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Homelessness in Santa Paula on the rise

Claudia Boyd-Barr, Special to The Star

It's not unusual for Anna Ward and Karin Williams to find an unwanted surprise when they go to open the back door of their craft store in downtown Santa Paula.

Santa Paula's homeless population has downtown business owners on edge

Arline Martinez, Ventura County Star

Body Of Homeless Man Found Near Santa Paula

Saturday March 30, 2019

By Peggy Kelly
Santa Paula Times

One man was arrested 28 times last year and considered a danger to the community, an example given by the Santa Paula chief of police to the City Council at its March 6 meeting, where he presented a report on the homeless situation.

"Five years ago, we were enough police and, you know, and now 4 chronically," Chief Steve McClain said. "It's a "mental issue" that law is due to a lack of available housing and lack of people with mental illness, who live alone and are not staying in the shelters more comfort.
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SCREENING OF THE ADVOCATES
MAY 16 @ 6:00 PM
The Advocate, provides a sweeping look of the historic and current causes

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TEACHER / POET BRIAN GALETTO
MAY 23 @ 6:00 PM
While a resident of Ventura, Brian Galetto wrote poetry that focused on promoting compassion and empathy

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SPIRIT OF SANTA PAULA DIRECTOR
KAY WILSON-BOLTON
MAY 9 @ 6:00 PM
The Mission of SPIRIT of Santa Paula is to end homelessness, discover those people who are homeless, bring light to the subject of homelessness and connect them to a community of caring people and the services that will change their lives.

Founder Kay Wilson-Bolton will share an overview of the state of homelessness in Santa Paula and opportunities for assistance.

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KAY WILSON-BOLTON | MAY 9 @ 6PM

CHRISS RUSSELL | MAY 13 @ 6PM
Manager of Ventura County Homeless Services Program will discuss the needs of homeless in the county and ways to help.

THE ADVOCATES | MAY 16 @ 6PM
This docuseries takes a sweeping look at the history and causes of Los Angeles current homeless crisis.

TEDxBLANCHARDLIBRARY | MAY 20 @ 6PM
Join us for an inspired TEDx evening where we will view and discuss 6 10 min talks related to homelessness.

BRIAN GALETTO | MAY 23 @ 6PM
Poet and teacher will share readings from his work, We Are Simple Creatures on Poverty and Peace.

READ THE BOOK
Pick up your FREE copy of STRAYS by Britt Collins. Limit one per person, while supplies last.

BC BOOK CLUB | MAY 30 @ 6:30PM
Join us for a President’s book club at our Book Action Station. Refreshments provided. Everyone is welcomed.

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