



Dear Neighbors,

June is the month for Dads, Grads, and of course the San Diego County Fair!

Chula Vista High School and Hilltop High School commencement ceremonies will both take place on Thursday, June 6th. Congratulations to all graduating seniors and their families.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 16th. We look forward to a beautiful day to celebrate our fathers.

And of course, the [San Diego County Fair](#) is happening this month. We are delighted to see some friendly Chula Vista faces on banners throughout our city. Congratulations to those who were selected for the great honor of being featured on the San Diego County Fair banners. You do great work throughout our community, and we appreciate you!

Finally, our best news of the month... Earlier this month, we opened a new **leash-free, fence-free dog area pilot in Memorial Park on Third Avenue**. The pilot will run from June 1 – November 30th, from 7am – dusk. Signs posted along the perimeter of the leash-free dog area explain the rules and responsibilities of pet owners. We hope this pilot works for our downtown Third Avenue Village and surrounding neighborhood and brings you joy. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let me know by [email](#) or phone (619)691-5177.

Warm regards,

Councilmember, District 2, Northwest Chula Vista

P.S. Apologies for all of the drama and excitement in social media this month. To read the adopted City of Chula Vista budget for FY 2019/2020, click [here](#).

Si desea recibir este boletín en español, responda a este correo electrónico y solicite la versión en español.

Happening This Month

San Diego County Fair, May 31 – July 4, 2019 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds
Tickets can be purchased [here](#). Note that the fair is closed Mondays and Tuesdays in June.

Pilot Leash-Free Dog Area at Memorial Park, June 1 – November 30, 2019, 7am - dusk

Hilltop High School Graduation Ceremony, Thursday, June 6, 2pm,
Hilltop High School
The last day of school is Friday, June 7th. School resumes July 22, 2019.

Chula Vista High School Graduation Ceremony, Thursday, June 6,
6pm, at Southwestern College.
The last day of school is Friday, June 7th. School resumes July 22, 2019.

“Senior Prom” at the Norman Park Senior Center, Friday, June 7,
3pm – 7pm
Dance the night away at the Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F Street, with the Senior Club. Fee is \$7 for Senior Club members and \$10 for non-members. Call (619) 409-1930 for more information.

Living Coast Discovery Center Camps for Kids June 10 – July 26th
For more information and to register, click [here](#).

SCEDC Transportation Forum: How Will We Keep Our Region Moving? Monday, June 10, 9:30-11:30am, at the Chula Vista Public Library, Civic Center Branch. Registration is required. Register [here](#)

Panelists Include:

Hassan Ikhata, SANDAG
Coleen Clementson, SANDAG
Dennis Probst, San Diego Airport
Paul Jablonski, MTS
Bill Valle, City of Chula Vista

Brittany Applestein Syz, SDG&E

Jazz on Third – Music for a Cause IX– A Benefit for Love Thy Neighbor, Saturday, June 15, 5:30-9:30pm, at El Primero Hotel, 416 Third Avenue

Love Thy Neighbor Movement is a nonprofit organization that brings Christmas to thousands of the less fortunate on both sides of the border.

For more information or tickets, click [here](#) .

To see this event on Facebook, click [here](#).

Happy Father's Day! Sunday, June 16

Juneteenth – Wednesday, June 19th

The American holiday that commemorates June 19th, 1865, as independence day, to reflect the emancipation of enslaved African Americans.

Fashion Show and Luncheon Wednesday, June 19, 12:00pm at the Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F Street

[Registration](#) (\$5 for Chula Vista residents and \$6 for non-residents) is recommended as seating is limited.

Music in the Park: Market in the Park, Sunday, June 30, 5pm – 8pm at the Memorial Bowl, 373 Park Way

FREE event, sponsored by the city's Cultural Arts Division. Market in the Park featuring unique products by local artisans, food, a DJ, prizes, a drum circle, community yoga and Latin music by Santa pa Ti.

And the Survey Says:

Your input is requested for the following important surveys:

Chula Vista Active Transportation Plan Survey

We need your help to guide future pedestrian and bicycle improvements throughout Chula Vista. Click [here](#) to take the survey before June 30th.

