

## Celebrate the Beautiful Game This Summer



(From left) Soccer Celebration flyer for U.S.A. versus Paraguay Game on Friday, June 12. (On Right) Soccer Celebration flyer for event on June 18 in Downtown Chula Vista, Memorial Park.

**This summer, Chula Vista will become a gathering place for soccer fans and families alike as the City hosts a series of free San Diego FC Soccer Celebrations, presented by Adriana's Insurance.**

The community can come together to watch some of the sport's biggest matches on giant screens while enjoying live entertainment, local food vendors and a festive community atmosphere.

The celebrations kick off June 12 at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center with a viewing party for the USA versus Paraguay match. Gates open at 5 p.m. ahead of the 6 p.m. kickoff, giving fans an opportunity to enjoy local vendors and a beer garden before settling in to watch the action.

The excitement continues June 18 when Third Avenue transforms into a daylong soccer celebration. Fans can watch multiple matches throughout the day on giant screens. The event begins at noon and concludes with a special performance by a Banda El Recodo following the final match, at 8 p.m.

The summer celebration wraps up July 19 at Southwestern College. Doors open at 11 a.m. for an afternoon of food, entertainment and a championship match viewing experience on a giant screen.

While the matches are sure to draw soccer enthusiasts, the events are designed for everyone. Whether you're a longtime fan or simply looking for a fun summer outing, the Soccer Celebrations offer a chance to connect with neighbors, support local businesses and experience the energy that makes soccer one of the world's most popular sports.

San Diego FC's Soccer Celebration aims to bring communities across the region together through a shared love of the game.

Find more Summer Events on the [City of Chula Vista's Calendar](#).

## Preparing for the Fourth with Animal Services



A photo of a veterinarian doing a check up on a dog in a veterinary office.

**As the Fourth of July approaches, Chula Vista Animal Services (CVAS) is urging pet owners to take proactive steps to protect their animals and prevent a surge in lost pets.**

Every year, shelters are overwhelmed during this time due to fireworks and outdoor gatherings that lead to an influx of lost pets.

To help keep pets protected this summer, CVAS is offering FREE microchipping every Wednesday in June.

### **What Pet Owners Can Do Now:**

- Microchipping pets offers permanent identification and increases the chance of reunion.
- If you are unable to get a free microchip this June, Animal Services offers pet microchipping for \$30, including lifetime registration.
- Identification tags are the fastest way to get a pet home. Even if someone doesn't have a proper tag, writing a phone number on duct tape and attaching it to the collar can make all the difference.
- During the fireworks keep pets indoors and secure pets in a quiet, escape-proof area of the home.

The public can visit the Chula Vista Animal Services Care Facility (130 Beyer Way, Chula Vista, CA, 91911) for pet microchipping and tags. For CVAS Care Facility hours and more information [visit the city website](#).

If residents lose their pets, it is important to note that most pets stay close to where they went missing. Search the neighborhood on foot, check community apps like Nextdoor and [Facebook groups](#), and use websites like [PawBoost.com](#).

If you've lost or found a pet in Chula Vista, National City, Lemon Grove, or Imperial Beach, Chula Vista Animal Services is the only shelter where the animal will be taken, whether by animal control or a good neighbor.

CVAS is waiving reclaim fees for pets brought in during and shortly after the Fourth of July to help reunite families more quickly. For the latest lost and found pet updates, follow [Chula Vista Animal Services \(@cvacf\)](#) on social media, where posts are regularly shared to boost visibility and speed up reunifications.

## City Tips and Updates

### CVPD Scam Awareness Reminder: Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

The Chula Vista Police Department encourages community members – especially older adults and their caregivers – to stay alert and informed about common scams targeting seniors. Scammers often use fear, excitement, urgency or emotional manipulation to steal money and personal information.

While these scams can affect anyone, criminals frequently target elderly victims because they may be more trusting, isolated or unfamiliar with evolving technology and online fraud tactics.

