



The long-anticipated BALBOA SOUTH restaurant has opened at 290 Third Avenue, just in time for our New Year's resolutions to EAT MORE DELICIOUS HAMBURGERS! But save some "room" in your tummy – more restaurants are opening along or near downtown Third Avenue in 2020...

Dear Northwest Chula Vista Neighbors and Friends,

Happy, Happy New Year! Can you believe it is 2020 already?

What are your New Year's resolution(s)? I certainly have a few!

Apologies for the delay in writing you... Especially as the first few monthly happenings listed below have come and gone. I enjoyed a winter getaway with my family, then suffered the flu, and started the year by attending a truly special wedding in Merida, Yucatan. Now, it's back to business of working hard for you and for our community! Did you have a nice holiday break?

I hope you find the following newsletter to be of value to you. *If not, please click [here](#) to unsubscribe.*

Warm regards,

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• • Happening This Month (January) • •

Happy New Year, *Wednesday, January 1st, 2020*

Restricted Refuge Cleanup on near the Chula Vista Bayfront, *Saturday, January 4, 9am – 12 noon*

Join the Living Coast Discovery Center and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to help clean up the D Street Fill and Sweetwater Marsh NWR. Please wait for the LCDC van to pick you up at the Bayshore Bikeway entrance. Email volunteers@thelivingcoast.org or call (619)409-5905 to sign up.

Sweetwater Bicycle Skills Park Opening Day, *January 4th at 10am, 6057 San Miguel Road, Bonita.*

Chula Vista City Council Meeting, *Tuesday, January 7th, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue*

Sharp Chula Vista – New Tower Open House, *Saturday, January 11, 10am – 4pm, 751 Medical Center Court*

Free event, open to the public. Learn more by clicking [here](#).

RUTH: Remember Us The Holocaust, *Sunday, January 12 – December 2020, Chula Vista Public Library, Civic Center Branch, 365 F Street*

The exhibit, brought to you by Chula Vista resident and author, Sandra Scheller, the South Bay Historical Society and the Chula Vista Heritage Museum, features Holocaust survivors that settled in the South Bay. There will be monthly activities with films, speakers and art projects throughout 2020, and a special Armenian Genocide recognition exhibit. For more information, email Ms. Scheller [here](#) or follow the project on Facebook [here](#).

LGBTQ+ Workshop and Resource Fair, *Monday, January 13th, 5:30pm-8pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.*

Chula Vista City Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 14th, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

OnStage Playhouse: Going to a Place Where You Already Are, January 17th – February 16th, 2020, 291 Third Avenue, Chula Vista

Is there a Heaven? This play will surely give you a lot to think and pray about. Click [here](#) for tickets and more information.

Fourth Annual Women’s March, Saturday, January 18th, 10am – 2pm, Waterfront Park, San Diego, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 20th

Lunar New Year, Saturday, January 25th

Girl Scout Cookie Season, January 26th - March 8th

Support our local Girl Scouts and Brownies in their mission to sell cookies and make the world a better place. You can find Girl Scouts selling cookies through in front of many local grocery stores and also by clicking this Cookie-Finder [link](#).

Chula Vista City Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 28th, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

Chula Vista City Council Joint Meeting with the Growth Management Oversight Commission, Thursday, January 30th, 6:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

•• Happening Next Month (February) ••

Superbowl Sunday, February 2nd, VARIOUS big-screen tvs in Chula Vista, including: The Balboa, Novo Brazil, ...

