

# South County Business News



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## South County Regional Center fills gap for 5Cities Homeless Coalition as a temporary warming center

SOUTH COUNTY—The South County Regional Center, a large event facility managed by South County Chambers of Commerce, will soon serve as an overnight warming center for homeless individuals until April 2023. The CEO and Board of Directors of South County Chambers of Commerce agreed to support the 5Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC) on this temporary solution while the 5CHC works to finish their warming center facility for the 2022-2023 winter season.

“The Chamber Board thoughtfully made this decision for many reasons, but most importantly, it was because of

valuable input from our local business community,” said Kathy McCorry, CEO of South County Chambers of Commerce. “By providing a safe place for those who need shelter during cold and wet weather, we not only support those vulnerable individuals, but we also take pressure off the business community. Often people will use doorways and overhangs for shelter, which is inadequate to meet their overnight needs.”

The warming center may be



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activated when weather conditions include a 50% or greater chance of rain or temperatures drop to 38 degrees or lower.

“We are especially grateful to the Chamber, the City of Arroyo Grande, and

the County of San Luis Obispo in partnering with us to provide this program,” said Janna Nichols, 5CHC’s Executive Director. “Throughout our county, more than 79% of those who are experiencing homelessness do not have access to shelter. 5CHC’s

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## Chamber Business of the Month for December: The Law Offices of Johnson, Murphy & Jones

The Marketing Committee of the South County Chambers of Commerce—a group of local business owners who represent various industries—selected The Law Offices of Johnson, Murphy & Jones as the Business of the Month for December 2022.

A family-run business for over 40 years on the Central Coast, J Johnson and his daughters, Hannah Murphy and Cori Jones, have built a solid reputation helping clients and bettering the community in which they live.

J is very involved in the community. Over the years he has served as past president of the 5 Cities Rotary Club, the Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce, the Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce, 5 Cities Men’s Club, the Los Padres Council Boy Scouts of America,

and the Cal Poly Athletic fund. He was awarded the Silver Beaver by the Boy Scouts of America and was named Grover Beach Citizen of the Year in 2015. J was instrumental in saving Camp Arroyo Grande, a treasure in our community since 1885, and serves as President of the Board.

“J’s ties to the community run deep; he selflessly gives so much of his time to so many worthwhile causes, I cannot think of a more deserving person for December Business of the Month” said Jeff Cham-



Back row: J Johnson and Cori Jones. Front row: Hannah Murphy

bers, 2022 Chair of the South County Chambers of Commerce Board of Directors.

When J isn’t at the office he is likely attending or planning charity events with his wife, Kathy, volunteering his time where it is most needed in the communi-

ty, and spending time with his family and four grandchildren.

Located in Grover Beach, their services include estate planning, trust administration, business law, real estate, probate, and personal injury. Visit [jmilegal.com](http://jmilegal.com) for more info.

### UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS:

**Thursday, December 15:**  
Free business workshop  
at The Launch Pad  
391 Front St. Suite E  
Grover Beach

Regular Chamber events and community business meetings are taking a break during the busy holiday season and will resume in January 2023

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### A FEW UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS IN SOUTH COUNTY:

**Friday, December 2nd:**  
Holiday Harmony at the  
Pismo Beach Pier from  
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Saturday, December 3rd:**  
South County Toyland  
Parade in Grover Beach  
10 am parade followed  
by Santa’s Workshop

**Sunday, December 4th:**  
Arroyo Grande Holiday  
Parade at 5 pm

**Sunday, December 4th:**  
Nipomo Olde Towne  
Family Christmas  
from 2 pm to 8 pm

**Saturday, December 10th:**  
Santa’s Doggie Parade  
at Avila Beach Promenade  
at 11 am

**Sunday, December 11th:**  
Oceano festivities include  
“Santa Comes to Town”  
caravan and a community  
tree lighting with Santa  
and friends

## Update from Supervisor Lynn Compton, District 4: Oceano, Nipomo, and Arroyo Grande

As things are usually quiet in the county during the holidays, I thought I would take this opportunity to reflect upon how grateful I am during this holiday season for all the wonderful small businesses and all the members of South County Chambers of Commerce.

