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 (Youth Development) – Recruitment open until filled
- Summer Seasonal Recreation Leader I & II – Recruitment closes on March 20th

Recruitments in Progress

- Accounting Technician I – Interviews to be held on February 4th
- Maintenance Worker (Public Works) – Interviews to be held February 5th and February 7th

Community Development

Illustrative Five Year History of Commercial and Multi-Family Projects

Staff has compiled the five year history of Commercial, Multi-Family and Mixed-Use projects into two illustrative sets.

The intent is to provide basic information for each project in this time frame and a map showing each location. The map has color coded points with each color representing a particular year. The document is located on the City’s website and data will be added as appropriate.
Fire

CERT Training
On January 29th, the Red Cross’s Bill O’Callahan taught a Shelter Operations class to our local CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers at the San Carlos Library Community Room. 18 CERT volunteers from the cities of San Carlos and Redwood City, North Fair Oaks, and Redwood City Police Department Volunteers in Policing received the training.

The purpose of this training is to provide participants an opportunity to learn and apply the knowledge, skills and abilities required to operate a successful shelter.

Retirement of Battalion Chief Mike O’Leary
Chief Mike O’Leary retired from Fire Operations in 2017 and returned to work as a retired annuitant on a part-time basis to assist with several administrative projects. Mike has been very involved in the maintenance of our fire stations in San Carlos and has also been working on the development of plans for the new Fire Station 16. After 37 ½ years of service, Mike has officially retired. There was a small gathering to recognize him for his dedication and work with the department.

Acting Deputy Fire Chief Chuck Lax
Chief Chuck Lax is the Acting Deputy Fire Chief filling in for Dave Pucci who is currently the Acting Fire Chief while Fire Chief Stan Maupin is on leave. Chuck is the point of contact between the fire department and the City of San Carlos. Along with these new duties, he is responsible for fleet maintenance, facility maintenance and the Fire Prevention Bureau. Chuck is very excited about this opportunity and looks forward to all things San Carlos.

Parks & Recreation

Summer Camp Activity Guide is Online & Registration is Open
To get a jump on summer planning, Parks and Recreation released the Summer Camp guide early this year, which is now available online. Registration for summer camps is also open, and participants can register for all camps by visiting www.cityofsancarlos.org/register. The full Spring-Summer guides will be mailed to all San Carlos residents March 3rd.

Parks & Recreation will also be hosting our 2nd Annual Summer Camp Fair on Saturday February 29th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Representatives from all of our specialty camps, as well as our own Adventure Camp staff, will be there to answer questions and provide information on what their camps have to offer.

Chinese New Year Celebration at the ACC
The Adult Community Center celebrated its’ 3rd Annual Chinese New Year Event with over 150 people in attendance last Friday. The event was organized by volunteer Becky Tsai, and featured a Chinese traditional costume fashion
show, demonstrations of different forms of Tai-Chi, as well as traditional Chinese song and dance performances. Food was donated by Susan Hu, volunteer Tai Chi instructor and owner of King Chun restaurant on San Carlos Avenue.

Police

Shoplifting Arrests
On January 16th at approximately 8:45 p.m., deputies responded to CVS Pharmacy at 1324 San Carlos Avenue on the report of shoplifting. The store manager stated that two men had stolen items from the store and were headed toward the train station. Deputies located the two men at the train station, and an investigation determined that they had stolen approximately $600 worth of health and beauty aids. It was also discovered that both of the suspects had outstanding warrants. They were both placed under arrest, and all of CVS’s property was returned.

On January 26th at approximately 11:30 p.m., deputies responded to CVS Pharmacy at 1324 San Carlos Avenue on the report of an in-progress shoplifting. The store manager stated that a male suspect was in the store with merchandise hidden underneath his clothing. Deputies contacted the suspect at the entrance of the store as he was walking out. The store manager positively identified the suspect, and he was placed under arrest for stealing health and beauty aids.

Burglary Arrest
On January 21st at approximately 12:00 p.m., deputies responded to the 400 block of Portofino Drive on the report of two suspicious people on private property. Upon arrival, deputies observed an unoccupied vehicle that appeared to contain stolen property and located a suspect several blocks away. While speaking with her, several 911 calls were received reporting a shooting in a nearby park. Those calls were determined to be distraction calls in hopes that deputies would release the detained suspect. Because of the false report, a local elementary school was briefly locked down as a safety precaution. Deputies were able to trace the call to a nearby residence where they contacted a second suspect. Both suspects were arrested and booked into the Maguire Correctional Facility for multiple charges.

Public Works

2019 On-Call Traffic Striping and Marking Project
The City and its contractor, Central Striping, are performing striping and marking improvements along Holly Street, Howard Avenue and Melendy Drive. These improvements include striping, signage, and marking changes initiated by staff, suggested by the public, or approved by the Transportation and Circulation Commission. These improvements are anticipated to be completed by February 2020.
In addition, the contractor will perform striping improvements in the intersection of Holly Street and Industrial Road, including extension lines through the intersection for directing vehicles. Staff has requested that the contractor perform the improvements outside of normal business hours to minimize the impact to residents and commuters during high-traffic daytime hours. The work is scheduled for completion over a single night between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on Friday, January 31st. The contractor will partially close the intersection to all traffic. Residents and businesses directly affected by the night work were notified in advance of the project.

San Carlos Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project

The first phase of construction between Cordilleras Avenue and Vista Avenue is nearly complete. The next phase of the project, between Vista Avenue and Upland Avenue, is now underway. The contractor will begin demolition and preparing the construction of the improvements.

While construction is underway, the contractor has placed changeable message boards to advise drivers of traffic delays, detours, and lane closures along San Carlos Avenue.

The overall project is anticipated to be completed by September 2020.

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