Updates and information on programs and projects at the City of San Carlos.

Gun Buyback Event a Success
The Citizens for a San Mateo County Gun Buyback, led by San Carlos residents Becky Dodson, Nilu Jenks and Danielle Lacampagne, was the catalyst for the gun buyback event held on May 5th at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds. Hosted by the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office and attended by a number of San Mateo County dignitaries, the event drew a larger than expected crowd. 427 guns were surrendered anonymously in exchange for cash. In addition, some individuals donated money to support the program going forward. The San Carlos City Council contributed $50,000 to the program, the most of any community, in support of the countywide goal to increase public safety.

Commuter Shuttle Grant Received
The San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) and the City and County Association of Governments (C/CAG) have awarded the City of San Carlos a grant for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20 in the amount of $187,000 to continue the operation of the San Carlos Commuter Shuttle.

This program is generously funded through Measure A, a half-cent transaction and use tax dedicated towards highway and transit improvements. A portion of these funds are dedicated to supporting local and employer-based shuttle programs.

The San Carlos Commuter Shuttle provides the first/last mile connections to the Caltrain station and our business partners clustered on the north east side of San Carlos. With this continued funding, the City will be able to work with
new and existing business partners to improve the shuttle route and increase ridership.

Stay up to date on the shuttle schedule, route changes and other information at https://www.cityofsancarlos.org/residents/transit-options/commuter-shuttle

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**Administrative Services**

Here are some quick updates from the Human Resources Division of the Administrative Services Department on recruitments to fill vacant positions at the City.

**Open Recruitments**
- Senior Engineer – Recruitment closes on June 1st

**Upcoming Recruitments**
- Maintenance Worker – New hire will start on May 29th
- Summer Recreation Leaders – New hires will start on June 11th
- Facility Attendant (Part-time) – New hire will start within the next two weeks
- Summer Interns – New hires will start on May 22nd and May 31st

**Firewall Upgrade**
The City’s Information Technology Department has successfully upgraded its firewall. A firewall is a network security device that monitors incoming and outgoing network traffic and decides whether to allow or block specific traffic based on a defined set of security rules.

To keep up with newer and more sophisticated attacks, it’s necessary for the City to improve the tools to better protect our data and network from attack. The Next-generation firewall upgrade will better safeguard City staff and data from malicious attacks, providing stable and reliable Internet connections.

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**City Clerk**

**Volunteer Expo Recap**
The 7th annual San Carlos Volunteer Expo was held on Saturday, May 12th at the Adult Community Center. 25 local non-profit organizations tabled the event, providing residents with information about their programs and services, discussing available volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved. The Expo enjoyed greater participation by community members than last year’s event. Feedback from participating organizations was positive: many groups found value in signing up interested residents to volunteer and in networking with other organizations. The City looks forward to supporting these local service groups throughout the year and continuing this annual community event.
Adult Community Center Receives Grant
The Adult Community Center (ACC) was again awarded a $12,000 grant from the Sequoia Healthcare District through its Caring Community grant program. The funds are to be used to support the Lunch program as well as the Caring Cupboard program. Funds will be used in our daily Lunch program to help with food and program expenses and to provide free lunch vouchers for residents who participate in the Caring Cupboard food subsidy program.

New Arguello Park Play Surface Installed
The play surface at Arguello Park has been replaced. The old surface was deteriorating, causing trip hazards and potentially jeopardizing the safety and accessibility of the surface. The old surface was removed and new poured in place rubber surfacing was installed. The playground was closed for two weeks to complete the project and reopened on May 11th.

New Burton Park Restrooms are Open
The Burton Park restrooms are open, just in time for Hometown Days weekend! The south-end restroom behind the Youth Center underwent a complete renovation with new tiling, counters and fixtures. The north-end restroom was rundown and capacities did not meet the demand of the park. The new restroom building has increased capacities, including a family/all-gender, single-use restroom. The exterior of the building complements the design features of the outdoor stage, which is adjacent to the restroom facility.

Police

Armed Robbery and Brandishing a Deadly Weapon
On May 10th, deputies responded to the Home Depot store located at 1125 Old County Road on the report of an armed robbery. The suspect was reported to have stolen approximately $672.57 in various tools and to have exited through the main entrance after making no attempt to pay for the items. Two Home Depot Loss Prevention Officers chased the suspect outside of the store and yelled at him to stop; however, the suspect evaded capture and entered a vehicle in the parking lot. Once inside of the vehicle, the suspect pulled out a knife from the backseat area and verbally threatened a Loss Prevention Officer while brandishing the knife. The suspect then fled the scene in the vehicle southbound on Old County Road. During the suspect’s attempt to flee, he dropped his U.S. Passport, Oregon Birth Certificate and a cellphone, which were recovered by Loss Prevention Officers. The case was forwarded to the Detective Bureau and is currently under investigation.

Petty Theft
On May 11th, deputies responded to a report of a petty theft on the 800 block of Laurel Street. The victim stated she had set her purse on an outside bench on Laurel St. for a few minutes, and an unknown male suspect had grabbed the purse and ran southbound on Laurel St. The suspect was last seen getting into a grey colored vehicle and the vehicle turned westbound on Arroyo Avenue. The victim waited ten minutes before she reported the incident to the
Sheriff’s Office. A case was taken and will be followed-up on by deputies to see if the incident was captured on surveillance video.

**Driving Under the Influence and Hit And Run**

On May 13th, deputies responded to the report of a male subject in a white pickup truck throwing something at an occupied passing vehicle on Riverton Drive. Deputies arrived on scene and observed a truck matching the given description; however, the driver of the truck, seeing the marked patrol cars nearby, abandoned his vehicle in front of 1032 Riverton Dr. In so doing, he crashed his truck into a vehicle already parked in the driveway at that location. Deputies conducted a brief yard to yard search and located the suspect driver in the back yard of 1040 Riverton Dr., approximately two houses away. The male suspect driver gave up as soon as deputies found him and he was detained without incident. The suspect, who appeared to be intoxicated, was unable to successfully complete field sobriety tests, and was subsequently placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. The suspect was transported to the Maguire Correctional Facility where he was booked for driving under the influence and hit and run.

**Commercial Burglary, Conspiracy, Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana While Driving and Felony Warrant Arrest**

On May 13th, deputies responded to a report of a shoplifting in progress at CVS located at 1324 San Carlos Avenue. Suspects were described as two male subjects fleeing in opposite directions. Deputies contacted one of the subjects, who had over $1,000 dollars of stolen merchandise from CVS in his possession, at San Carlos Ave. and Walnut St., while the other was contacted in his vehicle during a car stop at 1065 Old County Rd. The subject detained on foot had a $100,000 warrant out of San Francisco for robbery. The subjects detained in the car stop were later identified as two adult male San Francisco residents. A search of the vehicle and property resulted in Deputies locating over $1,000 of stolen merchandise from CVS as well as a small amount of suspected marijuana. All three subjects were placed under arrest and transported to the San Carlos Substation for interviews and processing. All three subjects were later booked on the above charges at the Maguire Correctional Facility without incident.