



## City Manager Message



Greetings,

Welcome to the month of July! With summer in full swing, we bring you the latest updates and initiatives happening in our vibrant city.

We are kicking off the new Fiscal Year which runs from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This means the budget is balanced and new investments are just beginning. This is the perfect opportunity for you to familiarize yourself with the revenues that make up the City Budget. Learn more on our City website at

<https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/finance/budget-information>

Get ready for Chula Vista 4<sup>th</sup> Fest at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center, where spectators can celebrate Independence Day with an incredible fireworks show. Tune in to Amor 102.9 for the first-ever bilingual broadcast exclusively for Chula Vista 4<sup>th</sup> Fest. More details about this event can be found in this month's edition.

As a quick update on Measure P, on June 25, the Mayor and Council unanimously approved placing a measure on the November ballot to continue the temporary half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2016. Additional information can be found in this month's edition.

This past month, we also celebrated the start of Amara Bay Public Improvements, with a groundbreaking ceremony. Nearly 25 years in the making, Amara Bay will be a one-of-a-kind development by Pacifica Companies on the Chula Vista Bayfront. The project will include 1,500 condominiums, a 250-room hotel, and 400,000 square feet of commercial office space, which will help transform the Chula Vista Bayfront into a regional landmark destination. The public improvements for this project will involve the demolition,

reconstruction, and realignment of Marina Parkway, J Street, and part of Marina Way, along with the construction of new circulation roads on the project site. The completion of this work will provide improved pedestrian amenities, infrastructure, and utilities.

I am proud to announce that we are the only City and the only City Fire Department in the County of San Diego to be included in the statewide Fire Risk Reduction Community List. This prestigious list recognizes local agencies in very high fire hazard severity zones that keep to best practices for local fire planning. Being on the list better positions us to receive state grant funding to reduce wildfire risk in our communities. This [map](#) from the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection shows all of the 2024 Fire Risk Reduction Communities.

Stay tuned for more summer events! The Fire Department will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast this Saturday, July 6 at Fire Station 5. Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month with our Recreation Department at the big Music in the Park event on Saturday, July 20, at Memorial Park. Save the date for the very popular Chula Vista ArtFest on Saturday, August 10, at City Hall. Learn more about events in this month's edition.

Enjoy this month's edition. Please [contact me](#) if you have any questions or comments.

~Maria V. Kachadoorian, City Manager



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Keeping the community connected to information, programs, and services.



## Chula Vista to Hold FourthFest, Featuring First Bilingual Broadcast

The City of Chula Vista's FourthFest will return again this year, offering the public a free fireworks display at the [Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center](#) on July 4. The event is open to the public and all ages are welcome. Sponsored by Seven Mile Casino, this year's FourthFest will feature a simultaneous broadcast in English and Spanish through Amor 102.9.

The Elite Athlete Training Center's gates will open at 7 p.m. and fireworks will begin at 9 p.m. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own blankets and chairs. Food trucks will be available.

In addition to free parking at the Elite Athlete Training Center, attendees can also park for free at the adjacent New Hope Community Church, located at 2720 Olympic Parkway. [Mountain Hawk Park](#), located at 1475 Lake Crest Drive, will open starting at 7 a.m. and is another great spot to view the fireworks show. Street parking there is available on a first-come basis. All City parks close at 10 p.m.

Please be aware of several restrictions at the Elite Athlete Training Center, Mountain Hawk Park, and New Hope Community Church. At the Elite Athlete Training Center, the following items are not allowed: alcohol, tobacco (including e-cigarettes and vapes), drugs, tents and canopies/pop-ups, grills, tailgating, pets, and drones. At Mountain Hawk Park, charcoal grills are not allowed (propane grills are OK);



FREE PARKING

**JULY 4, 2024**

**CHULA VISTA ELITE ATHLETE  
TRAINING CENTER**

2800 OLYMPIC PARKWAY, CHULA VISTA

**GATES OPEN AT 7 P.M.**

BRING YOUR OWN BLANKETS, CHAIRS, ETC.

