
San Bernardino County Update - June 18, 2026

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June 18, 2026 Update

Check out our latest videos, photos, news and more.

A new tool for firefighter safety: Introducing our robot dog



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The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District recently welcomed a new employee to headquarters, a quadruped robot named RoboHawk. While the introduction video shows the robot meeting its new colleagues and showing off a few neat tricks, this high-tech addition is much more than that.

The robot is the result of a new partnership with HawkRobo, a robotics company that builds tools for first responders focused on public safety, security and critical infrastructure. This partnership allows County Fire to augment its robotics program with a powerful new tool that helps keep both the community and personnel safer.

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Preschool Services marks 61 years of Head Start - Building bright futures for children and families





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May 18 marked the 61st anniversary of Head Start, a milestone celebrating more than six decades of empowering children, strengthening families and supporting communities nationwide. Since 1965, Head Start has served more than 40 million children and families through comprehensive early childhood education and family support services. Today, the program continues to help children build strong foundations for lifelong success.

San Bernardino County Preschool Services Department proudly continues that legacy by serving more than 2,200 children and families across 30 locations throughout San Bernardino County.

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San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approves landmark Behavioral Health Services Act 2026–2029 Integrated Plan



The Behavioral Health Services Act will guide San Bernardino County's behavioral health services planning for the next three years.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) 2026–2029 Integrated Plan during the June 9 board meeting. This is a comprehensive roadmap that will guide behavioral health investments, services and system improvements throughout the county over the next three years.

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The plan includes approximately \$2.55 billion in projected behavioral health spending across all funding sources from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, and allocates an estimated \$915.7 million in BHSA funding and Mental Health Services Act carryover funds to support services for children, youth, adults, older adults and families across San Bernardino County.

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Medi-Cal changes set to roll out beginning Oct. 1



San Bernardino County encourages residents to prepare for upcoming federal Medi-Cal eligibility and benefit changes beginning in October.

Beginning in October, some Medi-Cal members may experience changes to their eligibility requirements or benefits due to new federal requirements.

Guidance from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is still being developed, and implementation details may change as additional federal and state guidance is released.

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SPARK Youth Employment Program underway





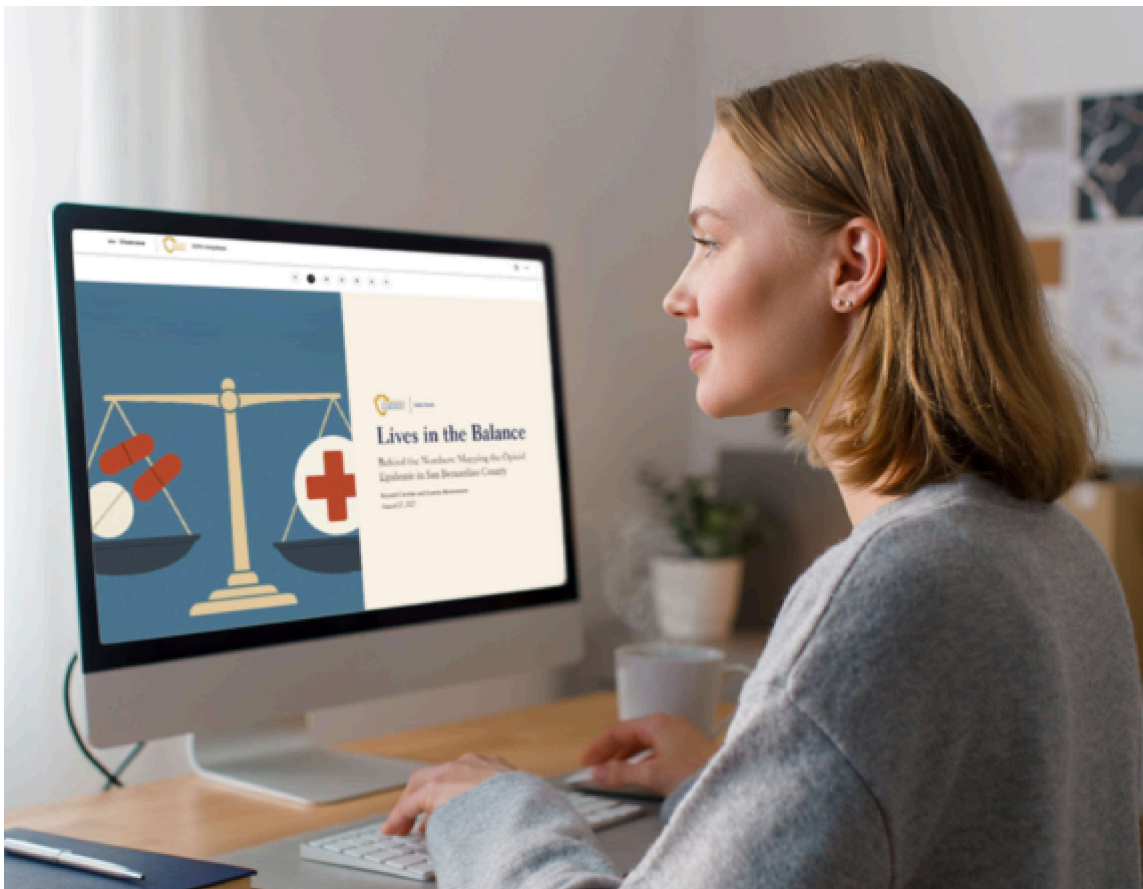
San Bernardino County welcomed a new class of SPARK Youth Employment Program participants this week, marking the initiative's second year of introducing youth and young adults to county career pathways.

