DOCUMENTED NOISE & MAYHEM AT CHULA VISTA BAYFRONT PARK As of Friday, March 29, 2024

Compiled by John Kalpus, a tenant at the Safe Harbor Marina;

1	Friday evening, March 29, 2024, ~9PM; for about the past 30 minutes there has been a
2	constant low-frequency booming coming from Bayfront Park, probably a car; noise greatly
3	escalated around 10:00 when lots of very loud POP, POP, POP noises were heard. I originally
4	thought it was gunfire, but when I emerged from my boat it was clear these were car RACING
5	around the parking lot producing lots of engine backfires and burning rubber pollution! There
6	were ~30-40 cars participating, maybe more. I called CVPD and asked them to immediately
7	send patrols over to stop the mayhem and catch the culprits. A few moments into my call, the
8	dispatcher put me on hold for more than 5 minutes. I eventually hung up and started to video
9	the craziness. By that time the cars were starting to make their way out of the park, racing
10	along the exit road and producing lost more mayhem, backfires and smoke from burning
11	rubber.

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Monday evening, March 25, 2025, ~11:30PM - some car doing "donuts" around the parking lot for about 30 minutes.

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Saturday morning, March 16, 2024, 11:30. The car clubs once again showed up at Bayfront Park and started erecting their pop-ups. Around noon, with about 50+ people in attendance and dozens of cars, the music once again started. This time not so loud. Also, the car with a police siren arrived around 1:40PM. This particular car is one of several with side-mounted police sirens which they use to announce their arrival and departure from the "park".

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Monday morning, early, March 11, 2024: screeching tires at 01:30; more screeching tires at 0330

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Saturday evening, March 9, 2024: car club noise started at 5:30PM. I called CVPD at 10:30PM and they allegedly sent out a patrol. I used ear plugs to get to sleep. I awoke around 12:30 and the noise had stopped.

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Saturday morning, March 2, 2014 10:00; the start of another group of car clubs setting up ~ 10 pop-ups; loud, amplified music; 100+ people parking everywhere; party continued until almost 6:00PM, sundown. Then the usual revving engines, loud exhausts of cars racing out of the park.

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Thursday evening, February 29, 2024, $^{\sim}$ 11:00 - 11:30PM, loud screeching tires in the Bayfront Park parking lot; booming music for 30 min.

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Sunday morning, early, Feb 4, 2024, 02:27: loud screeching tires from Bayfront Park; noise lasted ~ 20 minutes; no call.

39 Friday, February 2, 2024 01:27AM; loud screeching tires from Bayfront Park; noise lasted ~ 20 40 minutes; no call. 41 42 Friday, January 26, 2024 10:12PM; called CVPD after EXTREMELY loud music and bass thumping 43 coming from Bayfront Park. Thumping started several hours ago and became hugely amplified 44 after 10PM. 45 46 Sunday, November 19, 2023 12:00 VERY loud amplified music and more than 100 "classic" cars 47 in the parking lot. I left the marina and returned around 2PM and found 2 groups of people 48 both with amplified music pumping out music; now there are several hundred cars parked 49 everywhere, including the fire zones. Called CVPD. 50 51 Saturday, November 18, 2023 Very loud amplified noise started around 4:30PM, then continues 52 until after 6PM. 53 54 Sunday, November 5, 2023 Some sort of birthday party with popups, balloons, amplified music, 55 and assorted traffic; starting before noon for several hours. 56 57 Saturday, November 4, 2023 Amplified music coming from Bayfront Park; car clubs; pop-ups; 58 started at 0800. Called CVPD at 10:14 and the dispatcher said she would send someone out. 59 CVPD texted me at 6:30PM and said they had taken care of the problem, albeit more than 8 60 hours after I called! 61 62 Saturday, October 28, 2023 Amplified music coming from Bayfront Park (lots of pop-ups). I 63 returned from shopping at 3:30 to the noise. At 5:02PM still going on. 64 65 Saturday, September 30, 2023 Amplified music coming from Bayfront Park (NOT the car people) 66 starting at noon. I returned home at 6:30PM and it's STILL going on. Grrrrr. 67 68 Saturday, May 22, 2021; Noonish; about 2 dozen or more people are now in the park with 69 amplified music blasting out; lots of car noise, etc. It's now 4:14PM and no sign of the noise 70 abating. All we can really head at the marina is the thump, thump, thump of the bass. VERY

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annoying!

