

## Mayor's Progress Report

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Carlsbad is proud to be an Age-Friendly Community.

Earlier this month, we received formal notice from the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities that Carlsbad's action plan meets the criteria established by AARP and the World Health Organization. Carlsbad is now certified as a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities through January 31, 2020.

What this really means is that we, including the City, the County and the Chamber of Commerce, are committed to working hard to maintaining or developing a high standard of living for all of our residents, of all ages.

Congratulations to Wanda Durham, chair of the Chamber of Commerce Retirement Council, to Janell Whitlock, the Chamber's retirement coordinator, and to all the men and women who worked very hard on this process for a long time. Congratulations to all of the volunteers and employees who work so hard daily to make so many great services available for everyone. Over the past month alone, for example, the North Mesa Senior Center added 76 new members and the San Jose Senior Center added 25.

We have developed an action plan based on your recommendations, and we will continue to look for better ways to serve the public. For example, we plan to include information about upcoming events going on at our two senior centers inside of our transit vehicles. And we're improving our transit maps to make them more available and user friendly. We're always looking for ways to make this a better community for everyone, and we appreciate your support.

Congratulations as well to David Shoup and Simon Rubio for their successful runs for a position on school board. Thank you also to outgoing board members Steve West and Doris Bruton Carleton for their many years of commitment to Carlsbad Municipal Schools and our children. We also appreciate Andrew Harris, Ron Singleton and Abel Montoya for their continued service. Carlsbad has an excellent school district for a reason.

Quick update on the Carlsbad Water Park - We're currently in the process of training our lifeguards, and we know park manager Brad Alpers and his staff are excited about preparing for our second season at the water park. We will be formally opening on Memorial Day weekend this year, and we can't wait to see you there. There will be a few new features planned for this summer, including advance ticket sales, a concession stand, and evening rental options now available Thursday through Saturday. We will post more information on our web page and on the City's Facebook page. We had 26,000 visitors to the park last summer, and we did not open

until July 1. We can probably count on it being another hot summer, and the Carlsbad Water Park is going to be a great place for so many people in Carlsbad to spend break.

We're also making great progress on the Carlsbad Hall of Fame. We've added a doorway from the museum to the annex, where the hall of fame will be located, and built a number of alcoves that will house the exhibits. We will be meeting with our selection committee soon. We will also soon be honoring several historic landmarks around Carlsbad, and we will be providing you with details very soon.

The Governing Body has awarded bids for the following utility projects to start this upcoming month of March 2017:

1. Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Upgrade: This project is scheduled to start on March 6, 2017, and it will replace the Stevens Street Lift Station and the Pate Street Lift station. The project also includes the installation of a sewer grinder upstream of the Stevens Lift station. This grinder was requested and funded by the Eddy County Detention Center (Eddy County) to better handle some of the waste coming out of the facility.

2. Sanitary Sewer Interceptor 118 Upgrade: Construction of the first phase of the upgrade to Sewer Interceptor 118 will start March 6, 2017. Phase 1 of the project consists of increasing the size of the existing sewer line to 12 inches in diameter, along Pecan Street from San Jose Boulevard to a manhole west of 118 Pecan Street. The project also includes installing a new 15-inch diameter sewer line from the manhole west of 118 Pecan Street, north along Davis Park to a manhole at Kircher Street.

3. Sheep Draw Well No. 6 Replacement: A Notice of Award has been issued to the low responsive bidder to equip the new Well No.6, drilled approximately a year ago. It is anticipated that work on this project will begin on the final week of the month of March. The project consists of installing a new pump. motor, controls, building, electrical upgrade and connection to the existing collector water line.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call (575)-887-3798.

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