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City Manager Message



Groundbreaking for Palomar Point, a permanent supportive housing development.

Dear Chula Vista Community,

As we begin 2026, the new year brings both reflection on the progress we've made and focus on the work ahead.

2025 was a year of meaningful progress for Chula Vista. From the highly anticipated opening of the Gaylord Pacific Resort and Convention Center to the launch of the City's first dedicated arts space at Casa Casillas, we continued to invest in projects that enrich our community and create new opportunities. We celebrated important infrastructure milestones, including the renovation of Fire Station 1 and the start of construction on improvements at Eucalyptus Park and the Heritage Road Bridge.

We have already started 2026 with strong momentum, beginning the year with the groundbreaking of Palomar Point, a project that reflects our continued commitment to housing and community stability. In the months ahead, we look forward to celebrating several major milestones, including ribbon cuttings for the Millenia Library, Eucalyptus Park and much more. This year will also bring more and expanded community services and programs, along with a strong focus on economic development as we work to support local businesses and strengthen Chula Vista's long-term vitality.

As we move through 2026, we remain focused on delivering a high quality of life for Chula Vista residents. Community input will continue to play an important role in shaping City priorities, and residents are encouraged to share their perspectives on how we invest in our neighborhoods. I am proud of the progress underway and grateful to city staff, community partners and neighbors who help move this work forward.

Thank you for being part of what makes Chula Vista such a special place. I'm excited for what this year will bring and look forward to continuing the journey together in 2026.

Warm regards,
Tiffany Allen
City Manager



Know Your Rights

The City of Chula Vista is committed to the safety, well-being, and dignity of all residents, regardless of immigration status. Everyone in the United States, including immigrants, have certain rights under the law. Know Your Rights is intended to help residents understand their legal protections, whether they are interacting with law enforcement, accessing city services or navigating other aspects of daily life.

Your Rights Under California & Federal Law

The California Department of Justice (DOJ) publishes neutral "Know Your Rights" information. Highlights include:

1. Right to an Attorney

- If you are arrested by local police, you have the right to an attorney.
- If detained by federal immigration authorities, you have the right to consult a lawyer. The government is not required to provide one for you.

2. Right to Privacy in Law Enforcement

- In California, **state and local law enforcement** cannot ask about your immigration status for the purpose of **immigration enforcement** and **may not share personal information** for those purposes except as allowed by law.

3. Right to Education

- Children have the **right to a free public education**, regardless of their immigration status.

4. Rights Related to Employment, Housing and Medical Care

- You are entitled to **protection against discrimination in housing and employment** based on your immigration status. Landlords and employers cannot treat you unfairly because of where you were born or your immigration status.
- You have the right to access **emergency medical care**, regardless of your immigration status.

For more detailed information on your rights, visit the California Department of Justice's [Resources for California's Immigrant Communities](#) page and review their downloadable resources, including [Know Your Immigration Rights & Protections \(PDF\)](#). Available also in [Spanish](#) and [Tagalog](#).





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The City of Chula Vista is on Nextdoor



Hello Neighbor! The City of Chula Vista is now on Nextdoor, providing the community with official City information, including updates on projects, services, events and public safety notices.

With the City on Nextdoor, residents have another easy way to stay informed and connected to what's happening in their neighborhoods and across the city.

Nextdoor is a neighborhood-based platform where residents already go to share recommendations, ask questions, and stay up to date on local issues.

By joining Nextdoor, the City is meeting residents where they are and expanding access to timely, accurate information straight from official sources.

Through the City's verified Nextdoor account, residents can expect updates on city services, community events, public safety information, road closures, construction impacts and opportunities for public input. It's also a space to share reminders about important deadlines, highlight city programs and connect residents to trusted resources.

Being on Nextdoor helps ensure that accurate information is easy to find and helps reduce confusion by providing direct updates from the City. While residents cannot submit service requests through Nextdoor, posts will often link back to official City websites and tools where residents can report issues, sign up for alerts or learn more.

Residents are encouraged to follow the City of Chula Vista on Nextdoor to stay informed and engaged.

To find the [City on Nextdoor](#), simply search for City of Chula Vista and subscribe to get updates.

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Recognizing City Employees: School Resource Officers



We'd like to take a moment to celebrate the dedication and impact of our School Resource Officers (SROs), an integral part of the Chula Vista community committed to supporting safe and positive learning environments across our schools.

The Chula Vista Police Department's School Resource Officer Program plays a vital role in fostering safety, trust and connection on campus. These specially trained officers serve as a liaison between law enforcement and our school communities, working hand-in-hand with students, families, faculty, and local partners to promote prevention, intervention, education and enforcement throughout the school year.

Our SROs are more than just safety professionals; they are mentors, role models and trusted adults on campus. They provide proactive solutions to juvenile crime and campus concerns, help maintain secure environments and build meaningful relationships that enrich the lives of students. Through collaboration with school staff and community organizations, they support programs that enhance student wellbeing and encourage positive engagement.

