



The Galvez Family's Dia de los Muertos altar grew by one beautiful new member this year... We love and miss you, Grandma Frances Violet Garian, May 31, 1919 – January 11, 2019

October 2019

Dear Northwest Chula Vista Neighbors and Friends,

One of the most beautiful traditions of the Mexican culture is the celebration of the Day of the Dead, or [Dia de los Muertos](#), celebrated October 31 – November 2nd.

When Victor and I married in 1992, I didn't know much about the cherished annual Mexican tradition of [Dia de los Muertos](#), which features the creation of a family "altar" in your home to honor and respect family members who have passed away. Altars are decorated with pictures, flowers, offerings and mementos to celebrate our loved ones, keeping their memories alive.

Every October, as we decorate and make offerings to our ancestors, our family reflects upon what our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents have given us. We are mindful that one day we will be joining our families in heaven, and that it is important to do good deeds, work hard, and be kind to one another while we're here on earth.

Happy Dia de los Muertos, Happy All Saints Day, Happy Halloween, Chula Vista!

The following newsletter contains information that I hope can be useful for you. Thank you for taking the time to read, stay informed, and engaged in our beautiful city.

Warm regards,

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••• Happening in October •••

Onstage Playhouse, “Carrie the Musical”, September 27th – November 3rd, 291 Third Avenue

An edgy musical based on the scary novel by Stephen King. Tickets are \$22-\$25. Click [here](#) for more information.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

FREE Breast Cancer Screenings

- October 4th, click [here](#) for more information.
- October 19th, click [here](#) to register and for more information.

Covered California's Open Enrollment for Healthcare Coverage, October 1st for re-enrollment, October 15th for new coverage. Click [here](#) for more information.

Christmas in October, locations and times communicated privately

Honor the late [Councilmember Patty Davis](#), a co-founder of this beautiful event that brings volunteers together to improve the lives of the elderly, disabled, and veteran homeowners by making repairs, installing appliances, and beautifying properties. Call Ms. Emerald Randolph at (619)669-0538 to volunteer or donate.

MTS Ride Free Day, Wednesday, October 2nd

Envision Broadway Business Mixer, *Thursday, October 3rd, 5:30 – 7:30pm, at the Chula Vista Shopping Center, 555 Broadway, 2nd floor near the AMC.*

Join the conversation about economic vitality and public safety on Broadway Avenue. Special presentation by Chula Vista Homeless Outreach Taskforce officer Freddy Dominguez. Opening remarks by Councilmember Mike Diaz and Councilmember Jill Galvez. *For more information, [click here](#).*

Vision Zero, *Monday, October 7, 2019, Chula Vista Civic Center Library, 6pm – 7:30pm*

Learn about best practices for making streets safe and where improvements are needed. *Click [here](#) for more information.*

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training in Spanish, *first of five sessions, Tuesday, October 8th, 6-9pm, Fire Station 850 Paseo Ranchero, Chula Vista*

Sponsored by the Chula Vista Fire Department, this FREE five day evening/weekend course (October 8, 15, 22, 26, 29) educates the public in disaster preparedness and response, including fire safety, light search and rescue, CERT organization, and disaster medical operations. *Click [here](#) to email the CERT team to register for this class or with questions, including questions about future training sessions in English.*

Yom Kippur, *the Day of Atonement in the Jewish faith, Tuesday, October 8th – Wednesday, October 9th*

Free Liver Scans and Consultations, *Friday, October 11th, 9am – 4pm, at the Park Way Community Center, 373 Park Way, Chula Vista. Click [here](#) for more information.*

PSAR Zombie Walk/Run around Rohr Park, *Saturday, October 12th, 9am – 12pm*

Raffles, prizes for best costume, t-shirts, children's activities. Tickets are \$10. *More information, click [here](#).*

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Symposium, *Saturday, October 12, 8:30am – 2:30pm, Vista Square Elementary, 540 G Street. Click [here](#) for more information.*

Chula Vista Police Activities League Pingo Night, *Saturday, October 12th, 4:30pm – 8:30pm, Monteville Recreation Center, 840 Duncan Ranch Road, Chula Vista*

Play up to 8 rounds of “Pingo” (bingo), enjoy light appetizers and beverages, and enjoy this fun fundraising event for our Police Activities League. Great prizes include designer handbags and more! Tickets \$45 - \$55. Click [here](#) for more information.

