



CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO | MAR 2021

Community Newsletter



Community & Economic Development

San Bernardino's Active Transportation Plan

The City of San Bernardino is developing an Active Transportation Plan (ATP):



The Plan aims to provide localized strategies to improve safety, access, and connectivity for people walking and biking in San Bernardino. Regionally, the San Bernardino ATP will supplement and enhance the County's existing planning efforts. Locally, the ATP will also complement the General Plan Update and Downtown Specific Plan projects.

A multi-modal transportation system provides residents and visitors more ways to get to and from where they want to go, helping improve health outcomes and environmental conditions. Stay tuned for more updates on the San Bernardino ATP! More information and public engagement opportunities will be announced later this month.

Thinkwise Federal Credit Union

The City of San Bernardino welcomes the Thinkwise Federal Credit Union and their Corporate headquarters to 599. N E Street.

Taking residence in the Victorian designed building, Thinkwise membership is open to all employees who work regularly in the Educational Industry, Persons retired, pensioners, or annuitants from this field of membership; members of their immediate families or households; volunteers; and organizations within San Bernardino and surrounding counties. Thinkwise Credit Union will be open for business starting on March 9th, 2021.



The Starfish Story

Mental Health Systems (MHS), a Behavioral Service Organization, in partnership with the City of San Bernardino launched a program called, "San Bernardino City Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)" in the City of San Bernardino as part of its Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to serve homeless individuals residing within the city. The mission of our program is to provide street outreach, connect with homeless individuals, and provide them with critical services and developing a case management plan that will assist in movement toward self-sufficiency as a contributing member of their community.

One of the six clients we housed last week was a man named Jack (name protected). He had been on the streets of San Bernardino for more than six years and is a senior citizen with a persistent mental health condition and has not been on his medication for over three years. He thought about the things that were being offered to him in service. Although, initially very distrustful during the first several meetings, eventually he decided to take a chance with us, and we saw him outside our door a few days later. All of the details of his story are yet to be told, but we hope to reconnect him to his best possible self. We will support all attempts for wellness and recovery using a "Housing First", and "Harm Reduction" model of treatment, which are both evidence-based practices in treatment and housing mentally ill- homeless individuals.



Client "Kenny" (name protected). ACT team met with Kenny at Seccombe Lake Park on Friday March 5th. He had lost his wife and had suffered a mental health crisis that left him homeless. "Kenny" walked from Seccombe Lake Park to the MHS offices at 1181 E. Highland Avenue for what he called a "second chance".

He has now seen the psychiatrist, and has been placed in housing. "Kenny" is very grateful for the MHS team and a second chance at life. He plans to return to work and be self-sufficient once more!

This made us reflect on the story referred to as "The Starfish Story". It talks about thousands of starfish that were being washed up on the shore and dying. A passerby saw a man throwing them back into the ocean one by one. The passerby asked, "Why are you doing this? You can't possibly make a difference". The man held up one starfish, threw it back in the ocean, and smiled stating, "I made a difference for that one." For us at MHS, that story reminds us of our purpose. We have been given the challenge and privilege to work with folks like "Jack" and we are making a difference one life at a time.

CITY NEWS

**February
Stats**



City Parks

The Parks division manages hundreds of acres for different parks, playgrounds and related facilities.



Before



After

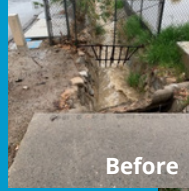
Parks Crew recently continued the beautification efforts by installing rocks at Meadowbrook Park. They also replaced 350 feet of fence at Nunez Park, Gutierrez Park and Palm Field.



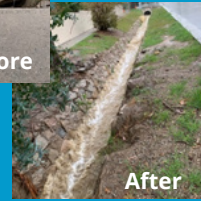
Storm Water

The Storm Water Division maintains approximately 118 miles of storm drains and 1,535 street culverts.

Maintenance on storm drains will continue to help keep them functioning properly, cleaned and well-inspected for good operating and environmental conditions.



Before



After



Before



After



Urban Forestry

This Division is responsible for and manages the safety trimming of over 75,000 trees within the City.

Trees Trimmed - 548
Dead Trees Removed - 400



Removing a downed branch at Sterling Ave.



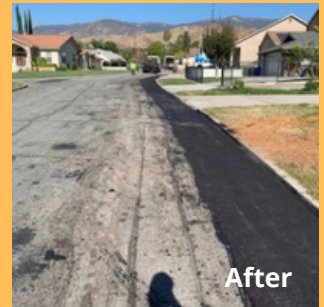
Street, Pothole & Sidewalk Repairs

The team is dedicated to repairing streets and sidewalks including abating debris, weeds, and illegal dumping.

