



*California natives and drought-tolerant flowers are in full bloom in our Northwest Chula Vista front yard!  
Kudos to all Chula Vistans who have pulled weeds this spring, keeping our city looking great!*

Dear Chula Vista Neighbors and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you happy, healthy, and enjoying beautiful spring days in our beloved Chula Vista!

It rained in January. It rained in February, March, and April, too. Thank the heavens – our Sweetwater Reservoir levels [are over 50%](#) and our neighborhoods are in bloom.

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

**Sound the Alarm with The American Red Cross** Saturday, May 4, 8am – 1pm, Feaster Charter School, 670 Flower Street, Chula Vista

Volunteer to help install 1,000 free smoke alarms in Northwest Chula Vista. Sign up at this [link](#) and receive a free t-shirt, breakfast and lunch. If you need a smoke alarm installation in your home, please request an appointment [here](#). \* NOTE: We currently have just over 200 people of our 300 person goal.

**Community Through Hope Volunteer Fair**, Saturday, May 4, 10am – 12pm, 465 C Street, Chula Vista. Homeless and food insecurity volunteer opportunities. RSVP [here](#).

**Feliz Día de Las Madres** Viernes, 10 de Mayo

**Run Women Run Lunch with a Leader**, Friday, May 10, 12:00pm – 1:30pm, Brew Bar, 277 Third Avenue

Join me and meet like-minded women who are considering running for office, joining a commission, or making a difference in civic life. More information [here](#). FREE for Run Women Run members.

**Neighbor Day at City Hall**, Saturday, May 11, 9am – 11am, 276 Fourth Avenue

Sponsored by South Bay Community Services, come enjoy free pancakes, children activities and meet your neighbors!

**A History of the LGBTQ Community in the South Bay**, “We Were Here.” Saturday, May 11, 3pm – 5pm, Chula Vista Civic Center Auditorium 365 F Street

Presented by the South Bay Historical Society and Lambda Archives. Free event, refreshments served, all welcome. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Amps & Ales**, Saturday, May 11, 2pm – 5pm, Memorial Park, 373 Third Avenue

Chula Vista’s original craft beer and music festival, early birds can purchase tickets [here](#) for \$35 or on the day of the event for \$40. Local bands include Rowdies and Rum and the Montell Jordans.

**Happy Mother’s Day** Sunday, May 12

**Viva Música Chula Vista**, Saturday, May 18th, 1pm, Memorial Bowl, 373 Third Avenue

Brought to you by the Community Opus Project, enjoy musical performances from a variety of local youth performers. Learn more [here](#).

**Chula Vista Mayor's State of the City Address**, Tuesday, May 14, 6pm, Chula Vista City Hall, 276 4th Avenue

Chula Vista District 2 will be honoring **Maria Galleher** as our Community Award Recipient. *As a life-long Chula Vistan, Maria makes a huge difference in our community. As a teacher at Granger Middle School, Maria helped develop the program that ultimately led to the Promises Neighborhood Grant. In 2010, she co-founded the Quinn Murphy Foundation, which has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to over 140 students and regularly performs good works at local schools. As a teacher at Chula Vista High School, Maria founded and manages the community garden. She teaches restorative justice amongst other subjects. Maria is a beloved mother, wife, daughter and friend to many. We couldn't be more proud to know and love her. Maria, we thank you for continuously making Chula Vista a better place to live.*

**Chula Vista 2019/20 Budget Workshop**, Wednesday, May 15, 5:30pm, Chula Vista Civic Center Library, 365 F Street

Come learn about components that make up Chula Vista's General Fund and share your opinion on spending priorities. You can read the 2018/19 adopted budget [here](#) and the adopted 2018/19 Capital Improvement Program budget [here](#).

**Chula Vista 2019/20 Budget Workshop**, Thursday, May 16, 5:30pm, Otay Ranch Town Center Library Community Room, 2015 Birch Road, Suite 409 (near the Food Pavilion).

Come learn about components that make up Chula Vista's General Fund and share your opinion on spending priorities. You can read the 2018/19 adopted budget [here](#) and the adopted 2018/19 Capital Improvement Program budget [here](#).

**Memorial Day**, Monday, May 27th – Thank you to all who served and continue to serve and their families. We remember and are grateful for your sacrifice for our great nation.

**Climate Action Challenge** ongoing... join our city's sustainability efforts by clicking [here](#). Please let me know if you create a group and I will join your challenge! (*I think we can join more than one group*).

If you would like to submit items for the city's calendar, or view the current calendar, click [here](#).

## Amazing Tours We Enjoyed This Month

**The Sweetwater Richard A. Reynolds facility** removes dissolved salts and particles from our brackish groundwater reserves. Click [here](#) to watch a very interesting, bi-lingual video.

**MTS Mid-Coast Trolley** – will open in September 2021. This engineering marvel is an extension of the Blue Line Trolley from the Santa Fe Depot in Downtown San Diego to the La Jolla/UTC area. Once complete, it will take approximately 1 hour to get from the San Ysidro

border stop to UCSD. The \$2 billion project was paid for by \$1 billion from TransNet and \$1 billion from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). You can learn more about the project [here](#) and watch time lapse videos of construction of this amazing project [here](#) and [here](#).

## Homelessness Issues

**Chula Vista Update:** On Friday, April 5th, Mayor Mary Casillas Salas, along with our CVPD Homeless Outreach Taskforce (HOT Team) and Community Through Hope's Rosy Vasquez, provided an overview of the homeless realities in Chula Vista at the Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Breakfast. The following Tuesday, we held an interfaith meeting with local non-profits, churches, healthcare organizations, and others to begin the long overdue process of working together so that our efforts are effective. We meet again soon, and will continue to collaborate across all levels of support that interface with our homeless population.

