**Wheeler Plaza Garage Boosts Free Public Parking Downtown**

On Wednesday, September 5th, the City of San Carlos officially opened the Wheeler Plaza Parking Garage with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony. The opening of the garage, which had been accessible to the public for several weeks, is a huge boost to parking availability downtown and helps reduce traffic congestion.

The Wheeler Garage adds an additional 67 public parking spaces to the previously available 187, bringing the total to 254 public parking spaces. The multi-level garage also includes 25 bike spaces and designated electric vehicle (EV) spaces for “green” cars. All parking in the Wheeler Plaza Garage is free to the community, with a 2-hour limit imposed to ensure everyone is able to use it.

While the Wheeler Garage is one part of a larger solution to parking and congestion concerns downtown, the City encourages everyone in the community to use alternative transportation when possible, including walking, biking, ride sharing services, and public transportation options like SamTrans and Caltrain.

**INFO**

Visit [www.cityofsancarlos.org/alternativetransportation](http://www.cityofsancarlos.org/alternativetransportation) for more information.
Goblin Walk 10 Year Anniversary

This year marks the 10th Annual Goblin Walk on 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 an event 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 atmosphere.

Join us on October 26th from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on Laurel Street for a frightfully-fun night!

Night of Holiday Lights

On Friday, November 30th, San Carlos will celebrate our Night of Holiday Lights. It's a time for San Carlans to come together and enjoy the extra twinkle of lights down Laurel Street for the holiday season. It's festive, fun and celebratory!

If you haven’t been before (and, of course, if you have), we invite you to join us from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. on the 600 & 700 blocks of Laurel Street for music, food & drinks, family fun, and festive holiday entertainment!

Donate a Coat to a Family in Need

Help others in the community stay warm this winter by donating new and gently used coats. Look for the donation bin in the San Carlos City Hall Lobby, (600 Elm Street) during the month of November.
San Carlos has great neighborhoods and great neighbors. The sense of community has long been a hallmark of life in our little hamlet. From time to time, things can go wrong between neighbors over noise or other nuisance issues and the City is called upon to help resolve matters.

**ONE ISSUE THAT CAN OCCASIONALLY IMPACT THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND THEIR TIGHT-KNIT RESIDENTS IS HOME REMODELS, ADDITIONS AND NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION.**

We have had an unprecedented number of new applications from single-family homeowners in San Carlos the past several years and it’s only natural that over time, good natured neighbors begin to feel frustrated and fatigued by all the construction activity occurring around their homes.

More than a year ago, the City Council asked Staff to look at potential changes to the size, bulk and mass of these home construction projects. After significant review by a committee of residents and the Planning Commission, options on reducing future home sizes will be discussed at the October 8th and October 22nd City Council meetings.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the meetings or register their thoughts on the issue of changing single-family home building regulations by taking a short Shape San Carlos survey at: www.cityofsancarlos.org/shapesancarlos.

**How to have your voice counted:**

**STEP 1: REGISTER TO VOTE**

Voter registration closes on October 22nd for the November 6, 2018 election. However, if you miss this deadline, you may still vote provisionally at any voting center up through Election Day!

Voter Registration Forms are available at post offices, city halls, public libraries, and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). If you’d like a form mailed to you, please call the San Carlos City Clerk’s office at (650) 802-4222. Once you sign the form, just drop it in the mail. Postage is pre-paid.

To register online, visit the Secretary of State’s website at www.registertovote.ca.gov.

**STEP 2: GET INFORMED**

On the November 6, 2018 ballot, San Carlos residents will consider:

- Three seats on the City Council for a four-year term;
- Measure QQ - Transient Occupancy Tax; and
- Measure NN - Cannabis Business Tax.

For additional information, visit www.cityofsancarlos.org/elections.

Voter Information Pamphlets and Sample Ballots will be mailed out to all registered voters beginning September 27th. These are great resources to help voters gain an understanding of other candidates and measures on the ballot.
Election Day is November 6, 2018

**STEP 3: CAST YOUR VOTE:**

**Mail/Ballot Box**

Vote by Mail ballots will be sent to all registered voters beginning October 9th. Return your ballots in the mail (postmarked on or before Election Day) or at any ballot box located at Voting Centers and City Halls in the County.

**In Person ...at any Voting Center in the County**

Voters may cast their votes in person as early as October 9th at the following locations:

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<td>840 West Orange Avenue, South San Francisco</td>
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<td>Lewis and Joan Platt, East Palo Alto, Family YMCA, City Room</td>
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**HOURS**

- October 9th – October 26th, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- October 27th – November 5th, Monday – Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- November 3rd – November 5th, Saturday – Monday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- **Election Day**, November 6th, Tuesday, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**In Person ...in San Carlos**

Voters may cast their votes in person as early as November 3rd at the following location:

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**HOURS**

- November 3rd – November 5th, Saturday – Monday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- **Election Day**, November 6th, Tuesday, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

For a list of additional Voting Center locations and hours, visit [www.smcacre.org/current-election](http://www.smcacre.org/current-election) or call the City Clerk’s office at (650) 802-4222.
MEASURE QQ
Transient Occupancy Tax

On the ballot for the November 6, 2018 election is Measure QQ, an increase to the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). This is a tax paid by hotel guests who visit San Carlos and make use of City services during their stay.

San Carlos currently has the lowest TOT rate among cities in San Mateo County at 10%. Measure QQ would increase that rate to 12% beginning January 1, 2019, and then increase it by 0.5% each January up to a maximum of 14%. Proceeds from the tax would fund general City services, such as public safety, infrastructure improvements, traffic circulation improvements, community development, parks and recreation, and other community and Council priorities.

In early 2018, a community survey revealed that over 70% of San Carlos residents support a TOT increase to provide additional funding for these City services. Revenue from the increase is estimated to be between $850,000 and $1,650,000 per year, depending upon hotel occupancy levels. Several other cities in the county are also considering a similar increase.

MEASURE NN
Cannabis Business Tax

Also on the ballot for November 6, 2018 is Measure NN, a cannabis business tax that would be paid by cannabis businesses that operate in San Carlos. This excise tax would be up to 10% of gross revenues, and would not authorize retail cannabis businesses to open in San Carlos.

It is estimated that revenue generated by Measure NN would be about $200,000 annually. This revenue would fund general City services, such as public safety, infrastructure improvements and other priorities. A City survey revealed that over 70% of San Carlos residents support a cannabis business tax. This type of tax has been passed successfully by communities throughout California, as communities recognize the increased costs to local agencies from cannabis business activities, and the benefit of increased revenue to pay for those costs.

PROPOSITION 6

Proposition 6 proposes to repeal SB 1—the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017—and other tax measures passed in 2017. If passed on November 6, 2018, the measure would require voter approval of any future gas and vehicle taxes and fees.

If passed Proposition 6 would:
• Reduce the funding available statewide to repair roads and bridges
• Take away $500,000 in funding directly from San Carlos each year that was planned for street repairs
• Directly impact the amount of street repairs that can be done in San Carlos each year

This measure will impact the City’s ability to reduce traffic congestion and increase bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Community surveys taken over the past several years reveal that traffic congestion and road repairs are high priorities for residents. Proposition 6 will make it more difficult for the City to address these priorities.
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 8 and 22
November 13 and 26
December 10

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.
October 1 and 15
November 5 and 19
December 3 and 17
* Unless otherwise noted

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Inform San Carlos: www.cityofsancarlos.org/inform

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Sports Field Condition 594-2626
Updates from the City on PG&E’s Natural Gas Pipeline 147 802-4455