Groundhog Day, Sunday, February 2nd

Chula Vista City Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 4th, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

Chula Vista City Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 11th, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17th

Chula Vista City Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 18th, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

Chula Vista City Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 25th, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

Chula Vista Champions Awards, Saturday, February 29th, at the Elite Athletes' Training Center, Chula Vista

Click [HERE](#) for the Official City of Chula Vista Calendar of Events or to submit an event for consideration

• • Recent Council Items of Interest • •

*Council voted (5-0) 01/07/20 to add **one new School Resource Officer** to the CVPD with the \$559,634 awarded by **California Attorney General Tobacco Grant** program. The CVPD applied for the grant in July 2019, and the funding covers personnel and support costs, supplies and other expenses for the period of December 2, 2019 – June 30, 2022. *The funding resulted from Prop 56, November 2016, which increased the tobacco tax by \$2.00, to \$2.87 per pack on cigarettes as well as other tobacco and e-cigarette products.**

*Council voted (5-0) 01/07/20 to accept the negotiated **Community Benefit Agreement of \$15M (+CPI) in park benefit fees and \$8M (+CPI) in support funding** for development of a **Class A office building** within the SR-125 corridor and/or construction of **facilities in the University Innovation District** should the **General Plan be amended** (in the future) to change the land use designation for 54 acres of **undeveloped Limited Industrial property be rezoned to 46 acres of residential medium high density**. *The parcel of land in question is owned by Sunbow, located within Otay Ranch (District 3) and is adjacent to the north west to the Republic Waste landfill, which is anticipated to close in 2027. The public will have an opportunity to weigh-in General Plan Amendment(s) at a future date, TBD, after the Planning Commission (TBD).**

*Council voted (5-0) 12/10/19 on a joint resolution of the city council of the city of Chula Vista, along with other state and local stakeholders, to recommend project alternatives and Federal actions to **eliminate detrimental transboundary flows of waste in the Tijuana River Valley**.*

*Council voted (5-0) 12/03/19 to **increase city-initiated towing and storage rates** for non-compliant vehicles. Tow rates increased in the \$8 - \$17 range (to \$225 - \$300 per tow) and there were modest increases in 24-hour storage rates (\$59 - \$75 per day of storage) and evening retrieval fees.*

Council voted (4-1) 12/03/19 to allocate \$120,000 from the General Fund and place **Proposition E** on the **March 3, 2020, ballot**. Proposition E would effectively replace the ballot box initiative Proposition G that was passed in 2010 in Chula Vista, which prohibited the use of Project Labor Agreements. Since 2010, the state of California has passed a series of laws that make it increasingly difficult and potentially dubious for Chula Vista to qualify for state funding, given the municipal code restrictions from 2010's Prop G (Chapter 2.59 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code). **There is significant financial risk to the City if we voters do not pass Proposition E, in that the State has been more aggressive in restricting funding for large infrastructure projects with such local initiatives in place that are out of compliance with State law.** The ballot language is as follows: *Shall the measure to preserve the City's ability to receive state infrastructure funding for public works projects by directing the City Council to replace Chapter 2.59 with policies and procedures that give the City discretion to allow the use of project labor agreements for City public works in a manner consistent with state laws and best practices, including provisions for taxpayer protections, transparency, accountability, and compliance in the contracting process, be adopted? Read the UT article [here](#).* **PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE E to ensure that our city receives our fair share of state and regional infrastructure spending dollars!**

Council voted (5-0) 12/03/19 to approve the amended Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan for 2020. Highlighted (improved!) amendments include:

Police: Hire one communications center manager and two police dispatchers six months earlier than planned (in January 2020), reclassify one Agent to a Sergeant in the School Resource Officer department.

Fire: Hire three firefighter positions for Millenia early (in FY 2020 rather than FY 2021); adjust the staffing model for the Squad Program, allowing for the expansion of 4.0 staffing on Engine 56 in January 2020 and Engines 54 and 58 in June 2020 (**nine additional fire fighters**)!!! As you remember

12/03/19 The Mayor appointed yours truly (Jill Galvez) to serve on the following **regional oversight committees:**

- Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors (MTS) – Member
- Metropolitan Wastewater Commission JPA – Member
- SANDAG Bayshore Bikeway Committee
- International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) – Alternate

12/03/19 The Mayor appointed yours truly (Jill Galvez) to serve as **Deputy Mayor**, beginning January 1, 2020.

