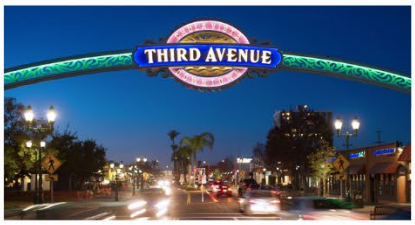
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City Manager Message



Greetings,

As we approach the start of a new fiscal year, I'm pleased to be presenting the proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26. This $610.6 million plan reflects our continued commitment to responsible financial stewardship, infrastructure investment, and enhancing the quality of life in Chula Vista.

The budget includes $305.6 million for General Fund operations and $28.9 million for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), all balanced without the use of reserves. The proposed budget anticipates moderate economic growth, infrastructure investments, and commercial and residential development throughout the City.

Thanks to voter-approved Measure P, we continue to plan for infrastructure projects through 2037. This year, $14.2 million from Measure P will support parks, sidewalks, drainage, and facility repairs. Measure A continues to fund public safety operations, including additional firefighters for the Bayfront Fire Station and a Community Relations Specialist for the Police Department, bringing the total number of Measure A-funded positions to 140.

As always, we will closely monitor the state of the economy and make fiscally sound recommendations to prepare for any future uncertainty. To learn more about the FY 2025-26 Budget, please visit the City website.

This month, we are celebrating a historic milestone! The opening of the Gaylord Pacific Resort and Convention Center on the Chula Vista Bayfront. Developed in collaboration with the Port of San Diego and RIDA Chula Vista, LLC, the Gaylord Pacific is the cornerstone of the Chula Vista Bayfront redevelopment featuring 1,600 hotel rooms, a convention center,

ballrooms, resort amenities, and more. As the West Coast's largest waterfront development project and Gaylord Hotels' first West Coast location, it will serve as a powerful driver of economic growth, tourism, and job creation. Read more in this month's edition and click here to learn more.

Don't forget to save the date for the State of the City on May 27, which will be the first event held at the Gaylord Pacific Resort and Convention Center.

I want to recognize and thank our dedicated City staff for their continued commitment to delivering essential services, advancing key priorities, and bringing important projects to life. Their hard work is reflected in a city that is safe, vibrant, and thriving.

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

~Maria V. Kachadoorian, City Manager

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City Approves Project Labor Agreement for Certain Projects

The Chula Vista City Council has approved the City's first-ever Project Labor Agreement with the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO and other local unions.



Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) are collective bargaining agreements between building trade unions and contractors. They govern terms and conditions of employment for all craft workers—union and nonunion—on a construction project.

The City PLA applies to all City capital improvement projects with an estimated construction cost of $1 million or greater. Additionally, developers of projects constructed on City-owned property with a construction cost of $1 million or more or subsidized housing projects receiving $5 million or more in City or Housing Authority funds also are required to enter into a PLA.

Through the establishment and stabilization of wages, hours, and working conditions for workers employed on these projects, as well as dispute resolution methods, the City expects timely, safe and economical completion of City projects. Other PLA goals include prioritizing projects employ at least 50 percent of the local workforce and at least 30 percent of employees be disadvantaged workers. Disadvantaged workers include veterans, former foster youth, custodial single parent, formerly incarcerated and more. These PLA goals additionally help support sustainable carriers in the building and construction industry for the community.

The PLA has an initial term of five years with an optional five-year extension, for a total maximum term of 10 years.

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City Fire Department Hosts Wildfire Preparedness Workshops



Chula Vista Fire Department (CVFD) has hosted a series of Wildfire Preparedness and Hazard Awareness Workshops at various fire stations throughout the City since April 9, 2025. The workshops included interactive presentations, breakout sessions, and first-hand experiences and tips from City Fire personnel to provide education on wildfire hazard and risks in our City, how to prepare and protect your family, and what actions to take during an emergency.

During these workshops, City fire personnel also discussed the new California Fire Hazard Zone Maps and how they impact the City.

Additional information on the Fire Hazard Zone Maps can be found on the City's webpage.

The final Wildfire Preparedness and Hazard Awareness Workshop will be held on May 7, 5-7 p.m., at Fire Station 8, 1180 Woods Dr. For more information on this workshop, please click here.

