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## KILLJOY FOR KILROY

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

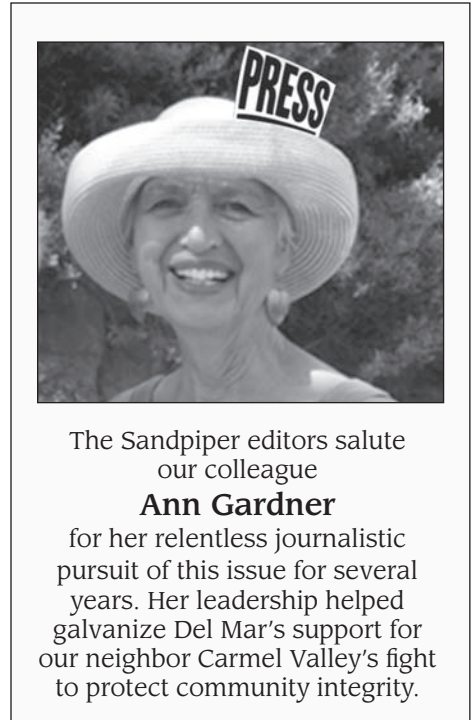
Hemmed in by growing criticism, two lawsuits and a last minute "compromise" between Kilroy Realty and three local groups, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously on May 18 to repeal their February 23 approval of the oversized One Paseo Project in Carmel Valley.

The last minute compromise and vote happened only because the grassroots opposition refused to give up. Their successful referendum drive gathered 51,796 verified signatures (exceeding the 33,224 required) forcing the Council to either repeal their approval or put it to a citywide vote. The referendum drive also brought together community planning groups throughout San Diego who felt the Council's approval of a triple density project that ignored input from the Carmel Valley and nearby planning boards threatened the value of community input in their own neighborhoods. Faced with growing discontent at their capitulation (only Council President Lightner and Vice President Emerald voted no) to big development, the Council and

Kilroy were ready to back off and save themselves from, predicted in a "working paper" sent to all Councilmembers by Del Mar and Solana Beach Councilmembers Lesa Heebner, Terry Sinnott and Dwight Worden, "a political bloodbath of historic proportions" if it went to a public vote.

Founders of What Price Main Street who have been fighting the triple density project and its unmitigated traffic impacts for years assured residents in the audience that the compromise was not a done deal, only a framework that included reducing project traffic by one-half, mixed uses, 30-foot setbacks, reduced density and height and eliminating one of the traffic signals on Del Mar Heights Road.

Del Mar played an important role in the eventual repeal, submitting their concerns about the project as early as March 2012 when the One Paseo Draft EIR was released. Late last year councilmembers Dwight Worden and Sherryl Parks attended Mitigate One Paseo meetings in support of a reduced project and Councilmembers Parks, Worden and Terry Sinnott personally interviewed every San Diego Councilmember who would



The Sandpiper editors salute our colleague

### Ann Gardner

for her relentless journalistic pursuit of this issue for several years. Her leadership helped galvanize Del Mar's support for our neighbor Carmel Valley's fight to protect community integrity.

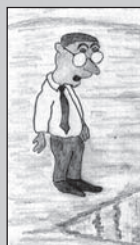
listen. Along with Solana Beach Mayor Lesa Heebner they spoke in opposition to the 1.4 million square foot project at the February 23 City Council meeting and on May 14 just days before the first referendum

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## MAKE SHORT-TERMS A MEMORY

With the proliferation of AirBnB and other internet-based rentals sites, it is time for Del Mar to ban short term rentals in residential neighborhoods – specifically the R-1 and R-2 zones. Cities have created zones to separate commerce from residents to reduce the impact of commerce on residents. Some residents are treating their own houses as commercial vehicles like hotels when that use is not allowed in a residential neighborhood.

It is only fair to the residents and the hoteliers that Del Mar does not become one large hotel. Increasingly, owners are advertizing very short-term rentals of their houses or rooms within their houses in direct competition with hotels and turning neighborhoods into zones of very temporary residents. There are increasing complaints from residents about unruly behavior, parties, late hours, noise, trash—a spring break type atmosphere.

The City Council is able to enact such an ordinance and enforce the ordinance under the need to provide health, safety and welfare of its residents. Many California cities in vacation areas are already enacting regulations to address this short term rental problem. Such an ordinance would

not affect residents who rent their house out for months at a time or for people that want to rent a room within their house for months at a time. It would not affect those residents who let friends stay in their homes while they are on vacation.

Enforcement would be in two ways:

1. City Staff periodically checking websites to find out which owners are providing short term rentals.
2. Neighbors reporting to the city to take enforcement action

While Del Mar is filled with temporary residents – people who live here only part time, the ability to rent out a house or room for less than a month creates an atmosphere that is not conducive to the residential character of Del Mar. ■

### PIPE UP

*In response to Scott Renner's Commentary in the May 2015 issue: Air Assault*

We also live next to a short term vacation rental house. After paying the price of admission to live in Del Mar by actually purchasing our home, we discovered that a house directly adjacent to us was owned by an absentee owner who had, we understood, "inherited it from a relative" and was owned and operated solely as a short term vacation rental.

We realize the vacationers are paying good, in fact VERY good money for the privilege of renting this house for the few days they are here, and we also appreciate that the owner of the home has the right to do what he wishes with his property. However, for nearly two decades, this house has been the subject of many a sleepless night, not to mention run ins with with the visitors, rental company and absentee homeowner for us, as well as our neighboring homeowners. The vacationers are, as Mr. Renner states, in "vacation mode," and we are in "this is our home" mode. Is it fair to either party to have "vacation village" smack dab in the middle of a quiet residential neighborhood? Perhaps the answer is to make a minimum stay requirement. Two weeks... Thirty days...?

*Debra Mills, Ocean View Avenue.*

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# COMMENTARY

## Strangers in the Night

Peter Sertic | Santa Fe Avenue

When I bought my current home in 1976 my wife and I tried to foresee the changes we might see in the neighborhood. We concluded that even though the beach was crowded, it couldn't get much more crowded since it was limited by parking and the City through, the DRB, would not let this become our version of Newport Beach or South Mission Beach. For the most part our assessments were correct.

However, in the last year I have seen what I consider profound changes; namely, the changes in the type of property owners and usage of the property. In the past year the house next to me went from a family-occupied home to a secondary home for a doctor from Montana, which is primarily in use as a short term rental property. A duplex and triplex behind me went from owner-occupied and long-term rental to five units of short term rentals. In the block between 18 and 19th streets, Santa Fe and Coast Blvd, we now have five owner-occupied units, four long-term rental units and 11 short-term rental units.