Earlier this week, San Bernardino County kicked off the SPARK Youth Employment Program, giving young adults the opportunity to gain hands-on work experience, explore career pathways and learn more about public service.

Participants took part in new employee orientation on Monday, giving them the same introduction to county service as new county employees. The six-week program will run through July 24.

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Public Health launches new interactive opioid StoryMap to advance data-driven solutions



San Bernardino County Public Health launches StoryMap visualizing opioid impacts across local communities.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health has launched a new interactive

StoryMap, [“Lives in the Balance: Behind the Numbers—Mapping the Opioid Epidemic in San Bernardino County.”](#) The StoryMap was presented during the Inland Empire Opioid Crisis Coalition (IEOCC) meeting, a network of local professionals and agencies dedicated to reducing opioid use and opioid-related deaths in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

The StoryMap offers emergency department (ED) data, geographic rate comparisons and local resource information. It provides a clear picture of where opioid-related overdoses and behavioral health concerns are concentrated across the county.

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Pets are family. Make sure they're part of your emergency plan.



Your pets depend on you in an emergency, so make sure they're part of your family's emergency plan.

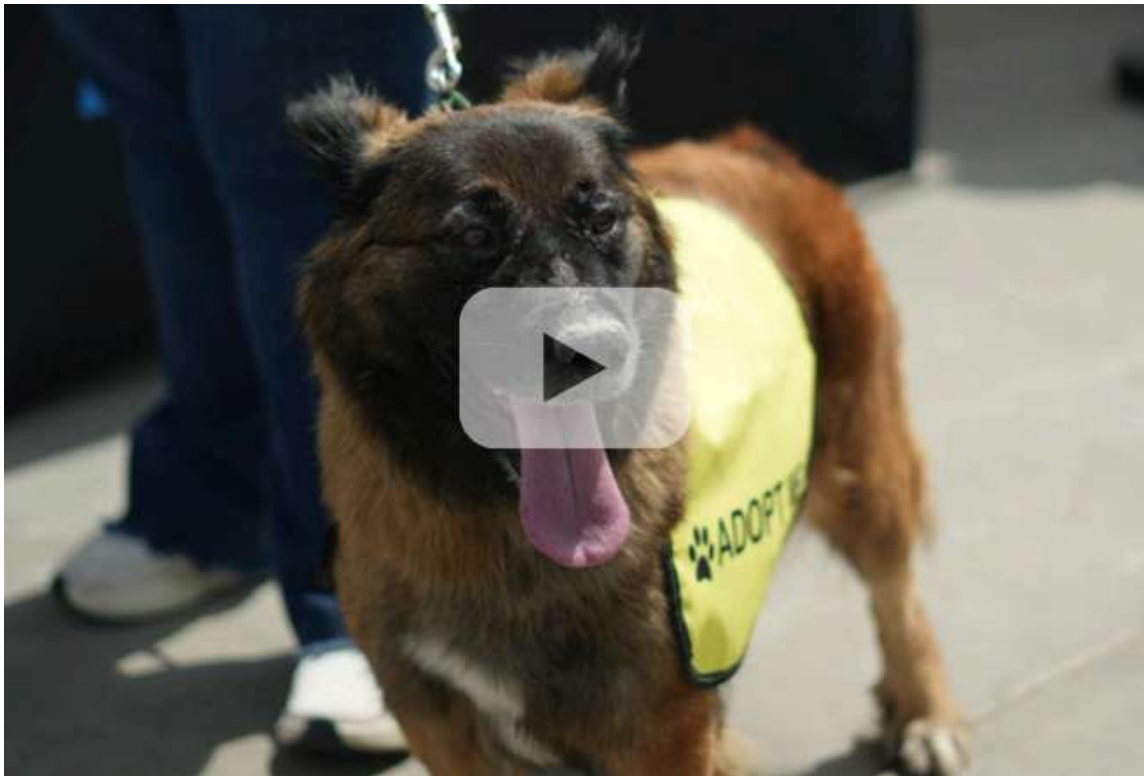
June is National Pet Preparedness Month, an important reminder that emergencies can happen at any time, and every household emergency plan should include pets.

