



San Carlos Good Living

Upcoming Events

Music in the Park

Friday, July 7 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Burton Park / cityofsancarlos.org/music

Music in the Park

Friday, July 14 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Burton Park / cityofsancarlos.org/music

San Carlos Block Party

Sunday, July 16 • 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Burton Park / cityofsancarlos.org/events

Music in the Park

Friday, July 21 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Burton Park / cityofsancarlos.org/music

Summer Movie Night

Saturday, July 22 •
Sunset approximately 8:30 p.m.
Burton Park / cityofsancarlos.org/events

Music in the Park

Wednesday, July 28 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Burton Park / cityofsancarlos.org/music

Music in the Park

Friday, August 4 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Burton Park / cityofsancarlos.org/music

Summer Movie Night

Saturday, August 5 •
Sunset approximately 8:30 p.m.
Burton Park / cityofsancarlos.org/events

Family Camp Out

Friday – Saturday,
August 11-12 •
Burton Park
cityofsancarlos.org/events

Summer Movie Night

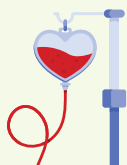
Saturday, August 19 •
Sunset approximately 8:30 p.m.
Burton Park / cityofsancarlos.org/events

Block Party

Sunday, August 27 • 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Burton Park / cityofsancarlos.org/events

YAC Blood Drive

Saturday, September 23 •
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Youth Center (1001 Chestnut Street)
cityofsancarlos.org/blooddrive



NEW CITY WEBSITE

Virtual City Hall Puts San Carlos at Your Fingertips

You may have noticed something different about our City website recently — it's brand new!

We've completely redesigned cityofsancarlos.org with our community in mind. Created to function as a "virtual City Hall," we've prioritized intuitive organization, robust online services, and easy to access information.



From our new predictive search to interactive development maps, dynamic online forms, and streamlined news, it has never been easier to keep your finger on the pulse of everything happening in the City of Good Living. Our new site is also optimized for viewing on smart phones and tablets, ensuring you have access to the information and services you need on the go or on the couch!

If you haven't already, head over to cityofsancarlos.org to check out the brand-new website for yourself. Drop us a comment on social media or email us at communications@cityofsancarlos.org and let us know what new features you're loving and any suggestions you have to improve our virtual City Hall services.

Sign Up for E-News

E-News (formerly e-Notify) is the new email notification system for the City of San Carlos!

Important: If you were previously subscribed to e-Notify categories, you must re-subscribe on the new E-News system.

Visit cityofsancarlos.org/enews to opt into the categories of your choice and stay up-to-date on the latest events, programs, and projects in the City of Good Living.

Questions? E-mail us at communications@cityofsancarlos.org.



Protecting Trees and Community Values

Why Protect Trees?

In 2021, the San Carlos community and the City Council made it a priority to improve and update our Protected Tree Ordinance to maintain the city's heritage and significant trees. After a year of study and discussion, the City Council adopted a new Protected Tree Ordinance in the summer of 2022. As a part of this effort, the City also engaged a new arborist team, Bartlett Consulting, to partner with the Planning Division. Together, the Planning Division and Bartlett Consulting will process and evaluate all protected tree pruning and removal applications, and provide guidance to the community on tree-related issues.

Protecting trees is an important community value in the City of Good Living. San Carlos is known for its mature and native tree species, which contribute to the city's charm and climate-friendliness. Preserving existing trees and promoting new tree plantings helps maintain and expand our urban canopy. Trees provide us with shade, cooling, reduced carbon emissions, and natural beauty.

A protected tree is defined as a heritage tree, significant tree, City Council-designated tree, a tree planted as part of a development project, or a tree planted to replace a removed protected tree.

Understanding Protected Trees

Understanding whether a tree is protected is important if you own property in San Carlos, or if you have concerns about a tree's health or structural integrity. If you plan to perform any construction work on your lot, including landscaping and grading, it is essential to know if any protected trees are on or near your property. The City often requires tree protection measures and arborist reports for such projects, along with approval from the City Arborist prior to beginning any work.

For more information, please visit cityofsancarlos.org/trees.



City Manager's Corner

In the last few months, our San Carlos community has come together to celebrate and support one another for Mental Health Awareness Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Pride Month, Juneteenth, and more. Recognizing these causes and honoring these identities is a key piece of upholding our community values of inclusion, diversity, and personal empathy.

As summer fun comes to the City of Good Living, it's important to remember that many of our neighbors, friends, and family will continue to fight battles related to mental health or personal identity, long after Mental Health Month or Pride Month is over. I want to thank everyone in San Carlos who continues to offer their love and support year-round for those in need of it, whether through structured events and programming or informal assistance. Sometimes, just being a friend or providing an ear to listen is all it takes to make a world of difference.

Please use the resource links below to find information and help whenever you or a loved one may need it.

Thank you again for taking care of one another and have a wonderful summer.

