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

City Manager

Age Friendly Cities Discussion
The office of Supervisor David J. Canepa is hosting a community discussion of Age Friendly Cities on November 12th at 5:30 p.m. The goal is to make San Mateo County better, more integrated, accessible, and enjoyable for older adults. To register please visit https://linktr.ee/davidjcanepa. For more details see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Administrative Services

Here is a quick update from the Human Resources Division of the Administrative Services Department on a recruitment to fill a vacant position at the City.

Recruitment in Progress
- Associate Planner – Second interviews were held this week

New Hire/Promotion
- A Maintenance Worker was promoted to Senior Maintenance Worker effective October 26th
Recently Adopted Ordinances 1564 – 1566
After holding duly noticed public hearings on October 12th, the City Council adopted the following Ordinances on October 26th:

- **Ordinance 1564 – Skyway Center Planned Development Plan**
  This Ordinance approves the Planned Development Plan and related zoning map amendments for Skyway Center (655 Skyway Road). For questions relating to this Ordinance, please contact Principal Planner Andrea Mardesich at amardesich@cityofsancarlos.org.

- **Ordinance 1565 – 887 Industrial Road Sign Program**
  This Ordinance amends the Planned Development Zoning District and associated Planned Development Plans for the approval of a sign program at 887 Industrial Road (previously known as Meridian 25). For questions relating to this Ordinance, please contact Principal Planner Lisa Costa Sanders at lcostasanders@cityofsancarlos.org.

- **Ordinance 1566 – Accessory Dwelling Units ("ADU") and Junior ADUs**
  This Ordinance amends various sections of the City’s Municipal Code to bring the City into compliance with State laws on Accessory Dwelling Units ("ADUs") and Junior ADUs. For questions relating to this Ordinance, please contact Planning Manager Lisa Porras at lporras@cityofsancarlos.org.

Election Day is Just Around the Corner!
Where to Vote
The three vote centers in San Carlos (listed below) will be opening their doors this Saturday October 31st – November 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and November 3rd from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- **Mahany Hall** – 1336 Arroyo Ave
- **Peninsula Masonic Lodge** – 1150 Arroyo Ave
- **Library Community Room** – 610 Elm St., 2nd Floor

San Carlos will also have the curbside drop-off ballot service in front of City Hall (southbound on Elm Street) on Election Day. Northbound traffic on Elm Street will be closed to through traffic during this time.

For additional details, including locating more vote centers and ballot drop-boxes in the County, use the County's look-up tool at [www.smcacre.org/vote/all](http://www.smcacre.org/vote/all) or contact the City Clerk’s Office at cityclerk@cityofsancarlos.org or (650) 802-4222.

Election Results
Election results will be released online at [smcvote.org](http://smcvote.org) on November 3rd beginning at 8:10 p.m. and again at 9:00 p.m. and each half-hour after until all ballots from the County’s Vote Centers have been reported.
Fire

Arguello Park Grass Fire Update
On October 26th at 9:26 p.m., the dispatch center received a report of a grass fire at Arguello Park, near the baseball field. Three fire engines and one Battalion Chief were dispatched. Engine 16 arrived on scene and reported the location of the fire to be at 208 Phelps Road. Battalion 3 arrived on scene and requested a 2nd alarm. There was a Strike-Team of five engines that were in San Mateo County as part of a state-wide up-staffing due to the expected wind event. This Strike-Team self-dispatched and arrived on the scene to assist. Listed below are the resources that responded to the incident.

E13 San Carlos
E16 San Carlos
E15 Belmont
BC3 Redwood City
BC5 San Mateo
BC11 Cal Fire
E119 Woodside
E132 Burlingame
E151 San Bruno
E161 South San Francisco
E104 Menlo Park
BC117 South San Francisco
E1771 Cal Fire
E1791 Cal Fire
Utility 17 Cal Fire
Water Tender 108 Woodside
Water Tender 158 Cal Fire

The fire was under control at 10:25 p.m. Crews worked for another few hours putting out hot spots within the burned area and cutting a line to bare dirt around the fire. An SMC-Alert message was sent to the residents directly surrounding the park to advise them that the fire was under control. To ensure no rekindling of the fire, the scene was staffed through the night and into the following afternoon. Public Works is evaluating the landscape, ensuring there are no safety issues. At this time, the cause of the fire is still undetermined. The fire was one acre in size and damaged a small shed on the property at 208 Phelps Road. One firefighter twisted a knee on the incident. We are very thankful that the weather conditions at the time of the incident did not support the growth of the fire.

