

Sweetwater Union High School District Virtual Academy



(At table from left to right) Sweetwater Union High School District Superintendent Moisés G. Aguirre, Ed.D., Chula Vista Mayor John McCann, Assemblymember David Alvarez. Standing behind the table are Salima Namou, Launch Virtual Academy 2025-26, ASB President, SUHSD/City staff, Chula Vista Councilmembers and City manager.

On July 7, the City of Chula Vista and the Sweetwater Union High School District marked another milestone in expanding educational opportunities by signing a 15-year lease that will bring the District's Launch Virtual Academy to the new Millenia Library.

The agreement gives the academy a permanent home inside the City-owned library, where 39 education pods are being built to support teachers providing remote instruction.

Beginning this month, students in grades 7 through 12 will have access to a flexible online learning environment while remaining connected to certified teachers and educational resources.

Launch Virtual Academy is designed for families seeking a personalized approach to education through primarily online instruction. The program combines virtual learning with opportunities for on-site activities and access to athletics, career technical education, visual and performing arts, STEAM programs and other enrichment opportunities offered through the Sweetwater Union High School District.

The lease signing also represents another step forward for Chula Vista's vision of creating a thriving University District. Recently, the City finalized a similar agreement with San Diego State University to establish hybrid nursing and global campus programs at the Millenia Library.

Together, the partnerships demonstrate how the library is evolving beyond a traditional community space into a hub for lifelong learning, bringing high-quality educational opportunities to the community.

By bringing secondary and higher education together under one roof, the Millenia Library continues to advance the City's commitment to expanding access to education and creating new pathways for students to learn, grow and prepare for future careers.

To enroll or learn more, please visit the [Launch Virtual Academy website](#).

SDFC Soccer Celebration for Final



At least 25,000 fans packed Memorial Park in Chula Vista to watch Mexico take on South Korea in the World Cup on June 18, 2026.

The City of Chula Vista's San Diego FC Soccer Celebrations, presented by Adriana's Insurance, are wrapping up with one final community watch party on Saturday, July 19, giving the community one last opportunity this summer to cheer on the championship match together.

The free celebration will take place at DeVore Stadium on the Southwestern College campus, 900 Otay Lakes Road. Gates open at 11 a.m., welcoming families, friends and soccer fans of all ages for an afternoon of food, entertainment and the excitement of watching the championship match on a giant screen from the stadium bleachers.

Throughout the summer, the Soccer Celebrations have brought the community together to share in the excitement of the season while supporting local businesses and creating a welcoming space for residents to connect. The final celebration continues that tradition with food, a festive atmosphere and NOVO Brazil on site offering a selection of alcoholic beverages for purchase. Parking at Southwestern College will be free for attendees.

While dedicated soccer supporters are expected to fill the stands, the event is designed for everyone. Whether attending for the match, the family-friendly activities or simply to enjoy a summer afternoon with neighbors, the celebration offers a unique opportunity to experience the energy and sense of community that soccer inspires.

To help ensure a safe and enjoyable event, outside alcohol will not be permitted. Other restricted items include large bags, glass bottles, folding chairs, drones, laser pointers, noisemakers, drums, selfie sticks, tripods, umbrellas, signs and banners, flag poles, sporting equipment, hard-sided seat cushions, masks or costumes that conceal identity and pets, with the exception of service animals.

Community members are encouraged to [RSVP online](#) before attending to receive event information and updates.

City Tips and Updates

When emergencies happen, information moves fast. Make sure it reaches you.

The City of Chula Vista uses official alert tools to send life-saving updates during and after emergencies. As wildfire season approaches, timely emergency tools are especially important. These tools are free, easy to use and customizable by location and language.

It takes minutes to sign up, and it could save your life.

What You'll Get

- Real-time emergency alerts
- Evacuation and safety instructions
- Location-based updates
- Language options for accessibility



A graphic with text that reads "Sign up for alert tools."