Friday, May 21, 2021; 10:30PM, about 2 dozen or more cars now squealing their tires around the parking lot in Bayfront Park. Amplified music coming from car radios, and people talking very loudly. Called CVPD.

Sunday, May 16, 2021; around 8:30AM the car clubs started erecting their pop-ups and the LOUD music started soon thereafter. Cars and trucks and motorcycles started amassing in the parking lot around 11:30AM and the noise was greatly amplified. There were well over 100+ cars, two DJs with amplifiers and generators; lots of personal car audios blasting out, especially loud bass woofers. Ugh. Called CVPD around 10:15AM to report loud noise. After about 30 minutes the music levels dropped noticeably. I left the around 11:30; when I returned several hours later the noise was MUCH LOUDER! I drove over to the site and EVERY parking spot was packed, all the red-painted fire lanes blocked with cars, and there were several pop-ups selling food. The noise didn't stop until around 8:00PM.

Sunday, April 25, 2021; once again the car clubs have taken over the grassy area just abeam the marina; loud music, screeching tires, etc.

Saturday, April 24, 2021; again car clubs stated meeting at noon and the noise ensued; loud generators, amplified music, screeching tires; noise continued until well after 9:00PM!

Sunday, April 18, 2021; car clubs stated meeting at noon and the noise ensued. Saturday, April 17, 2021; car clubs stated meeting at noon and the noise ensued.

Sunday, April 11, 2021; car clubs stated meeting at noon and the noise ensued; neighbor Muzzy called CVPD around 4:30PM; noise didn't stop until well after 8PM.

Sunday, February 28, 2021, 7:51PM, loud, thumping noise STILL coming from Bayfront park; this has been going on since before NOON; called CVPD 7:52PM.

Sunday, February 28, 2021, 5:16; like yesterday, car clubs started gathering in the park before noon; when I returned to the marina at 4:00PM, the party was still going on!

Sunday morning, February 28, 2021; 2:30AM- 3:30AM!! Loud, thumping music coming from several cars in the park; also several loud exhausts can be heard from cars speeding into and out of the park.

Saturday, February 27, 2021, 4:52PM; car groups have been partying in the park since 11:30AM! Called CVPD at 4:52PM; neighbor Scott Muzzy caller earlier.

Sunday, February 21, 2021 7:05PM; 5-6 pop-ups along the grass; loud, amplified music and lots of thumping bass; finally called CVPD since this had been going on since noon!

115 Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:56AM; one or two cars now doing donuts in the parking lot of 116 Bayfront Park; woke me up and called CVPD.

- 119 Sunday, January 24, 2021; approx. 5:01PM: hundreds of cars, yes, hundreds, and several
- hundred people in the parking lot watching some event (I couldn't get close to see what was
- going on due to so many people!); cars everywhere, including a taco truck parked in the fire
- lane on the south side; all lanes were jammed with no way anyone could launch or recover a
- boat from the launch ramp; called CVPD 5:01.

Sunday, January 24, 2021; approx 8:26PM: called CVPD again due to crowd getting bigger and louder.

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Sunday, January 24, 2021; approx 8:46PM, called CVPD again; they finally arrived and cleared out the park.

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Sunday, January 24, 2021; approx 9:44PM. called CVPD again; after the PD left, an hour later more cars came back.

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Sunday, January 24, 2021; approx 12:00AM (midnight); several car now doing "donuts" in the parking lot, then screaming out the road to the street.