Hands down, these past few years have been difficult...with the economy, COVID, shipping challenges, and other impacts those events have had on all small businesses. One of the major benefits of a local Chamber of Commerce is to help us all to survive the ups and downs of such challenges. Chambers, and certainly this one, are a great way to increase the visibility of your business within the community and a great way to receive referrals. But another little-

known fact is that Chambers tackle important local issues and are the voice for local businesses when our counties and cities put forward new rules, regulations, fees, and/or taxes that affect small businesses.

South County Chambers of Commerce can speak up on your behalf to show support or opposition to decisions that might impact the local economy and/or the business sector. The Chamber has the power to speak on your behalf and they hold great clout. Chambers of Commerce also provide opportunities to connect with other professionals at mixers or vendor events, and help to keep our small businesses, the backbones of our economy, thriving.

As 2022 comes to a close, I know we

are all reflecting on the past year, the ups and downs, and what we are all thankful for, and I for one, am very thankful for all of you South County Chamber members who get up every day, and go to work to do the awesome jobs you all do....despite all the challenges that are thrown your way.

So, this holiday season, I am truly grateful for all of you members, and all you do! May you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah, and enjoy your families and friends this holiday season!

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Respectfully,  
**Lynn Compton**  
San Luis Obispo County  
District 4 Supervisor

## Update from Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg, District 3: Avila Beach, Grover Beach, Pismo Beach, and San Luis Obispo

Hello and merriest of holiday seasons South County! I can't believe the end of the year is upon us. This is the time to consider what we are thankful for and spend time with family and friends. With this time of reflection, it is a great opportunity to support organizations that help those who are less fortunate.

Family Care Network (FCN) is a not-for-profit community-based organization that provides many services including foster care placement to children in San Luis Obispo County. Currently FCN serves almost 100 foster children per month but turns children away monthly due to lack of foster families. Foster Care, a department with SLO County Social Services, also provides foster care services to children in SLO County currently there are 336 children in Foster Care through SLO County Social Services. You can change someone's life by becoming a foster parent or perhaps be a mentor!

If you cannot foster a child but still want to help this holiday season, the SLO Foster Care has a program called Operation Santa! Every year the department helps to support the youth in foster care and the resource families who care for them by providing gifts during the holiday season. Businesses can help by distributing gift tags or wish lists among



**Left to right: Jon Nibbio, CEO of Family Care Network; Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg; and Caitly McCardell, Community Resources Development Supervisor of Family Care Network**

their staff or customers to fill wishes for local youth. Individuals and businesses can support this effort by donating gifts for our Santa's Workshop. If you would like to participate, please call 805-788-

2575 or [fcni.org](http://fcni.org) for more information.

If you have been a resident of SLO County for any length of time you are probably familiar with Season of Hope. For over a decade KSBY and the SLO Food Bank have been teaming up to put together the largest toy and food drive on the Central Coast. You can find more information about drop-off locations on SLO Food Bank's website at [slofoodbank.org](http://slofoodbank.org).

Lastly, you can also give the gift of life with a donation to our blood bank. I am signed up for December 20th as our local blood bank faces a critical shortage of donations. Please consider that your blood donation [directly saves lives](http://directly.saves.lives). Sign up at [donors.vitalant.org](http://donors.vitalant.org) or call 805-542-8500.

In closing, my wish for each of you is continued health and success in your life and businesses.

My goal has been to serve District 3 in all ways possible, and I look forward to continuing in this service. My upcoming office hours are: December 1st at the Avila Beach Civic Center, December 8th at the Shell Beach Library and December 15th in Grover Beach at The Launch Pad. All office hours are held from 1 pm to 3 pm.

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## Arroyo Grande News

It's the most wonderful time of the year, Chamber members. The holidays are finally upon us. We have exciting events to entice you to spend your holiday time in Arroyo Grande.

- **SHOP!** December 3rd from 10-4 will be the Village Market, followed by the Village Walkabout from 4-7pm.

- **PARADE AND RUN!** December 4th, we will have our annual Christmas Parade in the Village, along with the first annual Jingle Bell Run along the parade route, just prior to the parade, where kids aged preschool-6th grade will tie jingle bells to their shoes and run the parade route. What a sight (and sound) that will be!

