One Life Counseling Center
One Life Counseling Center (One Life) received a grant of $5,500 through the City’s Non-Profit Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2019-20. One Life’s skilled therapists aim to inspire, educate, and provide accessible counseling and wellness programs to individuals and families, schools and organizations throughout the community.

The grant contributes to the cost of care for San Carlos residents who need it most, by providing free and low-cost linguistically and culturally competent counseling to children, adults and families dealing with crises who would otherwise not be able to afford it.

One Life services are open to anyone regardless of race, age, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, physical or mental ability, religion, or ability to pay. One Life provides the services that its partners in the community cannot provide, closing gaps in treatment programs and working collaboratively with agencies, schools and religious establishments to serve their needs.

One Life has three office locations providing mental health counseling, all of which are located in San Carlos. When addressed appropriately and compassionately, times of crisis can also be opportunities for positive growth and change. One Life’s goal is to ensure that no one who needs counseling is turned away, regardless of ability to pay. More information can be found on the One Life website.
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
- Senior Facility Attendant (Parks & Recreation) – Recruitment closes on November 18th
- Recreation Leader I (Youth Development) – Recruitment open until filled

Recruitments in Progress
- Senior Administrative Clerk (Community Development) – Applications under review

City Clerk

New Employee - Monica Valdez
Monica Valdez is the new Administrative Assistant in the City Clerk’s Office. Monica comes to the City of San Carlos after working for various non-profit organizations and, most recently, a community center in Palo Alto. She currently resides in Mountain View and is looking forward to getting to know the City of San Carlos. In her spare time, Monica enjoys spending time with family, catching up with friends, and watching Warriors games.

Municipal Code Updates
Ordinance 1556 – Urgency Ordinance on Just Cause Eviction Protection
At its November 12th meeting, the City Council unanimously adopted Urgency Ordinance 1556, imposing a Just Cause Eviction Protection effective October 8, 2019 through December 31, 2019, requiring that residential landlords within San Carlos only terminate a tenancy for just cause.

This Ordinance shall be repealed and of no further force and effect on January 1, 2020, when rental protections will go into effect under State Assembly Bill 1482, the Tenant Protection Act of 2019.

Questions relating to the Urgency Ordinance may be directed to City Attorney Greg Rubens at grubens@cityofsancarlos.org.
Community Development

City Awarded $160,000 Senate Bill 2 Planning Grant

In July 2019 the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the application and receipt of funds for the Senate Bill (“SB”) 2 Planning Grants Program (“PGP”) from the State of California Housing and Community Development Department (“HCD”). In 2017, Governor Brown signed a 15-Bill housing package aimed at addressing the state’s housing shortage and high housing costs. Specifically, it included SB 2, which established a $75 recording fee on real estate documents to increase the supply of affordable homes in California. HCD is authorized to provide up to $123 million under the SB 2 PGP to provide funding and technical assistance to all local governments in California to help cities and counties prepare, adopt, and implement plans and process improvements that streamline housing approval and accelerate housing production.

On November 7, 2019, the City received an award letter from HCD announcing funding approval under the SB 2 program. HCD determined the application submitted in response to the Notice of Funding Availability released on March 28, 2019 meets the program requirements. The funding may be used to either augment or reduce the $750,000 budget allocated for the implementation of the City Council 2019 Strategic Plan Goals for Housing, specifically related to General Plan and Zoning evaluation. HCD will be working with City staff to initiate the process of preparing the Standard Agreement for fund distribution.

Fire

Fire Updates

During the recent PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs (“PSPS”) the Fire Department positioned itself to respond to our community’s needs as the utility shut off power to many in our community.

The Fire Department staffed extra personnel on our Engine 512 (Wildland Engine) and assigned them to patrol our parks and hill areas throughout the PSPS and wind event. Additionally, this unit assisted the County’s health department with making contact with medically dependent residents. There were no requests for assistance in San Carlos due to the wind or the PSPS.

