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

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.

**New Hire**
- Associate Planner – New hire to start on December 8th

City Clerk

**Commission Recruitment Update**
Due to the election of a Planning Commissioner to the City Council, we are anticipating an unscheduled vacancy on the Planning Commission. The City will begin recruitment in early December to fill the seat. Additional details will be available in the coming weeks on the City’s website at [www.cityofsancarlos.org/currentopenings](http://www.cityofsancarlos.org/currentopenings). For more information, please contact Crystal Mui, City Clerk, at cmui@cityofsancarlos.org.
Community Development

Citywide Wayfinding Program
The Citywide Wayfinding Program was initiated to develop a consistent signage program for the City of San Carlos. Under Phase 1 of the program, the City engaged Hunt Design to develop a branded and coherent signage plan for the City that incorporated gateway monuments, signage for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians, and directional signage to parking and sites of interest around San Carlos.

As the designs and construction drawings for these elements are now complete, the City is ready to move into Phase 2: fabrication and installation. Under Phase 2, the City intends to hire a sign manufacturer to fabricate and install this signage throughout San Carlos. The cost to fabricate and install these signs is expected to fall under $350,000. Soon after January 1, 2021, the City will release a request for proposals seeking fabricators to construct and install these signs.

Fire

CERT Training
The San Carlos/Redwood City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was invited to join the San Mateo Consolidated CERT in a “Sandbagging Training” event on November 21st at the Belmont Corporation Yard, directed by the Belmont Public Works Department.

This training provided informative hands-on experience in filling, handling, tying, and the proper use of sandbags. The Public Works staff also provided demonstrations of effective ways to lay out the bags for sealing out water.

All the participants wore proper face coverings and gloves and observed social distancing at all times under the direction of Public Works staff.

For the nine San Carlos/Redwood City CERT participants, the satisfaction of learning a new skill and being able to prepare to help the community for the upcoming rains was demonstrated by their unified teamwork throughout the morning.

Parks & Recreation

Youth Advisory Council District Virtual Social
On Friday, November 20th, the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) attended a virtual district-wide social with other youth committees and councils from the peninsula. The virtual platform allowed groups to get together to socialize, network, and inspire one another during these challenging times. Over 140 teens across 17 Bay Area cities connected to exchange ideas on how they can better their communities.
**Donation Drive for Homeless a Success!**
Thank you to everyone in the community who donated to the Youth Advisory Council’s “Care for COVID Homeless” donation drive. It was a huge success! All items collected will be donated to LifeMoves Shelter Network, supporting homeless families in the greater community. A special thank you to the Redwood City Youth Advisory Board and Belmont VOICES teen volunteers for joining San Carlos YAC on this project.

If you missed the drop-off date this past weekend, there is still time to make a difference as the drive will continue virtually. To donate, visit our Amazon Wish List [here](#). Please select "LifeMoves’ Gift Registry Address" for shipping.

**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 the week of Thanksgiving. Participants will be given three suggested routes around town, but can choose their own route as well.

The event sold out with 130 participants. Finishing times and photos will be posted on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page on November 30th.

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**Police**

**COVID-19 Health Order Enforcement**
On Tuesday, November 17th, following an increase in coronavirus cases, the state of California moved San Mateo County to the Red Tier, where the risk level from the virus is considered “substantial.” It is possible that the County will soon move into the Purple “Widespread” Tier.

The San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office continues to seek voluntary compliance with local Health Orders. A Deputy encountering a violation will prioritize education first. If this approach is unsuccessful, the Deputy will advise the offending persons that failure to comply with the Health Orders could result in a written warning or citation for the misdemeanor offense. If you would like to report a non-compliant business, please call the COVID-19 Public Call Center at 2-1-1 or visit [https://cmo.smcgov.org/health-order-violation-reporting-appeals-businesses](https://cmo.smcgov.org/health-order-violation-reporting-appeals-businesses).

We want to thank everyone for doing their best to understand and follow the County’s Health Orders. Please continue to practice social distancing, limit travel to essential activities, and wear a face covering when outside of the home. We are all in this together, and we must do our part to stay healthy and safe. The entire text of the Health Orders and additional information can be found on the San Mateo County Health website at: [https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus](https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus).

**Be Safe and Take a Sober Ride Home This Thanksgiving Holiday**
Over the Thanksgiving holiday, the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office encourages drivers to arrive at their destinations safely by not driving impaired. November 25th through 29th, the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office will have additional deputies on patrol looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Deputies will also be looking for other unsafe
driving practices – speeding, not wearing a seat belt, driving distracted – to make sure everyone has a safe holiday.

“We want everyone to enjoy the holidays and be safe when they must travel,” said Sheriff Carlos Bolanos. “Taking simple safety measures like driving sober, following the speed limit, and wearing a seat belt helps keep you and others safe.”

The Sheriff’s Office reminds drivers that a “DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze.” Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

Public Works

Wheeler Plaza Parking Garage – Main Entrance Sign
The existing electronic sign at the main entrance of Wheeler Plaza Parking Garage has been repaired and re-installed after being struck and damaged by a moving truck approximately two months ago. The sign currently reads that the parking garage is open but staff is working on installing the system that will notify the public about the number of available parking stalls within the garage. In the meantime, the garage is open and offers plenty of parking.