October 2024

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Community News

Good to Know

November 5 is Election Day! This year, Chula Vista voters in Districts 3 and 4 will have a chance to elect Councilmembers. For more information on Council Districts, visit the City's Council Districts webpage. Also before voters will be Measure P, a ballot measure calling for a renewal of the City's half-cent transaction and use (sales) tax for 10 years. Funds from Measure P are intended to continue to be used to fix potholes, and keep streets, sidewalks, infrastructure, parks and public facilities safe and well-maintained. The measure can also go towards repairing aging storm drains, managing traffic congestion, and removing trash and graffiti from public spaces in the City. Every active registered voter in Chula Vista is scheduled to receive a ballot in the mail the week of October 7, 2024. Check your voter registration or register to vote at the California Secretary of State website.

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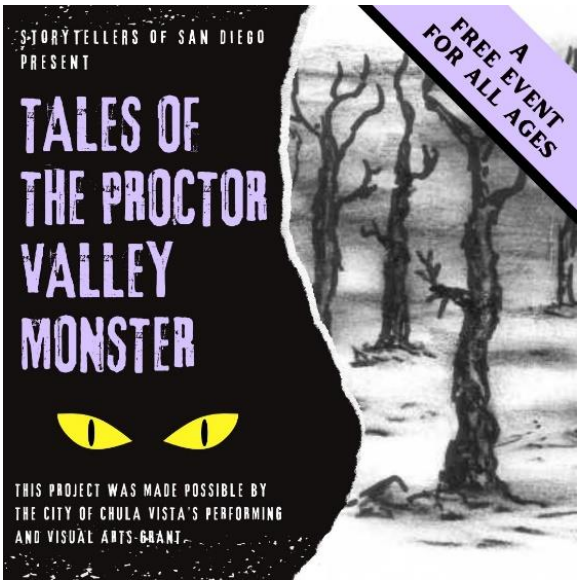
On Saturday, September 21, the **13th Annual Shoe & Sock Drive** was held at Solo Shoes in Chula Vista. Organized by the Chula Vista Police Department School Resource Officer Program, and in partnership with Solo Shoes, SBCS, Chula Vista Elementary School District, and Children's Primary Dental, the Chula Vista Police School Resource Officer Unit handed out 242 pairs of shoes, backpacks, school supplies, socks, and dental kits to children in our community. The event was a

heartwarming reminder that when we come together, we can truly lift each other up!

Things to Do

Not every city is lucky enough to have its own monster, but Chula Vista has the distinction of being home to a unique legend known to many residents across several generations.



The Chula Vista Public Library is excited to announce a special storytelling event, **"Tales of the Proctor Valley Monster,"** taking place at all three branch library locations this month. Presented by the Storytellers of San Diego, the events will take place Wednesday, October 16, at 6 p.m. at Civic Center Library, 365 F Street; Tuesday, October 22, at 5 p.m. at Otay Ranch Library, Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road, Suite 1103, and in Spanish Wednesday, October 30, at 6 p.m. at the South Chula Vista Library, 389 Orange Avenue.

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Chula Vista residents are invited to a **FREE compost giveaway event** on Saturday, November 2, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Otay Landfill, 1700 Maxwell Road. Participants are asked to bring their own shovels, containers, and tarps. Benefits of using compost in landscaping include improved soil quality and reduced waste.

Since 2015, in appreciation of the community's efforts to recycle yard waste (and now food waste), Republic Services has provided the opportunity for all Chula Vista residents to pick up free compost at these events. Beautify your landscape and improve your garden soil by adding compost to it.

For more information or questions, contact the City's Environmental Services at (619) 691-5122 or environmentalservices@chulavistaca.gov.

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Join the Chula Vista Police Department for the next **'Coffee with a Cop'** session on October 30 from 8:30 to 10 a.m.! Join the Police Chief, department command staff, officers and professional staff for coffee and conversation at Randy's Donuts, at 3001 Bonita Road. Coffee with a Cop events take place quarterly and rotate between the four City Council Districts. Follow the @chulavistapd social media accounts to stay up-to-date on this event and more!

