

Fire Station 12 Groundbreaking

On Feb. 9, City officials celebrated the groundbreaking of the future Chula Vista Fire Station 12, a critical infrastructure project aimed at enhancing emergency response in one of the city's fastest-growing and highest-density districts. Located at 610 Bay Blvd., Chula Vista, CA 91910, the facility will serve as a hub for fire and emergency medical services and is expected to be completed by late fall 2026.

The project is on approximately 1.5 acres and features a 5,433-square-foot modular living quarters, a 6,191-square-foot apparatus bay and 2,309 square feet dedicated to equipment storage housed in two sprung structures. The station is designed with a 10- to 15-year service lifespan, aligning with the City's long-term development plans.



"Station 12 is going to prepare us for the demand of the emergency services that we're dedicated to provide," said Fire Chief Chris Manroe. "It is a proactive step towards long-term community resilience and emergency preparedness."

Fire Station 12 will be operational 24/7 and staffed by 10 personnel at launch, with capacity for up to 16. It will house Engine 62, Truck 62, and Medic 62, ensuring rapid, full-spectrum emergency services for surrounding communities.

The interim fire station provides a scalable, efficient solution that allows the city to meet current public safety needs while continuing to pursue the planning and permitting required permanent facilities.

This investment underscores Chula Vista's dedication to community safety, firefighter readiness and operational excellence in emergency services.

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Fall in Love with Reading: Try Book Match at the Chula Vista Public Library



This February, the Chula Vista Public Library is helping the community fall in love with books. The library has launched [Book Match](#), a free and personalized book recommendation service that helps readers of all ages discover new titles tailored to their interests.

Getting started is simple. Library cardholders [fill out a short online survey](#) about their reading preferences. After reviewing the responses, library staff send a custom list of book recommendations at no cost.

Book Match is available all year at all three Chula Vista Public Library branches: Civic Center, South Chula Vista and Otay Ranch Town Center. Whether you enjoy mystery, romance, science fiction, or nonfiction, Book Match helps you find stories that suit your style.

To add extra fun during February, all branches are offering Blind Date with a Book display. These books are wrapped in paper to hide their covers and titles. Readers are encouraged to pick one based on a short description and take a chance on discovering something new.

Both programs are designed to inspire curiosity and make reading more enjoyable and accessible for everyone in the community.

Anyone with a Chula Vista Public Library card can participate in Book Match and Blind Date with a Book.

To get started, visit www.chulavistalibrary.com or stop by your nearest library branch today.

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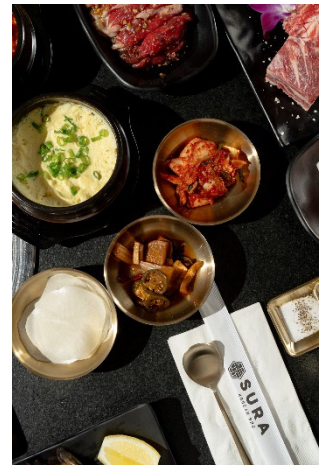
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Business Spotlight: Sura Korean BBQ & Shabu-Shabu

Few dining experiences bring people together like the sizzling sounds of Korean BBQ or the comforting warmth of Shabu-Shabu. At [Sura Korean BBQ & Shabu-Shabu](#), food is more than a meal—it's an experience. Appropriately named, Sura is an old Korean word meaning "King's meal."

SURA offers an All-You-Can-Eat dining experience that puts you in control. Guests can choose from a wide variety of premium meats, fresh seafood, and crisp vegetables to grill right at the table. For those who love hot pot, the Shabu-Shabu option lets you simmer your favorite ingredients in flavorful broths for a cozy, interactive meal. Every All-You-Can-Eat experience includes free soft drinks, soft-serve ice cream and a selection of pre-cooked dishes to complement your feast.



Wondering what to try first? While guests can choose and grill any meats they like, one of the most popular favorites is the LA Kalbi—a tender beef short rib marinated in SURA's signature house sauce. It's a must-try for anyone looking for bold, authentic flavor.

Owners Joon and Cris grew up in Chula Vista, attending Bonita Vista High School and Eastlake High School. Opening SURA was their way of giving back to the community that raised them. They say owning a business in Chula Vista has been an incredible experience: "It's great to be part of Chula Vista and to bring back some fun concepts to the city we grew up in. We've been able to hire all our staff locally, so it feels amazing to have a direct economic impact right here in our own neighborhood."

Over the past two years, they've built a loyal base of regulars, partnered with local schools for events and fundraisers, supported community sports teams and created a space where neighbors can connect over great food.