Here are a few common scams impacting older adults across the country:

- **“You’ve Won” Scams:** Victims are told they won a prize, lottery, or sweepstakes but must first pay fees, taxes or provide banking information to claim it. Legitimate prizes should never require upfront payment.
- **Tech Support Scams:** Pop-up messages, emails, or phone calls claim your computer is infected with viruses or malware. Scammers may impersonate well-known companies and attempt to gain remote access to your device, steal payment information or install harmful software.
- **Romance Scams:** Scammers create fake online dating or social media profiles to build trust and emotional connections before asking for money. Requests may involve emergencies, travel expenses or gift cards. Once money is sent, it is often impossible to recover.

#### Tips to Protect Yourself

- Never share personal or financial information with unknown callers, emails or online contacts.
- Do not wire money, send gift cards, cryptocurrency or payment app transfers to people you have not met in person.
- Avoid clicking suspicious links or calling phone numbers from pop-up warnings.
- Talk to a trusted friend, family member or caregiver before sending money or responding to urgent requests.
- Be cautious of anyone pressuring you to act immediately or keep conversations secret.

#### Please Report Scams

If you believe you have encountered a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission:

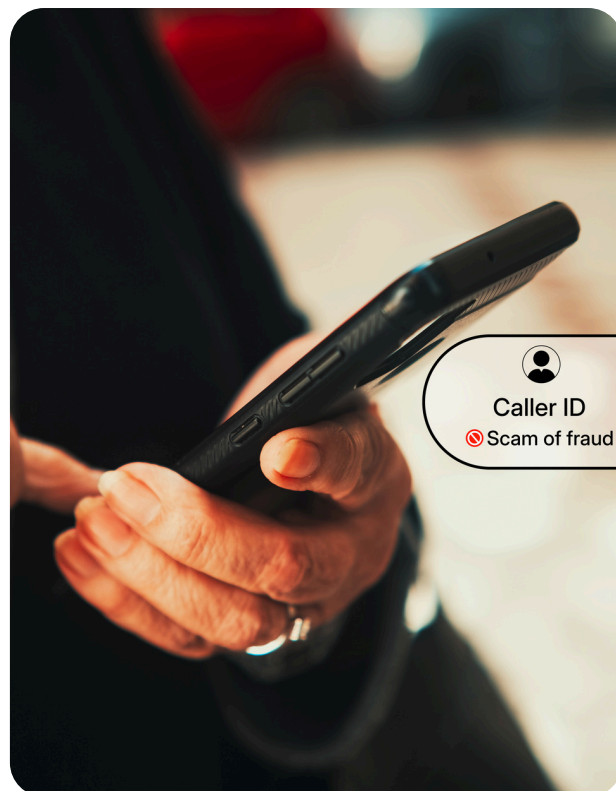
- Call: 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)
- Online: [FTC Complaint Assistant](#)

Your report can help investigators identify scammers and prevent others from becoming victims.

Community members are also encouraged to report crimes or suspicious activity occurring in Chula Vista to the Chula Vista Police Department:

- Non-emergencies: (619) 691-5151
- Emergencies: Call 911

The Chula Vista Police Department encourages everyone to help spread awareness by sharing scam prevention information with older family members, friends, neighbors and caregivers. Staying informed and having conversations about fraud prevention can help protect vulnerable members of our community.



A photo of two older adults looking at their smartphone with a warning of scam on the top left in text.



## City Tips and Updates



Photo of Sweetwater Park trail overlooking the Coronado Bridge with text "Proposed Budget 2026-27."

### Proposed Budget 2026-27

The Chula Vista City Council unanimously approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–27 budget on May 19, adopting a \$661 million citywide budget that includes a balanced \$318.1 million General Fund operating budget and a \$40.4 million Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The operating budget incorporates \$37.6 million in Measure A Sales Tax Fund spending and \$15.7 million in Measure P Sales Tax Fund spending. Both the Measure A and Measure P Citizens' Oversight Committees confirmed that the allocations comply with their respective expenditure plans.

To support public participation, City staff hosted three community budget presentations, conducted an online budget survey, and accepted public comments through the City's website. After reviewing the City Manager's proposed operating and CIP budgets on May 5, the City Council held a public hearing on May 19 to receive public testimony before adopting the final budget.

The FY 2026–27 budget takes effect July 1, 2026. Finance staff will provide quarterly budget updates to the City Council throughout the fiscal year. The full budget document and related information are available on the [City's website](#).

