

## Jill Galvez *District 2 News*



*Teacher Chelsea Smith and my High Tech High intern Conner Boggan hold up the winning student designs that are now beautifying a blighted alley behind 245 Broadway*

Dear Northwest Chula Vista Neighbors and Friends,

Spring has arrived in our beloved Chula Vista as we welcome March and enjoy all that our city has to offer.

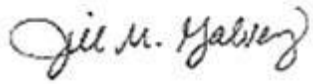
High Tech High seniors have beautified the blighted alley behind Wild Woolley's and Love's Florist with **two bright and happy murals**. These are the first two murals painted by student groups who have joined Councilmember Mike Diaz's and my West Side/Best Side Mural and Graffiti Abatement Project. Click [here](#) to watch a video of the High Tech High students hard at work.

Students at Hilltop High, Chula Vista High, Castle Park, and the MAAC project **have painted murals on utility boxes**, and are ramping up to paint murals along Broadway Avenue. Click [here](#) to see some of their work and like our Facebook page.

If you would like to paint, sponsor, or host a mural – especially on Broadway Avenue, please [email me](#).

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 (March) • •

**2020 CENSUS**– Look for instructions on how to count yourself and all members of your household in the 2020 Census. Instructions will be mailed to each home this month. Encourage everyone you know in Chula Vista to take the 2020 Census, as our counted population determines funding for programs and resources that we need in our community. *Learn more [here](#).*

**DID YOU VOTE?** **The Presidential Primary Election** is today, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Find your polling place [here](#). You can bring your absentee ballot in to any polling place if you haven't mailed it yet. Click [here](#) after 8:00pm to see voting results. Note that the registrar of voters has up to 30 days after an election to count absentee and provisional ballots that had arrived to their facility on or before election day and certify results.

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

**Groundbreaking, Fire Station #5**, Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am, 341 Orange Avenue (adjacent to the Chula Vista Public Library)

**First Friday Breakfast**, Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am – 9am, San Diego Country Club, 88 L Street, Chula Vista.

This month's breakfast will be hosted by Mayor Mary Casillas Salas and features an update on Measure P projects by our Public Work's Director, Irascema Quilantan and Principal Civil Engineer Frank Rivera. Tickets must be purchased by 3/3/20 at this [link](#) and are \$20. No walk-ins accepted.

**Rock Your City Cleanup Event**, Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12pm, Loma Verde Elementary School, 1450 Loma Lane, Chula Vista. Sponsored by The Rock Church. Click [here](#) to sign up.

**Grand Opening of a New Dog Park**, Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8am, near Gate A at Rohr Park.

The 1.4-acre dog park is open from 7 a.m. to dusk (closed for maintenance every Monday from 7 to 11 a.m.). It is the largest dog park in the South Bay and also has the City's first solar benches providing power to charge your mobile devices while your dogs play. The park features a separate area for small and large dogs, a play house, agility equipment, and water spigots in each of the areas for keeping dogs hydrated.

**LAST DAY to Buy Girl Scout Cookies** - March 8<sup>th</sup>

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](#).

**International Mariachi Festival**, Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 11am – 7pm, at Bayside Park, Chula Vista. Sponsored by the National City Chamber of Commerce. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Daylight Savings Time – SPRING FORWARD**, set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

**Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

**Taste of Third Avenue**, Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Historic Third Avenue, sponsored by the Third Avenue Village Association and participating businesses. Click [here](#) for more information.

**HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY**, Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> (also Mayor Mary Casillas-Salas's birthday)

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

**Pints for Paws**, Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – 7:30pm, at Thr3e Punk Ales, 259 Third Avenue.

A portion of the proceeds benefit the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility. Each \$10 donation gets you either a pint glass or an entry into a raffle for: Lady Antebellum; Journey + Pretenders; or Hall & Oates VIP tickets. If you can't attend, but want to be entered in the raffle for concert tickets just [donate online](#) by 3/18/20. Be sure to list the concert you are interested in seeing in the 'Note/Memo' field and you will be entered in the raffle.

