

University District at Chula Vista and SDSU Nursing Program



(From left) SDSU President Adela de la Torre, Chula Vista Mayor John McCann, and State Assemblymember David Alvarez at the lease signing ceremony.

For decades, South County residents seeking a four-year degree have often faced long commutes and limited local options for higher education. Now, momentum is building to change that through the University District at Chula Vista (UDCV), a long-planned vision designed to bring colleges and universities together at a shared campus in eastern Chula Vista.

Unlike a traditional standalone university, the University District is envisioned as a multi-institution campus where colleges and universities can co-locate, share facilities and offer workforce-focused degree and certificate programs in one centralized location. The model is designed to expand access to affordable higher education while helping meet growing regional workforce demands.

A major milestone for the initiative came when the Chula Vista City Council approved a 10-year lease agreement with San Diego State University to establish academic programming at the City's new Millenia Library.

The agreement marks the first activation of the University District vision, with SDSU planning to launch a hybrid nursing program as early as fall 2026.

Higher education leaders, elected officials and community members gathered on May 1 at Chula Vista City Hall to celebrate the signing of the agreement and the growing partnership between SDSU and the City.

"The City of Chula Vista has long recognized that expanding access to higher education is essential to the region's economic future. For decades, the City has advanced a vision to bring a university presence to South County—not only to increase educational opportunity, but also to strengthen workforce development, attract employers, and support long-term regional prosperity," explains Tiffany Allen, Chula Vista City Manager.

The University District initiative continues to advance through regional partnerships and the newly formed South County Higher Education Planning Task Force, which will help guide future development and long-term implementation efforts.

Stay Alert, Chula Vista

When emergencies happen, information moves fast. Make sure it reaches you.

The City of Chula Vista uses official alert tools to send life-saving updates during and after emergencies. As wildfire season approaches, timely emergency tools are especially important. These tools are free, easy to use and customizable by location and language.

It takes minutes to sign up, and it could save your life.

What You'll Get

- Real-time emergency alerts
- Evacuation and safety instructions
- Location-based updates
- Language options for accessibility



A graphic with text that reads "Sign up for alert tools."

Your Emergency Tools

AlertSanDiego

- The County's official emergency alert system.
- Sends urgent, life-safety alerts directly to your phone
- Provides immediate instructions when action is required
- Shares incident updates, shelter information and public assistance resources

How to Sign Up

- Download AlertSanDiego from the Apple App Store or Google Play
- Open the menu in the top right and select "Register for Emergency Alerts"
- Complete the registration steps
- Tap "Submit"

Stay Informed During an Emergency

For ongoing informational updates, visit the City's official channels at @ThinkChulaVista and chulavistaca.gov.

Genasys Protect

- Live emergency map tool.
- Shows evacuation zones, road closures and impacted areas
- Helps you understand what is happening around you in real-time
- Let's you follow up to five locations for customized updates

How to Sign Up

- Download Genasys Protect from the Apple App Store or Google Play
- Open the app and select "Add New" under "Saved Locations"
- Subscribe to the areas that matter most to you

City Tips and Updates

Vote at City Hall: Your Voice, Your Community

Since the November 2022 Statewide General Election, Chula Vista City Hall has proudly served as a Vote Center, collaborating with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters in providing Chula Vista residents with a convenient and accessible location to participate in the democratic process. As we approach the upcoming June 2, 2026, Primary Election, the City of Chula Vista is proud to continue offering this service, making it easy for community members to stay engaged and make their voices heard.

Every vote matters.

What You Need to Know

All active registered voters in the City of Chula Vista will receive a ballot by mail, giving voters flexible options to cast their ballot:

Vote by mail

- Registered voters will receive a ballot by mail the week of May 4.
- Complete your ballot at home at your convenience:
 - Sign and date your return envelope
 - Seal your ballot
 - Return your ballot through U.S. Postal Service. Must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, June 2.
- Use one of the 10 official ballot drop box located throughout Chula Vista, open May 5 to June 2
- Vote in person at Chula Vista Hall, starting May 23 to June 2
 - Parking is limited at the City Hall complex; additional parking is available across the street at the Civic Center Library located at 365 F St., Chula Vista, CA.

For the latest information on Vote Center locations, hours, important dates and ballot resources, visit the [San Diego voting website](#).

On Election Day, all Vote Centers will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Be Prepared

To make your voting experience quick and easy:

- Review your ballot in advance
- Plan your visit during off-peak hours

Stay Informed Post-Election

You can track your mailed-in ballot and view election results at [sdvote.com](#).

Make your voice heard!



Front of Chula Vista City Hall with a voting banner outside.