Potholes Filled - 2,126
Hot Patches - 38 / 4,295 Sq.Ft.
Sidewalk Repairs - 3 Locations
Right of Ways - 6 Locations
Vacant Lots - 1 Location
Illegal Dumps - 182 Locations



Before



After

Hot Patch Crew at El Verde & El Camino



Before



After

Sidewalk repair on Alameda St.

Parks & Recreation**We're Hiring Lifeguards & Pool Managers for Swim Season 2021!**

The City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is gearing up to open the 2021 Swim Season from May (Memorial Day Weekend) through September (Labor Day) at these five locations: Jerry Lewis Family Swim Center, Delmann Heights, Hernandez, Encanto Park, and Nunez Pools (depend on staffing availability). The available positions are:

Lifeguard	\$15.13 - \$16.68/hr
Senior Lifeguard	\$17.19 - \$18.95/hr
Pool Manager I	\$19.02 - \$20.97/hr

Aquatics Training and Certification classes are offered in March, April, May, and June for Lifeguards and Pool Managers ages 15 years and up. Junior Lifeguard Training Certification classes for ages 11-15 years are offered in three 2-week sessions in June and July at a subsidized fee thanks to a grant contribution from Kaiser Permanente. Visit www.SBCity.org/Parks/Aquatics for additional information on Training and Certification classes. (The applicant is responsible for all fees for training and certification classes.)

All applicants are required to show proof of current Lifeguard Certifications prior to first day of employment. All interested candidates are invited to review position requirements and apply online at www.SBCity.org/HR

Cesar Chavez Day Celebration - March 31, 2021

Cesar Chavez (1927-1993) was an American labor leader, community organizer, and Latino American civil rights activist. He was a union leader and labor organizer who dedicated his life to improving the treatment, pay and working conditions for farm workers. In 1962 he founded an organization that grew into the United Farm Workers Union, where he negotiated hundreds of contracts and spearheaded a landmark law that made California farm workers the only ones in the nation entitled to protected union activity. In his most enduring legacy, Cesar Chavez gave people a sense of their own power. (2017, Biography.com)



Photo Source: Arthur Schatz



Photo Source: LatinoOutdoors.org

Join the City of San Bernardino Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department in celebrating the legacy of Cesar Chavez in a day of service and activities at your nearest Community Center:

Delmann Heights - 2969 N. Flores St.
 Lytle Creek - 380 S. K St.
 Ruben Campos - 1717 W. 5th St.
 Rudy C. Hernandez - 222 N. Lugo Ave.
 Verdemont - 3664 W. Little League Dr.

Community Food Distribution

For information on distribution days / times / locations visit

www.sbcity.org/cityhall/parks

or

Call (909) 384-5233



San Bernardino Public Library

SBPL Patrons Continue to Pick Up Books Placed on Hold at All Four City Libraries

Patrons of the San Bernardino Public Library will be able to pick up books placed on hold Feldheim Central Library at 555 W. Sixth St., Rowe Branch at 108 E. Marshall Blvd., Inghram Branch at 1505 W. Highland Ave. and Villaseñor Branch at 525 N. Mt. Vernon.

Books may be picked up Monday – Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at all four libraries. Books may be placed on hold at the library website at www.sbpl.org or by phone.

In-N-Out Burger Reading Program

Starting Saturday, March 6 and runs through Saturday, April 17 as children ages 4 to 12 can receive a coupon for a free hamburger or cheeseburger for every five books read. These prizes can be received three times during the program's operational dates. People can sign up by calling Feldheim at 909-381-8235 Monday – Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or the three branch libraries (Rowe - 909-883-3411, Inghram - 909-887-4494 or Villaseñor - 909-383-5156) Monday – Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as our services are adjusted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Information is also available by visiting www.sbpl.org.

Electronic Magazines Now Available Via Overdrive

Electronic editions of popular magazines that were available from R & B Digital Magazines at our website at www.sbpl.org are now available via Overdrive, which also offers eBooks and eAudiobooks. Available for patrons to enjoy is a package of over 3,000 popular magazine titles and up to three years of back issues where available. Overdrive content can also be accessed by its award-winning Libby app. Overdrive and other online resources at our website are free to library cardholders. Don't yet have a library card? You can also sign up online.

Literacy Program Distributes More than 550 Literacy Outreach Bags

The grant-funded Literacy Program offered at the Jack L. Hill Lifelong Learning Center at Feldheim's Central Library is distributing Family Literacy Outreach bags for the local preschool, transitional kindergarten (T-K), and kindergarten classes. We will include in these bags books, school supplies, activity sheets, and marketing information for our Literacy program, for both adults and family. We hope to not only reach out and help these students and their families, but also strengthen our partnership with the San Bernardino City Unified School District and increase our Family Literacy participation numbers.

