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Dear Northwest Chula Vista Neighbors and Friends,

Happy Valentine's Day, sweet Chula Vista! There is so much going on in our great city – a million reasons to smile, be happy, and treat yourself and the ones you love to something special.

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 (February) • •

**Community Cleanup at the Sweetwater Marsh**, Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am – 12 noon. Sponsored by the Living Coast Discovery Center and the Sweetwater Marsh. Email [here](#) or call (619)409-5905.

**Superbowl Sunday**, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, VARIOUS big-screen tvs in Chula Vista, including: The Balboa, Novo Brazil, ... GO 49ers!!

**Groundhog Day**, Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

**WEAR RED for Women's Heart Health Awareness**, Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, click [here](#) for more information

**Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce First Friday Breakfast**, Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am, at the San Diego Country Club, 88 L Street, Chula Vista. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased [here](#).

**(New) Certified Farmers' Market Opening**, Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 3pm – 7pm, at the parking lot of the Chula Vista Golf Course, 4475 Bonita Road

Brian's Farmers Market, which operates the North Park and La Mesa Farmers' Markets, will host a Farmers' Market every Wednesday from 3pm – 7pm at the Chula Vista Golf Course parking lot (across from the Vons shopping center in Bonita). Remember to be planet-friendly and bring your own grocery bags! Click [here](#) to volunteer or become a vendor.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**, Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – a good day to visit one of our many great restaurants, bakeries, florists, and/or jewelers in Northwest Chula Vista

**Community Cleanup at the Salt Works**, Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12 noon. Sponsored by the Living Coast Discovery Center and the Sweetwater Marsh. Email [here](#) or call (619)409-5905.

**Fix It Clinic**, Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – 3pm at the Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F Street. Bring your non-functioning toy, electronic device, or mechanical problem to have an expert help with assessment and possible repair. This is a family-friendly event – children are encouraged to come and learn/help! Click [here](#) for more information.

## **OnStage Playhouse: Going to a Place Where You Already Are**, January 17<sup>th</sup>

– February 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **Presidents' Day**, Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

**Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

**Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue

**Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Installation Dinner**, Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Venue in Eastlake. Click [here](#) for tickets.

**Chula Vista Champions Awards**, Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Elite Athletes' Training Center, Chula Vista, FREE and open to the public

## • • **Happening Next Month (March)** • •

**2020 CENSUS - WE ALL COUNT** – 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 these numbers determine funding, programs, and resources that we need in our community. Learn more [here](#).

**VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE!** The Presidential Primary Election is Tuesday, 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.

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

**Rock Your City Cleanup Event in Chula Vista** Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by The Rock Church. Click [here](#) to watch a video of their 2017 cleanup at San Ysidro High School.

**Girl Scout Cookie Season**, January 26<sup>th</sup> - 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.

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

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

**CANCELLED Chula Vista City Council Meeting**, Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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) 01/14/20 to convert the western end of D Street between Woodlawn and Hwy 5 to a **small community park** (roughly 80' x 644'). The new park will be named to honor former Chula Vista City Councilwoman, Patty Davis, for her decades of service to our country and community.

Council voted (5-0) 01/14/20 to hire three new sworn police officers and one police agent using Measure A funding (two Homeless Outreach Taskforce officers, one School Resource Officer and one investigator). The City Attorney withdrew his request to add a paralegal and city attorney investigator. **I am firmly committed to honor the wishes of my constituents who**

**expect our city to add more sworn police and firefighters, “boots on the ground,” with the additional sales taxes we are all paying. Thank you to the many of you who have shared your strong opinions on this topic. [Click here](#) to read the UT article.**

Council voted (5-0) 01/28/20 to allow a driveway for the new 179 key, 5 story **Eastlake Marriott Springhill Suites Hotel** being built at the northwest corner of Fenton Street and Showroom Place. This is the fifth new hotel in construction or recently opened in eastern Chula Vista in the last couple of years.

