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

City Manager

San Mateo County LGBTQ Commission Report Released

The San Mateo County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Commission (LGBTQ Commission) has presented the results of the first wellness assessment in 15 years of LGBTQ community members of San Mateo County, entitled Measuring and Improving LGBTQ Wellness in San Mateo County 2017-2018. The Commission conducted one survey for youth and one for adults. The adult survey asked questions in the following areas: demographics of respondents; personal economy; housing; discrimination; safety; welcoming environment; social isolation; mental health; and health care. The youth survey addressed similar but slightly different areas: demographics of respondents; sense of belonging; school safety; harassment and assault at school; healthcare; mental health; health habits; access to services; food security; housing security; and violence.

Compelling data was found reflecting LGBTQ communities’ in five areas: Safety, Feeling Welcomed and Included, Health, Access to Resources & Services, and overall Visibility or Lack of Visibility. The findings in these five themes will help the LGBTQ Commission facilitate structured community conversations in collaboration with Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center starting this spring, which will then aid the LGBTQ Commission in developing policy recommendations to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

The full survey results, survey questions, the analysis of open-ended comments, and the presentation to the County Board of Supervisors, can be found at: https://lgbtq.smcgov.org/2017-2018-survey-information
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
- Recreation Leader I & II (Summer Seasonal) – Recruitment closes on March 15th
- Part-time Program Coordinator (Summer Seasonal – Parks & Recreation) – Recruitment closes on March 22nd

Recruitments in Process
- Sr. Administrative Clerk (Parks & Recreation) – Second interviews to be held on March 15th
- Summer Interns (Public Works) – Background check in progress
- Maintenance Worker – Interviews scheduled for March 18th & 19th
- Management Analyst (Community Development) – Applications under review

Upcoming Recruitments
- Public Works – Inspector

Community Development

817 Walnut Street Affordable Housing Development
Charities Housing, a non-profit affordable housing developer, was selected by the City to redevelop the existing City-owned, affordable housing property at 817 Walnut Street. The team has proposed to redevelop the property into a 24-unit, 100% affordable project that will serve the housing needs of our city. Charities Housing will be holding a Neighborhood Outreach Meeting to introduce the project and gain feedback from the community. The public is invited to join us for this event.

March 21st at 6:00 p.m.
San Carlos Library – 2nd Floor Conference Room
610 Elm Street
San Carlos, CA 94070

Specific questions related to the event may be directed to the Community Development department by calling (650) 802-4263.

Police

Sheriff’s Office Tops Special Olympics Fundraising Goal
On Friday, March 8th, the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office was recognized as the top Special Olympics Northern California fundraising agency! A big thank
you to Dunkin' Donuts in San Carlos for hosting our annual “Cop on a Rooftop” fundraiser last November. The Sheriff's Office hosts a variety of events throughout the year to raise money for Special Olympics and its athletes, including Tip-a-Cop events, Cop on a Rooftop and the Torch Run. We are grateful to have so many generous donors and residents helping us support this worthy cause. Stay tuned for the next Special Olympics fundraiser when Deputies take the “Polar Plunge” in the freezing waters of Lake Tahoe on March 30th!

Two Stolen Vehicle Recoveries with Arrests
On March 1st at approximately 12:30 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle with temporary paper plates. A DMV check of the vehicle’s license plate revealed the vehicle was stolen from Las Vegas, Nevada. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest and booked into the Maguire Correctional Facility.

On March 5th at approximately 10:45 a.m., while on routine patrol, deputies received a “hit” on a mobile automated license plate reader (ALPR) notifying them that a vehicle reported stolen to the San Jose Police Department had just driven by. Deputies made contact with the driver of the vehicle in the Walgreens parking lot located at 1414 El Camino Real. The suspect had rented the vehicle in November 2018 and failed to return it or make payments to the rental car company. The driver was also listed as a suspect in a Sheriff’s Office case for using checks with non-sufficient funds at a grocery store. The store’s security camera captured footage of the suspect and the same stolen vehicle. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked into the Maguire Correctional Facility.

Commercial Burglary
On March 11th at approximately 10:30 a.m., deputies responded to CEMEX located at 1026 Bransten Road on the report of a commercial burglary. Sometime over the weekend, suspects entered the property by cutting the lock and stole approximately 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel from the main fuel tank, with an estimated value of $12,000. Additionally, the suspects siphoned approximately 250 gallons of fuel from four commercial trucks parked on the property, with an estimated value of $660. The investigation is ongoing.

Public Works

Emergency Access and Compliance on Lupin Way
In the past six months, the City received various requests from residents regarding traffic circulation along Lupin Way. Lupin Way is a grade separated road, divided into Upper and Lower Lupin Way with one-way travel on each. The vehicular travel lanes on both Upper and Lower Lupin Way are sixteen feet wide, with a five foot wide sidewalk on the side that fronts the residences.

A typical on-street parallel parking stall is eight feet wide and the minimum vehicle travel lane is ten feet. Historically, residents have parked vehicles in the roadway along both Upper and Lower Lupin Way, but must hop the curb and park on the sidewalk to maintain a clear travel lane. Consequently, these parked vehicles block pedestrian path of travel on the sidewalk and do not
provide the minimum sidewalk clearance width of 36 inches in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Due to the recent inquiries from residents, staff performed a site investigation to evaluate the circulation for pedestrians and vehicles. In addition, staff requested the Fire Department test the roadway accessibility of both Upper and Lower Lupin Way. The Fire Department dispatched Engine No. 16 to drive along Upper and Lower Lupin Way and found that the engine was able to narrowly maneuver and pass through the existing roadway with vehicles parked on the sidewalk. Concerns were raised however, regarding opening the engine's doors and side compartments during an emergency response.

Based on the site investigation, along with the concerns raised by the Fire Department, it was determined that a feasibility study is needed, including options for possible alternative solutions for safer circulation of pedestrians and vehicles.