Beautify Chula Vista, *Saturday, October 19th, Memorial Park, 373 Park Way, Chula Vista*

Check in begins at 8:00am, volunteer from 8:30am – noon (or a portion thereof). Projects include: Trash Removal along the bike path adjacent to the 54 freeway, Graffiti Eradication (Broadway, from E Street to L Street, E. Park Lane, K Street from Colorado to Broadway, I Street – L Street easement near the trolley), and Seed Planting on E Street, between Corte Maria and Bonita Road. *For more details and registration for individuals or groups, click [here](#). All volunteers must register prior to the event.*

Villains in the Village, *Saturday, October 19th, 5pm-9pm, Third Avenue*

This fun event features costumed entertainers, spooky treats, live music and more! Sponsored by the Third Avenue Village Association. Click [here](#) for more information.

La Vista Memorial Park and Mortuary Dia de los Muertos, *Saturday, October 19th, 12pm – 10pm, 3191 Orange Street, National City.*

La Vista Memorial Park’s annual celebration of Día De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is an unforgettable experience. The family-oriented event has all the ingredients needed to create a fun and memorable outing: food, music, artwalk, costumes, entertainment, artists and the always-popular altar contest and runway fashion show “Catrina Contest”. Dia de los Muertos apparel encouraged. No Halloween costumes. Parking: Free Shuttle pick-up at Westfield Plaza Bonita near Outback Steakhouse. \$5 Admission (free for children and seniors until 5pm). Click [here](#) for more information.

Halloween Glow Run, *Friday, October 25, 5:00pm check-in, 6pm race, Chula Vista Golf Course parking lot, 4475 Bonita Road*

5K fun run around Rohr Park. Vendor fair, food trucks, and many great Halloween activities afterwards. All paid runners will receive a SWAG bag full of great glow or lite up “stuff”, a special Glow Run t-shirt, and a custom bib. \$20 for ages 3 and up. Click [here](#) to register or for more information.

Day of the Dead at Artelexia in North Park, Saturday, 10/26/19, 11am – 5pm, 3802 Ray Street, San Diego. Click [here](#) for more information.

Happy Halloween Thursday, October 31

Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead Thursday, October 31 – November 2nd

•••• Happening in November ••••

Game of Throws Pumpkin Smash, Saturday, November 2nd, times varied, Eastlake Middle School, 900 Duncan Ranch Road, Chula Vista

Presented by Friends of Chula Vista Parks & Recreation and the Sweetwater Union High School District, this friendly festival of flying fruit provides young people with the opportunity of learning science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) while earning prizes and honor by hurtling leftover Halloween pumpkins using school and homemade medieval-style technology. Teams of students, grades 3 – 12, are invited to participate. The public is welcome to attend and cheer on their favorite teams. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to register a team (\$50 fee per team). Click [here](#) for rules and guidelines.

Vulcan Materials Quarry Crusher Run at the Chula Vista Quarry, Saturday, November 2nd, 8am, 2275 Hard Rock Road, Chula Vista

Challenge yourself with a 5K run through an active quarry (\$40) or a 10K double-crusher run (\$50). Discounts for first responders, military, teachers, and students. Proceeds benefit the Chula Vista Firefighters' Foundation. Click [here](#) to register or for more information.

Veterans 6K Walk 2019, Saturday November 2nd, 6:30am - 12:30pm, 4 mile walk/run from CV Veterans home at 700 East Naples Ct to VFW Hall. Click [here](#) for tickets.

Happy Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28th

•••• Happening in December ••••

Chula Vista Starlight Parade and Children's Faire, Saturday, December 7th, Third Avenue (between H Street and E Street). Children's Faire 2pm, Memorial Park. The Parade begins at 5pm at Third Avenue and H Street.

Councilmember Mike Diaz (District 4) and I are pleased to co-chair this cherished annual event, which features beautiful holiday floats, marching bands, and more to thrill people of all ages. Click [here](#) for more information, or click [here](#) to help sponsor this year's event.