SURA invites you to be part of their story. Come for the food, stay for the community and leave with a smile (and maybe a little extra ice cream).

Sura Korean BBQ and Shabu-Shabu is located at 1960 Optima Street in Millenia. They are open Sunday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

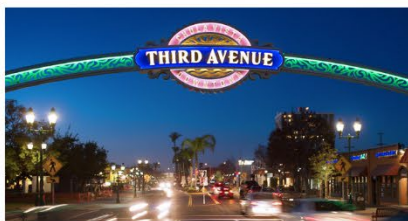
You can follow Sura Korean BBQ and Shabu-Shabu on Instagram at [@surabbqsd](#).

If you would like your small business featured in a future newsletter, please complete this [submission form](#). For business assistance, please check out www.chulavistaca.gov/businesses and be sure to refer to the [Business Resource Guide](#) for additional information on available resources to assist your business.



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Community Partners: Work for Hope

A unique collaboration between the City of Chula Vista and McAlister Institute's Work for Hope program is creating visible improvements in local parks while offering a path forward for individuals experiencing homelessness. Through the partnership, vetted participants are employed to paint park restrooms, picnic gazebos, and benches, helping restore public spaces across the city.

Work for Hope participants are paid in cash during a four day work week and receive vocational rehabilitation training, life skills instruction, and support with transportation, job readiness, and potential housing. Since launching in Chula Vista eight years ago, the program has helped more than 100 individuals secure stable employment and housing.



Work for Hope power washing restroom at Harvest Park.

City departments play an important role in supporting the effort. Operation Pride was developed within the Park Ranger Division under the Public Works Department. Public Works provides funding for program materials and, during large scale cleanups such as the Jungle or Otay Valley Regional Park (OVRP), may assist with heavy-duty equipment as needed.

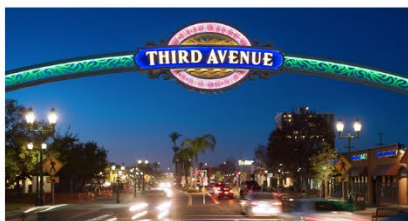
Most recently, Work for Hope completed a major beautification project at Harvest Park. The team removed rust from benches and gazebos, refreshed park signage, and completed graffiti touchups throughout the site. In total, participants restored bollards, concrete tables, metal benches, trash cans and lids, gates, restroom signage, and both interior and exterior building surfaces. Residents stopped to thank the crew during the project, expressing appreciation for the visible improvements.

The project highlights how collaboration can strengthen community spaces while providing meaningful opportunities for individuals working to rebuild their lives.



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City Budget: Budget Development Survey

The FY 2026-27 Budget Development process is underway. The City of Chula Vista Finance Department is gathering community input to better understand priorities, concerns and ideas through a brief budget survey. Your feedback will help guide how resources are allocated and ensure that budget decisions reflect what matters most to the community.

The survey asks about:

- Community priorities and services
- Areas where investment is most needed
- Opportunities for improvement or cost savings

Take the survey here. [Budget FY 2026-27 Survey - PublicInput](#)

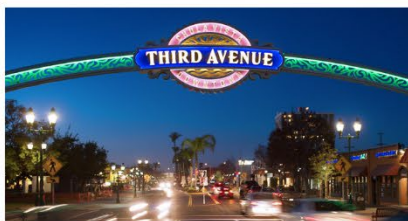
Survey will close on *March 2, 2026*.





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Community News

Good to know:

Age in Place Survey

The Age in Place Chula Vista – Housing Affordability Study is a City of Chula Vista project focused on understanding the housing experiences of residents ages 55 and older, including housing costs, stability and financial stress. This project supports the City’s broader efforts to develop responsive, data-informed strategies that allow older adults to age in place safely, affordably and with dignity.

Survey Eligibility: You must be a resident of Chula Vista and ages 55 or older.

Eligibility is specific to residents within this age range to help inform local planning and age-friendly housing strategies and initiatives.

Fill out the [Age in Place survey](#) by March 8.



Commissioners Needed

↓ Applications Open ↓

- ▶ BOARD OF APPEALS AND ADVISORS
- ▶ CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
- ▶ CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
- ▶ CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
- ▶ HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS ADVISORY COMMISSION
- ▶ MEASURE P - CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
- ▶ PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
- ▶ SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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The City of Chula Vista Applications for Boards and Commissioners

The City of Chula Vista [applications for boards and commissioners](#) is open. To be eligible to serve as a voting member on most boards and commissions, you must be a resident of the City of Chula Vista and at least 18 years of age. For more information on rules and regulations related to serving on a board or commission, please refer to the [Municipal Code](#), and the [City Charter](#).