City Tips and Updates

Proposed Budget 2026-27



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

The City Manager presented the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 budget to the City Council on May 5. The \$661 million proposal includes a balanced General Fund operating budget of \$318.1 million and a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget of \$40.4 million.

The operating budget incorporates \$37.6 million in Measure A Sales Tax Fund expenditures and \$15.7 million in Measure P Sales Tax Fund expenditures. Both the Measure A and Measure P Citizens' Oversight Committees confirmed that the proposed spending aligns with their voter approved expenditure plans.

Community engagement for this year's budget process included outreach through social media, citywide Communication Connection newsletters, community budget meetings hosted by City staff, and an online budget survey.

City Council will hold a public hearing on May 19 for final consideration and adoption of the FY 2026-27 budget. The full proposed budget is available on the [City's website](#).

Applications for Reduced Sewer Service Charges

The City is pleased to offer 30 percent reductions in sewer service charges to eligible residential customers for bills issued from July 2026 through June 2027. Funding is limited and eligibility is based on financial need. The program is funded by available, unrestricted revenues allocated by the City.

The application period for the Reduced Sewer Service Charge Program is from April 13 to May 15, 2026. The City will send a mailer to all residential sewer service customers with information on the program and application criteria in early-April.

Please visit the City's [Reduced Sewer Service Charge Program webpage](#) for more information on eligibility and required documentation.



Image of a man's hands while he reviews his bills.

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:



**11,540 LBS. OF
TRASH**



**42
SHOPPING CARTS**



**WORK FOR HOPE
PAINTING
COTTONWOOD PARK**

Update on Rice Canyon

The team has been hard at work restoring the riverbed area, a project that includes removing rocks and soil, installing new protective plastic lining and carefully repositioning the rocks on top. As part of the effort, volunteers also distributed approximately 17 yards of mulch.

A special thank-you goes to Ryan's company, which generously donated 30 yards of mulch and brought five volunteers to assist. The City also received ongoing support from McAllister Work for Hope and our dedicated City staff, who have been involved throughout the past month.

This project is a true example of collaboration, with every partner contributing to a successful outcome.



Team of people working on restoring the riverbed area of the Rice Canyon.

Kitten Fosters Needed



A photo of three foster kittens

Kitten season has arrived, and Chula Vista Animal Services is experiencing an influx of orphaned kittens who need immediate care. Many of these young kittens are not yet old enough for adoption and simply need a quiet, nurturing home environment where they can grow, play, and thrive until they're ready for their forever families.

Even if you've never fostered before, don't worry – we provide all necessary training, supplies, medical support and guidance throughout the process. To learn more or to sign up, visit our [website](#).

City Tips and Updates

Home Electrification Fair

San Diego's second Home Electrification Fair will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F St., Chula Vista.

Residents are invited to attend this free event focused on strategies for reducing energy costs, enhancing air quality, and decreasing environmental impact through home electrification.

The program will provide an overview of fundamental concepts in home electrification and energy efficiency, including heat pump systems, induction cooktops, electric vehicle charging, ventless electric dryers, and solar energy solutions.



Flyer with details about Home Electrification Fair

Representatives from equipment suppliers, service providers, building contractors, utilities, incentive programs, community programs, and local governments will be available to explain how home or building electrification can benefit you. Individuals with experience electrifying their homes will be available to share their knowledge and explain what electrifying means in practical terms.

There will also be seminars by an expert from the Home Energy Academy from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. With activities for kids and a free drawing for prizes, all are encouraged and welcome to attend this electrifying event! More information about the event is [available online](#).

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: Luv Sola Flowers

Luv Sola Flowers offers a distinctive and modern approach to floral design, specializing in handcrafted and customizable arrangements designed to last for years rather than days. Based in Chula Vista and proudly serving customers nationwide, the business has become known for its signature sola flowers—lightweight, elegant blooms made from a natural, plant-based material. Each flower can be dyed in virtually any shade and styled in countless ways, making them a versatile option for weddings, special events, home décor and DIY craft projects.

Unlike fresh flowers, which wilt within days, sola flowers maintain their shape and beauty over time. This durability has made them especially popular among brides seeking long-lasting wedding bouquets, crafters looking for flexible creative materials, and home decorators who want stylish arrangements without ongoing maintenance.

“What draws people to sola flowers is the freedom they offer,” said owner Sultan Alfuraih. “You’re not limited to what a florist has in stock or what happens to be in season. You choose the flower, the color, and the style that best fits your vision. Whether someone is creating a custom wedding bouquet on a budget or a centerpiece for their living room, they can make it entirely their own.”

