



January 11, 2019

I hope 2019 brings you peace and prosperity, and that you had a wonderful holiday season.

Welcome to my first official newsletter as your Chula Vista City Councilmember, District 2, Northwest.

Our periodic newsletter will highlight important developments in District 2 and action that is taking place in our beloved district.

We will send out a minimum of one newsletter per month, but reserve the right to share good news and important events with you!

Please contact us if you would like to be removed from this email list.

I was sworn-into office in front of family, friends and numerous supporters on December 11, 2018 becoming the first ever city council member chosen exclusively by the residents of Northwest Chula Vista to represent District 2.

My first official city council meeting was December 18, 2018. At that meeting, the mayor assigned me to the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Board of Directors and SANDAG's Bayshore Bikeway Working Group. I have also been assigned as the alternate member of the Metropolitan Wastewater Commission and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).

I will keep you abreast of important and strategic planning for our region.

Meanwhile, I hope the following information is of value to you.

Chula Vista News of Interest

Chula Vista is 3rd Safest City in California, Among 40 Safest Cities in the U.S.A.: Report

A San Diego County city is the **third-safest** city in California and one of the 40 safest cities in the nation, but the officers who patrol it say there's still a lot of work to be done.

(To view entire [NBC 7/39](#) story click [here](#))

National City's Loss is Music to Chula Vista

A lack of funding and space is prompting a signature National City event to move to Chula Vista in 2019, said National City Chamber CEO and President Jacqueline Reynoso.

The beloved International Mariachi Festival will no longer be held at Pepper Park but in the neighboring city where there is more accessibility by the public.

(To read entire [Star-News](#) story click [here](#))

Chula Vista Establishes Application Fees for Marijuana Businesses

With new recreational marijuana regulations in effect in Chula Vista, the City Council recently established a set of license application fees for businesses that want to join what could become one of the largest markets in the region.

(For full [Union-Tribune](#) story, [click here](#))

First baby of 2019 born in Chula Vista!

San Diego County welcomed its first baby of 2019 at 12:04 a.m.

Brand new Chula Vista resident Ainhara Abegail Banos was born at Scripps Mercy Hospital in Chula Vista at 7 pounds and 14 ounces. The bundle of joy is 20 inches tall. Ainhara's birth is the harbinger of more good news to come for Chula Vista in 2019!

(Rest of the [10 News](#) story, [click here](#))

Chula Vistans Pitch in to Send Aid Off to Paradise

Newly elected Chula Vista Councilwoman Jill Galvez did not waste any time in helping residents after she won her November election. She, along with Rhy Ahrenstein, Susie Murphy, Maria Galleher, Liz Murphy, Veronica Aguilera and Cesar Aguilera, known as the Chula Vista Par Committee, were committed to helping victims of the Camp fire, all with ties to Chula Vista.

STORY UPDATE: Over \$18,000 was raised for the victims! Thank you, Chula Vista! You can help with additional donations by clicking [here](#).

(Read full [Star-News](#) story [here](#))

Recent City Council Items of Interest

Amending Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan 12/18/18 City Council Meeting

The City Council unanimously voted to amend the Measure A expenditure plan. The amended plan included updated sales tax revenue assumptions, **staffing increases** for both the fire and police departments, and an updated expenditure update.

Originally the police department's expenditure plan had included 29 sworn and 14 civilian positions over a five-year period. The amended plan now calls for **31 sworn officers** and **12 civilian positions** to be hired using Measure A funds.

The new-amended expenditure plan was modified after the Police Department held numerous meetings and recognized that the demands of the community and the needs of the organization continue to evolve.

707 F Street and 750 E Street 12/18/18 City Council Meeting

This is going to be big!!

Soon the city's old Public Works Corporation Yard at 707 F Street will be demolished. *Public Works moved to 1800 Maxwell Road in 1999.*

The six (6) acre city-owned property has been utilized for various purposes over the past 20 years. The building and area are blighted and will soon be demolished.

The former MTS bus yard at 750 E Street is approximately **four (4) acres**. It is also a blight and has gone unused for years.

What will go in its place? A hotel? An office building? A mixed use retail/residential complex? Or all of the above?

The sight, which has amazing 360 views at the ground floor, **is zoned to go as high as 20 stories or 210 feet!**

The city of Chula Vista and MTS are considering a collaborative development. This would include the entire block alongside the freeway. The existing trolley station may receive a redesign.

This project will be visible for miles away and has the potential of attracting marquee architects and corporations.

The City Council approved an agreement with Keyser Marston Associates, INC. in an amount not-to-exceed \$72,000 for economic, financial, and market consulting services for the solicitation and evaluation of developer qualifications and proposals for the development of 707 F Street and 750 E Street. This project will be in collaboration with MTS.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2018 at 5:00pm. The entire city council agenda can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Our City's Budget

My office is currently working with the Finance Department in creating a streamlined process to collect Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) from vacation rental businesses.