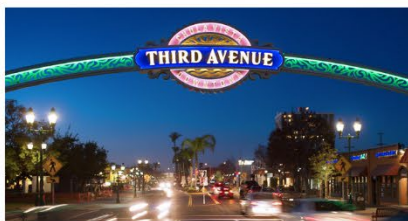
You are encouraged to apply for boards, commissions, and committees even if no current vacancy exists.

Serve your city and help shape Chula Vista’s future, [apply online](#).



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Library Launching Portable Solar and Battery Lending Pilot

To support clean energy in Chula Vista, the library has launched a pilot program to lend portable solar panels and batteries to community members. These devices were purchased with a grant from [San Diego Community Power](#) and are smaller and more portable than the solar panels and batteries you have seen connected to homes.

The batteries can be charged at home and then taken out beyond the electrical grid to be used where you need power. To help recharge in the field or reduce your home's energy bill, you can pair the battery with portable solar panel. If left in a secure sunny area, the solar panel can recharge the battery within 4-6 hours. Batteries can be checked out by themselves or paired with a solar panel.



Beginning Feb. 16, these items are available to be checked out at all three Chula Vista Public Library branches. Must be 18 years or older and have a library account in good standing that is at least 30 days old. Patron must complete a device borrower agreement at the library prior to checkout, and present a current, valid ID with street address. More information about the program is available here: www.chulavistaca.gov/solar.

OPERATION PRIDE

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

CITY OF CHULA VISTA RANGERS COLLECTED:



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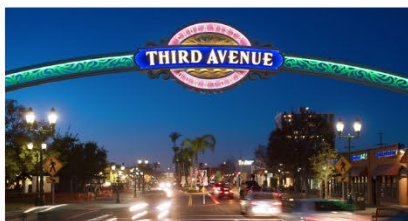


WORK FOR HOPE PAINTING HARVEST PARK



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Nominations for Sustainability Champions Now Open

SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPIONS

Nominations now open through March 31

Do you know a person or group doing amazing things for sustainability in Chula Vista? Let's celebrate them! Nominations for the Chula Vista Sustainability Champion Awards are now being accepted. Any person or group living or working in Chula Vista is eligible to be nominated for an award and potentially recognized for their local sustainability achievements.

The Sustainability Champion Awards – an initiative of the City of Chula Vista's Sustainability Commission and the Office of Sustainability – are designed to recognize those who are helping to achieve clean air, clean water and clean land for future generations within Chula Vista.

Nomination forms can be completed [online](#). Nomination forms are due by 5 p.m. on March 31, 2026. Award winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting in April and at South Bay Earth Day on Saturday, April 18.

The Sustainability Commission hopes that the annual awards help celebrate local sustainability champions and inspire others to make eco-friendly choices in their everyday actions. More information on the City of Chula Vista's environmental programs and services can be found at www.chulavistaca.gov/clean.

BMW Ribbon-Cutting

The first luxury car dealership in Chula Vista is officially open! BMW of Chula Vista held a ribbon-cutting welcoming the community to check out their showroom highlighting not only automobiles, but motorcycles! This business will bring in hundreds of jobs for residents and neighbors.

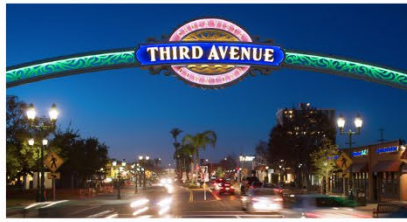
Visit the new dealership at 670 Main St., Chula Vista, CA, 91911.

Learn more on the BMW of Chula Vista website.



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Give Back to the Community: Volunteer at Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center

For more than five decades, Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center has been a cornerstone of healthcare in the South Bay. Behind the scenes, volunteers play an essential role in supporting patients, families and staff—and the Sharp Chula Vista Auxiliary is looking to add more team members to their ranks.

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering at Sharp Chula Vista is a meaningful way to make a difference. Each year, hundreds of adult and student volunteers contribute thousands of hours through the Auxiliary. Whether you're looking to give back, meet new people or gain experience in a healthcare setting, there's a role for you.

The Auxiliary's greatest need is for volunteers available during weekday business hours—perfect for active retirees. Bilingual volunteers fluent in Spanish are also valuable to help serve our diverse community.



Opportunities to Serve

Volunteers support a wide range of programs, including (but not limited to):

Department Support: Assist in areas such as the Barnhart Cancer Center, Infusion Center, and Postpartum Maternity.

