



Dear Northwest Chula Vista Neighbors and Friends,

'Tis the most wonderful time of the year!

The countdown is on for the Chula Vista Starlight Parade and Children's Faire, Saturday, December 7th, 2019.

The Children's Faire (2pm – 5pm, Memorial Park) will once again feature a giant hill of real snow that children young and old can sled down! Thank you to our very generous sponsors, listed [here](#), and folks who donate on our GoFundMe page, listed [here](#). With your generous support, we are able to provide all activities – including pictures with Santa and Children's Faire fun – for FREE.

The Starlight Parade begins promptly at 5pm on Third Avenue at H Street and proceeds north to E Street. A jolly procession of more than 100 entries, including floats, marching bands, dancers, classic cars, and dignitaries will be led by our Grand Marshall this year, our friends in the AFL-CIO.

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

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and see you next year 😊

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• • **Happening This Month (December)** • •

Chula Vista City Council Meeting, *Tuesday, December 3rd, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue*

Attack of the Killer Tomatoes, *Wednesday, December 4th, 6:00pm, Chula Vista Civic Center Library Auditorium, 365 F Street*

The Film Forum and South Bay Historical Society present a free screening of the 1978 cult movie classic "[Attack of the Killer Tomatoes](#)," famously filmed on the Chula Vista bayfront. Creators Costa Dillan and Steve Peace will be available for a discussion after the film.

Last Day to File to Run for Office, *Friday, December 6th, 5:00pm, City Clerk's office, 276 Fourth Avenue.*

Council Districts 3 & 4 are up for election. City Candidates, click [here](#) for more information, or to read candidate statements after the filing period closes. County candidates, learn more by clicking [here](#). **The California primary election is Tuesday, March 3, 2020.**

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.

NOTE: the city set up a new donation link for this year's parade... Thank you to Cookie Pering who donated recently on the prior link!

Chula Vista City Council Meeting, *Tuesday, December 10th, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue*

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

Toys for Joy, Saturday, December 14th, 9am – 2pm, Castle Park High School, 1395 Hilltop Drive, Chula Vista

Sponsored by the Rock Church patrons. Free toys for children 0-11 years, children's activities, free lunch, free groceries, clothes, donations welcome. Click [here](#) for more information.

Chula Vista City Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 17th, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

Sweetwater Bicycle Skills Park, Ribbon cutting/grand opening is POSSIBLY Friday, December 20th – Due to heavy rains, the date is uncertain and will likely be rescheduled. To learn more about mountain biking in San Diego County, click [here](#).

Happy Hanukkah, Monday, December 23rd

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

Merry Christmas, Wednesday, December 25th

Kwanzaa, Thursday, December 26th through January 1st

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

Sit in the "Chula Vista" section and 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).

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st

"Soaring 20's" New Year's Eve Party, Tuesday, December 31st, 7-9pm, Living Coast Discovery Center

Spend some fun family time at the Living Coast Discovery Center. Interactive games, trivia, crafts, snacks, dancing, and of course, animal encounters! 1920's costumes encouraged. Click [here](#) for tickets and more information.

• • Happening Next Month (January) • •

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

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

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.*

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

Chula Vista City Council Meeting, *Tuesday, January 21st, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue*

Lunar New Year, *Saturday, January 25th*

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

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) 11/12/19 and 11/19/19 to comply with State Law, Senate Bill SB 13, which **suspends the owner occupancy requirement** for Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units across the entire state of California. Our municipal code has been modified to read: “This Section 19.58.023(B)(2) shall be held in abeyance until January 1, 2025,” and “This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force on January 1, 2020.”

Council voted (5-0) 11/12/19 to increase the line of credit for the **Bayfront Project Special Tax Financing District** from \$125M maximum to \$175M maximum. Bond revenues are necessary to fund infrastructure improvements on the Chula Vista Bayfront, including the new Harbor Park and Sweetwater Park, street improvements (E, F, G, H Streets), sewer pump station, utility corridor, and other improvements. The Special Tax Financing District will be paid

back with Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) from hotels in the district and the RV Park, incremental property tax revenues, Port revenues, and other sources.

