



Dear Northwest Chula Vista Neighbors and Friends,

During this month of gratitude, we are especially thankful to the brave men and women in our Public Safety Departments, for battling fires, investigating crimes, saving lives, and keeping us at peace. There simply are not enough of you, and it is our job to ensure that our city is staffed (at least) to the same levels as other cities in our region.

We also express our gratitude to our street maintenance and Public Works Right of Way crew, who achieved a response rate of 88.57% in September, completing over 1,300 graffiti eradication work requests (137 from ACT Chula Vista, [www.SeeClickFix.com](http://www.SeeClickFix.com)).

Rock Star volunteers (you know who you are) devoted their time last month with Beautify Chula Vista, I Heart Chula Vista, and the Institute of Public Strategies Youth Group (Stelle Andrade and students), eradicated a LOT of graffiti, picked up trash, and planted seeds. Northwest Chula Vista keeps looking better and better!

As always, we are grateful for our fine men and women who have served or are serving our country and honor them on Veteran's Day this month.

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

Warmest of regards, and Happy Thanksgiving (in advance),

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jill M. Galvez'.

Warm regards,

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## • • Happening This Month • •

### **Veteran's Day Parade**, *Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am*

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual "Honor Our Heroes" Parade begins at the corner of East Palomar Street and Magdalena Avenue, and will conclude on the campus of Veteran's Elementary School. Join us to pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country as well as those currently on active duty.

### **Vulcan Materials Quarry Crusher Run** *at the Chula Vista*

*Quarry, Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

### **Game of Throws Pumpkin Smash**, *Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

### **Veterans 6K Walk 2019**, *Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30am - 12:30pm*

*Four (4) mile walk/run from CV Veterans home at 700 East Naples Ct to VFW Hall. [Click here](#) for tickets.*

### **Daylight Savings – FALL BACK** – *Saturday Night/Sunday Morning, November 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>*

Turn your clocks back one hour at 2:00am, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, changing the time to 1:00am. Daylight Savings begins again on March 8, 2020, when you will SPRING FORWARD one hour from 2:00am to 3:00am.

Take the survey [here](#) – do you reset your clocks before midnight, at the appointed time, when you wake up, or do you no longer own clocks which need you to set them?

**ChulaFest Community Festival**, *Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11am – 5pm, Chula Vista Community Park, 1060 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista*

The first annual “ChulaFest” Community Festival is a FREE, family-friendly event that features music, cultural performances, food & drinks, an urban dance showcase, and lifestyle vendors. *For more information, click [here](#).*

**Active Shooter Training**, *Monday, November 4th, 6pm – 8pm, City Council Chambers 276 Fourth Avenue*

Conducted by CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), the Chula Vista Fire Department, and the Chula Vista Police Department, participants will learn how to prepare for an active shooter situation and to help others before emergency response personnel arrive. While open to the public, some of the presentation may be too graphic for those under age 12. Remember, if you see something, say something! **Free** event, but registration is required and limited to the first 175 registrants. *Click [here](#) to register.*

**Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, *Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue*

**Chula Vista Safety Commission Meeting**, *Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue*

The Safety Commissioners will vote on a staff report to install speed cushions on E. Georgina and E. Whitney Street to slow morning and afternoon school traffic and increase safety in the area. *To learn more about the Safety Commission or to apply to be a commissioner, click [here](#). If you would like to contact me with questions about the proposed speed cushions, click [here](#).*

**Veteran’s Day Ceremony**, *Monday, November 11th, 11am, Memorial Bowl Park, Chula Vista, sponsored by American Legion Post 434*

**Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, *Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue*

**Veteran’s Day Celebration**, *Monday, November 11th, 11am, CountrySide Swim Club, 1180 Santa Rosa Drive, Chula Vista (bring a can of food to donate)*

**Bayfront Parks Big Reveal**, *Monday, November 18th, 6-8pm, at the Chula Vista Public Library Auditorium, 365 F Street*

Come see the final designs of both the Sweetwater and the Harbor Parks, presented by the Port of San Diego. Together, these two park areas will account for more than half of the new park space planned for the Chula Vista Bayfront development, making their design pivotal to guiding the look and feel of these new spaces. *Click [here](#) for more information.*

**Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm,  
Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

**Happy Thanksgiving Day**, Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

**Third Avenue Streetscaping, Phase III** has begun between E Street & F Street

This yearlong project (Phase III) has begun, and when complete, Third Avenue will have a unified, beautiful look from E Street to H Street.

**Broadway Avenue Bike Lane and “Road Diet” Project** from C Street to Anita Street has begun

Work will occur between the hours of 7 am – 4pm, and will include removing damaged sections of pavement to prepare Broadway for final paving.

## • • Happening Next Month • •

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

**Chula Vista Starlight Parade and Children’s Faire**, Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 2pm, Castle Park High School

Sponsored by The Rock Church of San Ysidro, families will begin lining up at 5am to receive toys donated by generous members of our community. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm,  
Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

**Happy Hanukkah**, Monday, December 23rd

**Christmas Eve**, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**Merry Christmas**, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

**Kwanzaa**, Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 1st

**San Diego Seals Lacrosse Chula Vista Night**, Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>,  
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).

**New Year's Eve**, Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

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 accepted (5-0) 10/1/19 the 2018 **SAFER grant to hire 12 firefighters**. The city authorized the Fire Department to apply for the grant on May 7, 2018. Our Fire Department applied on March 22, 2019 and on September 18, 2019, the department received notification that the grant has been awarded for the period of March 11, 2019 – March 10, 2023. SAFER is a cost-sharing grant with a three-year performance period, and eligible costs include salary and benefits and fire academy training.