### Input Needed for Extreme Heat Survey

The City of Chula Vista is working with the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative to create an Extreme Heat Action Plan and needs your input. Data collected through this survey will contribute to a regional, multi-year project developing plans, tools, and resources for San Diego County.

Sharing your personal experience with heat waves in the San Diego region will aid in identifying gaps and improve community cooling resources available to communities during extreme heat events. Your input and responses will be used to guide and inform the regional heat project with the goal of advancing more accessible cooling resources in your community.

This survey is a total of eight questions and should take less than 5 minutes. Your input and willingness to participate is invaluable. To complete the survey, visit [Climate Collaborative San Diego Region](#).



A photo of a man who is wiping sweat off of his forehead and a thermostat showing a high degree of farenheight.



## 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:



**12,160 LBS. OF  
TRASH**



**66  
SHOPPING CARTS**



**WORK FOR HOPE  
PAINTING  
COTTONWOOD PARK**

### 2026 Sustainability Champion Awards Announced

The City of Chula Vista's Sustainability Commission sponsors the annual Sustainability Champion Awards, which recognize individuals and groups who are helping to achieve clean air, water and land for future generations within Chula Vista. The nomination period ran from January through the end of March and the Sustainability Commission recently selected the final award recipients. These sustainability heroes were recognized for their efforts in making Chula Vista more sustainable at the May 5 City Council meeting.

The 2026 winners include:

- Community Contributor – Eric Sutton, Warwick and Sutton Properties, Inc.
- Organization – San Diego Community Power
- City Employee – Sam Oludunfe, City Forester and Open Space Manager
- Resident – Barbara and Brian Burritt
- Educator – Elise Bostic, High Tech High School
- Student – Avery Steele

By celebrating local sustainability champions, the Sustainability Commission hopes to inspire others to make eco-friendly choices in their everyday actions. Congratulations champions!



A photo of the Sustainability Champion Award winners in front of City Hall, holding their awards.

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### Now Recruiting: Senior Volunteer Patrol (SVP) Academy

The Chula Vista Police Department is now accepting applications for its upcoming Senior Volunteer Patrol (SVP) Academy, taking place June 22 to 26, 2026.

The SVP program provides adults age 50 and older with a meaningful opportunity to stay active, connected and engaged while giving back to the community. No prior law enforcement experience is required. Volunteers play an important role by assisting police personnel with a variety of non-hazardous tasks that help support public safety efforts across Chula Vista.

SVP members often find the experience both rewarding and impactful, as they contribute to the well-being of their community while building connections with fellow volunteers and department staff.

Those interested are encouraged to apply early. A ride-along and background investigation are required prior to acceptance into the academy, and applicants should plan for approximately two months to complete these steps. Space is limited.

#### For more information or to apply:

**Phone:** (619) 476-2417

**Email:** [SVPP@ChulaVistaPDCA.gov](mailto:SVPP@ChulaVistaPDCA.gov)

**Website:** [www.chulavistaca.gov/svp](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/svp)

Community members looking for a purposeful way to get involved are encouraged to consider joining the SVP program.



A photo of two Senior Volunteer Patrol Academy members in front of a patrol vehicle.

### Chula Vista Bayfront Shuttle Summer Hours and Live Tracking



A photo of the Bayfront Shuttle in front of the Chula Vista Bayfront at Sunset

The City of Chula Vista is making it even easier for residents and visitors to explore its scenic waterfront this summer.

Beginning this summer, the **Green Line will operate daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.**, extending evening access to the bayfront and surrounding communities. The Blue Line will continue to run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The shuttle now offers live tracking, allowing passengers to view real-time arrival and departure information directly on the [City website](#).

## Local Spotlight: School of Rock

**School of Rock Otay Ranch has become a standout force in the local music scene by empowering students to grow into confident, capable musicians. Located at 2015 Birch Rd. #1107 in the Otay Ranch Town Center, the school opened in January 2020 and quickly established itself as a creative hub for aspiring rock performers from Chula Vista and beyond.**

Built on the belief that the best way to learn music is by playing in a band, School of Rock blends private instruction with dynamic group rehearsals. Students don't just practice scales—they learn real rock songs from artists like Journey, Santana and Jimi Hendrix alongside modern favorites. This hands-on approach builds technical skills, teamwork, creativity and stage presence.

