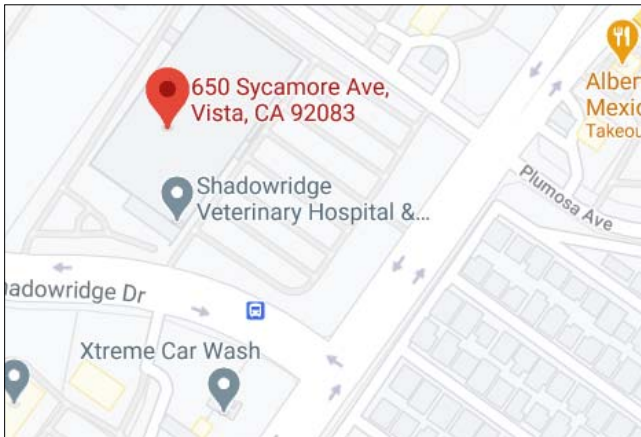


CITY COUNCIL — April 13

Preliminary Review of Proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change at 650 Sycamore

VERY IMPORTANT



The owners of the former Burlington site, the Charles Company, at Shadowridge/Sycamore have submitted a request for change of the General Plan and zoning from Commercial to Mixed Use. **This preliminary proposal is scheduled for discussion at City Council on April 13.**

It is important that you let Council members know your opinion about this project.

The total site is about 8.3 acres in size.

According to the conceptual plan, all existing structures would be razed. A 3,000 sq. ft. commercial space would be constructed near the existing driveway from Shadowridge.

The conceptual plan includes 217 apartments in four buildings and 39 townhome units in five buildings (256 total, all three-story).

The staff report and preliminary design will be available to the public the week before the Council meeting.

SVC feels strongly that this project is too large and too dense for this location.

- Vista is currently meeting all requirements for the Regional Housing Needs Alliance — does not need this project.
- The Sycamore/Shadowridge intersection, and

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ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION RATE INCREASE

Some of South Vista neighborhoods have started a new waste collection program with EDCO to include household *organic* waste in the green yard waste bins.

The City of Vista recently sent out a letter informing us that a public hearing would be held on Tuesday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m. regarding a waste collection rate increase. A copy of the letter is attached with this email.

Information is also available at <https://www.cityofvista.com/city-services/city-departments/public-works/organic-waste-reduction/rate-adjustment>

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extending to the SR 78 on- and off-ramps, is already congested — this project would increase congestion immensely.

- It is not hard to envision this increased traffic extending into the surrounding neighborhoods as drivers cut through, trying to avoid the increased traffic.
- Sufficient parking for all these residents and their visitors would be difficult to provide with this number of residential units. We have already seen the negative impacts of insufficient parking in neighborhoods adjacent to Breeze Hill Road.

Check the preliminary design and staff report the week before the City Council meeting — April 13 — **and let Council members know this project is too much, too dense.**

Or email your Council members at –

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 One day - 30,000 pounds of litter challenge
 Help us double our passion, double our action, double our litter removed!



Again this spring we won't be able to do the cleanup together — but JOIN US for the virtual event!

The 19th Annual **Creek to Bay Cleanup** event is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021, hosted by @ILoveACleanSD and will take place remotely. Register to join I Love A Clean San Diego and be a part of one of the largest single-day environmental action events. Contact Leila Sadrieh at LSadrieh@cityofvista.com or 760-643-5433 with any questions. Additional information available at www.CreektoBay.org.

PLASTICS POLLUTION



Photo by Nataliya Vaitkevich

In addition to all the trash that has to be picked up in our community, a major concern is the plastic trash that pollutes our oceans and waterways.

On March 9, Janis Jones, Surfrider SD, and Brady Bradshaw, Oceana So Cal, were invited by Council member Corinna Contreras to present information about a proposed ordinance to ban single-use plastics in Vista to the Council.

City Council members discussed the following:

- A “reduction ordinance” will be more well received than a ban
- Need to create policies that change behavior without being a burden on the community
- If consumers ask for changes, businesses

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- are more likely to listen
- The City should develop a best practices bulletin for businesses
- Need to communicate more with businesses re concerns about new regulations
- The City of Oceanside’s draft ordinance appears to be a good model of a “phase out” approach
 Council member Contreras made a motion, seconded by Council member Melendez, to bring an ordinance back before July to include phase-out of polystyrene, require consumer request for single-use plastics, phase-out policy for single-use plastics, implementation of strategies at City facilities, and ways to make it more fun.

Substitute motion by Council member Green, seconded by Council member Franklin, to direct staff to bring more information and options as soon as possible for development of an ordinance for consideration prior to July. The motion passed unanimously.

Let’s watch for the new proposal for this important step to control plastics pollution.



Drop-off Unused Prescription Drugs

No questions asked!

Saturday, April 24, 2021

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCATIONS

Oceanside: Tri-City Medical Center, 4002 Vista Way

San Marcos: San Marcos Sheriff 182 Santar Pl.

Escondido: Escondido P. D. 1163 N Center City Pkwy.

Poway: Sheriff Station 13100 Bowron Rd.

Vista: North County Regional Center Courthouse. 325 S. Melrose.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

Why turn in unused prescription drugs?

For more information contact:



c/o Vista Community Clinic
1000 Vale Terrace, Vista CA 92084
760-631-5000 x7149
www.northcoastalpreventioncoalition.org



- ✓ Prescription drug abuse is the nation's fastest growing drug problem.
- ✓ Every day, nearly 2,500 teens abuse a prescription drug for the first time.
- ✓ Propelled by an increase in prescription narcotic overdoses, drug deaths now outnumber traffic fatalities in the United States.
- ✓ The easiest place to get prescription drugs is in someone's medicine cabinet.
- ✓ Take-back days ensure safe disposal and protect the Environment.

Rx Abuse Hotline: (877) 662-6384

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