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Sunday, January 24, 2021; approx 8:30PM, approx 5-10 car doing donuts in the parking lot and then racing up and down the road leading to the launch ramp; called CVPD; three cars showed up and cleared out the lot; 10 minutes after they departed, 10-15 other cars sped back into the lot.

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Sunday, January 24, 2021, 5:00PM; approx 200 cars and even MORE people having some sort of non-socially-distanced event at the launch ramp; so many car and people that we were unable to actually drive to the launch ramp due to many car and taco-trucks parked in the red zones; called CVPD.

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Friday, January 9, 2021 9:02PM Lots of the usual car noise in the park; Scott Muzzy calls the CVPD.

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- Wednesday, December 30, 2020, 7:58PM, first call to DVPD about dozens of cars racing into and out of the parking lot.
- 8:33PM, Called CVPD again due to increasing noise and cars.
- 9:19PM, Called CVPD again and this time 5 cars responded and watched as the cars filed out of the parking lot, and sped noisy down Marina Parkway.

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Friday, December 26 (Christmas), 2020 ~02:30 AM; more cars doing donuts in the J Street launch ramp parking lot.

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- 159 Friday, December 25 (Christmas), 2020 ~9:30 PM;
- Perhaps 10 or more cars racing loudly up and down the road leading into the J Street launch
- ramp park; CVPD called.

- Monday, December 21, 2020 7:51PM

 Several cars racing up and down the road leading into the J Street launch ramp; lots of noise.

 Saturday, Dec 5, 2020, ~2:07PM
- Several dozen lo-riders in the parking lot of the J Street Launch Ramp; doing donuts in the parking lot, burning rubber, making LOTS of noise; no one wearing masks, called CVPD.
- Sunday, November 29, 2020 ~ 2:00PM
 Hundreds of people gathered at the launch ramp park, NO mask-wearing; LOUD, THUMPING music; lo-riders parked everywhere, including the RED FIRE zones.
- 173 CVPD called around 2:30PM.174

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- Tuesday, Nov 17, 2020 ~8:50PM
 Several cars racing up and down the road leading into the launch ramp area
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- Monday morning, 0415AMTwo cars doing "donuts" in the parking lot of the launch ramp area
- Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:30- 1045PM, several cars raving engines and racing up and down the road into the launch ramp area.
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 184 Saturday, October 24, 2020, 8:30 pm
 185 Several cars doing "donuts" in the launch ramp area now.

Thursday evening, 9:16PM, fireworks in the park??

- Friday, Oct 23, 2020 9:31

 Several cars now doing "donuts" speeding around the parking lot in the J Street launch ramp park. Ugh!
- Thursday evening, October 15, 2020, 8:50PM

 Several cars now speeding up and down the road into the park; squealing tires and burning rubber; Jeesh!!!
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 195 Thursday evening, September 10, 10:32PM ... loud squealing tires in the parking lot at the launch ramp. Stopped after approx. 15 minutes.
- Tuesday evening, September 2, 2020, 10:05PM
 Someone has parked their car in the park and is playing loud music, with booming bass.
 Work me up and stayed awake for 40 minutes until the music stopped. Ugh.
- Tuesday night, August 25, 2020, 10:35PM again, several cars are now squealing tires and doing
 donuts in the parking lots. LOTS of burning rubber, noise and mayhem! I call the CVPD
 department and lodged a complaint.

207 Saturday, August 22. 2020 3:00PM Hundreds of people congregating in the park, almost NO 208 ONE wearing a mask, with 100+ cars blocking all the fire lanes; LOUD, booming DJ with 4 209 speakers pointed in all directions. Called the CVPD around 3:14PM complaining of noise and 210 asserting to the blockage of all the fire lanes. It was almost impossible to drive into the park 211

because of all the people milling around and cars zipping down the road leading to the park.

212 Around 6PM the noise abated.

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Thursday evening, Aug 6, 2020, 9:15pm; several cars are now squealing tires and doing donuts in the parking lots. LOTS of burning rubber, noise and mayhem! I call the CVPD department and lodged a complaint.