Council voted (5-0) 10/22/19 to accept two grants from the San Diego Association of Governments to help with the **2020 Census**. The Chula Vista Elementary School District and Chula Vista Community Collaborative will be reaching out in **Hard to Count** areas of Chula Vista, including **much of Northwest and Southwest Chula Vista**.

Council voted (5-0) 10/22/19 to **revise public facilities development impact fees** (PFDIFs), which include the following seven components: Civic Center Expansion, Police Facilities and Equipment, Corporate Yard Relocation, Libraries, Fire Suppression System, PFDIF Program Administration, and Major Recreational Facilities. The following components were eliminated: Geographic Information System (GIS), Computer Systems, Telecommunications Systems and Records Management. See *Chula Vista Municipal Code Chapter 3.50* for more information by clicking [here](#).

Council heard (10/22/19) a **Public Safety Staffing report**, which gives guidelines and recommendations for FY 2020 – 2025 for public safety staffing. The Chula Vista Police Department maintains 0.92 officers per 1,000 residents as of September 2019. In order to catch up to the other city in the county with the lowest ratio of sworn officers to residents (Carlsbad), **beyond Measure A, we will need to hire 19 sworn and 3 civilian support positions** in the next five years, which will cost an additional \$3M per year. Our Fire Department is continuing to evaluate the effect of squads, planning 4-0 staffing at fire stations that are currently not 4-0, the assessment of providing transport services, and staffing due to future developments such as the Bayfront. *Click [here](#) to read the staff report and presentation. Click [here](#) to watch the presentation, beginning at 1:24:23.*

Council heard (10/22/19) the balanced budget plan presentation and **Outlook for Fiscal Years 2021 – 2023** by Finance Director David Bilby. **The net takeaway is that our forecasted deficit is \$7.19 million next year (FY2021), \$11.87 million (FY2022), and \$12.73 million (FY2023).** *Click [here](#) to read the staff report and presentation. Click [here](#) to watch the presentation, beginning at 2:58:15.*

**The next city council meeting is Tuesday, November 5th, 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.

## •• Are you Considering Running for Office? ••

**The next City Council Elections** (for **District 3**, South East Chula Vista, and **District 4**, Southwest Chula Vista) will take place on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The filing period to run for city council begins November 12, 2019 and closes December 6, 2019. *Please visit or [email](#) the Chula Vista City Clerk at 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, if you would like to know the requirements and process for running for city council in Chula Vista.*

**Other Elected Offices** (School Boards, Water Boards, County Offices, etc.) please visit the San Diego County Registrar of Voters to see filing schedules and requirements by clicking [here](#).

## •• Chula Vista In the News ••

**Aquatica Chula Vista is becoming Sesame Place** and will be a Certified Autism Center. *Click [here](#) for the story.*

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, SeaWorld Entertainment and Sesame Workshop (Sesame Street®) revealed that Chula Vista will be the location of a new Sesame Place® theme park. Aquatica's existing water park on Auto Park Way will open for its final season during Memorial Day Weekend, 2020, and when it opens again in the Spring of 2021, the 17 acre park will be known as Sesame Place San Diego, and will feature all of the fun, laughter and learning of Sesame Street in a highly immersive way with exciting family rides, water slides, live character shows,

parades, and interactive experiences. Sesame Place San Diego will open as a Certified Autism Center. *Click [here](#) to read more.*

**Chula Vista has filed criminal charges** against illegal cannabis dispensaries. *Click [here](#) to for the story.*

It is a crime to sell or work for an unpermitted cannabis dispensary in the city of Chula Vista. As of this moment, there are NO legally permitted dispensaries in our city. The permitting process is almost complete and in the final stages of criminal background investigations.

**Karen Roque Riggott is home** after 69 days in the hospital!

Many of us throughout Chula Vista have been hoping and praying for Karen Roque Riggott's full recovery after she fell off a scooter while visiting Liberty Station. Karen is the daughter of Pie and Sol Roque, owners of the historic El Primero on Third Avenue, and the mother of an elementary school student. Since the accident, her husband Dean has become an outspoken critic of scooters. As you know, scooters have recently been permitted in Chula Vista. *Click [here](#) to see Karen's beautiful smile and watch the news story.*

If you have questions or concerns about scooters and their use in Chula Vista, please [email](#) me or come to a city council meeting to share your concerns.

## • • Did You Know • •

That the **University of Saint Katherine**, the Nationally Recognized University in talks with the city of Chula Vista to move its campus from San Marcus to a 10 acre parcel on our University site in eastern Chula Vista, **has received an "A" grade and top ranking** from the What Will They Learn website.

The **University of Saint Katherine's is the second least-expensive private institution** in the state of California and in the top-third in 4-year graduation rates. This year's graduation rate will be over 70% within 4 years. *Learn more by clicking [here](#).*

## • • Call to Action • •

### **MTS (Metropolitan Transit System) Vision Builder Challenge**

Enter to win **free transit for a year**, but more importantly, vote on projects that are most important to you and help determine where future public transportation dollars are spent.

Would you like to see more security on our trolley lines? A high speed connector between Chula Vista and La Jolla on the Blue Line? A purple line trolley that would connect the border, Chula Vista, Mission Valley, and Kearney Mesa?

You decide. You only have 1000 coins to spend, and can only take the survey once, so please spend wisely. Our future depends on you!

Click [here](#), then click on the **"Start Spending"** button near the top of the page.

*Note that submissions will be taken until December 1, 2019.*

## • • **Jobs, Jobs, Jobs** • •

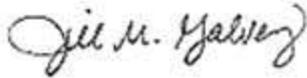
Click [here](#) to see a list of current job openings with the city of Chula Vista.

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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