Fall Community Partner Award Recipients

The City of Carpinteria is pleased to announce this fall’s Community Partner Award recipients, Home for Good and a group of volunteers who provide weekday hot lunch to Carpinteria’s homeless community. Homelessness is a complicated issue that cities around the nation are struggling to effectively address. Our Community Partner Award recipients work diligently and compassionately to put an end to homelessness. These groups recognize that each individual has a unique set of circumstances, and many grapple with physical and mental health issues. Understanding these diverse needs and meeting them is a necessary step toward permanent housing.

Home for Good
Home for Good, a Santa Barbara County United Way initiative, connects individuals experiencing homelessness with long-term housing, working in collaboration with the City of Carpinteria and the County of Santa Barbara. The initiative, overseen by Santa Barbara County United Way, has a highly active Carpinteria arm led by Housing & Outreach Coordinator Travis Baxter. Baxter manages a full-time AmeriCorps member in Carpinteria and creates a critical nexus of community volunteers and organizations who focus on connecting people that are homeless with the services they need, working alongside Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness and Public Health.

“Travis and his team have done exceptional work,” said Eddie Taylor, CEO of Northern Santa Barbara County United Way. As the lead agency in Santa Barbara County’s Coordinated Entry System, Home for Good is using a three-phased approach to resolve homelessness. In its first year and a half, the program has focused on phase one, data collection. Annual Point in Time data supplies critical data about the homeless populations throughout the County. In Carpinteria, Summerland, and Montecito, the homeless population includes 36 individuals, 47 percent of whom are chronically homeless. Home for Good’s second phase, getting individuals “document ready,” is well underway. Having paperwork in order will be necessary for the final phase, which is creation of housing and permanent supportive housing services. The goals of Home for Good are ambitious, but staff members have already begun to see the results of their hard work and careful planning.

Wednesday Lunch Volunteers
Every Wednesday, a free lunch is served in the Veterans Memorial Building Meeting Room by a group of volunteers who bring much-needed attention to the table. The meal itself provides a weekly opportunity for regular contact with friends, trusted volunteers who can connect people in need to key sources and resources.

This volunteer group—has no official name or nonprofit affiliation—but its members are highly dedicated. They have patiently developed relationships with the people they serve, and these hard-earned relationships have opened doors to improved health and well-being. The initiative, overseen by Laura Hernandez, Ruthie Tremmel, Rick Olmstead, Mike Carmel, Natalie Markey, and Gayle Whiteman.

Volunteers prepare food, plan meals, and serve those who need them. The program relies on volunteer effort to meet the needs of our community. In addition to volunteers, the City of Carpinteria and its partner organizations supply critical data about the homeless population, evaluate the program’s success, and make improvements to the ongoing program. The Thursday lunch program is funded through a City of Carpinteria grant, and the Wednesday lunch program is funded through a City of Carpinteria grant.

City Hall Holiday Hours
City Hall will be closed as follows:

- Thanksgiving: November 28 & 29
- Christmas: December 25, 26 & 27
- New Year: January 1, 2 & 3

But wish you for a Happy Holiday Season from the City of Carpinteria!
Gran Vida Phase II is proposed, new 9,000 square foot assisted living facility for seniors that would contain 50 units. The project will be located next to the existing Gran Vida assisted living facility on Carpinteria Avenue. Story poles for the project were installed on September 30, 2019 and the project received comments from the Architectural Review Board (ARB) on October 17, 2019. It is scheduled to return to the ARB for additional review on December 12, 2019.

Skate Park Moves Forward, Seeks Funding
The Parks Department is moving forward on the proposed skate park to be located adjacent to City Hall at 5775 Carpinteria Avenue. The night lighting design concept has been completed and the Project Application has been reviewed with the City’s Community Development Department for review and processing. This project is in partnership with the Carpinteria Skate Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, that is currently seeking donations to fund construction of the skate park. To make a donation, please visit gofundme.com/carpkskatepark/

Lagunitas Business Park Receives Recommendation for Final Approval
The Lagunitas Business Park received a recommendation for Final Approval from the Architectural Review Board on October 17, 2019. The complex will be located on the 6300 block of Via Real and will contain 82,874 square feet of new office space with 342 parking spaces, and landscaping on the balance of the 8.63-acre parcel. The developers indicate the building permit application will be submitted soon.

City to Receive $1 Million in Transportation Circulation Improvement Funding
The City of Carpinteria was recently granted $1M of Circulation Improvement Funding by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments. The funding provides for transportation circulation improvements which may include sidewalks, bikeways, curb ramp upgrades to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and traffic control devices.

The City’s Transportation Committee will be identifying projects at an upcoming meeting where members of the public will have an opportunity to participate in identifying the specific projects to receive funding. The meeting schedule will be posted on the City’s website at carpinteria.ca.us/ under What’s New / City Public Meeting Agenda prior to the meeting. For additional information please contact John Ibasin at (805) 880-3402 or at johni@ci.carpinteria.ca.us.