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*Photo illustration Virginia Lawrence*

### PIPE UP

*In response to Scott Renner's Commentary in the May 2015 issue: Air Assault*

I feel the same as Scott Renner does about short-term rentals. I also live next door to an airbnb (hotel) property. Not knowing your neighbors and strangers checking in routinely is disruptive. I don't like the short-term rentals because you don't have a sense of community and familiarity.

*Gale Darling, Wesley Lane*

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hearing sent the aforementioned working paper that said in part:



*DM Councilmembers Terry Sinnott and Dwight Worden, with Solana Beach Mayor Lesa Heebner at the San Diego City Council meeting on One PASEO. Google images.*

'The One Paseo issue has moved beyond the merits of the project. The options before you are either repeal or put to a public vote and there are many good reasons to conclude, regardless of one's position on the project merits, why repeal is by far the best move. We have already seen an unprecedented "circus" around the signature gathering effort over One Paseo. Does the prospect

of that continuing and accelerating over the next year sound appealing? Important to the city, it will fracture neighborhoods and constituency groups. It will drive many prominent community leaders into the anti-camp who otherwise would likely support the City of Villages concept. It may take years to recover. Contrast: Repeal One Paseo and tell Kilroy to pursue a reasonable compromise. You can start to restore the trust of constituents by...listening to the community and repealing One Paseo.'

They did. But only after the grassroots opposition took over. □

### PIPE UP

*In response to the Sandpiper's eBlast Thursday evening, May 21st, announcing that the San Diego City Council had repealed its approval of the One PASEO project.*

Thank you. Watching your professional attack on this monster of a project has been heartwarming.

*Dave Ulrey, 13th Street - May 21, 2015*



*Opponents deliver over 61,000 signatures to overturn One Paseo project. Google images.*

## ASK DR. RICH!

Rich Simons | Upper East 11th Street

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

**Q - It seems that Del Mar is spinning its wheels in the sand. Have we made any progress recently? - s.w.**

Think back to how things were only 12 years ago, in June 2003. The first hint of what was to come was subtle, like the onset of autumn in this part of the world. You know - suddenly there's an unexpected little something in the air. Maybe a faint breeze from the wrong direction. And yet I sensed the change immediately, the very first morning after returning from my trip. It was elusive but at the same time undeniable: the four houses to the west of mine were no longer there!

Now I am not an alarmist at heart, but I thought perhaps the authorities should be notified. They are very busy at City Hall, as we all know, and this matter might easily have escaped their attention. So I hurried down there and located a young man in the Planning Department and asked him if he was aware that four houses in my neighborhood had disappeared, virtually overnight. Scraped!

The young planner (I'll call him "YP") looked at me for a moment as though I had just reported a unicorn in my garden, but he noted the address in question, consulted a few documents and returned with the answer: "Yes," he said, "they have been scraped."

"SCRAPED!" I said. "You mean ... scraped? As in ... off the face of...." I couldn't finish. "Yes," he said, "as in off." "Well, that's a shock. Gosh. They were nice little houses."

Perhaps I merely imagined the slight curl to his lip, but there was no mistaking the emphasis when he echoed: "Yes. they were nice little houses."

"But why?" I asked. "New folks in town," he shrugged. "Bought all four lots. Apparently going to combine them to build a single home."

"HOME? Home for what? Orphans? Retired jockeys? I thought this was a residential neighborhood."

"Right. We're just talking about a middle-aged couple here. ... and mother-in-law, as I understand it."

I slunk back to my house and spent the night calculating how big a house you might be allowed to build on a roughly 40,000-square-foot lot. The answer: big enough to contain a stable and a gymnasium and still have room left over for a full-sized basketball court, five bedrooms, six baths and an Olympic-sized Jacuzzi! What were they planning?

It didn't take long to find out. The digging began the next day at first light. Machines like enraged dinosaurs probed frantically into the dirt, piling it into trucks the width of my house. The tracks then had to navigate our winding streets, taking care, of course, not to lose their brakes. Ooooops! Well, that traffic light at 15<sup>th</sup> Street was a nuisance anyway.

And, what the heck, everyone is entitled to a basement, or two or three. Hang the risks. But when the digging had gone on for week. I was compelled to return to City Hall.



*This cartoon, published in the June 2003 Sandpiper, is from the Sandpiper archives.*

"Something is terribly amiss," I informed YP. "The digging equipment is now so far underground that I can't see it!"

"No. they just need the space. Look, you have to realize that according to the zoning code, they can ONLY build up to around 10,000 square feet on those four combined lots. BUT underground doesn't count! So where do they go to get the extra space that they need? Toward China, if you get my drift."

"NEED! NEED!" Okay, I was shouting. "NEED for WHAT?"

Patiently, almost condescendingly, YP consulted his notes: "Just your basic stuff. Look - besides the house itself, you have to fit in the garage to house the six SUVs and the two motorhomes. Then there's the theatre - that's a whole story by itself. Then you've got to figure in the bowling alley, the workout room, the swimming pool and the tennis court. Plus the vintage car collection, the wine cellar and the walk-in humidor. And, okay. I admit not everyone has an indoor arboretum or a polo field, but there you are."

*These comments were excerpted from Dr. Rich's original piece, published in the June 2003 issue of the Sandpiper. □*



*Ocean Front between 27th and 29th. Photo Sandpiper Archives*



# DESIGN REDO BOARD

Art Olson | Avenida Primavera

On Monday evening May 18 the City Council considered the establishment of a citizen's committee, termed the Residential Development Process Citizen's Advisory Committee, to review Del Mar's Design Review process and ordinances and recommend changes if necessary. The TV studio and adjacent waiting room were jammed with citizens – most of whom were there for that agenda item. Only a handful of those present chose to speak and it was clear from those who did that on the surface everyone agreed that the committee would be a good idea. However, a clear line delineated a sharp difference of opinion about what, in fact, needed to be fixed with regard to the DRB process.

On the one hand there were a number of speakers who voiced the opinion of many present that the Design Review Process was not effective enough in preserving the nature and character of Del Mar as described in the Community Plan. On the other hand there were several speakers who expressed frustration at the burden of the Design Review process and the uncertainty of getting a project approved. While the impetus for DRB reform had originated with a group of citizens concerned with the impact of new residences that are being built in town, there was a clear reaction from others present to the prospect of a more restrictive development process. One speaker invoked the specter of the bygone days of the Greens and Greys, a previous battle within Del Mar between widely disparate points of view on city land development policy.

The discussion of the three Councilmembers present (Worden, Sinnott, and Deputy Mayor Parks) reflected the general consensus that a citizen's committee should indeed be established, but with a few suggested procedural caveats and modifications to the staff-recommended composition of the committee. Councilmember Sinnott outlined his vision of the process that the new committee should follow – which would start with citizen input to enumerate, define, and analyze the problems that the community perceives with the current Design Review Process. This would take place prior to any discussions or recommendations for explicit fixes.