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Wednesday evening, Aug 5, 2020; 7:30PM more than a 100 cars started assembling at the park next to the launch ramp. About 100+ plus cars started assembling in the park next to the launch ramp; squealing tires, burning rubber, make loud noises; I walked over to the park around 10:30PM and found 3 CVPD squad cars with light flashing. I talked with them for 20 minutes. Very disappointed at their lackadaisical response. They said they always closed the gate to the park at 10PM. This seemed unbelievable to me because there have been numerous times in the past few months when I have heard car squealing tires at 3am!

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Early Sunday morning, Aug 2, 2020 0300; several loud explosions (fireworks?) in the park.

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Saturday evening, July 26, 2020 ~ 6:15PM: several cars doing "donuts" in the parking lot; 'round and 'round and 'round; also more loud, thumping music coming from a car.

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Saturday evening, July 25, 2020 7:30PM ... Loud, booming music coming from the southern end of the parking lot; can't tell if it's from a car or an external amp; seems way too loud to be coming from a car; seems to end around 8:54PM.

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Tuesday evening, July 21, 8:45PM multiple cars are now doing high-speed "donuts" in the parking lot next to the Harbor Police Station, the second time TODAY!!

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Tuesday evening, July 21, 5:17PM; multiple cars are now doing high-speed "donuts" in the parking lot next to the Harbor Police Station.

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Monday night, July 20, 2020 9:3PM; multiple fireworks and "pops" from the parking area overlooking the old power plant site; loud bass notes coming from the same area.

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Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:15PM - several (4) loud explosions (fireworks??), and squealing tires; called CVPD.

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Saturday, June 27, 2020 8:00PM, several cars racing around the parking lot, squealing tires, revving engines, etc. Lots of noise. Continuing noise and racing cars at 8:32. Called the CVOD at 8:32 PM.

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Saturday, June 27, 4:40PM, very loud (sub-woofer) bass booming coming from some car at the launch ramp area. It's impossible to identify the source. Ugh. The noise finally stopped around 6:40PM.

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:46PM, noise of multiple cars doing "donuts" in the parking area of the Marina Park.

Saturday, June 13, 2020 13:38

Came back to Prudence after running errands and heard LOUD amplified music coming once again from the grassy area next to the launch ramp. I can see dozens and dozens of cars parked along the waterfront, and 6-8 pop-ups with groups of people milling around. I called the CVPD at 1:38 and lodged a complaint. The dispatcher who answered my call seemed somewhat confused and said she'd have to ask someone as to what could be done. This is in stark contrast to the many other times I've called and the dispatcher always said they'd send an officer out to check. It's now 2:21 and they're using the PA to scream something out to the assembled masses. Constant drumming of music in the background.

Saturday, May 23, 2020

~1600 loud noise from a radio, screeching tires from cars and loud revving engines once again from the J Street launch ramp. I drove over there and found ! 40+ vintage cars in the parking lot, dozens of people (none wearing masks). This went on until around 6:20 when I called the CVPD several times, letting the phone ring dozens of times for a dispatcher, all to no avail. No one answered any of my three calls. Now it's 6:30 and the music is actually getting louder.

Thursday, May 21, 2020, 9:040M

Several cars are now doing "donuts" in the parking lot of the launch ramp on J Street! Lots of noise and the smell of burning rubber. Even though the park is officially "closed" except for boat launches, many cars have been observed entering the park and making lots of noise and disturbing the peace.

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Around 1600, a lone male set up a little disco on the back side of the Harbor Police building next to the launch ramp. He's got his phone plugged into a "boom box" and is blasting out music towards the marina. Not only is the park supposed to be CLOSED due to Covid-19, but no one is supposed to be IN the park, let alone causing a disturbance. Called the CVPD and lodged a complaint. The dispatched said she'd send a car ASAP. Yikes, one of the only benefits of being sequestered at home is that the park is no longer a source of constant noise. Except for today.

