

SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY

JANUARY 2019

OUR PEOPLE,
OUR STORIES



HEARING IMPAIRED FOOTBALL PLAYER AT SAN GORGONIO HIGH SCHOOL INSPIRES TEAMMATES

TELLO'S TAILORS AND MENSWEAR PROVIDES CRAFT AND CUSTOMER SERVICE GOING BACK THREE GENERATIONS

POOL MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR TAKES PRIDE IN KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY POOLS IN TIP-TOP SHAPE



Live Well in San Bernardino in 2019

2019



As we kick off 2019, the City of San Bernardino needs your help to make this our best year yet! Our residents, employees and businesses are the heart of our City, and here are some great ways we encourage folks to get involved, stay well and make a difference in the community.



Stay Active on a Sports Team



The City encourages all residents to jumpstart healthy habits! Sign up for an Adult Sports program and get the kids signed up for Youth Sports too! Enjoy an exciting and competitive game while getting to know your fellow residents in a friendly pickup game. From basketball to flag football, indoor soccer and more, our Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department has got it all to help keep your family moving throughout the year!

Adult Sports Schedule: http://www.sbcity.org/cityhall/parks/adult_sports.asp

Youth Sports Schedule: http://www.sbcity.org/cityhall/parks/youth_sports.asp

Pick Up a New Creative Hobby



San Bernardino Public Library offers ongoing free classes to the community. From Scrabble Club and Nutrition Class to Family Bingo and Arts & Crafts, we offer something for all ages!

Monthly SBPL Calendar: <http://www.sbcity.org/cityhall/library/default.asp>

Join a Neighborhood Association



Get to know the beat of your local neighborhood and help keep it safe by being the eyes and ears of your community. There are more than 60 neighborhood associations in every pocket of the City!

Map: http://www.sbcity.org/about/neighborhood_associations/default.asp

Volunteer at a Community Clean-Up



Do your part to #FightBlight and keep City parks free from trash and debris! Join the City for our quarterly community clean-ups to beautify our parks' amenities and landscaping. Check your favorite community organization too, as many of these local groups also host their own clean-up events throughout the year.

City Cleanup Schedule: http://www.sbcity.org/about/keep_sb_clean.asp

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



Hearing Impaired Football Player at San Gorgonio High School Inspires Teammates

San Gorgonio High School student Desi Gonzales is tackling life both on and off the field. Desi is a starting linebacker for the varsity football team, a position he earned with true grit as he was born deaf.

For the early part of his education, Desi attended the California School for the Deaf in Riverside, but later transferred to his hometown school at San Gorgonio High School for his junior and senior years. There, he has found a sense of community with his fellow Spartan teammates. Desi can be found playing at games with his American Sign Language interpreter close at hand, who works to translate the coach's directions and teammate's conversations.

In an interview with the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Desi said through an interpreter, "I love everything (about football). I love to tackle, and I play linebacker because it's easy for me to understand."

Most recently, Desi and his team won CIF Southern Sectional championship and played hard in the CIF State championship – a true testament to the power of the team's dedication and hard work. We are so proud of Desi and the entire Spartan team!

To discover more of Desi's inspiring story and watch him in action on the field, read more in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin: <https://www.dailybulletin.com/2018/10/30/san-gorgonio-linebacker-desi-gonzales-flourishes-on-field-despite-being-deaf/>

Tello's Tailors and Menswear Provides Craft and Customer Service Going Back Three Generations

For more than 25 years, Tello's Tailors and Menswear has provided superior craftsmanship and personalized customer service to meet San Bernardino's tailoring needs. Their secret sauce? A family tradition of tailoring that goes back three generations.

Owner Ariel Tello learned the art of tailoring from his father Alonso Tello at the young age of 13, when he experienced the craft of making his first shirt. After working at Lang's Menswear and Silverwoods in the Inland Center Mall for a decade, he and his wife Felipa Tello decided to open up their own shop. Their team includes the help of family members, as well as three long-time tailors who have become like family themselves after remaining with the shop for decades.