Beyond sola flowers, Luv Sola Flowers provides a broad catalog of complementary products to support both beginners and experienced designers. Their inventory includes a variety of faux flowers, such as the highly sought-after Real Touch line featuring premium stems that closely mimic the look and feel of fresh-cut blooms. Customers can also find preserved and dried botanicals, faux greenery, vases, fillers, and crafting supplies that make it easy to design complete arrangements from start to finish.

Since opening its Chula Vista location in 2020, the company has become an active part of the local business community while continuing to ship products across the United States. With a focus on creativity, accessibility, and long-lasting beauty, Luv Sola Flowers continues to grow its reputation as a go-to resource for floral artistry that stands the test of time.

[Luv Sola Flowers](#) is located at 2970 Faivre St., Suite 100. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can follow Luv Sola Flowers on Instagram at [@luvsolaflowers](#).



A photo of a bridal bouquet

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.

Inside City Hall: Public Works Appreciation

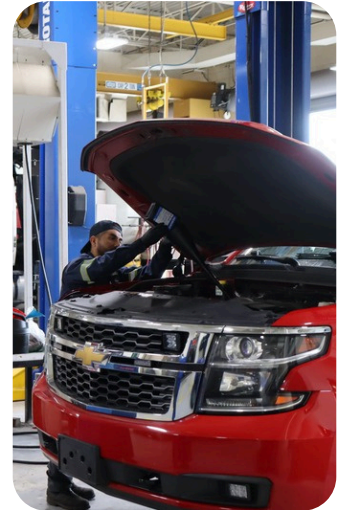


Photo collage highlighting Public Works Appreciation Week at the City of Chula Vista. Images show Public Works employees performing infrastructure maintenance in the field, repairing equipment in a maintenance shop, servicing a City vehicle and participating in an office meeting.

As Public Works Week approaches, we're proud to celebrate this year's theme, "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community." In Chula Vista, our Public Works team embodies this every day. The roots of our service run deep—through the highly visible work that shapes our city and the essential behind-the-scenes efforts that keep it running.

Our Streets, Wastewater, Fleet, Parks, Park Rangers, Fiscal Administration, Facilities, Sustainability, Open Space and Construction Inspection divisions each play a vital role in building and maintaining a community where people can thrive. Whether it's caring for our parks, maintaining critical infrastructure, protecting natural spaces, supporting climate action, or ensuring safe and reliable city operations, every project—seen or unseen—strengthens the connection between our service and the people we support.

Events Calendar



Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

Join the City of Chula Vista for a special reception honoring the cultures, contributions and lasting impact of AAPI communities.

When: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 4 p.m.

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



Home Electrification Fair

Residents are invited to attend this free event focused on strategies for reducing energy costs, enhancing air quality, and decreasing environmental impact through home electrification.

When: Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Where: Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F St, Chula Vista, CA



Community Health Fair

Join us for educational information and resources from Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center to help you take charge of your health. Sharp experts will be available to answer questions.

When: Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: 769 Medical Center Ct., Chula Vista



Dreams Beyond Tomorrow

The Chula Vista Public Library will premiere "Dreams Beyond Tomorrow," a transformative multi-media exhibition by award-winning photographer Galina Semenova.

When: May 17, 2026, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Civic Center Library
365 F Street, Chula Vista 91910

RSVP: [Dreams Beyond Tomorrow](#)



Emergency Preparedness Resource Fair

Equip older adults with the tools, information and resources needed to feel confident and ready for emergencies or disasters.

When: Wednesday, May 27 at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F St, Chula Vista, CA

Register: [Emergency Preparedness](#)



San Diego FixIt Clinic

Residents are invited to attend this free event focused on strategies for reducing energy costs, enhancing air quality, and decreasing environmental impact through home electrification.

When: Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Loma Verde Rec Center, 1420 Loma Ln., Chula Vista

Register: [San Diego FixIt Clinic](#)

City of Chula Vista City Council Meetings

The Chula Vista City Council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 2 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](#).

Upcoming Summer Events Calendar



San Diego FC Soccer Celebration: Chula Vista

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!



4th 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



HarborFest

After a six-year hiatus, Chula Vista HarborFest returns to the bayfront in 2026 – reimagined and refreshed. HarborFest sets sail once again as South Bay's signature waterfront celebration – where the community's love of maritime culture, live entertainment and family-friendly summer experiences collide.

When: August 22, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Bayside Park, 999 Bayside Parkway, Chula Vista
Learn more about [HarborFest](#).



ArtFest

The annual community celebration of talented South Bay artists.

When: Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, from noon to 6 p.m.

Where: City Hall, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista
Learn more about [ArtFest](#).