

SANDPIPER

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

Tom McGreal | Stratford Court

SANDAG seems determined not to let you get any sleep this summer!

Much to everyone's surprise SANDAG held an Open House on May 26th to announce that Phase 3 of the Bluff Restoration work would start on June 13th. The project work would be conducted in the evening between 10:30 PM and 5:30 AM five days a week from Sunday through Thursday throughout the summer. The summer start date announcement follows SANDAG's earlier statement acknowledging that loud construction noise would be less impactful on the residents of Del Mar if the project was not conducted in the summer months when everyone opens their windows overnight.

The project involves drilling steel reinforced beams into the ground to a depth of 40 to 65 feet along the bluffs adjacent to the railroad tracks. The repetitive earth shattering noise will reverberate across the City five nights a week for up to 4 months.

The City of Del Mar holds a seat on the Board of Directors along with the other 17 area communities. The City of Del Mar however, has no authority to require changes, reject projects or make any other demands related to SANDAG projects.

On June 10th Mayor Mosier sent a letter to Mr. Gary Gallegos, Executive Director of SANDAG, requesting a postponement of the start of the project until September 15th. The Letter referred to the "unacceptably severe



The cliffs between 9th and 11th streets. Photo Virginia Lawrence.

impact on area residents" in terms of their "quality of life" and "their potential to realize income from short term summer rentals".

On June 20th the City Council received a written response from Mr. Gallegos denying the postponement. The City Council responded by issuing an Encroachment Permit to SANDAG with conditions designed to mitigate some of the noise and light nuisances, and with the stipulation that the Permit would only be applicable for night-time work commencing after Labor Day.

Of course, SANDAG can bypass the need for the Encroachment Permit by having the contractor enter

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TAXPAYER CHECKBOOK

If we ever needed evidence that the Fair Board has no constituent accountability, the lawsuits filed by Del Mar, Solana Beach, San Dieguito River Valley Park JPA, and Sierra Club provide the proof. The Fair Board's arrogant decisions to certify the environmental impact analysis of their ill-conceived master plan tells us why change is needed. This nine member board of political contributing appointees has thumbed its collective nose at San Diego residents, elected governments, and the natural environment of the San Dieguito Lagoon.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) governs the fairboard as it does all other private and public developers. CEQA places an emphasis on preserving and protecting environmental resources, and on mitigating and avoiding adverse impacts. CEQA also requires every developer (private or public) to consult and collaborate with all interested agencies and jurisdictions whose interest are affected to develop a plan that is consistent with the laws and plans of these affected parties where possible, and where not possible to make specific findings and "statements of overriding considerations" explaining why such collaboration cannot be achieved. Of course, this is a challenging requirement, but private developers throughout the state work diligently to comply with the law and manage to satisfy the law and proceed with their projects. Why should this public agency of the state be allowed to do anything less?

The Fair Board's own analysis of their master plan states

explicitly that it "would result in significant unavoidable adverse impacts related to traffic, air quality, noise, public services, and utilities, and greenhouse gases. These impacts are considered 'unavoidable' because either the necessary mitigation is not within the jurisdiction and control of the 22nd AG, or because the mitigation that would be applied would reduce the impact but not to a less than significant level."

They are damned by their own words! Yet they proceed with imperious arrogance to certify the environmental impact report and approve the master plan. Citizens and governments have no choice in the face of such blatant disregard for the law and the damage they will do to the quality of our lives.

We are being forced to spend *local* taxpayer money in court to defend our communities and the environment. The Fair Board, on the other hand, will spend *state* taxpayer money to defend these lawsuits. Either way, taxpayers pay.

This is rogue government. This cannot stand. □

THREE DOWN, SIX TO GO

Bud Emerson | Klish Way

Governor Brown terminated three long-serving members of the Fair Board and is expected to announce new appointees in the near future. Barry Nussbaum, Vivian Hardage, and Kelly Burt were told their terms had expired and their services were no longer needed on the nine member board as of June 9. All three have been strong supporters of the aggressive new master plan and outspoken critics of Del Mar's proposed acquisition of the fairground property. Four other members continue to serve even though their terms have also expired. Leaving them on the board enables the board to achieve a quorum of five members to make decisions. The last two members' terms expire in January.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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NO NOISE IS GOOD NOISE

This was to have been a "letter to the editor" which one of my neighbors begged me to send after a lengthy interview. At the last minute she reneged concerned that her neighbors would think her too harsh. But this is the gist of it all.

She, like some others, feels that with the arrival of summer they are confronted with the clamor, din, and roar of what seems to be "unending noise." Often the noise is attributed to Del Mar residents who vacate in the summer, retreat to their favorite vacation place and rent their house.

She feels that it is impossible to escape the noise, since she is "locked-in" by the massive Fair and racetrack traffic.

What might be done? Well, I noted that we have a noise ordinance to control the worst of those she might categorize as "culprits"--those who seem unaware of their contribution to the "noise factor." One would hope that there is always the route of personal contact--"talking to the neighbors."

The conclusion she and others have reached is that some

visitors find themselves paying what they conclude is an exorbitant summer rent, so they should feel free to vacation as they please.

As a former city planner my diagnosis is that some individuals think the "Del Mar Village" should be quiet and bucolic as the countryside. However, the "village" is quickly evolving as a "city" -- with it its urbanity and urban life, noisy at time and increasingly diverse!

Anthony Corso, a Sandpiper Editor

POSTAL POSSIBILITIES

We should not rush into building a new city hall while in the next few years the post office building will be available, a perfect location.

The Gov. makes moves to close offices to save money. The Del Mar office is a candidate to close. Should we wait?

It is on the list.

Marcel Van Boxtel, Luneta Drive

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the right of way outside the borders of the city of Del Mar. This will add to the cost of the project and create additional inconvenience, but it will not stop the project.

Mr. Gallegos letter makes two basic arguments. First, the delay will cost \$150,000 to \$200,000. Secondly, delaying the work will jeopardize public safety.

SANDAG's logic doesn't justify their conclusion. The Bluff Restoration project is a long term project not emergency repair work. The trains should be stopped if there is imminent danger. In fact, it was SANDAG's own contract and procurement inefficiencies that delayed the project from early winter until June 2011. As to the costs, the lost summer rental revenue and hotel revenues in the City of Del Mar could easily exceed the costs of the delay to SANDAG. Apparently SANDAG can afford the costs and risks associated with their own delays, but they can't tolerate further delays beyond June for reasons other than their own best interest.

Mr. Gallegos seems to be ignoring the most important issue, which is the health and well being of the residents of Del Mar. Residents spoke to the City Council about the detrimental effect to their physical and mental health resulting from sleep deprivation or sleep interruption over such an extended period. Many residents can remember the summer of 2007 when an earlier phase of the Bluff Restoration Project had the same detrimental effects on their health, so this isn't a matter of over reacting to the potential disturbance. It's a harsh reminder of what actually happened in 2007.

SANDAG appears more concerned with its project schedule and budget than maintaining respectful community relations. SANDAG needs to be reminded that they operate using public funding. Yes, it is our money allowing SANDAG to conduct

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Governor Brown is expected to appoint nine new members soon. It is not clear if these new appointees will reconsider the current board's action to approve the disputed master plan. Settlement discussions are underway with Del Mar, Solana Beach, and other parties who have sued to block approval of the controversial master plan

This purge happens at the time the Governor's office is analyzing what to do with all 52 fairground around the state, as well as other state properties. Del Mar City Council members were encouraged by Brown's action and are trying to involve Del Mar in deliberations with the Governor's staff and state legislators. □

the project that will potentially prevent us from getting a good night's sleep five nights each week all summer long.