Your Emergency Tools

AlertSanDiego

- The County's official emergency alert system.
- Sends urgent, life-safety alerts directly to your phone
- Provides immediate instructions when action is required
- Shares incident updates, shelter information and public assistance resources

How to Sign Up

- Download AlertSanDiego from the Apple App Store or Google Play
- Open the menu in the top right and select "Register for Emergency Alerts"
- Complete the registration steps
- Tap "Submit"

Genasys Protect

- Live emergency map tool.
- Shows evacuation zones, road closures and impacted areas
- Helps you understand what is happening around you in real-time
- Let's you follow up to five locations for customized updates

How to Sign Up

- Download Genasys Protect from the Apple App Store or Google Play
- Open the app and select "Add New" under "Saved Locations"
- Subscribe to the areas that matter most to you

Stay Informed During an Emergency

For ongoing informational updates, visit the City's official channels at @ThinkChulaVista and chulavistaca.gov.



**NATURESCAPE:
WORKSHOP & COMPOST
GIVEAWAY**

Naturescaping a yard provides a beneficial habitat for bees, birds, and other wildlife while conserving precious resources. Naturescapes will help implement Chula Vista's climate initiatives.

Expert-Led Presentation Topics:

- Benefits and ways to attract pollinators
- Benefits of compost and other soil amendments
- Water irrigation and rebates

Workshop attendees will receive a **free, native pollinating plant**, and participate in raffle prizes!

**25
JULY**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**MOUNTAIN HAWK PARK
1475 LAKE CREST DR.
8 AM - 12 PM**

REGISTRATION

Naturescape: Workshop and Compost Giveaway

The Sustainability Division is hosting a NatureScape Workshop on Saturday, July 25 from 8 a.m. to noon, with presentations by experts covering native landscapes, pollinators, and water irrigation systems. Creating a NatureScape is a way to increase your personal living space outdoors into your yard. Presentations will focus on how to create a sustainable yard. The topics covered include: benefits of pollinators and beekeeping, water smart irrigation, native California Plants, and benefits and methods of compost.

Workshop attendees will receive a free drought-tolerant plant and participate in raffle prizes. Registration is required to attend the workshop, which is being held at the Mountain Hawk Park at 1475 Lake Crest Drive, Chula Vista, CA 91915.

[REGISTRATION CLOSING JULY 17! LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE.](#)

City Tips and Updates



A stock image of sewer service

Bill Pay Online

The City of Chula Vista offers fast, reliable, and secure online and automatic bill payment options across multiple services. Many departments provide these convenient digital methods, including automatic bill pay for sewer utility accounts. Enroll your account in automatic bill payment by emailing cvsewer@chulavistaca.gov or calling 619-691-5117 to ensure your payments stay fast, safe, and scam-free.

The City urges residents to remain vigilant against fraud. Protect your household by remembering these rules regarding official city billing:

- No social media billing: The City never uses social media to discuss bills or arrange in-person payments.
- No doorstep collections: City staff will not conduct door-to-door visits to collect customer payments.
- No immediate threats: Beware of scams demanding obscure payment methods, cash-only transactions, bank details, or Social Security numbers.

Authorized in-person payments are strictly limited to the Finance Department public counter and official departmental locations like public libraries or recreation centers. For billing verification, reach out to official city staff directly at 619-691-5250.

Vendor Call for ArtFest

Chula Vista's fourth annual ArtFest featuring South Bay's talented artists is coming up on Saturday, Sept. 26, from noon to 6 p.m. at City Hall, located at 276 Fourth Ave. in Chula Vista.

We invite artists, art vendors, and arts-related groups and businesses to [apply for a booth at the 2026 Chula Vista ArtFest](#).

The deadline to apply is Aug. 2, 2026. Space is limited, and selected applicants will receive a separate link to submit the \$50 booth fee and review additional participation requirements.

Booth vendors placed in the open areas will be provided with one table, two chairs and a 10' x 10' canopy. Vendors located in the covered portico area will receive one table and two chairs. Please note that vendors are responsible for supplying their own portable, non-gasoline power source for any electrical needs.

For more information, please contact CulturalArts@chulavistaca.gov.



