

September 2024



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### **Spotlight on Dani Fandino: Blossoming Success in South San Francisco and Beyond**

Dani Fandino, the visionary behind Flowers and Events by Dani, has been enhancing the beauty of special occasions throughout South San Francisco and the greater Bay Area for years. As both a successful business owner and a dedicated South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce board member, Dani's influence extends beyond her craft to the broader community.

Her passion for transforming ordinary spaces into extraordinary experiences has made her a go-to for weddings, corporate events, and other special celebrations. Whether it's designing lush floral arrangements or creating elegant event décor, Dani consistently delivers with an attention to detail that captures her clients' visions. Her services are not only in high demand in South San Francisco but throughout the greater Bay Area, where her reputation for excellence has flourished.

Dani's extraordinary talent has earned her multiple national and international awards, solidifying her standing as a leader in the floral and event industry. Most recently, she was recognized with a prestigious award in the Philippines, adding another significant honor to her growing list of accolades.

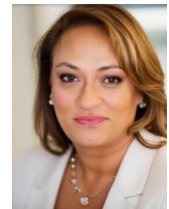
In addition to running her thriving business, Dani is a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce, committed to supporting local businesses and fostering collaboration within the community. Her leadership and dedication to both her business and the Chamber make her an integral part of South San Francisco's vibrant commercial and cultural landscape.

With her creativity, professionalism, and passion for excellence, Dani Fandino continues to make her mark on South San Francisco and the Bay Area, creating unforgettable moments for her clients and helping her community thrive.

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



Dear Chamber Members and Friends,

As we transition into September, the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for a packed month of exciting events and opportunities for our local business community. From networking mixers to community celebrations, we have something for everyone!

I'd like to highlight our signature event, the Business Excellence Awards on Friday, October 11. This year, we're completely revamping the event to make it a truly memorable experience—one that will rival even the most exciting mixers. We're turning it into a celebration that's all about our incredible business community, with gourmet bites, top-tier networking opportunities, and a dynamic awards ceremony. You won't want to miss it!

Here are some key dates to mark on your calendar for this month and beyond:

- September 9–22: Genentech Goes to Town
- September 11, 6:30 PM: Regular City Council Meeting
- September 18, 4:00 PM: Ribbon Cutting – Vantage Amenity Center at The Hanger
- September 18, 6:30 PM: Regular City Council Meeting

- September 19, 4:30 PM: Chamber Mixer – Security Public Storage (Hispanic Heritage Month)
- September 20, 2:30 PM: Ribbon Cutting – Solidaritus
- September 21, 9:00 AM: Ribbon Cutting – Karyl Matsumoto Plaza
- September 29: Festa Italiana at Orange Park
- October 8: Career Fair – Library Parks & Rec

As always, we are here to support you and your business. Whether you're facing challenges, want to spotlight your business, or would like to host a mixer to connect with new customers, we're just a phone call away. Our goal is to help you thrive, and we're eager to work together on making your business a success.

I look forward to seeing you at these events and sharing in the exciting times ahead!

Warm regards,  
Mary Prem

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For more information: [www.smcacre.org](http://www.smcacre.org)

County of San Mateo - Elections Division  
40 Tower Road, San Mateo CA 94402  
Phone: (650) 312-5222  
email: [registrar@smcacre.org](mailto:registrar@smcacre.org)

**Important Update for Chamber Members:**

**Facts You Should Know: Proposed New Legislation**

**Business License Tax Initiative**

South San Francisco is proposing updates to its business license tax (BLT) on the ballot this November. If passed, the changes would increase revenue from large firms and are expected to bring in an additional \$3.4 million. Currently, the city's BLT accounts for about 1.9% of its general fund revenue, compared to a 4%-5% median rate for similar Bay Area cities. In 2023, BLT revenue was approximately \$2.5 million.

The new BLT model would simplify business categories and use a per-employee format of \$55 per employee with no tax cap. Hotels and short-term rentals would retain a per-unit structure, while construction contractors would be taxed based on project valuation.

The council will finalize the measure in August, and it will be presented to voters in November.

The Chamber submitted the following letter to the City Council:

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**2024 Business Excellence Awards Event  
Friday October 11, 2024**

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*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!*

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**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

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





PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE  
**KARYL MATSUMOTO PLAZA**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**  
**9 AM - 10 AM**

**Location:** corner of Grand Avenue and Airport Boulevard  
**Parking:** on Grand Avenue, Airport Boulevard, Caltrain Station, Miller Avenue, Baden Avenue  
**RSVP:** [marie.patea@ssf.net](mailto:marie.patea@ssf.net) or (650) 829-6666 by September 17, 2024

**SCULPTURE DEDICATION  
FOLLOWING THE RIBBON CUTTING**

CALTRAIN PLAZA ART SELECTION COMMITTEE (CPASC):

- Mark Addiego
- Buenafior Nicolas
- Peter Foley
- Ryan Campagna
- Karyl Matsumoto
- Katie DeLeuw
- Madeleine Banfield

*Inspire*  
by Jonathan Russell and Saori Ide

**KARYL MATSUMOTO PLAZA**



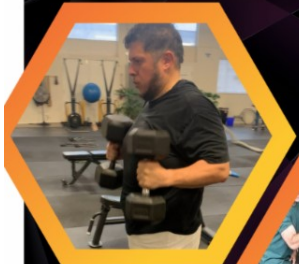


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**THE FITNESS TECH**

303 Linden Ave, SSF, CA 94080  
[info@thefitnesstech.com](mailto:info@thefitnesstech.com)

## Genentech Goes to Town

**Save the Date!**  
**September 9 - 22, 2024**

Folks, get ready for Genentech Goes to Town! It's like Christmas in September for our chamber member merchants. Ensure your chamber membership is in good standing to take advantage of this lucrative event. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!