- **PLAY IN THE SNOW AND LIGHT THE TREE!** On December 10th, we will

have the first ever Tree Lighting & Snow at Elm Street Park from 5 to 7 p.m. This is a fun and FREE community event that will include carolers, a food and toy drive, food trucks, a s'more station, and 12 TONS of snow leading up to the main event of Santa lighting the tree at 6 p.m.! Invite your friends and family to this enchanting event.

Thank you to Mayor Caren Ray Russom, Supervisor Lynn Compton, Bob and Dorsey Christianson, Carrol and Joan Pruet, Lincoln Hayashi Russom, Toyota of Santa Maria, Toyota of San Luis Obispo, RRM Design Group, Peak Wifi, Verdin Marketing, Brand Creative, and 5 Cities Water Systems for making this event possible through their generous donations.

- **EAT!** Also on December 10th, come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast with Santa! Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Tar Creek Ranch. The cost is \$10 per guest. This event is for all ages, so come and enjoy the Knights of Columbus' famous pancake breakfast and take a picture with Santa! Entertainment and additional activities will be provided.

I wish you the merriest of Christmases, the happiest of holidays, and the most prosperous New Year yet.

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Yours in service,  
**Caren Ray Russom**  
 Mayor, City of Arroyo Grande

## Grover Beach News

Well, this is my last column as Mayor of Grover Beach...it has been a very enjoyable four years of service as Mayor and overall 10 years as a member of the Council. I hope that you will indulge me as I take a moment to reminisce and say thank you!

In my first election way back in 2012, it would not have been possible without the love and support of my wife, Mary, who encouraged me to run with a "if not now...when" comment, especially since she knew that it was something that I wanted to do. So, a big, heart-felt and sincere thank you for all the sacrifices of time and energy that you have given over these years.

Next, I would like to thank all the Council colleagues that I have been working

with. While there are too many to name here, I am proud of the number of things that we got accomplished together. Some of these accomplishments include fixing the streets of Grover Beach after the community supported passage of Measure K-14; supporting local businesses and the overall community during and after the COVID-19 pandemic; being a city of action when it comes to homeless and housing issues – working to secure millions of dollars for rental assistance/eviction prevention; partnering with the 5CHC and the County on the "Cabins for Change" project; as well as rethinking zoning, parking, housing densities in ways for Grover Beach to be housing friendly without losing our character and charm. Grover Beach has

been on the forefront of several issues and I am proud of our ability to come together to craft resolutions and ordinances that other communities are using as templates.

Which brings me to the implementers and facilitators of Council policies— Grover Beach staff! Everyone at City Hall, under the leadership of Matt Bronson, has been amazing and consistent in moving forward with implementing everything from capital improvement projects on North and South Oak Park Boulevard; installation of new playground equipment at 16th Street Park; installation of fiber option throughout the city which has GB on the verge of

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## Pismo Beach News

We are excited that the ISA World Para-Surfing Championships will return to Pismo Beach.

The event, hosted by AmpSurf, will be held December 3rd to 12th. There will be a learn-to-surf clinic and opening ceremonies on the 3rd, contest heats will run the 4th to the 11th, and the closing will happen right after the last heats finish on the 11th.

This event will again bring the top Para Surfers from around the world to Pismo Beach to compete for world champion.

Numerous volunteer organizations will help put on the event.

Our Holiday Harmony will be held at the pier on Friday, December 2nd starting at 5:30 pm. Tree lighting will be at 6pm. Santa Claus will make his appearance again and the kids will be able play in the snow, decorate cookies and play in bounce houses. Remind your kids to be extra nice since Santa will know if they have been naughty!

We will tentatively have a special Council meeting on Monday, December

12th at 5 pm to certify the results of the election and administer the oath of office to new Councilmembers. The date is tentative since it is contingent upon the election being certified by that date. As of the date this is written, Mary Ann Reiss and Stacy Inman are leading for Council and I will continue as Mayor since I was unopposed.

Best wishes for an enjoyable holiday season!