ArtFest Flyer with event details

City Tips and Updates

OPERATION PRIDE

Rangers enforce and maintain the parks, while making them clean and safe for the public.

CITY OF CHULA VISTA RANGERS COLLECTED:



**11,200 LBS. OF
TRASH**



**47
SHOPPING CARTS**



**WORK FOR HOPE
FINISHED PAINTING
COTTONWOOD PARK**

How to Speak at a City Council Meeting Using New Virtual System

The City of Chula Vista City Council meetings will now allow for virtual comments. Chula Vista community members can request to join City Council meetings via telephone through an online form on the City's website. The form can also be used to sign up in advance to speak in person at council meetings.

Request to speak from anywhere

Easily request to speak using a simple online form—anytime, anywhere, from any device. No more arriving early or filling out paper forms. Just submit your request before public comment begins on an item.

Stay informed and Prepared

Review the [City Council Meeting Agenda](#) and select the agenda items you'd like to speak on and choose how you would like to participate.

Sign Up to Speak (Opens at 8 a.m. on Monday)

- Go online to the [City Website](#).
- Click "Register to Speak at a City Council Meeting"
- Select the meeting date.
- Click "Register"
- Fill out your details. A phone number is required if speaking by phone.
- Select how you want to provide your comments: In Person at the meeting or virtually by phone.
- Choose the agenda items and your position, such as in favor or against.
- Click "Register."

You'll receive an email confirmation that lists the items you requested to speak on and further instructions to comment in person or by phone.



How to Speak Virtually

1. Register [online](#). Registration closes at the time noted on the agenda.
2. Join the meeting by phone
 - 619-679-9952
3. You will be informed when it is your turn to speak.
4. Every speaker has a set amount of time.
5. Be respectful. Your comments help shape our City.

How to Speak In-Person

1. Register [online](#) or in person at the meeting.
2. Attend the meeting at City Hall, 276 4th Ave, Chula Vista.
3. Check in with the City Clerks.
4. When your name is called, stand to speak at the podium.
5. The timer on the podium tells you how much time you have remaining.

City Tips and Updates

Chula Vista Police Cadet Program – Mandatory Information Session on July 27

The Chula Vista Police Cadet Program offers young adults the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in law enforcement while developing leadership, teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills. Cadets work alongside officers, engage with the community, and gain valuable insight into police work and public service.

Whether you are interested in pursuing a future career in law enforcement or simply want to challenge yourself, serve your community and build lifelong skills, the Cadet Program provides a strong foundation in discipline, responsibility, physical fitness and community engagement.

The Chula Vista Police Department will host a mandatory interest/new candidate information session for individuals interested in joining the CVPD Cadet Program.

Date: Monday, July 27, 2026

Time: 5 p.m.

Location: City of Chula Vista City Hall – Council Chambers (276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910)

Attendance at this information session is required to receive an application and be considered for acceptance into the program. Applicants under the age of 18 must attend with a parent or guardian in order to be considered.



A photo of Police Cadet Program

Cadet Application Process

Please note that all applicants must successfully complete and pass a required background check prior to moving forward in the process.

Additional steps include a Physical Agility Test (PAT), which consists of:

- Timed one-mile run
- Push-ups
- Sit-ups

Applicants who successfully complete the PAT will be invited to participate in a panel interview with Cadet Program staff.

Summer Academy Requirement

Selected cadets are required to attend a week-long live-in summer academy held within San Diego County, typically scheduled in June or July. Dates are determined at the beginning of the following year. Attendance and successful completion of the academy is mandatory. Failure to attend or complete the academy may result in immediate disqualification and/or dismissal from the program.

Minimum Requirements, applicants must:

- Be between the ages of 14–20
- Be enrolled in school full-time
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA in academics and citizenship
- Pass a Physical Agility Test (PAT) and formal oral interview conducted by Cadet Advisors
- Pass a background check
- Attend mandatory bi-monthly Cadet meetings held on Monday evenings (approximately 3 hours), once accepted
- Be able to read, write, and understand the English language

RSVP Information

To help ensure an accurate number of applications are available, prospective applicants are encouraged to RSVP if they plan on attending. To reserve a spot, please email cadets@chulavistapdca.gov.