Additionally, Engine 12 just returned from deployment to the Kincade Fire. The engine deployed as part of Strike Team 2276 Alpha that included engines from South San Francisco, Central County, San Mateo Consolidated and San Bruno Fire Departments. While deployed, the Strike Team provided Structure Defense to neighborhoods in the fire area and assisted with bringing evacuated residents back to the area. None of our staff were injured during the deployment.
Parks & Recreation

Nutcracker Tea at the Adult Community Center
On November 2nd, Parks and Recreation hosted our annual Nutcracker Tea Party. Over 70 people attended the event to watch the dancers perform. Children who attended the event had the opportunity to dance with the performers. After the show, everyone enjoyed homemade tea sandwiches, scones and gold-dusted dipped strawberries prepared by the Adult Community Center cook.

Youth Center Homework Room Program
This school year, the Youth Center After-School program was able to contract with a teacher from Central Middle School to be the San Carlos Youth Center (SCYC) tutor. Since Mrs. Robinson started in late September, staff has seen an increase in the number of students using the homework support and working on their assignments after school. The free homework support is available Monday through Thursday from 3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

YAC Blood Drive at the Youth Center this Saturday
The San Carlos Youth Advisory Council (“YAC”) will be hosting a Blood Drive this Saturday, November 16th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Over 20 participants have already signed up to donate blood, however, spots are still available. Help YAC reach its goal of scheduling a minimum of 25 appointments this weekend. Pay it forward and do something amazing by scheduling your donation appointment online.

Free College Application Workshop for High School Students
The San Carlos Youth Center offered free workshops this past month to help high school students gain an edge on the college application process. Students learned the importance of internships, networking and resumes. The San Carlos Youth Center is requesting suggestions for future workshop topics geared towards pre-teens and teens. Share your suggestions by emailing us at scyc@cityofsancarlos.org.

Kids Night Out at the Youth Center
The San Carlos Youth Center hosted its monthly Kids Night Out on Friday, November 8th. Parents enjoyed a night off while 20 youth participants dressed up in their pajamas and joined the Youth Center staff for a “Pajama Party.” Participants played group games, made arts & crafts, enjoyed pizza and finished the night with a movie!
San Mateo County Anonymous Gun Buy Back Event
Join us on Saturday, December 14th from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at 1000 Skyway Road in San Carlos for the County’s third Gun Buy Back event. Up to $100 will be paid for each handgun, shotgun, and rifle turned in and up to $200 for each assault weapon (as classified in the State of California). Funds are limited and subject to availability. We reserve the right to limit the amount of funds an individual can receive regardless of the number of firearms surrendered. For more information, please call (650) 363-4800 for more information.

Please transport your firearms UNLOADED and in the trunk of your vehicle.

Shop with a Cop Fundraiser
Shop with a Cop provides a fun-filled day for children in need throughout San Mateo County while creating positive relationships with law enforcement. Participating children are identified by the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office Patrol Bureaus, Sheriff’s Activities League and local services agencies. Each patrol bureau will be raising funds to sponsor youth from their patrol areas.

On the day of the event, uniformed deputies are partnered with the youth over breakfast. The deputies and the youth participate in a law enforcement procession and head to a store for shopping with their “Partners for the Day.” Each youth will be given $150 to go on a shopping spree. Afterwards, each will be able to participate in holiday activities and take a picture with Santa.

Donations may be made online. $150 sponsors one youth. Donations of any size are welcomed and appreciated! Help us by sponsoring a child to have a fun-filled day that they will remember for years to come.
November 7, 2019

Al Savay
Community Development Director
City of San Carlos
City Hall 600 Elm Street
San Carlos, CA 94070

RE: 2019 Planning Grants Program Award

Dear Al Savay:

The Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is pleased to announce that the City of San Carlos has been approved for funding under the SB 2 Planning Grants Program (Program). The Department has determined that the application submitted in response to the Notice of Funding Availability released on March 28, 2019, meets Program requirements. This letter, therefore, constitutes a conditional commitment of an award in the amount of $160,000.

The Program reflects the state’s commitment to work in partnership with local governments to address California’s critical housing needs. Local governments are using the grant awards to accelerate housing production by streamlining the approval of affordable housing and promoting development consistent with the state’s planning priorities, among other related activities.

Congratulations on your successful application. Staff will be contacting you shortly to initiate the process of preparing the Standard Agreement for fund distribution. For further information, please contact John Buettner, of our staff, at (916) 263-1500.

Sincerely,

Zachary Olmstead
Deputy Director
SAN MATEO COUNTY

ANONYMOUS
GUN
BUYBACK

- December 14, 2019 -
9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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