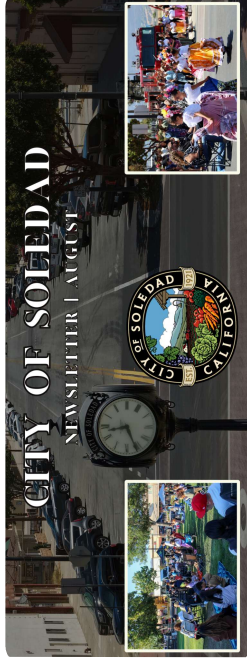


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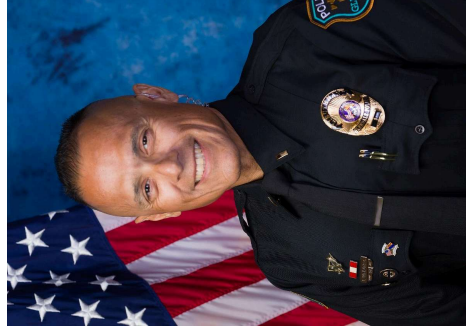


City of Soledad Newsletter

Welcome to the City of Soledad's monthly newsletter. Here, you will get the latest scoop on our news, upcoming events, and important updates. Brought to you by City Manager Megan Hunter and the Community Engagement Office.



Soledad Welcomes New Chief of Police: Patrick G. Valenzuela



The City of Soledad is proud to welcome Patrick G. Valenzuela as the new Chief of Police for the Soledad Police Department. With over 20 years of law enforcement experience, Chief Valenzuela was officially sworn in during the

July 16 City Council meeting, where he pledged strong leadership, visibility, and a commitment to working hand-in-hand with the community. His appointment marks an exciting new chapter for the department as we continue to prioritize public trust, innovation, and safety for all who live, work, and visit Soledad.

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Soledad Marketplace Expands with Eco-Friendly Car Wash Addition

Project Location – Soledad Marketplace



- New 3,588 square foot, self-serve, drive-through car wash
- Two Pay Stations
- 20 canopy covered vacuum stalls
- Hours 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM
- Bio-degradable and non-hazardous cleaning products

The Soledad Planning Commission has approved an amendment to the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP No. 2018-01) for the Soledad Marketplace, allowing the addition of Quick Quack Car Wash—a nationally recognized express car wash chain—to the list of conditionally permitted uses at the center.

Quick Quack is known for its fast, eco-friendly, drive-through car washes that use reclaimed water and biodegradable soaps, providing a convenient and sustainable car-cleaning option for drivers. The project includes a 3,588-square-foot, self-service, drive-through car wash designed to complement the existing architectural style of the Marketplace. This approval reflects ongoing efforts to diversify services and expand economic development opportunities at the Soledad Marketplace.

10 Housed and Counting: Encampment Efforts Make an Impact



Now in its second month, the provisional encampment continues to operate with support from service providers, including the weekly distribution of hygiene kits to participants. Ten individuals have transitioned into permanent housing and receive ongoing case management to support housing stability and adherence to good neighbor policies. Others are working with case managers to secure employment, increase income, and address housing barriers. The City of Soledad remains committed to supporting participants and ensuring community safety through collaboration with service providers and the Soledad Police Department.

Hot Summer Days Car Show Draws Big Crowds and Big Energy!

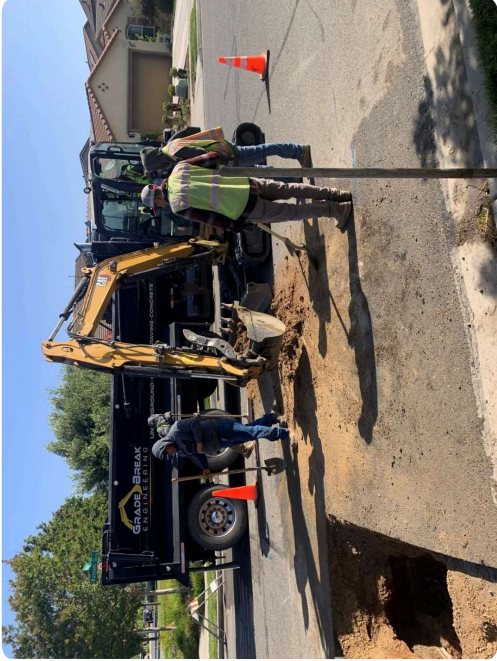


The annual Soledad Hot Summer Days Car Show was a huge success, drawing over 150 stunning cars and hundreds of enthusiastic attendees to downtown Soledad!