New Loma Verde Recreation and Aquatic Center Survey

Community input is needed to help shape the future of this important site. Click [here](#) to take the survey before July 5, 2019.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Park Ranger

Help keep Chula Vista's parks safe and clean for everyone to enjoy! This important volunteer position assists with a variety of duties including **reservation posting and check-ins, security gate lock up, verification of field use, graffiti removal, answering questions from Parks customers, litter control, cleaning gazebos and picnic areas, and patrolling parks**. A background check with fingerprinting is required. Volunteers must be at least 15 ½ years of age (with parental consent if under 19) and be available to work a minimum of two hours per day assigned. If interested or if you'd like additional information, email Sam Alzubaidi at this [link](#).

Art-on-a-Box

Designed as a one-time project with on-going maintenance, Art-on-a-Box is great for school groups, churches, or individuals who commit to **designing, painting, and maintaining traffic control boxes**. Box location and proposed design must be approved by City staff before the project can begin. Participants agree to take care of the artwork on the box and remove any graffiti within 48 hours if tagged. With your help, these boxes can help beautify neighborhoods and add some artistic flair. For more information, click [here](#).

Buff a Block

Help keep your neighborhood free of graffiti! Residents adopt a location- on public or private property – and **ensure it remains clean and free of graffiti** for a specific period of time. Consent is obtained for private property areas by City staff; residents will notify staff prior to graffiti removal. We'll provide paint and materials. For more information, click [here](#).

Park Maintenance

If you love being in the great outdoors and don't mind rolling up your sleeves and getting your hands dirty, we have an opportunity for you! We need individuals with some fix-it know-how to help make our parks shine. We'll provide you with everything you need to maintain playground equipment, tables, benches, and other fixtures. **Repair and paint tables and benches, remove or paint over graffiti, clean playground equipment, and pick up trash**. Requirements include good communication skills, the ability to follow instruction and a desire to work outdoors. Volunteers must provide their own transportation to the worksite with a minimum time commitment of two hours for each day assigned. Contact Chula Vista Parks at (619)397-6000 or email cvparks@chulavistaca.gov

Adopt-A-Park

If your organization is looking for a fun, rewarding way to give back to the community, consider adopting a park! Corporations, non-political organizations and groups have an opportunity to help maintain and enhance Chula Vista's parks with very little supervision from City staff. Groups pick up trash and maintain the beauty of their adopted park at their own convenience. Parks range in size from small pocket parks to neighborhood and community parks. A two-

year commitment is required for this opportunity. More information can be found [here](#).

Memorial Benches

Memorial benches are a unique way to remember and pay tribute to loved ones. A variety of benches and picnic table style seating options are offered, as well as different locations where benches can be placed in Chula Vista parks. If you have a location in mind, a representative from the Parks Division will work with you on placement, as well as bench details. Bench must be compatible with other park elements. Prices vary. Email [here](#) for more information.

A BIG THANK YOU to the 377 VOLUNTEERS who helped install smoke alarms with us for the American Red Cross's Sound the Alarm program on Saturday, May 4th. Collectively, we installed 960 smoke alarms in Northwest Chula Vista, making residents in our community safer for the next 10 years (the expected lifespan of the smoke alarm batteries).

Chula Vista Festivals and Attractions

Chula Vista Lemon Festival 2019 Vendor Application

Third Avenue Village Association's Lemon Festival returns on Sunday, August 4 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. for the 23rd year. If you would like to participate as a vendor, contact Kelly Lannom by clicking [here](#).

Chula Vista Starlight Parade

[The Starlight Parade](#) is one of our community's most cherished annual traditions. We are hoping for some amazing floats and entries for this year's December 7th parade and Children's Faire. Sponsorship opportunities for the Children's Faire, Title Sponsors, and more are available – please email Chula Vista Events Manager Olga Berdial by clicking [here](#), or calling (619)409-5445.

Recent Council Items

May 21st, 2019 **Budget.**

The City Council (3/2) approved the Fiscal Year 2019-20 City Manager's budget.

