



BUELLTON BUZZ

OCTOBER 2026



A Note From THE MAYOR

October is here, and anyone who knows Jason and me knows that Halloween is our favorite season of the year!

Halloween activities are returning around town, including the Halloween Journey at the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden on October 16 and 17. Scarecrow Fest will also run throughout the month, from October 1 through 31. I always enjoy seeing the creative scarecrows pop up around the Valley, and it is a great excuse to get out and support our local businesses.

Just in time for “cozy season,” I am also excited that the Buellton Library will soon be open on Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The expanded Sunday hours will bring the library to 39 hours each week and will begin once a new librarian is hired. Adding a professional librarian will also make it possible to offer more programming based on the needs and interests of our community. Our new library has already become such a welcoming space, and these additional hours will make it easier for even more families and residents to enjoy it.

I also want to thank everyone for your patience as Caltrans continues its repairs and infrastructure improvements along Highway 101 and the on- and off-ramps through town. I know the construction and traffic delays have been frustrating at times, and I appreciate everyone’s understanding as this work moves forward.

The City of Buellton and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments are also working together to gather public feedback on the Santa Ynez Valley Trail. Community input will help guide the future of this important walking and biking connection through the Valley, so please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. You can submit comments and sign up for project updates at syvtrail.com.

And while November may still feel a little way off, save the date for the Buellton Fall Festival, returning to the Avenue of Flags from November 6 through 8. It is always a fun weekend filled with food, entertainment, and plenty of opportunities to spend time together as a community.

Finally, please join me for my next Mayor’s Coffee Hour on Tuesday, October 13, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Little King Coffee. Stop by to ask a question, share an idea, or simply say hello over a cup of coffee.

I hope everyone has a fun, festive, and safe October!

City Reminders

City Hall Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

City Hall is open during the lunch hour

City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are now held the second and fourth **Mondays** of every month at the City Council Chambers -

140 West Highway 246 Buellton.

October 12 and October 26 at 6:00 P.M

Planning Commission Meetings

Planning Commission meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of every month at the City Council Chambers -

140 West Highway 246 Buellton.

October 1 and October 15 at 6:00 P.M

Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up

Where: The Buellton Wastewater Treatment Plant
79 Industrial Way, Buellton

Time: 9 am – 1 pm

Dates: Saturday, November 7

Residential Bulky Items – Pick Up (Curbside)

Large bulky-item clean-ups can be scheduled up to four times per year and are available on the **FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

To schedule a bulky item pickup call: 805-963-1852.

what's happening on

The AVENUE

There's a lot happening along Avenue of Flags! The City's Summer 2026 Avenue of Flags Newsletter highlights recent activity and a look at what's ahead. Scan here:



We're planning the trail together.



The proposed Santa Ynez Valley Trail would create approximately nine miles of multi-use trail connecting Buellton, Solvang, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Reservation and surrounding unincorporated communities. No final trail alignment has been selected. Public feedback will help inform engineering, environmental and design studies as potential trail routes are evaluated. Visit: SYVTrail.com

Is Your Property Rain-Ready?



Rainy season is just around the corner! With El Niño conditions potentially bringing wetter-than-average weather to California, a few minutes of preparation now can help prevent flooding, erosion, and stormwater pollution later.

Rainwater can carry leaves, sediment, litter, and other debris from your property into the storm drain system—and eventually to local waterways.

Take the Rain-Ready Challenge!

Before the first big storm, check your property:

- **Clear the path:** Remove leaves, sediment, mulch, litter, and vegetation from gutters, downspouts, swales, ditches, and catch basins.
- **Check for trouble:** Look for clogged or damaged drainage features and make needed repairs.
- **Protect your slopes:** Watch for bare soil or signs of erosion. Planting appropriate vegetation and using mulch can help hold soil in place.
- **Keep it off the street:** Sweep up landscaping debris and place it in the appropriate trash or green-waste bin. Please don't hose dirt or debris into the street or storm drain.
- **Give street sweepers room:** On your designated street-sweeping day, move vehicles and garbage cans from the street so sweepers can do their job.

If your property has a ditch, grass swale, or concrete swale, remember that you are responsible for maintaining the portion within your property boundaries.

Do not alter or re-grade a slope without first consulting a qualified professional. Steeper slopes may require special erosion-control measures or permits.

Only rain should flow into the storm drain system.

For more stormwater tips, visit the City's Stormwater Management webpage: <https://cityofbuellton.com/departments/stormwater-management-program.php>

To report stormwater pollution or a non-stormwater discharge, contact the Stormwater Management Program at (805) 688-5177 or swmp@cityofbuellton.com.

The Friends of the Buellton Library will Sponsor its First Annual Chalk Fest on October 24th!



Running from 10 am to 2 pm, there will be only 30 squares available on a first come first served basis

Starting at 10am there will be 4 hours for artists and wanna-be artists of all ages to create artwork within designated squares on the concrete surrounding the library. All artwork must be related to a book, i.e. the cover of a book, a character in a book or the location described in a book.

Since there will be only 30 squares available, registration will be on a first come, first registered basis. For more information and to sign up, please visit the Friends of the Buellton Library's website: <https://sites.google.com/view/fobl-buellton/home>

Thanks to a grant received by Friends of the Buellton Library from The City of Buellton's Arts & Culture Program there is no cost to participants.

For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/fobl-buellton/home> or email the Friends of the Buellton Library at friendsofthebuelltonlibrary202.org



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**Notice of Water and Sewer Rate Change Effective July 1, 2026
Step 2 of Rate Change per Resolution Nos 25-23 and 25-27
Notices were sent with 6/25/26 bills.**

Scan QR for more info:



REMINDER - Water & Sewer Low-Income Discount is ongoing

Scan QR for Low-Income Discount Eligibility Info/Application

Escanee el código QR para solicitar el Descuento de Bajos Ingresos



English



Español



SEPT 11- DEC 11	Adderley Theatre School Classes for Kids Ages 5-13
SEPT 16	Pasta Making for Homeschoolers Ages 5-18
SEPT 14- OCT 19	Adult Pickleball League
SEPT 22	Arroyo Grande Lunch and Downtown Stroll Trip
OCT 1	Jewelry Making Class for Adults
OCT 5-26	Woodworking 101 for Ages 16+
OCT 9	Valley Wide Middle School Dance
OCT 14	Harvest Party for Homeschoolers
NOV 7	18 th Annual Holiday Bazaar at River View Park

FIND MORE INFO AT BUELLTONREC.COM