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

City Manager

Non-Profit Grant Program Spotlight: San Mateo Jobs for Youth
San Mateo Jobs for Youth (JFY) received a grant of $2,000 through the City’s Non-Profit Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2018-19. The grant will help San Mateo County youth gain the necessary job skills to be successful in their employment goals by boosting their self-esteem and communication skills. Through JFY, students learn to master job application forms, learn to communicate more effectively, gain interviewing skills, and practice writing resumes, cover letters, lists of references, and thank you letters to potential employers.

In 2017, JFY moved to San Mateo County Human Resources. The program was modernized and now offers a mobile app, providing employment support while on the go. JFY continues to provide Job Preparation Workshops in high schools, libraries, and Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the San Mateo County community, where youth receive one-on-one support with the goal of becoming responsible adults in our community. More information is available at www.jobsforyouth.org

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:

- Accounting Technician II (Payroll) – Recruitment closes on December 14th
- Part-time Program Coordinator (Youth Development) – Recruitment closes on December 14th

Recruitments in Progress:

- Recreation Leader II (Part-time, Athletics) – Background check in progress
- Assistant Planner – Second interviews held December 10th and 11th
- Associate Planner – Second interviews held December 10th and 11th
- Civil Engineering Assistant – Second interviews held December 12th
- Management Analyst (City Manager) – Interviews were held on December 12th
- Sr. Management Analyst (Community Development) – Interviews to be held on December 19th

New Hires:

- Recreation Leader II (Part-time, Athletics) – New hire started on December 6th

Ordinance 1532 (Transient Occupancy Tax) and Ordinance 1533 (Cannabis Business Tax)

In June 2018 the City Council voted to submit Ordinances 1532 and 1533 for a vote of the People of the City of San Carlos at the November 6, 2018 election. Below are descriptions of these ordinances.

Ordinance 1532 (Measure QQ on the ballot) increases the Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 10% to 12% of the amount paid for lodging and related services, effective January 1, 2019, and increases it by 0.5% each January 1 thereafter, to a maximum rate of 14%. The tax will be collected by hotel operators and remitted to the City.

Ordinance 1533 (Measure NN on the ballot) sets regulations of commercial cannabis activities and imposes an excise tax of up to 10% of gross receipts on cannabis businesses.

Both measures received a majority vote of the People at the November 6, 2018 election. On December 10, 2018, the Council adopted Resolution 2018-113 declaring the results of the election, thereby deeming Ordinances 1532 and 1533 adopted and effective December 20, 2018.

For any questions regarding these Ordinances, please contact Administrative Services Director Rebecca Mendenhall at rmendenhall@cityofsancarlos.org.
Community Development

New State Building Code Requirement
Completing a decade-old initiative, the California Building Standards Commission has added solar panels as a requirement in the upcoming 2019 California Building Code. Effective January 1, 2020, all new homes will be required to have 2-3 kilowatts of their electricity sourced from solar panels on site. The estimated upfront cost of the mandatory solar requirement on property owners will vary from $8,000 to $15,000, or perhaps be higher.

The California Building Standards Commission made the determination with a unanimous vote on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Contact Building Official, Chris Valley at cvalley@cityofsancarlos.org with questions about this and other upcoming code changes slated for the next year.

Parks & Recreation

New Facility Attendant at the Adult Community Center
Nico Robedillo is the new Facility Attendant at the Adult Community Center (ACC). As our newest member of the ACC team, Nico is responsible for the daily operations, including room set ups, maintaining the kitchen, facility cleaning and customer service. Nico has already made new friends with the ACC participants and greets everyone with a warm smile each day. We are excited to welcome Nico to the Parks & Recreation and ACC team.

Scoops for Scouts Fundraiser
The San Carlos Youth Advisory Council held a fundraiser “Scoops for Scouts” to benefit the youth affected by the Butte County wildfire. The fundraiser took place during the Drop-In program on Wednesday, December 5th and 100% of the proceeds were donated to the Butte County Boy Scouts. During the Camp Fire in Butte County, all of the essential Boy Scout equipment of six scouting units was destroyed. Scoops for Scouts was held to help fund the replacement of destroyed equipment and Scouting memorabilia. Patxi’s Pizza on Laurel Street donated pizza and Lucky’s Supermarket donated ice cream for the event. Over 40 San Carlos youth participated in this event and together raised approximately $100, which will be sent to the Butte County Boy Scouts.

Police

Vehicle Burglaries
On December 3rd at approximately 8:30 p.m., deputies responded to Hiller Aviation Museum at 601 Skyway Road on the report of two vehicle burglaries. Sometime between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., suspects gained entry to both vehicles by smashing their driver’s side rear windows. The suspect(s) stole bags and computer equipment worth approximately $5,000 from each vehicle. No surveillance cameras were found nearby. Reports were taken, and the investigations are ongoing.
On December 6th at approximately 8:30 p.m., an unknown suspect smashed the driver’s side rear window of the victim’s car while he was inside Burger King at 505 Skyway Road and stole a backpack from the backseat. The backpack contained a laptop valued at $1,800. At approximately 8:40 p.m., a suspect broke the rear passenger side window of a rental vehicle parked in the Izzy’s parking lot at 525 Skyway Road. The suspect opened the back seat to access the trunk of the vehicle. No property was left in the vehicle; therefore, nothing was stolen. Thanks to their surveillance cameras, Izzy’s Restaurant was able to provide deputies with a photo of the suspect’s vehicle. Using the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system, deputies identified the license plate of a vehicle that is possibly associated with both incidents. The investigation is ongoing.

Residential Burglary
On December 6th at approximately 11:40 p.m., deputies responded to the 200 block of Timothy Drive on the report of a Residential Burglary. A suspect climbed onto the roof and entered the home through an unlocked window on the second floor. Once inside, the suspect rummaged through two upstairs bedrooms, but nothing was stolen. The residence was not equipped with an alarm or surveillance cameras, and no witnesses were located in the area. A report was taken, and the investigation is ongoing.