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Want to help make Chula Vista a safer place to live for your family and community? Consider a **career with the Chula Vista Police Department**! Learn more about available opportunities at the next in-house recruiting event on Saturday, October 5, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Chula Vista Police Department at 315 4th Avenue, Chula Vista! To submit an interest form, visit the Chula Vista Police Department Recruiting interest webpage.

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Mark your calendar for the **21st Annual Beautify Chula Vista cleanup**! This year's event will take place Saturday, October 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is a great opportunity for students to earn community service hours and for the public to lend a helping hand. Participants must provide their own transportation, wear appropriate clothing and shoes, and bring work gloves, a refillable water bottle, and snacks or lunch. For more details and to register, please visit the Beautify Chula Vista event website. All volunteers must sign up in advance through the event registration webpage.

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Chula Vista Parks and Recreation is offering **several exciting upcoming events and activities this month!** Enjoy a Doggie Costume Contest at Heritage Park Community Center, pumpkin painting at Parkway Community Center, pumpkin carving and decorating at Montevalle Community Center, a Halloween Carnival at the Loma Verde Community Center, and more! To see a full schedule of upcoming events, please visit the Chula Vista Parks and Recreation activities webpage or call (619) 409-5979.

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The City of Chula Vista will host a **'Fix-it Clinic' and Halloween costume swap** at Montevalle Community Center, 840 Duncan Ranch Rd., on Saturday, October 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For the clinic, participants are welcome to bring broken, non-working items for assessment, disassembly, and possibly repair. These items could include electronics, appliances, toys, computers, bicycles, and clothes. Participants may bring

one item that needs repair, and the items will be reviewed and potentially repaired by volunteers.

This action helps us keep valuable resources out of landfills and promotes a culture of repair to extend the usefulness of products while saving money along the way!

For the Halloween costume swap, someone will certainly be happy to trade last year's fun or scary outfit for a new fresh idea for your upcoming Halloween celebrations or trick-or-treating in your favorite Chula Vista neighborhood.

For a list of household items that can be presented and to sign up, please visit the SD Fixit Clinic in Chula Vista webpage.

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The City of Chula Vista and the Chula Vista Fire Department have been selected for the **State of California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's Fire Risk Reduction Community List** (FRRCL). This designation recognizes communities and agencies that have taken proactive steps to mitigate fire risks and build a more resilient defense against wildfires. Placement on the list brings several benefits, including increased safety measures, and insurance incentives.

Homeowners may qualify for reduced insurance premiums. In 2022, the State of California Department of Insurance issued regulations that require insurance companies to factor in the FRRCL designation when offering insurance rates.

Residents are encouraged to contact their insurance provider to inquire about receiving a discount on their policy. If your insurance carrier requests evidence of this designation, you can view a copy of the California Board of Forestry's signed resolution and map by visiting the 2024 Fire Risk Reduction Community List.

If an insurer is not taking mitigation efforts or the fact that your property is in a Fire Risk Reduction Community into account, and is not applying approved discounts, then the policyholder should submit a Request for Assistance (RFA) to the Department of Insurance. An RFA may be completed and submitted online at the Department's Consumer Complaint Center. To speak with someone at the Department of Insurance, call the Department's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-927-4357.

Neighborhood Beautification

OPERATION PRIDE continues monthly cleanups. Supervisor Anzar, Ranger Perez, and Park Ranger Program Manager Alzubaidi, in conjunction with Alpha Project and McAlister (Work for Hope), collected 32,640 lbs. of trash and 73 shopping carts as part of September's OPERATION PRIDE. McAlister (Work for Hope) finished painting at Rohr Park and will next move to Veterans Park. Alpha Project: Take Back the Streets on non-outreach days collected 16,840 lbs. of trash. Rangers are continuing to enforce and maintain the parks, while making them clean and safe for the public.