Hospitality & Customer Service: Roles include ambassador escort, shuttle driver, gift shop attendant, and lobby liaison.

Integrative Services: Bring comfort through Arts for Healing, Pet Therapy, and Music for Healing.

Patient Support: Serve as a patient companion, assist in skilled nursing facilities or provide spiritual care.

Learn more and apply by visiting Sharp Chula Vista's [volunteer page](#).



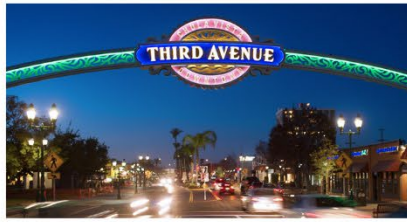
February Adoption Fees are Waived at Animal Services

All adoptable pets have waived adoption fees from Feb. 6 through Feb. 28, which means your perfect match might be waiting right now. Adoption applications are required and can be filled out [online](#) or in person. All pets are spayed/neutered, microchipped and have their first set of vaccines.

Learn more at www.cvacf.org or visit Chula Vista Animal Services at 130 Beyer Way Chula Vista CA 91911. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Things to do:

Black History Month Flag Raising

Join the City of Chula Vista in honoring Black History Month with a Pan-African Flag Raising Ceremony. This ceremony celebrates the history, culture and contributions of the African American community in Chula Vista and beyond. Featuring live music by the Martin Luther King Jr. Choir.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m.

Where: Chula Vista City Hall, 276 Fourth Ave., Chula Vista, CA



Coffee with a Cop

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy a conversation with your local officers at Coffee With A Cop, hosted by the Chula Vista Police Department. This laid-back event is all about connecting—no speeches, no presentations, just friendly chats over coffee. Residents are welcome to stop by, say hello, ask questions or share what's on their mind.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Where: Chick-fil-A, 571 Broadway, Chula Vista, CA

Lovebug Story and Craft

Join us at Casa for a Valentine-themed program for toddlers and preschoolers. We'll read a sweet story together and then dive into three hands-on art activities made just for tiny creators. Perfect for curious minds and busy little hands.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

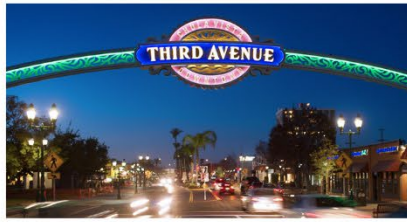
Where: Casa Casillas, 50 Fourth Ave., Chula Vista

Ages: Toddler to Preschool, Parents and Guardians



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Walk a Dog Day!

We're excited to announce the return of Walk a Dog Day! This special event gives our community the chance to spend time with our shelter dogs and make a meaningful impact.

When: Saturday, Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: Chula Vista Animal Services Facility, 130 Beyer Way, Chula Vista

Learn More: [Walk a Dog Day](#)



Inaugural Navy Ten-Miler to Launch in Chula Vista

The Navy Race Organization, part of Navy Region Southwest, is proud to announce the inaugural Navy Ten-Miler Presented by USAA. This premier race offers the public a unique opportunity to celebrate the Navy's historic roots in the San Diego metro area.

The starting line is Bayside Park in Chula Vista, and the race follows a scenic 10-mile course that winds along the Chula Vista waterfront, offering breathtaking views of the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge and nearby coastal areas.

When: Sunday, Feb. 22 at 7 a.m.

Where: Bayside Park, 999 Bayside Parkway, Chula Vista, CA

Ages: 11 and up

Registration: [Navy Ten-Miler](#)

Police Recruit Workshop

The workshop is designed for applicants that are interested in pursuing law enforcement career. Attendees will learn what it takes to become a police officer and how to better prepare for the testing, selection process and police academy program. This course is free of charge.

When: Thursday, March 19 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Southwestern College Police Academy/Higher Education Center Otay Mesa, 8100 Gigante Street, San Diego, CA 92154, Conference #4500

Ages: 18 and up

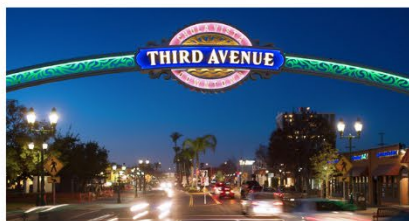
Registration: Elizabeth Valdez, (619) 482-6462 or email swcpoliceacademy@swccd.edu





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Meetings and Events

The Chula Vista City Council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 3, March 10 and March 17 at 5 p.m. Members of the public are invited to provide e-comments on any agenda item. Please [click here](#) for more information on City Council meetings. [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.
