

October 2024



Our monthly news & updates

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Genentech Goes to Town: A Boost for Local Businesses!



We're excited to announce the successful wrap-up of this year's Genentech Goes to Town program, which once again strengthened the bond between Genentech employees and local businesses. Through the use of "GenenMoney," employees shopped, dined, and supported participating Chamber member businesses, injecting much-needed revenue into South San Francisco's economy.

A big thank you to Genentech and all the local merchants for making this program a success. Together, we continue to support our vibrant community!

[Genentech: Genentech Goes to Town](#)

A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem,
CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



Dear Members,

October has arrived, and with it comes the excitement of the holiday season! We're also gearing up for our **Annual Business Excellence Awards** on **October 11th**, which is shaping up to be one of our best yet. This year's event will feature gourmet food from local businesses, interactive entertainment, and even therapy dogs! The evening will also include our Annual Member Meeting, where we'll reflect on the year's progress. We'd love for

you to join us in person, but if you can't attend, the meeting portion will be available via Zoom.

September was a busy and rewarding month for the Chamber. From our Hispanic Heritage Month mixer at **Security Public Storage** to celebrating the cultural richness of **Festa Italiana**, and the ribbon cutting at **The Hangar**, these events showcased the strength and connection within our community.

As the holidays approach, we'd love to help you promote your Thanksgiving and holiday specials. Whether it's a special Thanksgiving dinner, a Friendsgiving gathering, or any other holiday offerings—share your plans with us, and we'll make sure your business gets the visibility it deserves. We're here to support all of our members, from restaurants to retailers to service providers.

With November right around the corner, we also want to remind you of the importance of voting. Be sure to make your voice heard by supporting the candidate of your choice. To ensure you're registered and ready, visit smcacre.gov/elections. If you can't make it to the polls on November 3rd, don't forget to request an absentee ballot. Your vote matters—engage, vote, and be heard!

A special thank you to our Circle Chair members for your continued support. You truly are the "good neighbors" that elevate our entire business community.

We look forward to celebrating with you at the Business Excellence Awards and continuing to work together throughout the holiday season.

Warm regards,
Mary Prem

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Karyl Matsumoto Plaza & Caltrain Electrification



The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce proudly celebrated the ribbon-cutting of the new Karyl Matsumoto Plaza alongside the unveiling of Caltrain's electrified service plan at the South San Francisco train station. This monumental event marks a new era for transportation in our city, bringing faster and more frequent service to South San Francisco.

The newly electrified Caltrain service will offer significant improvements, including trains running every 30 minutes on weekends, mid-day, and evenings, and more frequent service during peak hours—every 15-20 minutes—during the week. This enhanced schedule will make commuting and travel across the Bay Area easier and more efficient, while also reducing the city's carbon footprint by transitioning to greener transportation.

We were honored to have an exceptional lineup of speakers, including:

- James Coleman, Mayor of South San Francisco
- Congressman Kevin Mullin
- Quentin Kopp, former SMC Superior Court Judge and State Senator
- Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director of Caltrain
- April Chan, GM/CEO of the San Mateo County Transit District
- Mark Addiego, South San Francisco Councilmember
- And the event's namesake, Karyl Matsumoto, former mayor and councilwoman.

Also unveiled at the event was the stunning Inspire Wind Sculpture Art created by Jonathan Russell and Saori Ide of Ride Art Studio. This striking artwork serves as a visual landmark at the station, blending the themes of movement and sustainability, much like the goals of the new electrified Caltrain service.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was a true celebration of progress, uniting local leaders, business owners, and community members in recognition of these exciting developments. Karyl Matsumoto Plaza, located adjacent to the train station, is a welcoming public space that embodies the spirit of South San Francisco's commitment to growth and innovation.

We encourage everyone to visit Karyl Matsumoto Plaza, experience the faster, more frequent Caltrain service, and enjoy the breathtaking Inspire Wind Sculpture. These additions are key milestones in our city's ongoing transformation.