Saturday, March 7, 2020

12:00 (noon) Came back to CYM to the sounds of music once again blasting from the grassy area south of the Harbor Police Station at the J Street Launch Ramp. There are about 6 pop-ups and dozens of people milling around. There's also a generator making its own noise. Called CVPD at 12:45 and the music stopped within 5 minutes for 20 minutes, then back on at 1:05PM.

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- 295 Sunday, Feb 16, 2020 9:05PM
- 296 At least 50+ cars speeding up and down the road to the J Street launch ramp. A number of them
- 297 were doing donuts in the parking lot for 10+ minutes before I called CVPD. from the J Street
- launch ramp; screeching tires, racing up and down the entrance to the launch ramp; called
- 299 CVPD at 9:05 to report the disturbance.

- 301 Saturday evening, January 18, 2020
- From about Noon to 5:30+ loud music and generator coming from the grassy area south of the
- launch ramp. It was a private party of ~30-4- people with pop-ups. There was a salsa band
- 304 playing with amps powered by the noisy "Predator" generator. The genset was positioned on
- 305 the back-side of the restroom building, directly facing the marina. Ugh. Called the CVPD around
- 306 3PM to lodge a disturbing the peace complaint.

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Sunday evening, January 12, 2020, around 4:30PM - another car was doing donuts in the parking lot of the launch ramp.

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- Sunday morning, January 12, 2020, early, around 1:30AP a LOUD car was speeding up and
- 312 down the road leading to the launch ramp.

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- 314 Saturday, January 11, 2020
- 315 The car club once again set up their popups (~6) AND a LOUD generator. Announcements and
- 316 LOUD music continued to well past 6PM. Found out my neighbor, Scott Muzzy, called CVPD
- around 6PM and they sent a police car to curb the noise.

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- 319 Sunday, November 17, 2019
- 320 12:00 noon start of loud, thumping music from grassy area next to Harbor Police Station.

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- 322 Sunday, October 27, 2019, 9:30PM
- 323 Several cars doing "donuts" in the launch-ramp parking lot; lots of noise and burning rubber
- 324 smoke.

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- 326 Saturday, October 26, 2019, 9:30PM
- 327 Several cars doing "donuts" in the launch-ramp parking lot; lots of noise and burning rubber
- 328 smoke.

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- 330 Saturday, October 19, 2019, 10:00 9:09PM
- 331 Loud, thumping noise from party at the Marina Park, just off of J Street.

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- 333 Sunday, October 13, 2019: 12:00 6:00 PM
- 334 Pounding music from Marina Park, J Street

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- 336 Saturday, October 12, 2019:
- Noon 7:30PM, loud, booming noise and lots of pop-ups from the grassy area, north

339 Sunday, September 29, 2019 2112: loud, thumping music coming from the launch ramp area. 340 341 342 Saturday, September 28, 2019 343 1130 start - loud thumping music and amplified PS system from the grassy area. 344 345 Sunday, September 22, 2019 Noon -Loud music from party on the grassy area. Booming BASS from music system. 346 347 Still booming at 6PM; called CVPD 348 Still booming at 7PM; called CVPD again 349 Still booming at 8PM; called CVPD again.... finally stopped around 8:15PM! 350 351 Saturday, September 21, 2019; 7:55PM 352 Loud explosions (~8) possibly firecrackers or gunshots. Called CVPD. 353 354 Sunday, September 15, 2019 355 9:45 Many pop-ups in the usual area south of the Police Station; loud, thumping noise and PA 356 system. Called CVPD 11:38; they said they'd dispatch an officer. Returned to CYM 1:30PM, 357 noise louder than ever. The parking lot at the launch ramp is now overloaded with vintage cars 358 and low-riders, cars parked along all the red curbs as well as cars parks on the actual launch 359 ramp itself. 360 Saturday, September 14, 2019 361 Party with multiple pop-ups on the grassy area north of the launch ramp. 362 363 NO amplified music/PA so it was really had to know they were even there! 364 Yeah! 365 366 Thursday evening, September 12, 2019 367 9:30 PM Multiple cars (>10) squealing tires and doing "donuts" in the parking lot around the J Street 368 369 launch ramp. Also, cars racing up and down the street leading to the launch ramp. 370 Called CVPD 9:31PM. 371 372 Sunday morning, Sept 8, 7:15... 373 Once again about 6 "pop-ups" are being erected with loud generator sound, and lound 374 "thumping" noise from speakers ... Calls CVPD 7:30AM. 375