In their custom-made tailoring department, Tello's caters to men's suit and shirt needs for any fit and cut. Largely referred by word-of-mouth, customers come from San Bernardino and beyond to visit the shop. From milestone events like a first interview to their wedding day, Tello's Tailors is there to make customers feel their best for those most special occasions.

The store's accolades include being named best tailor of the Inland Empire by *Inland Empire Magazine* and the *San Bernardino Sun*. Visit Tello's shop at 760 East Highland Avenue, or give them a call at (909) 883-1985.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT





Pool Maintenance Coordinator Takes Pride in Keeping our Community Pools in Tip-Top Shape

Kenneth "Kenny" Prescott, the City's Pool Maintenance Coordinator in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, faces each day with a smile on his face and a positive attitude toward improving San Bernardino. His day consists of cleaning the fountain at City Hall and maintaining the City's six swimming pools and pump equipment to ensure they are up to code and operating accordingly.

Bringing a decade of experience from the private sector, Kenny comes from a family that works for the City and was inspired to join the team to help move the San Bernardino community in a good direction. When cleaning the City fountain, he often interacts with people passing by and enjoys answering questions, providing direction and sharing the City's goals. Kenny feels a new spirit of rebuilding San Bernardino and he is glad to be a part of the positive momentum. Thank you Kenny, for your hard work and positive attitude toward San Bernardino!

December 5, 2018

- Transferred operations and personnel from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and Community and Economic Development Department to the Public Works Department
 - More efficient government operations, filled necessary positions in Public Works
- Authorized agreements with Clay Counseling Solutions, Inc., Victory Outreach of San Bernardino, and Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy
 - Additional supportive series for the City's Violence Intervention Program (VIP)

December 19, 2018

- New Mayor John Valdivia and City Councilmembers Theodore Sanchez and Sandra Ibarra sworn in
 - The City welcomes new leadership for San Bernardino
- Accepted a \$15,000 grant award from the California State Library for monthly internet, firewall hardware purchase, firewall setup and technical support
 - Up to 10 times faster internet speeds on public computers at all four San Bernardino Public Library locations
- Adopted agreement with Advanced Applied Engineering, Inc., dba Infrastructure Engineers for preparation of plans, specifications and estimate for ATP Cycle 2 – Safe Routes to School Project at three locations
 - Planning for safer routes for our students to get to and from school

The next City Council meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019. Full meeting agendas and minutes can be found [here](#).



Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services Provides Unique Opportunities for Affordable Housing in San Bernardino

As the City of San Bernardino continues to increase economic opportunity in San Bernardino, the City has partnered with the Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services to provide affordable, high-quality housing in the City. Made possible by a \$650,000 federal grant approved

by the City Council in 2017, this project transforms a once blighted empty lot into three-bedroom houses for first-time homeowners. By making home ownership more achievable, this allows folks to take pride in their properties and establish a long-standing and high-quality life here in our City – overall making for a positive City environment.

As a result of this project, three homes have been built with one in escrow, one having an interested buyer and the third available for sale. For more information about the program and to see if you are eligible, please call Economic & Development Housing Manager Gretel Noble at 909-384-7270.

Winter Wonderland a Huge Success!

On Saturday, December 8, 2018, our Winter Wonderland & YMCA 41st Annual Christmas Parade had the community in the holiday spirit! More than 5,000 people attended this annual event to enjoy the parade, live music, cultural dance groups, a tree lighting ceremony, and more! Thanks to generous donations from the community, the City was able to provide 2,400 toys and 21 holiday trees to families in need.



**CLEAN UP YOUR JUNK...
DON'T DUMP!**

2019 Kicks Off with this Year's First Community Dump Day

To help keep our community clean, the City is offering FREE monthly Community Dump Days at public locations throughout the City. The first event is taking place on Saturday, January 26 at Wildwood Park. San Bernardino residents are welcome to drop off unwanted household items such as appliances, mattresses and tires – because only chumps dump this stuff into empty lots! If you do notice any illegal dumping in your area, please report it through the GOREquest app or SB Access online.