The weather was warm and welcoming, setting the perfect backdrop for a day full of live performances—from vibrant folklorico dancing to an exciting martial arts demonstration. Local and traveling vendors kept guests happy and well-fed with a wide variety of delicious food and treats.

The City of Soledad extends a heartfelt thank you to the community and the many organizations that helped make this year's Hot Summer Days truly unforgettable!

Public Works Responds Swiftly to Emergency Water Line Breaks



The City of Soledad Public Works Department responded to two emergency water line breaks this month—one at 856 Portola and another at 605 Rusconi. Crews acted quickly to isolate the issues and complete necessary repairs, restoring water service with minimal disruption to nearby residents.

The City thanks the community for their patience and commends the Public Works team for their rapid response and ongoing dedication to maintaining essential infrastructure.

National Night Out Returns to Soledad This August



Join the Soledad Police Department for **National Night Out** on Tuesday, **August 5, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM** at the **Soledad Community Center** (560 Walker Dr.).

This annual event brings together families, neighbors, and first responders for an evening of connection, safety, and community pride. Enjoy **30+ local resource tables**, **public safety displays**, and opportunities to build trust and partnerships that strengthen our city.

Empowering Youth Through Culinary Skills



Ribbon Cutting

Join us for the ribbon-cutting ceremony of our newly renovated commercial kitchen! This is an excellent chance to sample delicious appetizers and desserts made by our culinary team in this exciting new space!

AUGUST 13th

TIME 5:30p - 6:30p


LOCATION 560 Walker Dr

FREE

Thanks to federal ARPA funding, the City of Soledad is proud to unveil the newly renovated commercial kitchen at the Soledad Community Center—marking a major milestone in a \$2 million+ facility modernization project. Originally built in 1993, the kitchen has long served as a cornerstone for local events. Now, it's fully equipped to support cooking classes, public programs, youth workforce development, and small food businesses. In partnership with the Pajaro Community Development Corporation, the kitchen will soon be available for local food entrepreneurs.

Join us for the public ribbon cutting on August 13 from 5:30–7:00 PM at the Community Center. The evening will feature city leaders, light refreshments, and a youth-led cooking demonstration. Come see what's cooking!

Final Music in the Park Event Set for August 8!



Music in the Park
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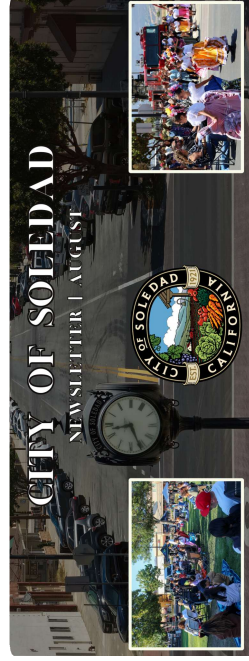
Chicano All Stars

08.08.25 | 5:30 - 8 PM

LIVE MUSIC • FAMILY FRIENDLY • FOOD VENDORS
555 FRONT ST, SOLEDAD

Soledad's **Music in the Park** series has brought energy, music, and community spirit to downtown all summer—and it's not over yet! The final concert in the series takes place on **Friday, August 8, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** at **Cesar Chavez Park** and features the **Chicano AllStars**, known for their dynamic mix of Latin Rock and Soul.

Earlier events in June and July drew enthusiastic crowds who enjoyed live performances, dancing, and delicious food in a lively, family-friendly setting. **Street closures along Front Street** (between Main Street and Soledad Street) will continue to create a safe, walkable space for attendees and local vendors. Don't miss this chance to celebrate summer, music, and community—Soledad style!



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