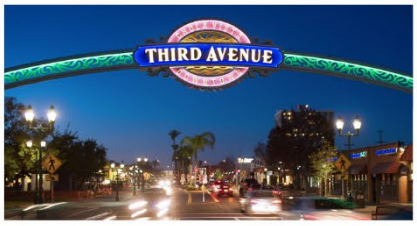
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Recognizing City Employees: City Budget Team

The Chula Vista Budget Team is responsible for the planning, development, and management of City funds to support strategic goals, deliver quality services, maintain long-term financial sustainability, and support City departments to provide critical and essential services.



"The City Budget is more than just numbers on a page — it's a reflection of our community's priorities and a blueprint for the future," said Ed Prendell, Budget and Analysis Manager. "Every decision we make directly impacts on the services our residents rely on, from public safety to parks and infrastructure. This is why the work of the Budget Team is so critical — we ensure that every dollar is spent wisely to support a thriving, equitable, and sustainable City."

The team consists of five members: Ed Prendell, Budget and Analysis Manager; Maritza Vargas, Fiscal and Management Analyst; Nicole Remiker, Fiscal and Management Analyst; Laura Johnson, Fiscal and Management Analyst; and Marco De La Toba, Senior Management Analyst.

A typical day for the Budget Team includes planning the coordination, preparation, and execution of the City's Annual Budget through various factors, monitoring and reporting financial performance, advising City Departments and staff leadership, ensuring

compliance and fiscal responsibility, and ensuring City staff is adhering to all applicable financial regulations.

The City is currently working on updating its Strategic Plan and expects it to be completed by the end of 2025, around the time the initial budget development processes for Fiscal Year 2027 will occur. The Budget team will be responsive to community insights and recommendations from this process related to budget development and monitoring, and community engagement. Future budgetary decisions will align with the strategic vision and priorities updated in the adopted Strategic Plan.

The Budget Team operates on an annual budget cycle that keeps them actively engaged throughout the fiscal year. The cycle begins in November with the development of the General Fund long-term financial plan. In January, the team shifts focus to preparing the annual budget. By April, the department organizes and presents the proposed budget to the community, seeking public input before the City Manager presents it to the City Council in May. The budget is then finalized and adopted by June 30. Once approved, the budget is continuously monitored through quarterly reviews of fiscal activity, the Budget Team provides analysis and recommendations for the City's revenues and expenditures with financial reports presented to the City Council to ensure transparency and accountability.

For more information on the City's Budget, please visit the Budget webpage.

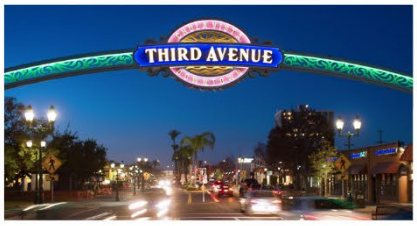
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Highlighting Small Businesses: D'Amour Brunch

Owners Rosa Arevalo and Ana Sandoval opened their doors and welcomed their first guests at D'Amour Brunch in 2022. To this day, they remain a frequented breakfast, brunch, lunch and coffee shop in Chula Vista.

"It's both remarkable and meaningful to us that we could start our small, women and Latina-owned business in Chula Vista," co-owners Arevalo and Sandoval say. "Seeing the smiles on the faces of our customers means everything to us. We pride ourselves on our quality food and beverages and our doors are open to everyone who loves the bites and sips that D'Amour Brunch has to offer."



With a diverse mix of Mexican and American healthy offerings, everything is made from scratch. Some of the most famous dishes include their chilaquiles with five different salsas including red, green, chipotle, poblano, and mole. From sweet to savory their crepes, omelets, avocado toast and molletes provide a delicious bite for every palate. D'Amour Brunch also offers agua frescas, house-made refreshers like Lavanda "Lavender" Lemonade, natural juices, smoothies and a full coffee bar featuring their ever-popular café de olla.

With a cozy interior and spacious outdoor dining deck, D'Amour Brunch welcomes parties both large and small. D'Amour Brunch is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily and is located at 1283 Third Avenue.

Visit their website for details and be sure to follow D'Amour Brunch on Facebook and Instagram.

If you would like your small business featured in a future newsletter, please complete this submission form.

For business assistance, please check out chulavistaca.gov/businesses and be sure to refer to the Business Resource Guide for additional information on available resources to assist your business.

