

### **OCTOBER 2020** SOUTH VISTA NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTH VISTA COMMUNITIES

#### FIRST OF ALL . . .

In this new and different world, we hope all of you are well and safe and will continue to be. Please help keep our community safe by following instructions from our city, county, and state.

The City of Vista is providing very useful and timely information. To subscribe to the City's news updates, go to https://www.cityofvista.com/city-hall/vista-news-center.

Healthiest best wishes to you all!

## **ELECTION YEAR 2020** Mail Ballot Drop-off



[with thanks to the City of Vista News Center]

All 33 San Diego County Library branches will serve as official Mail Ballot Drop-Off locations for the 2020 Presidential General Election from Tuesday, October 6 through Tuesday, November 3. Your signed, sealed, and dated voted mail ballot envelope can be dropped off:

Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (starting October 6)

Saturday, October 31 & Sunday, November 1: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Election Day, Tuesday, November 3: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Questions regarding the Mail Ballot Drop-Off program should be directed to the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters: (858) 565-5800

## Information for Voters

County of San Diego Registrar of Voters

Get the latest election information, check, or manage your voter registration, and view sample ballots. Easy Voter Guide

This nonpartisan guide is a collaboration of the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund, the California State Library, and the Common Knowledge Group.

Voter's Edge

Get a personalized ballot, get information on candidates and measures, and save your choices.

#### **ELECTION YEAR 2020**

#### Voting this year:

From Nanci Oechsle, poll worker and member of League of Women Voters of North County San Diego

November  $3^{rd}$ 's upcoming election will be like no other. In reaction to the Corornavirus19 conditions, Governor Newsom put out executive orders (N-64-20 and N-67-20) that were codified by SB 423 and AB 860. These changes are for this election only. What are these changes?

1) Every registered voter in the state of California will get a ballot mailed to them starting on October 5<sup>th</sup>. It is important to note that this is only for this election. It does not change your status as a poll voter in future elections. **There will be drop off locations starting October 5<sup>th</sup> in 3 locations in Vista: Vista Library, Vista's Elks Lodge** on E. Vista Way and **VFW Post 7041** on S. Santa Fe. This will likely be faster than putting your ballot in the mail. If you do mail it, it is postage paid.

2) Under AB 860, processing of VBM ballots will start earlier as well. Normally it is 10 days before the election, but for this election only, it will be 29 days before the election. This is the vote count you see when the polls close, and results are posted immediately. San Diego County is already 75% VBM and the Registrar of Voters has made some improvements since 2018 that should help speed up the processing of VBM ballots.

3) In-person voting in larger spaces (consolidated polls). Face coverings are mandatory. Early voting in person starts October 31<sup>st</sup> thru election day. The hours will be 8–5 Saturday – Monday and Election Day 7am – 8pm. You will need to go to your designated polling location. This will not be your normal one. Check your sample ballot for the one you should go to. The poll worker will suspend the ballot mailed to you and give you a paper ballot. Most of these locations will be at schools but will not be finalized until September 16<sup>th</sup>.

4) Where's my ballot? You sign up through the Secretary of State website and this program will allow you to know when your ballot was sent to you, when it arrives at the Voter Registrar and when it is counted. <u>https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/wheres-my-ballot/</u>

5) <u>www.sdvote.com</u> for further information. Click on upcoming election information. Also, you can confirm your registration status and look up your ballot.

#### ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SOUTH VISTA COMMUNITIES?

Want to preserve the quality of life in South Vista? Want to help make a difference?

SVC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit grassroots organization which initiates actions to improve our community and responds to proposals from others that will impact our quality of life.

We operate with a very modest budget, thanks to our volunteers. Membership is \$25 per year (though more is always welcome). You can mail a check to SVC at 770 Sycamore Avenue, Suite 122, #208, Vista 92083 — or make your donation through PayPal at https://southvistacommunities.org/.

Join us in making a difference!



#### SHERIFF'S YANA PROGRAM

We want our elderly, disabled and shut-in residents to know they are not alone. The You Are Not Alone (YANA) program is a FREE service for people who live within the Sheriff's department jurisdiction.

Henry John Tirado, Crime Prevention Specialist, San Diego Sheriff's Dept.

#### (You Are Not Alone)

We want our elderly, disabled and shut-in residents to know they are never alone. The You Are Not Alone (YANA) program is a FREE service for people who live within the jurisdiction of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. It offers peace of mind and a sense of security for those who enjoy their independence, but have no friends or family to check on them regularly. People in the YANA program are able to take care of their own day-to-day needs, but recognize that a medical crisis could render them helpless. The YANA program has been credited with saving the lives of many elderly adults who live alone and have fallen or become sick.



#### CALL TO ENROLL:

Alpine Station (619) 405-0750

Bonita Community (619) 952-3477

North Coastal Station (619) 993-2859

Fallbrook Substation (760) 419-0423

Imperial Beach Substation (619) 518-8885

> Julian Substation (619) 417-6141

Lemon Grove Substation (619) 756-3061

Pine Valley Substation (619) 405-5305

Poway Station (858) 232-8000

Ramona Substation (760) 518-6286

Rancho San Diego (619) 952-3724

San Marcos Station (619) 972-7930

Santee Station (619) 972-6846

Valley Center Substation (760) 751-4405 Vista Station

(619) 972-6796



A San Diego County Sheriff's Department Program



San Diego County Sheriff's Department (858) 565-5200



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# You Are Not Alone

🗹 Calls are made Monday through Friday before 10:00 a.m.

A daily log is kept to verify that contact was made and to note any special requests or information such as doctor visits.

If a YANA does not answer after three attempts, Sheriff's Senior Volunteer Patrol (SVP) members will go to the YANA's home to make sure the YANA is not sick, injured or in need of help.

If senior volunteers see a problem or still cannot make contact, a deputy is called to the scene and emergency medical help may be summoned.

Each YANA gets a weekly personal visit from Sheriff's Senior Volunteer Patrol (SVP) members. This brings a personal touch to the program. For some participants, the visits are the only social contacts they have. During the visit, volunteers check if the YANAs are eating. They also stay aware for basic signs of abuse whether financial, physical or even self-inflicted through general neglect or lack of resources. If needed, referrals are made to the County's Aging and Independence Services, as well as Adult Protective Services.

Some Sheriff's Stations and Substations offer birthday, Easter and Holiday Season visits with gift baskets.



## HOW TO ENROLL?

The enrollment process is very basic, it simply provides senior volunteers with the information necessary to make the daily phone calls and weekly visits, and for emergency (fire, medical, deputies) personnel to respond and access the enrollee's property should the need arise. All information provided in the application process is kept confidential.

Call the enrollee's nearest Sheriff's Station/Substation and ask to speak to a Senior Volunteer Patrol Coordinator. See the back of this brochure for contact information.

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Join us in keeping Vista a special place to live. Visit our website <u>www.southvistacommunities.org</u> to find our membership form or simply to sign up for our email information and updates.