City Moves Towards Cleaner Energy
Carpinteria is moving towards cleaner energy. On August 26, the Carpinteria City Council voted to join Monterey Bay Community Power, a Community Choice Energy (CCE) provider. Also called community choice aggregation, CCE programs purchase renewable and carbon free energy on behalf of their customers. Transmission is still handled by the existing investor owned utility, in our case Southern California Edison. Customer enrollment will begin in 2021 and is automatic, but customers can opt-out if they prefer. As customers, most people will see very little difference upon enrollment other than two line items on their bill from Southern California Edison, one for delivery and one for generation. For more information about how community choice energy works and programs that will be available to customers once launched in Carpinteria, visit mbccommunitypower.org/
2019 Completed Capital Improvement Projects

The Carpinteria Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project, the 2019 Pavement Maintenance Project, and the Carpinteria Avenue and Elm Avenue Bus Shelter Relocation Project were successfully completed this year.

Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements Planned

The Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements Project consists of constructing sidewalk infill, ADA facilities, curb and gutter along Ballard Avenue at its intersection with Carpinteria Avenue and with Via Real, and also constructing curb extensions and installing a crosswalk at Linden Avenue and Dorrance Way. The project is currently in the design phase and construction is expected to begin in April 2020.

Pavement Rehabilitation Project

The upcoming Pavement Rehabilitation Project will include pavement rehabilitation and upgrading curb ramps as needed for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act. The project will also incorporate technologies and material recycling that lower greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the cost of pavement maintenance through material selection and construction methods. The streets selected for treatment and approved by City Council include Carpinteria Avenue from Santa Ynez to Sandalwood Cove Road, Nipomo Drive from Linden Avenue to Tomol Drive, and Eighth Street from Elm Avenue to Maple Avenue.

City Hall Renovation Project Work Progressing

The City Hall renovation project is well underway. Construction of electrical, plumbing, and mechanical improvements are substantially complete. Structural repairs and installation of the fire sprinkler system are in progress. Improvements still to come include interior structural improvements, office space construction, and exterior landscaping. The project is anticipated to be completed in January 2020.

Sandbags Available at City Hall

It’s a good time to begin preparing your home and property for the potential wet weather coming this winter. The City of Carpinteria is offering free sandbags to help residents prepare. Residents can fill up to 20 sandbags per household while supplies last at the Public Works Yard located at 5775 Carpinteria Avenue. The hours are Monday - Thursday, 7:30am to 4pm and Fridays from 7:30am - 3pm. When filling sandbags, fill them only half way, so they are not too heavy and will stack properly. Sand bags can help protect your property during storm events.

City Beach Prepares for Winter Storms

Each year in November, the City of Carpinteria readsies for winter storms along the beachfront by building a sand berm to protect ocean front improvements from wave and flood damage. The berm is made of locally sourced beach sand and provides some protection in the event of a significant ocean wave event. The winter protection berm is scheduled to be constructed beginning in Late November and takes about 5 days to complete. The City reminds everyone that it is important for safety to stay off of the berm and away from the tractor when the berm is being constructed. The project is funded by the beachfront homeowners and the City of Carpinteria.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training at City Hall

To kick off Emergency Preparedness Month, the City held a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training at City Hall in September. Participants from the community learned about disaster preparedness, basic first aid, and team organization. Thanks to the Carpinteria Summerland Fire Protection District everyone received fire safety and fire extinguisher training. At the end of the twenty hour course, graduates participated in a simulated disaster drill, putting to work their new knowledge and skills.

The CERT program is designed to help communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters through training and planning. With training and information, individuals and community groups can be prepared to serve as a crucial resource capable of performing many of the emergency functions needed right after a disaster.

If you would like to learn more about the Carpinteria CERT program and future classes, contact Mini Audelo at mimia@ci.carpinteria.ca.us or (805) 755-4401.

Be Prepared for an Emergency is a Way of Life

Whether it is a winter storm, earthquake, or the latest Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event, being prepared will help you get through the situation.

Listed are a few simple steps and some resources to get you started:

- Have an emergency plan for you and your household. Your plan should include what to do if you are at home when the emergency storns and if you are away.
- Include important phone numbers in your plan. Add an out of area contact person.
- Build an emergency kit for your home, work, and vehicle.
- Sign up for SB County emergency alerts at ReadySBC.org as well as alerts from your power company such as SCE.com
- It’s never too early to get prepared. There are a lot of resources available to help in your preparedness journey that include the Disaster Ready Resources listed below. And don’t forget to check your emergency kits yearly.

