



Join us for **Maritime Fest on the Chula Vista Bayfront**, 4/27 & 4/28/19
Featuring the *Bill of Rights*, Chula Vista's Official Historic Tall Ship

April 2, 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We woke to disturbing news on March 18th: two fires within a block of one another broke out in the early morning in Northwest Chula Vista.

The first fire, at the Trailer Villa mobile home park at 288 Broadway (NW corner of Broadway & F Street) destroyed three homes.

The second, in an apartment complex at 200 Woodlawn, also destroyed homes and displaced residents.

No lives were lost that day, and we are grateful for our Chula Vista Fire Department and the American Red Cross. Click [here](#) to watch the Channel 8 News story.

Now you, too, can become a life-saving hero!

Save the date: Saturday, May 4th, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

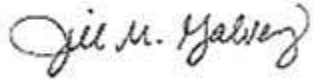
The American Red Cross is asking for 300+ volunteers to help install 1,000 FREE smoke alarms in Chula Vista (west of Broadway, between Chula Vista Street and I Street), specifically in an area that recently experienced devastating home fires!

Roll up your sleeves and help us Sound the Alarm to save lives! Sign up as a life-saving hero at this [link](#).

If you need a smoke alarm installation in your home, please request an appointment [here](#).*

**If you live in the area of the May 4 event, select that option from the dropdown location menu. If you live outside of that area, the Red Cross will still install alarms, but will need to set up a separate appointment.*

The following newsletter has good news, bad news, and dates and opportunities for good deeds and fun. Thank you for your interest and engagement in our great city!



Chula Vista City Councilmember, District 2 Northwest

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Happening This Month

Pints for Paws - 4/4/19 5pm – 7:30pm Supports the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility!

Three Punk Ales (259 Third Avenue) will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility. For only \$10, receive a collectors' edition pint glass. You can [donate online](#) if you cannot attend the event.

South Bay Earth Day in Chula Vista - 4/6/19 11 am – 4pm at Memorial Park, 373 Park Way

Learn something new at this hands-on event for the entire family. Shop green vendors, try organic gourmet food, participate in free yoga, tai chi and longevity stick classes, visit green artist exhibits, stop by the free tie dye workshop (bring your own white item to tie dye), fix it clinic, learn about backyard chicken-keeping plus much more! [Learn more.](#)

Broadway Business Mixer - 4/11/19, 5:30pm, El Primero Hotel, 416 3rd Ave, Chula Vista

Broadway Avenue in Chula Vista generates the most sales tax revenue for the city, yet continues to be the most neglected commercial district.

Join other Broadway business owners and stakeholders to hear the results of a survey of most pressing concerns of Broadway businesses.

Tax Day – 4/15/19 – a day to remember that taxpayers fund our government. Thank you!

Annual Spring Egg Hunt - (FREE) 4/18/19, 3-4pm, ages 5-12, at the Otay Recreation Center Park, 3554 Main Street. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Happy Easter! Sunday, 4/21/19

The Norman Park Senior Center's low-impact outdoor exercise park with new, modern equipment, will open on April 23rd at 10am, 270 F Street.

Day of the Child - 4/27/19 11am – 3pm, Memorial Park, 373 Third Avenue. Enjoy live entertainment, games and activities for children, health screenings, prizes and much more!

Maritime Fest on the Chula Vista Bayfront – 4/27 & 4/28/19, 10am-4pm

Lots of activities held at the Tall Ship Bill of Rights at the Marina all week. The weekend events will be a celebration of Art and Maritime Historic crafts. Chula Vista Marina will host the annual Spring Art Show presented by South Bayfront Artists. Take a step back in time at the Maritime Village with coopers, blacksmiths, chandlery, brewery, winery, and MORE. Take a Sunday morning cruise down the bay on the wonderful schooner. Click [here](#) for more details.

Chula Vista Bayfront, RIDA Coastal Development Permit Hearing - 4/30/19, 1pm, Port of San Diego Ballroom, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego

VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING - A key component of the Chula Vista Bayfront project will be considered at the public hearing of the Port Commission: the consideration of project approval and the authorization of a Coastal Development Permit for the proposed RIDA Chula Vista LLC (aka Marriott Gaylord) resort hotel and convention center. This important step is critical and must happen on this date to avoid any delays on this project. Your public comments to the commissioners are welcome.

Chula Vista Bayfront – Sweetwater Park Survey - ongoing this month

Thank you to everyone who joined the Port of San Diego and the City of Chula Vista on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 for the second Design Workshop for the future Sweetwater Park on the Chula Vista Bayfront! To view the presentation, click [here](#). To take the survey and help create a final design, click [here](#).

Happening Next Month

American Red Cross Sound the Alarm ! 5/4/19, 8am – 1pm

This event is so important, it deserves mentioning twice in one newsletter!

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Regional Taskforce on the Homeless Intergovernmental Roundtable 5/30/19, 9am-11am, SANDAG Executive Board Room, 401 B Street, Suite 700, San Diego, CA 92101. The public is welcome to observe.

The Chula Vista City Calendar, with community events and meeting schedules, can be viewed [here](#).

News of Interest

Third Avenue StreetScaping Phase III will begin soon! The \$4.5M project will improve the road, sidewalk, and beautify Third Avenue north of F Street. Roughly \$2.5M of the project came from a SANDAG grant. The city will solicit bids this month, select the contractor(s) in May, and construction should begin June 2019 – June 2020. Improvements will be made in multiple, short segments, to minimize impacts to Third Avenue businesses and patrons.

