

About Town

The El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter

Serving the El Sobrante Business Community Since 1957

President's Message by Nicole Donn, President



In April we participated in the annual Earth Day Creek and Community Cleanup. We had fun while helping our beautiful town get even more beautiful by cleaning our streets and creeks, working with great community groups, the Green Team 94803, SPAWNERS and SOS Richmond . We met neighbors, did a good deed, ate, were entertained and had our faces painted.

We are looking forward to our monthly mixer on May 21 hosted by the Friends of the El Sobrante Library at The Fahden House at the back of the El Sobrante Library parking lot. Come see their

remodeled facility packed with great books and enjoy finger food and good company!

Save the date of September 21 for the 30th annual El Sobrante Stroll and September 28 for the 2nd annual El Sobrante Pride Festival.

We are looking to help organize and promote cultural events in cooperation with local groups who would like to share their culture with our community. If you belong to a group that is interested, please contact us.

Please join your El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce to help you build your business. There is power in numbers! We look forward to hearing your ideas and helping you implement them.

Folks, come out, meet your neighbors, and spend your money locally! El Sobrante is a great place to live, work, shop and have a business, and with your help, we can make it even better!

Board Meeting Schedule

Board meetings are typically held on the first Monday of every month at 5:30 pm. In person at the Chamber office. The 2025 meetings are scheduled to be held on the dates below:

January 6	February 3	March 3	April 7
May 5	June 2	July 7	August 4
September 8	October 6	November 3	December 1



May Events

Thursday May 1	11:00am – 2:00pm	Volunteer Day Workshop	Cloverfield Farm
Saturday May 3	10:00am -2:00pm	FESL Book Sale	El Sobrante Library
Saturday May 17	9:30am – NOON	SPAWNERS Workday	Wilkie Creek Site
Saturday May 17	10:00am - NOON	GREEN TEAM Clean up	El Sobrante Library
Wednesday May 21	5:30pm- 7:00pm	Mixer -FESL	Fahden House
EACH SUNDAY	10:00am -2:00pm	Farmers Market	5116 Sobrante Ave

Green Team 2024 Organization of the Year

The Green Team 94803 cleans up! Green Team 94803 invites you to our next monthly Third Saturday Cleanup (May 17, 10 am) at El Sobrante Library. We have the gear; you just need to be there! We also need help with maintaining the downtown planters and removing graffiti and stickers. Always fun and free! More at KeepElSobranteBeautiful.info, send an email to help out.



Cloverfield Organic Farm



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The Cloverfield Organic Farm article is on the Cloverfield Organic Farm website at:

<https://www.cloverfieldfarm.us/post/tomato-varieties-we-re-growing-this-year>



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SPAWNERS



Join SPAWNERS for their monthly workday at the WILKIE CREEK SITE, next to 4805 Santa Rita Road. This month's workday will be Saturday, May 17 from 9:30am until Noon. Wear sturdy shoes, bring a water bottle, tools and snacks provided. All are welcome.



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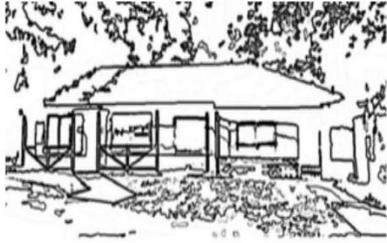
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Sunday, May 11



Friends of the El Sobrante Library
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BOOK SALE

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Feature of the Month

Mothers are Everything
and
Everywhere!

Members: 10 am - 2 pm

General: Noon - 2 pm

Proceeds from book sales fund El Sobrante Library
programs

2025 memberships available



The El Sobrante Stroll
is celebrating a
milestone
anniversary this year

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 21st from 10:00am
to 4:00pm**

**Committee meetings planning the
event are held on the last
Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm.
Contact to help plan the parade,
car show, entertainment and
visitor services**

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Celebrating the Copper Mug El Sobrante's Business of the Month

By Bob Sharp

El Sobrante proudly welcomed one of its newest businesses, The Copper Mug, as our Business of the Month. This restaurant and bar, helmed by Kay Sandhu and his right-hand man, Lucky, a couple of enthusiastic newcomers to the area, officially opened its doors with a celebratory mixer and ribbon cutting.



Locals will know the location at 4203 Valley View Rd. as the home of Mississippi Catfish. Veteran, Chef Thomas, and his son, Tommy, have assured us that they are still there. The Copper Mug is the result of a partnership between the two businesses with Mississippi Catfish operating on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 12 noon to 8PM.

All parties involved are eager to share their vision with us. "We've fallen in love with this community already," Kay shared. "Opening The Copper Mug here feels like the perfect way to put down roots and give back to the people who've welcomed us." For these newcomers, The Copper Mug isn't just a business; it's a labor of love. They've spent weeks fine-tuning every detail, from the decor to the drink list, ensuring it reflects both their personalities and the spirit of our town. "We wanted a place that feels like home—somewhere you and your family can come after a long day, catch up with friends, or celebrate something special," Kay said. Kay's eight-year-old daughter is one reason they provide, non-alcoholic, Devil's Canyon root beer on tap. It's made with agave nectar instead of sugar.

Like all of the food they serve, they focus on nourishing healthy alternatives. They take their vegetarian offerings one step further by making sure they aren't cooked using the same utensils meat is cooked in.

Join us in welcoming this new member of our community!

Chamber Service Committees

The Chamber works in many ways to improve the community. Beyond being a Chamber member, you may join one of our committees to organize and implement one of the many projects we have. Committees include Beautification, Marketing and Promotions, Scholarship, Special Events, and our Annual STROLL. You may check the box on your membership application or renewal form or contact the Chamber to find out about a committee you might be interested in – elsobrantechamber793@gmail.com.



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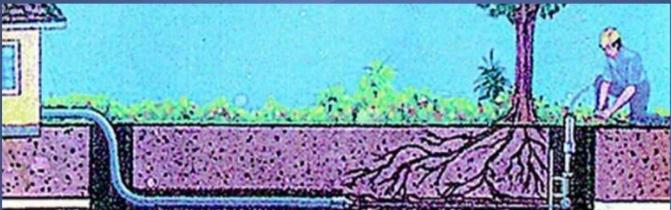
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Future Chamber Events

May -21 Mixer – Friends of the El Sobrante Library

June -18 Mixer – U.S. Financial

July -16 Mixer - Jim Cowen Insurance

September -21 - our 30th Annual El Sobrante Stroll

-28 – El Sobrante PRIDE



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30th Annual El Sobrante Stroll



The Pearl of the East Bay
Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025
 10:00am to 4:00 pm

For information about the event, vendor applications and opportunities to volunteer go to <https://www.elsobrantechamber.com/stroll>
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Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025

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