All we ask is that SANDAG postpone the project until the autumn when the weather cools, and we can sleep at night with our windows closed.

SANDAG may be operating outside the authority of the City of Del Mar, but Mr. Gallegos is not beyond the sound of our voices. Please let Mr. Gallegos hear from you on the timing of the Bluff Restoration Project. His contact information is shown in the gray box below. □

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ASK DR. RICH!

Rich Simons | 11th Street

Every month, Rich Simons answers readers' most perplexing questions.

Q: Now that summer is here, thousands of visitors will be using our beaches and our lifeguard services. Isn't there some way we can get them to share in the costs involved? - g.m



Photo illustration Art Olson

This is definitely an idea whose time has come! And here is how we can do it: At conveniently placed kiosks along the beach we can offer our visitors policies providing them with different levels of lifeguard service commensurate with their abilities to swim and . . . er, pay. The following are examples:

Platinum Level: (Our Executive Package) Insured will be outfitted with a bracelet which, when held out of water for fifteen seconds, will activate a loud claxon and send a multi-colored beacon spinning into the air. Service will be guaranteed to arrive within two minutes, in the form of a twin-engine Zodiac with warm seats bearing two lifeguards and a paramedic, warm blankets, and a flagon of Courvoisier. Or, optionally – a warm, dry puppy. During the rescue, the Zodiac driver will videotape the adventure for later viewing in the insured's home theatre.

Bronze Level: (Popular with families) Insured is equipped with a metallic bracelet that reflects sunlight brilliantly. A kayak paddled by a lone lifeguard will appear in "a few minutes", with no blankets but with a bota bag half full of cheap burgundy. Sorry – no puppy option at this level.

Mahogany Level: (Our budget package) Bracelet is constructed of premium hardwood, guaranteed to float for a bit. Lifeguard, after finishing his or her smoothie, will paddle out with one of those floaty board thingies and haul the customer's sorry butt back to shore. No pooch, no booze.

Skinflint zonies who refuse to purchase a lifeguard policy will have to rely upon the kindness of strangers, such as the passing dolphin or surfer.

In our next issue – Reserving Your Space on the Beach!

Q: If, as you have suggested in recent columns, we are able to free ourselves from dependence on foreign GDP's (Gross Doggie Products), will we be able to make it up from domestic sources? – s.p.

An excellent question! It may be necessary for the government to make some releases from its strategic stockpile of Boston Terriers and Coonhounds. ■

WETLAND WARRIORS

The Rangers need help with seed harvesting from the Lagoon's beautiful native wild flowers and plant propagation every Tuesday at the San Dieguito Lagoon and along the Lagoon Trail from 9:00 a.m. till approximately noon.

This program is much like the inland "Dust Devils", a core of volunteers who work with rangers on special projects on a regular basis. "Wetland Warriors" are needed to do nursery based work: plant propagation and transplanting. Seed and cutting collection will be from nearby sources within the Park. This is mostly light labor with some moderate labor from time to time. Contact Ranger Leana Bulay at Leana@sdrp.org or (760) 716-1214 for further information, directions, and to become a part of a team working to make our wetlands work!



NICK, THE MAILMAN

Anthony Corso | Stratford Court

Nick Brumbach is known by many of us as “Nick, the Mailman.” He recently retired after 20 years of delivering mail, door to door, exchanging niceties with everyone along the way and offering encouragement when he discovered individuals or families facing difficult circumstances.

He obviously enjoyed his work. In a recent interview, he said that he felt privileged to be able to deliver mail to our doorsteps, rather than to some anonymous mailbox along the street. He spoke of the tremendous changes he had seen along his route in “Old Del Mar” with over 100 houses torn down and rebuilt and the movement of many newcomers into the Village.

He expressed a particular concern for folks that desperately looked forward to his daily delivery; he was often their only contact with the outside.

As for the future, Nick intends to further volunteer with the Sports for Exceptional Athletes program which serves and encourages individuals with developmental disabilities, ages five through adults, to engage in athletics. The program offers 24 sports from baseball and basketball to snowboarding, judo and golf. It encourages the participation of volunteers, families, relatives and friends



Nick Brumbach. Photo Nitza Leichtling

to join together, have fun and form lasting bonds. How fortunate the program is to have Nick’s involvement, concern and humor.

Those of us along his route already miss him; we considered him a “special friend” and wish him continued success in all that he pursues.

Let I forget, in the interview his only request was, “I hope you will ask people to make a special effort to visit their neighbors, especially those who feel isolated and alone.” ■

MAPPING MOVES 2012

Dave Druker | 10th Street

The preliminary maps for the new Assembly, State Senate and Congressional Districts were published on Friday, June 10. The final versions must be set by August 15, 2010. A non-partisan commission has been holding hearings across the state to determine the boundaries.

The commission is supposed to base districts upon the following criteria:

- Districts must be of equal population to comply with the US Constitution.
- Districts must comply with the Voting Rights Act to ensure that minorities have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.
- Districts must be contiguous so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.
- Districts must respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible.
- Districts should be geographically compact, that is, have a fairly regular shape.

Where practicable each Senate District should be comprised of two complete and adjacent Assembly Districts and Board of Equalization districts shall be composed of 10 complete and adjacent State Senate Districts.

Districts shall not be drawn to favor or discriminate against an incumbent, candidate, or political party.

Based upon the preliminary maps Del Mar is now included in an Assembly district that stretches from Solana Beach and Rancho Santa Fe through La Jolla (along the coast) to San Diego south of Balboa and east to I-15 and then south through downtown San Diego to Coronado. This district is currently mostly represented by Toni Atkins – a former San Diego City Councilmember. This district probably has a larger number of registered Democrats than Republicans. Former Del Mar Councilmember Crystal Crawford who had announced that she would be running for the California Assembly, states that she will not run against Toni Atkins but will wait and see what the final map looks like. The current district of Martin Garrick now includes Encinitas, Carlsbad, Oceanside and Vista – a solidly Republican district. In 2012 this district will have an open seat as Martin Garrick has “termed out.”

Our State Senate district encompasses the Assembly district and also includes National City, Chula Vista and Imperial Beach. This district includes areas represented by Christine Kehoe and Juan Vargas. In 2012, Kehoe will be “termed out” and Vargas may run for Congress thereby leaving our State Senate district open for new challengers. The district has a much larger number of registered Democrats than Republicans.

For Congress the preliminary map has Del Mar in a district that runs from the Orange County border through most of Fallbrook, all of Oceanside, Vista, Carlsbad, Encinitas,

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HOUSING WIN-WIN

Nancy Fisher | 24th Street

Need some extra income, companionship, or a little help around the house? Since 2004, Del Mar's Shared Housing Program has been matching senior residents with home seekers, some of whom are willing to offer help with household chores in exchange for a place to live or for reduced rent.