The TOT in Chula Vista is 10 percent. 100% of TOT tax comes into our Chula Vista general fund.

While TOT's are consistently collected by Chula Vista hotels, the collection process for Vacation Rentals By Owner (VRBO) and Air Bed and Breakfast (AirBnB) has been inconsistently communicated and enforced in our city.

My office will help streamline tax collection and ensure that **all short term rentals** (stays less than 30 days) are **permitted** by the City of Chula Vista and that they remit TOT taxes, as per our municipal code.

If you own or operate a vacation rental or rent out a room or house on a short-term basis in Chula Vista, I would be happy to answer your questions about your obligations to the city.

Planning and Public Comments

Zoning Change Request in District 2 Northwest

Public comments for the proposed **Silvergate Project zoning change and 170 new housing units on Bonita Glen Drive** near the 805/E St Intersection must be submitted to Principal Planner Steve Power **before Jan. 15**. You can email him at SPower@chulavistaca.gov or by clicking this link.

The Planning Commission will take this matter up at a future date.

Vote and Comment on Designs for TWO New Multimillion Dollar Chula Vista Bayfront Parks!

The Port of San Diego has hired a world-renowned waterfront park designer Petersen Studio to bring TWO spectacular parks to our Chula Vista Bayfront!

Two public workshops that reveal conceptual design choices for both the Harbor Park (just north of the marina) and the Sweetwater Park (behind and to the north of the Marine Group Boat Works) are being workshopped at our Civic Center Library.

The Harbor Park workshop reveal was Thursday, January 10. The designs are incredible!

The Sweetwater Park Design Workshop will be held Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019 at 6pm at our Civic Center Library at 365 F Street.

The presentation for both park designs will soon be on the Port of San Diego website here.

Sign up for Chula Vista Bayfront updates here.

Activities to Keep Us Moving and Engaged

Tai Chi

Chula Vista Parks & Recreation is glad to start 2019 by bringing back a very popular class with instructor Dan Mariano. Tai Chi is a great class for balance, stress relief, fatigue and more because, while other exercises drain you, Tai Chi is easy and actually gives you energy, leaving you feeling refreshed when you finish! Classes are Tuesdays/Thursdays at 9:00am at Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F Street, (619) 409-1930. FREE

Photography

Chula Vista Parks & Recreation, with our partners from the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park, will be launching our New Photo Class Series by having an "ART Talk" with instructor Kevin Linde from MOPA. The Art Talk is simply to explain expectation from the 4 week course of photography we will be hosting in the Spring. There is limited space for this class so please register at Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F Street, (619) 409-1930. FREE

Job Opportunities

City of Chula Vista

The city of Chula Vista currently has competitive job openings that include (as of 1/11/19): Carpenter, Gardener, Human Resources Analyst, Lifeguard, Peace Officer, Police Cadet, Police Dispatcher, Police Recruit, Principal Librarian, Recreation Aide, Recreation Leader, Senior Human Resources Analyst.

Visit this site to learn more and/or apply:

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/chulavista/default.cfm>

Republic Waste

---Operations Landfill Supervisor in Chula Vista----

---Commercial Helper CDL Driver---

---Diesel Mechanic---

Reporting Graffiti, Potholes, etc.

We need your help to tackle graffiti, potholes, storm drains, traffic signals, sidewalks, ...

You probably already know this, but our city uses the [SeeClickFix website](#), also known as ACT Chula Vista, to report issues that need attention. Click [here](#) to report issues (pictures and location help). If you sign up and provide your email, you will receive status updates on your issues. If you would like us to help you escalate an issue, please forward us or take a screen shot of the issue so we can better assist you!

Contact us!

If you'd like to contact me, I can be reached at (619) 585-5177 or email: jmgalvez@chulavistaca.gov

Robert Moreno is my Senior Council Aide. You might remember Robert as our trusty Star News investigative reporter for many years. We are thrilled that he came to work for District 2 and he has already helped so many constituents resolve issues quickly. Robert can be reached at (619) 585-5713 or rmoreno@chulavistaca.gov

Our Twitter is now live @NorthwestCV

Our official Facebook page is coming very soon!

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

Warm regards,

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P.S. Thought you might enjoy spotting people and locations you recognize in this video, **"Taking Public Transit with "Age-Friendly" Chula Vista"**

P.P.S. Rest in Peace, Granny Garian. I love and miss you with all of my heart. We will have a big 100th birthday party for you in May.

Frances Violet Garian
May 31, 1919 - January 11, 2019

