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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, September 17<sup>th</sup>, the City will be holding its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual City Employees' BBQ Luau 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. My appreciation also extends to those employees who improved and beautified our community through the recent, 12<sup>th</sup> version of Serve Santa Maria. It was a great success, with work done at Perlman Park and Preisker Park, among other sites.

We have a diverse, highly skilled workforce of over 580 full-time and part-time employees. As a member of our team, you can be proud that your work impacts the lives of over 104,000 residents daily. I hope that you find personal and professional fulfillment in your career with the City - and I know I have for nearly 21 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 12:30 p.m.

The BBQ is made possible by employees across many departments who volunteer their time and effort to organize, set up, and clean up. BBQ donations come from SEIU Local 620, the Santa Maria Police of Police Middle Management, the City, the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, People for Leisure

and Youth (PLAY) Inc., and from local businesses. If you're interested in volunteering to help, please call Councilmember Bob Orach via ext. 2200. 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, \$4.00 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 Corn Hole Toss game, Bingo, face painting, bounce house, and frozen treats. Again this year there 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. And when we volunteer in the community through Serve Santa Maria - or in similar ways - that embodies the meaning of being a true public servant.

*Rick*