FOOD TRUCKS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)



enclosed camping tents are not allowed (canopies up to 10 ft. X 10 ft. are OK, with a limit of three per party); kegs, bottles, and other glass containers are not allowed; drones are not allowed. Pets must be on leash, and personal fireworks (including sparklers) are prohibited. New Hope Community Church is available for parking only – no tailgating.

Too many animals go missing around the Fourth of July. Keep pets indoors and comfortable, as loud fireworks can cause them to panic and jump or even break through fences and escape. Make sure your pet is properly identified with license and identification tags or on tape on the collar, and also microchipped. If your pet escapes, check with [Chula Vista Animal Services](#) and other local shelters, and search online pet websites such as [24Petconnect](#) and [Pawboost](#). Neighborhood apps such as Ring and Nextdoor are also useful for posting lost or found pets.

The private use of fireworks in San Diego County is against the law. To report the unauthorized use of fireworks, call the Chula Vista Police Department non-emergency line at (619) 691-5151.

All City offices including libraries and recreation centers will be closed on Thursday, July 4. In addition, trash pick-up in the City of Chula Vista will be delayed one day following the holiday.



## City Council Takes Action to Improve Affordable Housing Availability

The Chula Vista City Council has voted to ensure that current residents have priority for future affordable housing, especially if they have been displaced by circumstances beyond their control.

Council members in May unanimously approved amendments to the municipal code to create a better understanding of developer requirements and incentives to build more affordable housing units.

Among the changes is a reduction in the threshold for the City's inclusionary housing policy. Effective July 1, new housing developments with 20 units or more are required to set aside 10 percent for affordable housing. Currently the income requirement for a family of four to qualify for affordable housing under the inclusionary program is \$121,250 to \$143,400. In addition to income requirements, affordable housing developments will now be required to prioritize applicants at the greatest risk of displacement and those already living or working in Chula Vista.



**The Council set the following preferences:**

- First preference would be given to Chula Vista residents displaced due to government action or individuals referred by the Housing and Homeless Services Department;
- Second preference would be given to tenants within two years of being issued a no-fault termination of tenancy;
- Third preference would be given to Chula Vista residents and workers; and
- Fourth preference would be given to all other eligible members of the public

The Housing and Homeless Services Department has also initiated several programs to increase the number of people who are housing insecure moving into permanent housing. This new addition to the municipal code allows those residing in a City-owned shelter or other individuals actively seeking permanent housing and currently receiving assistance through a program administered by the department to receive priority for new affordable units. Staff stated that current first-come, first-served waitlists favored certain demographic groups or applicants who are close with developers or property management agencies.

A couple of approved financial changes also strengthen the City's oversight of affordable housing. One is altering the in-lieu fee to a square footage basis and applying different rates to for-sale and rental products. Previously, the City charged based upon the number of units, and this change is more in alignment with industry standards of what other cities calculate.

Further Council action updated the City's housing authority over mortgage revenue bonds. The City will now be the bond authority in most instances, ensuring that housing is maintained properly and serving the intended population.

Staff recommendations were brought to the City Council after a 10-month review process that included review and feedback from key stakeholders, including the Planning Commission, the Housing and Homeless Advisory Commission, the Building Industry Association, and the Development Oversight Committee.

For more information, visit the City's [Housing and Homeless Services Department webpage](#).



## City Council Approves Placement of Sales Tax Measure on November Ballot

The Chula Vista City Council last month unanimously approved placing a measure on the November ballot to continue a temporary half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2016. Like many cities throughout the country, Chula Vista struggles to repair and/or replace aging infrastructure. If passed, the continuation of the sales tax is projected to generate \$337 million.

In 2016, Chula Vista voters approved Measure P, which, after 10 years, is projected to provide a total of \$245 million. The new measure will appear on the November 5, 2024, statewide election ballot and if passed, will allow the City to continue to fund high-priority projects.