Parks & Recreation

Reusable Food-ware Program
In an effort to reduce daily waste produced at the Youth Center, ReThink Disposable is partnering with the City on a program to reduce and eventually eliminate single-use food ware in our programs. ReThink Disposable supplied the Youth Center with new reusable plates, cups, and utensils. When operations resume, youth participants will enjoy a non-disposable option with “camp-style” metal enamel food ware and stainless steel utensils for daily after school snacks. Youth Center staff will also implement an educational component to the program on the connection between healthy food, healthy bodies/minds, and a healthy planet! View the full story here: https://youtu.be/SYXD_Brqx_k
Gobble Wobble Virtual Fun Run
Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Foundation, is hosting a Virtual 5K Gobble Wobble Fun Run! Participants are encouraged to get outside the week of Thanksgiving and walk, jog, run or bike/scooter a 5K route. Participants will be given three suggested routes around town, but can choose their own route as well. Finishing times and photos can be emailed to recreation@cityofsancarlos.org no later than Sunday, November 29th to be included in our results update. If you are interested in participating in the first Gobble Wobble, you can register online at www.CityofSanCarlos/register.

Dog Parks Opening Monday, November 2nd
Following several reported cases of kennel cough, out of an abundance of caution, the City Hall Dog Park and Heather Dog Run were closed. Both off leash dog areas are being cleaned and sanitized and will reopen on Monday, November 2nd.

Please remember all dogs visiting the dog park must have current license and vaccinations and be free from illness. Thank you for your understanding.

Police

Arrest - Shoplifting and Outstanding Warrant
On October 18th at approximately 4:50 p.m., deputies responded to CVS located at 1324 San Carlos Avenue on the report of shoplifting. Deputies located the suspect with $40 worth of stolen items in the parking lot of the store. The suspect was determined to be on County Probation, and a records check revealed he had a $20,000 warrant for resisting arrest and narcotics related offenses. The suspect was arrested, and the items were returned to CVS.

Adopt-a-Unit
In 2017, the City of San Carlos joined the Adopt-A-Unit Program by adopting the soldiers of the D Company I-506th Infantry, 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division (Screaming Eagles) home-based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Adopt-A-Unit is a non-profit organization that assists in developing a strong, supportive connection between our armed forces and the civilian communities they serve by sending letters and care packages.

Donations to the program are tax deductible (Tax ID# 82-1499903) and are used to cover the costs of creating and shipping care packages. If you would like to donate, please do so via the following PayPal link. 
[PayPal link]

Letters and cards for the soldiers are also welcome! Please mail them to the Sheriff's Office at 600 Elm Street, San Carlos, CA 94070. For questions about the Adopt-a-Unit program, please contact Dorothy Halley at dhalley@smcgov.org or (650) 802-4227.
Public Works

San Carlos Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Safety Project
The San Carlos Avenue Pedestrian Safety Project was in construction when the COVID-19 Shelter in Place (SIP) order took effect. The project was scheduled to be completed in September/October this year, but the City suspended the project and had the contractor develop and implement a COVID-19 worksite safety plan. Unfortunately, with the project suspension and the SIP, the schedule has been delayed.

From the end of October 2020 to January 2021, the project will remain as is until PG&E installs new meters to support the project. The contractor will continue to maintain traffic control and will implement a new traffic safety plan at the intersection of San Carlos Avenue and Alameda De Las Pulgas, which will improve safety for all users during this suspension.

The project is expected to resume work in early January 2021 with an expected completion date of March 2021. The latest information about the project and current status can be found at: https://www.cityofsancarlos.org/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/95/435

Maintenance Worker Promotion
Effective October 26th, Matthew Quinn was promoted from Maintenance Worker to Senior Maintenance Worker. Matthew has been with the City for approximately three years and is excited for the new opportunity and the years to come! Matthew lives with his wife and two children in Pacifica.

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THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR DAVID J. CANEPA PRESENTS:

Age Friendly Cities

NOVEMBER 12TH AT 5:30 P.M.

REGISTER HERE:

https://linktr.ee/davidjcanepa

Join us for a community discussion with six Age-Friendly participating cities aimed at making San Mateo County better, more integrated, more accessible, and more enjoyable for our residents, especially older adults.

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

To submit a question to be answered at the event, please e-mail Ann Keighran at akeighran@smcgov.org