Business Spotlight: TNT Pizza



A photo of the School of Rock band on a stage performing a song.

After more than two years of planning, San Diego's cult favorite TNT Pizza has officially opened its long anticipated second location in the heart of downtown Chula Vista. The new restaurant embraces a nostalgic oldschool pizza parlor style, channeling the look and feel of classic New York slice shops from the 1970s and 1980s.

Situated on Third Avenue in the center of Chula Vista's growing dining and nightlife district, the location marks a significant expansion for the pandemicborn pizza concept. Taking one look at this pizza shop you see a warm retro interior complete with wood paneling, stained glass lamps, checkerboard floors, maroon leather booths, oldschool artwork, and a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles arcade machine. The design underscores TNT Pizza's commitment to nostalgia and comfort, aligning closely with the brand's established identity.

TNT Pizza was founded by local pizza veterans Kevin Gist and Joseph Ghafouri Wehrly. Originally launched in 2020 as a preorder-only popup during the early months of the COVID19 pandemic, the concept quickly built a devoted following. Its first permanent location opened in San Diego's East Village in late 2021, earning widespread praise for its diverse styles—including Detroit, grandma, tavern, and New York-inspired pizzas—as well as its extensive vegan offerings and inventive specialty creations.

The Chula Vista expansion provides a much larger space for menu experimentation. Guests can expect TNT favorites such as thick Detroit-style pies with caramelized cheese edges, ultrathin tavern pizzas, and specialty options like pickle-topped pies and vegan selections made with in-house substitutes. The new kitchen will support a wider comfort food lineup, including stromboli, deepfried calzones, sandwiches, appetizers, desserts, and rotating specials. Additional entertainment features and interior enhancements will be introduced over time.

Atmosphere remains central to the concept. The intentional throwback design evokes the charm of a classic East Coast family pizza joint, reinforcing the brand's playful identity and resonating with its loyal fan base. TNT Pizza is currently open Wednesday through Sunday with plans to expand to seven-day service.

You can follow TNT Pizza on Instagram at [@tntsdpizza](https://www.instagram.com/tntsdpizza).

If you would like your small business featured in a future newsletter, please complete this [submission form](#).

For business assistance, be sure to refer to the [Business Resource Guide](#) for additional information on available resources to assist your business.

Inside City Hall: Parks and Recreation



Parks and recreation team photo and staff at City parks and recreation centers.

Every July, Parks and Recreation Month shines a spotlight on the places and people that help make Chula Vista an active, healthy and connected community. From neighborhood parks and community centers to sports leagues, recreation classes and special events, the City's Parks and Recreation Department creates opportunities for residents of all ages to play, learn and build lasting connections.

With 70 parks and a wide variety of recreational programs, Chula Vista's parks are more than green spaces. They are where families gather for birthday celebrations, children learn new skills, neighbors meet for evening walks and athletes train for their next game.

Throughout the year, residents can take advantage of youth and adult sports, fitness classes, summer camps, cultural programs, aquatics, senior activities and outdoor events designed to bring the community together.

This July, residents are encouraged to celebrate the power of Parks and Recreation by getting outside, trying something new and enjoying the spaces that help make Chula Vista a vibrant place to live.

Join the City of Chula Vista Parks & Recreation Department for a month full of FREE family-friendly events happening throughout July! From live music and bird walks to roller skating and a dive-in movie.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and make lasting summer memories while celebrating the power of parks, recreation and community.

- **Music in the Park**
 - Sunday, July 12 at Memorial Bowl, 373 Park Way, from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Bird and Brew**
 - Saturday, July 18 at Monteville Park, 840 Duncan Ranch Rd., from 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Family Roller Skating**
 - Saturday, July 18 at Sunset View Park, 1390 S Greensview Dr., from 3 to 6 p.m.
- **Dive-in Movie: Lilo and Stitch**
 - Friday, July 24 at Parkway Pool, 385 Park Way, from 8 to 10 p.m.
- **Family Roller Skating**
 - Saturday, July 25 at Harborside Park, 670 Oxford St., from 3 to 6 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Month is an opportunity to recognize the dedicated staff, instructors, coaches, volunteers and maintenance crews whose work helps keep these programs and facilities welcoming, safe and accessible for everyone.

