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
- Recreation Leader I & II (Summer Seasonal) – Recruitment is open until filled
- Public Works Inspector – Recruitment is open until filled

Recruitments in Process
- Civil Engineering Assistant – One new hire will start on August 5th and another candidate is undergoing the background check process
- Accounting Technician I – Background check in process
- Facility Attendant (Full-time) – Background check in process
Community Development

**Historic Lighthouse Sign to be Reconstructed**

The property owner of the former Lighthouse building at 734 El Camino Real has obtained Planning and Building approval to construct renovations to the existing building to convert the retail space to office space. The plans did not require Planning Commission or City Council approval.

The City conducted a historical evaluation that determined the building façade is eligible as a historic structure. Unfortunately, upon further investigation into the preservation of the sign, it was determined that it could not be preserved in its current state due to its poor condition and inferior structural elements.

The City’s historical consultant recommended reconstruction of the sign. The neon sign and canopy will be removed and a new sign and canopy will be constructed to match the former sign and attached to the building façade. The City’s historical consultant also determined that the property owner could install new signage to reflect a new tenant on the condition the lettering be neon lit.

Staff reviewed the reconstruction plan with local residents that have expressed interest in historic preservation and obtained their support for the reconstruction plan.

Police

**Burglary of Home Under Construction**

On July 19th at approximately 10:00 a.m., deputies responded to the 60 block of Madera Avenue on the report of a burglary. Sometime overnight, suspects forced entry into an uninhabited home that was being remodeled. The suspects stole approximately $10,000 worth of new appliances which were still in boxes waiting to be installed. The investigation is ongoing.

**ARREST - Distribution of Child Pornography**

In June 2019, the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office Detective Bureau received a tip regarding the distribution of child pornography. Detectives discovered that the IP address for the suspect was listed in San Carlos. On July 24th, after an extensive investigation, detectives served a search warrant at a private residence in San Carlos. The suspect was in the residence and was found to be in possession of and had distributed child pornography.

Detectives believe this is an isolated incident; however, if you have any information about the suspect or any related incidents, please contact Detective Paterson at 650-363-4881 / kpaterson@smcgov.org or Sergeant Cang at 650-363-4008 / jcang@smcgov.org.
Public Works

Eucalyptus Tree Removal Update
On Monday, July 22nd, the contractor began removing the eucalyptus trees within Work Area 3, which includes the removal of three (3) eucalyptus trees along San Carlos Avenue between Cordilleras Avenue and Sycamore Street. Work Area 3 and Phase II will be completed by Monday, July 29th.

Public Works will begin preparing the plans and specifications for the next phase, Phase III, with the intent to advertise and award the project in April 2020. The tentative start date of this phase will be June 2020 with completion by August 2020.

There are approximately thirty-seven (37) trees identified to be removed as described in the latest supplemental arborist report prepared in March 2019. The trees identified are a combination of eucalyptus trees and other various trees. These other various trees are required to be removed in conjunction with the eucalyptus trees due to their proximity.