To learn more about the School Resource Officer program and the SROs serving local schools, [visit the Chula Vista Police Department's website.](#)



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Business Spotlight: Kolibri Flower Lab



Known for its bespoke, original floral artistry, Kolibri Flower Lab has brought color, creativity and heart to Chula Vista since 2019. Located at 1680 Broadway, the studio is inspired by the vibrant world of flamenco dance, an influence owner Claudia Naivit Mustur channels into expressive arrangements where movement, texture and emotion take center stage.

Kolibri Flower Lab began as a mobile flower shop, with Claudia and her husband serving the community from a vintage pink truck at farmers markets, pop-ups and local events. The response from Chula Vista residents was immediate and enthusiastic. In 2024, Kolibri opened its first storefront, and since then it has blossomed into a beloved neighborhood staple, one that feels both artistic and welcoming.

"We are a boutique florist known for our bespoke, original floral artistry," said Claudia N. Mustur, owner of Kolibri. "We bring the magic of flowers to all of San Diego by designing uniquely crafted arrangements with the freshest, highest quality flowers, offering our customers a truly one-of-a-kind experience."

Today, Kolibri offers a wide range of services, from custom bouquets and event florals to hands-on workshops that invite beginners and enthusiasts alike to explore the art of flower arranging. The studio collaborates with local artists, hosts creative gatherings and participates in community events, strengthening its ties to Chula Vista. Arrangements are available for in-store pickup or delivery, making it easy to mark any occasion, big or small.

At Kolibri Flower Lab, every arrangement is crafted with care and intention, designed to celebrate milestones, offer comfort and brighten everyday moments.

Visit Kolibri Flower Lab at 1680 Broadway, Chula Vista or order online on the [Kolibri Flower Lab](https://www.kolibriflowerlab.com) website. They are open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stay connected to see gorgeous floral arrangements and special moments via their Instagram @KolibriFlowerLab, Facebook at Kolibri Flower Lab.

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: Eastlake Food To Go!

Eastlake Food To Go! was launched on March 13, 2021, during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, when local restaurants and small businesses were navigating unprecedented challenges. What began as a small online food page has since grown into a community of more than 30,000 followers across [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Created to uplift local restaurants, small businesses and emerging entrepreneurs, the platform highlights both family-owned and franchise establishments that contribute to the local economy and create jobs. It also supports business owners from the community who operate restaurants and businesses in neighboring cities, reinforcing regional connections and shared success.

During the pandemic, Eastlake Food To Go! expanded alongside related community pages, including Bonita and South Bay Food To Go and East County Food To Go.

Today, Eastlake Food To Go! and Bonita and South Bay Food To Go remain active, evolving into community hubs that extend beyond food recommendations. The platform also supported efforts to legalize home-based cooking in San Diego through participation in the MEHKO coalition, helping small food entrepreneurs pursue new opportunities.

Now serving as a resource for connection, the page regularly receives messages from residents seeking support during hardship, referrals for services, job opportunities and assistance for local restaurants. An annual Community Giving initiative, hosted in partnership with local restaurants, provides donated meals to community members nominated due to hardship, isolation or need. Last year's formal community dining event served 186 residents.

"If we support each other and truly try to make a difference, we will be stronger and more united as a community," said Katia Callahan, Founder of Eastlake Food To Go.

Through collective action and local support, Eastlake Food To Go! continues to strengthen both the local economy and the bonds that connect the community.



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City Budget: Fiscal Years 2027-2036 General Fund Long-Term Financial Plan



The City's Finance Department recently presented to the City Council the Fiscal Years 2027-2036 General Fund Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP), a long-range fiscal planning tool to identify financial trends, forecast budgetary surpluses or shortfalls and encourage discussion to proactively address the City's long-range needs.

The City's General Fund serves as the main source of revenues and expenditures which finance the City's core operations and services. The LTFP presents a baseline scenario for the City's General Fund resources over a 10-year period to highlight the need to prioritize the allocation of City resources to maintain City service levels and reserves.

The LTFP provides City Council, City departments, key stakeholders and the public an overview of the City's fiscal health based on various financial and service level assumptions over the next 10 years. Staff reviewed historical and current data, conducted economic research, and worked closely with City departments and consultants to develop the assumptions utilized in the LTFP.

The LTFP will also serve as a guideline in the development of the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY2027) General Fund budget, which is currently underway. Community budget meetings will be held in April for the public to learn about and provide input on the FY2027 Proposed Budget, which will be presented to the City Council in May.

To learn more about the City's General Fund Long-Term Financial Plan, visit the City's Financial Reports webpage: <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/finance/financial-reports>.



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Community News

Good to know:

Modernizing Chula Vista Digital Experience Survey



The City of Chula Vista is redesigning its official website, **chulavistaca.gov**, to create a modern, more accessible, and user-friendly experience for residents, businesses and visitors. As part of this effort, we're inviting community members to take a brief online survey and share their feedback. Your input will help guide the features, services and overall design of the new website so it better reflects and supports the needs of our community. Deadline is Jan. 23, 2026.

