

# OLD TOWN CHAMBER NEWS

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## TwainFest: A Celebration of Literature and History

Join us for a day of literary enchantment at TwainFest, a free celebration of the literature, culture, and history of 19th Century America. This beloved event, hosted by Write Out Loud San Diego, has become a tradition for many San Diego families and promises something special for everyone!

Get ready to step back in time and indulge in the charm of yesteryear. Immerse yourself

in a multitude of old-fashioned arcade-style games, experience all-new literary performances at various park venues, and have the opportunity to meet some of your favorite classic characters.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 19, 2023, and make your way to Heritage County Park in San Diego. TwainFest awaits, ready to transport you to a bygone era of wonder, excitement, and literary marvels.



### You're Invited: "Java with Jen" on July 29th

Join friends and neighbors for an engaging morning at Old Town Urban Market on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Councilmember Jen Campbell invites you to an informal gathering where you can enjoy a cup of coffee while connecting with your community.

This is your chance to meet Councilmember Jen Campbell, discuss local issues, and learn more about her vision for District 2. Whether you have questions, suggestions, or simply want to say hello, this event provides a



fantastic opportunity to engage directly with your elected representative.

Please mark your calendars and bring your enthusiasm, as we look forward to fostering meaningful conversations, building relationships, and working together towards a better District 2.

### Bazaar del Mundo's Latin American Festival & Pottery Market

Join us at Bazaar del Mundo's vibrant celebration of Latin American culture and art! Immerse yourself in the rich traditions and exquisite craftsmanship of the region at the Latin American Festival and Mata Ortiz Pottery Market, taking place from August 4-6.

Step into our transformed courtyard, where artisans from across Latin America will create a bustling marketplace. Discover a treasure trove of authentic folk art, including traditional embroidered clothing, handwoven textiles, captivating collectibles, stunning jewelry,

and meticulously crafted ceramic and clay pottery.

Get ready to be amazed by the largest display of Mata Ortiz pottery, renowned for its intricate process and hand-painted geometric and ancestral symbols. Talented potters will showcase their remarkable creations, offering a glimpse into this ancient art form.



## Where Sidewalk Vending is (and isn't) Permitted in Old Town

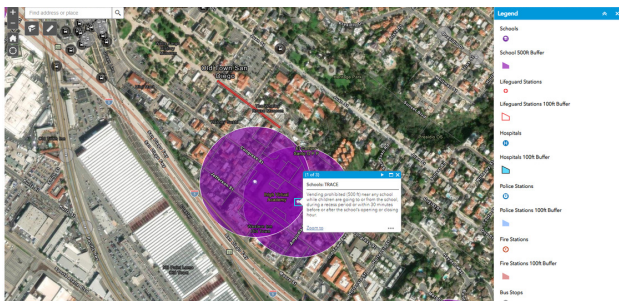
Does a sidewalk vendor need a permit to operate in the City of San Diego?

Yes, a sidewalk vendor must obtain a Sidewalk Vending Permit prior to operating. As part of the Sidewalk Vending Permit application process, vendors must also obtain a City of San Diego Business Tax Certificate, California Seller's Permit, and vendors selling food must also obtain a San Diego County Health Permit and Food Handler Card.

The Sidewalk Vending Permit requirement does not apply to individuals engaged in artistic performances, free speech, political or petitioning activities, or engaged solely in vending items constituting expressive activity protected by the First Amendment and any vendor of services.

### Where is sidewalk vending prohibited?

All vendors are prohibited on San Diego Avenue between Conde Street and Twiggs Street; Vending prohibited (500 feet) near any school while children are going to or from the school, during a recess period or within 30 minutes before or after the school's opening or closing hour; and All vendors are prohibited in all State, County, and City parks.



## Reminder: No Commercial Waste in Public Bins

We are writing to remind all merchants in Old Town San Diego about the proper disposal of commercial waste. It has come to our attention that there have been instances where commercial waste is being improperly placed in public trash cans, causing inconvenience and potential sanitation issues.

As responsible members of our community, it is crucial to ensure that we dispose of our waste in the appropriate manner. Public trash cans are primarily intended for the disposal of personal garbage generated by visitors. Commercial waste, on the other hand, including waste from your businesses, should not be placed in these public bins.

If you require any assistance or further information reach out to local authorities or environmental agencies.



## Caltrans 19th Annual Procurement & Resource Fair

Caltrans District 11, in partnership with the San Diego Public Agency Consortium, presents the 19th Annual Procurement and Resource Fair.

This event provides a great network opportunity for your small business.

Caltrans purchasers and partners will have a list of goods and contracts they are looking to procure at the Fair as well as upcoming opportunities for Small Business.

### Connect with

- Caltrans District 11 Purchasers from every Division
- 30+ Public Agencies
- Construction Primes
- Architectural and Engineering Primes

Wednesday, August 30, 2023  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

District 11 Courtyard  
4050 Taylor Street  
San Diego, CA 92110

## Threads of the Past: Preserving History through Living Interpretation

Within the enchanting Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, Threads of the Past stands as a captivating living history activity and interpretive center.