"Our students grow from beginners to confident performers right before our eyes," said Sam Pierce, Music Director of the Otay Ranch location. "Whether they're six years old or adults rediscovering their passion, everyone finds their voice here."

The school provides lessons in guitar, bass, drums, keyboards and vocals for students ages 4 and up. Its programs include Little Wing and Rookies for young learners, Rock 101, the Performance Program, and an Adult Band. Summer camps, workshops and themed sessions keep momentum high throughout the year, all culminating in live shows that bring families and the community together.

Parents frequently praise the program for developing not just musicianship, but life skills like discipline, collaboration, self-expression and resilience. Many students form lasting friendships and even create bands that continue performing outside of class. With its welcoming environment, School of Rock Otay Ranch is far more than a lesson studio—it's a launchpad for emerging talent and a creative home for adult learners.

This summer, the school celebrated the exceptional accomplishments of two standout students, Charlie Amaro and Vincent Espiritu, who were named 2026 School of Rock All Stars. The All Star designation recognizes the top 0.25% of students worldwide. Having two honorees from one school highlights Otay Ranch's supportive, growth-focused environment and the dedication of its instructors.

School of Rock Otay Ranch is committed to making high-quality music education accessible to all. Families are invited to schedule a free trial lesson and experience the program firsthand. For enrollment or more information, contact School of Rock Otay Ranch at (619) 802-7625, email [otayranch@schoolofrock.com](mailto:otayranch@schoolofrock.com), or visit the [School of Rock website](#). You can follow School of Rock Otay Ranch on Instagram at [@schoolofrock\\_otayranch](#).



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

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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.



## Community Impact: Sharia's Closet



A photo of volunteers in front of Sharia's Closet

**What started as a simple act of kindness has grown into a community movement.**

At Sharia's Closet, racks of donated clothing fill the space at its Third Avenue location. Each item represents something more than a shirt, pair of pants or jacket. It represents a chance for someone facing a difficult circumstance to walk away with one less burden.

The nonprofit provides free emergency clothing to individuals and families in crisis. Some are navigating homelessness, job loss or another unexpected hardship. Whatever brings them through the door, the goal remains the same: ensure every person feels seen, supported and valued.

That philosophy is reflected in the organization's mission to provide free emergency clothing while helping build self-esteem and self-identity throughout the community.

Sharia's Closet centers its work on dignity. The organization believes every person deserves to be valued and respected. That belief shapes everything from the way clients are welcomed to the personalized service they receive.

The work would not be possible without the volunteers, donors and community partners who keep the closet stocked and the doors open. Their support allows families to shop at no cost, saving money that can be used for other everyday expenses.

As Sharia's Closet continues to grow, its purpose remains unchanged. A donated piece of clothing may seem small, but in the right moment it can provide comfort, confidence and a reminder that a community cares.

Community members interested in supporting the nonprofit can donate gently used clothing, volunteer their time or make a financial contribution to help serve more families in need.

### Emergency Clothing with Dignity and Respect

Sharia's Closet also provides customized care bags called "Bags of Hope," designed for each individual based on their needs and preferences. Each bag includes 7 to 10 hand-selected outfits along with essential hygiene items. Bags of Hope can be ordered through caseworkers.

The organization has also been recognized as a recent Nonprofit of the Year recipient, reflecting its continued impact across San Diego County and surrounding communities.

Sharia's Closet is located at 310 3rd Ave. Chula Vista, CA 91910, more information can be found on their [website](https://shariascloset.org).

## Events Calendar

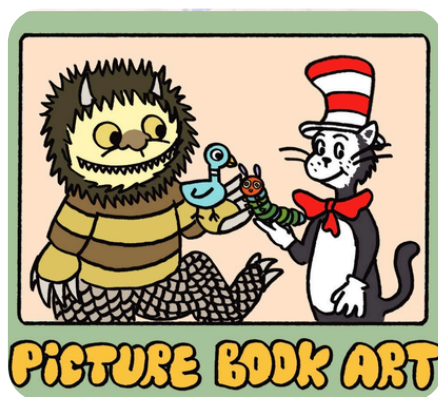


### Soccer Celebrations

Join San Diego FC and the City of Chula Vista for a summer like no other, in partnership with Adriana's Insurance.