The measure requests voter approval for the continuation of a one-half cent transactions and use tax for 10 years at the current rate. Although the City's most pressing need includes infrastructure improvement, repair and maintenance, the tax is a general tax which can be spent for any lawful purpose of the City.

### The funding could be used to:

- Fix potholes and pave and maintain local streets
- Clean up trash and litter along streets, sidewalks and in other public areas
- Keep existing parks and recreation facilities safe, clean, and well-maintained
- Continue infrastructure repairs including sidewalks, curbs, and storm drains
- Make improvements to roads and intersections to better manage traffic congestion
- Repair or replace more underground stormwater pipes
- Address homeless encampments and increase cleanup efforts
- Add sidewalks in priority areas



The measure also requires the continuation of the Citizens' Oversight Committee, which is composed of members who review and report on City compliance with the provisions of Measure P. Additional fiscal and accountability actions would continue, including:

- Public disclosure of all spending
- All funds stay local in Chula Vista and no funds can be taken away by the State
- Essential purchases such as groceries, prescription medicine, diapers, and feminine hygiene products would continue to be exempt from sales tax

In May, an informational mailer was delivered to 92,000+ residences throughout the City. The mailer invites residents to take a survey to provide input on priorities for City funding. To date, more than 2,200 surveys have been returned. Residents are welcome to submit a survey to ensure their voices are heard. Responses will be collected through August 31. The survey is available in English and Spanish at [www.chulavistaca.gov/renewingmeasurep](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/renewingmeasurep).

Additional information on the Measure P program, Citizens' Oversight Committee, and projects completed, underway, or scheduled, please visit [www.chulavistaca.gov/measurep](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/measurep).



## City Seeks Public Input for Climate Action Plan Update

The City is seeking input from the public on its Climate Action Plan update through workshops and surveys.

The City is updating its most recent Climate Action Plan, which was adopted in 2017. The plan laid out multiple greenhouse gas reduction measures, including joining San Diego Community Power, adopting a zero-waste plan with food waste collection, and promoting clean transportation with an electric vehicle community shuttle. Many of the goals and strategies from the first plan have been achieved, and the City strives to set a new set of goals that meet the community's preferences and that align with our changing environment.



The City is holding three workshops in July, at which the City's conservation specialist will provide a presentation on the background of the Climate Action Plan, its current implementation, potential future climate measures taken, Sustainability outreach efforts, and the plan's next steps. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Civic Center Library** (365 F Street)

- July 11, 2024 – from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- July 13, 2024 – from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**The Hub at Otoy Ranch Town Center** (2015 Birch Road, Suite 407)

- July 16, 2024 – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Those who attend the public workshops will have the opportunity to fill out one or both of two surveys; one is a 20-question broad survey on climate action, and the other is a 17-question survey focused on greenhouse gas reduction measures. The survey will be available on paper and in both English and Spanish at the workshops, and available through a link on the City's [Climate Action Plan website](#) for those who cannot attend a workshop.

After collecting public input, the City's Sustainability staff will draft the full Climate Action Plan update. Staff members are expected to present the update to the City's Sustainability Commission and City Council early next year.

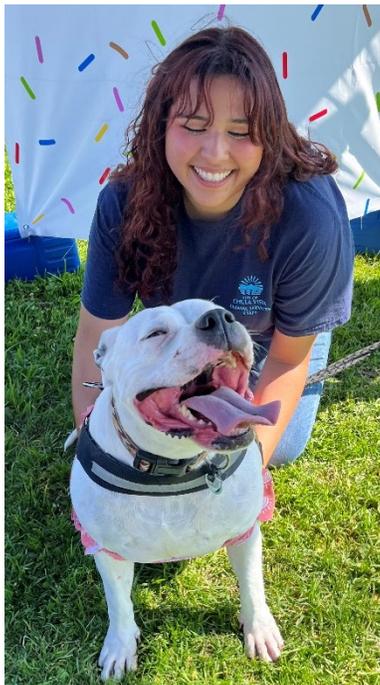
If you are not able to make any of the workshops, you can view the [presentation slides](#) and [recorded presentation](#) online.