Operating under Del Mar Community Connections, the program offers three possible housing arrangements: Shared Living, Service Exchange and Even Exchange. In the first arrangement, Shared Living, the home seeker pays to rent a private bedroom and shares use of some common spaces such as the bathroom, kitchen, and laundry. In the second and most typical arrangement, Service Exchange, the home seeker provides services such as cooking,

cleaning, and driving in exchange for reduced rent. And in the third, Even Exchange, the home seeker will provide the owner with up to 20 hours of service per week in exchange for room and board.

Shirley King, past president of the board of DMCC, estimates that the program makes roughly 5-8 matches per year.

"Many," she says, "turn into both long-standing housing arrangements and enduring friendships."

A current success story for the program is the pairing of Carol Mason, a retired Del Mar elementary school teacher, with Adam Gardner, a recent college graduate with degrees in Human Biology and Chemistry, who just landed his dream job at Scripps Research Institute. Carol has a long history of sharing her peaceful, Herb Turner-designed hillside home with housemates of all ages and backgrounds, and enjoys having "someone cheerful around the house who says hello and goodbye in the morning."

Adam, who decided to move from Minnesota to the San Diego area before securing a job in his field, had expectations of "living in a dump and working in a fast-food joint." "Instead," he beams, "I ended up here, and with the coolest job I can imagine."

In return for reduced rent on his bedroom and private bath, Adam waters the yard, takes out the trash, helps Carol with her computer, and fixes anything that might break in a 42-year-old house. Carol loves to hear reports of Adam's day at work and shares his excitement about the new job. "It's easy for people living alone to get set in their ways," she says, "and having Adam here keeps me from falling into a routine." For more information, contact Heather Glenn at 858-792-7565 or email her at dmcc@dmcc.cc. □



Adam Gardner and Carol Mason.
Photo Nancy Fisher

HOUSING FOR ALL

Bud Emerson | Klish Way

All California cities are required to update the housing element of their general plan every five years, including the provision of affordable housing units. Del Mar's regional share of required new affordable housing is 27. "Affordable" incomes are in the \$35-50k range which could mean teachers, public employees, business employees, seniors, students, relatives... An adhoc citizens' group will be meeting for the next few months to recommend to the Council how to meet this requirement.

The Del Mar Housing Corporation, a non-profit agency set up to oversee the city's housing subsidy program has submitted recommendations to the ad hoc committee and Council as follows:

- rezone the commercial districts to permit mixed use development (small housing units attached to commercial entities)
- permit granny flat units to be added to lots under 2500 square feet with additional floor area allowances up to 400 feet.
- establish a one year amnesty period for illegal units to be permitted with a requirement that they be rented as affordable units
- initiate a pilot program to convert one apartment house to condos if a percentage of the units (one third) are placed under city control as affordable rentals
- double the number of housing subsidies to cover a total of 16 families

These and other recommendations will be heard by the City Council with opportunities for public input.



DMF Twilight Concert June 21, 2011, featuring Atomic Groove.
Photo Jill Weitzen MacDonald

CRYSTAL KICKOFF ... OR ON

Sherryl L. Parks | Kalamath Drive

Well-known Del Mar City councilwoman Crystal Crawford, who ran for 74th State Assembly in 2010, held her 2012 campaign kick off event on June 5th in Del Mar. Crawford stated, "We did well in 2010 and laid a solid foundation for the 2012 election. We out-poll the Democrat registration in the district by 7 points and came in only half a point behind Governor Jerry Brown in the 74th District."

Crawford was pleased to have support from Republicans and Independents as well as Democratic voters and stated her intention to represent all voters in the district regardless of party just as she did during her 12 years on the Del Mar City Council.



Mary Ann Emerson, Crystal Crawford, Bud Emerson.
Photo Sherryl Parks



Crystal Crawford, Pat Jacoby, Joe Sullivan. Photo Sherryl Parks

"I am running for state assembly because we need to get our state economy, state budget and education back on track. We need representatives who can work collaboratively with everyone to develop real solutions to the challenges we face. Working in Del Mar and the north county region for so many years was wonderful training for me. I learned so much about managing limited resources, practicing sustainable and creative decision-making, and working effectively on local, regional and statewide issues."

"When the economy was slowing down several years ago, Del Mar was able to reduce our expenditures by nearly 20% without cutting services and without laying off employees. As just one example, we were able to collaborate with the Rancho Santa Fe Fire District and the cities of Solana Beach and Encinitas to provide enhanced fire services while reducing costs."

Crawford represented Del Mar on the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and dealt with many regional concerns, including transportation, regional planning, and improving relations with the surrounding counties. She also served as the region's representative on the California Biodiversity Council.

At her kick off, Crawford acknowledged that the 74th Assembly seat was likely to change as a result of the

redistricting process that is now ongoing. The first drafts of the new assembly district maps were released several days later on June 10th. Although these maps are first drafts, it appears that Del Mar, Solana Beach, and Rancho Santa Fe will be part of a coastal district extending as far south as the city of Imperial Beach. Currently this region is represented by Assembly Member Toni Atkins. Ms. Atkins has Crystal's support 100%, and Crystal has stated that she will not be running against Ms. Atkins. "I'm thrilled that Del Mar may be represented by Toni Atkins. But this leaves my candidacy in limbo at this point. I remain excited and willing to serve the community in the best way possible. I just don't what that looks like right now. I have to be patient until the final maps are released by August 15."*

Crawford's experience, temperament and skills make her a strong candidate for any public office. "Sandpiper" will report in the September issue about the results of the redistricting process and what Crawford decides to do. ■

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Rancho Santa Fe (almost east to Escondido), Solana Beach through Torrey Pines Mesa and UCSD and the commercial section of UTC. Some of this district is represented by Darrell Issa and he will seek reelection in this district. The district has a much larger number of registered Republicans than Democrats.

Formerly, Del Mar was in the 50th District represented by Brian Bilbray. The district encompassed Carlsbad, San Marcos, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Rancho Santa Fe, Carmel Valley, coastal La Jolla and much of the Clairmont area. The map shows the 50th district moving south to include Carmel Valley, Rancho Penasquitos, Poway, the city of San Diego through Kearney Mesa, Serra Mesa, Linda Vista, La Jolla, Pacific Beach, downtown San Diego and Coronado. The district is evenly divided between registered Republicans and Democrats. Brian Bilbray has recently moved to Clairemont and will seek reelection in this new district. ■

To look at the preliminary maps in more detail visit the website of the California Redistricting commission at www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov/maps-first-drafts.html

PUZZLE PIECES

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

What Did We Say Anyway?

“We’ve gotten both direction and tough choices to make” from the community conversations, Planning Director Kathy Garcia mused as she answered questions about what is ahead for decisions on Downtown Revitalization.



In 1969 when Jim Watkins bought the Kockritz (now Stratford Sq.) building, there were residential units on the second floor! He tore them out and made artist lofts. Photo Sandpiper archives.

Q: Was a former Councilmember’s comment that we needed to identify the problems with downtown before we could settle on solutions make sense? **A:** Yes it is a very good point, along with identifying which solutions really benefit the community. Clearly residents identified the lack of walkability as a problem, and I would say the lack of resident serving services is a problem for many. The often-identified lack of parking is more complex. There is plenty of parking at the southern end of town but not in the center. There are various solutions to this issue.