Council voted (5-0) 01/28/20 to move the ball forward on the SANDAG/MTS **grade separation project on Palomar Street**, where the MTS trolley crosses the street. Grade separation means either raising rail above or lowering below street and foot traffic, so that a passing trolley car does not need to stop traffic in order to cross. In the case of the Palomar Street project, **Palomar Street will be lowered to dip under the fixed rail, allowing all cars, pedestrians and bicycle traffic to flow through the former intersection.** This project has been a long time in the making, and a special thank you to Mayor Mary Casillas Salas and City Engineer Frank Rivera are in order. *PLEASE REMEMBER: The blue line trolley is running more frequently during MTS’s one-year pilot program, from now until January 25, 2021. From 4:30am – 7:00pm, Monday – Friday, the blue line trolley car will be passing through the Palomar Street intersection every 7.5 minutes. Also expect construction delays at the Palomar/blue line trolley (Industrial Boulevard) intersection during the grade separation project, expected to complete in 2023.*

Council voted (5-0) 01/28/20 to authorize the city manager to begin negotiations with Imperial Beach and Bonita. He will take administrative actions to **allow the Chula Vista Fire Department to perform emergency medical transport (EMT) services (ambulance)** when our city’s private contract with AMR expires in September 2021. The financial analysis was shared with each of the councilmembers and mayor in confidential one-on-one briefings. **I can confidently state that I approve of this action and applaud our Fire Department for taking this initiative. Not only will this result in faster transportation to our local hospitals should we need ambulance services, but our residents with insurance will see much lower fees.** The primary reason that the financials work in our favor is that due to AB 1705, there is a significant increase in EMT fee reimbursements from the state and federal government that applies ONLY for government/non-profit agencies. Without AB 1705, individuals with private insurance would continue to subsidize individuals without private insurance. Under our current contract with AMR, if you live in Chula Vista and have private insurance, taking an ambulance will cost you over \$3880 for a single trip, while the government will only reimburse the ambulance a fraction of that amount for someone who does not have private insurance. That is unacceptable, and we city council and mayor look forward to sharing the final numbers and analysis with the public at a future city council meeting.

**The next city council meeting is Tuesday, February 4, 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** • •

**Many college scholarships have very few applicants!** Your son/daughter's high school counseling office should have a list of scholarships to help with a college education. You would be surprised to learn that for some scholarships, very few students apply, and many have requirements that are not terribly difficult to attain.

Below are recent **scholarship opportunities** that sponsors have sent to us city councilmembers, hoping we can encourage our students to apply:

**Cox Communications:** [www.CoxCharitiesCA.org](http://www.CoxCharitiesCA.org). The deadline to apply is February 5, 2020 at 2 pm. This is an annual scholarship, so make note for next year if you have a high school junior.

**Athena Pinnacle for future women leaders in STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Click [here](#) for more information. The deadline to apply (mailed applications only) is March 16, 2020.

**Congregational Tower, the tall white affordable senior housing building adjacent to Third Avenue on F Street, will be opening their waiting list for the first time in over 5 years!** The facility boasts a great gathering space, a lovely garden, great management and activities, but most exciting – amazing views and great location! Contact Ryder Majko, Property Manager, for more information (619) 420-8700, email him at this [link](#), or pick up an application at the Congregational Tower at 288 F Street, Chula Vista. This facility is “project-based section 8 housing.” People aged 62 years or older or aged 18 or older with mobility impairment can apply. Rent is based on income. The average wait time could be 3-5 years after you apply. The sooner you get your application in, the lower you will be on the waitlist. Apartments are for 1-2 persons only and do not come with dedicated parking spaces.