Thank you to all who attended this historic event—we look forward to the continued growth and vitality of our community!

South City Hosts Inaugural Mixer with US Fiji Chamber



The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was honored to co-host the inaugural mixer with the US Fiji Chamber of Commerce, welcoming over 120 attendees from across the Bay Area to the Library Parks and Recreation Center. In attendance were notable guests, including South San Francisco Mayor James Coleman, Vice Mayor Eddie Flores, and San Carlos Councilwoman Pranita Venkatesh. This event not only fostered new business connections but also highlighted South City as an ideal location for international businesses due to its proximity to San Francisco International Airport and downtown San Francisco. We hope attendees were inspired to consider South City for future business, dining, and entertainment needs, especially when traveling to and from the airport. South City's accessibility and vibrant community make it an ideal destination for both business and leisure.



BVS and BioMed Realty's Biotech Community Event

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce had the pleasure of attending BVS and BioMed Realty's Biotech Community Event at The Forum on September 11th. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet and connect with local biotech companies and leaders in the industry. We had the privilege of engaging with Pamela Gardner, CEO of BVS, where we discussed the potential for future collaborative events to further strengthen the biotech community in South San Francisco. Thank you to BVS and BioMed Realty for hosting such an impactful event!

Celebrating the Grand Opening of The Hangar: A New Community Hub



The Hangar Market Hall

The Board | Layover | La Ventana | The Stack
460 Forbes Blvd, South San Francisco
[The Hangar \(thehangarsf.com\)](https://thehangarsf.com)

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was thrilled to attend the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of The Hangar, a world-class addition to our vibrant community. This state-of-the-art facility, located East of 101, stands as a new standard for innovation and development in South San Francisco.

The event brought together local leaders, business owners, and community members to celebrate this exciting milestone. The Hangar boasts cutting-edge design and top-tier facilities, making it a premier destination for business, collaboration, and events. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was filled with excitement and underscored the tremendous potential this space offers to foster growth and innovation. We encourage our locals to visit the East of 101 area to experience the energy and opportunities that The Hangar and other businesses bring to our city. Whether you're looking to collaborate, network, or simply explore, The Hangar is poised to become a key hub in our growing community.

The Hangar's hours of operation are 7 AM to 3 PM, making it an easily accessible spot for your business or event needs. Don't miss out on this incredible addition to South San Francisco—come visit and see what makes it a standout destination in our city!

Let's continue to support and celebrate the growth and innovation happening right here in our community!



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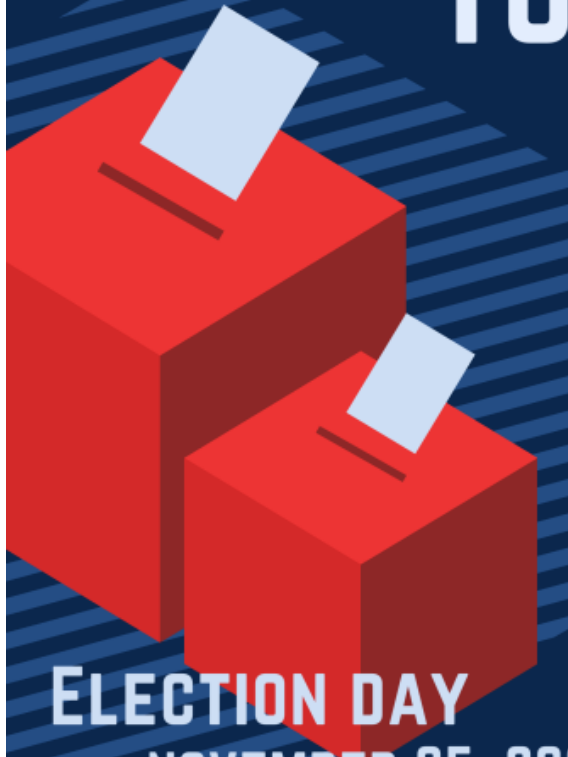
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email: registrar@smcacre.org