Q: When I attended the Community Conversation at the City Hall Annex on a Sunday afternoon I noticed very few cars in the City Hall parking lot. Yet some are touting the idea of a new City Hall with underground public parking. If visitors are not using this lot now why are we considering this as one solution to our perceived parking problem? **A:** The distance between City Hall and 15th Street in the center of town is the same length as the Fashion Valley shopping mall. Yet would anyone even think of getting in their car to drive between shops in the mall? No! Whether shopping at a mall or in Del Mar, visitors love to stroll looking at various shops and sights along the way. The key is to make Camino del Mar more walkable, attractive and fun to walk along... where parking at one end of town and walking would seem perfectly natural.

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MIX IT UP!

Brian Church AIA, Camino Del Mar

What, you may ask, exactly is “mixed use”, and how can it help Del Mar? Traditionally (read: in the old days), downtowns were populated by a lot of mom and pop businesses - the shop was downstairs and the shopkeeper lived upstairs. Indeed, one of Del Mar’s landmark buildings (Stratford Square) used to have apartments upstairs. These residents add built-in financial diversity (not everyone can afford to live on Ocean Front), a loyal local customer base (who don’t have to drive), and even a neighborhood watch (more concerned eyes on the street.) However, current zoning in Del Mar doesn’t allow residential uses in the downtown area. Bringing back this small but important segment of our local population could help revitalize Del Mar’s downtown.

The taxes from our downtown businesses represent one of the largest income streams on which our city depends. And in simple terms, restaurant and retail businesses rely on visibility, parking and, perhaps most importantly, pedestrian traffic to thrive. The recent addition of sidewalk dining (added visibility) has been a boon for Del Mar restaurants, and there is also a spillover affect for retail. More foot traffic equals more customers. However, because of Del Mar’s high concentration of “second homes”, our population has actually been dwindling in recent years. We’re losing residents and we’re losing economic diversity. Adding residential mixed-use is one way of sustaining our local population and therefore financial and social vitality.



The Lofts in Encinitas. Photo Ann Gardner

We seem to be rediscovering the wisdom of this simple “live-work” configuration of mixed-use zoning in developments all over the country – even in our own back yard. There are several new mixed-use projects in downtown Encinitas including the Lofts and Pacific Station, with more on the way. While the long-term success of these projects remains to be seen, they are already providing a boost to the local economy by simply adding more customers to the local businesses.

The financial margins of our town’s businesses are razor-thin, especially in this economy. Having just a few more loyal customers can mean the difference between success and failure. Adding some residential mixed use could be one way of ensuring that your favorite store or restaurant is still there when you want it. ■

WILL IT WORK?

Dave Druker | 10th Street

Over the next few months, the Del Mar City Council will determine how to pursue the latest efforts at revitalization. The current course looks like the development of a Specific Plan for the area between 15th and 9th along Camino del Mar so that the citizens can vote on the issue in November, 2012. To complete this Specific Plan numerous studies will need to be initiated so that the plan “passes muster”.

Before the Council begins this process and spends funds on a plethora of studies, an economic study of the consequences of the Specific Plan should be completed. This study should answer the following questions:

- Would a current property owner have the same or better economic gain if they were to redevelop the property under the new rules?
- Would a purchaser of a property along Camino del Mar be able to develop a property under the new rules and have a reasonable return on investment?
- What type of retail would need to be located in Del Mar to provide enough rental income for a redeveloped property?
- What would be the increase in sales tax, property tax and transit occupancy tax for the city under the new rules? The current assumption is that if we change the rules, the answer to all these questions will be that Del Mar and the property owners will be better off. It would be nice to have this assumption validated.
- Finally the council should explain what problem we are trying to solve. If the problem is to make Del Mar more pedestrian friendly, do we need a Specific Plan or will a minor revision to Streetscape suffice? ▣

MAKING IT HAPPEN

Sam Borgese | 10th Street and Anthony Corso | Stratford Court

With all the recent (and past) community discussion on revitalizing Del Mar Village we concluded that an exploration of past plans and efforts meant to guide Del Mar’s future was warranted to ensure that any “great ideas” were not lost over time and with changes in city personnel and city council representation. What started out as a manageable chunk of research turned out to be somewhat exhausting given the amount and magnitude of planning documents and reports.

A similar exploration was initiated in 2007 by the Del Mar Village Association which engaged the Clue Group in an economic study that resulted in the publication of the document, “Revitalization Plan for the Del Mar Village.” The group reviewed almost two dozen plans and reports prepared for the City over the past 30 years. It lists more than 20 planning studies ranging from Community or General Planning to specific plans related to environmental preservation, traffic, parking etc.

Our effort lead to the discovery of a great deal of duplication and replication no matter the author, planning group or source. Most importantly, many of the ideas and endorsements seem worthy of further consideration, if not outright adoption. Most studies began with an endorsement of the overall goal and the familiar refrain: “Preserve and enhance the special character of Del Mar. the elements of which are a village-like community of substantially single family residential character, a picturesque and rugged site, and a beautiful beach.”

The Del Mar 2000 Plan, devoted to the revival of the commercial center, made our time-consuming research endeavor seem worthwhile. It offers an insightful and perceptive recommendation addressed to the major failing of most planning-- the inability of plans and planning

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STORES STAYING

Sam Borgese | 10th Street

Del Mar residents will still be able to buy groceries at the Del Mar Plaza. Kelly Maher leasing representative for the Plaza confirmed that the Harvest Ranch Market extended their lease for another five years.

Additional Plaza news includes: **Flavor** restaurant extending their business to include a new champagne and chocolate bar to be located on the Plaza Level across from the Plaza level elevators; **Urban Accessories** opening on the Street Level; and, **Pacifica**

Del Mar extending their bar and outdoor dining.

The headline here of course is the continued operation of the market. Retaining a resident serving market along with other resident friendly uses that existed prior to the Plaza development was a major condition in the decision by voters to approve the Del Mar Plaza project. Under the Del Mar Specific Plan the market was to be in continuous operation until February 2012 at which date the owners could replace the market with other uses.

Extending the market lease also extends one of, if not the, major resident serving element of the Plaza specific plan. Good news for residents and hopefully a sign that the Plaza owners see value in leasing more tenants that offer resident friendly services.

BOLT DOWN THE TUBE!

Virginia Lawrence | Caminito Del Rocio

BULLYING! At the end of May the Del Mar Television Foundation (DMTF) awarded two Scripps Ranch High School sophomores \$250 for their winning 60-second PSA (Public Service Announcement) about bullying. This contest was organized as a part of the DMTF's Youth Outreach Program. According to Luana Karr, Project Director, "We want to involve kids in a positive way. By creating a buy-in or connection to their community, it provides them a sense of belonging and hopefully a sense of responsibility and future involvement." The winning PSA was broadcast throughout June and will again be aired in September. It may also be viewed at www.vimeo.com/24802602.

Created by the FCC between 1969 and 1971, public-access television provides ordinary people the means to create and broadcast content through cable TV. In addition to the opportunities offered by the DMTF to young people (their intern program, Kids News, in-studio shoots and field production), the DMTF provides training classes and certification programs for anyone who would like to be involved in studio production. The students write shows and the DMTF provides full technical support for the airing of these shows on Producers' Showcase. The most recent Showcase featured "Indie Filmmakers." You can check the schedule at www.delmartv.com/schedule/dmtv24_schedule.pdf.

