

## **Small Business Spotlight: Yu Kitchen | by Council Member Mecham**

This month, we are excited to spotlight Yu Kitchen, a delightful restaurant located in Santaquin, owned by the warm and welcoming Yu family. Tom and Julie Yu, along with their daughter Jennifer, have made a significant impact on our community since opening their doors.

### **A Family Journey**

Originally from China, Tom moved to the USA about 20 years ago. After a few years, he brought his wife, Julie, and their daughter, Jennifer, to join him, emphasizing the importance of family in their journey. Having lived in Payson for several years, the Yu's have grown to love the area and community.

### **Business Experience**

The Yu's are no strangers to entrepreneurship. They have successfully run other businesses and, during the pandemic of 2020, made the strategic decision to sell those ventures. Recognizing an opportunity to contribute to the Santaquin community, they opened Yu Kitchen, where they serve a fantastic menu filled with delicious food that reflects their heritage.

### **Commitment to Community**

At Yu Kitchen, customers can expect not only great food but also a friendly and helpful atmosphere. Tom and Julie take pride in their restaurant and have expressed their gratitude for the support they've received from the people of Santaquin. Their goal is to create a welcoming space where everyone feels at home.

### **Future Plans**

As Yu Kitchen continues to grow, the Yu family is planning to find a bigger location in Santaquin to accommodate more guests for a sit-down dining experience. Additionally, they are excited to announce the opening of a new restaurant in Hurricane in the coming weeks.

We warmly welcome Tom, Julie, and Jennifer to Santaquin and encourage everyone to visit Yu Kitchen to enjoy their amazing offerings. Experience the flavors of their menu and the genuine hospitality that the Yu family brings to our community.