On November 7, 2019, the City held the first in a series of community conversations about the future of housing in San Carlos. During the meeting, participants had the chance to share stories and ideas with each other and to learn more about how the issue of housing is affecting our community.

The meeting was part of Welcome Home San Carlos, a joint effort between the City and Home for All, a San Mateo County collaborative aimed at helping our community talk more constructively about the shared challenge of housing.

Through this conversation series we hope to increase community participation, ensure that all voices are heard, and learn more about our community’s hopes for the future. Our goal is to create an inclusive and more informed environment for people to talk and listen to each other, while also identifying key priorities that can guide future actions on housing.

Join your neighbors for our **Second Community Conversation** on **Saturday, February 1, 2020**, at the Adult Community Center.

**Info/RSVP:** cityofsancarlos.org/welcomehome
SAN CARLOS VILLAGERS CELEBRATE 70 YEARS

The San Carlos Villagers, docents at the Museum of San Carlos History, recently celebrated their 70th anniversary. The docents staff the Museum and collect memorabilia, photographs and documents, and develop new displays. Museum exhibits include early San Carlos history, the coming of the train, early electronics companies, the San Carlos Chickens’ Ball, the 1927 Seagrave Fire Engine, and much more.

The City would like to extend a special thank you to all Museum docents and volunteers for 70 years of preserving and celebrating our proud history. Should you be interested in becoming a docent, please contact Loren Bryon at 591-0457.

The Museum of San Carlos History is located at 533 Laurel Street and is open every Saturday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The following San Carlos history items can be purchased at the Museum: San Carlos Stories, A Little Journey to San Carlos by Fred Drake, and SANCARLOSOPOLY (San Carlos Monopoly).

Spring Sports Leagues

Stay active and make new friends by joining a San Carlos adult sport league this spring. We offer softball, basketball, bocce ball, and kickball for community members of all skill levels. For more information, please visit www.quickscores.com/cityofsancarlos or call (650) 802-4124.

San Carlos Citizens Academy Returns Spring 2020

Adult community members who want to get more involved with the City have a unique opportunity to participate in a free nine-week Citizens Academy to engage with City of San Carlos staff and learn more about our city government. Registration is now open for the Spring 2020 session, which runs from March 18 through May 13, 2020. Get more information and register at cityofsancarlos.org/citizensacademy.
After a busy year in 2019, our City Staff and Council have no plans of slowing down at the start of the new decade. While issues like safety and sustainability will continue to be a priority, new goals and new challenges have already begun to take shape.

The issue of housing in our community, and the impacts of housing on transportation and traffic will be a focus in the coming year. Our Welcome Home San Carlos workshop on February 1 will continue our community conversation on housing, and I encourage anyone interested to attend and to share their own ideas, and concerns as we tackle this shared challenge together.

City staff will also be hard at work this year on increasing the amount of available childcare spaces here in San Carlos, as we understand the importance and impact that local, affordable care holds for the well-being of your family. Residents will be encouraged to give their input during these efforts to help make decisions and better shape policy to the specific needs of the community.

Development in San Carlos will again be a key area of focus this year. Our Council and staff are taking a proactive approach to development planning, addressing infrastructure needs while providing ample opportunity for community input.

It’s my hope that the unprecedented level of community engagement we enjoyed this past year continues to grow, as input and involvement from a diverse group here in the City of Good Living allows us to work thoughtfully for the common good. On behalf of your City Council and City staff, I wish you and your family a happy New Year.

**CHILDRCARE INITIATIVE**

In the coming months, the Community Development Department will be working on a series of projects related to childcare policies with the goal of increasing the supply of childcare spaces in San Carlos. During the first quarter of 2020, staff will bring to the City Council:

1. Consideration of Adopting a Childcare Development Impact Fee;
2. Fee Reductions and/or Waivers for Childcare Uses;
3. Policy for Expediting Childcare Applications; and

Additional projects that will require a longer-term study will begin in early 2020 and come before the Council in the third quarter of 2020. These projects will include:

1. Revision of Specific Use Standards for Childcare;
2. Study of Zoning Districts Permitting Day Care Centers;
3. Consideration of Adopting Childcare as a City Policy Objective; and

Throughout these efforts, San Carlos community members will be asked to share their input and help the City shape recommendations to be made to the City Council.
VolunTEEN Events Let Younger Community Members Give Back to the City of Good Living

This past October, 40 community members ages 12 to 18 organized a cleanup on Laurel Street the day after our Goblin Walk event. These young volunteers made sure no candy wrappers were left behind from our annual Halloween tradition, and had our downtown cleaned up in no time. The Laurel Street Cleanup is just one of the “VolunTEEN” volunteer opportunities that Parks and Recreation has scheduled for this school year.

Starting in January, we are looking for responsible teens to volunteer at the Youth Center After School Drop-in Program. Gain valuable job and leadership skills while assisting with both the supervision and daily operations of the drop-in program alongside our City staff. This is a great way to fulfill service hours and give back to your community! Applicants must be at least 15 years old.

Please email Caitlyn Matoso cmatoso@cityofsancarlos.org for more information and to set up an interview.

Join Our Youth Center Staff

Looking for a job where you can make an impact on kids’ lives while also having a fun, positive experience? The San Carlos Youth Center is hiring for our summer programs that serve all ages! Hours are flexible, and we do our best to work around school schedules.

Apply by March 27 at calopps.org or call (650) 802-4471 for more information.
City Awarded $160,000 Planning Grant

On November 7, 2019, the City received an award letter from the State of California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) announcing funding approval under the Senate Bill (SB) 2 Planning Grants Program.

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.

Accessory Dwelling Units

On October 7, 2019, San Carlos Planning Commission held a study session to review state-mandated regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). On December 17, 2019, Planning Division staff met with the Transportation and Circulation Commission (T&C) to present the State's requirements specifically related to parking, as well as the parking concerns expressed by the public who attended the ADU study session. Any feedback expressed by the T&C will be shared with the Planning Commission during its subsequent meeting on ADUs (expected in February, 2020), as we look to address these community concerns.

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Intern with the City of San Carlos!

The City offers part-time paid internships to college students each summer in multiple areas of interest. Recruitments will be posted online at www.CalOpps.org.

Looking to save energy and money?

Check out the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) energy efficiency programs for single family, multifamily, and commercial property owners. BayREN offers free energy audits, cash rebates, and financing for eligible upgrades such as heating and cooling equipment, water heaters, and improved insulation.

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City Government Meetings
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.
January 13 & 27
February 10 & 24
March 9 & 23
*Unless otherwise noted

PLANNING COMMISSION
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January 6 & 20
February 3 & 17
March 2 & 16
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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION
Meets the first Wednesday of every even numbered month at 7 p.m., Library Community Room.

TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION COMMISSION
Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Enterprise Room, City Hall.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m., City Hall.

RESIDENTIAL DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meets the first and third Monday of the month, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.

City Hall Closures
Martin Luther King Day: Monday, January 20
President’s Day: Monday, February 17

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