2024 Business Excellence Awards Event
Friday October 11, 2024

*Don't miss your chance to vote for your favorite business in the 2024 Business Excellence Awards! Your vote is vital in recognizing and celebrating the outstanding achievements within our community. **Voting closes on Friday, September 6, 2024**—so make sure to cast your vote and support the nominees who make our community great. Best of luck to all the nominees!*

Business of the Year - Recognizes an outstanding business that has demonstrated excellence in all aspects of operation, including innovation, customer service, and community involvement.

- Bay Education Fund
- Pribuss Engineering
- ServePro of SSF/San Bruno

Emerging Business Award - Honors a new or recently established business (1-3 years) that has shown strong potential through significant growth, innovation, and impact in the local market.

- Peninsula Battery
- Tiny B Chocolate
- Sticky Thumb Weed Delivery
- Summerhill Apartments

Small Business Excellence Award - Celebrates a small business that has demonstrated sustained success, a commitment to quality, and significant contributions to the local economy.

- ABM Industries
- ASF Electric Inc.
- Bronstein Music
- C&J Roofing
- CAT Communications

Large Business Leadership Award - Awarded to a large business that has demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and commitment to community service, significantly impacting the local and regional economy.

- AbbVie
- AMGEN
- Astra Zeneca
- Skyline College

Sustainability & Green Business Award - Honors a business that has made a substantial commitment to sustainable practices, environmental stewardship, and the reduction of its carbon footprint.

- Agilent
- Sares Regis
- Waymo

Community Impact Award - Recognizes a business or organization that has made a significant positive impact on the community through philanthropy, volunteerism, or support of local causes.

- Bonneville International
- City of SSF Economic Dev Dept - Ernesto Lucero
- SAMCEDA
- Waymo

Innovation in Business Award - Celebrates a business that has demonstrated exceptional innovation in product development, service delivery, or business practices, setting itself apart from the competition.

- Evolve Training Center
- Curry Pizza House
- Prestige Optics Inc.

Customer Service Excellence Award - Honors a business that consistently delivers exceptional customer service, creating positive customer experiences and fostering strong customer loyalty.

- AC Marriott Hotel
- Commute.org
- Financial Partners Credit Union
- Merrill Lynch

Diversity & Inclusion Award - Recognizes a business that has demonstrated a strong commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion within their workforce, business practices, and community engagement.

- California Life Sciences
- Job Train
- South San Francisco Rotary Club

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Entrepreneur of the Year - Recognizes an individual who has shown exceptional entrepreneurial spirit, innovation, and leadership in building and growing a successful business.

- Amador General Construction
- Basque Cultural Center - Francois Camou
- Flowers & Events by Dani
- Starbird Chicken

Exciting News! Winners Have Been Determined!

Thank you to the 280 members who cast their votes to determine the winners of our Business Excellence Awards. Your participation helped make this year's awards truly special. Want to find out who won? Join us at the Business Excellence Awards Event for the big reveal!

[Get your tickets to the Business Excellence Awards Event](#)

THIS MONTH...



ENGLISH CLASSES & EVENTS

OCT 2
(10 weeks) **Business Preparation**

OCT 17 **Building an Entrepreneurial Mindset**

OCT 3 **Employee Contracts: Draft with Confidence**

OCT 24 **Creating a Brand Style Guide**

OCT 7
(4 weeks) **SPARK: Women's Empowerment**
Balancing Life and Entrepreneurship