**Ed Waage**  
 Mayor, City of Pismo Beach

## RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS



### Congrats Zacster's Hobbies of Grover Beach!

We celebrated a ribbon cutting last month with new Chamber member Zacster's Hobbies in Grover Beach! Zacster's Hobbies provides customers, kids, and adults with the best products that will excite and entertain the hobby enthusiast in everyone. Their extensive inventory features a wide variety of R/C cars and trucks, drones, robotics, toys, art supplies, rockets, puzzles, board games, construction sets, fun gift ideas, and much more. Find everything you need for crafts, party games, family games, gifts, and birthdays. Their new store in Grover Beach is located at 1800 E. Grand Ave. Learn more at [zacstershobbies.com](http://zacstershobbies.com), or call (805) 334-3348.

### Congrats Opus Escrow of Arroyo Grande!

We officiated a ribbon cutting recently with Opus Escrow Inc to kick off their grand opening celebration. Opus Escrow is an independent escrow company for all your escrow and refinance needs. Their office is located at 1238 E. Grand Ave. in Arroyo Grande. For more information, please visit their [Facebook page](#), or call (805) 773-0300.



### Congrats Kiwanis Inclusive Playground of Arroyo Grande!



Congrats to the new Kiwanis Inclusive Playground on their ribbon cutting and grand opening last month in Arroyo Grande.

Speakers at the event included City Manager Whitney McDonald, Recreation Services Director Sheridan Bohlken, Anne McCracken with Arroyo Grande Valley Kiwanis, Designer Kathy Wiggins with Play & Park Structures, District Representative Clint Weirick for Senator Laird, South County Chambers of Commerce CEO Kathy McCorry, Mayor Pro Tem Lan George, and Councilmember Jimmy Paulding.

With a state grant awarded through Proposition 68, a donation from the Kiwanis Club of Arroyo Grande, city sales tax funds, and outstanding community support, this high-quality recreation destination promotes physical activity for people of all ages and abilities. The new playground is located at Elm Street Park in Arroyo Grande.



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# Leadership South County Class III celebrates their graduation

SOUTH COUNTY — Class III of Leadership South County celebrated their graduation last month at Inn at the Pier in Pismo Beach.

The nineteen graduates include: Vanessa Oms with Envoy Mortgage, Donna Milne with 1st Capital Bank, Leann Rubio with CoastHills Credit Union, Alec Lance with West Coast Financial, Fernando Granados with Envoy Mortgage, Karen Bright with City of Grover Beach, Kimberley Victor with Mary Kay Cosmetics, Kassi Dee with Nan's Pre-Owned Books, Anthony Salas with Epic Entertainment, Michele Rempel with Westvyne, Susannah Brown with Central Coast Childbirth Network, Richard Saldana with Discovery Life Sciences, Erin Wiggan with City of Grover Beach, Rachele Krelle with Exp Realty, Megan Martin with City of Pismo Beach, Tony Coscia with Garing Taylor & Associates, Bronwyn Keith with Clark Center for the Performing Arts, Kristin Eriksson with City of Grover Beach, and



**Left photo: Class III of Leadership South County celebrated their graduation last month at Inn at the Pier in Pismo Beach. Not pictured are Anthony Salas, Vanessa Oms, Richard Saldana, Megan Martin, and Bronwyn Keith.**



**Right photo from left: Jocelyn Brennan, Ian Livingston, Wes Love, and Marty Imes.**

— Photos from Sunshine & Reign Photography

Ian Livingston with City of Pismo Beach. Leadership South County is a nine-month, community-based leadership development program from South County Chambers of Commerce dedicated to

inspiring, educating, and empowering tomorrow's community leaders. Class IV will launch in early 2023. For more information, please click [here](https://www.leadership@southcountychambers.com) or email [leadership@southcountychambers.com](mailto:leadership@southcountychambers.com).