**How Many Homeless Live in Our Region?** The Regional Taskforce on the Homeless released the 2019 San Diego County Point-In-Time Count, known as "We All Count" that was taken on January 25, 2019. You can read the summary [here](#) and download the fact sheet [here](#).

## Poll

Did you know that Broadway Avenue generates more tax revenue than any other commercial corridor in the city?

When is the last time you visited Broadway to enjoy a well-prepared, delicious, fresh meal?

**Take a fun poll, "What Is Your Favorite Restaurant on Broadway Avenue in Chula Vista"** by clicking [here](#).

And just for you, a cheat sheet of great Broadway restaurants to try soon:

**Filippi's Pizza Grotto**, 82 Broadway Avenue  
**Zorba's Greek Buffet**, 100 Broadway Avenue  
**Himalayan House**, 201 Broadway Avenue  
**Pho Ca Dao & Grill**, 303 Broadway Avenue  
**El Patio**, 410 Broadway Avenue  
**Tacos El Gordo**, 556 Broadway Avenue  
**Birrieria Don Rafa**, 560 Broadway Avenue  
**Family House of Pancakes**, 562 Broadway Avenue  
**Frutas 100% Natural**, 616 Broadway Avenue  
**Italgo Pasta Bar**, 635 Broadway Avenue

**Fresh & Tasty Chinese Restaurant**, 949 Broadway Avenue  
**Asi Es Jalisco Bierriera**, 1037 Broadway Avenue  
**Asi Es Texcoco**, 1043 Broadway Avenue  
**Pho Hung Cali**, 1060 Broadway Avenue  
**Tuktan Thai**, 1067 Broadway Avenue  
**Taqueria 2 Potrillos**, 1655 Broadway Avenue  
**Mexipino Craft**, 1660 Broadway Avenue

## Good News/Bad News

**Horrible News:** We heard from many of our constituents who expressed their outrage at the attack of a 16 year old Chula Vistan earlier this month at a taco shop. We were equally horrified. We met and spoke with our fine Chula Vista Police Department. They did a very thorough investigation and we are proud of their professionalism and the way they conducted their investigation. See the news story [here](#).

**Good News:** Our Chula Vista Police Department has an anti-bullying app that is popular amongst students in our community. Crime or safety-related information can be reported anonymously to our CVPD and school administrators. There are sometimes Crime Stoppers and other rewards available. Click [here](#) to download the app.

## In the News

**Chula Vista's Vogue Theater** has plans to transform into a live performance venue, with food and drink! Read all about it [here](#).

**Chula Vista's Official Tall Ship**, the Bill of Rights, is featured in a Star News article [here](#).

**Our city's 2019/20 budget is being hammered out.** Read the San Diego Union Tribune article [here](#). A balanced city budget will need to be voted on and adopted by July 1, 2019 for FY 2019-20. A preliminary budget will be presented at the 5/7/19 council meeting, followed by two public workshops on 5/15/19 and 5/16/19 (see "Happening this Month" section in this newsletter).

**Drones in Action!** See the Chula Vista Police Department use drone technology to assist officers with a dangerous situation [here](#).

**Southwestern College** has opened a new center on campus for Dreamers/DACA recipients, funded by a \$125,000 grant. Read more [here](#).

## Recent Council Items

**We have a new Planning Commissioner!** Jerome Torres, 4/9/19. Jerome's biography can be viewed in the applications packet [here](#).

**We have changed the minimum holding period for the retention of unclaimed property** from 6 months to 3 months, 4/9/19. This will save us time, space, and money. Not to mention, it's a bit more sanitary. Read the staff report [here](#).

**We added chapters 3.60 and 3.61** to the Chula Vista Municipal Code, community facilities districts and the Bayfront project special tax financing district. Read more [here](#).

**We sold the parking lot adjacent to the Vogue Theater** to the owners of the project, in hopes that the development becomes worthy of the wait and continues the renaissance of Third Avenue! Note, there are strings attached. Read more [here](#).

**We authorized the purchase of three new emergency squad vehicles** for our fire department, utilizing Measure A funds. Read about it [here](#).

**A list of streets to be improved** in Fiscal Year 2019/20 can be viewed [here](#).

**The next city council meeting** is Tuesday, May 7th, at 5pm, Chula Vista City Council Chambers, 276 4th 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), via live-streaming on your computer, tablet, or smart phone.

## Items of Interest

**Got a Billion dollars? Our Nest Egg RFQ** (707 F Street, 750 E Street, 10 acres of prime real estate, zoned 210 feet, 20 stories, with 360 degree views from the ground floor, adjacent to Highway 5 and the Blue Line trolley) is now on the city's website [here](#). The deadline to submit is July 31, 2019.

**The Norman Park Senior Recreation Center has a new attraction!** With Measure P funding and a CBDG grant, a low-impact OUTDOOR exercise area opened on April 23, on the

east side of the building at 270 F Street. It is FREE to use and a great place to meet up with friends.

**St. John's Episcopal Church has opened a new ECS California Head Start Program** at 760 1st Avenue! Over 250 students, aged 18 months to 5 years, are enrolled. To learn more, click [here](#). The St. John's School (K-8) closed a couple of years ago, after serving our community for 65 years. It is wonderful to see the school reinvented as a Head Start program.

**What is being built at...** 260 Broadway (between E and F Streets)? Silvergate Development is building 62 new apartments in a 3 story building with 12 two-bedroom and 50 one-bedroom units.

**Why didn't RIDA/Gaylord apply for a Coastal Development Permit** on April 30<sup>th</sup>, as we were expecting? A few more details are being hammered out between RIDA, the Port, and the Coastal Commission. We apologize to project advocates who were looking forward to speaking up at the anticipated 4/30/19 public hearing. We do not have a firm date for the permit hearing yet.

## 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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