376 Saturday, September 7, 2019 9:06

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Perhaps 50+ cars are doing "donuts" in the parking lot of the launch ramp and spinning our and

378 making lots of noise and burning rubber.

- 381 Saturday, August 31, 2019 ...
- Noise from amplified music system with ANNOUNCER starting at 0830, grassy area south of the
- 383 Police Station next to the launch ramp.

- 385 Saturday, August 24 ...
- 386 Motorcycle event at park starting at 0830 and continuing all day. LOTS of loud motorcycle
- 387 sounds.

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- 389 Friday, July 19, 2019
- Loud, thumping music started around 1800 from a car in the park.
- 391 Called CV Police around 10:30 about cars squealing tires and doing do-nuts by the launch ramp.
- 392 Almost immediately a CV police car arrived and intercepted.

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- 394 Saturday, June 29, 2019...
- 395 Music and loud PA started at 10:00 and continued well past 18:00.
- 396 CV vintage car party. Very loud music and PA. I called CV Police around noon they said it was a
- 397 "permitted" party.

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- 399 Saturday, April 20, 2019
- The car club called Life in San Diego set up about 10 pop-ups AND the music starts blaring at
- 401 7:30am. I called CVPD soon thereafter and the dispatcher said someone would be sent out.
- By 0900 the music had been turned waaay down. I drove over to the park and took a photo of
- 403 the setup. I left the area around 11:30 and returned at 6:30PM and the whole area was now
- 404 FULL of cars, including cars blocking the entire launch ramp. There was loud music STILL coming
- 405 from the area.

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- 407 Sunday, April 21, 2019
- 408 Around 11:00AM more thumping music from the same area of the park. I left CV and when I
- 409 returned 2 hours later, the noise had stopped.

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- 411 Sunday, April 28, 2019
- 412 11:00 Several "pop-up's of undetermined origin, and loud, thumping music starts.
- 413 (I'm departing at 2:00 for the airport).

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- 415 Saturday, May 4, 2019
- Loud, amplified music started at north end of park; several pop-up tents and PA
- 417 announcements.

- 419 Saturday, Aug 4, 2018
- 420 Car Club, popups, generator and lots of LOUD music starting at 0900. Called police around 0930
- and they came out and the music was decreased a LOT; then around 11:00 it came back up. I
- 422 called CVPD again and met two officers at the park and we talked about what to do. They said
- they could issue a Citizen's Arrest, and then I'd have to go to court. They then suggested they
- talk to the people first. I agreed and the noise stayed bad all day until around 1830. Loud music,
- 425 PA announcements,

- 427 August 9, 2018
- 428 Angela Gaines, Community Relations from CVPD called to discuss noise problem. She suggests
- documenting each and every nuisance and THEN get back to her.

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- 431 Saturday, Aug 18, 2018
- 432 8-10 popups, generator, loud music started at 10:00AM
- 433 Called CVPD 1053 and they reminded me it is HarborFest! (I didn't know it was ALSO at the
- 434 launch ramp).

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- 436 Saturday, Sept 22, 2018
- 437 10–15 pop-ups at the SW corner of the mole; LOTS of cars, LOUD music and PA system
- 438 announcing some sort of raffle.

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- 440 Sunday, Sept 23, 2018
- 5-10 popups next to the Police Station; music started at 0900.

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- 443 Saturday, Sept 29, 2018
- 444 10-15 popups on the north side of the park; music and PA starting at noon (moderate
- 445 irritation).