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## 2023 Board of Directors slate announced for South County Chambers of Commerce

SOUTH COUNTY – The 2023 Board of Directors for South County Chambers of Commerce will include these local business leaders from various industries:

- Kristen Palera**, Chairperson, with The Lodge at Two Moons
- Josh Erdman**, Vice Chairperson, with Torchlight Marketing
- Jeff Chambers**, Immediate Past Chairperson, with Tommy Hilfiger
- Anthony Salas**, Treasurer, with Epic Entertainment
- Marshall Brown**, Secretary, with Farmers Insurance in Grover Beach
- Ron Reilly**—Garing, Taylor, & Associates
- Ken Dalebout**—Arroyo Grande Community Hospital, Dignity Health
- Mary Gardner**—SLO Regional Transit Authority
- Kim Banks**—BBSI
- Tiffany Terra**—associate member
- Stacie Lager**—SLO County Farm Supply Company

- Tim Jensen**—CoastHills Credit Union
- Kassi Dee**—Nan’s Pre-Owned Books
- Nicole Moore**—SeaCrest Oceanfront Hotel
- Adam Verdin**—Old Juan’s Cantina
- Mary Ishikawa**—Allstate Suncoast Insurance Services

“We are excited about our diverse Board slate for 2023 comprising local leaders who represent various industries and communities in South County,” said Kathy McCorry, CEO for South County Chambers of Commerce. “These individuals will help guide our regional Chamber to the next level of success. As the catalyst, convener, and champion for the business community, we look forward to continuing to work alongside our elected officials to strengthen the economic stability of our region.”



In response to COVID-19, the City of Grover Beach provided grant funds to over 70 local businesses. One of those businesses is Grover Beach Preschool and Child Care. City Manager Matt Bronson visited the location last month and spent some time with a few Grover Beach kiddos. South County Chambers of Commerce facilitated the childcare grant program in partnership with the City of Grover Beach.

### Dine at Rooster Creek Tavern on December 20th to support Five Cities Meals on Wheels

Five Cities Meals on Wheels (MOW) supports our homebound community by delivering hot, nutritious meals. Since 1975, they offer a helping hand to homebound neighbors facing personal health challenges. Learn more at [5citiesmow.com](http://5citiesmow.com).

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She is an accomplished trial lawyer and in 2021 was awarded the largest general damages verdict in the history of San Luis Obispo County winning \$13.8 million for her client.

Jacqueline is a 2016 Wall of Fame Award recipient and was awarded the Outstanding Women Lawyer in 2014, The San Luis Obispo County Bar Association Seitz Award in 2017 and the Access to Justice Award in 2019, among other recognitions for her professional and community achievements.



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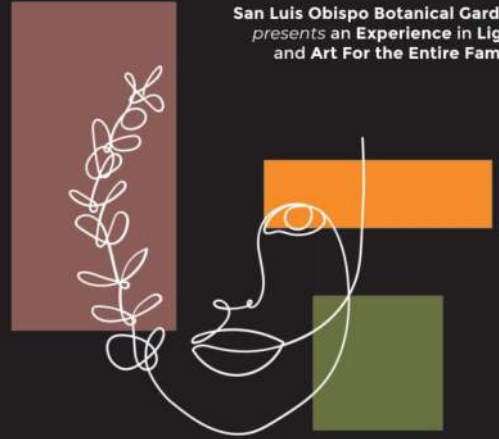
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## Two new staff members join the California Welcome Center team

PISMO BEACH — The California Welcome Center—Pismo Beach (CWC) is all decked out for the holidays, and now is the perfect time to stop in and say hello to their two new Chamber staff members: Visitor Services Assistants Beth Hatchard and Jay Kier. Beth and Jay are local experts, who enjoy meeting new people and are ready to talk to you about everything to do and see in San Luis Obispo County (SLO CAL). In her free time, Beth enjoys beach walks with her dog and stopping into the local art galleries. When not at the CWC, Jay can be found kayaking on Lopez Lake or listening to local live music. The CWC is happy to welcome their new staff to the team and hope you'll get a chance to meet them soon.

The CWC is open seven days a week and is located at 333 5 Cities Drive #100 in Pismo Beach at the Pismo Beach Premium Outlets.



## Free, online, customer service training available

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY — Visit SLO CAL recently announced the launch of SLO CAL Welcome, an online customer service-learning program specifically designed for SLO CAL's (San Luis Obispo County) travel and tourism industry workers. SLO CAL Welcome is now available to all customer-facing employees in the travel and hospitality industries.