EARLY DAYS: It was in the early '80s that Del Mar decided to build the first cable station in the area. The City Council made the decision, not without controversy, to award the original franchise to Daniels Cablevision (Denver native Bill Daniels owned a beach house in Del Mar) rather than to Time Warner,



From the Del Mar Surfcomber July 25, 1984. "Del Mar Communications Center behind City Hall is set to formally open Sept. 1." Courtesy DMVA History Committee.

also an eager candidate. Daniels designed and paid for the TV Station. Herb Turner, a local architect, built it pro-bono, reimbursed for costs only. The building, by the way, was designed so that it could be moved to a new location at any time at the discretion of the City Council. It is not permanently attached to its foundation; it is only bolted in place.

Turner also became involved in the oversight of the TV station, and succeeded in shifting its control from the unwieldy 25-member Foundation for Del Mar Community Cable Television, to the 5-member Community Television Advisory Committee (CTAC), whose members also happened to have a better attendance record. The Foundation played no further role in the running of the station until 1999.

In 1999 Pete Glaser, who had become active in the organization, helped rewrite the bylaws for the Foundation, transforming it into an independent citizen-run 501c3

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Q: There seems to be less agreement on how to attract resident services to Del Mar. Some say we need to increase the allowed building envelopes while others worry about view blockage and the inability to dictate what businesses will occupy the new space. A: It's true we do not have many pro-active tools now. We have several choices: 1) Sit around and wait to see what happens; 2) entice desired uses by offering, for instance, an increased density bonus or other benefit, and/or 3) actively seek out desired businesses and what they want to locate here. If we implement a Specific Plan for the commercial area we can build in public benefits in exchange for zoning flexibility that, hopefully, does not impact residential views for instance.

Q: What about the option of simply increasing the floor area ratio or height limitations without going through the lengthy Specific Plan process? A: Then we would give up the option of getting a public benefit in exchange for the increased building envelope.

Q: How do you explain that some businesses manage to come to Del Mar and do very well within our existing "old and some say unattractive" spaces? For example, Dexter's Deli, Rusty's Surf Shop or The Bustle that just expanded its space. A: I can't speak to their economics or their business model, but we need to build off of those successful businesses and find more like them.

Q: What's next? A: Staff is researching the ideas presented by residents and businesses. We have our engineering and planning staff analyzing the various options for improving Camino del Mar. For instance, we are testing traffic movement to see if roundabouts can be used instead of stop signs. We have been calculating the difference in carbon emissions to help us meet our GHG goals. Moving landscaping from the median to each side of Camino would also help us meet our clean water goals because carbon-absorbing trees can also serve to cleanse stormwater. It also seemed that a number of people who attended the Conversations liked the idea of reducing the auto space between the east and west side of the commercial district.

Q: Are you looking at the idea of reducing lanes on Camino del Mar? A: Yes, it is among the options, along with keeping it at two lanes in both directions.

Q: When will we see the "draft Village Plan" and will there be more than one plan to look at? A: We will bring alternative plans to the community this fall, 2011 for a continuation of our Community conversations. There will be plenty of opportunity for more input and refinement of our solutions taking everyone's concerns into consideration. In the meantime residents can continue sending input to the Planning Department, either by letter or email to conversations@delmar.ca.us. And check out information about revitalization on the City's website: www.delmar.ca.us. □

FAIR ILLEGALS

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

In a surprise move, the California Coastal Commission turned the 22nd District Agricultural Association (the District) on its ear June 15 when the Commission postponed any decisions on a new Coastal Development Permit at the Fairgrounds until the two staffs could get together and discuss outstanding violations against the 1976 Coastal Act, including the District's illegal use of the East Overflow Lot (EOL) for unpermitted events and parking. The Coastal Act requires Commission approval for any development at the Fairgrounds site in order to "... protect the ecological balance of the coastal zone."



*Circus Vargas on the East Overflow Lot (EOL) March 7, 2009.
Photo Dawn Rawls*

The District had requested placement of a new 6,650 sq. ft. tent structure for golf uses, additional other developments on the Fairgrounds Surf and Turf property and "after the fact" approval for non-permitted uses of tents over the soccer fields and swimming pool in the same area.

Coastal Commission staff had recommended approval with specific conditions: parking on the EOL strictly limited to overflow from Fair and Race Track visitors, no free standing pole or roof signs, and a runoff water monitoring program with as needed remediation. Then Dawn Rawls, San Dieguito Lagoon Committee, and Jacqueline Winterer, Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley, addressed the long-standing issue of the Fairgrounds flaunting the 1976 Coastal Act permit requirements and seeking "after the fact" approvals. "When and how will the District be held responsible for years of violations?" they said in so many words.

After Commission Executive Director Peter Douglas reviewed the District's history of repeated violations against the Coastal Act and unwillingness to remediate, the discussion turned to examining options for getting the Fairgrounds' attention. Douglas cited the inability of the Commission to file enforcement lawsuits because of limited resources and said he could only hope that the Fairgrounds would eventually stop breaking the

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programs to produce change. It suggests that emphasis be given to implementation, rather than further planning, and that an organization be created for implementation purposes. The organization would be in the form of a non-profit corporation, charged with the implementation of plans adopted by the city. The purpose of the organization would be to act as an implementor rather than as a regulator of development—the role typically played by planning departments.

The document notes a neglect of many past plans and concludes that the adoption and implementation of Del Mar 2000 will require the dedicated effort of an implementation organization created for that purpose—one which can serve as an advocate and chief negotiator of the city's development objectives, as well as the protector of the plan's principles. In this regard, it argues that the implementation of Del Mar 2000 requires an approach to planning that is change-oriented, rather than quality control and regulatory in nature. (One might presume the same hold true for all planning engagements!)

Another discovery was the continued use of key terms and words thread throughout all the reports and documents reviewed. If the community conversation is to progress to action, perhaps more time has to be taken to define and to agree upon the precise definition of many terms such as: "village," "community identity," "small town atmosphere," "harmonious blending of buildings," "social balance," "alternative retail," "vital balance" or "compatible with the intellectual needs of the community."

Finally we conclude that given the vast number of plans and projects with their impressive offerings and somewhat visionary recommendations, and the further generation of laudable ideas emanating from the Community Conversation program, that now is the time to "walk the talk"—to define the key terminology of words that trigger our vision of a robust village, adopt important recommendations and create an independent, non-commercial organization to devote essential time and effort to the very complicated and at times complex process of implementation. ■

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non-profit and renaming it the Del Mar Television Foundation (DMTF). Glaser became the President of DMTF and remained at the helm for 5 years.

About 2 years ago, when the financial bubble burst, the City stopped giving money to the DMTF. The TV station currently depends on funding in the form of grants, and has received generous support from the Del Mar Foundation (DMF).

TODAY: For anyone new to Del Mar, the TV station is located behind City Hall in the south-west corner of the parking lot where the Farmers' Market is held on Saturday afternoons. If you want to attend City Council meetings, this is where they take place. ■

The writer would like to thank Pete Glaser, Meghan Anderson, Luana Karr, Larry Brooks and Jan McMillan for their help in piecing together this story.

VIVE LA DIFFÉRENCE!