Council voted (5-0) 11/12/19 to review and process a **pre-annexation analysis** funding agreement for consideration by the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of a 23.8 acre parcel from Chula Vista to the city of San Diego. The “Nankano Site” is **between the Otay Valley Regional Park and Palm Avenue**, east of the 805.

Council voted (5-0) 11/19/19 to extend the **tree maintenance agreement** with West Coast Arborist from \$950K to \$1.7M for the remaining two (1) year contract extension periods. There were unanticipated tree maintenance services during the first three years of the contract, including pest infestations, emergencies and hazard removals, tree root issues, and broken and fallen limbs after weather events.

Council watched a presentation 11/19/19 on the construction plans for the **replacement/move of Fire Station 9, to just south of the San Diego Country Club**. The new fire station requires the closure of portions of Moss Street and Alpine Avenue and a new traffic signal at the intersection of Naples and Alpine. *You can review the presentation at this [link](#).*

Council heard a presentation 11/19/19 on the state of the city’s **20A electrical utility undergrounding program**. The city receives \$2.0M per year from SDG&E as a result of a settlement agreement to underground utility lines. Roughly \$20M was used to underground the high voltage utility lines on the Bayfront. Councilmember Padilla reminded us that the remaining power lines on the bayfront are to be undergrounded using future tenant improvements, not the city’s negotiated 20A settlement funds. Our current account balance is approximately \$6.1M. An estimated \$2.9-\$3.2M is reserved for the F Street promenade power lines from Bay Boulevard to Broadway. *To review the presentation, click [here](#).*

The next city council meeting is Tuesday, December 3rd, 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.

• • **See Something, Say Something** • •

CalTrans (the California Department of Transportation) is responsible for picking up trash and debris on and alongside our highways. Please help us **alert CalTrans of areas along Chula Vista freeways that need cleaning**, graffiti removal, or other attention by clicking this [link](#) and using the map to identify the location of the blight. Thank you!

Chula Vista Public Works, Code Enforcement, HOT Team, Parking Enforcement, and other departments rely on the [ACT Chula Vista app](#) (download for free to your smartphone), which is the interface for the www.SeeClickFix.com website.

*Please use the [app](#) to report **abandoned vehicles, graffiti, tree trimming needs, potholes, homeless community issues, etc.** The less time our city staff spends on paperwork, the more time they can spend on getting issues resolved. Thank you!*

• • **Ways to Give this Holiday Season** • •

San Diego Blood Bank's Season of Giving, November 25th – January 4th

Give the gift of LIFE - a pint of blood – and receive thank you gifts in return. November 25th – December 13th, receive a **free entrée** from the Broken Yolk Café. December 14th – January 4th, receive a free, limited edition, **Dr. Seuss Cat-in-the-Hat t-shirt**. Click [here](#) or call (619)400-8251 to make an appointment or find locations of mobile donation sites.

Annual Holiday Meal and Toy Giveaway

Bring a new, unwrapped toy to any Starbucks location in Chula Vista or donate [online](#) at the Chula Vista Police Foundation's website to help provide meals and toys for children in need. Families and individuals in need can come to the Walmart parking lot at 1150 Broadway Avenue, Chula Vista, to receive free food and toys, from 7am – 9am.

Donate Food – Online – and Maximize the Value of Your Gift !

Where else can you buy twelve jars of peanut butter for \$12??

The San Diego Food Bank has developed a very clever application to help us help others who suffer from food insecurity. By donating online, your impact is maximized because **the San Diego Food Bank buys food wholesale!**

Did you know that a growing majority of food donations help seniors and active military personnel and their families?

Check out this very clever [“virtual” shopping experience](#), created for Chula Vista.

