



Buellton Buzz

DECEMBER 2018

A Note from Mayor Holly Sierra.....

I would like to congratulate everyone who ran for public office. It takes a special person to be willing to step up to help their community. It takes a lot of courage and work to go door to door, talk at debates, put up signs and get out of their comfort zone. It means being a target for public misinformation and not be able to defend yourself. It's easy to understand why there are so few brave citizens willing to go through the process -it's hard! I would like to thank the men and women who won their races as well as those who lost because they gave of themselves for a cause that's important - our democracy.

I was invited to attend a Court of Honor at Nojoqui Park. This ceremony recognized three local young men from Boy Scout Troop 42 who had earned the level of Eagle Scout (only 6% of all Boys Scouts nationally get to this rank). It helped restore my belief that our community and our nation are in good hands for the future. We will be passing on responsibilities to very compassionate, competent young people.

I'd like to thank the residents of Buellton for giving me two more years as your Mayor. I am honored to represent you and will do my very best for this city that we love. I have Mayor's hours on Wednesdays from 2-4 (or by appointment). I can be reached at hollys@cityofbuellton.com or (805)252-2618 (leave a message).

Happy Holidays!..... Holly Sierra

We're Going GREEN!

The Buellton Planning Department is in the process of becoming certified as a "Green Business". If you are a business owner interested in becoming certified as a Green Business visit: www.GreenBizSBC.org



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2018

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 9 AM - 11 AM

Buellton Rec Center General Admission \$15
Children 8 and under FREE – Children 9–12 \$5 – includes breakfast, photo with Santa, Make and Take activities

MUSIC 4:00-6:00 PM

Santa Ynez Valley Jazz Band & Killer Tofu
Avenue of Flags

HOLIDAY VILLAGE 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Avenue of Flags 20 Tons of snow
Food Trucks - Vendors - Beer - Wine - Spirits

BUELLTON CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 7:00 PM

Caroling at 6:30 by the Tree
Avenue of Flags

www.buellton.org and www.buelltonrec.com
Chamber of Commerce: 688-7829 Buellton Rec Center: 688-1086

'Tis the Season to Recycle!

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

We will be collecting Christmas trees free of charge after the holidays. To have your tree recycled please bring it to the curbside on your green waste collection day. If you do not have green waste service, bring your tree to the curbside on your trash collection day.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL TREE STANDS, LIGHTS, TINSEL AND ORNAMENTS, AND CUT ANY TREES THAT ARE OVER 6 FEET IN LENGTH SO THEY WILL FIT IN OUR TRUCKS.

WANT YOUR TREE MULCHED?

Bring your Christmas tree to Riverview Park on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

HOLIDAY WASTE PREVENTION

It is estimated that between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, more than 1 million tons of additional waste are generated each week nationwide. Use these tips to help reduce your waste this holiday season!

- ✦ Get creative with your wrapping paper by reusing things like maps, the Sunday comics, and posters.
- ✦ About 40% of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. This year, switch to reusable batteries.
- ✦ Consider giving an experience instead of an object. The gift of your time (cooking, babysitting, gardening) a charitable donation, or tickets to an event are all great gift ideas that require little to no packaging.
- ✦ Don't forget your reusable shopping bags.
- ✦ And when the holidays are over, remember that wrapping paper, greeting cards, tissue paper, cardboard boxes, and hard plastic packaging can all be recycled in your blue recycle carts!

**NEW YEAR
NEW YOU**

Starts January 2019

**buelltonREC
CENTER**

Happy New Year Special 50% off.
30/30 All Access Card
Go Online: buelltonrec.com

Sign up online at buelltonrec.com, call 688-1086 or come by the office 301 2nd Street. Go to buelltonrec.com to see the full program schedule for fitness classes, weight room, open gym, room rentals, sports programs, trips, summer camp and much, much more!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



It's Time to Check your Drainage

- As the rainy season approaches, it's important to maintain your drainage system. Drainage systems come in several shapes and sizes such as a drop inlet, catch basin, area drain, underground pipes, swales (grass or concrete), basins (retention or detention) and underground storage and infiltration systems, etc.
- The drainage systems collect storm water runoff and divert them away from your home or business. These systems should be kept clean and free of debris to prevent overflow or back-up that could cause flooding.
- There are some misconceptions with swales that run across several properties is that "someone else" maintains them. Anytime a swale (grass or concrete) runs across your property, you as a Home Owner or Business Owner are responsible for maintaining that portion within your property.
- When conducting maintenance activities, the following precautions should be taken: trim vegetation, do not alter or re-grade slopes without consulting an expert, keep swales free of litter or debris, removal of sediment build-up, repair any damage, plant drought-tolerant native vegetation. Check the performance of the drainage system and dispose of all litter or debris .
- Are you worried about erosion? Take a look at your slopes! Moderate slopes (less than 33%) have a good chance of success at controlling runoff using plant materials and mulch. Slopes between 33-50% require more care and may need erosion control blankets, mats of coconut fiber, or jute netting to hold slopes and plants in place. Slopes over 50% will require structures or special techniques for stabilization such as wood retaining walls, interlocking concrete blocks, rock retaining walls, riprap (loose rock) areas, and terracing. Structures and the use of special techniques may require a permit, so please contact your City Planning Department prior to installation.

Keeping Buellton Beautiful
Parking on unpaved surfaces (BMC 8.04.030.B.15)
 Remember, no vehicle can be parked in the front or side yard in a residential area except on a paved surface. Gravel surface ok if approved by the Planning Director. Please see the above code section for the specifics. If you have any questions please contact Ben Hernandez, City Code Enforcement Officer at 686-7423 or benh@cityofbuellton.com.

Bicycle Lockers

Do you commute to Santa Barbara on the Clean Air Express? Why not ride your bike to the Park and Ride? We have secure bike lockers available for your use at the Park & Ride located at 90 Avenue of Flags. Locker rental is FREE with a small key deposit. Contact the Planning Dept. for information 805-688-7474.

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