## Employee Spotlight: Chula Vista Animal Services Staff

There are no holidays in the animal shelter business because animals need to eat and be tended to around the clock. Luckily for the cities of Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove and National City, there are nearly 50 passionate employees at Chula Vista Animal Services who are working tirelessly to get animals into loving homes. They are also reuniting lost pets with their families.

Most community members don't know that Chula Vista Animal Services—which is celebrating its 101<sup>st</sup> year anniversary of operation this year—is responsible for the stray animals and adoptions for those other cities mentioned above. It has been an ongoing effort by Deputy Director Ashley Milo and her dedicated team to build more community awareness of the shelter and the numerous services available to current and future pet owners. Thanks to grant writing efforts, the shelter has been able to offer 40 free spay/neuter clinics for a total of 800 animals serviced, including rabies and preventative vaccinations. Most recently, Milo secured a grant that provides financial assistance for community members wishing to reclaim their lost pets. Currently, it costs \$235 in fees to reclaim lost pets.



"We come in every day knowing there will be good days, bad days and a lot of in-betweens," Milo said. "We hold on tight to the good moments (the adoptions, reclaims, and the difficult cases that pull through)."

Community awareness is very important for Animal Services to help ease the overcrowding currently being experienced.

The shelter has capacity for 80 dogs, but staff have cared for 120-140 dogs every day for months, with more than 100 dogs, mostly large dogs, daily since November 2021. The shelter recently had to bring in additional kennels to help ease the overcrowding.

Helping animals find “forever” homes is what excites the staff every day.

“We hope to do better by the ones that weren’t given the life they deserved,” Milo said. “We see the potential in our team and community.”

Animal Services staff recently celebrated their accomplishments with an Adopters Reunion on June 22 at Orange Park. Dogs indulged in pup cups and other treats, made a poster with their painted pawprints and reunited with their former shelter mates. The [Instagram post](#) on the reunion will make all pet lovers smile.

Although there are 48 staff positions at the shelter, currently six are vacant, and nearly half are part-time. That’s where Animal Services relies on volunteers, with hopes of getting dozens more volunteers.

Volunteer opportunities include dog walking, fostering pets, sharing social media posts, and volunteering to staff community events. Everyone can assist in promoting adoption over purchase and the importance of spay/neuter and preventative care, Milo said. Of course, adoption is a main goal.

“If we can help just one animal—it’s why we’re here,” said Animal Care Specialist Tianna Torres. “Those ‘just one’s’ add up.”

Many of the employees feel so passionately about pet adoption that they have a tattoo that says, “until every cage is empty.”

Adoptions are currently being affected by a canine infectious disease, which is creating an additional cost for the shelter to administer tests to infected and non-infected dogs. It’s one of those challenges that staff take as part of their jobs. But it’s one that they all work together to overcome.

Longstanding staff members, such as Senior Animal Care Specialist Eileen Howard, who has worked in Animal Services for more than 20 years; Senior Animal Care Specialist Dolores Cortez, Animal Services Specialist Linda Davis, Animal Control Officer Manuel Mariscal and Registered Veterinary Tech Arlene Martinez, who have all worked at the shelter for more than 15 years; and Milo and Animal Services Specialist Lizbett Espinoza who have worked at the shelter for more than 11 years, will continue to lead Animal Services into the next century.