Chula Vista Fire Department News: Chula Vista broke ground on fire station #10 – paid for by the developer of the Millenia Commons (also known as the part of town with fun new stores like Cost Plus World Market). View the news story [here](#).

CUPP Kudos: A big THANK YOU to the “Carpenters Union Participation Program” (Local 619) for helping amazing non-profits like Chula Vista’s Community Through Hope. Chula Vista Residents and Union Carpenters Local 619 Ruben Carranza and Ricardo Aguilar volunteered their time and skills to give back. They donated time and materials to finish multiple rooms that needed walls raised and professional help. You can learn more about Local 619 Carpenters Union [here](#).

Wildlife Friendly: Chula Vista was named as one of the top five most wildlife-friendly cities in the United States by the National Wildlife Federation. Read more [here](#).

TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Collection: Chula Vista has hired an outside agency to identify and notify owner/operators of short –term rentals, also known as Airbnb, VRBO or HomeAway vacation rentals – single rooms, whole homes, or any lodging that is 30 days or less, of our 10% per night Transient Occupancy Tax requirements. To obtain a permit, begin remitting and come into compliance before the grace period ends, click [here](#). To read the news story, click [here](#).

Graffiti: the Chula Vista Public Works Department was able to abate 26.06% of graffiti reports for February. We hope to be adding more graffiti abatement staff soon.

Graffiti Volunteers Deserve a Special Thank You: South Bay Youth 4 Change, a group of local high school students led by Stelle Andrade, cleaned up graffiti on Broadway, Saturday, March 23, 2019. View their highlight reel [here](#).

Help Remove Graffiti: If you would like to organize a volunteer group to help remove graffiti, consider participating in the Chula Vista Buff A Block program. Recruit friends, sign the waivers, and obtain free supplies. Click [here](#) for more information.

NO VAPING signs - the Chula Vista Library and other public buildings have updated “No Smoking” signs to now include a prohibition of vaping. Click [here](#) for more details.

Recent City Council Items

Chula Vista's Climate Action Plan Update 3/12/19 – included an interesting video on food waste by High Tech High students. View the video [here](#).

Chula Vista hired a new criminal prosecutor on 3/15/19. Attorney Nicole Carnahan has already begun enforcing our municipal code. Read the news story [here](#).

Cannabis Penalties Updated 3/26/19 – Selling cannabis at an unpermitted retail location is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 10 days in jail – this includes employees (CVMC 1.41.110). Civil penalties can be assessed up to an amount of \$10,000 per violation per day (CVMC 5.19) Read the Ordinance Amending the CVMCs [here](#).

Chula Vista Budget 3/26/19 – a baseline FY2020 budget was presented by David Bilby, Finance Director. Budget workshops, in which you can participate and ask questions, will be announced soon on the city's website.

Planning Commissioner Nominations 3/26/19 – Six of fourteen applicants have been selected to interview for an open seat on the Chula Vista Planning Commission: Rodney Caudillo, Heather Diaz-Tran, Victor Ibarra, Patrick MacFarland, Jerome Torres, and Isabel Tutiven Ubilla. The city council and mayor will interview all six candidates prior to our 4/9/19 council meeting and will take a public vote during the 5pm meeting.

The next city council meeting is Tuesday, April 9 at 5 pm at City Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue. Council meetings are generally the first four Tuesdays of the month. Agendas are usually posted the Thursday prior to each meeting. To view the agenda click [here](#).

City Council meetings can be viewed live on television on Cox Cable channel 24 (only in Chula Vista) or AT&T U-verse channel 99 (anywhere in the county) or via live streaming, on your computer, tablet or smartphone. If you need auditory assistance during the council meeting, contact the Chula Vista City Clerk 24 hours before the meeting.

Homelessness Issues

Good News: Community Through Hope, a District 2 non-profit headed by Rosy Vasquez, is linking other non-profits to help address nutrition and food insecurity issues for our unsheltered population in the South Bay. The Community Through Hope newsletter can be found [here](#).

Good and Bad News: Operation Pride is a joint effort between Chula Vista Parks & Rec and the Chula Vista Police Department Homeless Outreach Team. Over the past three years, they have made a concerted effort to seize trash and illegally held shopping carts. Special thanks to CV Park Ranger Sam Alzubaidi. Here are their results:

2016 - a little over 50,000 lbs of trash and 1,991 shopping carts.

2017 – a total of 127,905 lbs of trash and 2,147 shopping carts.

2018 – a total of 176,580 lbs of trash and 1,544 shopping carts.

Bad News: A disturbing new one-hour documentary, “**Seattle is Dying,**” about the homeless in Seattle can be viewed [here](#). *A former constituent of Chula Vista District 2, sent it to me today, and I stopped everything to watch it.*

Money for you?

Do you drive an electric or hybrid-electric vehicle? If so, you may be eligible for a credit on your SDG&E bill. Last year’s credit was \$500! This is the last year of the credit! Enrollment for the 2019 Electric Vehicle Climate Credit started March 1, 2019 and runs through May 31, 2019. Click [here](#) to enroll.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

As always, our city is on the lookout for good, hardworking people! Click [here](#) to see a list of current job openings.

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve you on the Chula Vista City Council.

Warm regards,

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