Bill Michalsky | Stratford Court

What a difference a view makes. Most of us remember the recycling center located at the corner of Jimmy Durante Boulevard and San Dieguito Drive that obscured our view of the San Dieguito Lagoon for many years. Many were surprised when it was recently closed; part of a deal the City made with Waste Management when extending and revising our refuse collection contract many months ago. The lot consists of two parcels with a combined size of approximately 2/3 of an acre; some portions may be unusable due to proximity to the adjoining river and other easements. The majority of the parcel is controlled by the North County Transit District (NCTD) with the City of Del Mar as owner of a small section adjoining the streets near the intersection.

Once the recycling equipment was dismantled and the fences removed Del Mar's Lagoon Restoration Committee and the San Dieguito River Park began discussing the idea of using the lot as a trailhead providing connectivity with the proposed Coast to Crest Trail and the Grand Avenue Bridge Overlook further up San Dieguito Drive. The discussion included ideas that would add some parking with native plant restoration on the balance of the impacted lot. Now with the fences removed all are able to enjoy added vistas of the mostly restored San Dieguito



*A parking solution for access to the River Path to the west.
Photo Bill Michalsky*

Lagoon. Recently access to the parcel was blocked in the interest of public safety by NCTD. While near term uses are on hold many remain hopeful that trail users will finally find a parking solution for access to River Path to the west, the existing Boardwalk path that may extend east to El Camino Real by the end of 2011 and trail concepts that may extend in a southerly direction to the Grand Avenue Bridge Overlook and on to Crest Canyon in the future. Put on your walking shoes and check it out. □

HIGH TECH TALK 1983

By Garry Shirts who passed away this year - see the Sandpiper May 2011. This piece appeared in the first issue of the Del Mar Spectator, February 1983. Reprinted here courtesy of Jan McMillan and Cozette Shirts.

I can't believe the number of my friends who've bought a computer recently. Here we are in the heart of the most severe recession since the depression and people are spending hundreds and even thousands of dollars on machines they hardly understand.

It reminds me of the CB fad of just a few years ago. People bought CB radios for their cars just so they could play with them. There's nothing wrong with that except I wish people would be a little more honest about such things. Instead, when you ask them why they bought their CBs they would say things like, "Safety. If I run out of gas in the middle of the night I want to be able to call the police for help." Or, "I need to call my wife on the way home from work so she'll have dinner ready on time. I have to have my dinner on time you know."

I wish they would just say, "I don't know, everybody's getting one and they

look like fun so I thought I'd get one as well."

I bought a CB radio myself but my circumstances were a little different. I do a lot of cross-country driving and it helped me keep track of road conditions ahead of me the same way truckers do. But most of my friends bought them, I'm sorry to say, simply to participate in a fad. I wonder if it isn't the same with the current computer craze.



*Apple IIe with DuoDisk and Monitor II.
Wikipedia.*

I saw a friend unloading a computer from his car the other day and I asked him what he was going to do with it. He looked as though I'd asked him how many miles to the planet Saturn. Clearly the question had never occurred to him. He'd bought his Apple IIe with double disc drive without the slightest idea of what he was going to use it for — just the way a person would buy a Frisbee or a Hula Hoop. But instead of admitting that he was buying it because all of his friends were buying them and he didn't want to be left out, he said, after several false starts, "I bought it for my daughter so she can do her homework on it."

Really, That's like buying a Greyhound bus so your child can drive herself to school. I asked a woman friend a similar question. Without a second of hesitation she said, "to balance my check book." Is

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LESS TRASH MORE CASH

Dan Nore | 25th Street and Fred
Duttweiler | Luzon Avenue

Where's My Incentive to Reduce?

Del Mar will have three significant "Trash Choices" in the coming ten months thanks to the efforts of the Del Mar City Council and staff, the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB), and involved residents. First, Del Mar will need to select a waste management company that is fiscally responsive and aligned with the City's Zero Waste goal. Second, City residents need to support an environmentally responsible change in the way the City manages and charges for waste services (trash, recycling, and yard waste). Lastly, assuming residents support change, individually we all need to choose a trash container rate tier consistent with our weekly volume of trash.

Del Mar has been served by the same waste management company for over 25 years, and has not significantly updated its franchise agreement or collection services in the past 15 years. At the direction of City Council, City staff issued a Request for Proposal

(RFP) on May 5th, and invited all regional waste service companies to respond. The RFP outlined a waste management program that would allow Del Mar to join the ranks of other responsible California communities and catch-up with successful waste diversion efforts at the Fairgrounds. Proposal responses are due on July 21st. We are hoping that all May 19th pre-bid conference attendees (Allied Waste, Daily Disposal, EDCO, Express Waste and Recycling, Tayman Industries, Ware Disposal, and Waste Management) submit outstanding proposals for consideration. The selection of a provider is expected September 12th.

The next "Trash Choice" rests with the residents of Del Mar: Do we move forward with a new responsible way of managing our trash? California voters passed Proposition 218 in November 1996. Prop 218 requires local governments to have the approval of affected property owners for any proposed new or increased assessments or fees. The City intends to submit the new waste management program to a Prop 218 approval process. It is our hope that Del Mar residents carefully consider the benefits of managing and reducing the volume of trash sent to landfills.



Two Adults One Puppy One Week and 32 Gallon Can.
Photo Dan Nore

Del Mar residents have a final "Trash Choice" assuming the majority of residents are willing to accept change. Each household will need to select a container size under the "Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT)" system (32 gallon; 64 gallon; or 96 gallon). An informal City review of other communities with PAYT programs suggests we'll see rate structures offering 30-40% savings by limiting household trash to 32 gallons or less, and 40-50% premium for households

GARGANTUA

Jeanne Carney | Serpentine Drive

He's out there lumbering
toward me— half-awake, I
hear hungry mouthings a
high nasal whine

In early light he bulks
against a cold red morning
dogs bark insanely nothing
stays him

How could I have slept
forgetting he comes to consume
me— my life, work,
everything?

Hurry—make a run for it!
Too late; he looms in the
driveway
I'm done for—
It's garbage day!

*This poem was originally published
in the Del Mar Spectator in May
1983. Reprinted here courtesy Jan
McMillan and Jeanne Carney.*



generating as much as 96 gallons. It is our hope that households will reduce trash levels and realize lower trash fees. July Utility Service statements showed a monthly rate of \$37.82, the current charge for up to nine 32 gallon trash cans. We'll get specifics on rates and PAYT tier differences in September. □

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law. The Commissioners had other ideas. They asked Commission staff to compile a list of outstanding violations, to arrange a meeting with Fairgrounds staff to discuss the list and required remediation and, finally, to postpone the Coastal Development Permit request before them until these actions were completed. The vote was unanimous.

One of the outstanding issues is the lack of agreement on

wetland delineation for the EOL, a line beyond which the lot should be left undisturbed to allow for natural recovery of wetlands that, although valuable in themselves, also preserve the adjacent vegetated wetlands and deep-water habitats of the San Dieguito River. The area in dispute is now subject to compaction for both events and parking and, in the Fairgrounds recently certified Master Plan, paving and eventually the construction of a 546,000 sq. ft. parking garage. The Commission's vote has sent a long overdue message to the Fair Board that enough is enough. □

PELICAN PATROL

Sherryl L. Parks | Kalamath Drive

Human beings are so interesting. Just when you think we've gone all technical we have hints that our intuitive powers are working still. Particularly when it comes to natural phenomena people are keenly aware of subtle changes around us.