#OnlyChumpsDump

EVENT SPOTLIGHT





Hometown Happenings

1. **Lil Sluggers** – Make this season a homerun! The San Bernardino Youth Sports baseball league is open to ages three through eight with the season kicking off in March. Registration opens on January 14. Parents can sign up at any local community center. Registration open from January 14 to March 16 | (909) 384-5424
2. **Northeast Coffee with a Cop** – Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. With no formal agenda or speeches, this is a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. Check out San Bernardino Police Department's Facebook page for other Coffee with a Cop events. Denny's Restaurant at 702 E. Highland Ave. | January 9 | 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
3. **Fire Safety Story Time** – San Bernardino County Fire Department will be visiting San Bernardino Public Library to read stories, talk about fire safety and offer tours of a fire truck. Rowe Branch Library | January 10 | 6 p.m.
4. **"Rethink Your Drink" | Nutrition Class and Food Demonstration** – The Champions for Change program and local nonprofit Reach Out are teaming up with the County of San Bernardino Public Health-Nutrition Department to host a free nutrition series for the community. Classes are focused on promoting healthy eating and active living to prevent and help decrease obesity and other related chronic diseases. Kellogg Room A at the Feldheym Central Library | January 16 | 3 p.m.



- 5. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrations** – Several City community centers and senior centers will host celebrations in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Activities will include music, games, crafts, light refreshments and historical information on display to highlight the contributions of MLK and the events of that era.
Fifth Street Senior Center | January 17 | 9 a.m.
Perris Hill Senior Center | January 18 | 9:30 a.m.
Lytle Creek Community Center | January 19 | 2 p.m.
Rudy Hernandez Community Center | January 19 | 3:30 p.m.
- 6. San Bernardino Folk Singers Concert** – Enjoy an afternoon of free folk music at the San Bernardino Public Library, where the San Bernardino Folk Singers will entertain patrons with an hour long of tunes. Bing Wong Auditorium at Feldheim Central Library | January 24 | 1:30 p.m.
- 7. Meet Author Shelby Harris** – Love a good sci-fi story? Meet Shelby Harris, author of the book “Zopyros,” a must-read for those seeking a good narrative pertaining to artificial intelligence. Books will be available for purchase. Kellogg Room B at Feldheim Central Library | January 26 | 2 p.m.

To access the full Parks, Recreation and Community Services calendar online, visit <http://www.sbcity.org/cityhall/parks/default.asp>.

To access the full Library calendar online, visit www.sbpl.org.

Office Locations & Hours of Operation

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.,

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

City Main Phone:

909-384-SBSB (7272)

Mailing Address:

290 North D Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401

City Locations:

- Vanir Tower**
 CITY INFORMATION CENTER/VISITOR CHECK-IN
290 North D. Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401
 - Mayor
 - City Council
 - City Attorney
 - City Information Center (Visitor Check-In)
 - City Manager
 - Finance
 - Human Resources
- North E Street Buildings**
 PLEASE USE CITY HALL PARKING STRUCTURE
201 North E. Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401
SPACE 201A (ONE-STORY)
 Entrance located near E. Street and 2nd Street
 - Business Registration
 - Parks, Recreation and Community Services
 - City Clerk
 - Passport Services
- SPACE 201 B (THREE STORY)**
 Entrances located on E Street and parking structure rooftop level
 - Community Development
 - Council Chambers
 - Government Cable Channels (IEMG)
 - Information Technology
 - Public Works
 - Economic & Housing Development
 - Passport Services
- WATER DEPARTMENT CUSTOMER SERVICE**
1350 South E. Street, San Bernardino, CA 92408
909-384-5095

Ways to Connect



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909-384-7272



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2019 Holiday Schedule

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

Monday	Dec. 31, 2018	New Year's Eve
Tuesday	Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Monday	Jan. 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday	Feb. 18	President's Day
Monday	May 27	Memorial Day
Thursday	July 4	Independence Day
Monday	Sept. 2	Labor Day
Monday	Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Thursday	Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	Nov. 29	Day After Thanksgiving
Tuesday	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Wednesday	Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Tuesday	Dec. 31	New Year's Eve
Wednesday	Jan. 1, 2020	New Year's 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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