Councilmember Worden expressed concern about the recommended inclusion of a current DRB and Planning Commission member on the Citizens Committee, suggesting rather that the committee should try to include at least one former DRB and Planning Commission member among its ranks. The council voted to establish the new 9-member committee that will be composed of: five members of the public who are familiar with the design review process and the city's land use regulations (termed "Citizens at large"); one former member of the DRB; one former member of the Planning Commission; one Del Mar property owner who has processed a design Review application within the last 18 months; and one professional architect or land use planner who has represented an applicant through the DRB process within the last 18 months. The appointment of Council Liaisons to the committee was deferred until the full council of five members is present.

The discussion ended with encouragement by the councilmembers for volunteers to apply to serve on the new Committee. ■



## Del Mar Community Connections

### JUNE 2015

Pat JaCoby | Del Mar Community Connections



#### **DARK CHOCOLATE, RED WINE AND HEART HEALTHY EATING...**

The latest research on heart healthy eating, including information on the role of inflammation and the protective components in dark chocolate and red wine, will be presented by Vicky Newman, MS, RDN, in a talk sponsored by Del Mar Community Connections at 1:30 p.m. June 30 in the Del Mar Library.

Practical dietary suggestions to reduce risk and progression of heart disease will be provided, including strategies for reducing inflammation and lowering LDL cholesterol (the "bad" cholesterol). Perspective will also be offered on the continuing controversies regarding vegan diets (elimination of all animal foods), egg consumption, and saturated fats like coconut oil.

Newman, associate clinical professor, volunteer faculty, UCSD School of Medicine, was director of Nutrition Services for the Cancer Prevention and Control Program at the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center from 1990 to 2014.

Reservations may be made at 858 792-7565 or email [dmcc@dmcc.cc](mailto:dmcc@dmcc.cc).

#### **'MEMORY CAFÉ' INVITATION...**

Interested Del Mar residents are invited to join a newly-established "Memory Café" at 3 p.m. June 19 in the Mature Adult Ministry Office at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church. Marshall Stanck, director, defines the meeting as "a gathering place for friends concerned about or experiencing memory loss, where they can relax, learn and enjoy socialization. Other family members are welcome as guests. For information: 619 420-8710 or [marshall@memoryguides.org](mailto:marshall@memoryguides.org).

#### **THE BEST TIME TO PLAN YOUR ESTATE IS NOW...**

Suggestions for good estate planning—aspects that go beyond the traditional estate plans—will be offered by attorney Eloise Feinstein, Barger Law Group, at 3 p.m. June 26 in the Del Mar Library in the sixth and final in a series on "quality of life and lifestyle decisions" sponsored by DMCC. Plans should be reviewed and updated as your family and financial situations (and laws) change over a lifetime, Feinstein advises.

Reservations may be made at 858 792-7565 or email [dmcc@dmcc.cc](mailto:dmcc@dmcc.cc).



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To receive email updates and registration information for our events, such as those listed below, we encourage you to join our email list. Visit [delmarfoundation.org](http://delmarfoundation.org) and use the easy sign up box, or call 858.750.5883; Karen or Jan will gladly assist you. The Del Mar Foundation never sells or shares its email list.

## COMING EVENTS

For more information about these events and to register, visit [delmarfoundation.org/events.html](http://delmarfoundation.org/events.html)

### Thursday, June 4

First Thursdays: Eve Selis (for subscribers only)

### Monday, June 8

DMF Talks with Dr. Jan Karlseder (Salk Institute) on "Keep Tabs on Your Telomeres: The Role of Chromosome Ends in Aging and Disease" from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

### Saturday, June 13

Cultural Arts presents: Blue Highway in a special "Bluegrass & Beyond" performance at 2:00 pm (some tickets still available) & 7:30 pm (sold out) in the Del Mar Powerhouse. Tickets at [delmarfoundation.org](http://delmarfoundation.org)

### Tuesday, June 16

Summer Twilight Concert: Mark Wood and the Parrot Head Band 7–9pm, at Powerhouse Park. Zel's Opening Act: Charlie Imes and Rob Mehl, 6 pm

### Saturday, June 27

Summer Book Club in collaboration with the Del Mar Library; 10:00 – 12:00 at the Library. Book One: "The Rescue Artist" by Edward Dolnick.

Don't Miss: **On June 17**, Whole Foods Market Del Mar at Flower Hill Mall, will give 5% of all purchases back to the Del Mar Foundation. A good day to do your weekly shopping. Whole Foods is pleased to support the Del Mar community as a sponsor of the Summer Twilight Concerts.

### Saturday, July 4

Annual 4th of July Parade. Join the fun with decorated bikes, scooters, people and pets. Begins at 9 am, Powerhouse Park

### Tuesday, July 7

Summer Twilight Concert: Hotel California "A Salute to the Eagles" 7-9 pm, at Powerhouse Park. Zel's Opening Act: The Clay Colton Band, 6 pm

### Tuesday, July 21

Summer Twilight Concert: Berkley, Hart, Selis, Twang, and Tim Flannery 7-9 pm, at Powerhouse Park. Zel's Opening Act: Christopher Dale, 6 pm

## CITY HEARS CITIZENS

Andrew Potter | Director of Administrative Services, City of Del Mar

The results from the December Citizen Satisfaction Survey are being used on a continuous basis to focus on areas for improvement based on residents' needs and concerns. Full report on Sandpiper website, selected excerpts below:

1. **Road and Street Maintenance** (e.g., pavement, potholes, sidewalks, street sweeping): Increased funding for residential roadway paving by \$600,000 over the next two fiscal years to help reduce the backlog of paving needs and to improve City streets. The City expects to dramatically improve the condition of a large portion of residential streets.
2. **Law Enforcement** (including traffic, crime prevention, more visibility/presence of law enforcement): Currently researching options to enhance law enforcement services and to focus more resources on security and patrol to deal with the impacts of visitors in the summer and extended seasons. In the interim, the City has worked closely with the Sheriff to increase enforcement efforts by adding additional sheriff staff to patrol and to transition from a vehicle traffic officer to a motor cycle traffic officer to improve mobility and visibility. No more "California stops" or cyclist "no stops" at stop signs! The City Council also established contingency funding in the amount of \$200,000 for the next two years for future law enforcement service level adjustments.
3. **Parking** (better parking regulation/enforcement; easier parking enforcement/longer parking window): Working on a Citywide Parking Management Plan, starting with the business area, focusing on four parking user groups: employees, business patrons, recreational users (beachgoers), and residents.
4. **Development process** (better design/review process; better building code/zoning enforcement): Establishing an ad-hoc citizens' advisory committee to recommend improvements to the development review process.
5. **Improved Customer Service**: Implementing a new, robust online tool that will allow residents to submit and track requests for services online. Also, City departments will be developing survey tools for gauging customer service.
6. **Better Information/Transparency**:
7. **Community Maintenance** (beach restrooms; trees and landscaping; public area trash collection): Funds to improve the Powerhouse Community Center restrooms and maintenance work on City property. Purchasing and installing additional permanent recycling and trash cans, and landscape revitalization work.
8. **Revitalization of Downtown**: Streetscape revitalization efforts in the downtown area. Redevelopment of City Hall with a new Town Hall and Civic Plaza as well as public parking.