The "Sandpiper" heard reports from residents that there seems to be an up-tick in the number of brown pelicans along the coast. In fact, some walkers reported that they had seen quite a few dead pelicans lying on the beach and they asked us to investigate. We asked Robert Patton, who coordinates surveys on Least Terns, Snowy Plovers, and other rare birds in SD County coast, for an explanation.

"I've not heard any explanations for the perceived increase in brown pelicans, (I) am not sure how significant it is, and suspect it to be within normal fluctuations when viewed long term. There are no extensive countywide bird surveys to provide a good count of pelican numbers, but in looking at a sample of data such as the monthly bird counts at San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve and Cardiff State Beach, the data support the perception of an increase this year and indicate that numbers may be up by as much as 50 percent. From 2003 to 2011, the average number of pelicans observed on each monthly count in the first quarter of each



Brown Pelican. Photo Paul Haydu

year was 70 but the average in the first quarter of 2011 was 141. While the average number of pelicans each April from 2003 to 2011 was 84, the observed number in April of 2011 was 200. These are just snapshot samples and any real statistical analysis would require more frequent surveys," says Patton.

Let's ask Dr. Rich for his explanation in this matter. □

CLOGGED ARTERIALS

Dave Druker | 10th Street

Recently, the Del Mar City Council debated whether to designate Camino del Mar as a major arterial in the next SANDAG regional transportation plan. While the council was persuaded not to pursue this change in designation, this decision does highlight two dichotomous ways to create plans. One can plan for what is best or one can plan to get funding.

Del Mar has consistently planned for what is best and then pursued funding. Examples include the Torrey Pines Bridge, the Beach Safety Center, the 25th St restrooms and lifeguard tower, the new sewer pump station, and Streetscape. Once these plans are made the council is then able to pursue funds to implement them. In making its decision about Camino del Mar, the council understood that it already had a plan which involved a need to upgrade Via de la Valle, the one major arterial that is already within Del Mar's jurisdiction.

The other method of planning is to look at the funding landscape and determine what to build based upon the funds available. This is the way SANDAG plans and many cities plan for capital upgrades. Eventually, this method of planning causes problems because parks, roads and buildings are built based upon funds available not the needs of the citizens. Often citizens may fight such projects and their maintenance because they do not see them as priority needs. □

UPHILL DOWNHILL

Dave Druker | 10th Street

One of the hallmarks of a vital downtown is the ability for a large number of people within the community to walk to the downtown area. There are some unique challenges in Del Mar based upon its land use and topography that make this difficult. Much of the residential density is at the south end and north ends of town. Added to this is that many of the residents have to either walk up a hill to get to downtown or up a hill to get back. This is not to say that some people living at both ends of town and or Crest walk to the center, the easier way for most people is by car.

To estimate the density of the population, I have used the voter registration data along with Google maps to compare three areas in Del Mar. The first area is bounded by Sandy Pointe and 24th St and from the Ocean to the drainage ditch. This area is far from the center. Approximately, 7.6% of the population lives in this area and there is a density of 0.32 people per 1000 sq. ft. The second area is bounded by 18th St and 9th St and from Grand Ave to a little east of Luneta. This area is close to the center and contains about 19.95% of the population but has a density of only 0.12 people per 1000 sq. ft. The third area is bounded by 7th St and Stratford Circle and between the cliffs and Camino del Mar. This area is also far from the center and contains about 16.64% of the population with a density of 0.39

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DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Highlights for July 2011

Del Mar Farmer's Market: Every Saturday, 1-4 p.m. City Hall parking lot. Purchase fresh, locally grown produce, flowers, eggs, and many other products.

Del Mar Library: Love on a Leash, reading to therapy dogs has been shown to improve children's reading skills. Saturday, July 2nd and July 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Independence Day: Monday, July 4th!

DMF: Annual Decorated Bike Parade! Monday, July 4th, Powerhouse Park, 9:00 a.m. The Del Mar Foundation invites everyone to decorate, bikes, strollers, wagons and leashed pets and parade around Powerhouse Park!

DMCC: HICAP Medicare Counseling, Tuesday, July 5th and 19th, 9:00 a.m. to noon, DMTV Studio, 240 10th St. Appt: #1-800-434-0222

DMVA History Committee Meeting: Tuesday, July 5th, 5:00 p.m., monthly meeting at En Fuego Cantina and Grill.

DMCC: Lunch Bunch at Rendezvous, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Monday, July 11th at 11:30 a.m.

Del Mar City Council Meetings: Monday, July 11th and Monday, July 25th, 6:00 p.m. Del Mar Communications Center, 240 10th St.

DMCC: Dr. Kalina's Senior Health Forum, Tuesday, July 12th and 26th, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Del Mar TV Studio, 240 10th St.

DM Planning Commission: Monthly meeting, Tuesday, July 12th, 6:00 p.m. TV Studio, 240 10th St.

Del Mar Shores Park 4th Annual Lobster Festival: Saturday, July 16th, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Del Mar Shores Park. Hosted by SD Coastal Chamber of Commerce and partially benefitting The Friends of Powerhouse Park. More info at: #858-755-4844 or www.delmarshores.org.

Please note: The *Sandpiper* will not be printed in August. The next issue will appear in September. The website, however, will be continue to be updated in August.

Book Sale: Sunday, July 17th at St. Peter's Church. Book sale benefitting the African kids at "Joy to the World" kindergarten in Nambia. 8:30 a.m. Books are \$1-\$2.

Del Mar Art Center: Reception! Sunday, July 17th, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Music and refreshments. Info at #760-931-8099

DMF- Summer Twilight Concert: Tuesday, July 19th, ROCKOLA-- music begins at 7:00 p.m., Powerhouse Park.

DMF Board Meeting: Thursday, July 21st, 8:00 a.m. City Hall Annex.

Del Mar Library: Walking Del Mar, led by Lonnie Hewitt, author of "Walking San Diego". Registration required. July 23rd, 9:45 a.m. #858-755-1666

DMCC: ROMEO lunch at Sbicca, 215 15th St., Tuesday, July 26th, noon.

Design Review Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 27th, 6:00 p.m., DMTV station.

Del Mar Library: Wednesday, July 27th, PJ Story time at 6:30 p.m. Wear your PJ's to the library for story time!

DMVA: Monthly Board Meeting, Thursday, July 28th, 8:30 a.m. City Hall Annex.

Del Mar Library: A Traveler's Life, Thursday, July 28, 6:30p.m. Presented by award-winning travel writer Joe Yogerst, who has visited places that few people get to see.

Del Mar Rose Society: Monthly meetings held the last Thursday of each month. July 28th, 6:30 p.m., Powerhouse Community Center.

Extra copies of the *Sandpiper* are available at City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, the TV Studio, the Library and the Powerhouse.



Twilight Concert June 21, 2011. Photo Jill Weitzen MacDonald

DEL MAR'S NEW HIRED GUN

Bud Emerson | Klish Way



Mark Ochenduszko.
Courtesy City of Del Mar.

Expect to hear more from Mark Ochenduszko as he takes the reins of the city of Del Mar. While we search for a permanent replacement for outgoing City Manager Karen Brust, Mark will be providing leadership in our "Council-Manager" form of government.

