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CITY OF SANTA MARIA EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



Word has it ...

From your City Manager

Rick Haydon



Word has it... that you and your family can get some Santa Maria-Style beef BBQ with all the fixins' for free – and you can! On Saturday, June 27th, the City will be holding its 29th Annual City Employees' BBQ and Pool Party at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center and Paul Nelson Aquatics Center, and you're all invited!

The City is fortunate to attract talented, hard-working employees like you who are committed to our shared vision of improving the community. We have a diverse, highly skilled workforce of over 560 full-time and part-time employees. As a member of our team, you can be proud that your work impacts the lives of over 100,000 residents daily.

I hope that you find personal and professional fulfillment in your career with the City - and I know I have for nearly 20 years. And, one way the City can acknowledge you for all your hard work and dedication is for you and your immediate family to be our guest at our Annual BBQ. The games and Bingo start at 11:00 a.m. and the BBQ starts at 1:00 p.m.

The BBQ is made possible by employees who volunteer their time and effort to organize, set up, and clean up. Donations come from the represented employee groups, the City, the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, and from local businesses. If you're interested in

volunteering to help, please call Councilmember Bob Orach via ext. 200. We need a couple of dozen more volunteers to help make the event a success.

The picnic will feature delicious Santa Maria Style beef barbecue, salsa, beans, salad, bread and desserts, plus cold sodas and water, among other beverages.

This year's BBQ will again be complimentary to current employees, their significant other/guest, and those minor children living at home. If you want to bring parents or a relative, guest tickets are available for purchase. Additional tickets may be purchased from Department Secretaries (\$4.00 for a child ticket, \$6.00 for an Adult/Guest ticket, \$4.50 for retired employees).

At the BBQ, you and your immediate family will have access to the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center, the Paul Nelson Pool, carnival games, a photo booth, face painting, kickball, bounce house, candy, frozen treats, and cupcakes. New this year will be raffle prize drawings done hourly.

I encourage everyone to attend – and stay to mingle and play. At the mid-day lunch hour, City Councilmembers, Commissioners, and Department Heads as well as other management staff serve food to the employees and help create a fun, festive event enjoyed by all.

This event is another way that the City, including my office staff, the City Council and the Department Heads, can demonstrate that we value all of your contributions and hard work. When our entire organization sits down together over a good meal, it takes on a unity of purpose and highlights our similarities.

Rick