



Community News

Good to Know



The County of San Diego is holding a **Special Primary Election on April 8, 2025, for the County Board of Supervisors District 1 seat**. Every vote counts! District 1 includes Chula Vista, Bonita, and other South Bay communities.

To make voting as accessible and convenient as possible, multiple vote centers and ballot drop boxes will be available throughout the city, including City Hall at 276 Fourth Avenue, where voters can cast their votes or drop off their ballots.

Chula Vista City Hall Vote Center Hours:

- **March 29 – April 7:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Election Day – April 8:** 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

[Visit sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com) for more information including a full list of all available vote centers and ballot drop box locations.

The City is pleased to offer **30% reductions in sewer service charges to eligible residential customers** for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. 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 14 to May 9, 2025. Residential sewer service customers were sent information on the program and an invitation to apply in late-March.

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



The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) is now accepting applications for the **2025 Ambassador Program with Sister City Odawara, Japan**. Four Chula Vista residents between the ages of 18 and 28 will be selected to represent Chula Vista in Odawara and will be hosted by an Odawara family. In turn, the Chula Vista Ambassadors will host the selected Odawara students in Chula Vista.

Candidates must be in college or college bound or be young professionals and must be Chula Vista residents. The CAC provides up to \$1,000 travel stipend toward airfare.

Interested students/young professionals must complete the [online](#) application by 5 p.m. on April 13, 2025.

Things to Do

April 15th is almost here! AARP is offering **free tax assistance** at the Civic Center Library Branch, 365 F St., every Thursday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., until April 11, 2025. Tax preparation assistance is available on a walk-in basis only. For more information and a list of what to bring with you for tax assistance, please see the [event listings on the Library Calendar](#), or call 2-1-1.



South Library, 389 Orange Ave., is hosting **'Grow and Read' every Tuesday from April 4 to May 20!** Children ages 6 to 12 can enjoy a fun, hands-on gardening and literary experience while learning about nature. Participants will take home their own plants and newfound knowledge! Spaces are limited, please call (619) 585-5755 or go to the South Library to sign up.





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,
91910.

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.



The Chula Vista Police Department invites community members to participate in our upcoming Community Engagement Academy! This program provides an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement through dynamic presentations from our elite units, including SWAT, K-9, Forensics, and more.

Community Engagement Academy (Ages 18+)

Dates: April 19 & 26, 2025

Time: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This academy will conclude with a graduation ceremony at City Council Chambers, attended by the Police Chief and Mayor. Participants will engage with officers, learn about law enforcement operations, and enjoy refreshments at each session. Space is limited to 20 participants—early applications are encouraged!

Visit the Community Workshop & Academies webpage for [more information and to apply](#).

Businesses looking to expand into international markets can apply for support through the [MetroConnect](#) accelerator program!

Neighborhood Beautification

OPERATION PRIDE continues monthly cleanups. Ranger Perez and Park Ranger Program Manager Alzubaidi collected 35,500 pounds of trash and 159 shopping carts as part of March'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.