**OnStage Playhouse: Real Women Have Curves**, *March 20 – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 291 Third Avenue, Chula Vista*

Set in a tiny sewing factory in East L.A., this is the touching and funny story of five full-figured Mexican-American women who are racing to meet nearly impossible production deadlines in order to keep their tiny factory from going under. And while they work, hiding from the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service), they talk... about their husbands and lovers, their children, their dreams for the future. Tickets \$25, senior and student discounts available. Click [here](#) for more information.

**SPRING BREAK for CVESD and SUHSD**, *March 23 – April 3*

**CANCELLED Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, *Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue*

**César Chávez Day**, *Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>*

• • **Happening Next Month (April)** • •

**2020 CENSUS - WE ALL COUNT** – Please encourage everyone you know in Chula Vista to take the 2020 Census, as these numbers determine funding, programs, and resources that we need in our community. [Learn more here](#).

**April Fool's Day**, *Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>*

**South Bay Earth Day**, *Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11am – 4pm, Memorial Park, 373 Park Way, Chula Vista. This FREE family-friendly day features many fun events, including yoga, a fix-it clinic, art, and even a tie-dye workshop (bring your own white sheets/t-shirt/socks/etc). Click [here](#) for more information.*

**CVESD Day of the Child**, *Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 11am – 3pm, Memorial Park, 373 Park Way, Chula Vista. This family-friendly FREE event provides resources to keep children safe, healthy and well informed of services in the community. Vendors can reserve a spot by clicking [this link](#).*

**Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

**Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

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**CANCELLED Chula Vista City Council Meeting, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Tax Day!** Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

**The Recovery Ride**, Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7am - noon, Swiss Park, 2001 Main Street, Chula Vista.

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual one-day bicycling event features 12, 25, and 40-mile routes (not races) that begin and end at Swiss Park in Chula Vista. This year's beneficiaries include 'Stepping Stone' of San Diego and the San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative. Click [here](#) to register or for more information.

**Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

**Earth Day**, Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Ramadan**, Holy Month of prayer, fasting, reflection and community for Muslims, begins Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Creek to Bay Cleanup**, Saturday, April 25, 9am – 12 noon, 900 Marina Pkwy, Chula Vista

Sponsored by the Living Coast Discovery Center and I Love a Clean San Diego. For more information or to register, call (619)409-5905 or email [here](#).

**Free Movie Night, “The Promise”**, Thursday, April 30th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm, at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library.

Learn more about the Armenian Genocide in this historical drama that tells the story of the final years of the Ottoman Empire, starring Christian Bale and Charlotte Le Bon. Come to the library early to visit the Holocaust exhibit, which includes family stories of the genocide from Armenian descendants who live and work in 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) 02/25/20 to evaluate options and alternatives that could **help combat the teenage vaping epidemic** that has hooked almost 30% of high school students on compact, portable, high-nicotine e-cigarettes like **Juul and Puff Bar**. Click [here](#) to watch the news report. Please [email me](#) if you have any thought or suggestions on actions the city could take to help prevent children from becoming hooked on nicotine or cannabis vaping.

Council voted (5-0) 02/25/20 to allow for a **University and Innovation overlay zone**. The new regulatory tool will allow flexibility in the event that a future university should prefer to expand or swap land in the current 375 acres with land outside of the designated university space. The timeline for the next steps are: Spring/Summer 2020: draft the specific UI Overlay Zone and SPA Amendments; Summer/Fall 2020: draft Overlay Zone ordinance, bringing them forward to the Planning Commission and Council hearings; Summer/Fall 2020: Partnership agreement with HomeFed; and.... 2021 (hope): Phase 1 ground-breaking for a University or “University catalyst” user.

