



CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

Hi! My name is Milo. I am eight years old and I am really excited for this season. I am most looking forward to Christmas. I love the joy and music it brings, the sweets and treats, and baking goodies for family and friends. I personally like making my special chocolate chip cookies for Christmas. I look forward to eating and making a gingerbread house and putting lots of ornaments on the Christmas tree. I like to watch old Christmas movies with my family and listen to the wind. I also like to listen to Christmas carols, and sing them. I have already picked a Christmas carol to sing – it's called "O Christmas Tree." One of my favorite things that happens around Christmastime is giving and getting presents for and from family and friends.

One thing my family celebrates at the holidays that not all my friends do is Hanukkah, which is a special holiday that celebrates the eight nights of Hanukkah, where a lamp was lit on one night and lasted for eight whole nights. We celebrate by lighting candles on a menorah each night and watching them until they burn out, and we also like spinning a dreidel, which is like a square top, which has letters on each side – *Nun*, *Gimel*, *Hei*, and *Shin* – and you get either money or chocolate coins. My favorite is chocolate coins. We also eat a braided bread called challah, and we make really good snacks called latkes. We make them out of potatoes; they're really good, and we dip them in applesauce. We say things we're grateful for. I'm really looking forward to Hanukkah.



This year is different in a lot of ways. On other Christmases, we have always gone to my grandma's house and had a very merry Christmas there, but this year we can't,

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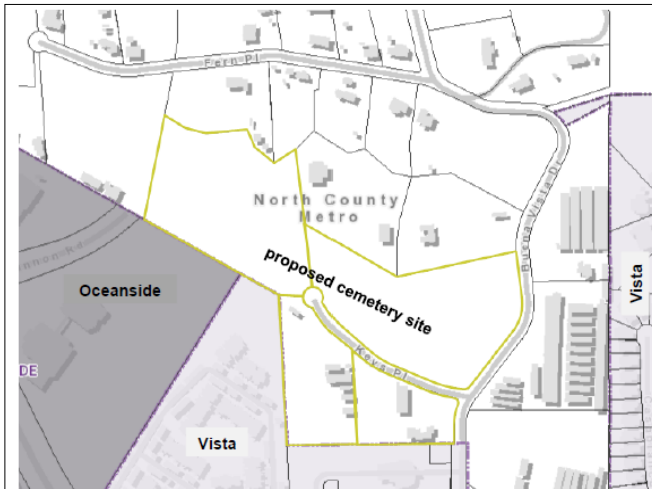
YEAR-END UPDATE ON PROJECTS

[We thank John Conley, Vista's Director of Community Development, for an update on several pending projects in Vista.]

- The Marriott Courtyard project on Shadowridge Dr. has been approved by PC, but the developer said they are waiting for 6–12 months to pull construction permits due to the slowdown in hotel occupancies from COVID.
- The Hilton Garden Inn project that was approved next to Hyatt Place on So. Melrose is dead according to the property owner, the developer pulled out of the deal shortly after the pandemic started. There has been no news on that project since then – the property owner is searching for a hotel developer to build the approved project.
- Still nothing on a homeless shelter in the Burlington site, but the owner (The Charles Company) has approached the City about the possibility of changing the zoning to allow multi-family residential there after Burlington moves out. If they chose to move forward, we will schedule for discussion (preliminary review of a zone change) at a regular City Council meeting to review the request, so I will keep you posted if that is scheduled early next year.
- Nothing with Jerry Suppa's property either (SE corner of Melrose/Matagual)... as far as I know, he is still contemplating a mixed use project with a drive-through coffee shop at the corner and housing behind, but hasn't contacted us in over a year.



GOOD SHEPHERD CEMETERY



Site of proposed cemetery. St. Thomas More church is just under the word "Oceanside."

A Major Use Permit application for the proposed cemetery was submitted to Planning & Development Services in May 2020. As part of that submittal, a notice was mailed out to property owners within 300 feet of the project site informing them of the proposed project.

The project site is not located in an area represented by one of the County's formal community planning or sponsor groups. Because of this, staff recommended that the applicant reach out to the neighboring community about the project. We provided an updated mailing list and the applicant's team sent a letter to surrounding residents in July. They then conducted several online meetings for neighbors to discuss the project.

County staff is reviewing the proposed project. This includes providing the applicant with detailed comments, including revisions to project plans and accompanying environmental studies. We anticipate that a 30-day public review and comment period will begin in early or mid-2021. We will send out another notice notifying surrounding property owners of this public review period. After public review, staff will examine each comment and prepare written responses. Comments may result in revisions. Staff will then schedule the proposed project for a public hearing by the Planning Commission. Another notice will be sent to property owners informing them of the public hearing and how to comment and participate in the hearing. The public will be

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RECEIVE JOY BY GIVING

*Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens
Bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens
Brown paper packages tied up with strings
These are a few of my favorite things.*

Some of my favorite things that bring me joy. And I have learned that what brings me most joy is the virtue of giving.

"The best thing to do with the best things in life is to give them away." — *Dorothy Day*

This year so many families are not able to fully celebrate the joy of the holidays. There are many organizations that provide services to families in need. Here is a list of few organizations that support families in North County San Diego.

- Brother Benno's
- Center for Community Solutions
- Coastal Roots Farm
- Community Resource Center
- Fill-A-Belly
- Jewish Family services Safe Parking lot – Encinitas
- Milestone House
- North County Food Bank
- North County Interfaith
- North County LGBTQ Resource Center
- Oceanside Homeless Resource
- Operation Hope.
- San Diego Hunger Coalition
- Vista Teen Outreach
- Woman's Resource Center

Find your favorite organization and receive joy by giving.

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." — *Maya Angelou*

Let us ring in the joy of the season by sharing our good fortune with others.

Happy Holidays. Peace, Joy and Giving.

— *Tazheen Nizam*

able to provide written and or verbal comments to the Planning Commission before and/or at the public hearing. — *Jeffrey Smyser, AICP*

County of San Diego

CITY OF VISTA TO HOST

Virtual Community Meeting on Economic Development for Vista Residents

All Vista residents are invited to participate in a special online meeting to discuss Vista's economic future. The meeting will support the City's preparation of the Vista Economic Development Strategy (VEDS). For the convenience of interested residents, the same online meeting will be offered on two different dates:

December 10, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

January 6, 2021
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Vista Economic Development Strategy will provide a "roadmap" for:

- Continuing the City's business assistance efforts related to COVID-19
- Attracting targeted new development and business investment
- Creating jobs
- Ensuring the City's long-term fiscal health

For questions or to RSVP for either of the meetings, please contact:

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We will email a Zoom link for the meeting(s) when you RSVP.

<https://www.cityofvista.com/business/economic-development/virtual-meeting-on-economic-development-for-vista-residents>

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because we could get our grandma sick from COVID-19. In other years, we'd have our friends come over and watch Christmas movies. I also wish we could go to the snow this year, and have snow-ball fights and go sledding and skiing, but I know we can't.

This year, it's going to be very different because we are not going to get to visit our grandma at Christmas and we're not going to celebrate with friends and family, and we're not going to have friends over to watch Rudolf or any other movies. It's going to be a really odd season, but I know we can do this. I know we can get through COVID and work our way through to our back-to-normal life. It's going to be really different, but I know that it's still going to be a good season. Christmas will endure!

— *Milo Strawbridge*



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