This free program is available in English and Spanish and on both mobile and desktop. The Spanish version will roll out in early December.

There are six required modules each about 30 minutes long. The estimated time for completion is three to five hours. Successful participants who finish the full program will earn a certificate and a lapel pin, becoming a certified SLO CAL Welcome Expert. Click [here](#) to download the employer FAQs, watch the SLO CAL Welcome video, and discover how your employees and company can be recognized as SLO CAL Welcome Experts in service.

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# Who would you choose? Nominate a Business of the Month

Local businesses contribute to our economy, provide jobs, and demonstrate leadership. Many of these local leaders also invest time and money by giving back to our community. This deserves recognition and celebration. For this reason, South County Chambers of Commerce (SCCC) recognizes a Business of the Month.

The SCCC Business of the Month criteria:

1. The business is a current SCCC Member in good standing.
2. They conduct responsible, ethical business in South San Luis Obispo County; Avila Beach, Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Oceano, Arroyo Grande, or Nipomo.
3. They contribute significantly to the local economy and/or the local workforce.
4. They have demonstrated leadership in the business community.

The Business of the Month is recognized in the Chamber’s monthly news publication “South County Business News,” on social media, and at the Chamber’s monthly breakfast or luncheon. The SCCC Businesses of the Month are automatic nominees for the SCCC Business of the Year Award. The SCCC Business of the Year is celebrated at the Annual Dinner and Recognition Awards. (Businesses are allowed to nominate themselves and SCCC Marketing Committee members may also nominate businesses.)

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**South County Regional Center as temporary warming center, continued from page 1**

efforts to provide shelter in times of inclement weather is a critical service to saving lives. While this is a temporary location, we are working to secure permanent locations for future services. We are exceedingly grateful for our community's support of these efforts."

5CHC is a nonprofit organization working to strengthen South San Luis Obispo County by mobilizing resources, fostering hope, and advocating for the homeless and those facing homelessness. Donations of food and supplies are needed for the warming center. Warming center needs include these items:

- large trash bags
- coffee, tea, hot chocolate, creamer, and sugar

- soft breakfast bars and cereal
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  - instant noodles, cup of noodles, and camping meals
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  - rain gear, ponchos, and warm gloves
  - large backpacks
  - gift cards for gas, clothing, and food
- Contact 5CHC for donation dropoff location. More information is available at [5chc.org](http://5chc.org). If you have questions regarding the temporary shelter or want to be notified of when it will activate, please contact 5CHC at [info@5chc.org](mailto:info@5chc.org). South County Regional Center is located at 800 W. Branch St. in Arroyo

Grande. Tours of the South County Regional Center (for future event rental) are available upon request by calling the office of South County Chambers of Commerce at (805) 489-1488. This over 11,000-square-foot multipurpose building is outfitted with a full kitchen, covered barbecue, stage, sound system, round and eight-foot rectangle tables, chairs, and wireless internet access. This venue seats up to 300 guests based on layout with tables and chairs. There is plenty of off-street guest parking. Tours and contract signings are available by appointment only.

A permanent warming center location is in progress and will be announced once details are finalized.

**District 3 update, continued from page 2**

Please feel free to stop by to say hi, ask questions or discuss issues you might be experiencing within the County.

For more information, please feel free to send me an email at [district3@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:district3@co.slo.ca.us) or call 805-781-4336. Healthy and happy holidays to you all!

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In service,  
**Dawn Ortiz-Legg**  
**San Luis Obispo County**  
**District 3 Supervisor**

**Grover Beach News, continued from page 3**

becoming the region's first gigabyte city; to ensuring an adequate water supply and declaring water shortages when, unfortunately, necessary; to working with the Chamber of Commerce to facilitate economic development strategies such as [Visit Grover Beach](#). So many things have been accomplished over the last 10 years—I feel the future is very bright for the City and I look forward to seeing this trend continue.

Last, but certainly not least, a huge

thank you to the residents and businesses of Grover Beach. I appreciated all the residents that I have talked to and meet over the years...while shopping in Grover; walking my dog or enjoying a summer concert—thank you for your input, both positive and negative, as it always helped me to remember who I was serving while on the Council and as Mayor.

