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

City Manager

New Public Parking Lot on El Camino Real between Belmont Avenue and White Oak Way Now Open

We are pleased to announce that we have opened a new public parking lot on El Camino Real between Belmont Avenue and White Oak Way. The lot is on land leased from SamTrans until January 2019 with the option to extend the lease for one year increments until January 2022. The purpose of the parking lot is to serve employees and visitors of businesses in the south Laurel area to relieve parking in the residential neighborhoods. There are approximately 72 new parking spaces available in this lot.

Discussions are underway with nearby employers to encourage employees use this new parking lot. Parking in the area will be evaluated periodically to determine if the lot is effective in reducing employee parking in the neighborhoods and if we should consider renewing the lease. The evaluation will also help determine if any additional policy recommendations are needed to encourage use of this lot (residential parking permits or time limited parking).

A designated crosswalk for pedestrians using the new parking lot is located at Belmont Avenue and El Camino Real. Motorists are encouraged to slow down and keep an eye out for pedestrians at this location. Electronic message boards with pedestrian warnings will be in the area for a couple of weeks to inform the driving community of increased pedestrian traffic.
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 – Interviews held on June 27th
- Maintenance Worker – Background check in process
- Senior Management Analyst – Applications being accepted until July 18th

City Clerk

November 2018 Election – City Issues

During the two June 2018 meetings, the City Council called for a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the election of three (3) members of the City Council for the full term of four years and to place two measures on the ballot – a Transient Occupancy Tax and a Cannabis Business Tax. To learn more and for updates over the next few months, visit https://www.cityofsancarlos.org/government/departments/city-clerk/elections.

Ordinance 1531 – Update PD District and Planned Development Plan for 887 Industrial Road

After holding a public hearing on June 11, 2018, the City Council adopted Ordinance 1531 on June 25, 2018 amending the Planned Development District and the Planned Development Plan of Development to increase the maximum height of the roof screen and rooftop equipment to support life science research and development tenants for the site located at 887 Industrial Road.

If you have any questions relating to this Ordinance, please contact Laura Russell, Senior Planner Consultant, at Lrussell@cityofsancarlos.org.

Parks & Recreation

Update on EIR for Additional Field Lights

Staff has been working with LSA Associates to review and analyze comments received to provide responses that will be included in the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for additional Field Lights at Highlands Park and Burton Park. The document will go to the Planning Commission then City Council for certification beginning in late summer/early fall.
Police

Petty Theft at 1125 Old County Road, The Home Depot

On June 13th at approximately 11:50 a.m., deputies responded to the above location on the report of a petty theft that had just occurred. An unknown suspect stole the victim’s shopping cart, which he left unattended in front of the store. The shopping cart contained plumbing supplies that the victim had just purchased from the store. The supplies were valued at approximately $120. A report was taken and forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Grand Theft Arrest at 1127 Industrial Road, Best Buy

On June 25th at approximately 1:30 p.m., deputies responded to the above location on the report of a past grand theft by an employee. Deputies contacted the suspect who admitted to stealing a laptop valued at approximately $2,350. The suspect admitted that he purchased the laptop and then conducted a fraudulent return in order to get his money back and keep the laptop. The suspect was arrested and booked into the Maguire Correctional Facility.

Felony Vandalism and Warrant Arrest on 700 Block of Laurel Street

On June 26th at approximately 1:00 a.m., deputies responded to the above location on the report of a suspect standing on the hood of a vehicle and smashing the windshield with his feet. When deputies arrived, that suspect had left the scene, but distinctive shoe prints were left on the hood of the vehicle. Witnesses were able to provide a physical description of the suspect. Approximately one hour later, deputies stopped a suspect matching the witness description. Based on the witness information and physical evidence, the suspect was linked to the vandalism. The suspect was also found to have two outstanding arrest warrants out of Mendocino County. The suspect was arrested for the warrants and booked into the Maguire Correctional Facility.

Public Works

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Update

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by the City Council on February 12, 2018. Since its adoption, there have been 21 requests submitted, of which four requests were completed and closed. Compared with a total of 35 traffic requests received in 2017, of which 12 requests are still being evaluated, the requests in 2018 are trending slightly higher. All the requests since NTMP adoption have been localized requests that are considered Level 1, which are mainly crosswalk visibility enhancement, striping modifications and sign installation. The time required to evaluate each request varies and mainly depends on the complexity and type of data needed.
At the June 25, 2018 City Council Meeting, a public speaker presented a petition to request crosswalk enhancements at the intersection of Brittan and Woodland Avenues. This request was initially received by Public Works on May 10, 2018 and placed in our NTMP queue. This Level 1 request does not require a petition, which was communicated to the requestor. As part of the evaluation of this request, data such as pedestrian volume, traffic volume, speed and collision data must be collected. The data will be collected once school resumes as it will be more representative of normal conditions. Meanwhile, since the existing crosswalk stripping is faded, restriping of the crosswalk will be added to the current Stripping and Marking Project, anticipated to be completed in a month.

San Carlos Avenue Eucalyptus Tree Removal – Phase I

Removal of the eucalyptus trees along San Carlos Avenue by the City began on June 26. If all goes according to schedule, the work should be done in early August. Work for the weeks of June 26 and July 2 is located between Beverly Drive and Devonshire Boulevard and will proceed from there to the east (toward El Camino Real) in the following weeks. San Carlos Avenue, adjacent to the work zone will be closed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Detours around the work area will be available. Access for residents and businesses within the work zone will be provided during all hours. From July 10 – 13, San Carlos Avenue will be closed between Alameda de las Pulgas and Devonshire Boulevard.

The workers are proceeding carefully because of the proximity of high voltage power lines. Sections of each tree are cut and lifted by crane and lowered to the ground where crews cut off the limbs and the trunk sections and branches are loaded into trucks for removal and disposal.