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The El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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A Message from the President

As we near the final months of the year, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments, recognize the people who make our Chamber strong, and look ahead to the opportunities before us.

Our Chamber is more than a business organization. We are a community of business owners, professionals, volunteers, and partners who believe that working together makes a difference. Every connection made, every event attended, and every local business supported helps strengthen our community.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our members, Board of Directors, sponsors, and community partners for your continued commitment and support. Your participation and ideas help move our Chamber forward.

It is election season, and current Chamber members will be receiving a ballot in the mail to elect the Board of Directors for 2027. Additionally, all community members, not just Chamber members, have an opportunity to nominate their choices for Business/Organization of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Look for the BOY/COY Nomination form in this newsletter. Results of the election will be announced at the annual Holiday Mixer on December 16th , this year to be hosted by the Elks Lodge.

Looking ahead to the new year, I invite each of you to remain engaged, share your ideas, welcome new business members, shop locally, and be kind. Together, we are stronger.

Warm regards,
Cathy Werner

TOP NEWS

Changes to the Events Calendar

There will not be a mixer this month. We hope you will enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday, and plan to join us on Saturday, Nov. 28 for our Annual Holiday Fair - this year at St. Callistus Church Hall. Free admission to holiday shopping, free photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus, and more. See the Events page in this publication for details.

SEEN ABOUT TOWN



Jim Cowen spotted two bicyclists stopped in front of his insurance office, and had to inquire. Turns out Rob and Dalton took Amtrak from Tucson to Emeryville, arrived October 7. First night was Airbnb Yurt in El Sobrante. October 8 plan was 3 brothers (Briones) and Tilden to Redwood Regional. Destination is San Diego in about a month or so. Safe Travels Rob and Dalton. Thanks for making El Sobrante your first stop!

EVENTS

DAY & DATE	TIME	ORGANIZER	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday, Nov. 1	5:30pm-7:00pm	Chamber	Board Meeting	3769-B San Pablo Dam Rd.
Saturday, Nov. 7	Members - 10am General - Noon - 2pm	Friends of the El Sobrante Library	Book Sale	Fahden House El Sobrante Library
Saturday, Nov. 21	9:30am - Noon	SPAWNERS	Workday	Wilkie Creek Worksite
Saturday, Nov. 21	10:00am - Noon	Green Team 94803	Workday	El Sobrante Library Parking Lot
Saturdays (or by appt.)	10:00am -4:00pm	El Sobrante Historical Society	Museum OPEN	Fahden House El Sobrante Library













Members in good standing will be receiving a ballot in the mail for the election of the 2027 Board of Directors. Ballots are due at the Chamber office by Friday, December 11, 2026. The elected Board will be announced at the Chamber's holiday Mixer to be held on Wed., December 16 at the Elk's Lodge. You can verify your standing as a member (dues are current) by emailing a request to elsobchamber793@gmail.com .

Reservations to the holiday mixer may be done here:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2003438094271?aff=oddtdtcreator
or call 510-275-9254 and leave message with name, ph.# and number of guests.

PLARK Named Business of the Month for November 2026

Founded by Jennifer and Osaretin Ogbebor, PLARK was born from everyday parental experience. As parents of four children, the couple knows firsthand how challenging it can be to juggle careers, family obligations, and enriching activities for their children. "We dreamed of creating a place where children could play freely, parents could get things done, and families could connect with one another."

Readers are invited to experience PLARK firsthand. Families can take advantage of the $99 Unlimited Monthly Membership—an excellent option for those who want to make play, connection, and community a regular part of their routine.

Stop by PLARK, at 4805 Valley View Road, in El Sobrante.




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SPAWNERS

Our volunteer work days take place every 3rd Saturday from 9:30am-12:00pm at our Wilkie Creek Outdoor Classroom, next to 4805 Santa Rita Rd. We are passionate about restoring native plant habitat, supporting riparian restoration, and making this space a valuable natural and educational resource! All are welcome at our events, and no experience is necessary. Please wear sturdy shoes, bring your own water bottle and we will provide tools, gloves, and refreshments.

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Here is a link to the latest article on our website:
https://www.cloverfieldfarm.us/post/2026-october-farm-news-and-volunteer-day





GREEN TEAM 94803

The Green Team 94803 cleans up! Green Team 94803 invites you to their monthly clean up Saturday, November 21 @ 10:00 am at the 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.

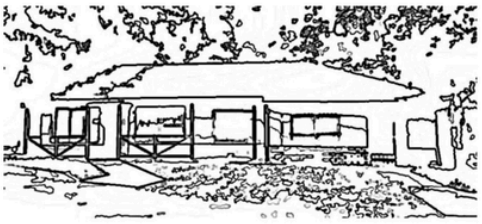


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BOOK SALE

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Feature of the Month

Making & Baking

Check out our selection of pattern books & cookbooks for your next project or for gifting

Members: 10 am - 12 pm
General: Noon - 2 pm

Proceeds from book sales fund El Sobrante Library programs

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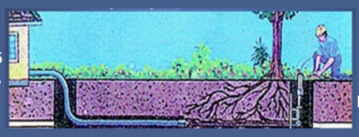
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DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE of the About Town Newsletter submissions will be Friday,Nov.20 @5:00pm Send your pictures, flyers , etc in JPEG format to be included in our newsletter to elsobchamber793@gmail.com



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Nominations for Business & Citizen of the Year for 2026

Business of the Year_____

Reason_____

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Citizen of the Year_____

Reason_____

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Remove this ballot from the newsletter, fill in your choices and reasons for selection, and return to the Chamber office no later than Friday, Dec. 11,2026. Ballots may be dropped off at the office, mailed , or scanned and emailed to elsobchamber793@gmail.com. Winners will be announced at the Chamber's Holiday Mixer at the Elk's Lodge on Wed. December 16th, and awards presented at the Annual Installation and Awards Dinner in January, 2027.

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