OCT 29 **Entrepreneurs Overcoming Inner Blocks to Success**

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ESTE MES



CLASES Y EVENTOS EN ESPAÑOL

OCT
8
(10 semanas)  **Plan de Negocios**

OCT
17  **Redes Sociales para su Negocio**

OCT
24  **Comida y Comunidad:**
Emprendedores superando bloqueos internos

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Trivia Challenge



ZAP THINK TANK -2023 CHAMPS

PROJECT READ
NORTH SAN MATEO COUNTY

**Friday
November 15th, 2024**

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



SSF Chamber of Commerce Attends Networking Mixer at Pulpo Tapas & Wine Bar

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was honored to attend a vibrant networking mixer hosted by the **National Hispanic Organization of Real Estate Associates (NHORA)** of San Mateo County at Pulpo Tapas & Wine Bar in Burlingame. Organized by **Luis Almendarez of Merrill Lynch**, a valued Chamber member, the event provided a fantastic opportunity for professionals across industries to connect and collaborate.

A highlight of the evening was meeting **William Robledo**, a successful entrepreneur in data security. As an immigrant who built his business from the ground up, William shared his inspiring journey and will be a featured speaker at an upcoming Chamber mixer in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with NHORA and fostering meaningful connections that strengthen our local business community.

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This diversity event is the most significant career fair presented today. Its outreach includes Veterans, Multicultural, Women, LGBTQIA+, Mature Workers and People with Disabilities. Each employer is actively committed to getting America back to work, diversity and equality in the workplace.

It is our wish that this day brings you closer to meeting your goals and objectives.

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IN PERSON CAREER FAIR
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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901 CIVIC CAMPUS WAY
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

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CANDIDATE WORKSHOPS
RESUME REVIEWS
EMPLOYER WORKSHOPS
DIVERSITY ROUNDTABLE
GUEST SPEAKERS
GIVE-AWAYS!

DIVERSITY UNITES US!

Helping employers to build workforces that reflect all communities served. We commend our local diversity partners and congratulate the over 10,000 hired candidates.



**City Career Fair
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Chamber Mixer

September Mixer Recap: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

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Tel: 650-353-4323

[Self Storage Units Daly City, CA - 1101 Carter St \(securitypublicstorage.com\)](https://www.securitypublicstorage.com)

In September, **Security Public Storage** in Daly City hosted a memorable mixer in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, featuring an evening filled with delicious food, lively DJ music, and inspiring stories. We were fortunate to hear from **William Robledo**, a Hispanic entrepreneur and cofounder of **Unify Datacenter Services**, who shared his journey of starting a tech business as an immigrant. William's story was one of perseverance and vision, offering insight into the challenges and opportunities of launching a tech company in a new country. His speech resonated with many, reminding us of the importance of determination and community support.

The evening also featured inspiring talks from **Carlos Romero** of the **Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center**, who discussed fostering small business growth, and **Felicia Leong** of the **Daly City Colma Chamber of Commerce**, who emphasized the importance of business collaboration and community building.

Notable attendees included Mayor James Coleman, Vice Mayor Eddie Flores, and board member Michael Formosa. It was a wonderful evening of networking, cultural celebration, and mutual support, showcasing the strength and diversity of our business community. Thank you to all who attended and made it such a successful event, and special thanks to Security Public Storage for being gracious hosts!



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- appetizers
- prizes
- swag bags



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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women. Preventive exams like mammograms may help to identify breast cancer early, which can save lives. According to the American Cancer Society, when breast cancer is detected early and is in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99%.

Why are breast cancer screenings important?

Breast cancer screenings with mammograms are important to help detect early signs of breast cancer.

Kaiser Permanente is a national leader in breast cancer screening

Our breast cancer screening rates are in the top 5% nationwide, which exceeds the national average. According to HEDIS, the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set, a tool that is used by more than 90 percent of U.S. health plans to measure performance on important dimensions of care and service, Kaiser Permanente's screening rates are 84% vs. 73% nationwide. The following stories drive home the importance of screening and early detection to help others: [Kaiser Permanente supports increased awareness around breast cancer](#) and [Courageously facing a family history of breast cancer](#).