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- Sunday evening, April 7, 2019 ~7PM, LOTS of loud rap music coming from the same area; Barry
- Joshua noticed it around 6:50 and call CVPD. He alerted me when I arrived home at 7PM. As I
- 449 walked down C dock the music was actually noticeably turned UP. I called CVPD as well.

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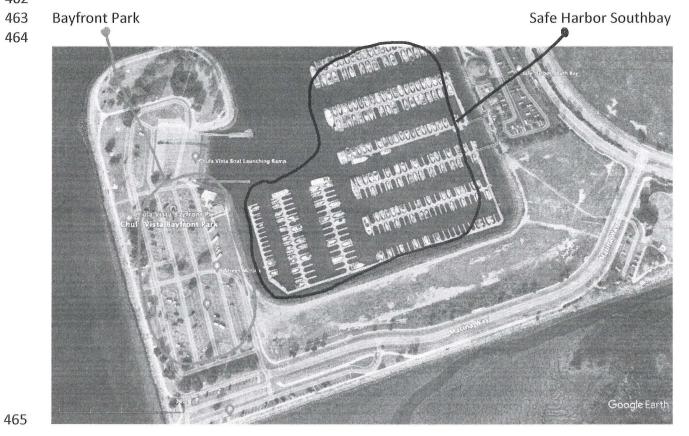
- 451 Saturday, April 13, 2019 Thumping music started at 10:30 and continued well past 19:00 from
- 452 multiple pop-ups.

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- 454 Sunday, April 14, 2019 Thumping music started at 0800 and continued until ~1900.
- 455 Thursday, April 18, 9:53PM about two dozen cars spinning their wheels in the parking lot for
- at least 10-20 minutes, making a LOT of noise and smoke. Called CVPD and they said they had
- another call and would send a car when "available". Yuck!

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Note: "CYM" refers to the California Yacht Marina, now known as Safe Harbor Southbay – the marina nearest to Bayfront Park and the launch ramp.



Extreme and Persistent Noise Problems – Chula Vista Bayfront Park 950 Marina Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910

John Kalpus;

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 s

Members of the Chula Vista City Council,

I have berthed my sailboat in Chula Vista for the past 21+ years. I chose this area for many reasons, the primary one being the peace and quiet of the neighborhood and parks.

Before the pandemic, I was travelling almost every week for my work as a professional computer trainer. I would then spend the weekends on my sailboat, enjoying a relaxing few days before heading to the airport again.

Since approximately 2019, there has been a HUGE increase in noise coming from Bayfront Park, only 150 feet from the marina. Almost universally the noise comes from groups of car aficionados who erect multiple pop-ups, set up generators and amplifiers and proceed to eliminate the peace and quiet we've come to expect from a "park" so near our marina. These parties can last from 6AM in the morning until well after dark, sometimes as long as 10-11PM. The events are usually on the weekends but can occur any day of the week including well past midnight and the early morning hours.

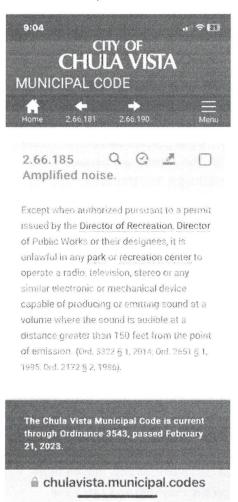
This uninterrupted noise is constant and loud, with the usual THUMP, THUMP of sub-base woofer speakers, impossible to escape! Several of us at the marina have been in contact with our local Chula Vista representatives, and they have always told us to work with the Port Commission to resolve the problems. The Port Commission has posted, albeit tiny, signage indicating that amplified music is NOT allowed, except by permit from the Port Commission. These constant, unpermitted car-club events which have literally taken over most if not all of the park. The "events" are often so large that it's difficult for boaters to enter the park, especially if towing a boat trailer. Cars routinely park in the red fire zones, and even in the grassy areas to the north of the park.

