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

One Step Beyond, Inc.
One Step Beyond, Inc. received a grant of $5,000 through the City’s Non-Profit Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2019-20. In plans to launch employment services for participants, One Step Beyond identified access to reliable transportation as a critical component of successful employment. The grant will help fund a 20-week Travel Training Program in which coaches will teach individuals with intellectual disabilities how to use public transportation, identify useful bus routes, pay for transit, and learn proper passenger behavior. The program will result in 30 adults being able to use public transit safely and independently to allow them to work in the community and avail themselves of all the resources and opportunities our community provides.

One Step Beyond was launched as a program of 16 participants in 2003 with a vision to provide opportunities to people with intellectual disabilities for personal growth and skill development. It has since grown to serve more than 450 individuals in four locations, including in San Mateo since 2012. One Step Beyond provides programs and services to empower adults with intellectual disabilities to realize their optimal potential by targeting maximum independence, meaningful employment, enriching social relationships, and opportunities for full inclusion in and contribution to the community. For more information, visit the One Step Beyond website.

SamTrans Seeking Community Input
SamTrans is seeking input from the community on its Reimagine SamTrans study by December 31, 2019. The study examines each route in the SamTrans bus system, including customer experience, route design, bus frequency, and operations and practices. The goal will be to design a new bus route network that better serves the needs of the community.
Take the Reimagine Survey. Whether you ride the bus, drive, walk, bike or other, SamTrans wants to hear from you.

Visit [https://www.reimaginesamtrans.com/survey](https://www.reimaginesamtrans.com/survey) to take a short survey. You can learn more about Reimagine SamTrans at: [www.reimaginesamtrans.com](http://www.reimaginesamtrans.com).

**Enhanced Volunteer Opportunity Accessibility**
The City has recently launched an updated [City Volunteer Opportunities webpage](https://www.sanmateo.ca.us/volunteer) and a new [Community Volunteer Opportunities webpage](https://www.sanmateo.ca.us/volunteer). These resources help connect volunteers with local service organizations and highlight opportunities to give back to the City of Good Living.

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**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 (Youth Development) – Recruitment open until filled
- Maintenance Worker (Public Works) – Recruitment closes on January 10th

**Recruitments in Progress**
- Senior Facility Attendant (Parks & Recreation) – Background check in progress
- Senior Administrative Clerk (Community Development) – Second interviews held on December 13th

**Upcoming Recruitments**
- Accounting Technician I (Administrative Services)

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**City Clerk**

**Recently Adopted Ordinances**

**Ordinance 1557 – Amending Zoning District Map for 125 Wingate Avenue**
After holding a public hearing on November 12th, the City Council unanimously adopted Ordinance 1557 on November 25th amending the Zoning District Map to correctly designate the existing property at 125 Wingate Avenue from Open Space to Single Family Residential.

**Ordinance 1558 – Amending Zoning District Boundary Map for 252 Club Drive**
After holding a public hearing on November 12th, the City Council unanimously adopted Ordinance 1558 on November 25th amending the Zoning District Boundary Map to allow for pre-zoning of 252 Club Drive to Single Family, Low Density.

Any questions relating to the above Ordinances can be directed to Senior Planner Andrea Mardesich at amardesich@cityofsancarlos.org.

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**Parks & Recreation**

**Breakfast with Santa**
This past weekend, Parks and Recreation hosted its annual Breakfast with Santa. Over 100 people attended the event and had a chance to sit with Santa and take a photo with him. Our Youth Advisory Council members volunteered and helped serve breakfast and lead arts & crafts projects with the kids.

**10th Annual Night of Holiday Lights**
Community members gathered on Friday, December 6th on Laurel Street to kick off the holiday season, despite the rain! The event was sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Foundation of San Carlos. Festivities included a holiday show with the Snow Queen and elves, children's carnival rides, arts & crafts booths, hot chocolate, and wine and beer sales hosted by the Lions Club. New this year, in partnership with the Sheriff's Activity League, was the Youth Entrepreneur Faire. 15 youth created their own business and displayed and sold their products at the event.

**Youth Flag Football and Basketball are Underway**
This month, youth flag football and basketball leagues will hold team formation clinics before the season gets going in January. With over 350 enrolled in basketball and over 250 enrolled in flag football, it makes for very busy clinic days! The participation this year is approximately 10% above last year's enrollment. Games will kick off in the first week of January and run through early March.

**Youth Center Hours**
The Youth Center extended hours will begin Thursday, December 19th at 1:00 p.m. The Drop-In Program will run from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on December 20th and 23rd, and Thursday, January 2nd through Monday, January 6th. Regular school day drop-in hours will resume on Tuesday, January 7th. Activities and games will take place during the extended hours with an Extreme Excursion trip planned on January 6th to Rockin’ Jump.
Police

Safety Tips for Our Community
Package theft from doorsteps, vehicle break-ins, and identity theft crimes tend to increase during the holiday season. The attached flyers from the Sheriff's Office provide tips for staying safe.

As always, please dial 9-1-1 to report an emergency. To report other crimes that are not in progress, call the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number: (650) 363-4911.

Public Works

San Carlos Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project
With wet weather delaying the start of the project, preliminary work is anticipated to be complete within the coming week with construction soon to follow. The project will be completed in four phases beginning on Sycamore Street and will continue westbound to Wellington Drive. Anticipated completion is Fall 2020.

Residents will be notified two weeks and again three days prior to the beginning of any construction for each phase. While the project is underway, portable changeable message boards will be posted to notify the public of traffic delays, detours, and lane closures.

2019 On-Call Sidewalk Repair Project
Beginning with an original list of 400 properties, the City’s contractor will have completed repairs to over 200 properties since March 2019. The remaining properties on the list, along with those that have recently been added, are anticipated to be completed in 2020.
**Burglary Prevention:**
- If travelling, request vacation house checks from the Sheriff’s Office
- Put timers on different lights throughout the interior and exterior of the house
- Have newspapers, mail and deliveries held or picked up by someone you trust

**Vehicle Break-In Prevention:**
- Leave nothing visible in the car
- Keep doors and trunk of vehicles locked
- Keep packages in the locked trunk while shopping
- If you must drop packages off at your car, place them in the trunk and consider finding a new parking space on the other side of the shopping center
- Never leave valuables, bags or power cords visible

**Personal Safety:**
- Park in well-lit & well-traveled areas
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Have keys ready when approaching your house or car

**Identity Theft:**
- Bring only the cash & credit cards you need
- Don’t carry your social security card or passport
- Don’t let others distract you in crowded areas. Keep personal belongings close
- Shop only at secure websites
- Don’t respond to emails asking for personal or credit card information
- Check your credit card & financial statements regularly for fraudulent use

To report emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

To report property theft that is **not in progress**, call the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office non-emergency number: (650) 363-4911.
This holiday season, don't pick out the perfect gift for thieves.

Criminals target packages left unattended on doorsteps. Don't give them the opportunity! Follow these simple steps to protect your holiday packages.

1. **Track Your Package**
2. **Require Signature**
3. **Hold Package at Mail Facility for Pickup**
4. **Have Someone You Trust Accept the Package**
5. **Utilize In-Store Pickup**

Call 911 to report in progress crimes.
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