Full report on website. ■

# COMMENTARY

## Digestion Suggestion

Shirley King | Avenida Primavera

We value our food, but not its scraps. Our food waste remains a wasted opportunity. Once disposed of, our organics never again see the light of day. For the few lucky ones that become backyard compost, our scraps are smothered in plastic bags until they are delivered to the landfill. There they join the Methane load - an unchannelled resource that accelerates our Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. But a much more profitable life is available to our discards if we use our ingenuity and a spirit of community partnerships.

Very small communities in Europe notably in countries such as Germany, Denmark and England have joined cooperatives under the banner of Local United. Community groups are building farm-scale anaerobic biogesters that serve local residents, farms and public and private institutions. Their organics including food and animal waste are sent on a digestive journey ultimately to fertilize gardens and farms and electrify local power networks with the generated biogas.

On this side of the pond solo institutions such the Detroit and Toronto Zoos, UC Davis and even the Cleveland Browns have made organizational decisions to biodigest on a small-scale their animal manure and discarded visitor food. Agriculture Professors from Ohio State University are designing digesters for these kinds of modest operations. Using less than an acre for its biodigester the Detroit Zoo plans to use the biogas produced to power its Animal Health Complex. The 'Comeback' Detroit achieved its financing through government and community grants and crowd funding.

Both the Cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach are long overdue to establish Zero Waste goals through mainstream municipal resolutions. Moving closer to Zero Waste includes progressive organics management for residential households and commercial operations. Our food waste can no longer be abandoned. While maximizing our landfill diversion rate, we need to capture our food waste's capacity to regenerate a useful by-product.

Currently our waste hauling service does not have the infrastructure close at hand to take our food waste to a more productive opportunity. Large commercial biogesters are a costly and time-demanding investment. San Diego County lacks options. In the meanwhile the clock ticks down to the State's mandates for Zero Waste and the Governor's most recent call to accelerate the reduction of GHG by 40% from 1990 levels by the year 2030. Can we use our determination to start our own 'Local United', a partnership with our neighbors, Solana Beach and the 22nd Agricultural District to merge our organics for a community-serving source of renewable energy?

Del Mar's soon-to-be-previewed Climate Action Plan developed under the supervision of the Sustainability Advisory Board is an ideal vehicle for starting the conversation with our neighbors, Solana Beach and its Green Team and the 22nd Agricultural District about a mutual method to extract the most out of all of our combined organics for the benefit of our local environment. The 22nd Agricultural District, already at a 92% diversion rate exhibits a very progressive attitude toward its organics management. Their strength in the area of waste reuse is one to which we should hitch our wagon. To achieve a 100% diversion while gaining a renewable power source to reduce some of our community's wattage calls for our immediate attention, ingenuity and outreach. ■

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## COMMENTARY: SHORT-TERM RENTALS

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These changes have had a huge impact on the character of the neighborhood. When it was a neighborhood of owner-occupied units, we (adults and kids) all knew the rules of the neighborhood and the limits of our behavior; the community sorted things out when limits were exceeded. Now we have a community of short term visitors who have to learn the rules on a weekly basis when all they really want to do is be on vacation. Just this week I had to remind kids at the neighboring house that it was not cool to kick soccer balls against our common fence, but it was OK to come into my yard when a stray ball went over the fence. Adults had to be reminded that we sort and recycle our trash. Some kids who were renting down the street had to be reminded that the trash cans in the alley were not suitable targets to crash skateboards into.

This is a part of the evolution of a small neighborhood and in some ways all of Del Mar. These are not changes that that we can reverse but changes that we must deal with. We as a neighborhood and a city provide a lot of benefits to both visitors and the investors who have purchased rental properties. Investors and visitors must pay their fair share of the costs associated with giving them a great visit. We have a beautiful beach that is competently staffed by our life guard services. We have parks for all to enjoy. We have zoning rules that give Del Mar a unique character that

differentiates it from other overbuilt beach communities. All of these resources cost money and the owners and short-term occupants of rental properties make no direct contribution to pay for the amenities that they enjoy.

There are several mitigating approaches that should be considered. I suggest we dust off the old parking fee proposal, get rid of some minor objectionable aspects and have it create revenue in such a way that it has its deleterious aspects shared by all of Del Mar and not just residents of the Beach Colony. We also need to work with the local businesses (Jake's and Poseidon) so that their workers are not adversely impacted.

I also suggest we apply a transient occupancy tax to short-term rentals (31 days or less) so investors and occupants pay their fair share. Investors in rental property are no different than the investors who built L' Auberge; they invested to make money, and they should have no objection to paying their fair share. Why should Del Mar be a TOT free zone when neighboring cities charge it for short-term rentals? I am not aware of any diminution of their overall occupancy due to having the TOT or their property investors suffering any loss of income. There is the myth that the TOT will hurt some homeowners who only occasionally rent out their home on a short term basis. While such owners surely exist, they are in a small minority compared to the vast majority of investors who are in that investment for solid business reasons - profit. ■



## DESIGN PROGRESSES

Kathy Garcia | Planning and Community Development Director

After hearing the many ideas, thoughts and concerns from the community, the architects from The Miller Hull Partnership have been hard at work synthesizing the comments, analyzing the site, reviewing past plans and studies, and developing some ideas for arranging Del Mar's new City Hall/Town Hall/Civic Plaza. The architects will be hosting a workshop starting at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in the City Council Chambers where they will present their ideas on the organization of facilities on site, have a chance to speak with you individually, hear comments from the community, and hear the City Council's directions to date. Taking these comments into consideration, the architects will then be returning to the community on June 15 (at the City Council meeting) to make a recommendation on a preferred direction. This effort will show the favored organization of the Town Hall, City Hall, Civic Plaza, and parking on the 1050 Camino del Mar site.

