ENGAGE WITH THE CITY OF SAN CARLOS

San Carlos is the City of Good Living in large part because residents take an active interest in community affairs. Recent city-wide meetings regarding firearms regulations and development standards for single-family homes saw a large amount of constructive community involvement, both in-person and online.

The City welcomes and encourages continued community engagement surrounding current issues in San Carlos. Follow upcoming projects and programs and make your voice heard by attending a City Council meeting (second and fourth Monday of each month) or a Planning Commission meeting (first and third Monday of each month). You can also give input on Shape San Carlos and register to receive notifications of new topics at www.cityofsancarlos.org/shapesancarlos. The San Carlos Citizens Academy is another great way to learn more about how the City operates and to engage.

We appreciate your continued engagement and help to improve the City of Good Living!
2nd Annual San Carlos Day of Service

San Carlos Day of Service will take place on September 23, 2018. Join in for a day of community service with your family and neighbors. Projects will include outdoor activities such as park and field improvements, trash pickup, home repairs, as well as indoor activities and donation opportunities.

If you have a project idea, please contact Lucy Ricca at lbuford@gmail.com. All other event information and registration for community service projects will be at www.sancarlosdayofservice.org.

Join in for a day of community service with your family and neighbors!

New Public Works Director

Steven J. Machida is our new Public Works Director. Steven, formerly from the City of San Mateo, has over 32 years of Public Works experience having worked at several cities throughout the Bay Area. Steven has been a lifelong Bay Area resident. He and his wife, Masae, have two adult sons. Steven’s hobbies include bicycling, golf, cooking and travel.

City of San Carlos
Annual Sales Growth Highest in County for First Time

Among San Mateo County cities, San Carlos has risen to the top in sales tax growth over the last year! According to the City’s tax consultant, San Carlos saw a 25.6% adjusted increase in sales tax in the fourth quarter as compared to the fourth quarter of the previous year. While this increase is important on its own, this amount was also the highest increase seen by any city in San Mateo County.
Texting and driving continues to be a growing problem in San Carlos and many communities. It is extremely dangerous! Whether you are going slow, sitting at a stop light, or in traffic, there simply is NO good time to take your eyes off the road and your hands off the wheel. The possibility of being ticketed is actually the least harsh consequence you will face should you cause an accident, injury or kill another person. Your life, your freedom and your financial future are all placed at risk every time you text and drive. You are playing a dangerous game of chance each and every time you do it. You may tell yourself that a quick text is ok, given your current driving situation or time of day or importance of the message—but it’s never ok.

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Distracted driving is every bit as dangerous as drunk driving. It is never a good idea and there is no situation that justifies putting yourself and others in life threatening situations.

Our Police Department is cracking down. Warnings will not be given in San Carlos for those caught texting and driving. I get requests from folks in town all the time about how they can get involved in helping their community. This is an opportunity for us to make San Carlos safer for all. Don’t text and drive.

Development Standards for Single-Family Homes

The process to adopt new rules for new single-family homes and additions continues to move forward. Following a city-wide community workshop to explain and receive feedback on proposed changes on May 2nd, the Planning Commission held a study session on May 21st. City staff is working to address comments received from the public and the Planning Commission, and will also meet with stakeholders before returning to the Planning Commission on Tuesday, July 24th.

For project updates please visit www.cityofsancarlos.org/singlefamilyhousesize; if you would like to receive updates via email, please contact the Planning Division at planning@cityofsancarlos.org or call (650) 802-4263 and ask to be added to the email distribution list for “Single-Family House Size.”

Fireworks Prohibited in San Carlos

For the safety of our community, please remember that all fireworks are illegal in the City of Good Living.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July and thank you for your cooperation.
Firearms Regulations

In an effort to engage our community members, the City held two community meetings in May about potential firearms regulations in San Carlos. Efforts were made to ensure that all sides of the issue were invited to attend and speak. The City Attorney, Community Development Director, Police Chief and an outside legal consultant provided brief presentations and answered questions involving firearms. Dozens spoke about possible zoning and safety regulations for businesses that sell firearms and ammunition and about other related issues. Many comment cards were also received at the conclusion of both meetings.

These meetings are part of the process the City is undertaking that commenced in late 2017 when the City Council adopted a moratorium on new businesses that sell firearms and ammunition. The community is encouraged to continue to participate in the process. The City has a webpage dedicated to this topic at www.cityofsancarlos.org/firearmsregulations where you can obtain updates and contact information. You can sign up for email notifications on this topic at www.cityofsancarlos.org/enotify (select Firearms Regulations). You can also take the survey on Shape San Carlos at www.cityofsancarlos.org/shapesancarlos by July 15th.

Next steps include Planning Commission and City Council review of the videotapes of the two meetings, totaling almost four hours of public comment. They will also review all cards submitted and the Shape San Carlos survey results. The City Council will hold a study session on whether to adopt zoning and safety regulations and, if regulations are proposed, on the nature of those regulations. Members of the community will have an opportunity to address the Council at the study session. If the Council decides to regulate businesses selling firearms and ammunition, City staff, in consultation with legal counsel, will prepare a draft ordinance. The draft ordinance would be considered first by the Planning Commission and then by the City Council at regularly scheduled meetings, which the public is invited to attend.
Family Campout

Parks and Recreation will be holding its 2nd Annual Family Campout on August 17th & 18th. Families can participate in this community event by pitching a tent and camping under the stars in Burton Park! This is a great way to gather with friends and enjoy a variety of activities including crafts, field games, s’mores roasting, and a movie at dusk. BBQ dinner and continental breakfast are included. Families should bring camping equipment including a tent, sleeping bag and extras such as chairs, snacks and flashlights. Check in begins Friday at 5:30 p.m. and check out is Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

#SummerofGoodLiving

Parks & Recreation is kicking off a summer-long community social media photo challenge on Instagram, asking the community to include the hashtag #SummerofGoodLiving in their summer posts through August 19th. Follow Parks & Recreation on Instagram at @scparksandrec and join the City in capturing all the fun summer activities there are to do around the City of Good Living!

Sunshares: Solar Energy and Zero Emissions Vehicle Discounts

The SunShares program offers discounts and educational resources on residential solar installations and the purchasing or leasing of zero-emission electric vehicles. Program registration opens in August 2018. Sign up for announcements and updates at http://www.bayareasunshares.org.
City Council Mission Statement
The City of San Carlos provides high quality services and facilities in a fiscally sustainable, responsive and friendly manner to foster a safe and healthy community.

City Government Meetings

CITY COUNCIL
Meets the second and fourth Monday* of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall and is televised live on Comcast Channel 27 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99. The meeting is also streamed through www.cityofsancarlos.org and replayed on Comcast Channel 27 Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.
July 9
July 23 - Cancelled (summer recess)
August 13 - Cancelled (summer recess)
August 27
September 10 & 24

PLANNING COMMISSION
Meets the first and third Monday* of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall and is televised live on Comcast Channel 27 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99. The meeting is also streamed through www.cityofsancarlos.org and replayed on Comcast Channel 27 Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.
July 2 & 16
August 6 & 20
September 3 & 17
* Unless otherwise noted

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION
Meets the first Wednesday of every even numbered month at 7 p.m., Library Community Room.

TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION COMMISSION
Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Library Community Room.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m., City Hall.

RESIDENTIAL DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meets the first and third Monday of the month, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.

City Hall Closures
Fourth of July: July 4
Labor Day: September 3

Hotlines
Reporting Abandoned Vehicles 802-4236
Reporting Graffiti 802-4235
Sports Field Condition 594-2626
Updates from the City on PG&E’s Natural Gas Pipeline 147 802-4455