Whether you're discovering a new neighborhood park, signing up for a recreation class or attending a community event, there are countless ways to experience everything Chula Vista's parks have to offer.

Events Calendar



Pancake Breakfast

Enjoy a firehouse-style breakfast prepared and served by firefighters (including top brass), Fire Department employees, volunteers from CERT and CAST, and Fire Explorers.

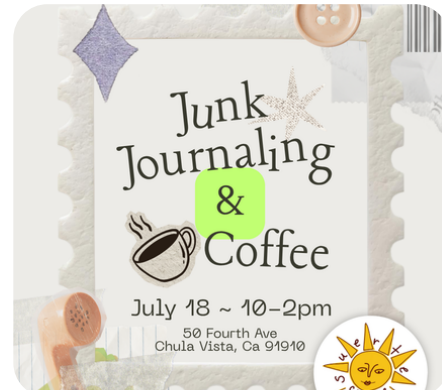
When: Saturday, July 11 from 8 to 11 a.m.
Where: Fire Station #5, 341 Orange Ave., Chula Vista, 91911



Music in the Park

A free evening of live music featuring the Lucky Devils Band. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends for a great summer night filled with music and community spirit.

When: Sunday, July 12, music starts at 5 p.m.
Where: Memorial Bowl, 373 Park Way, Chula Vista, 91910



Junk Journaling and Coffee

Slow down, sip, and create. Join us for a relaxed junk journaling workshop featuring Suerte Coffee. No experience is necessary.

When: Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Casa Casillas, 50 4th Ave., Chula Vista, 91910



Soccer Celebrations

Join San Diego FC and the City of Chula Vista to watch the soccer tournament final, in partnership with Adriana's Insurance.

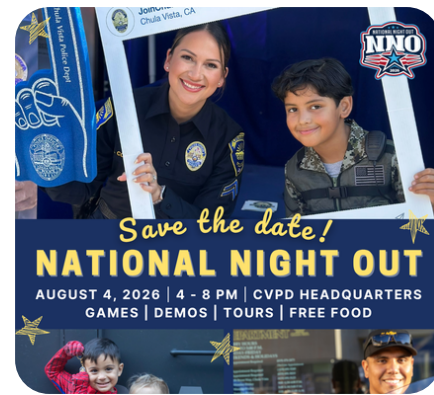
When: Sunday, July 19, gates open at 11 a.m.
Where: Southwestern College, DeVore Stadium, 900 Otay Lakes Rd, Chula Vista, 91910
RSVP: [Soccer Celebrations](#)



Garden Club Plant Sale

Chula Vista Garden Club will be holding a Plant Sale. Drought tolerant, California-friendly plants grown by the Garden Club.

When: Saturday, July 25 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Mountain Hawk Park at 1475 Lake Crest Drive, Chula Vista, 91915
Learn more: [Naturescape](#)



National Night Out

National Night Out with the Chula Vista Police Department.

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun featuring games, refreshments, live demonstrations, department tours, a Home Depot Kids Workshop, and the chance to meet your local officers.

When: Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 4 to 8 p.m.
Where: Police Headquarters, 315 Fourth Ave., Chula Vista, 91910

City of Chula Vista City Council Meetings

The Chula Vista City Council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July, 14, 21 and 28 at 5 p.m. Members of the public are invited to provide e-comments on any agenda item. We encourage community participation—sign up [online](#) to receive email notifications when City Council agendas are available. Agenda for all City Council meetings can be found on the [City website](#). A Spanish-language video stream is available and interpretation services for Spanish speakers are provided at each City Council meeting. Members of the public can watch the meeting via livestream. Chula Vista City Council meetings are video recorded and aired live on Cox Cable channel 24 (only in Chula Vista). Recorded meetings are also archived on the [City's website](#).