The Miller Hull Partnership will then spend the time in June and July to develop this idea further in what is called the "Schematic Design" phase, where they will be addressing arrangements, early massing, and heights. At the July 20 City Council meeting, the architects will share more detail and then begin the phase called "Design Development," where they will work on the refinement of the design, determining character, articulation, materials and the like. The Design Development phase will also have many opportunities for community interaction before it concludes in November.

Nearly 90 community members attended the Meet & Greet with the architects. They hope that this level of participation continues throughout the process, as it is very useful and informative to their design progression. ■



Photo Courtesy Kathy Garcia



## ARCHITECTS TAKE NOTE

To the People of Del Mar, May 6, 2015

Our team would like to thank you for the warm welcome you gave us Monday, May 4, 2014 at the Meet & Greet barbeque. So many of you came out to share your visions for what a new Town Hall/City Hall and Civic Plaza could mean for Del Mar. This level of engagement shows us that this project is a critically important endeavor for this City and our team is keenly aware of the need to maintain the momentum you've built to make this vision a reality. We're off to a strong start but we still have a long way to go together.

We learned a great deal from you in a short time on Monday. The idea tags you are hanging on the wall of City Hall are an ongoing artifact of the great potential this project holds. Please continue to drop by to add more tags and read through your neighbors' ideas. Our team has spent time reading the tags each time we visit the site and we'll record all of them to be able to take them with us as we dive into the design process.

We heard some major themes begin to emerge from the conversations we had with you:

- The Civic Center can be at the heart of the civic life of Del Mar.
- The public spaces should be welcoming, not a fortress to City government.
- Provide a range of gathering opportunities to create a community "Commons" for civic and recreational gatherings.
- Town Hall/City Hall and Civic Plaza can be a catalyst to extend the zone of Village activity south, strengthening businesses in between 15th and 10th and beyond to Shores Park in the future.
- Farmers Market continues to top the list of priorities for this site. We were asked to increase the visibility of the market from Camino Del Mar and establish this place as the permanent home of the market.
- Look for opportunities to create spaces that flow from indoor to outdoor to accommodate a wide range of gatherings.
- Consider the impact on the immediate neighborhood in terms of noise, light, traffic and trash.
- Civic Plaza and the outdoor spaces should include gardens with native and low-irrigation plantings to provide a respite for passive enjoyment along Camino Del Mar.
- Outdoor spaces should also accommodate large events and performances and be of a size that complements the other outdoor spaces that already exist in Del Mar.
- It is critical to get the parking and traffic circulation to fit within the context that includes a residential neighborhood to the west.
- Plan for many future possibilities for more public amenities on this property including a potential future home for the Alvarado House to return to 10th Street - its original street.

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# FOURTH QUARTER OF LIFE

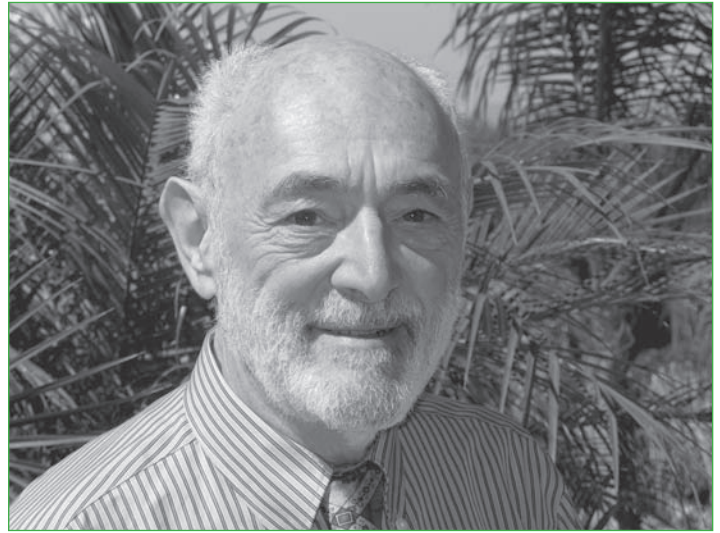
## Memory

Anthony Corso | Stratford Court

A highly controversial, yet timely and important subject was recently presented by psychiatrist/bioethicist Stan Terman, PhD, MD, at a meeting sponsored by Del Mar Community Connections. It was entitled "The Best Way to Say Goodbye if you will live with Advanced Dementia or unbearable pain." It dealt with issues surrounding the often prolonged and painful dying of those living with advanced dementia, such as Alzheimer's, vascular, and Parkinson's."

Dr. Terman's mission is devoted to reducing the suffering of huge numbers of people, since by mid-Century, the number of people living with dementia worldwide is predicted to increase from today's 44 million to over 130 million.

The doctor notes that many have considerable fear of reaching the stage of advanced dementia when they will be unable to care for themselves and face a highly stressful and regrettable future. He asked audience members about their fear by distributing a questionnaire entitled "Worried about Your Risk of Reaching Advanced Dementia?" Fear proved prevalent among audience members when the questionnaire was "tabulated" and discussed. Dr. →



Courtesy Stan Terman

Terman noted fear is substantial among people between 25 and 89. They consider Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia to be the scariest disabling condition of later life--even more frightening than cancer, stroke, heart disease, diabetes, and arthritis combined. He noted that many persons older than 65 will die with dementia.

In light of the magnitude of individual concerns for what might lie ahead and relative ignorance as to how to deal with advanced dementia, the doctor offered two major recommendations: From a positive perspective, follow acknowledged suggestions for achieving a healthful and long life, including regular exercise, diet and pursuit of a meaningful life plus certain do's and don'ts.

Secondly, he highly recommends completing a "Living Will" that establishes the parameters for care if dementia should occur and endorses "Natural Dying" which is refusal of assistance with spoon-feeding, that can allow a "peaceful dying." He concludes, "Dying by medical dehydration is legal, ethical and moral."

The Living Will should express specific conditions indicating when all interventions that merely prolong dying or increase suffering are to be stopped. The doctor recommends patients record themselves on a convincing video to explain why they want to refuse assistance to eat and drink and consider it instead as "forced-feeding." In addition, the Living Will should be strengthened by entrusting a person (proxy/agent) to make sure one's wishes will be followed. It seems appropriate that it be discussed with family members and religious advisors as a means of seeking their approval for the directions the individual has authorized.