**Thanks to the other Chula Vista Animal Services employees for their dedication to the wellbeing of our local animals:**

- Ashley Milo, deputy director
- Robert Calderwood, animal care aide

- Nadia Martinez, animal care aide
- Lissette Arellano, animal care specialist
- Whitney Brandenburg, animal care specialist
- Samantha Crawford, animal care specialist
- Karina Cuevas, animal care specialist
- Lacy Droddy, animal care specialist
- Lachlan Estrada, animal care specialist
- Lizbett Espinoza, animal services specialist
- Rosana Lara, animal care specialist
- Tianna Torres, animal care specialist
- Carissa Webb, animal care specialist, offsite adoptions
- Idalys Zerpa, animal care specialist
- James Smith, animal care supervisor
- Darrell Hanson, animal control officer
- Elena Perez, animal care officer
- Marlene Rodriguez, animal control officer supervisor
- Natoshia Seeley, office specialist
- Connie Green, office specialist/temporary
- Viviana Castellanos, public information specialist
- Jacklyn Crawford, registered veterinary tech
- Marina Daniels, registered veterinary tech
- Yadira Figueroa, registered veterinary tech
- Diana Hernandez, registered veterinary tech
- Alejandro Mastache, registered veterinary tech
- Jay Agan, senior fiscal office specialist
- Charlotte Jordan, veterinarian
- Mark Manzon, veterinarian II
- Stephanie Cital, veterinary assistant
- America Cosio, veterinary assistant
- David Guerrero, veterinary assistant
- Steven Hernandez Olmos, veterinary assistant
- Maria Romero Chavez, veterinary assistant
- Mayra Torres, veterinary assistant
- Naylea Zermeno Garate, veterinary assistant

Be sure to follow Chula Vista Animal Services on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for the latest information on events, adoptions and how you can help.



## Highlighting Small Businesses: R&R Surf Rentals

Located on Chula Vista's Bayfront, R&R Surf Rentals' mission is to "appreciate life and what it has to offer."

[R&R Surf Rentals](#) rents watercraft including paddleboards, clear kayaks, eFoils, jet boards and jet ski pontoon boats. Whether you're a beginner just getting your feet wet in water sport activities, or a seasoned water lover, R&R Surf Rentals helps customers get their sea legs.



In addition to watercraft rentals, the company offers scheduled tours and classes. One of the company's most popular bookings is the sunset tour, which offers a view across the San Diego Bay while relaxing in a luxury pontoon boat.

R&R Surf Rentals started with Artiss and Arlyn Redmond's love for the ocean. With more than 46 years of combined experience navigating the sea and waterways in the U.S. Navy, the husband-and-wife team use their love of San Diego waters to help foster a fun and safe water-toy experience through their company.

The heart of R&R Surf's mission also lies in its robust educational initiatives, which include classes and workshops designed to teach water safety and boating basics. Programs are tailored to all levels of experience from

beginner to expert. Every rental comes with safety briefings, life jacket fittings, and bay navigation training.

If you would like your small business featured in the Small Business Spotlight in future newsletters, please fill out the [submission form](#) to be considered. For business assistance, please visit our website at [chulavistaca.gov/businesses](http://chulavistaca.gov/businesses).



## Spotlighting Community Partners: Burn Institute

Since 1972, the Burn Institute has been dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths through proactive fire safety education and prevention programs in San Diego and Imperial counties.

The nonprofit's mission includes teaching children about fire safety through the Fire Safe Kids Program, promoting fire safety in workplaces, and engaging college students through the Fire Safe Greeks initiative. The Burn Institute also provides and installs free smoke detectors for vulnerable populations, such as senior citizens.



The Burn Institute is also strongly committed to empowering burn survivors. This is achieved by providing financial assistance, mental health treatment, and access to support groups. Burn Institute-organized community events, such as Camp Beyond the Scars and holiday parties, provide a supportive environment where survivors can connect, heal, and support one another. The Burn Institute believes in the power of communal healing and ensuring that no survivor is ever alone in their journey.

The Burn Institute is proud of its strong connection with the City of Chula Vista. This helps foster a close partnership that significantly benefits the Burn Institute's mission and community outreach efforts. The Chula Vista Fire Department plays a crucial role in the Burn Institute's annual boot drive, helping raise essential funds for annual programs.

