UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

7th & 8th
SAN CARLOS ART & WINE FAIRE
Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Downtown San Carlos
Info: www.sancarlosartandwinefaire.com

27th
GOBLIN WALK
Friday, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Trick-or-treat Downtown on Laurel St.
Children up to age 7
More info: (650) 802-4382

NOVEMBER

5th
CITY BOOTH AT THE FARMERS’ MARKET
Sunday, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Chat with City Staff & Councilmembers
700 block of Laurel Street

11th
NUTCRACKER TEA
Saturday, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Adult Community Center
601 Chestnut St.
$35 (1 adult & 1 child)
$15 each additional family member
More info: (650) 802-4384
Tickets: www.cityofsancarlos.org/register

DECEMBER

1st
NIGHT OF HOLIDAY LIGHTS
Friday, 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Lighting Festivities at 6:30 p.m.
Downtown Laurel Street

3rd
CITY BOOTH AT THE FARMERS’ MARKET
Sunday, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Chat with City Staff & Councilmembers
700 block of Laurel Street

16th
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Adult Community Center, 601 Chestnut St.
$25 (1 adult & 1 child)
$15 each additional family member
More info: (650) 802-4384
Tickets: www.cityofsancarlos.org/register

Non-Profit Grant Program Supports Community-Building in the City of Good Living

Did you know the City Council supports community groups and individuals who contribute to the development and well-being of the San Carlos community? The Council sets aside funds each year for the purpose of assisting local non-profit organizations whose projects and programs help keep San Carlos the City of Good Living!

One grant recipient from this past year was San Carlos Together, a local non-profit operating since 2005. With a mission focused on supporting community-building activities throughout the City, San Carlos Together used its grant from the City Council to establish a mini-grant program of its own. Through the mini-grant program, San Carlos Together was able to finance the care-taking of the beautiful planters that everyone is able to enjoy as they stroll along Laurel Street. A special thanks to those community members who made this beautiful addition to our Downtown possible.

Inspired by the work of San Carlos Together and other local organizations, the City would like to increase the number of applications for grants and will have an open call for grant applications between October 2017 and May 2018. Interested organizations can read the full text of the Call for Applications under the RFP Section of the website by visiting www.cityofsancarlos.org/RFP.

Proposals must be received by the City of San Carlos, City Clerk’s Department, by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 18, 2018.

INFO

Bay Area Sunshares

Looking to go solar or purchase an electric vehicle? Get free information and group discounts through Bay Area Sunshares. Visit www.bayareasunshares.org and register by November 10.

High-Speed Rail / Caltrain Community Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
San Carlos Library (2nd floor). Info: (650) 802-4203
GOOD NOTES
What’s new in San Carlos

Holiday Safety Tips from the San Carlos & Redwood City Fire Department

Holiday Decorating
- Keep candles away from decorations
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so that cords are not damaged

Coat Donation
Help out a family in need this holiday season! Donate new and gently used coats to the donation bins located in the City Hall Lobby (600 Elm Street) October 13-30.

Thanksgiving
- Stay in the kitchen while cooking on the stovetop and in your home while cooking your turkey or using the oven
- Keep knives and cords away from children and keep your kitchen floor clear of tripping hazards
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Push the “test button” on every alarm in your home

Christmas Trees
- Place Christmas trees at least three feet from any heat source such as fireplaces, candles or radiators
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections
- Always turn off tree lights before leaving home or going to bed

SANCARLOSOPOLY!
How would you like to buy Town Restaurant for a mere $320? Then get your hands on a copy of SANCARLOSOPOLY, the City of Good Living take on the classic family board game Monopoly.

SANCARLOSOPOLY ($30) is available at The Museum of San Carlos History (533 Laurel), the Chamber of Commerce (610 Elm) and The Kids Company (781 Laurel). It makes a great holiday gift and all proceeds benefit the Museum of San Carlos History!

Adopt-A-Unit
The City of San Carlos has officially become a part of the national Adopt-A-Unit Program! The City of Good Living has adopted the soldiers of the D Company I-506th Infantry, 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division (Screaming Eagles) based at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Adopt-A-Unit is a non-profit organization that assists in developing a strong supportive connection between the young men and women of our armed forces and the civilian communities they serve by sending letters and care packages. For more information or to make a tax deductible donation, please visit www.adoptaunitsancarlos.com.
San Carlos residents never cease to amaze me when it comes to giving their time and money to support this community. San Carlans of all ages build our community by joining or giving to one of the many charitable foundations in San Carlos, becoming a member of a service organization, supporting local non-profits, or applying to serve on a Committee or Commission.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS OF TIME AND MONEY! IT’S THIS LEVEL OF CARING THAT MAKES THE SAN CARLOS COMMUNITY SUCH A JOY IN WHICH TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY.

Events like Home Town Days, the Art & Wine Faire, the San Carlos Day of Service, Goblin Walk, Night of Holiday Lights, along with so many others, simply would not be possible without such strong support from community volunteers. Our Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary service clubs are great ways to get involved and meet folks in the community. The Chamber of Commerce, San Carlos School District, and the Sequoia Union High School District, along with the City of San Carlos, offer a bonanza of opportunities to volunteer throughout the course of each year. There are also many partnership organizations, such as the Friends of the Library, San Carlos Together, Healthy Cities Tutoring, San Carlos Children’s Theater and many youth sports organizations that depend on volunteers to deliver their needed services each and every year.