Wildfires, floods, earthquakes, power outages and other disasters can happen with little or no warning. Having a plan in place before an emergency occurs can help keep your pets safe and reduce stress during an evacuation.

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County shelters celebrate 26 adoptions during California Adopt-A-Pet Day





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San Bernardino County Animal Care celebrated a successful California Adopt-A-Pet Day, with 26 pets adopted into loving homes during a day filled with community connection, family activities and support from local partners.

Animal Care joined more than 150 shelters and rescue organizations across the state in helping shelter pets find loving homes. This statewide initiative offered waived adoption fees, making it easier for families to welcome a new companion into their lives.

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Hundreds gather at Lake Gregory for First 5 San Bernardino water safety event





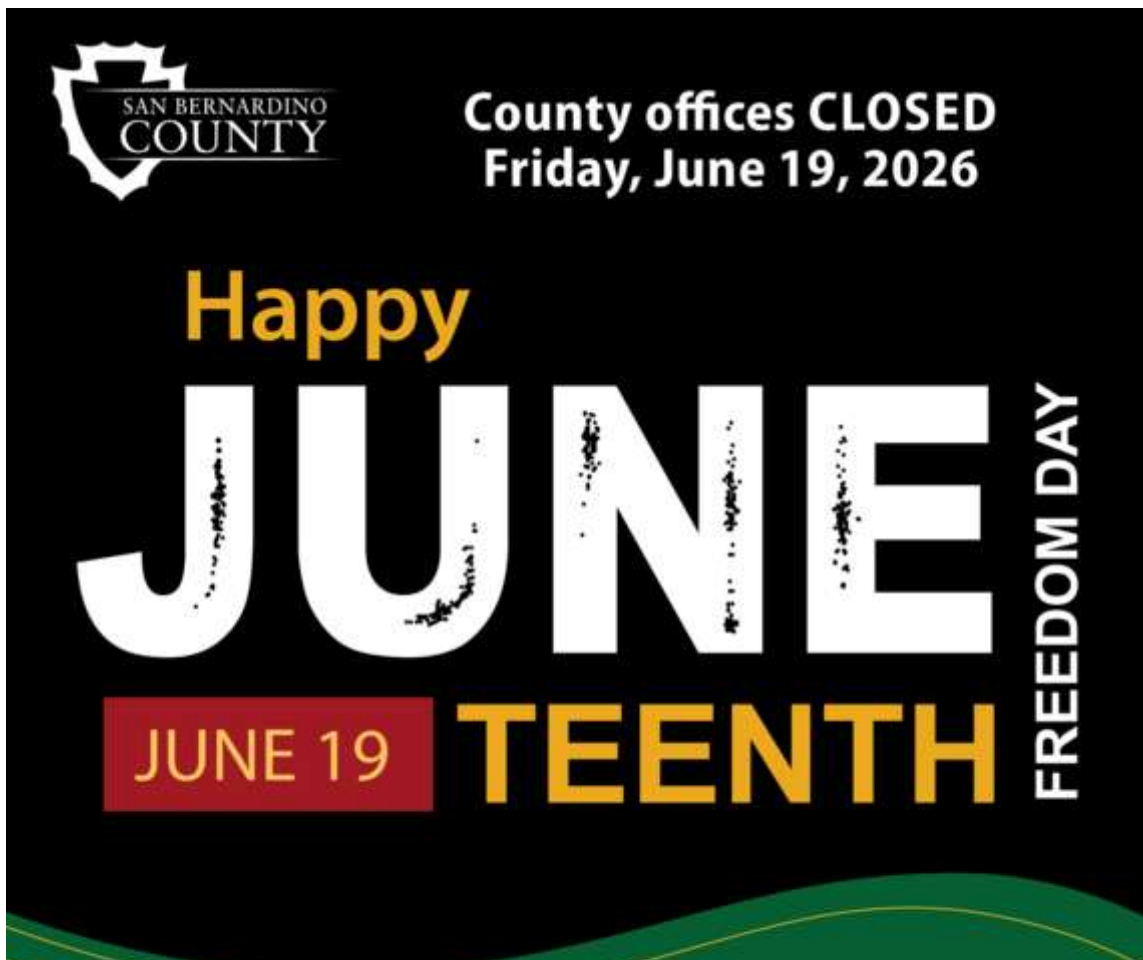
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Families across San Bernardino County got a head start on summer safety last week as [First 5 San Bernardino](#) hosted its Splish Splash Water Safety Fun Day at Lake Gregory Regional Park, drawing hundreds of children, parents and caregivers for a day of education and family-friendly activities.