*Stanley Terman, PhD, MD, is a physician, psychiatrist and bioethicist and the Medical Director and CEO of Caring Advocates with offices in Carlsbad, California (2730 Argonauta Street; 800 64 PEACE or 760 431 2233). He is the author of four books and numerous articles on Natural Dying, Dealing with Terminal Illness such as Alzheimer's, and Living Wills. Caring Advocates provides assistance in the design of Living Wills, and how to plan effectively to reduce suffering if one reaches Advanced Dementia. The website offers a variety of educational materials including how to make sure pain and suffering are adequately treated in any terminal illness.*

*Several handouts distributed at the session are available on the Sandpiper website. ■*

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## ARCHITECTS TAKE NOTE

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- The design should be sensitive to the privacy and views from the residential neighborhood to the west.
- The buildings should be carefully crafted with human scale in mind; not an institutional fortress.
- Sustainable design should be part of the design from the beginning and serve as a demonstration of Del Mar's commitment to a sustainable future. Consider rainwater harvesting and greywater reuse.
- Incorporate public art.
- The TV Studios are an important facility for creative public expression.
- There are so many community groups that want to get involved in the design and programming of this site. We encourage you to continue to look for ways to contribute.

This is just a small portion of what we heard and will continue to absorb in the weeks to come. We encourage you to continue to participate in the design process with us. The next major milestone will be a Concept Design Open House on June 1st from 5:00-6:00. At this event, our team will present our initial ideas for different ways the buildings can be arranged on the site. Come provide feedback and express your preferences. The Open House will be followed by a discussion at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting that evening. Based upon the input, a preferred direction will be discussed at the June 15, 2015 City Council meeting.

Keep in touch! You can always email your thoughts anytime to [CityHallArchitects@delmar.ca.us](mailto:CityHallArchitects@delmar.ca.us)

*Sincerely, Mike Jobs, Caroline Kreiser and Kurt Stolle ■*

## FOURTH QUARTER OF LIFE

### Stay or Go?

Nancy Fisher | 24th Street

In March the Sandpiper began a series on the Fourth Quarter of Life with an article about how to express specific wishes to family and friends. This article, the first of three on the topic of Senior Housing Choices, explores the pros and cons of “aging in place” as opposed to moving to independent or assisted living.

Many seniors, when faced with the prospect of changing their living situation, envision a loss of independence that doesn't have to be the case. From “Independent Living” to “Skilled Nursing” the choices often allow for more independence, not less, when you choose the level of care that fits your lifestyle and physical and medical needs. The support and social options available in senior communities allow many to thrive, relieved of the burden of household maintenance that becomes increasingly difficult with age. That said, however, staying at home (or “aging in place”) is usually the first option evaluated, as it's natural to want to remain in a familiar environment full of treasured memories.

On the surface you'd think that “staying put” would be the easiest solution, but it's actually the choice with the most moving parts. While other housing options offer meals, transportation, and home maintenance (and some housekeeping and personal care), staying at home requires seniors to provide or find these essential services on their own.

HelpGuide.org offers these questions for deciding whether to stay at home:

**Location:** How close are you to shopping, medical appointments and is it a safe route?

**Home accessibility and maintenance:** Can your home be easily modified for safety? Does it have steps or a steep slope? A large yard?

**Available support:** Do you have family and friends nearby who are willing to help provide the support you need? Are there community services and activities?

**Isolation:** If it becomes difficult or impossible for you to leave home, will you become depressed?

**Medical conditions:** If you have a chronic medical condition that is expected to worsen over time, how will you handle the complications of your condition?

**Finances:** Have you made a budget with anticipated expenses? Independent or Assisted Living can be expensive – but the cost of extensive in-home care, especially live-in or 24-hour coverage, can easily meet or exceed it.

And last, assuming you don't have family taking care of you full time, you'll need to find responsible and honest home care service providers. This means deciding between an independent provider (friend of a friend, maybe) or an agency, understanding the costs, interviewing, doing background checks, and checking references before hiring.

Coming next month: Independent Living or Assisted Living? We hope to talk with some former Del Mar residents who have made the move. □

## FOURTH QUARTER OF LIFE

### Resilient Rachel

Rachel Reed | 24th Street

As part of our Fourth Quarter of Life Series the Sandpiper reached out to Rachel Reed, age 96, for some personal thoughts on “aging in place.”

I am fortunate that my son, a retired junior senior citizen, needed a place to live just when I began to require some assistance. We agreed that in lieu of rent he would become my chauffeur, chef, housekeeper, and gardener. I had given up driving for the safety of myself and others. I still loved to cook but had grown weary of the chore of day-after-day meal planning and execution. Housework was boring and became harder and more time consuming. Gardening became almost impossible when I required the use of a walker.



*Rachel Reed and her son (and chauffeur) David Hough run some errands. Photo Tom Nelson*

So with my son at the helm – all problems solved. But at odd times, or sleepless nights, “what-ifs” entered my mind. What if he became unavailable? I began to invent a scenario. A bus stop is only steps from my door. I live in a one block enclave with friendly, helpful neighbors. I am still spry enough to walk a mile. I have a handicapped-friendly bath tub. Given these positives how would I meet my needs?

For medical care I can reach some of the facilities by public transportation. For others I would call on DMCC for assistance. For library, haircuts, miscellaneous shopping – use the bus.

But meals. Careful planning. I can't stand for long periods of meal prep. Long range menu planning for easy-to-prepare meals and sit-down prep combined with creative and comprehensive shopping lists. I would avail myself of DMCC's shopping trips to accomplish this.

I am by nature a tidy person and if I have to can keep up with any housekeeping I require with daily maintenance. Gardening would be another story. I'd have to bite the bullet and pay for it.

I think my what-if musings covered most of my physical needs. Now about the ephemeral, emotional, intellectual,

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## BEG, BORROW & STEAL

Shannon Hogan Cohen | Luneta Drive

For many of us, our garden is an extension of our personalities and an opportunity to alter expression with each season. A recent visit to 532 Serpentine Drive provided an example for all of us to transform our grounds from water dependent to water independent.

Nicole Moran O'Neil has a knack for achieving aesthetic and functional appeal. With a little planning and an emphasis on individuality, she and her husband, Tom, eliminated the grass in their backyard and converted it into a garden sanctuary.

They did not hire a professional company to design and construct their masterpiece. It was a labor of love. Nicole's vision was to recreate a canvas that integrated the canyon behind her home with an immense pop of color.

With some creative research, she is now saving money and eliminating the need to water weekly. Her choice of textures and variations is striking. The assorted native plants and succulents are everywhere, from lemonade berry to jade. Nicole is continually discovering new low water plant life to experiment with. I asked her if she was able to measure water reduction. She smiles and states, "We have experienced a 42% drop in our water usage." Nicole indicates at the beginning when establishing her new oasis, the vegetation needed to be watered weekly. They now hand water only once a month.

After spending a good amount of time in her garden, I thought how best to inspire others to achieve their own "sanctuary"...Beg, Borrow, and Steal!

**Beg** for clippings or shoots. A simple concept of asking your neighbors for pieces of plants or their names. The overall objective is to help each other flourish from our growing fiascos. Our neighbors can be useful in guiding us in our growing practices.