Disaster Ready Resources

- City of Carpinteria carpinteria.ca.us/emergency_preparedness/index.shtml
- Make a Plan ready.gov/make-a-plan
- Build a Kit ready.gov/build-a-kit
- Ready Santa Barbara County ready.sbc.org
- Carpinteria Summerland Fire Protection District carpinteria.ca.us
- Radio Ready ready.sbc.org/storm-ready/radio-ready/
- PSPS Preparedness prepareforpowerdown.com/
- Be Storm Ready! Santa Barbara County has implemented Ready, Set, Go protocols for storms.

READY – Advisory storm alert. Given enough time (72-48 hours in advance), the Ready advisory will alert the community about the incoming storm.

SET – Prepare to evacuate. The Set message is an evacuation warning that will go out to the affected areas (48-24 hours in advance) asking residents to prepare to leave.

GO – Evacuate. If the storm remains a threat, the Go evacuation order will tell residents to leave now, less than 24 hours before the predicted rain event.

If you need assistance evacuating, don’t wait. It may be difficult to reach you once the rain starts. Also, there may be situations when there is not enough time for notifications. Don’t wait for an evacuation order; leave the area if you feel unsafe. To sign up for alerts, go to ready.sbc.org.

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after the last census, a reflection of what the City concluded was a significant undercount of residents.

We will need your ideas and help in order to identify the best ways to ensure that everyone gets counted. In the weeks and months to come before the April 1, 2020 census begins, you’ll be hearing much more about the census and will have the opportunity to help. We hope you’ll join this effort to ensure Carpinterians get needed resources and representation.

In the meantime, information about Census 2020 can be found at these California and County of Santa Barbara websites: census.ca.gov and santabarbaracountygovernment.org.
The Fun Starts Here

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION CLASS
REGISTER NOW - WE ARE HIRING!

Students must register at the pool on or before 
Wednesday, November 13th, 2019

Students must be at least 15 yrs. old to participate with the ability to swim 300 yards (12 laps) continuously using a variety of two strokes.

Skill Sessions:

Pre-Course Work Friday, November, 15th 6 PM-7 PM
Lessons 1,2,3 Saturday, November, 16th 10 AM-6 PM
Lesson 4, 5,6 Sunday, November, 17th 9 AM-6 PM
Lesson 7, 8, 9 & Test Saturday, November, 23rd 9 AM-4 PM

Cost: $500.00 + $35.00 Certificate Fee (certificate fee charged at the time of online registration) per student.

Contact the pool (805) 566-2417 or Tamara Cloud TamaraC@ci.carpinteria.ca.us

PUBLIC POOL HOURS 
FALL-WINTER 2019-20

NOVEMBER HOLIDAY HOURS
In observance of Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th, the pool will be open 10AM-2PM. The pool will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, but come and swim off those extra calories on Friday, November 29th 10AM-2PM.

Mondays & Wednesdays 6AM-3PM & 5:30-7PM
Tuesdays & Thursdays 9AM-3PM & 5:30-7PM
Fridays 6AM-3PM & 5:30-7PM

For Pool Program Information www.Carp-Pool.com
CarpPool@ci.carpinteria.ca.us
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COME PLAY WATER POLO AND SWIM WITH THE TRITONS!

Come to the Carpinteria Pool and join the Carpinteria Aquatics Club Tritons! Our year-round swim and water polo teams are welcoming to athletes of a variety of experience levels, and focus on their safety, growth, and most importantly, fun! Our experienced coaching staff promote fitness, sportsmanship, teamwork, and the skills to compete in and out of the pool. Join us at the Carpinteria Community Pool to hop in and have fun swimming, playing water polo, or both!

Swim Team
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Monday – Friday

Youth (14U) Water Polo
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Monday – Thursday

Monthly Charges for Ages 6 – 18
Bronze Membership: $65 per month
Silver Membership: $85 per month
Gold Membership: $95 per month
(Membership level based on age and ability)

For any inquiries, contact the Carpinteria Community Pool and ask to speak to Coach Armando Ramos (swim) or Coach Leilani Smith (water polo).
(805) 566-2417 or Carp-Pool.com
See you at the pool!

AQUA AEROBICS
10 - 11 AM Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
$9.25/class
Monthly Passes available $65

Enjoy all the benefits of land aerobics without the impact on your joints. A great way to relieve tension and stress during lunch. All necessary equipment is provided. Come join the fun!

MASTERS SWIMMING
For Adults with Varying Skill Levels
5:30-6:30 PM Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
$9.25/class
Monthly Passes available $65

Masters swimming is for all adults with intermediate to advanced swimming ability. Each session participants will receive coaching on stroke technique and endurance. Masters workouts are a great way to complete your day!

Carpinteria Garden Park
Two Years Strong & Growing

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QIGONG & TAI CHI CLASSES

Join Instructor Jessica Kolbe on the City beach at Linden Ave. to take part in the practice of Qigong and Tai Chi.

For information contact Jessica.
Email: Jessica@JessicaTaiChi.com
QigongSB.com
(805) 765-3426

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