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Community News

Good to Know

Through April 14, **SBCS San Diego is providing free tax filing services for low-income residents** in Chula Vista and the South Bay. Call 211 to schedule an appointment or walk-in during open hours. Visit the Chula Vista location at 276 Fourth Ave., Building C, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. To qualify for free tax filing services, residents must earn less than \$60,000 gross per year.



Designed for seniors and low income, free tax preparation also is available at the Civic Center Branch Library, 365 F Street, on a walk-in basis only Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The service is offered through April 14 (excluding March 31). Documents to bring include ID, Social Security cards, W-2s, bank routing/account numbers for direct deposit, copy of last year's returns, daycare information (if applicable), and Forms 1095 and 3895 if health insurance

was purchased through Covered California.

Congratulations to Tiffany Allen who recently was promoted to Assistant City Manager. Allen has been employed by the City for 21 years beginning her career in the Engineering Department as a Development Services Technician and advanced to an Administrative Analyst II and Senior Management Analyst positions. She joined the Finance Department as a Fiscal and Management Analyst and then Treasury Manager. Allen was named Assistant Director, then Director, of the Development Services Department. Her vast knowledge of City projects, programs, and finances makes her an ideal choice for Assistant City Manager of the county's second largest city.

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Good to Know

Reminder that **California law states residents and businesses must recycle food waste**. While most single family homes in Chula Vista have been complying with the law for several months, some multi-family homes and businesses are just now coming on board. So what exactly goes in that green waste bin besides yard waste? Food scraps, food soiled paper such as paper plates, napkins and greasy pizza boxes. Messy food like dairy, meat, or spoiled food can be wrapped in newspaper, paper bags or junk mail for easier transfer to the green waste bin. [Learn all the details of food waste recycling on the website.](#)

Low cost childcare is available to Chula Vista families. The San Diego County Centralized Eligibility List is one application that connects families to different subsidized child care agencies across San Diego for free or low-cost childcare services. [Please visit the website to learn more.](#)

Since October 2020, the City of Chula Vista has conducted over 120,000 COVID-19 tests. These testing numbers include both the South Library testing site and the City Hall testing site. Since January 2021, we have administered more than 25,000 COVID-19 vaccinations. After nearly two and a half years, **we are now demobilizing our COVID-19 operations**. The services we provided would not have been possible without the support of our City Administration, Fire Chief Harry Muns, Emergency Services Manager Marlon King, and the men and women of the Chula Vista Fire Department including the part-time EMTs who ran the day-to-day operations for testing and vaccination. Additionally, a special thanks goes to the County of San Diego and the Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services Division, for their partnership and logistical support of testing and vaccinations. [For other COVID-19 service locations, please visit the county website.](#)



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The Chula Vista Police Department (CVPD) recently had its fourth **Engrave & Save event**, which was a total success! With equipment paid for by the Chula Vista Police Foundation and some on loan from Telesis, CVPD engraved VINs on dozens of catalytic converters, making more Chula Vista residents a harder target for catalytic converter theft. With increasing public awareness and new laws coming into effect that make it more difficult for thieves to receive payment for stolen catalytic converters, CVPD will continue to do what it can to combat this kind of theft that has affected so many people. Follow CVPD on social media @chulavistapd for future event announcements so you can get your catalytic converter engraved for free.

Get Involved

Applications are now being accepted for **several City boards and commissions** including Sustainability, Housing and Homelessness, Board of Appeals and Advisors, Veterans Advisory, and Charter Review. [Visit the webpage for details and all vacancies on these volunteer opportunities.](#)

Neighborhood Beautification



Thanks to the California SB1 Gas Tax (Road Repair and Accountability Act), the City generally receives an additional \$6 million per year to fund **pavement repairs**. Construction on two of the City's SB1 funded projects began in February and is expected to be completed by the summer at a total cost of \$9 million.

The City utilizes a robust Pavement Management System to help prioritize where to make roadway improvements. Locations are selected based on street type and use (i.e., total traffic volumes and heavy truck volumes), pavement condition ratings, and the cost effectiveness of various treatment strategies.

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Neighborhood Beautification

The following major thoroughfares will be repaved using these funds: First Avenue, Second Avenue, D, E, F, H, East H and J Streets, Corral Canyon Road, Hilltop Drive, Industrial Boulevard, Main Street, Naples Street and Orange Avenue, as well as a number of residential streets.

Two more pavement resurfacing projects also are scheduled for construction in Summer 2023 with several more projects to follow.

More great work by McAlister Institute (Work for Hope) was recently completed in Discovery Park. These men and women take great pride in their work which included painting tables, benches, gates, doors, trash cans, signs and much more. OPERATION PRIDE which consists of our Park Rangers, Alpha Project and McAlister Institute collected 16,780 pounds of trash and 66 shopping carts in February. Thank you!