To the businesses, you have taken a chance on Grover Beach and we will always be a better city for it...from the award-winning [The Spoon Trade](#) and [Grover Beach Sourdough](#), to [Nan's Pre-](#)

[Owned Books](#) and their awesome book selection and much-anticipated marquee quotes, to the group of #WestEnd businesses such as [Grover Station Grill](#) and [Red Bee Coffee](#) to other favorites such as [ManRock Brewing](#) and [Pardon My French](#) as well as newcomers like [Empower Yoga](#)...there are too many to mention here but, suffice it to say, you can get almost everything you need right here in Grover Beach.

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**Jeff Lee**  
**Mayor, City of Grover Beach**

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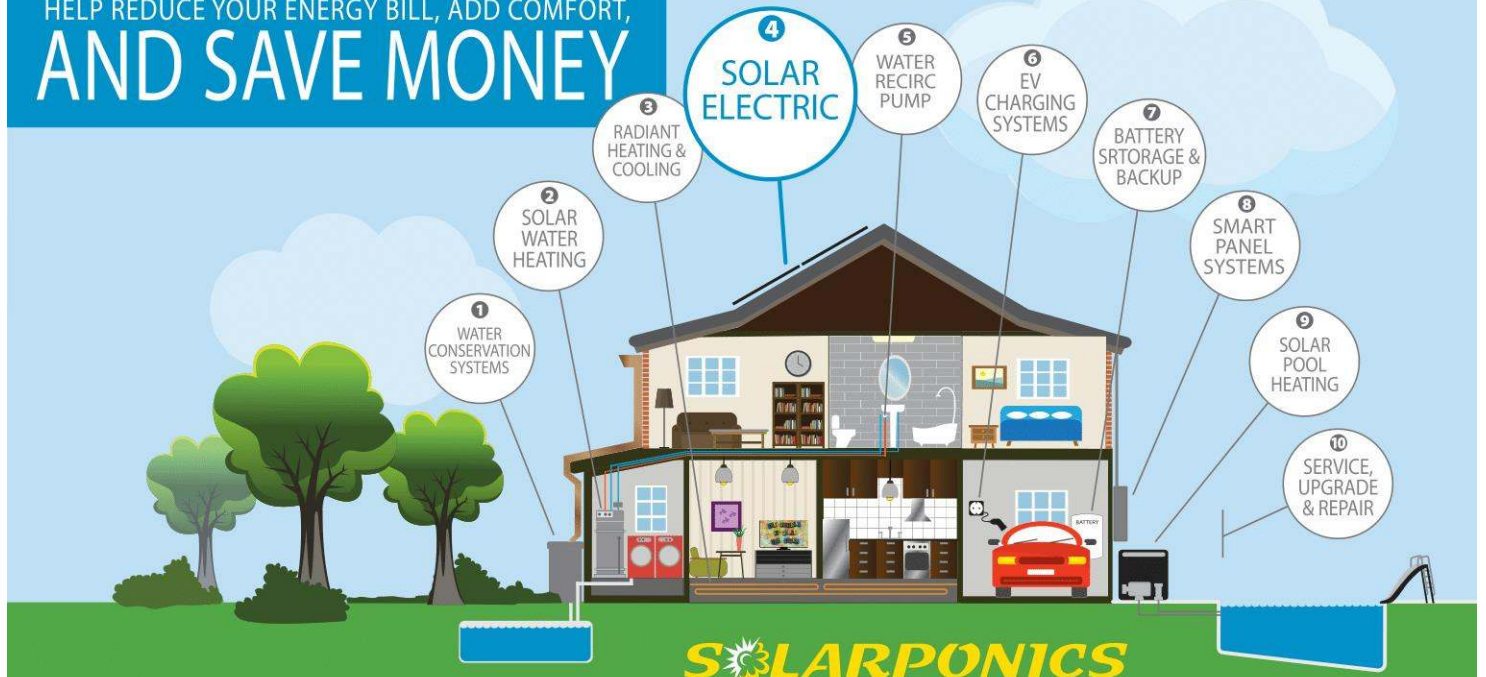
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