Additionally, the Chula Vista Fire Department is expected to participate in the Burn Institute's [32nd Annual Fire & Safety Expo and Firefighter Demolition Derby](#) at the Del Mar Fairgrounds on July 7, 2024, showcasing their dedication and fostering additional support.

This year, members of the Chula Vista Police Department were also recognized at the Burn Institute's Spirit of Courage Awards, for their bravery and commitment to saving a life during a fire-related incident, assisted by the department's Drone as First Responder program. The collaboration with Chula Vista's first responders underscores the importance of community support in achieving our mission and highlights the invaluable contributions of these everyday heroes.

"The close relationship between the Burn Institute and Chula Vista's first responders exemplifies the power of community," said Tessa Haviland, the Burn Institute's executive director. "From fundraising efforts to impactful interactions with our campers, their support is invaluable in helping burn survivors heal and thrive."

This year, Camp Beyond the Scars campers will visit the Chula Vista Fire Department for an exciting "Day in the Life of a Firefighter" showcase, including a firefighter obstacle course, station tour, remarks from an inspirational speaker, and a lunch with firefighters. This visit will be especially meaningful as it will allow young burn survivors to interact with first responders in a positive and supportive environment, helping them on their healing journey. Many young burn survivors' first interaction with a first responder was on one of the worst days of their lives, so this connection is vital for their recovery and empowerment.

For more information, please visit [the Burn Institute](#).



## City Offers Tips and Assistance to Keep Customers Safe Online

The City of Chula Vista provides various online and automatic bill payment options across several areas of service. Online and automatic bill payments are fast, reliable, convenient, and secure methods of making payments to the City. To ensure added security, the City will never use social media to contact our customers directly about bills. The City will also not use social media to contact customers to arrange for payments to be made in person other than at our Finance Department public counter or other official places of business, such as the public library and recreation centers.

Many City departments offer online payment methods for City services. Please visit the City's 'Pay Online' page for a listing of all the services that can be obtained by paying online at [chulavistaca.gov/i-want-to/pay](https://chulavistaca.gov/i-want-to/pay). You can also sign up for automatic bill pay for sewer service bills. For more information on how to enroll your sewer account, please contact [cvsewer@chulavistaca.gov](mailto:cvsewer@chulavistaca.gov), call (619) 691-5117 or visit us at [chulavista.merchanttransact.com/Login](https://chulavista.merchanttransact.com/Login).

Ensuring your online security is more important than ever. The City encourages residents to be vigilant and protect against fraud attempts. The City will never require cash-only payments, require customers to share bank information or personal information such as a Social Security Number. Beware of scams asking for personally identifiable information or obscure payment methods or instructions. The City will not conduct door-to-door visits to collect payments from customers.



If you receive a message or call about your account, it is good practice to ensure the sender is who they claim to be. Feel free to contact us at the City of Chula Vista Finance Department at (619) 691-5250 for any other questions or assistance with payments.



## Community News

### Good to Know



Beat the heat by visiting a **Cool Zone**! The County of San Diego once again launched its [Cool Zones program](#) last month, which offers free air-conditioned spaces for anyone looking to stay cool and escape the heat. The program runs from June 1 through October 31 and is also designed to save our communities energy. Take advantage of these five Chula Vista locations when you want to stay cool indoors with air conditioning:

#### **Civic Center Library (365 F Street)**

- Mon - Thurs.: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Fri. – Sat.: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun: 1 – 5 p.m.
- Service animals only

#### **South Chula Vista Library (389 Orange Avenue)**

- Mon. - Thurs.: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Fri. – Sat.: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun.: 1 – 5 p.m.
- Service animals only

#### **Otay Ranch Library (2015 Birch Road)**

- Mon. – Sat.: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Sun.: 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Pets allowed

#### **Norman Park Senior Center (270 F Street)**

- Mon. – Fri.: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sat.: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Sun.: Closed
- Service animals only

#### **Loma Verde Community Center (1420 Loma Lane)**

- Mon. – Thurs.: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Fri.: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 – 6 p.m., Sat.: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Sun.: Closed
- Service animals only

Northwest Chula Vista residents, age 55+, can utilize the **Chula Vista Community Shuttle for free rides** to the Cool Zones at the Civic Center Library or the Norman Park Senior Center.