The event offered live demonstrations in partnership with the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Safe Kids Inland Empire program on the "ABCs of Water Safety: Active Adult Supervision, Barriers such as fences and pool covers, and CPR and swim classes."

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County offices holiday closure





County offices will be closed on June 19, 2026.

County offices will be closed on Friday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth and will reopen on Monday, June 22.

Submit your Route 66 photos for a chance to win a San Bernardino County Regional Parks or Big Bear Alpine Zoo annual pass



The county invites readers to submit their Route 66 photos for a chance to win an annual pass.

One hundred years of Route 66 calls for a celebration. In honor of this milestone, San Bernardino County is launching a Route 66 photo contest to highlight iconic places along America's most famous highway.

Entries may include sites such as Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch in Oro Grande, the Bagdad Cafe in Newberry Springs, Roy's Motel & Cafe in Amboy, Cucamonga Service Station in Rancho Cucamonga, the McDonald's Museum in San Bernardino, the Madonna of the Trail in Upland, and other Route 66 roadside stops and landmarks across the county.

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SBC Through Your Eyes: Little Charlton Peak





A view from Little Charlton Peak.

We would like to thank Heather Hill of Redlands for submitting outstanding photos that showcase another remarkable destination in our county.

Little Charlton Peak, located within the San Geronio Wilderness, rises to 10,600 feet. It is one of the lesser-visited peaks above 10,000 feet and is also one of the featured summits in the popular 9-Peak Challenge.

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Submit your photos and videos of the county's destinations, nature and cityscapes





San Bernardino County invites readers to submit photos and videos of our county.

Since October 2024, we've enjoyed sharing photos submitted by our readers and social media audience that highlight destinations across San Bernardino County. Through this effort, it has become clear that some of the most beautiful images that we receive do not always fit within the category of destinations.

Most of these images capture the county's natural beauty or interesting sites that tell you something about the place we live. Therefore, we invite you to contribute your photos and videos to our new photo column, SBC Through Your Eyes.

This new column features photos and videos that show San Bernardino County in many different aspects, from destinations to cityscapes and nature.

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San Bernardino County history: San Andreas Fault



The Mormon Rocks are visual evidence of the San Andreas Fault beneath the surface. Photo courtesy of Hear2heal.

Earth's crust is made up of large fractured plates that have moved very slowly over the Earth's surface for millions of years. In western California, two of these plates meet and form the San Andreas Fault, one of the longest continuous fault lines in the world.

The Pacific Plate is slowly moving northwest past the North American Plate. This movement causes pressure to build up along the fault, which is released as earthquakes. Measurements show the plates can shift as much as 2 inches per year. The San Andreas Fault system is more than 800 miles long and extends about 10 miles deep. In San Bernardino County, the San Andreas Fault runs through Wrightwood, Highland and the edge of the San Bernardino Mountains.

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Things to do in San Bernardino County



This section focuses on family-friendly events that are sponsored by county departments including County Library, County Museum, Regional Parks and more.

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Pet of the Week: Twix





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Meet Twix, a one-year-old female Cane Corso with the look of a guardian and the soul of a cuddle bug. This lovable Cane Corso has a particular fondness for laps, despite being a bit larger than the average lap dog. She adores attention, loves being close to her people and is always ready to trade her dignified appearance for a snuggle session.

If you're looking for a loyal best friend with a gentle heart, Twix is ready to claim a spot in your home and on your lap. Visit the Devore Animal Shelter for a meet-and-greet to see if you and Twix are the perfect match!

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- Deputy Coroner Investigator, Sheriff/Coroner

- Fire Hazard Abatement Officer, Fire District
- Innovation and Technology Parts Supervisor, Innovation and Technology Department
- Occupational Therapy Assistant, Public Health
- Park Maintenance Worker III - Big Bear, Special Districts
- Radio Communications System Analyst, Innovation and Technology Department
- Radiologic Technologist, Public Health
- Reproduction Equipment Operator I, Purchasing
- Senior Fire Hazard Abatement Officer, Fire District
- Senior Fleet Services Specialist, Fleet Management
- Veteran Service Officer Technician (County Promotional), Veterans Affairs

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**Help our shelter pets.
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Animals Are First Fund (ARFF) is a nonprofit organization that provides support services for animals cared for and housed at animal shelters operated by San Bernardino County Animal Care. Consider giving in memory of a loved one or pet, giving monthly or sponsoring a fundraiser. Your donation is tax deductible and will directly help homeless animals in your community. To make a donation to assist animals at the shelter, visit arffund.org.

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- Animal Care: 1-800-472-5609
- Code Enforcement: 909-884-4056
- County Fire Non-Emergency Number: 909-387-5974

- Homeless Concerns: 909-387-0623
- Illegal Cannabis Cultivations: 909-387-8400
- Illegal Fireworks: 1-800-472-7766
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