Glen Abbey Memorial Park's Wreaths Across America, Saturday Dec 14, 9am 3838 Bonita Road, \$15 per wreath. Click [here](#) for more information.

San Diego Seals Lacrosse Chula Vista Night, Friday, December 27th, 7:00pm at the Pechanga Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego

Watch an exciting match against the Calgary Roughnecks. If you haven't been to a San Diego Seals Lacrosse match, prepare to be delighted! Click [here](#) to purchase tickets in the Chula Vista section (a portion of the proceeds from Chula Vista section sales will benefit next year's Chula Vista Starlight Parade).

•••• Recent Council Items of Interest ••••

Council voted 3-2 (9/10/19) to join the City of San Diego, La Mesa, Santee, and Imperial Beach in forming a **Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to purchase electricity**. Councilmember Mike Diaz and I voted against our city getting into the energy purchasing agreement on behalf of all electricity customers in our city limits, as there are no guarantees that our general fund can be protected, there are no guarantees that the JPA will meet its goals of 100% renewable energy by 2035 or the state mandate of 100% renewable by 2045. Click [here](#) to watch the discussion, item #12, at 2:23. Click [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) to read press coverage about CCAs.

Council voted 5-0 (9/10/19) to approve a **special Bayfront Financing District** for 270 acres of taxable property. Private property owners within the district will vote to approve the financing district. The city owns approximately 6 acres (2%) of the new financing district, our old municipal yard at 707 F Street. 212 acres (79%) are owned by the Port District, MTS owns 4 acres (1.5%) and the remaining 48 acres (17.5%) are privately owned. Note that the Bayfront Financing District does not include the marinas, the former site of the power plant, or the Collins properties (former UTC Aerospace/Rohr Aircraft). Property located in the Bayfront District will be subject to a **special Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) of 5%, in addition to the 10% TOT** for hotels, campsites, and

short-term vacation rentals. *A bond, maximum amount of \$125M, will be issued to pay for infrastructure improvements, including a convention center, street improvements, signage, storm drains, public utilities, fire protection, easements, and other improvements. Land and assets in the special financing district will be used as collateral for the bond, not the city's General Fund or other city-owned collateral outside of the Bayfront Financing District.*

Council voted 5-0 (9/10/19) to approve RIDA to **design and construct sewer infrastructure** in portions of the Bayfront using \$1.2M from the city's sewer fund. Note that RIDA/Gaylord will be participants in the city's sewer/billing after completion of the new 1600-room hotel and convention center.

Council voted 5-0 (9/10/19) to approve **\$80,390 in cultural arts grants**, the proceeds received from Live Nation for ticket sales from the North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre. The cultural arts grant program was negotiated with the original Coors Amphitheater when it opened in 1998. *To learn more about the grant program or to apply for a 2020 grant, click [here](#).*

Council voted 5-0 (9/24/19) to approve a **service line warranty program for residents** to purchase private insurance on sewer and water lateral lines from the city's arterial lines to their home. The program is being further developed and we expect to send out enrollment information in the next few months.

Council conducted a public hearing (9/24/19) and voted 5-0 to approve **general services rate increases Republic Waste**. The rate increases were necessary due to the increased costs of recycling.

Council approved 5-0 (9/24/19) an Optimization Study to analyze costs/benefits of the Chula Vista **Fire Department providing ambulance transport** either through private contracts, shared services, or direct provision.

Council accepted 5-0 (9/24/19) the Regional Taskforce on the Homeless award of **\$452,979 in HEAP (Homeless Emergency Aid Program) funding** from the \$18.8M regional grant from the state. The grant was a combined application from the cities of Chula Vista and National City. \$404,899 of the award goes to the Alpha Project for homeless outreach. Council heard compelling testimony from **Community Through Hope, a Chula Vista based non-profit** whose volunteers perform case management and help with food insecurity that they are in need of funding to continue their mission. To learn more about Community Through Hope, or to **make a tax-deductible contribution**, *please click [here](#).*

Council voted 4-1 (10/1/19) to finalize the **commercial cannabis fee schedule**. Click [here](#) for more information.