Check us out Online!

Go to www.SBPL.org or
Our Facebook Pages



SBPLFriends
SBCityLib

Animal Services

O'Malley's Close Call

On Wednesday, February 17th, San Bernardino City Animal Control Officer Arianna Gonzalez was called out to rescue an injured cat on the 215 Freeway onramp at Baseline Street. Animal Control Officers Melinda Driscoll and Derek Stevens responded to assist in the rescue. San Bernardino Police helped block the onramp entrance to keep cars from driving onto the freeway while Animal Control attempted to confine the cat.

As you can imagine, the cat was terrified and as soon as our officers pulled up, he jumped off the wall and quickly scurried under one of the Animal Control Trucks. The three officers worked together to coax him back out from under the truck and into one of their compartments so that they could get him back to the safety of the animal shelter.

Based on his condition, we think he may have been resting inside someone's car engine and jumped out when they were driving onto the on-ramp. He is a 2-year old male orange tabby underneath the smoke and dirt. Once he was with us for a couple of days, staff gave the cat, now named O'Malley, a bath. O'Malley was grateful to get help ridding himself of the engine dust and grease and purred the entire time. He has quickly become a staff favorite, chirping and meowing for visitors and basking in attention. He is now available for adoption, his ID # is A536849.



O'Malley



Water Department

Do you know your watering days?

The San Bernardino Municipal Water Department encourages efficient use of water outdoors. Water Use Efficiency Standards include a 3-day irrigation schedule with watering on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays before 8:00 AM and after 6:00 PM.

Here are some more ways to save:

- Keep irrigation cycles to 15 minutes or less per station per day
- Clean driveways and sidewalks with a broom instead of a hose
- Remember to turn off your sprinklers for a couple days after it rains
- Fix and regularly inspect for leaks in the irrigation system



Let's all do our part to save water! For a full list of current Water Use Efficiency Standards, please visit the Water Department website at: SBMWD.org/Conservation or call Water Department customer service at (909) 384-5141.

For questions regarding landscape ordinances for the City of San Bernardino, please call the SB Direct line at: (909) 384-7272.

Mayor's Corner

Mt. Vernon Bridge Tour

Dismantling of the Mt. Vernon Bridge is underway! Mayor John Valdivia and Council Member Theodore Sanchez toured the progress of the bridge reconstruction on February 5, 2021, along with Senator Connie Leyva, Assembly Member Eloise Gomez Reyes, and Supervisor Joe Baca Jr.



Hosted by San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), the elected officials were invited to see the work done thus far on the \$230 million dollar project. Determined to beautify the city and ensure the safety of its residents, the city of San Bernardino joined a cooperative funding agreement with SBCTA, and BNSF to share costs not covered by federal funds.

Once complete, the structurally-sound bridge will feature widened travel lanes, sidewalks, a center median and new bike lanes. The historic bridge, connecting north and south San Bernardino to the west side of town, was closed to traffic on December 29, 2020 and is expected to remain so until 2023.

Advisory Committee Opportunities Available

The City of San Bernardino has started work on updating the General Plan and creating a Downtown Specific Plan. As part of these two large undertakings, Advisory Committees have been created as an important component of the public participation program. These committees will participate in a series of meetings and serve as the primary communication channels for making recommendations to the Planning Commission and the Mayor and City Council.

If you are interested in serving on either the

General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) OR Downtown Specific Plan Advisory Committee

We encourage you to submit an application. To do so, visit www.sbcity.org, Click on About, and Boards, Commissions & Committees or call (909) 384-5188.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Spring into Fun with the New GRAB 'n GO Recreation Box!

Contact a participating community center for details or scan the code:

Ruben Campos Community Center
 (909) 384-5421 | 1717 West 5th Street, San Bernardino

Delmann Heights Community Center
 (909) 880-1362 | 2969 North Flores Street, San Bernardino

Hernandez Community Center
 (909) 384-5420 | 222 North Lugo Avenue, San Bernardino

Lytle Creek Community Center
 (909) 384-5424 | 380 South K Street, San Bernardino

Verdemont Community Center
 (909) 361-2574 | 3664 Little League Drive, San Bernardino

Registration is FREE!!
 Pre-registration is required.
 Limited quantities.

Spark children's imagination and curiosity for exploration at home. GRAB 'n GO Recreation Boxes are filled with the various supplies, an Activity Guide, and a Cooking 4 Kids Recipe Booklet. Videos will guide you through activities, experiments, & story time.



CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO
 Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department
 201-A North E Street, Suite 301, San Bernardino, CA 92401
 www.SBCity.org/PARKS
 For more information, call (909) 384-5233



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UPCOMING EVENTS

CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINIC



CO-ED

AGES 5 - 12

\$45 RESIDENTS

\$50 NON-RESIDENTS

**REGISTRATION DATES:
MARCH 7 - MARCH 21**

**PROGRAM DATES:
APRIL 5 - APRIL 28**

**PROGRAM DAYS:
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
(909) 384-5424
BROWN_FE@SBCITY.ORG
REGISTER AT WWW.SBCITY.ORG/PARKS



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YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINIC

The Youth Football Clinic is designed to give the youth in our community the opportunity to stay active while continuing to practice and better their skills in football. Our focus will be conditioning and training where staff is able to build the participants skills by running a variety of different drills. This will be a 4 week clinic that will run twice a week. Our goal is to motivate and promote a healthy life style to all participants in a safe environment, while abiding by Covid-19 guidelines.

Fees:	\$45 Residents \$50 Non- Residents
Fee Includes:	T-shirt and Football
Location:	Lytle Creek Park (380 S. K St.)
Program Dates:	April 5 - April 28
Program Day:	Monday and Wednesday
Times Available:	5:00pm - 5:45pm 6:00pm - 6:45pm
Ages:	5 - 12 Co-ed

JUVENTUD CLINICA DE FUTBOL AMERICANO

La clínica de fútbol americano está diseñada para brindarles a los jóvenes de nuestra comunidad la oportunidad de mantenerse activos mientras continúan a practicar y siguen a mejorar sus habilidades del deporte. Nos enfocaremos en el acondicionamiento y la capacitación de los jóvenes para poder desarrollar las habilidades de diferente ejercicios. La clínica será 2 veces por semana por 4 semanas. Nuestro objetivo es motivar y promover una vida saludable para nuestros participantes, mientras respetamos las reglas de Covid-19.

Precio:	\$45 Residentes \$50 No - Residentes
La tarifa incluye:	Camiseta y Pelota de futbol americano
Ubicación:	Lytle Creek Park (380 S. K St.)
Fecha del programa:	5 de abril - 28 de abril
Día del programa:	Lunes y Miércoles
Horario disponible:	5:00pm - 5:45pm 6:00pm - 6:45pm
Edades:	5 - 12 Co-ed

CITY INFORMATION

Office Locations & Hours of Operation

Our Public Service Counters are open to the Public by Appointment Only
For assistance, please call us at (909) 384-7272 or visit our website www.SBCity.org

Vanir Tower

290 N. D St., San Bernardino, CA 92401
 CITY INFORMATION CENTER/VISITOR CHECK-IN

Mayor	City Manager
City Council	Finance
City Attorney	Human Resources

201 N. E St., San Bernardino, CA 92401

SPACE 201A - ONE-STORY BUILDING
 Entrance located on E Street (near 2nd street)

Business Registration
 Parks, Recreation and Community Services
 City Clerk

SPACE 201B - THREE-STORY BUILDING

Entrances located on E Street, next to Big Five and the southwest corner of the parking structure rooftop level

Community & Economic Development	Information Technology
- Administration	Multipurpose Room
- Building & Safety	Public Works
- Code Enforcement	- Administration
- Housing	- Engineering
- Planning	- Land Development
	- Off-site Permits
	- Real Property
	- Traffic Division

City Cable Channel Studio
 - Inland Empire Media Group

710 N. D St., San Bernardino, CA 92401

San Bernardino Police Department
 909-384-5742 / Dispatch 909-383-5311


555 W. 6th St., San Bernardino, CA 92410

San Bernardino Public Library | Admin. Offices | 909-381-8201
 Hours vary by location, please visit www.SBPL.org for details

1350 S. E St., San Bernardino, CA 92408


Water Dept. Customer Service Offices | 909-384-5095
 Water Emergency (24 hours) | 909-384-5141


Ways to Connect


 **SB Direct**
909-384-7272

 **www.SBCity.org**

 **Mobile App**
GORequest

 **Channel 3**
(IEMediaGroup)

 **City Information Center**
290 North D Street

 **SBCConnect**
AM1610 radio

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@SBParksAndRecreation

@SanBernardinoPD

@SanBernardinoCountyFire

IEMediaGroup (YouTube)

Upcoming Holiday Closures

In observance of upcoming holidays, City administrative offices will be closed on the following days:

Monday	May 31	Memorial Day
Monday	July 5	Independence Day
Monday	September 6	Labor Day

*NOTE: BURRTEC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - When the holiday falls on a weekday, trash collections for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. No service will be provided on the following days: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

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Previous editions are available at
www.SBCity.org/Newsletter.

For more information, call 909-384-5122.

To sign up to receive electronically,
 visit www.SBCity.org/SBConnect.



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