Additionally, people in San Diego County unable to get to a Cool Zone location without transportation assistance, such as older adults, people with disabilities, or people who are homebound, can call 2-1-1 to be connected to a transportation or rideshare service at no cost.

To help community members beat the heat, the County of San Diego, in partnership with SDG&E, provides **free electric fans** to those who are 60 years of age and older, or disabled, living on limited incomes. Please be advised it is not recommended to rely on electric fans for cooling if temperatures exceed 90 degrees.

To be eligible, a resident must not have access to air-conditioning at their residence. To learn more about the Cool Zone Fan Program or to request a fan, please click [here](#) to complete a fan eligibility survey.

## Things to Do



**Beautify Chula Vista Day** returns Saturday, October 19, 2024! Beautify Chula Vista is a dynamic community cleanup event organized by the City of Chula Vista and the South Bay Sustainable Communities Network and made strong by thousands of enthusiastic volunteers. Now celebrating its 21st year in 2024, this event has made an extensive impact on the City of Chula Vista, having reached dozens of focus areas with plans to continue its path to make a difference for the future. Each year continues to be successful with the help of our dedicated volunteers who continue to beautify Chula Vista, one project at a time!

In 2023, more than 500 volunteers came out to help divert thousands of pounds of debris from ending up in storm drains, waterways, and the ocean. Volunteers also painted out graffiti and removed litter throughout neighborhoods, creeks, and canyons.

If you would like to join our interest list, please click [here](#). We will notify you once registration opens.

For questions e-mail Environmental Services at [environmentalservices@chulavistaca.gov](mailto:environmentalservices@chulavistaca.gov), or call 619-691-5122.

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**LAST CHANCE:** Join the Chula Vista Police Department for the last **Community Leadership Workshop** of the year! This free, two-day class (to be held on July 20 & 27) is geared toward community leaders (business owners, elected officials, community advocates, church representatives, etc.). Participants will see how the department is a leader in modern, constitutional policing and learn how the department uses crime data analysis and proactive policing to keep the community safe. Attendees can also participate in a use-of-force training simulation and have lunch with the Mayor at a Q&A session. To apply, visit: [Community Workshops &](#)

[Academies | City of Chula Vista \(chulavistaca.gov\)](#)

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August 6 is the Chula Vista Police Department's annual **National Night Out!** From 4 to 8 p.m., stop by the department's headquarters at 315 Fourth Avenue for games, demonstrations, tours, a Home Depot Kids Workshop, and quality time with the officers that serve you. Free tacos will be provided by Tacos El Gordo while supplies last. Please contact Community Relations at [CRU@chulavistapd.org](mailto:CRU@chulavistapd.org) with questions.

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Are you age 50 or older? Do you have a passion for serving your community? Are you seeking a volunteer opportunity that makes a direct impact in your city? If you said yes to these questions... then you'd be a perfect fit for the **Senior Volunteer Patrol (SVP) program** at the Chula Vista Police Department! SVP tasks involve crucial, yet non-hazardous duties, allowing sworn officers to address other public safety demands. No prior law enforcement experience is required. To learn more about SVP duties, visit: <http://www.chulavistaca.gov/svp>.



Exciting news! There will be an academy in October 2024 for new SVP members! Interested in joining the team? Call (619) 476-2417 or email [svpp@ChulaVistaPD.org](mailto:svpp@ChulaVistaPD.org).