Drag a food item through the grocery scanner to buy/donate that item! **Click [here](#) to donate and combine your gift with other Chula Vistans!**

Monetary donations received by the Food Bank will be used to purchase food items to be given to those in need. Actual product mix and quantities purchased may vary. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. The San Diego Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) organization. Tax I.D. number: 20-4374795

• • Save Money? Yes, Please • •

SDG&E has authorized Economic Development reduced rates for certain businesses. The reduced rate may be applicable for businesses that might relocate out of state, cease operation if not for the reduced rate, new businesses coming into our county, bundled service business customers or business customer served by Direct Access or Community Choice Aggregation. *For specifics and application please click [here](#).* There is a limited number of these reductions available. **Please help spread the word amongst Chula Vista businesses!**

• • Do You Know • •

When your street will be swept next?

Chula Vista streets are swept once every other month. Street sweepers pick up an average of **2,000 – 3,000 pounds of debris per shift**. On designated street sweeping days, please move parked cars to your driveways during working hours. You can click [here](#) to see a map of street sweeping areas.

Below is the **schedule for Northwest District 2 street sweeping** areas:

Northwest District 2: *Bayfront to 4th Avenue, G Street north to National City, swept on the first Monday of odd months*

North Central District 2: *4th Avenue to the 805, G Street north to National City, swept on the first Monday of even months*

Terranova: *805 to Terranova (plus Rancho Del Rey/District 1), north of H Street, swept on the third Friday of even months*

Southwest District 2: *Bayfront to 4th Avenue, between G Street & L Street, swept on the third Monday of odd months*

Central District 2: *4th Avenue to 805 J Street to G Street, plus a section J to L Street between 3rd & 4th Ave, swept on the third Monday of even months*

South Central District 2: *3rd Ave to the 805, J Street to L Street (and south to Naples/District 4), swept on the third Tuesday of odd months*

Halecrest Neighborhood: *805 to Paseo del Rey, between H Street and Telegraph Canyon, swept on the first Friday of odd months*

• • Kudos to • •

The Eastlake Church and their “I Heart Chula Vista” campaign. Thanks to the hundreds of volunteers that donate their time and energy to restoring Chula Vista to pristine condition! *Watch a heart-warming video [here](#).*

Hilltop High area residents Tamra, Caitlin, and Savannah, for leading the charge, working with our traffic engineering and Safety Commission, canvassing their neighborhood, and helping to develop **a solution to prevent traffic accidents** around Hilltop High School. Stay tuned...

The Port of San Diego’s Park Design Team. Final designs were presented for the Sweetwater and Harbor Parks on the Chula Vista bayfront. *Click [here](#) to see the beautiful designs.*

Sweetwater Authority General Manager Tish Berge, our elected board members, and employees, for working hard to **reduce our water rates** this year. The majority of Sweetwater Authority customers will see a modest decrease in their water bill when new rates go into effect on January 1, 2020. *Detailed water rate information is available at www.sweetwater.org/rates.*

• • Pardon Our Dust • •

Norman Park Senior Center – improvements are being made at the parking lot and inside facilities. Large groups such as the Chula Vista Garden Club have temporarily relocated their monthly meetings (November 21 & December 12) to the Otay Recreation Center, 3554 Main Street, Chula Vista, where there is free parking. Please check with the organizers of any event you may have this December in the Norman Park Senior Center to ensure the location.

Third Avenue Streetscaping is underway, but taking a pause for the holiday season (between Thanksgiving and Christmas) to give our retailers on Third Avenue a break. Note to husbands – we have some very fine jewelry stores on Third Avenue.

Bikes on Broadway road improvements are being made in the first phase (the north end) of Broadway this month.

• • Jobs, Jobs, Jobs • •

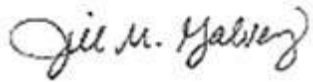
Click [here](#) to see a list of current job openings with the city of Chula Vista.

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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