**Get Involved and help make important decisions for our city!** Many of our boards and commissions have vacancies. Current vacancies include: Board of Ethics, Civil Service Commission, Growth Management Oversight Commission, Healthy Chula Vista Advisory Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Housing Advisory Commission, Mobile Home Rent Review Commission, and the Parks & Recreation Commission. In addition, the Youth Action Council is accepting applications. Applicants must be high school students in grades 10, 11, or 12, and Chula Vista residents. *Click [here](#) for more information and to apply or contact Leah Larrarte at (619) 476-2300.*

**It's not just our city's infrastructure that gets old and needs replacing, but also infrastructure on our property!** Maintenance of water and sewer lines from the city's main to your home are your responsibility. Damage from tree roots, corrosion, and other factors can cost thousands to repair. The City of Chula Vista has selected SLWA Insurance Services to offer insurance plans on sewer, septic, and water lines. These plans are completely optional. They cost less than \$10 per month. Local plumbers are used to make any necessary repairs. *Please watch your mail for additional details, call SLWA at 844-257-8796 or click on this [link](#).*

## •• **Kudos to** ••

**The Paramount Network television show “Bar Rescue”** for renovating the Silver Dollar on Third Avenue! The “new” Silver Dollar is open for business at 341 Third Avenue. *Look for the show (and people you might know) in an upcoming episode of the program.*

**Carlos Davalos**, for your years as the editorial voice at the Star News, for your years of service, thoughtful commentary, and sense of humor. Congratulations on your promotion to Editor-In-Chief, and we look forward to reading your replacement, Albert Fulcher's thoughts. *Click [here](#) to read more.*

**City of Chula Vista Employees, County Employees, Volunteers and Non-Profits** who organized and took part in the annual point-in-time count of the unsheltered in our community, on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:00am!! This count is managed by the Regional Taskforce for the Homeless. We expect to learn results in March/April.

## •• **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 17<sup>th</sup> and can be submitted at this [link](#). **You can even nominate yourself!** Champions will be recognized by the Mayor and Council on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Elite Athlete's Training Center.

**Community Clean Ups:** There are three upcoming events that could use your help! The first two are important because they are cleanups in sensitive habitats before breeding season.

1) **Living Coast Discovery Center and the Sweetwater Marsh**, Saturday, Feb 1, 9am-12pm, sponsored by the Living Coast Discovery Center and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, email [volunteers@thelivingcoast.org](mailto:volunteers@thelivingcoast.org) or call (619)409-5905.

2) **The Salt Works**, 1470 Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, Saturday, Feb 15, 9am – 12 noon, sponsored by the Living Coast Discovery Center and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, email [volunteers@thelivingcoast.org](mailto:volunteers@thelivingcoast.org) or call (619)409-5905.

3) **Rock Your City with the Rock Church**, Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Details in next month's newsletter.

**Nominate a Veteran of the Year** at this [link](#).

**Open a Customer Service Request with Caltrans** if you see debris or trash on our highways and exit ramps and would like them to clean it up! Click on this [link](#) to make your request. (Thank you 😊)

## •• Chula Vista in the News ••

The pilot for the **Leash-Free, Fence Free Dog Park area in Memorial Park**, Downtown Third Avenue, has been extended due to the popularity of the new amenity and the lack of complaints or issues! Click [here](#) to read more.

## •• More Ways to Stay Informed ••

The City of Chula Vista's Active and Future Planning Map is available [here](#).



Chula Vista's Planning Department public notices are available [here](#).

Chula Vista Police Department's Interactive Dashboards include our city's [crime and community safety](#) dashboards as well as the [special studies](#) dashboards which allow users to interact with various data resources such as the number of calls for service in different parts of the city, transient activity, and collision related data.

Our water supply – thanks to recent rains - is finally trending in the right direction! Check out the Sweetwater Reservoir water levels [here](#).

Discover more news sources and subscribe at our city's eNotification page [here](#).

## • • Jobs, Jobs, Jobs • •

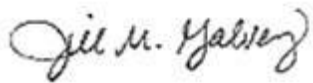
Click [here](#) to see a list of current job openings with the city of Chula Vista.

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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