Others can get involved in more subtle ways, such as signing up for our Citizens Academy or offering the City their feedback via Shape San Carlos or at City Council and Commission meetings.

Governments and Districts alone cannot make a community great, no matter how dedicated their elected representatives and staffs are. It takes great people throughout the community, both public and private, for a city to truly flourish and prosper.

Those of us at City Hall stand in awe of the efforts, pride and generous spirit of the people of San Carlos.

Again, on behalf of all of us here, thank you and keep up the incredible work. Together we can accomplish anything!

For a full list of non-profit and volunteer organizations operating in San Carlos, visit www.cityofsancarlos.org/volunteerorgs.

Eucalyptus Tree Removal and Path Repair along San Carlos Avenue

Tree Removal
Four eucalyptus trees along San Carlos Avenue were removed during the week of July 24-26, after being identified by an arborist as safety hazards. The four trees, ranging in size from 45 to 90 feet tall, were all in danger of falling into the street or on top of nearby homes.

The removal work was completed in less time than originally anticipated, allowing San Carlos Avenue to be opened back up to through traffic quickly.

Path Repair
After removing the hazardous trees, City crews restored the walking path along San Carlos Avenue. The stumps of the removed eucalyptus trees were ground out, allowing City Public Works Maintenance staff to patch and repair the broken pathway damaged by the trees. This pathway had long been in need of repair, which was impossible until the trees and their roots were removed. The pathway from the corner of Alameda de las Pulgas to Cordilleras is now more accessible and free of hazards.

Next Steps
The City Council will consider a revision to the City’s Municipal Code regarding founders trees. If approved, further removal of hazardous eucalyptus trees would likely take place in the summer of 2018.
Evaluating Development Regulations for Single-Family Homes

The City Council responded to community concerns about the size and scale of new single-family homes and additions, particularly in well-established neighborhoods with smaller lots.

Following a Citywide application process, the City Council approved seven local citizens to a Single-Family House Advisory Committee (“SHAC”). Since May of this year, SHAC has been working with City staff and a consultant to review rules of development for single-family houses.

SHAC has focused its discussion on four major themes: building size and massing; setbacks; building form; and garage location and required parking. Some of the key considerations are:

- Development on narrow lots
- Covered parking and two car parking requirements
- Lowering the height for one-story portions of a home (currently at 25 feet, floor to ceiling)
- Increasing building and porch setbacks
- Requiring new front yard setbacks to match existing setbacks on the block
- Rear yards and privacy
- Making the process easier to construct basements that are fully underground

SHAC will meet again in early October. All meetings of SHAC are open to the public. Once SHAC reaches an agreement on how the rules should be changed, City staff will organize a community workshop to meet with San Carlos residents. Any new rules for development require Public Hearing review by the Planning Commission and a final determination by the City Council. These meetings are expected to begin early next year.

To learn more, please visit the project website at: www.cityofsancarlos.org/singlefamilyhomes.

For questions, contact Lisa Porras, Principal Planner, at (650) 802-4264 or via email at lporras@cityofsancarlos.org.
Fall 2017 Events

San Carlos Public Safety Fair
The 2nd annual City of San Carlos Public Safety Fair was held on Sunday, September 17. Local Sheriff’s Officers and Firefighters chatted with the community about staying safe in the City of Good Living and showed off a variety of public safety equipment. Thank you to everyone who came out and participated! Keep your eye out for the third installment next September.

Goblin Walk
This year marks the 9th Annual Goblin Walk down Laurel Street. Over the years, hundreds of tots, accompanied by costumed parents, family members and friends, stroll down Laurel Street Trick-or-Treating for candy and goodies from our local businesses. What began as an opportunity to provide a safe and secure location for tots and young kids to celebrate Halloween has turned into a place for all to gather in our San Carlos community. Many outdoor dining tables are filled with people engaging with each other and enjoying the vibrant downtown atmosphere.

Join us October 27 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on Laurel Street for a frightfully-fun night!

Night of Holiday Lights
On the first Friday night in December, San Carlos celebrates Night of Holiday Lights. It’s a night San Carlans come together to have a good time and enjoy the extra twinkle of lights down Laurel Street for the holiday season. It’s festive, fun and celebratory! We invite you to join us December 1 from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Laurel Street and Cherry Street for music, family fun and festive holiday entertainment.
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.

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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.
October 9 and 23
November 13 and 27
December 11
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 7 p.m.
October 2 and 16
November 6 and 20
December 4 and 18
* Unless otherwise noted

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Engage us on Shape San Carlos:
www.cityofsancarlos.org/shapesancarlos.asp

Inform San Carlos:
www.cityofsancarlos.org/inform

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

TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION COMMISSION
Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., City Hall.

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
Thanksgiving Holiday: November 23 & 24
Winter Furlough:
December 25, 2017 - January 2, 2018

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