San Carlos Citizens Academy Expands to Create Youth Focused Program

The San Carlos Citizens Academy was launched in the fall of 2016 to help residents become more informed about and engaged with the inner-workings of our City and local government. Since then, six graduating classes have completed the nine-week program, which offers an in-depth look at every City department, including fire and police services.

Building on the success of this model, the City is launching a new youth focused academy for the 2019-20 school year. Like the adult program, the Youth Citizens Academy will focus on providing students a better understanding of how the City operates, with an emphasis on hands-on activities and project based learning. Students sign-up for the class as an elective, which will be offered first at Central Middle School. The program aims to give young citizens a sense of ownership for San Carlos, paired with the information and tools necessary to enact changes they wish to see in their community.

For more information, and to sign-up for the Spring 2020 Citizens Academy, please visit:

Citizens Academy: www.cityofsancarlos.org/citizensacademy
Youth Academy: www.cityofsancarlos.org/youthcitizensacademy
Sequoia Healthcare District Cultivates Healthy Living for All Ages with Launch of Sequoia Strong

Sequoia Strong (formerly 70 Strong) is a new personal resource guide to healthy living for community members of all ages. Visit the new and improved, user-friendly directory at www.sequoiastrong.org to find activities you love and services you need. All resources are provided free or at low-cost, and personally recommended by the Sequoia Healthcare District for District residents. Resources for adults 50+ are available now, followed by resources for children, teens, and adults that will be available by October 17, 2019.

GOOD NOTES
What’s new in San Carlos

You’re Invited to Discuss ADUs!

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), also known as granny flats or in-law units, provide independent living quarters for one household with full facilities for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same lot as a primary single-family dwelling. An ADU may be attached, detached, or located within the living area of the primary dwelling unit on the lot. There are numerous benefits to ADUs, including: extra rental income for homeowners; extra living space for family members, including aging parents or adult children; efficient use of existing infrastructure; and additional housing opportunities within existing neighborhoods.

In response to the Bay Area’s regional housing shortages, Governor Brown signed new laws (SB 1069 and AB 2299) from 2016 to 2018 to encourage the construction of more ADUs by reducing the regulatory barriers commonly found in local zoning ordinances. To comply with the updated state policies, the City is undergoing a process of updating our local ADU Ordinance (currently titled Second Dwelling Unit in our Municipal Code).

We would like to invite the residents and community stakeholders of San Carlos to participate in the first ADU Planning Commission Study Session on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 600 Elm St., San Carlos.

Some of the topics to be discussed include maximum floor area for attached and detached ADUs, height requirements, and parking. The study session will function as an open dialogue between the staff, Planning Commissioners, and residents to share detailed information on ADUs, compare best practices, discuss policy considerations, and ask clarifying questions. Once the Planning Commission develops ADU recommendations, City Council will review the ADU Ordinance.

INFO
There will be additional Planning Commission meetings in November. Please visit cityofsancarlos.org/adu or contact the Planning Division at (650) 802-4263 for more info.
The greatest strength of the San Carlos community is, and will always be, its people. Those who live and work in San Carlos consistently donate their time and energy to make our community programs and events a success and our city such a special place to be.

San Carlos builds community every time we show up and come together. We see this in our youth service organizations volunteering to help run our annual Goblin Walk, local fire and police officers engaging with the community at our Public Safety Fair, and families and community members showing up to attend and support events throughout the year like our annual Night of Holiday Lights. In every instance, participation and cooperation from a diverse pool of engaged and community-oriented people help to make the City of Good Living safe, enjoyable, and inclusive.

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The City of San Carlos hosts a variety of special events every year, bringing together neighbors, friends, local service organizations, and businesses to celebrate the vibrancy of our community.

These unique events, both older favorites and newer additions, provide our community members chances to get to know one another better, while building and maintaining treasured traditions in the City of Good Living.

Take a look at some of the highlights featured below, and consider attending one that you’ve never been to. Information for all of these events can be found on the City’s website at www.cityofsancarlos.org.
MOVIE NIGHT AT THE YOUTH CENTER
Bring the entire family to the San Carlos Youth Center on October 18 for a screening of Ghostbusters, along with games, fresh popcorn, and free Mister Softee ice-cream! Event begins at 6 p.m., (movie starts at 7 p.m.).

GOBLIN WALK
Costumed kids and tots will take over Laurel Street for safe and spooky Halloween fun on Friday, October 25. This special event is a collaboration between the City and our great local businesses who graciously open their doors to trick-or-treaters ages 7 and younger.

PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR
Safety and emergency preparedness take center stage at this annual event held every September in conjunction with the City’s Police, Fire, and Public Works departments. The fair gives community members a chance to chat with local safety officers, ask questions, and of course, climb aboard and explore equipment like San Carlos fire trucks and patrol cars.

