



BUELLTON BUZZ

AUGUST 2026



A Note From THE MAYOR

I hope you've all had a chance to enjoy the summer and everything that's been happening around Buellton.

I wanted to start with an important City Hall update. Beginning this month, Buellton City Council meetings will now be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Our first meeting on the new schedule will be Monday, August 10. I hope this change makes it easier for more residents to attend, stay informed, and participate in the decisions shaping Buellton's future.

I also want to say thank you to everyone who came out for the Buellton BBQ Bonanza. This event truly captures the best of small-town living, connecting with friends and family, catching up with neighbors, and simply enjoying time together. Thank you as well to the many community organizations, volunteers, vendors, and sponsors who helped make the event possible. It was a wonderful reminder of what makes Buellton so special: people coming together to support one another and strengthen our community.

August also marks the beginning of a new school year. To all of our students, teachers, school staff, and parents, I wish you a fantastic year ahead. To the families who are new to Buellton, welcome! We're excited to have you as part of our community and hope you'll quickly discover why so many of us are proud to call Buellton home. As students head back to campus, please remember to slow down in school zones, watch for children crossing the street, and help keep everyone safe.

Finally, I'd love to invite you to my next Mayor's Coffee Hour on Thursday, August 13, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Little King Coffee. These mornings are always one of my favorite parts of the month because they give me the chance to hear directly from residents in a more casual setting. Whether you have a question, an idea, a concern, or just want to chat, I hope you'll stop by and say hello.

As always, thank you for being engaged, involved, and invested in our community. It's an honor to serve as your Mayor, and I look forward to seeing many of you around town this month.

November 3, 2026 General Election

This November, Buellton residents will elect a Mayor and two City Council Members. In 2022, the City moved to District Elections and now, every two-years, residents will elect a Mayor and two City Council Members. This November, residents will elect Council Members from Districts 1 and 4 for four-year terms. Please note that only residents located in Districts 1 and 4 can vote for candidates in those two respective districts. The Mayor seat is at-large and all residents will vote for the Mayor, which is a two-year term. To determine which District you live in, view the District Map at <https://cityofbuellton.com/government/district-elections/>. If you intend to run for Mayor or Council Member in District 1 or 4, the filing period runs from July 13 through August 7, 2026.

More information is located at <https://cityofbuellton.com/government/special/2026general-election.php> or by contacting Deputy City Clerk Katherine Dary at kat@cityofbuellton.com.

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.
August 10 and August 24 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.
August 6 and August 20 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, August 1st

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.



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Two new evening runs, departing at 7:20 pm and 8:30 pm.

Monday through Saturday from June 1 to September 5, 2026.

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 Planning: 805-688-7474
 Code Violations: 805-686-7474
 Buellton Rec: 805-688-1086
 Website: www.cityofbuellton.com

P.O Box 1819
 107 W. Highway 246
 Buellton, CA 93427



Art Camp with a Professional Cartoonist

August 3-7, Ages: 8-15, \$200/week, 2:00-4:00 PM

Join local artist, Bonnie Griggs, former Disney and Nickelodeon cartoonist, in exploring art, imagination and creativity through drawing, painting, cartooning, sculpting and more!

New projects each day! All supplies provided.

Register at buelltonrec.com or call 805-688-1086!



Free Family Fun Night!

August 14, 5:00-7:00 PM @ Buellton Rec

Join us for a fun, family-friendly night of games in the gym and in the Zone and crafts in Room A!

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



Friends of the Buellton Library – Upcoming Events

Join us in the Friends Room at the Buellton Library (202 Dairyland St., Buellton). All proceeds benefit the Buellton Library.

- Aug. 15–18: Summer Used Book Sale featuring books, CDs, DVDs & puzzles. FOBL members receive early access Saturday from 9–10 a.m. Regular sale hours: Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Sun. Noon–3 p.m., Mon. 10 a.m.–Noon, Tues. 2–4 p.m.
- Aug. 28 | 7 p.m.: James Bier, Director of the new Chumash Museum & Cultural Center, presents Building a Living Museum: The Journey of the Santa Ynez Chumash Museum & Cultural Center.
- Sept. 26 | 2 p.m.: Authors' Afternoon featuring local authors sharing their stories and books.

For more information, visit FOBLBuellton.org or email the Friends of the Buellton Library at friendsofthebuelltonlibrary202.org



BUELLTON SOLVANG STORMWATER

What is a Non-Stormwater Discharge Anyway?

Glad you asked! A non-stormwater discharge is any flow into the storm sewer system or waterway that is not composed entirely of rain or snowmelt. Non-stormwater discharges can contain pollutants, such as soil, oil, chemicals, detergents, and excessive nutrients. This is a problem because the storm drain system is designed exclusively to direct rainwater away from structures and roads to prevent flooding and it routes directly to local streams and the Santa Ynez River without passing through a wastewater treatment plant.

Only rain should flow to the storm drain system; however, water that does not contain pollutants (like soil, oil, soaps) and is from any of the following sources is allowed to flow into the storm drain system:

- Potable water and water line flushing;
- Individual residential car washing (water only);
- Uncontaminated groundwater;
- Air conditioning condensation;
- Dechlorinated residential swimming pool discharges; and
- Minimal overspray from landscaped areas (but not leaks or ongoing over-irrigation).

Water from washing down patios, soapy car wash water, irrigation runoff that contains fertilizer or pesticides are examples of prohibited discharges. To report signs of stormwater pollution or non-stormwater discharges, please contact the Stormwater Management Program at (805) 688-5177 or swmp@cityofbuellton.com.

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

We hope you can take a moment to complete the survey on our website, which gives us feedback about our program.

THE CITY OF BUELLTON AND SOLVANG CINEMA ARTS PRESENTS

SUMMER MOVIE IN THE PARK



Aug 28

Friday Night • 6:00 pm

LOCATION

River View Park

Buellton, CA

ADMISSION

FREE

Add optional Burger Meal
 \$10 Kids & Seniors / \$13 Adults

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