Council voted (4-1) 2/18/20 to amend the **City Attorney’s Budget to fund a new paralegal and new investigator position**. The City Attorney’s original proposal was to fund these two positions using Measure A funds, but after working with our finance department, the City Attorney’s office identified areas that it could reduce outside attorney’s fees, bill against other non-general fund sources, and effect salary savings in order to fund these two new positions. *I voted against the two new positions because they were staffed on the promise of future savings and billing, and not actual savings/billing.*

Council voted (5-0) 2/18/20 to transfer 284 residential units from Village 8 East to Village 8 West, and redistribute commercial and park spaces, extend an internal street to connect to the future Greenbelt Trail and Otay Ranch South Park. **The hopes for a middle school at the Otay Ranch Village 8 site did not materialize**, but there is still land available in other planning areas should the SUHSD express interest. Meanwhile, the CVESD has expressed interest in expanding charter elementary schools to middle schools. *Read more [here](#).*

**The next city council meeting is Tuesday, March 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.

## • • Did You Know • •

**You can reserve a Chula Vista Park Space or Gazebo** at [this link](#).

**A cat with a tipped ear** (the tip of the ear is flat, not pointed) is the universal sign that the cat has been neutered. Do not call animal control unless the cat looks sick or underfed, and don't assume that because a cat is permitted by its owner that the cat does not belong to someone already. *Click [here](#) to adopt a pet from the CV Animal Shelter. To contact Animal Dispatch, call (619)476-2476.*

**The Chula Vista Public Library** hosted 2,294 programs in 2019 that were attended by 70,620 people of all ages! 424 meetings were held in library conference rooms. 20,731 passports were processed, 5,005 passport photos were taken. 8,820 people visited the library workforce development stations. 489 volunteers donated 19,180 hours of their time at our library branches. This spring, the library will be launching new high-speed, unlimited data circulating wifi hotspots.

**If you are looking for a book that our library does not own**, you can have it mailed to you via Amazon, and the library will add it to the collection when you return it. *Ask at your branch for more details.*

**Scholarship Opportunity** Every year PFLAG offers 10 scholarships to eligible LGBTQ high school seniors continuing to higher education, undergraduate and graduate students. *Click [here](#) to apply before the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 deadline.*

## • • Kudos to • •

**Hugo Bermudez** for enrolling, training, and certifying 30 students in grades 9-12 from Eastlake High School in the **Chula Vista Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**. CERT training is free, fun, and counts as community service. Nobody can tell us where and when the next earthquake, firestorm, hurricane, or other catastrophic event will take place. Our Fire Department and other departments across the country have been tasked by FEMA to

train as many citizens as we can to assist themselves and others until they are able to be assisted by professionals. Click [here](#) to learn more about CERT. If you would like to bring CERT training to your school (I'm hoping for Hilltop and Chula Vista High Schools next), please email Hugo at this [link](#).

**Ms. Chelsea Smith**, Art Teacher at High Tech High, and **Conner Boggan**, my 2019 High Tech High intern, for planning, teaching, **organizing and painting two murals** at the corner of Davidson and E Park Way with her two senior art classes. Thank you also to the High Tech High students, property manager Greg Butler, Republic Services, paint-watchers from the Chula Vista Garden Club, and Councilmember Mike Diaz, for all of your help and support with this project.

**Vulcan Materials Company Plant Manager Darin Gray**, and community relations and government relations managers Barbara Goodrich-Welk and Abbey Sanderson, for raising and presenting the **Chula Vista Firefighters' Foundation with a \$52,822 check**, proceeds from the **Quarry Crusher Run** in November 2019. This was the third annual event, bringing the total donated to almost \$100,000.

## • • Call to Action • •

**Should our City Clerk offer Notary Services?** Please take this [4-question survey](#) before March 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**How can our city's website be improved?** Can you help by [taking a brief survey](#)?

## • • Chula Vista in the News • •

**CSU is taking a serious look at Chula Vista** for its next campus. Click [here](#) to read more.

## • • Jobs, Jobs, Jobs • •

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

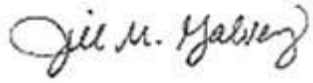
Click [here](#) to bid on projects with the city.

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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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