- June 12 at 6 p.m. at the Elite Athlete Training Center, 2800 Olympic Pkwy., Chula Vista
- June 18 at 6 p.m. in Downtown Chula Vista, Third Ave., Chula Vista
- Stay tuned for more!

**RSVP:** [Soccer Celebrations](#)



### Picture Book Art

Children ages 4+ are invited to explore the colorful world of picture books through hands-on art projects inspired by beloved illustration styles.

**When:** Friday, June 12 and 26 at 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Casa Casillas, 50 4th Ave., Chula Vista, 91910

**Register:** Call to register, 619-585-5782



### Juneteenth

Join us for a Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony in recognition of Juneteenth and the celebration of freedom, resilience and the ongoing pursuit of justice.

**When:** Tuesday, June 16 at 4 p.m.

**Where:** City Hall, 276 Fourth Ave., Chula Vista, 91910



### A Day at the Park: Chula Vista Bayfront Park

Multicultural celebration featuring live music, cultural performances, free tastings from local food vendors, kid-friendly activities and more.

**When:** Saturday, June 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Where:** Bayfront Park, 980 Marina Way, Chula Vista, 91910

**Info:** [Day at the Park](#)

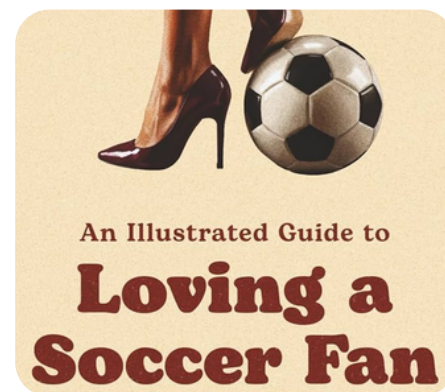


### Movies in the Moonlight

Join us under the stars for a FREE family-friendly movie series across Chula Vista parks! Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets, snacks and the whole family for a fun night out at the park.

**When:** Friday, June 26 at 5 p.m.

**Where:** Heritage Park, 1381 E. Palomar St., Chula Vista 91911



### Book Talk: Loving a Soccer Fan

Meet the author of *An Illustrated Guide to Loving a Soccer Fan*. A funny guide for anyone dating, loving or living with a soccer fan. Perfect for those who want to understand what all the shouting is about during World Cup season.

**When:** Tuesday, June 30 from 5 to 6 p.m.

**Where:** Otay Ranch Library Hub, 2015 Birch Rd., Suite 407, Chula Vista, 91915

**Book:** [Loving a Soccer Fan](#)

### City of Chula Vista City Council Meetings

The Chula Vista City Council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 16 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](#).



## Events Calendar



### AARP Scam Jam Fraud Workshop

Experts will share how to recognize, avoid, and report scams before they happen to you or your loved ones.

Learn about the top scams in San Diego, practice identifying red flags and how to protect from identity theft.

**When:** Friday, July 9 at 11 a.m.

**Where:** Civic Center Library, 365 F St., Chula Vista, 91910

**Register:** [San Diego Scam Jam](#)



### 4<sup>th</sup> Fest

The City of Chula Vista's 4th Fest will return again this year, offering the public a free fireworks display to celebrate the Fourth of July.

**When:** Saturday, July 4, 2026, at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center, 2800 Olympic Pkwy., Chula Vista



### 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



### Cat Cafe

Join us for one of our favorite events of the year as the Chula Vista Animal Service and Chula Vista Library team up for a cozy day filled with adoptable kittens, community and café vibes!

**When:** Saturday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Where:** Civic Center Library, 365 F St., Chula Vista, 91910



### Free Compost Event

Chula Vista residents can pick up free compost to beautify the landscape and improve garden soil by adding compost to it.

**When:** Saturday, July 11 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Where:** Otay Sustainability Park, 1700 Maxwell Rd., Chula Vista, 91911



### NatureScape

Presentations by experts covering native landscapes, pollinators and water irrigation systems focused on how to create a sustainable yard.

**When:** Saturday, July 25 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Where:** Mountain Hawk Park, 1475 Lake Crest Dr., Chula Vista, 91915