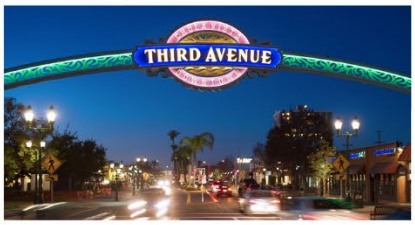
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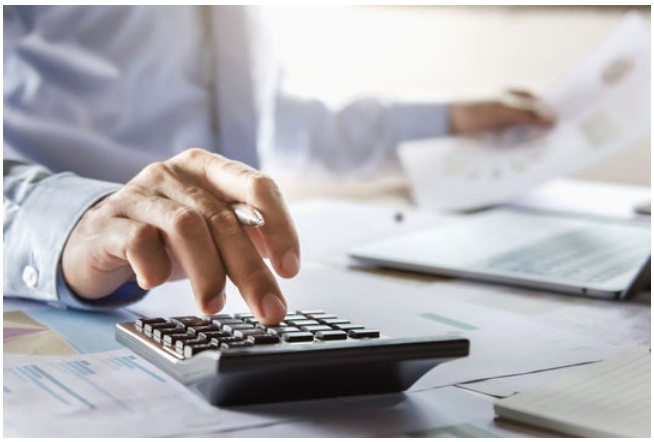






Claim Unclaimed Money Before June 2, 2025

Do you have unclaimed money with the City? Claim before June 2, 2025!



The City holds a list on unclaimed money from individuals, businesses, and legal heirs. California government code sections 50050 et seq. states that unclaimed money of $15.00 or more, that are three years or older, will become the property of the City if not claimed within 45 days of the first public notice in a local newspaper. The notices were published in the Star News newspaper on April 18 and 25, 2025. Unclaimed monies that are under $15.00, will become property of the City if not claimed within one year of the original payment date.

All claims, for checks that are older than three years, must be received by June 2, 2025.

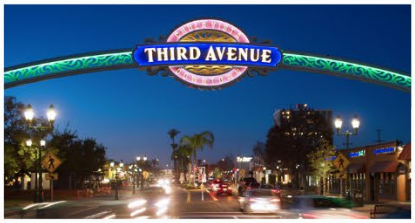
To review the notice of Unclaimed Checks List and for more information, please visit the Unclaimed Monies webpage.

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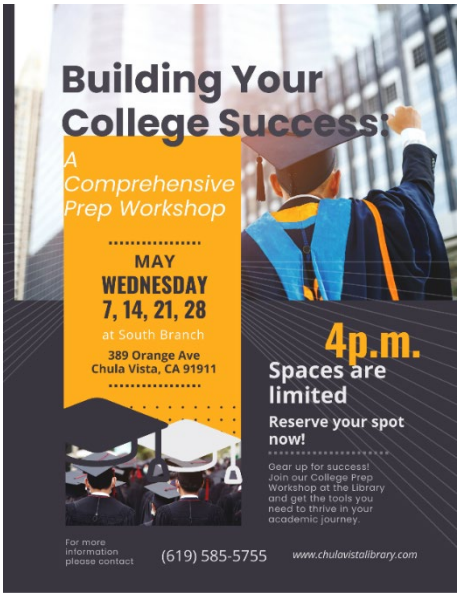






Community News

Good to Know



Gear up for academic success with **'Building Your College Success: A Comprehensive Prep Workshop'**! This free, 4-week workshop will be led by a college instructor and librarian to help students and parents prepare for the upcoming college semester. This workshop is ideal for both newly enrolled and returning students, in either community college or a university.

When: 4 p.m. on May 7, 14, 21, 28

Where: South Branch Library, 389 Orange Ave.

Spaces are limited! To register, please call the Chula Vista Library, (619) 585-5755.

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Businesses looking to expand into international markets can apply for support through the MetroConnect accelerator program! **Applications due June 30.**

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The City's Cultural Arts Division will be accepting nominations for the **2025 Gayle McCandliss Arts Awards!** Nomination forms and additional information can be found here, and nominations are open through May 18, 2025.



Nominees for awards must be Chula Vista residents or Chula Vista-based groups and organizations.

Categories for nominations include: Rising Star, Artistic Achievement, Literary Arts, and Distinguished Service in the Arts.

Established in 1991, the McCandliss Arts Awards recognize individuals and groups who made a substantial contribution toward the arts in Chula Vista. The award is named after former Mayor Gayle McCandliss, who was a strong supporter of the arts.