Item #7B (10/1/19), the provision to **remove owner occupancy requirements for properties with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior ADUs**, known as granny flats or garage conversions, **has been tabled until the 10/15/19 council meeting**. SB 13, a large state bill that relaxes ADU rules for the entire state passed the California Assembly and the Senate in September and is on the Governor's desk for signature. The city of Chula Vista has opted to wait on ADU ordinance changes until we know more about what the state requires. Click [here](#) to read SB 13 as amended.

The next city council meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 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.

•••• Kudos to ••••

The **Chula Vista Police Department** and the Chula Vista Police Foundation's annual School Resource Officer's non-profit shoes and socks giveaway for helping 300 Chula Vista students purchase new shoes and socks for the start of the school year.

The **Chula Vista Public Works Department** for cleaning and painting the cinderblock wall along H Street between Hwy 805 and Hilltop Drive and for finishing new roofing at the Woman's Club and Fire Station 1. Public Works has also done outstanding work in District 2 this month and is making progress in graffiti abatement, tree trimming, and infrastructure repairs.

Northwest Chula Vista residents (you know who you are) who have been volunteering in groups and on their own to **pick up trash** in their neighborhoods, around schools and parks, and **reporting graffiti** and other issues to ACT Chula Vista (www.SeeClickFix.com) Public Works.

•••• Bayfront News ••••

On 9/26/19, we participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the move and creation of the **\$55M Costa Vista RV Park by Sun Communities**. Click [here](#) to watch the news story, as well as get a glimpse of what the 246 space RV park will look like when it opens next summer! Costa Vista RV Park is not taking reservations at this time, but you can visit their [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) for current reservations and 2020 updates.

The Port of San Diego presented the **schematic designs for our two new Bayfront parks** – Harbor Park and Sweetwater Park. Click [here](#) to review the presentation. The date of the third Bayfront Park workshop (at which you can ask questions and see the presentation in person) will be sometime in November. Click [here](#) to get more Chula Vista Bayfront News.

Harbor Park, 25 acres

Events and Activities • Implemented in Phases – \$19.5 Million Phase 1, north of H Street along Bayfront (includes parcel where the RV Park was). Phase 2 is where the existing park is, with playground, restrooms, etc. Phase 2 will include the extension of H Street into a short pier with spectacular views of downtown San Diego and the bay.

Sweetwater Park, 21 acres

Passive and natural • No organized special events or sports • Nature-based activity areas • Bay Shoreline & Wildlife Refuge protected from park • 216 parking spaces • 100 parking spaces for the Living Coast Discovery Center

•••• Did You Know ••••

The **San Diego County Department of Health** is [asking](#) people who have become **ill from vaping** to save used cartridges for testing and to seek immediate medical attention if they become ill. As the number of vaping-related deaths and illnesses mount, the Federal Government is pushing the Food and Drug Administration to develop guidelines to remove all flavors for the vaping devices except tobacco. Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order directing his staff to draft strict rules for the sale of the electronic cigarettes. **Chula Vista prohibits vaping in public places.**

Computers 2 Kids is hosting three events in October to sell computers from \$50 - \$150 and Cox High Speed internet for \$9.95/month for those who qualify. Click [here](#) to apply and register for the event or call (858) 200-9788 to see if you qualify.

The **Glenner Center Town Square** for memory care (2765 Main Street, Suite A, Chula Vista) offers **Alzheimer's support groups in Spanish** on the first and third Friday each month, from 2pm - 3:30pm. *Click [here](#) for more information.* The Alzheimer's Association offers a help line for family members and caregivers, (800)272-3900.

Renewing Life is a charitable, non-profit organization that provides **free transportation services** for seniors, individuals with disabilities and domestic violence shelter clients in the South Bay. Service sites are Community Congregational Tower, Harvest Ridge, Town Centre Manor, and South Bay Community Services' domestic violence shelter program. They offer demand response and fixed route drives. *Call Armando at (619)753-7326 or click [here](#) for more information.*

•••• 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.

Jobs and Resource Fair on Saturday, November 2nd, in National City. *Click [here](#) for more information.*

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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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