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

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
- Maintenance Worker – Recruitment closes on July 27th
- Program Coordinator (Part-time) – Recruitment closes on August 10th
- Senior Management Analyst – Recruitment closes on July 18th

Recruitments in Progress
- Senior Engineer – Background check in progress

Community Development

Selling CBD Products in San Carlos
As of January 2018, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act is in effect, which permits recreational cannabis businesses to operate throughout California. As a result of this Act, the City of San Carlos established regulations to permit cannabis businesses that test, cultivate, distribute, or manufacture cannabis products; however, the City does not permit retail sales of cannabis.

Understanding what is and is not allowed when it comes to cannabis can be confusing. Ultimately the answer depends on what type of cannabis plant is used to create the product. There are two natural compounds that occur in cannabis: CBD and THC. CBD that is derived from plants such as cannabis
indica can contain up to 30% THC, which is the principal psychoactive ingredient found in marijuana. CBD that is derived from cannabis sativa linnaeus, more commonly known as hemp, contains almost no THC. Chapter 24 of California Senate Bill No. 94 clarifies that CBD derived from the hemp plant is excluded from all regulations as it carries no psychoactive effects at only 0.3% THC. For this reason, products that contain CBD such as cereals, lotion, or pet treats, may be sold in San Carlos as long as they are only derived from the hemp plant.

Fire

Fire Department Receives Prestigious Class 1 Insurance Services Office Rating

On Thursday July 5th our Fire Department was notified that it had achieved a Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating of “Class 1” from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). There are only 306 fire departments out of 46,000 departments nationwide that receive a Class 1 rating. Previously, Redwood City was a Class 2 fire department and San Carlos was a Class 3.

ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). The FSRS considers three main areas of a community’s fire suppression system: emergency communications (dispatch); fire department (including operational and training considerations); and water supply. In addition, it includes a Community Risk Reduction section that recognizes community efforts to reduce losses through fire prevention, public fire safety education and fire investigation. ISO then assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area’s fire-suppression program doesn’t meet ISO’s minimum criteria.

Provided below is general information regarding the benefits of improved PPC ratings for residents and businesses:

• A PPC may affect the underwriting and pricing for a variety of personal and commercial insurance coverages, including homeowners, mobile homes, fine arts floaters and commercial property (including business interruption).

• Assuming all other factors are equal, the price of property insurance in a community with a good PPC is lower than in a community with a poor PPC.

By classifying communities' ability to suppress fires, ISO helps the communities evaluate their public fire-protection services. By securing lower fire insurance premiums for communities with better public protection, the PPC program provides incentives and rewards for communities that choose to improve their firefighting services.

The Department is working on a plan to notify businesses and community members of this new rating so that they can investigate the effect it may have on their insurance premiums. Additionally, ISO is planning on a formal presentation to Council in the near future regarding this classification change.
Further updates on this prestigious achievement will be provided as the information becomes available.

Police

Shoplifting Arrest
On June 27th at approximately 4:30 p.m., deputies responded to The Home Depot at 1125 Old County Road on the report of shoplifting. Store security witnessed the suspect walk out of the store with approximately $300 worth of power tools. The responding deputies spotted the suspect walking on Howard Avenue and were able to arrest him without incident. The stolen goods were returned to the store, and the suspect was booked into the Maguire Correctional Facility.

Vehicle Burglaries
On June 27th at approximately 9:00 p.m., deputies responded to Izzy's Steaks & Chops at 525 Skyway Road on the report of two vehicle burglaries. Unknown suspects smashed the driver's side window on both vehicles in order to gain entry. Once inside, the suspects stole backpacks that contained laptop computers from both vehicles. Reports were taken and forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Stolen Vehicle
On June 28th at approximately 7:00 p.m., deputies responded to the 1500 block of Edmund Drive on the report of a stolen vehicle. The victim left his vehicle unlocked and unoccupied with the keys in the center console. Later, the victim returned home to find that his vehicle was missing. A report was taken and forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Commercial Burglary
On July 5th at approximately 7:00 a.m., deputies responded to the 800 block of Industrial Road on the report of a burglary at a construction site. Unknown suspects gained entry to the site by cutting two chain link fences. They then cut off the padlock to a storage container and took the victim's tools/equipment, which are valued at approximately $15,000. A report was taken and forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Public Works

New Traffic Signal at Cherry / El Camino Real
Caltrans informed the City that the new traffic signal at Cherry / El Camino Real (ECR) is scheduled to be operational by Monday, July 16th. There will be changes to the striping patterns on both streets. In anticipation of the signal's operation, staff marked the pavement “Keep Clear” in the alley access on Cherry Street between ECR and Laurel Street and the access between Laurel Street and Walnut Street.