This remarkable establishment offers visitors a unique glimpse into the rich tapestry of the past, where the art of quilting, needle

arts, weaving, basketry, and more come alive.

As a living history activity center, Threads of the Past brings together skilled artisans and passionate historians who dedicate themselves to preserving and sharing traditional crafts. Stepping through its doors

is like stepping back in time, immersing oneself in the vibrant world of historical textile arts and techniques.

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## Scouts Raise New California Flag to Kick-Off Independence Day Celebration

In a heartwarming display of community collaboration, Scout Troop 12 joined forces with the Old Town San Diego Chamber of Commerce to raise a brand new California state flag at the entry monument sign on Old Town Avenue. The event, which brought together local scouts and business leaders, symbolized the strong ties between the younger generation and the historical significance of Old Town San Diego.

The Old Town San Diego Chamber of Commerce, dedicated to preserving and promoting the historical significance of the area, recognized the need to replace the weathered California state flag at the entry monument sign. Seeking assistance, they turned to Troop 12, the oldest troop in San Diego, known for their commitment to community service and civic engagement.

On a sunny Fourth of July morning, Troop 12 gathered at the entry monument sign on Old Town Avenue, accompanied by

members of the Chamber of Commerce and residents. The Scouts, dressed in their distinctive uniforms, showcased their discipline and teamwork as they prepared to raise the new California state flag. The atmosphere was filled with excitement, as the event marked an opportunity to pay homage to the past and inspire future generations.

The flag-raising ceremony was a testament to the power of collaboration, youth empowerment, and community engagement. By working together, the Scouts and local leaders breathed new life into the entry monument sign, ensuring that the California state flag waves proudly as a symbol of the state's rich heritage. This remarkable event served as a reminder that, regardless of age, we all have a role to play in preserving and celebrating our history, and it offered a glimpse into a brighter future where the torch of cultural stewardship will be passed on to the next generation.

## Sign Up for the 2023 Taste of Old Town

The Chamber invites all restaurants and bars to participate in the highly anticipated 2023 Taste of Old Town event, which will be held on Thursday, September 21.

This annual event celebrates the vibrant culinary scene in Old Town San Diego, and it is one of the Chamber's most successful fundraisers.

The Taste of Old Town is a gastronomic extravaganza that draws in locals and tourists alike, eager to savor the diverse flavors and experience the rich cultural heritage of Old Town. As a participant, your restaurant/bar will have the opportunity to showcase its unique culinary offerings, enticing visitors with your delectable dishes and delightful beverages.

exposure and reach a wide audience of food enthusiasts, residents, and tourists who are passionate about discovering the culinary treasures of our historic neighborhood. This event provides an excellent platform for you to promote your establishment, connect with potential customers, and establish your presence within the local community.

If you are interested in participating in the 2023 Taste of Old Town, kindly email alex@oldtownsandiego.org or call (619) 228-9340. We will be delighted to provide you with further details, including anticipated attendance, event guidelines, and promotional opportunities.

Learn More →



By participating in the Taste of Old Town, you will gain significant





## Sign Up for Community Newsletters

Attention Chamber members! We have an exciting opportunity for you to stay informed. By signing up for newsletters from our local political representatives, you can gain valuable insights into the decisions and policies that directly impact our business community. These newsletters provide a convenient and timely way to receive updates on upcoming legislation, economic development initiatives, and community events.



Jen Campbell, City  
Council District 2 →



Toni Atkins, State  
Senate District 39 →



Chris Ward, State  
Assembly District 78 →



## Upcoming Meetings

- **Board of Directors** - Wednesday, July 19 - 8:30am - Mormon Battalion Historic Site
- **Design Committee** - Tuesday, August 1 - TBD - 2383 San Diego Ave
- **Promotions Committee** - Tuesday, August 8 - 10am - Café Coyote
- **Organization Committee** - Wednesday, September 13 - 11:30am - 2383 San Diego Ave

View Meeting Agendas & Minutes →



## Advertise with the Chamber

Advertising with the Chamber can provide businesses with access to a targeted audience, enhanced credibility, networking opportunities, community support, and cost-effective advertising. All of these benefits can help businesses to attract new customers and grow their businesses.

There are several advertising opportunities available:

- Flyers, Posters, Guides, and Videos in Visitors Center
- [www.oldtownsandiego.org](http://www.oldtownsandiego.org)
- Special event sponsorships

For more information, contact [alex@oldtownsandiego.org](mailto:alex@oldtownsandiego.org).

## Download the Get It Done App & Get Results

Get It Done San Diego is the official app for reporting non-emergency problems to the City of San Diego. App users can report problems like potholes or graffiti and connect directly to the City's work tracking system.

Get It Done can be used to report problems related to City assets, making appointments for Passport services or to schedule time at the City's Household Hazardous Waste Materials drop-off facility. Do not use Get It Done for reporting emergencies or other time-sensitive issues. It can take up to 48 hours to review your report or request for appointment.

Get It Done is available on Apple and Android devices.

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