



BUELLTON BUZZ



APRIL 2026

A Note From THE MAYOR

Spring has arrived in the Santa Ynez Valley, and with it comes the joy of gathering together as a community. Over the past few weeks, it has been wonderful to see so many familiar faces out enjoying some of our favorite community traditions.

The Wine and Chili Festival was a fantastic showcase of the flavors that make Buellton so special. It was a joy to bust out my Pepto Bismol in anticipation of delicious chili tastings as well as have the opportunity to connect with neighbors and visitors alike, it was a reminder of how vibrant and welcoming our community truly is.

Another exciting sign of spring is the return of the **Buellton Farmers Market!** The market is now back on **Mondays from 2–6 PM on the Avenue of Flags**, offering fresh local produce, artisan goods, and a great chance to support local growers and small businesses. I hope you'll stop by, pick up something delicious, and enjoy the lively atmosphere.

In addition to these celebrations, the City of Buellton is proud to host the **Santa Ynez Valley Benefits Fair at Oak Valley Elementary School on Wednesday, April 8th from 3–7 PM.** This event will bring together a wide range of organizations dedicated to helping our community access important resources and services.

Participating organizations will include **Cen-Cal Health**, the **Santa Barbara County Housing Authority**, **People Helping People**, **Santa Ynez Valley Community Outreach**, the **Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society**, and many more. Residents will be able to receive assistance with navigating changes to Medi-Cal coverage, signing up for affordable housing opportunities, learning about Meals on Wheels programs, free pet microchipping, and connecting with other helpful local services. Whether you're looking for assistance or simply want to learn what resources are available in our valley, this will be a valuable event for our community. The event is open to everyone regardless of income or home address so please know you are welcome and we are all here to help you answer any questions you may have.

Finally, I'd like to invite you to join me for my **Mayor's Coffee Hour at Little King Coffee on Tuesday, April 14th at 10 AM.** These gatherings are a great opportunity to talk about what's happening in Buellton, share ideas, ask questions, and connect in an informal setting. I truly value hearing directly from residents, and I hope you'll stop by.

As always, thank you for being part of what makes Buellton such a special place to live. I look forward to seeing many of you around town this spring.

City Reminders

City Hall Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
City Hall is now open during the lunch hour

Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up

Where: The Buellton Wastewater Treatment Plant
79 Industrial Way, Buellton
Time: 9 am – 1 pm
Dates: **Saturday, May 2nd**

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.



1000 Trees Initiative Accepting Donations

Buellton's 1000 Trees Initiative, launched in 2025, is focused on planting, maintaining, and increasing native tree species to strengthen the community's environmental health. This community-driven effort promotes sustainability, reduces tree loss, and enhances our urban landscape.

The City of Buellton can now accept tax-deductible donations in support of this Initiative. One generous contribution has already helped expand the program's early impact—your support can help it grow even further.

For additional information about the Initiative or request a donation form, please call the City of Buellton at 805.688.5177.

Take the next step – help us plant a greener future.

Donate today and be part of growing 1000 trees for Buellton!

BUELLTON RECREATION'S

SPRING PEDDLER FAIRE

Saturday, April 25th
10 am - 2 pm
River View Park

Please come out to support an incredible group of local artisans selling their hand-made items and enjoy a fun day visiting with neighbors and friends. Over 60 vendors!

Admission is FREE!

A GUIDE FOR HOUSING RESOURCES IN BUELLTON



Check out our guide for Housing Resources in Buellton. You will find information on affordable housing availability, down payment and mortgage assistance, local housing rehabilitation programs and more!



Copies are available at City Hall!

Keeping Buellton Beautiful – Spring Weed Abatement (BMC 8.04.030.B.2):

With the warmer weather, weeds and grass are now growing quickly. When lawns and gardens get too overgrown they become a fire hazard and habitat for pests and vermin in addition to being unsightly. Be a good neighbor and ensure the vegetation on your property is well maintained. Please see Buellton Municipal Code, Section 8.04.030.B.2 Substandard Landscaping.

Contact Devon DeFazio, City Code Enforcement Officer at 686-7474 or devon@cityofbuellton.com for any questions



English

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



Español

Buellton Buzz Stormwater Tips



Plant Happy, Creek Happy: Garden Tips That Stick

Spring yard work is in full swing — bright lawns, pruning, and planting. But the fertilizers, loose soil, and yard debris from our gardening projects can wash into storm drains and head straight to creeks, streams, and the ocean. With a few smart yard-care choices, Buellton residents can keep their landscapes looking great while protecting local waterways from excess nutrients and sediment.

Why it matters: when fertilizer and yard waste wash into waterways they feed algae that reduces oxygen for fish and other wildlife. Loose soil from bare patches or recent projects causes sediment buildup that buries habitat and clogs channels. Preventing these pollutants at home is the easiest way to protect water quality.

Smart yard-care tips:

- Apply lawn and garden fertilizers only when there's no rain in the forecast and follow label rates — more isn't better.
- After mowing or working in the garden, sweep clippings, soil, and fertilizer back into the lawn or bag them — don't blow or wash them into streets or storm drains.
- Don't overwater — too much irrigation sends excess nutrients and soil into the drainage system. Check sprinkler coverage and repair leaks so water soaks in where intended.

For more information about sustainable landscaping, please visit the County's WaterWise website, <https://www.waterwisesb.org/2016/Irrigation>

We hope you can take a moment to complete the survey on our website, which gives us feedback about our program: <https://www.cityofbuellton.com/departments/stormwater-management-program.php>

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



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