**Borrow** concepts. The Del Mar Garden Club was helpful in naming the plants Nicole had seen near the post office. She often attends the San Diego Botanic Garden seminars

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## RESILIENT RACHEL

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interpersonal relationships, etc. I am rather a loner and spend the greater part of my time creating craft projects, reading, playing brain games and puzzles. I do not have TV but I suppose I would get one to maintain more contact with the outside world. Walking would continue to be my major exercise and immediate neighborhood contact. I would depend on my good neighbors for friendly interchange, day-to-day news, and emergency help. There are always the land line, cell phone, email, cards and correspondence for maintaining close ties.

In spite of all this contingency planning, if left without my son's help, I would try to locate someone to share my home. This would ideally be a young single mother, preferably with one child, though two would not be out of the question. I would look for a mutually beneficial solution. If such a person would prove to be a neat-freak gourmet cook, so much the better. ■

## HOLA, ANA

Helen Kaufmann | Condesa Drive

Ana Nieto, the new manager of Del Mar's farmers market, has a passion for health, wellness, and connecting communities with local food producers. Originally from Spain, she holds a degree in nursing and is a nutrition specialist, dance instructor, and theatrical producer. Before moving to Del Mar two years ago, she lived on Long Island, where she launched several farmers markets.

According to Nieto, she was drawn to the San Diego area because of the weather and year-round availability of fresh produce. She became a regular customer of the Del Mar Farmers Market and was named manager this past February when the position became available. "I love supporting the local food providers, learning from them, and talking to members of the community," Nieto says. "It's such a wonderful community event."

Nieto hopes to lure more residents to the market with additional benches and tables for socializing as well as special events such as educational talks, musical entertainment, and food demonstrations by local chefs. "Events are crucial," she says. "They involve collaborating with local organizations."

Another crucial aspect of managing the market is retaining and recruiting quality vendors. Nieto notes that while she is contacted by at least two prospective vendors each week, only food vendors are currently being accepted. She must also ensure that there is limited overlap of similar products. Once a new vendor joins the market, it generally takes a few weeks for customers to get to know them and develop the special relationship that makes the farmers market experience so unique.

Established in 1986 as a nonprofit organization, Del Mar's market is one of the longest running certified farmers markets in San Diego County and offers more than 30 vendors of organic and pesticide-free fruits and vegetables, baked goods, seafood, and specialty cuisine.

The market is open year-round from 1-4 p.m. every Saturday in the Del Mar City Hall lower parking lot, just off Camino del Mar between 10th and 11th Streets. For more information, visit [www.delmarfarmersmarket.org](http://www.delmarfarmersmarket.org) ■



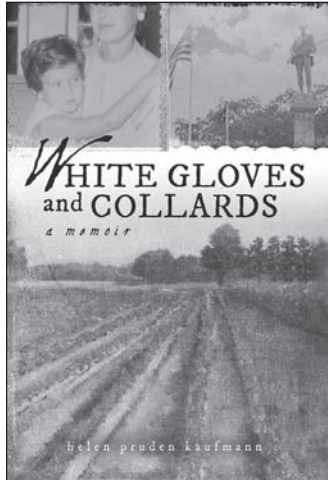
Ana Nieto. Photo Helen Kaufmann

## BOOK CORNER

### "White Gloves and Collards"

Virginia Lawrence | Caminito Del Rocio

Reading Del Mar resident Helen Kaufmann's "White Gloves and Collards" immediately after "Gone with the Wind" was a coincidence. "Gone with the Wind" is set in the deep South during the upheaval and aftermath of the Civil War. Eighty years later in Edenton, North Carolina, where Kaufmann was born, Southerners were still dealing with a changing society. Attitudes in Edenton were more veiled than in 19th Century Georgia, but nevertheless similar.



Rather than write her story from her adult perspective on race relations, Kaufmann decided to write "White Gloves and Collards" from the perspective of herself as a growing child. Her writing

style is wonderfully spare. She tells you only what you need to know in order that you discover for yourself the points she wants to make.

"Our coloreds are happy," [declared] Aunt Mag soon after we arrived at her house for Friday night dinner. "Those young coloreds marched right in and took a seat on the lunch counter stools, just like they owned the place. Can you imagine such a thing?" I was only a fourth grader at the time and not quite sure what a sit-in was, but the distress in my great-aunt's voice got my attention. [Mag had other strong opinions.] She couldn't stand a Supreme Court judge named Earl Warren. "He and that court of his have no business telling us how to treat our coloreds," she once said as [her colored maid] Lucy cleared the table.

Kaufmann did not interview anyone at all for her book; she wanted it to be her own. When asked why she had decided that her observations had to be age-appropriate, she explained that she wanted to remember how she had felt growing up, and how she had grown and changed. Having married a Bostonian, she had brought her own children to Edenton every summer. The children had seen it as a playground, but as they grew she wanted them to have a more nuanced picture.

"White Gloves and Collards" is Kaufmann's first book. She signed up for a memoir writing class at UCSD in 2006 shortly after moving to Del Mar and then participated in two writing groups, one of which she helped form. It took her six years to complete her memoir.

Kaufmann and her husband married on the east Coast and then in 1994 moved to Silicon Valley. In 2006 they moved again and are now settled in Del Mar on Condesa Drive.

"White Gloves and Collards" is available on Amazon in different formats, including Kindle. ■

## BEG, BORROW, AND STEAL

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Rear garden at Nicole and Tom O'Neil's home.  
Photo Shannon Hogan Cohen

and exhibits to acquire useful tips which help her create the next phase of her ongoing masterpiece. A plant and its microsystem frequently sprout from other plants for reproduction. It seems to be part of the natural process.

**Steal** ideas. Nicole frequently collects ideas from online websites and often drives around the community to find inspiration from her neighbors' yards. A resourceful way to gain garden insight.

If you think outside the box, you may find yourself relaxing in an avocado colored chaise lounge tucked into your version of a botanical garden, while watching the butterflies and hummingbirds circle with delight. Go enjoy this water friendly backyard beauty you have produced. Jerry Brown will be happy knowing you are saving water and the State of California thanks you. ■

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## DROUGHT DISCIPLINE

Scott Huth | City Manager

Beginning June 1st, in response to Governor Brown's call for mandatory water cutbacks throughout California, outdoor irrigation within the City of Del Mar will be limited to two days per week. As part of the two day per week irrigation restrictions, a schedule of assigned watering days will be announced by June 1, 2015. Meanwhile, residents and businesses are asked to begin voluntarily limiting outdoor irrigation to two days per week.