As recently as this past Friday evening, March 29, 2024, 9:00PM, there was a constant low-frequency booming coming from Bayfront Park, probably a car's stereo. The noise greatly escalated around 10:00PM when lots of very loud POP, POP noises were heard. Originally thinking it was gunfire, but when I emerged from my boat it was clear these were car RACING around the parking lot producing lots of engine backfires and burning rubber pollution! There were ~30-40 cars participating, maybe more. I called CVPD and asked them to immediately send patrols over to stop the mayhem and catch the culprits. A few moments into my call, the dispatcher put me on hold for more than 5 minutes (understandable because of a 9-11 call). I eventually hung up and started to video the craziness. By that time the cars were starting to make their way out of the park, racing along the exit road and producing lost more mayhem, backfires and smoke from burning rubber.

Several years ago, Angela Gaines, CVPD Community Relations Specialist, suggested that I start to document the noise problems. Since then, I have documented well over 100 times the noise has been so bad that members of the marina community have had to call the CVPD for help.

Thinking the placards would alleviate the problem and give the CVPD grounds to issue citations and thereby prevent further use of the PD's valuable time, none of this has happened.

Instead, the problem has only worsened. Please return our peace and quiet by instructing the CVPD to start issuing citations to prevent further issues. CVPD resources are being wasted by NOT enforcing the Chula Vista Municipal Code enacted to prevent just such a nuisance. Uncontrolled noise not only disturbs the peace and quiet but is also a major health issue. We need your immediate help.





Chula Vista Noise Ordinance 2.66.185, re: Amplified noise, clearly states:

Except when authorized pursuant to a permit issued by the Director of Recreation, Director of Public Works or their designees, it is unlawful in any park or recreation center to operate a radio, television, stereo or any similar electronic or mechanical device capable of producing or emitting sound at a volume where the sound is audible at a distance greater than 150 feet from the point of emission. (Ord. 3322 § 1, 2014; Ord. 2651 § 1, 1995; Ord. 2172 § 2, 1986).

Suggestions/Requests:

The Safe Harbor South Bay and Safe Harbor Bayfront marinas have over five hundred boats and the closest is less than 100 feet from Bayfront Park. Therefore, in your solicitations for ideas for redevelopment of Bayfront Park, we respectfully request the following:

- 1. Immediately STOP issuing Port Commission permits for groups who repeatedly use the park at their personal meeting site, with all the concomitant noise and traffic.
- 2. START issuing citations immediately for groups who ignore the noise ordinance. When issuing permits, please limit the time of the event to a 4–6-hour period, and certainly state a cutoff time of no later than 9PM.
- 3. Install speed bumps on the road leading into Bayfront Park. This would almost certainly eliminate cars and motorcycles using this road as a racetrack.
- 4. Install LARGE, easy to read and understand placards explaining the noise ordinance and consequences of abuse.
- 5. Most of Bayfront Park is paved over for parking. This is a terrible waste of beautiful parkland. Instead, we suggest you greatly increase the amount of green space, planting trees and grass and drought-tolerant plants. We don't need so much heat-absorbing asphalt.
- 6. Install area lighting which stops the light pollution that most streetlamps emit. Bring back the night sky and let us see the stars again! We should only see the *light* from a fixture, not the *light source* itself!
- 7. Consider, very carefully, issuing any permits which would degrade the quality of life for those of us who visit our beautiful Chula Vista parks to listen to the birds and hear the wind blowing through the trees.
- 8. Work with the various Chula Vista and National City based car clubs to find a much more suitable and safer place for them to hold car rallies and displays and BBQs, but in a place which would not disturb surrounding neighborhoods.
- 9. Create a volunteer community advisory panel to offer insights from people who live near, next to, or are affected by use of the park.

To demonstrate how invasive and annoying these noise disturbances are, I have created a short, 5-minute movie which highlights the problem.

Watch the movie here: https://vimeo.com/537520912

Respectfully submitted,

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