?

My company, METARROOTS has had great success helping small business owners build their restaurant's brand on social media, and getting the message out.

My staff and I are here to help YOU! We are donating our time during San Mateo County's Shelter-in-Place Order to help small business owners build their restaurant's communications on social media.

Specifically, we can help you set up your social media pages, and create content for your restaurant to let locals know your restaurant is open.

We're in this together.

If you are a restaurant opening for carry-out, and delivery, and need help getting the message out on social media, contact Simon at Simon@metaroots.com, or message us on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/metaroots.

Legislative Watch List

We take care of politics, so you can take care of your business



What's Needed from Congress Now to Save Small Business

[Article Credit: US Chamber of Commerce](#)



COVID-19 Testing Locations and Dates + More

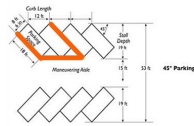
[Article Credit: County of San Mateo](#)



Safe Reopening for Workers, Employers' FAQs Answered

[Article Credit: CalChamber](#)

OUTDOOR DINING PILOT PROGRAM



In order to repurpose typical Grand Avenue angled parking spaces, approximately 7-10 barriers would be required to cover a linear dimension of 42-60 feet.

Barriers can be ordered through multiple vendors, and can be shipped as early as 7 days or typically 2 weeks.

Barricade Options



Orange fluorescent water-filled barricades

Typically, \$265 each (6 feet long)

Min Estimated:
(\$265 x 7 = \$1855)

SSF City Council APPROVED the implementation of an **Outdoor Dining Program** & will provide up to \$35,000.00 for labor and materials (between 10-12 businesses)

Interested SSF Businesses please contact the Planning Department at 650-877-8535 and/or fill out the enclosed [Encroachment Permit](#)

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.

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 or 650-829-6620.

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Your support is truly appreciated!

AAA Clifford (July 2019)
Alfa International Logistics, Inc. (May 2011)
Al-Tone Overhead Door, Inc. (January 2000)
ASF Electric Inc. (September 1984)
Costco Business Center (July 2017)
El Faro Mexican Food (June 2007)
Hanover Company (July 2019)
Kimberley A. Liao, DDS (September 2017)
Lum Optometry (July 1998)
Ocean Star International Inc. (September 2006)
Skyline College (July 2000)
Speed Wash (July 2001)
South San Francisco United Youth Soccer League (July 2016)
Staples (February 2019)
Wespac Corporation (January 2012)
Wine Vault (October 2001)
Zinum, LLC (August 2006)

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