

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Community News

Good to Know

At the December 19 City Council meeting, the Council directed City staff to prepare and return with a plan to move forward with improvements at **Harborside Park** with the goal of reopening.

At the January 9 City Council meeting, City staff will present an analysis of staffing needs and a request for funding as appropriate. Improvements to the park would include permanent fencing, turf replacement and repair of the irrigation system, basketball court resurfacing, lighting and security camera repairs, restroom facility repairs, general clean-up, removal of the amphitheater and landscape, and purchase and installation of a ranger station. The ranger station would be staffed during future open hours.

The estimated timeline for these improvements is approximately eight months with a cost of \$1.1 million. Once improvements are completed, the park will reopen from 7 a.m. to sunset and closed overnight. Stay tuned for future updates.

Extreme weather events in California and the western United States have emphasized the need for utilities to better prepare for and adapt to climate hazards. SDG&E is researching how these changes – including extreme heat, drought, wildfire, sea level rise and the frequency and intensity of storms may impact communities and the energy grid.

SDG&E wants to know what you and your community need in the face of climate change. Your input will be used to help determine SDG&E's future investments in climate adaptation. [To complete the SDG&E adaptation survey, please visit the webpage.](#) [For more information on SDG&E's adaptation efforts, please visit the website.](#)

The Norman Park Senior Center recently received two grants from the San Diego Seniors Community Foundation. The first grant for \$3,500 went towards providing engaging senior activities during the holiday season. The second grant, totaling \$12,600, will help cover the cost of extending the Center's evening hours. Longer hours will allow the Center to offer programs in the evening and meet the demand for the popular Pickleball courts.

Things to Do

The Civic Center Branch Library has several fun things planned in January...especially for kids! January's **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) offers hands-on activities every Thursday at 6 p.m. for hands-on activities that teach kids ages 7-12 fun ways to apply principles. Materials are provided on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Calling all fans of the **Pokémon trading card** game! Gather your cards to trade, play, and learn the rules of the game with other players every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. We'll now be streaming anime while we play!

Need some homework help? Children in Kindergarten through 8th grade can stop by on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

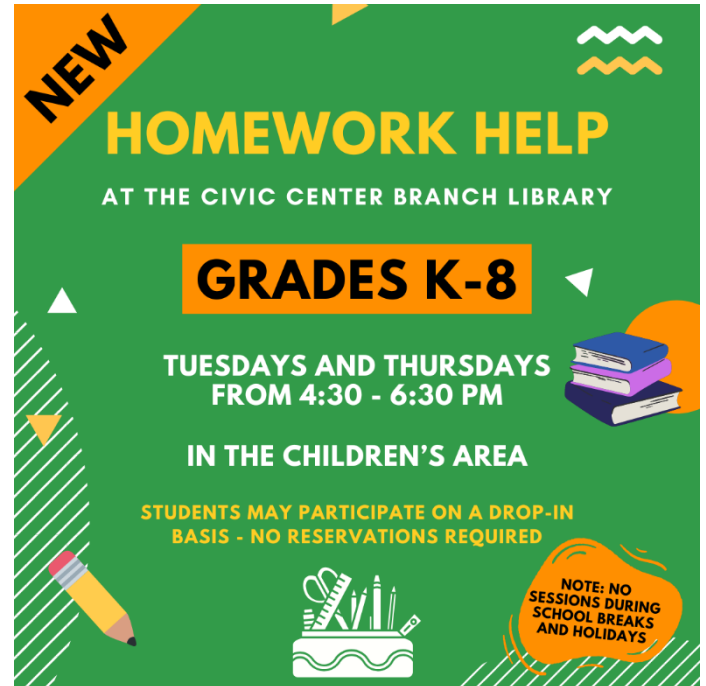
Other events include Bilingual Storytime on Monday at 11 a.m., Ready-to-Read Storytime on Wednesday at 11 a.m., and Move to the Music on Thursday at 5 p.m.

The Chula Vista Fire Department has announced dates for the 2024 free car seat installation checks at the Otay Ranch Town Center and the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Both events will take place in front of the Macy's entrances. The checks are offered to parents, grandparents or child caregivers to teach proper car seat installation and keep your child safe! [Check out the dates on the webpage.](#)

Get Involved

Start the new year by getting involved in your community! There are several vacancies on the volunteer City Boards and Commissions. [Learn more on the webpage.](#)

San Diego Community Power (SDCP) is looking to fill the open Chula Vista seat on its Community Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is to advise the SDCP Board of Directors on the organization's operations. Committee members represent the diversity, cross-section interests and skill sets in SDCP's seven member jurisdictions. The CAC is made up of two representatives from each member agency, for a total of 14 members. Applicants for this particular position must be residents (property owners and/or renters), business owners, employees or representatives of a community-based organization within Chula Vista. After an appointment is made by the City representative to the SDCP board and approved by the full SDCP Board of Directors, each member may serve up to two, three-year terms. SDCP is Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) that buys electricity on behalf of its member agencies and partners with SDG&E to distribute that electricity to its residential and business customers.



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The CAC is expected to meet in person at the City of San Diego Metropolitan Operations Complex Auditorium, located at 9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, every second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. For more information or to submit an application, please [click here](#).

Neighborhood Beautification

OPERATION PRIDE continues monthly clean ups with assistance from Alpha Project and McAlister Institute's Work for Hope program. In December, the team's efforts resulted in the collection of 22,900 pounds of trash and 89 shopping carts. Work for Hope continues to paint at Rohr Park, and Alpha Project Take Back the Streets collected 13,840 pounds of trash in December. Thank you for your continued efforts!