Jeff Maltbie

Community Resources: • cityofsancarlos.org/mentalhealth • onelifecounselingcenter.com • star-vista.org • sanmateopride.org •

City of San Carlos Protected Trees

A protected tree is defined as a heritage tree, significant tree, City Council-designated tree, a tree planted as part of a development project, or a tree planted to replace a removed protected tree.

Heritage Tree Species

These heritage species are considered protected once they reach a specific size in diameter, measured at 54" above the ground:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Min. Protected Diameter
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	Buckeye	9" or greater
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Madrone	9" or greater
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	9" or greater
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley oak	9" or greater
<i>Quercus douglassii</i>	Blue oak	9" or greater
<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>	Interior live oak	9" or greater
<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	Redwood	15" or greater
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California bay laurel	11" or greater

Significant Tree Size

Any tree that is eleven inches (11") in diameter, outside of bark, measured at 54" above the ground, is considered protected as a significant tree. However, unprotected species are not protected regardless of size.

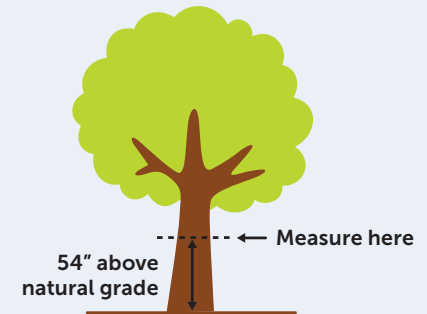
Unprotected Tree Species

These species are considered *unprotected* regardless of their size or location:

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>A. baileyana</i> , <i>A. decurrens</i> , or <i>A. melanoxylon</i>	Bailey, Green or Black Acacia
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of Heaven
—	Fruit trees of any kind
<i>Pinus radiata</i>	Monterey Pine
<i>Eucalyptus</i> genera	Eucalyptus
Monocot trees	Palms and palm relatives

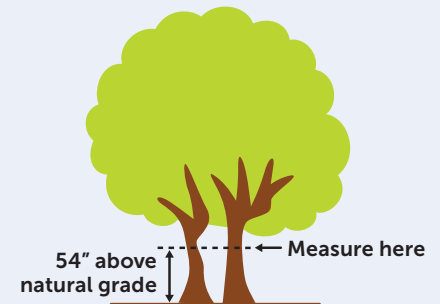
Single Trunk

Measure the diameter straight across the trunk, 54" from the natural grade (ground).



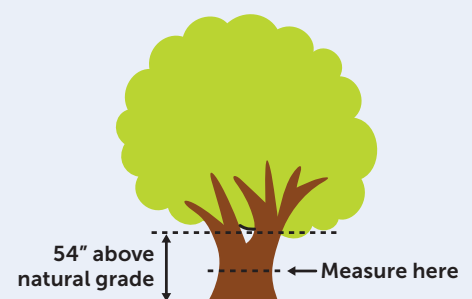
Multiple Trunks (Below Ground)

Measure the diameter of each trunk, 54" from natural grade (ground); use largest diameter.



Multiple Trunks (Above Ground)

Measure the diameter at the narrowest part of the trunk beneath the split.





Do you need a permit to prune or remove a protected tree?

If your tree is considered protected, a permit from the City must be approved before you can prune or remove the tree. Pruning means trimming greater than 25% of the tree's canopy or root system. You can prune or remove unprotected trees without contacting the City. Removing a tree, even if unprotected, reduces the urban canopy's coverage, alters wind patterns, and may affect privacy. It is encouraged to replant trees and consult the City's Preferred Tree List for species selection.

In case of an emergency, where a protected tree poses imminent life-threatening hazards, contact the Planning Division immediately and take and provide photos (if safe to do so). Emergency requests do not require a permit application.

The Planning Division can be reached at planning@cityofsancarlos.org, or at (650) 802-4263.

For more information on protected trees, please visit cityofsancarlos.org/trees.



New Design Standards for Houses and Residential Development

Since late 2022, the City has been diligently working to create Objective Design Standards for future residential developments – both big and small. “Objective Design Standards” are quantifiable standards that remove personal judgment (i.e., subjectivity) from the application review process.

The City is creating Objective Design Standards for:

- ▶ **Single-Family Residences** which include homes, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and infill (SB-9) units. SB-9 allows property owners to split their single-family residential lots into two separate lots, each of which can be developed with a residential unit.
- ▶ **Mixed-Use & Multi-Family Buildings** which include larger residential buildings, like apartment complexes or condos.

The City is creating these standards to make the process of adding new residences easier, faster, and more streamlined. A recently enacted State law requires that two or more residential units be reviewed based on objective (rather than subjective) criteria only. The goal is to facilitate the construction of much-needed housing in San Carlos in a shorter timeframe.

- ▶ **Draft Objective Standards for single-family residences:** On June 19, 2023, the Planning & Transportation Commission reviewed the final draft standards and provided a recommendation to the City Council on adoption of the standards.
- ▶ **Draft Standards for mixed-use and multi-family buildings:** The intent is to seek your input to create attractive, engaging designs for new mixed-use and multi-family developments. Visit the project website to share your thoughts using an input form.