Mark says he uses a "situational, participatory style of leadership, asking staff for their expert advice, making recommendations to the

Council, then implementing the Council's policies even if they differ somewhat from my recommendations."

Ochenduszko has extensive experience in local government management including over ten years as City Manager in Coronado where he retired more than a year ago. "I missed being involved in local government so this opportunity was appealing", he said, "this is a very active, sophisticated, and informed community much like I experienced in Coronado so I very much look forward to working with Del Mar citizens in this assignment."

His six month contract begins July 1. ■



DMF Twilight Concert June 21, 2011, featuring Atomic Groove.
Photo Jill Weitzen MacDonald

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people per sq. ft.

About 80.43% of the population has difficulty walking to the center of town. So we can make the city more walk-able but it does not necessarily mean that people will be able to walk to the center of town. We can also extend the center of town to 9th, 10th and 11th Streets without impacting the residents as envisioned by Vision 2000 so that the residents of the south end of town are closer to the center. ■

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that amazing? It would be cheaper for her to hire a CPA to do her checkbook for ten years than buy a computer. [...]

On the other hand, there are some of us who actually have legitimate reasons for wanting a computer. I think it's important to distinguish between us and those people who are buying them simply to keep up with the neighbors.

I've pretty well narrowed it down to a Kay-Pro II or an Apple IIe. I love all of the software available for the Apple but the portability of the Kay-Pro II would allow me to take it on business trips. Besides, the Kay-Pro is a locally owned company [located first in what is now part of the Lagoon Restoration Project before it moved to Solana Beach] and won't my business partner die with envy when he sees how portable my machine is compared to his bulky IBM.

More important, it will be such an asset to me, especially the word processing. I'll be able to write letters to my kids, put my Christmas card list on a disk and let's see what else can I do with it? Oh yes, I can play some games on it and then, of course, once I get it I'll probably discover all sorts of important reasons for using it.

(Garry designs training simulations for business and education. His columns have appeared frequently in local newspapers, and he recently enjoyed success as moderator of the Powerhouse Park debate on Del Mar's community cablevision.) ■



The Kaypro II portable computer. 18" x 8" x 15.5" 26 pounds.
Photo www.oldcomputers.net/bytekayproii.html

MEDIATORS: DEL MAR WANTS YOU!

The Del Mar Mediation Program is updating its list of Mediators.

If you are a trained mediator and willing to mediate disputes in the community, please submit your interest and contact information to bfincher@privatejudge.com. You may find that you can assist neighbors in finding their solution to a conflict between views and trees, or other issues in the neighborhood.



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IN-HOME CONNECTIONS MAY BE FOR YOU

A MESSAGE FROM JEANNIE WALSH, DMCC MEMBER SERVICES COORDINATOR



Jeannie Walsh

Del Mar Community Connections is on a mission to assist senior residents to live independently in their homes, for as long as possible, through our expanded program known as "In-Home Connections." The program is designed for everyone, not just those who no longer drive. Our emphasis is based on "community outreach". We will personally design a program to meet some of your major needs. We offer friendly visits, transportation to medical appointments, prescription pick-up, grocery shopping, social events and more.

You or a loved one may have just returned home from a hospital visit and require a bit more attention temporarily; In-Home Connections may be able to provide what you need.

It is our pleasure to offer you and your family supportive measures in hopes of making life easier. It is my personal goal to keep members involved, informed and most importantly to reduce stress, while promoting independent living. Let us know if we can serve you as a new member of the In-Home Connection Program.

For more information, please contact me at 858-792-7570 or jeannie@dmcc.cc.

JULY LUNCH BUNCH will be held at Rendezvous, 1555 Camino Del Mar on Monday, July 11, 11:30. Come and check out their remodel and enjoy a fabulous lunch with Darcy Mulholland, friends and neighbors! Reservations and prepayment required.

OTHER SERVICES OFFERED BY DEL MAR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

VIAL OF LIFE is a magnetic plastic container that holds specific information on the individual's medical history. This information speaks for the individual if the individual cannot. Should the paramedics be called in an emergency situation, they use the information in the box to save precious time in providing medical assistance. Call or stop by the DMCC office to obtain your Vial of Life.

MEDICARE COUNSELING CLINIC offers personal appointments with a HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program) counselor to discuss Medicare, Long Term Care or Supplemental Insurance, Medi-Gap and prescription drug programs. Appointments are scheduled by HICAP and held in the DMCC back office on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9 am to Noon. Call (800) 434-0222 to schedule an appointment.

ARE YOU OKAY PHONE CALLS provide a daily check-up call to make sure that you answer your phone at a designated time. Unanswered calls trigger a follow-up response by DMCC personnel to make sure you are okay.

MEDICATION REMINDER PHONE CALLS can be especially helpful after returning home from the hospital to remind you to take your important medications. Call DMCC to sign up for either or both Phone Call programs: 858-792-7565.

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DOGGIE DO-DO AND DON'Ts

Sherryl L. Parks | Kalamath Drive

When you take a close look at our small town it is apparent that we welcome visitors by the hundreds including dog owners and their pets. Owners find a welcoming setting at North Beach (a.k.a. Dog Beach), which includes 29th Street to the Solana Beach border. Dogs love to walk the beaches and swim in the ever so gently flowing San Dieguito River mouth. On any weekday you will find over 50 dogs in the area and on the weekends that number triples.

On June 15 the City asks owners to put a 6-foot leash on their dogs. This law stays in place for only 3 months, until Labor Day. The law was implemented by the city council to insure that tourists and kid's camps, who frequent the beaches during the peak summer months, will have even more protection from a potential dog pile-up. I visited the area this past Saturday and asked two beach-goers what they thought of the leash law. "We don't understand why we need to use the leash because normally we come down and the dogs run freely and play with other dogs?" I remarked that the City works hard to create a positive experience for every resident and visitor to the beach and the leash law is needed to protect the increased number of visitors in the summer months. The local lifeguard reports that the first few weeks when leash law is implemented, he needs to remind dog-owners to snap them onto their pets but by the end of the summer everyone is pretty much in compliance.

Value of having a dog beach

Do you ever watch Cesar Millan, the dog whisperer or therapist who is paid to provide socialization and therapy to aggressive dogs, or shy dogs? He brings them into a doggie boot camp to have them experience being among a pack of dogs of different varieties and sizes and dispositions. He works with dogs to be less territorial and new puppies to become socialized. He manages to bring about changes that most dogs would not accomplish while living alone in a



More doggies due. Photo Sherryl Parks

single residence or fenced yard.

Del Mar offers dog owners a similar opportunity to 'run with the pack' and learn to respond to the voice. I understand there are a couple other dog parks in the north county but it is terrific that Del Mar has the river mouth with water and opportunity to frolic with other dogs freely.

When you visit our dog beach please remember the following dates:

North Beach area (29th St. to Solana Beach border) dogs must be leashed **June 15 to Labor Day**. Dogs able to run under voice control do not need a leash a day after Labor Day.

Main Beach area (northern end of Powerhouse Park to 29th St.) Dogs are not allowed **June 15th through Labor Day**. Dogs allowed leashed from the day after Labor Day through June 14.

South Beach area (powerhouse Park south to Torrey Pines border at 6th St) Dogs must be **leashed year-round**.

Do I need to remind folks to pick up after their dogs at all times?