Louisiana native Peggy Richmond decided three years ago to bring her traditional New Orleans' style cooking to California and start a business. She decided to open her business in Stockton after seeing a TV show that highlighted the area.

Sweet City & Catering, New Orleans Style opened May 25 at 7610 Pacific Avenue in the Hammer Ranch Center and features "to-go" food items like red beans and rice, seafood gumbo, crawfish etouffee, maffaletta and jambalaya. Also featured are baked goods such as house made cakes, pies, cookies and pralines. She even brought her snowball (similar to Hawaiian shave ice) machine that finely shaves ice into powder and then adds Louisiana produced sweet syrup concentrates to produce the perfect summertime treat!

Be sure to visit this authentic New Orleans style eatery for a culinary experience like no other in
Edible Arrangements Downtown is Going on 11 Years in Business!

Edible Arrangements saw the potential in doing business Downtown and opened their doors in 2008 when the Downtown Waterfront revitalization was at its peak.

Edible Arrangements offers fresh fruit arrangements, smoothies, fresh fruit platters, and chocolate dipped fruit. Their specialty includes the chocolate dipped fruit, which is a must-have, along with their healthy all fresh, never frozen smoothies. Edible Arrangements offers catering and delivery services.

The Downtown Stockton Edible Arrangements was and still is located at 135 N. Hunter Street near the Regal Cinema City Centre. Operating hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will take same day orders until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, until 3 p.m. Saturdays, and until 1 p.m. Sundays. For more information, contact 209-943-1200 or visit their Facebook page below.

BUSINESS RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

City of Stockton
Commercial Facade Forgivable Loan Program

The City of Stockton offers the Facade Improvement Forgivable Loan Program to assist property owners in making exterior cosmetic improvements (e.g. painting, awnings, new doors and windows) to commercial properties.

Commercial property owners are eligible for up to $20,000 per 50 linear feet of building frontage. The first $10,000 base grant is available at no cost to the property owner, with an additional $10,000 available on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis.

Loan Program Guidelines include:
- Projects must conform to the City's design guidelines. A professional architect must be involved in the facade design (City will pay up to $2,500 for services).
- Contractors must bid the job according to City guidelines. All required permits are the responsibility of the property owner.
- Federal and/or local funds are used for this program. Whenever such funds are used, either in whole or in part, Davis-Bacon and/or State prevailing wages (whichever is higher) must be paid for all on site labor relating to the project.
- Application fee is $525.
For more information regarding the City's Facade Improvement Forgivable Loan Program, contact the Economic Development Department at (209) 937-8539 or email angelina.abella@stocktonca.gov.

**JOBSPEAKER APP A MATCH MADE AT DELTA**

The new Jobspeaker app for Delta College allows students and alumni to select their study areas and skill sets into a database and be "matched" with job opportunities from relevant employers. Similarly, employers can sign up, post their available job opportunities, and be paired with students who satisfy their workforce needs. The end result, Delta officials hope, is a platform that will more efficiently allow students and employers to find each other.

It's free to use. The college is looking for more students and more employers who would like to participate. Other features include:

- Students can scan their "matches" by simply swiping left or right on their phones.
- Students and employers can direct message each other.
- In addition to jobs posted directly by employers, the app also filters jobs from other career search engines.
- It also posts information about Delta College events like job fairs or financial literacy workshops.

To sign up, get the JobSpeaker app from the app store. Or visit the website below.

Employers who have questions about the app should email mcastanon@deltacollege.edu.

**STOCKTON IN THE NEWS**

**Hispanic chamber celebrates 'thriving' members**

STOCKTON - Hundreds of people came together Friday afternoon to celebrate the

**Stockton to Apply for State Grant to Renovate City Parks**

STOCKTON -- Right now, Anderson Park in North Stockton is known for its skate park and not much else. There's only one
achievements of community members and businesses making an impact in the community. The San Joaquin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce’s annual business awards and... 

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Windy Cove area reopens after nearly a decade

Windy Cove Day Use Area at Brannan Island State Recreation Area will reopen Monday after being closed for nearly a decade. Visitors will be able to enjoy new picnic tables, restrooms and a shaded ramada. The Windy Cove Day Use Area is a portion of...

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Summer Summit gives college-bound SJ students a crash...

STOCKTON - Going to college is already expensive when factoring the cost of tuition, fees and textbooks. With money seemingly being spent wildly and in different directions, setting a reasonable budget to follow is an important - yet often...

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FEATURED PROPERTY

For Lease
4750 Quail Lakes Drive, Stockton, CA.
For property information, contact Erica Frey at 209-475-5127 or erica.frey@colliers.com.

To find additional available properties, visit AdvantageStockton.com.

CITY OF STOCKTON
Fire Safety

Firework Safety
www.stocktonca.gov/fireworks

Safety tips from the Stockton Fire Department:
- Only Safe & Sane fireworks are permitted in Stockton.
- For safety, do not let children light fireworks.
- Never hold fireworks in your hand.
- Keep a bucket of water close by.
- Soak fireworks in water before placing in garbage.
- Fireworks cannot be used on public property or streets.

Only fireworks classified as "Safe & Sane" by the State Fire Marshal are approved for sale and use in the City of Stockton.
Use of Safe & Sane fireworks is restricted to these dates and
Illegal Fireworks - All fireworks without "Safe & Sane" seals are illegal in the City of Stockton. Sale, use, or possession of illegal fireworks is a crime.

ZERO tolerance for illegal fireworks. Jail & fines up to $1,000.

Questions? Call Stockton Fire Prevention: (209) 937-8271
Report illegal fireworks: Stockton Police Department (209) 937-8377

EVENTS

SJ Delta College Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
Starting & Financing a Business
July 10, 2019
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
56 S. Lincoln St.

Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce
July Networking Mixer
July 11, 2019
5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Delta Humane Society & SPCA
TBA

Award-winning Mystery Writer Cindy Sample Speaks at UOP
“One Author’s Journey To Write & Market Humorous Mysteries”
July 13, 2019
12:30 pm
UOP
Benerd School of Education

SJC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
July Mixer
July 18, 2019
5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Beeline Concrete Cutting, Inc.
1994 Sanguinetti Ln.

RESOURCES

*NEW* Stockton Business Survey

How is your business doing?

Do you know there are many resources available for you and your Stockton business?

We value your opinion and want to hear from you - the local business community. Please take this short five-minute survey. Providing your name is optional, or you can leave your contact information, and we will follow up to answer your questions.

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City of Stockton Bid Flash Website

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