The Objective Design Standards for Single-Family Residences will be effective by fall 2023, and the Objective Design Standards for Mixed-Use & Multi-Family Residences will be effective by early 2024.

For more information, please visit cityofsancarlos.org/designstandards.



New Water-Wall Barriers Combine Form with Function

When the City Council decided to move forward with the transformation of the 700 block of Laurel Street into a pedestrian-only plaza, the public asked whether the orange water-wall barriers would become a permanent fixture. While effective at directing traffic and keeping the community safe, the bright orange color and reflective strips detracted from the esthetics of our beloved downtown.



To transform the orange barriers (and maintain their safety functionality), City staff designed and constructed white wood planter covers to fit perfectly over the water-wall. To add further charm, flowerpots were suspended on the top portion of the planters using a secure cabling system.



Staff also engineered a custom water-wicking system to pull small amounts of water stored in the barriers up into the pots for continuous watering of the plants, reducing the need for daily manual watering by the maintenance team. Finally, wheels were added to a small number of planters for easy reconfiguration without the need to first drain the barrier.

During this process, the idea to repurpose old cement garbage receptacles into planters was also formulated. The receptacles had been in storage for some time, and a team of staff, led by Public Works Superintendent Lou Duran, recognized their potential. With a new coat of bright paint and the same water-wicking system as the planters, the garbage receptacles were brought back to life and distributed downtown along with the water-wall planters.

See them for yourself as you stroll Laurel Street at one of our upcoming Farmers' Markets this summer!

Stay Wildfire Safe

Now is the perfect time to update your wildfire safety plan. Make sure your home is protected from the threat of wildfire by creating defensible space around your home. Trim overgrown grass, weeds, and shrubs, and pull any dead plants from your yard.



Our favorite helpers were back again this year to rid our parks of potential fire fuels.



Get additional wildfire safety information at cityofsancarlos.org/wildfire.



CITY OF SAN CARLOS
600 Elm Street, San Carlos, CA 94070
cityofsancarlos.org
650-802-4100

PRSRT STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
HAYWARD, CA
PERMIT #3335

*****ECRWSSDDM*****
POSTAL CUSTOMER

City Council Mission Statement

The City of San Carlos provides high-quality services and facilities to its residents in an equitable, sustainable, transparent, responsive, and friendly manner to foster an inclusive, safe, and healthy community now and in the future.

Council, Commission, and Committee Meetings

Elected Officials

(650) Area Code

Adam Rak, Mayor <i>arak@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4163
John Dugan, Vice Mayor <i>jdugan@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4164
Ron Collins, Council Member <i>rcollins@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4161
Sara McDowell, Council Member <i>smcdowell@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4162
Pranita Venkatesh, Council Member <i>pvenkatesh@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4160
Inge Tiegel, City Treasurer <i>itiegel@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4165

City Hall Contacts

City Manager Jeff Maltbie <i>jmaltbie@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4228
Assistant City Manager Nil Blackburn <i>nblackburn@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4230
Administrative Services Director Rebecca Mendenhall <i>rmendenhall@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4128
Building Department – General line	802-4261
City Attorney Greg Rubens <i>grubens@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	(408) 606-6300
Community Relations Director/ City Clerk Crystal Mui <i>cmui@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4219
Community Development Director Al Savay <i>asavay@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4263
San Carlos/ Redwood City Deputy Fire Chief Dave Pucci <i>dpucci@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	780-7400
Parks & Recreation Director Amy Newby <i>anewby@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4131
Planning Department – General line	802-4263
Police Chief Mark Myers <i>mtmyers@smcgov.org</i>	802-4227
Police Business/Non-Emergency line	802-4321
Public Works Director Steven Machida <i>smachida@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4203
Public Works Department – General line	802-4200
Communications Manager Brian Cary (Editor, Good Living) <i>bcary@cityofsancarlos.org</i>	802-4218



Most City Council and Planning & Transportation Commission Meetings can be accessed remotely via Zoom.

Please visit cityofsancarlos.org/agenda for the most current meeting information.

Council, Commission and Committee 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 cityofsancarlos.org and replayed on Comcast Channel 27 Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

August 14 & 28

September 11 & 25

**Unless otherwise noted*

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meets the first and third 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 cityofsancarlos.org and replayed on Comcast Channel 27 Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

August 7 & 21

September 4 & 18

**Unless otherwise noted*

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

Meets the first Wednesday of every even numbered month at 7 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m.

RESIDENTIAL DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meets the first and third Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

City Hall Closures

July 4

Labor Day: September 4

Contact Information and Hot Lines

Reporting Abandoned Vehicles	802-4236
Reporting Graffiti	802-4235
Sports Field Condition	802-4333

Social Media



Like us on Facebook:
facebook.com/cityofsancarlos



Follow us on Twitter:
[@CityofSanCarlos](https://twitter.com/CityofSanCarlos)



Follow us on Instagram:
[@CityofSanCarlos](https://www.instagram.com/CityofSanCarlos)