SAN CARLOS BLOCK PARTY
The first-ever San Carlos Block Party kicked-off last month, giving our community the chance to eat, drink, and play downtown on Laurel Street. Communal tables provided the opportunity to eat your favorite local fare while making new friends and enjoying free live music. Look for the return of this new event next year!

MUSIC IN THE PARK
Our free summer concert series runs June to August every year, offering everything from rock and roll to smooth jazz. Special Kids’ Sing & Swing concerts also take place in June, giving our smallest community members the chance to shake their stuff!
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
BLOOD DRIVE
The San Carlos Youth Advisory Council “YAC” is an all-volunteer council comprised of middle school and high school students. YAC coordinates special events and engages in volunteer work throughout the community and hosts two blood drives every year. The next Blood Drive will be on Saturday, November 16, from 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m., at the Youth Center.

10TH ANNUAL NIGHT OF HOLIDAY LIGHTS
Our Night of Holiday Lights celebration has grown into a regional draw for the entire Peninsula—and it’s easy to see why. We transform downtown Laurel Street into a winter wonderland, complete with live music, holiday carolers, warm hot chocolate, festive lights, and even real snow! Bring the family down to make a holiday craft, enjoy the show, or just stroll the decorated street. You’re sure to run into someone you know or make a new friend among the holiday festivities! Friday, December 6, 5:30–8 p.m.

SAN CARLOS
Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan
Here in the City of Good Living, part of the City’s vision is for all community members to be able to safely and comfortably walk and bike to destinations around town. For this reason, the City of San Carlos has gathered extensive public input to develop the City’s first Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. This Plan is intended to guide the City’s efforts to address barriers to biking and walking within San Carlos.

We kicked off the plan in Fall 2018. The City analyzed existing conditions to understand the safety and comfort of the bike and pedestrian network within San Carlos. To gather community input, two community workshops were held along with pop-up events, and an online survey.

The City is in the process of developing policy and infrastructure recommendations based on input received and current best practices to make biking and walking more comfortable and convenient options. The City would like to continue to hear from the community.

HOW CAN WE HEAR FROM YOU?
• Attend our Community Workshop on Wednesday, October 23 from 6–8 p.m., San Carlos Library, 610 Elm St.
• Join us at the Transportation & Circulation Commission Meeting on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m., San Carlos City Hall, 600 Elm St.

If you have any questions about this process, please visit our project site at www.cityofsancarlos.org/bikepedmasterplan or email City Engineer Grace Le at GLe@cityofsancarlos.org
City Council Mission Statement
The City of San Carlos provides high-quality services and facilities in a sustainable, responsive and friendly manner to foster a safe and healthy community now and in future.

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| Chair Mark Olbert moolbert@cityofsancarlos.org | **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 14 and 28
November 12 and 25
December 9 and 23

| Vice Mayor Ron Collins rcollins@cityofsancarlos.org | **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 7 and 21
November 4 and 18
December 2 and 16
* Unless otherwise noted

| Councilmember Sara McDowell smcdowell@cityofsancarlos.org | **SOCIAL MEDIA**
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Engage us on Shape San Carlos: www.cityofsancarlos.org/shapesancarlos.asp

| Councilmember Laura Parmer-Lohan lparmerlohan@cityofsancarlos.org | **PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION**
Meets the first Wednesday of every even numbered month at 7 p.m.,
Library Community Room.

| Councilmember Adam Rak arak@cityofsancarlos.org | **TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION COMMISSION**
Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.,
Library Community Room.

| City Hall Contacts (650) Area Code | **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION**
Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.,
City Hall.

| City Manager Jeff Maltbie jmaltbie@cityofsancarlos.org | **RESIDENTIAL DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**
Meets the first and third Monday of the month,
5:30 p.m., City Hall.

| Administrative Services Director Rebecca Mendenhall rmendenhall@cityofsancarlos.org | **City Hall Closures**
Veteran’s Day: Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday: November 28 & 29
Winter Furlough: December 24 to 31
New Year’s Day: January 1, 2020

| Assistant City Manager Tara Peterson (Co-Editor, Good Living) tpeterson@cityofsancarlos.org | **Contact Information and Hot Lines**
Reporting Abandoned Vehicles 802-4236
Reporting Graffiti 802-4235
Sports Field Condition 802-4333
Updates from the City on PG&E’s Natural Gas Pipeline 147 802-4455

| Building Department – General line 802-4261 | **PRESS ROOM**

| City Attorney Greg Rubens grubens@cityofsancarlos.org | **INFORM San Carlos**
www.cityofsancarlos.org/inform