**REMINDER**  
**GENENTECH GOES TO TOWN**  
**STARTS MONDAY 9/9 - 9/22/2024**



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

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# Chamber Mixer

## August Mixer Recap: A Night of Bocce, Italian Delights, and Community Bocce Ball Court Orange Park, South San Francisco

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce hosted a memorable August mixer at the Bocce Ball courts in Orange Park, generously hosted by the American Italian Citizens Club (IACC). The event was well attended and featured a delightful introduction to the game of bocce ball, paired with an assortment of Italian wines, meats, cheeses, and cookies.

Notable attendees included Mayor James Coleman, Supervisor David Canepa, Chamber Board President Sailesh Mehra, Amanda Anthony School Board Member and board members Kevin Williams, Kevin Worth, and Michael Formosa. The evening was a perfect blend of fun, networking, and cultural appreciation.

### A Brief History of the IACC

Founded on December 7, 1916, the South San Francisco Italian American Citizens Club was established by Italian immigrants to help fellow immigrants acclimate to life in the United States and encourage citizenship. Over the years, the IACC has transformed into an organization that celebrates Italian-American heritage and supports the local community through various social events. As one of the oldest Italian organizations in the Bay Area, the IACC welcomes members of all ethnicities to join in its mission of cultural preservation and community service.







*A Fun, Free Family Event!*

**The Festa Italiana - SSF 2024**  
**Sunday, September 29, 2024**  
**South San Francisco's Orange Memorial Park**

Join us for a day of celebration and Italian culture! The Festa Italiana - SSF will feature:

- Entertainment Performances
- Cultural Displays
- Vendors
- Car Show
- Kid's Zone
- Premiere Bocce Tournament

**Special Exhibit: Museo Italo featuring Italians in Baseball**

Visitors can sip Tuscan wines, enjoy a refreshing beer, and "mangia" Italian cuisine while strolling amongst exotic Italian cars and vehicles from yesteryear.

This is a free, fun family event with a special focus on the Kid's Zone, where youngsters can enjoy face painting, pasta making, story reading, a salami toss, and much more. They can also participate in the Youth Soccer Goal Challenge.

For more information and photos from last year's Festa, visit [www.ssfiacc.org](http://www.ssfiacc.org).

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### Protect yourself from flu and COVID

Don't let being sick with [flu](#) or [COVID](#) get in the way of your weekend getaway, backyard barbecue, or spending time with family or friends. Both viruses have the potential to cause serious symptoms. Get your seasonal vaccinations when they're available to stay protected.

#### Flu and COVID vaccines will be available soon

Flu shots will be available beginning on **September 9** at Kaiser Permanente. Members can get seasonal vaccines at no additional cost at one of our [flu and covid clinic locations](#).

Updated COVID vaccines aren't yet available, but they're expected in late September from the manufacturers. For recorded flu and COVID vaccine clinic information, please call [800-573-5811](tel:800-573-5811).

#### Help slow the spread of COVID

There has been a **spike in COVID transmission in San Mateo County** and throughout California. We can each take precautions to keep ourselves, families, colleagues and those with compromised immune systems safe by staying current on our vaccines.

**Wearing a well-fitted mask** that covers your nose and mouth continues to help reduce the transmission of respiratory viruses. If you are feeling ill or you are experiencing any respiratory symptoms, please **test for COVID** and wear a mask if you are around other people.

Thank you for helping keep our communities and each other safe,

#### Edward Kao, MD

Physician-in-Chief

Kaiser Permanente South San Francisco Medical Center





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**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](mailto:info@ssfchamber.com)

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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  
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## Calendar of Events

### September

Embrace September with an open heart and endless possibilities. As back-to-school season kicks off, it's the perfect time to refocus, set new goals, and seize fresh opportunities in both life and business. Let this month inspire growth and new beginnings.

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9/21 9am Ribbon Cutting - Karyl Matsumoto Plaza

9/29 Festa Italiana, Orange Park

10/8 Career Fair, Library Parks & Rec

10/11 Business Excellence Awards Event

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## 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!



### **Bright Event Rentals**

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<https://solidaritus.com/location/south-san-francisco-california/>

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A52 Signs & Graphics, LLC (August 2023)

ASF Electric, Inc. (September 1984)

Chico Marx (July 2023)

Comcast (June 2020)

Grand 76 – Circle K (September 2013)

Grand Palace Restaurant (September 1998)

Izanami (Sushi & Ramen) (June 2013)

Kimberly A. Liao, DDS (September 2017)

Larkspur Landing Hotel (April 1999)

Legal Shield (May 2017)

Ocean Star International Inc. (September 2006)

Otis McAlister, Inc. (September 2001)  
SSF Conference Center (August 1992)  
Tina's Bridal & Creations (August 2021)  
UPS Store (July 1992)  
Sam Trans (September 2023)  
San Mateo County Transportation Authority (September 2023)  
SKS Partners, LLC (June 2018)  
Wine Vault (October 2001)

## Legislative Watch List

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## Chairman Circle Members

*Chairman's Circle members receive benefits above and beyond typical membership, with the highest visibility at Chamber events and in publications*

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Chairman Circle - SILVER MEMBERS



**Chairman Circle - BRONZE MEMBERS**



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