



City of Carpinteria
5775 Carpinteria Ave.
Carpinteria, CA 93013



Town Hall Meetings



**TELL US
WHAT YOU
THINK!
JOIN THE
CONVERSATION**

The City of Carpinteria will hold a series of town hall meetings. Attend the meeting that's most convenient for you.

This is your opportunity to learn more and help shape the future of our city.

▶ **Thursday, June 4th, 5:30 – 7:00 pm**
Town Hall—Council Chambers
5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria
In person only.

▶ **Monday, August 31, 5:30 – 7:00 pm**
State of the City—Veterans Hall
941 Walnut Ave, Carpinteria
ZOOM Join remotely or in person.



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CITY OF
CARPINTERIA

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Residents of Carpinteria**

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Attn: Michael Ramirez, City Manager



CITY OF CARPINTERIA

May 2026

Dear Neighbors,

We need your input.

Carpinteria is a special place that we all value deeply. Its strong sense of community, small beach-town character, and many other defining qualities make it worth preserving now and into the future.

To help protect Carpinteria's quality of life, the City is committed to providing the services that residents tell us they value most: repairing streets and potholes; reducing wildfire and flooding risk; preparing for and responding to natural disasters; keeping public areas and parks safe and clean; and retaining and attracting local small businesses.

However, as a result of reduced state and federal funding and increasing costs to provide these services, **the City continues to face ongoing financial challenges**, including a \$1 million structural deficit, more than \$24 million in deferred maintenance for streets and roads, and \$2.4 million in subsidies needed to support assessment districts, the library, senior services, and other community programs. That means the City must make difficult decisions about how to balance priorities in the years ahead. Reducing services or delaying maintenance can help in the short term, but often create larger challenges over time.

To help maintain city services, one option the City Council is exploring is asking voters to consider a quarter-cent local sales tax measure. This would equal \$0.25 on a \$100 purchase. Essential items like groceries and prescription medications would be exempt.

No decisions have been made yet. Right now, our priority is to listen. What matters most to you? Your input will help guide how we move forward.

You are welcome to provide your feedback in a variety of ways including filling out the survey card attached to this mailer or emailing staff directly at communityinput@carpinteriaca.gov. **We will also be hosting two in-person Town Hall community meetings this summer. Please see the back for details.**

We know these are not simple decisions, and we appreciate you taking the time to be part of this conversation.

Sincerely,

Michael Ramirez,
Carpinteria City Manager



Our Goal: Maintain Essential City Services

- ▶ **STREETS & ROADS:** Repair streets, fix potholes, maintain sidewalks, and keep emergency routes in good condition.
- ▶ **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Maintain sheriff services, keep neighborhoods safe, and support emergency 911 response.
- ▶ **PARKS & PROGRAMS:** Maintain safe and clean local parks and recreational facilities, maintain library hours, and support valued senior and youth programs.
- ▶ **FISCAL PRIORITIES:** Retain and attract local small businesses, and maintain financial sustainability and transparency.
- ▶ **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** Reduce wildfire risk with brush management, maintain and repair storm drains to prepare for and mitigate flooding, and enhance emergency response to natural disasters.

What do YOU think?

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carpinteriaca.gov/communityinput

ES Para leer el folleto en español, visite:
carpinteriaca.gov/comentariosdelacomunidad

CITY SURVEY

Your input is important to us.

Take this survey online. Scan the QR code or go to:
carpinteriaca.gov/CommunityInput



1) What do you like most about living in Carpinteria?

2) If there was one thing you could change in Carpinteria, what would it be?

3) Please rank these City of Carpinteria priorities in order of their importance to you (1 = most important, 5 = least important).

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Contact information is optional:

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PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____