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Whether you're looking for a knitting and crochet club, eager to check out the local Comic-Con book club chapter or interested in a story time group for your child, the **Civic Center Library is offering a fun lineup of summer programs!** Please visit the Civic Center Library [calendar](#) for a complete list of programs and more details.

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY AT CIVIC CENTER BRANCH...

**COMIC-CON BOOK CLUB: CHULA VISTA CHAPTER**

SUITABLE FOR AGES 18+ FREE TO JOIN

BRZRKR VOL. 3  
By Keanu Reeves, Matt Kindt, Ron Garney, and Bill Crabtree

DESCENDER VOL. 2  
By Jeff Lemire and Dustin Nguyen

NOW READING

APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND WILL BE PROVIDED AT YOUR FIRST MEETING

# storytimes

at Civic Center Library

**BILINGUAL STORYTIME MONDAYS 11 AM**

**READY TO READ STORYTIME WEDNESDAYS 11 AM**

**MOVE TO THE MUSIC THURSDAYS 5 PM**

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Celebrate National Parks & Rec Day at Memorial Park by **enjoying a free local music performance in the park** on Saturday, July 20, at 2 p.m.! Family-friendly activities and food vendors will be available starting at 2 p.m. Live music begins at 5 p.m. **Free swim lessons** will also be available for all ages with [advanced registration](#).



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The City of Chula Vista is excited to host its **second annual CV ArtFest!** CV ArtFest is on Saturday, August 10 from 12 to 6 p.m. at the City Hall courtyard. ArtFest is free to attend and open to all ages to enjoy the art exhibits, art vendors, and live music. For more information or to fill out a vendor or art exhibitor application, please visit the [CV ArtFest website](#).

## Neighborhood Beautification

**OPERATION PRIDE** continues monthly clean ups, and in conjunction with Alpha Project, collected 12,780 pounds of trash and 45 shopping carts last month. Alpha Project: Take Back the Streets has collected 15,220 pounds on trash on non-outreach days. McAlister (Work for Hope) continues to paint Rohr Park, and Chula Vista Rangers

are continuing to enforce and keep the parks clean and safe for the public. Thank you for your continued efforts.

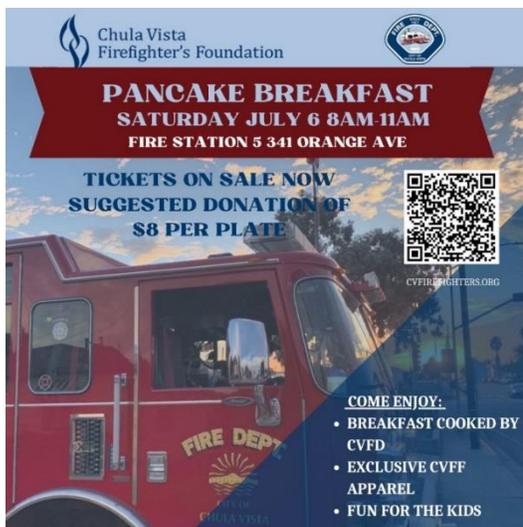


## Meetings/Events

The **Chula Vista City Council** is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, July 16 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.

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Join us July 6 for the **annual Chula Vista Firefighter's Foundation Pancake Breakfast!** The event will be held at Fire Station 5, located at 341 Orange Avenue, from 8 to 11 a.m. A recommended donation of \$8 per plate gets you a delicious pancake breakfast, made by your Chula Vista Firefighters! The pancake breakfast is hosted by the Chula Vista Firefighter's Foundation, a nonprofit that provides Chula Vista and the surrounding areas with humanitarian aid, financial support, general assistance, education, community programs, and guidance in fire suppression careers. Come and enjoy breakfast, take a ride on the mini tiller, get exclusive Chula Vista Firefighter's Foundation apparel, and more activities for the family! Pre-registration guarantees your spot, but walk-ins are welcome the day of the event! Register here:



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