June 4, 2019 **Budget.**

The City Council (4/1) adopted the Chula Vista FY 2019-20 budget. You can read the budget [here](#).

June 4, 2019 **Bonita Glen Apartments.**

The City Council (4/1) approved the appeal by Silvergate Development, LLC and adopted the mitigated negative declaration IS-19-0001 and design review permit

DR17-0040 to construct one four-story building and six three-story buildings, consisting of 170 apartment units on a 5.3 acre site located south of Bonita Road, between Bonita Glen Drive and I-805. You can read the staff report, the presentation by the developer, the Bonita Glen Specific Plan, communications for and against the project by clicking [here](#).

The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th in Council Chambers at 276 Fourth Avenue beginning at 5 p.m. The agenda should be posted the Thursday before the city council meeting and available by clicking [here](#).

If you cannot attend, view the City Council agenda and link to the live webcast [online](#). The meeting also is broadcast live in the City of Chula Vista on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and Cox Cable Channel 24.

In the News

High Risk Businesses in Chula Vista, an Opinion Piece by Max Zaker
Click [here](#) to read more.

Chula Vista Nominated for Pulitzer Prize for Paradise Fire Coverage
Click [here](#) to read more.

Real-Time Guide Service for Blind Visitors to Downtown Third Avenue Launched

The Aira service is now available for free at all businesses, streets, sidewalks and bus stops in the Third Avenue Village as well as at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library, Chula Vista Police Department, and Norman Park Senior Center. Outside of the free access zone, users pay a per-minute fee to use the Aira service. Within the free access zone, the cost of service is subsidized by the City and the Third Avenue Village Association, which is the first business district in California to offer free Aira access. Click [here](#) to learn more about rates and programs.

Scripps Chula Vista Launches Robotic Surgery Services!
To learn more, click [here](#).

Stay Tuned for Next Month

TEDx Chula Vista featured stories from four prominent Chula Vistans: Brian Murphy, Sandra Scheller, Dr. Toni Faddis, and Darryl Anaciado. The video links to their amazing talks will be available at the end of this month and I hope to include them in July's newsletter.

Did you know... What is an Assessment District?

Assessment District Formation

The City of Chula Vista allows adjacent property owners to form improvement districts that we call "Assessment Districts". Assessment Districts can be formed to add sidewalks and driveway aprons, beautify a neighborhood, underground power lines, or purchase vacant lots for community benefit. The city has a policy that helps get these improvements funded. Generally the city pays for everything up front, but will get reimbursed from the property owners for their share of the property owner costs. Reimbursement from property owners can be lump sum or in installments for up to 10-years via the property tax bill. The Assessment District process begins with a majority of neighbors (property owners) by property frontage, filling out a petition intending to form a district. This petition is then taken to the City Council to form the Assessment District. Generally, from the time the petition is submitted back to the Engineering Department to the time that the city is expecting payment from the property owners is typically close to 3-years later. The reason for the approximate 3-year time frame for the first installment is that the city cannot collect anything from the property owners until after all construction costs are known and the contractor has completed all obligations and final construction costs are known.

Here is the typical process and timeline:

- The formation process takes several months to set up.
- Then the design phase may take close to one year to get all of the surveying and design work completed.
- Following the design phase, the project is advertised for about one month then the contractor award process takes a couple of months.
- Construction Phase: Once all of that is completed, the construction will take about 6-months to 12-months to finish.
- Preparation of the Final Cost through an "Engineer's Report" to levy the final assessment to the property owners will take a couple of months. This Engineer's Report cannot be completed until all of the construction costs are known. Once that is done, we now know the exact amount paid to the contractor and the Assessment District close out period begins.
- Go to the City Council to accept the "Engineer's Report" and levy the exact amount owed to the city from the property owners that benefitted from the improvements along their property frontages. This last step may take about two months to complete.
- Property owners are noticed that they have 90-days to pay any portion of their levy without any accrued interest. Any unpaid balance including interest will go on the next property tax bill for 10-years (20 payments).

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Click [here](#) to see a list of current job openings with the city of Chula Vista.

Click [here](#) to bid on projects with the city.

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

Warm regards,

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