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

Things to Do



Join the **City of Chula Vista's Junior Park Ranger Program!** Kids ages 5-15 are invited to learn about conservation, preservation, and protecting local wildlife through interactive activities led by City Park Rangers! Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No sign-up in advance is necessary.

When: Every 4th weekend of the month (Sat. & Sun.), 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Where: Rice Canyon Park, North Rancho Del Rey Pkwy.

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SANDAG Bike Anywhere Day 2025 is **Thursday, May 15!** Ride your bike to work, school, the beach, or anywhere in the San Diego region on Thursday, May 15. Be sure to pedal to one of the 100 pit stops between 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

The City Sustainability team will be hosting a pit stop on the corner of Bay Blvd. and E St., where a City staff member will educate bikers on the Office of Sustainability's resources and programs. In addition to City staff, community partners including Living Coast Discovery Center, Rambler Motel, Collins Aerospace and Circulate San Diego, will also join with their own tables and bring drinks, snacks and giveaways!



Eligible registrants will be automatically entered into the Bike Anywhere Day Sweepstakes for a chance to win one of three e-bikes. For more information and to register, please visit the website.

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Happy International Compost Week, May 4-10, from the City's Sustainability Office! Since 2015, Republic Services has provided free compost to Chula Vista residents at each of the annual Free Compost Events. The next event is scheduled for May 10th from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Otay Sustainability Park, 1700 Maxwell Road (formerly Otay Landfill). Bring your shovels for loading, containers to fill, and don't forget the tarps to cover your compost! The event is for Chula Vista residents only.

In honor of this week, and to help raise public awareness on the importance of composting organic materials and creating healthier soil, City residents can receive FREE compost!

Remember to keep your food and yard waste cart free of non-organic materials such as rocks, cigarettes, metal, plastics, and ceramics. These items do not break down and therefore contaminate the compost.

Free Compost Events will take place rain or shine! For more information, please visit the Sustainability webpage and click on the "Home Composting" link.

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Parks and Recreation is offering several **exciting upcoming events and activities** this month! To see a full schedule of upcoming events, please visit the Parks and Recreation activities webpage or call (619) 409-5979.

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If you are at least 50 years old, want to serve your community, and give back in a unique and engaging way, the **Chula Vista Police Department's Senior Volunteer Patrol program** is accepting applications! Senior Volunteer Patrol tasks involve crucial (non-hazardous) duties, allowing sworn officers to address other public safety demands. No prior law enforcement experience is required.



If you are interested in applying, sign up for an upcoming academy scheduled for this year: July 21-25 OR October 20-24. Call (619) 476-2417 or email *svpp@ChulaVistaPD.org* to get started.

For details about requirements and expectations, visit the Senior Volunteer Patrol webpage.

Please note that both a ride-along and a background investigation must be completed prior to participation in the academy. Allow at least one month to complete these steps before the academy begins–class size is limited.

Neighborhood Beautification

OPERATION PRIDE continues monthly cleanups. Ranger Perez and Park Ranger Program Manager Alzubaidi collected 28,380 pounds of trash and 127 shopping carts as part of April's OPERATION PRIDE. McAlister (Work For Hope) finished painting Veterans Park and started painting Bonita Long Canyon.

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

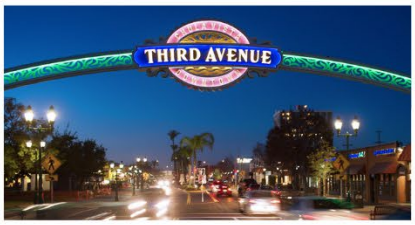
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Meetings/Events

The **Chula Vista City Council** is scheduled to meet at **5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6,13, and 20.** Members of the public are invited to provide e-Comments on any agenda item. Check the website for more details. 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.

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Join us in honoring veterans by placing 200 American Flags along the "Walk of Honor", a walkway with bricks inscribed with the names of veterans, at Veterans Park.

Where: Veterans Park, 785 E. Palomar

When: Friday, May 23, at 10 a.m.

No RSVP is required.

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Join Chula Vista Mayor John McCann and the Chula Vista City Council at the 2025 State of the City on Tuesday, May 27 at the new Gaylord Pacific Resort & Convention Center, 1000 H St. This event is free and open to all.