[Modernizing Chula Vista's Digital Experience - PublicInput](#)

CVPD Introduces First Electric Pursuit Vehicle in San Diego County

The future of policing has arrived in Chula Vista. The first of our new electric police vehicles, the EV Blazer P930, is now officially in service at the Chula Vista Police Department (CVPD). Assigned to the Traffic Unit, this vehicle will support daytime traffic enforcement and nighttime DUI operations.

The EV Blazer is the first pursuit-rated, purpose-built electric police vehicle, and CVPD is proud to be the first agency in San Diego County to put one on the streets. Nine additional EV Blazers are currently being outfitted and will soon join our School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit.





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Reporting Non-Urgent Crimes in Chula Vista to CVPD

In an emergency, always call 911. For non-urgent incidents, you can [file a report online](#) if there are no known suspects, the crime didn't occur on a state freeway, and it involves:

- Harassing phone calls
- Hit and runs
- Identity theft
- Lost property
- Theft (property, vehicle, or from a vehicle)
- Vandalism
- Vehicle tampering

After you've submitted your report online, you'll receive a case number. You may be contacted for additional information. For all other types of incidents—including e-bike related crimes—call CVPD's non-emergency line at (619)691-5151.



Remember: reporting directly to the police—not just on social media—helps keep Chula Vista safe and ensures proper follow-up.



Find Your Next Great Read with the Book Match Survey!

Let our Book Matchmakers help you discover personalized book recommendations tailored to your unique interests. Whether you love mysteries, romance, sci-fi, nonfiction, or want to dive back into reading, the Book Match Program is here to guide you to stories you'll love.

Fill out the [online survey](#) to find your perfect match.

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Public Tobacco Use & Accessibility Survey

We're gathering community feedback to better understand tobacco use and access in our city. Your input will help guide future programs and policies that support responsible practices and promote community well-being.

We have two quick, anonymous surveys available:

- The [Community Survey](#) asks residents about tobacco use, accessibility, marketing near youth spaces, and concerns about tobacco-related health impacts.
- The [Retailer Survey](#) is focused on businesses that sell tobacco products and seeks input on tobacco sales, product sourcing, licensing awareness, underage purchase attempts, and the saturation of tobacco retailers in the area.

Take the survey(s) here: www.cvcommunityvoices.com/tobaccosurvey



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THIS SURVEY IS ANONYMOUS.

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We have two surveys available — one for all residents & one specifically for businesses that sell tobacco products.

TAKE OUR SURVEY!



Thank you for sharing your voice!
www.cvcommunityvoices.com/tobaccosurvey

OPERATION PRIDE

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

CITY OF CHULA VISTA RANGERS COLLECTED:



9,140

LBS. OF TRASH



54

SHOPPING CARTS



WORK FOR
HOPE PAINTING
HERITAGE PARK

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Things to do:



Junior Ranger Program

Join the City of Chula Vista Junior Park Ranger Program! Learn about animals, how to read a compass, and so much more!

When: Saturday, Jan. 24 and Sunday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Rice Canyon Demonstration Gardens, S. Rancho Del Rey Pkwy & Buena Vista Way

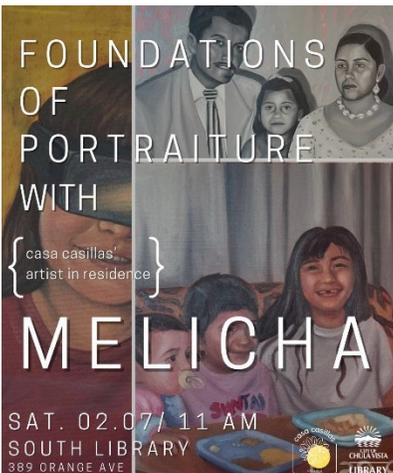
Ages: For ages 5 to 15. **Parental/guardian supervision required for ages 12 and under.

Paws and Pages

Join us for a fun-filled Storytime with the South Chula Vista Library and a furry friend from Chula Vista Animal Services! We'll have singing, dancing, and, of course, lots of reading.

When: Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 11:15 a.m.

Where: South Branch Library, 389 Orange Ave, Chula Vista



Foundations of Portraiture

Join Casa Casillas, Artist-in-Residence Melicha, for a Foundations of Portraiture workshop. Designed for teens and adults, this class will focus on core skills to strengthen your portrait work.

- **When:** Saturday, Feb. 7 at 11 a.m.
- **Where:** South Library, 389 Orange Ave., Chula Vista
- **Ages:** Over 13 years old
- **Learn more:** Registration required, [sign up online](#)

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Save the Date: 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. Learn more

- **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](#)



Meetings and Events

The Chula Vista City Council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 10 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.