The next city council meeting is Tuesday, January 14, at 5pm, Chula Vista City Council Chambers, 276 4th Avenue. Council meetings are generally the first four Tuesdays of the month. Agendas are 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.

• • Did You Know • •

The Balboa has opened for business on Third Avenue (just in time for your New Year's resolution to eat more great hamburgers)! *Click [here](#) to read more.*

MTS will increase the frequency of the Blue Line Trolley in a one-year pilot program, from January 26, 2020 – January 25, 2021. This means that from 4:30am – 7:00pm, Monday – Friday, a trolley car should arrive at your stop every 7.5 minutes, and every 15 minutes from 7pm – 1am. Saturdays and Sundays, from 4:30am – 1am, you can hop on a trolley every 15 minutes. More than 60,000 daily commuters use the Blue Line! In September, 2021, the Blue Line will extend from the San Ysidro port of entry to the UCSD campus. *Click [here](#) to learn more about MTS or to purchase a monthly pass.*

Chula Vista Police Department's Drone Program continues to be the first in the nation with cutting-edge technology! *Click [here](#) to watch the new technology in action.*

Farmer's Table is coming to Chula Vista – at the former Marie Calendars (330 F Street). *Click [here](#) to read more.*

The Federal Government has taken a step towards understanding and (hopefully) resolving the **Tijuana River Valley sewage/refuse problem**. *Click [here](#) to read more.*

The Sweetwater Skills Bicycle Park has opened and is amazing! Kudos to Chula Vista's own Susie Murphy, the Executive Director of the San Diego Mountain Bike Association, and her volunteers, who spent years dreaming/planning/advocating for this park to be funded and located in the South Bay. Kudos also to Supervisor Greg Cox and the County's Parks & Recreation Department who allocated \$1.9M to make this happen! *Click [here](#) to watch a video of the park's grand opening. Click [here](#) to learn more.*

• • Kudos to • •

Olga Berdial, Public Works, Park & Rec, the Senior Volunteer Patrol and CVPD, McFarlane Productions, and many great volunteers and generous sponsors for a spectacular Starlight Parade and Children's Faire!

Special KUDOS to Starlight Parade Participants who will be awarded and acknowledged at our January 14th Council Meeting (partial list of award-winners):

- BEST MARCHING BAND – Hilltop Lancers
- BEST OVERALL FLOAT – Ironworkers Local 229
- BEST USE OF LIGHTS – Carpenters Local 619
- MOST CREATIVE FLOAT – Chula Vista High School SCPA
- BEST HOLIDAY THEME – Howard Gardener Community School
- BEST CHILDREN'S ENTRY – Southwestern College

Christmas Circle Residents and Organizers – for another generous and beautiful year of celebration of our holiday spirit and season. You fill our hearts with joy!

The Chula Vista Police Fire Department – for “adopting” 34 families this holiday season.

The Chula Vista Police Department – for another beautiful and generous holiday meal and toy giveaway.

Toys for Joy Toy Giveaway at Castle Park High School, The Rock Church

We Care Toy Giveaway at Memorial Park (Dr. Jolly, Veronica Aguilera, and team)

• • Call to Action • •

Nominate a Chula Vista Champion! Our city will celebrate Chula Vista Champions who live amongst us that have excelled in academics, sports, community service, cultural arts, and a wide variety of other endeavors. Nominations of individuals, teams, classes, or groups are due February 17th and can be submitted at this [link](#). You can even nominate yourself! Champions will be recognized by the Mayor and Council on Saturday, February 29th, at the Elite Athlete’s Training Center.

• • Jobs, Jobs, Jobs • •

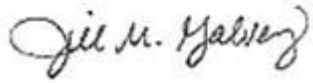
Click [here](#) to see a list of current job openings with the city of Chula Vista.

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. Your thoughts and questions are always welcome!

Warm regards,



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