The next critical step for most patients is treatment

Our clinicians treat over 500,000 cancer patients every year. When we detect cancer, we quickly create a care plan that's personalized for each patient's needs and situation, so the care team can include a range of medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgical oncologists, radiologists, pharmacists, nurses, and care coordinators. Cancer patients are then followed closely and supported throughout all stages of their care.

While October is designated as Breast Cancer Awareness month, it's important to keep screening and detection top of mind year-round. Stay current on your yearly physical too or schedule an appointment with your doctor if you have any concerns.

Edward Kao, MD

Physician-in-Chief

Kaiser Permanente South San Francisco Medical Center



SPARK

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

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BUILDING TOGETHER, SUCCEEDING TOGETHER

7
OCT

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Online
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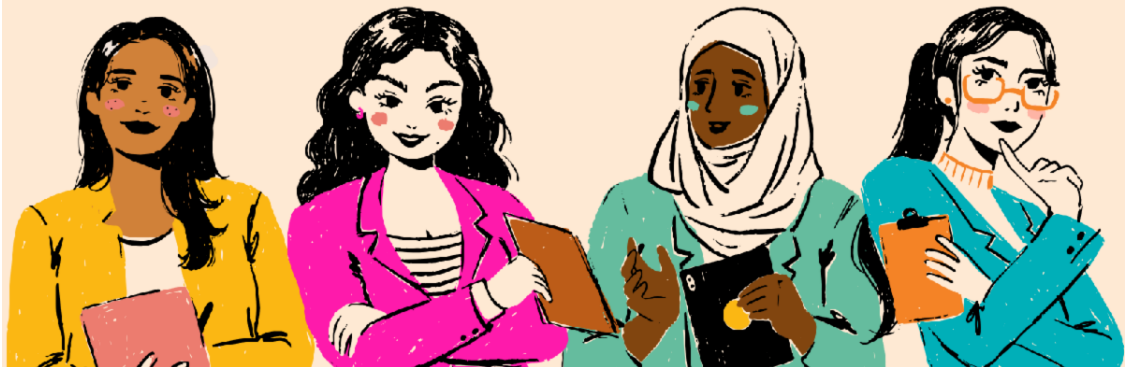
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Friendly reminder to Chamber Members:

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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
info@ssfchamber.com
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Calendar of Events

October

As we move deeper into fall, October brings a refreshing energy of change and possibility. The crisp air, colorful leaves, and the festive spirit ahead make this the perfect month to reset, realign, and push forward with your goals. Whether in business or in life, let October inspire you to embrace new beginnings, spark creativity, and take bold steps toward growth. The season of harvest is here—let's make the most of it!

10/8 Career Fair, Library Parks & Rec

10/9 6:30pm - Regular City Council Meeting

10/11 Business Excellence Awards Event

10/23 6:30pm - Regular City Council Meeting

10/29 Monterra Credit Union Ribbon Cutting/Mixer

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!



Cochinita

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Tel: 650-392-0182

<https://cochinitasf.com/> Tel:

La Cochinita ("The Little Kitchen") serves contemporary Venezuelan-inspired Latin American street food.

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- Agilent Technologies (August 2023)
- Anchor Drugs-Health and Holistic Center (October 2009)
- Café Bunn Mi (June 2017)
- Carpenters Union Local 217 (October 2003)
- Cheung Hing BBQ Restaurant (October 2013)
- Comcast (June 2020)
- Flavas Jamaican Grill (October 2014)
- Giorgi Brothers Furniture (October 1949)
- Nicolas Family (October 2017)
- Quick Quack Car Wash (October 2021)
- SSF Friends of Parks & Recreation (March 2001)
- SSF Friends of the Library (October 2001)
- Subway 42575 (May 2008)
- Taqueria La Morena (October 2019)
- Unitek College (October 2020)

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 Circle - GOLD MEMBER



Chairman Circle - SILVER MEMBERS



Chairman Circle - BRONZE MEMBERS



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