As a small urban water supplier with less than 3,000 connections, Del Mar is required by the State of California to implement two day per week irrigation restrictions or enact other measures to reduce Citywide water use by 25 percent. Though the City of Del Mar is aiming to reduce Citywide water use by 25%, a mandatory cutback target will not be applied to individual water customers.

The City is launching a multi-faceted drought response plan, which includes addressing water use at City →



# SHAPING SHORES

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

On June 10th the Shores (Park) Advisory Committee will discuss the major themes from the Phase One information-gathering activities from:

- 420 household responses to the Shores Survey in March;
- 800 comments from the May 2 Plan Your Park Event;
- 16 community group interviews conducted since January, and
- pop-up booths at the Del Mar Farmer's Market and Easter Egg Hunt.

Additional agenda items will be: findings related to the site; methods to evaluate ongoing costs to operate and maintain each scenario based on the amenities included; and an outline of the next steps as we move forward in the master plan process.

Meeting starts at 8 a.m. June 10th at the City Hall Annex, 225 11th DSt. Confirm and check out agenda at [www.delmar.ca.us/shorespark](http://www.delmar.ca.us/shorespark) □



Rover needs a place to run. Photo Glen Schmidt



Superman needs a place to fly. Photo Kristen Crane



800 more ideas. Photo Glen Schmidt

facilities, landscaping, and parks, as well as significantly expanding public outreach. Additionally, the City Council voted to shut off the beach showers at all beach locations except the Beach Safety Center, which will occur in the coming weeks.

For information on rebate programs, tips for reducing residential and business water use, and the irrigation schedule, visit [www.delmar.ca.us](http://www.delmar.ca.us). □



## FACTOIDS

### Standard of Living

Del Mar, CA is 126.7% more expensive to live in than San Diego, CA. You would need \$113,351 in Del Mar, CA compared to \$50,000 in San Diego, CA to maintain the same standard of living.

### Housing

Housing in Del Mar is 270.3% more expensive than in the City of San Diego.

Source: Council for Community and Economic Research

## UPCYCLING

Helen Kaufmann | Condesa Drive

Del Mar resident Zelda Waxenberg is taking recycling to a whole new level—upcycling. In 2014, she and business partner Steve Cherry formed Bottles & Wood, a San Diego based company that converts glass, wood, and other locally sourced waste into high-quality glassware, serving ware, and jewelry primarily for the gift and hospitality industries. Bottles & Wood is an outgrowth of BottleHood, a business founded by Cherry in 2009 that focused on repurposing wine, beer, liquor, and soda bottles.

Upcycling is defined as “the process of converting waste materials or useless products into new materials or products of better quality or for better environmental value.” That’s a concept that appeals to Waxenberg, who has spent a lifetime supporting environmental responsibility through philanthropy and a career in sustainable development. When Cherry approached her about forming Bottles & Wood, she saw it as an opportunity for local job creation and environmental education as well as for keeping things out of the landfill. “Having the ability to educate and make people more eco-conscious,”

says Waxenberg. “That’s the part that excited me.”

As an ambassador for sustainability, Waxenberg enjoys supporting local nonprofits through the donation of gift baskets for special events. The baskets not only elicit monetary support for organizations such as the Del Mar Lifeguards, Community Connections, and the Del Mar Village Association, but also heighten environmental awareness. “People see how they can bring sustainability into their lives using products that are beautiful,” she says. Waxenberg also enjoys developing custom designs for tasting rooms, breweries, restaurants, and hotels. Clients are able to promote their brands on repurposed glass and wood and in turn show their customers the value of upcycling.

Bottles & Wood recently formed a partnership with the Urban Corps, a nonprofit established by the San Diego City Council that helps 18 to 25-year-olds turn their lives around by earning a GED and gaining work experience. The company offers six-month internships and has one employee from the Urban Corps. In addition, the Urban Corps supplies bottles from their recycling center in Old Town.

During the coming months Waxenberg plans to reach out to area public



Zelda at Bottles & Wood.  
Photo Helen Kaufmann

schools and encourage field trips to the Bottles & Wood facility in the Clairemont Mesa neighborhood. “We want to educate students about the importance of sustainability,” Waxenberg says.

*The Bottles & Wood showroom and factory is located at 5039 Shawline Street, San Diego, and is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, visit their website at [www.bottlesandwood.com](http://www.bottlesandwood.com) ■*

## DMTV PRESENTS

### Del Mar Viewing

Luana Karr | DMTV

The Del Mar Television Foundation was filmed the Del Mar Beach Cleanup, part of other local Earth Day celebrations. New Producer Chandrea Taylor honed her video and interviewing skills with the help of Jon Thomas and Meghan Anderson. It was a good day all around - kids and adults helping to clean up the beach and learn appreciation for our beautiful environment, and a new producer experiencing a fun and wonderful field shoot.

The TV Foundation partnered with the Del Mar Foundation to archive the last Del Mar Talks with guest speaker Ben Kamin. Mr. Kamin is the author of “Dangerous Friendship.” A narrative of the complicated friendship between Dr. Martin King Jr. and Stanley Levison, the former Communist who was King’s closest white friend. Ben Kamin is a prize-winning author of ten books on human values and a scholar on Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Coming soon will be a video on the Shore Parks Event. The community strolled the area and participated in the



Beach Cleanup Day. Courtesy DMTV

process of a park vision, learned about the opportunities as well as constraints of the site, and gave insight as to what the Master Plan might look like. Another “coming soon” is an archive of the Meet & Greet that took place with the Architects of the City Hall Project and the Miller Hull Partnership. ■



# DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Highlights for JUNE 2015

This month's calendar was compiled by  
Shelby Weaver, a Torrey Pines High School Senior.

**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 City of Del Mar: City Council Meeting, Mondays, June 1st and 15th @ 6:00 p.m., 240 10th Street.

**Del Mar Village Association:** Promotion Committee Meeting, Tuesday, June 2nd and Tuesday June 16th, 4:00 p.m., 1104 Camino del Mar

**DM Village Association:** History Committee Meeting, Tuesday, June 2nd, 5:00 p.m., 1104 Camino del Mar, #1.

**DMCC:** Knit and Stitch, June 4th and 18th, 3:00 p.m., Del Mar Community Bldg., new knitters are welcome!

**Del Mar Foundation:** First Thursdays: Eve Selis: Slip Sliding into Summer, Thursday, June 4th; 6:30 p.m. wine and cheese reception, 7:00 p.m. performance. We are sorry, but this event is sold out.

**Del Mar Historical Society:** Alvarado House Open to the public in the garden section of the fair beginning June 5th.

**Del Mar Foundation:** DMF Talks "The Role of Chromosome Ends in Aging and Disease" by Dr. Jan Karlseder of the Salk Institute. Monday, June 8th, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Del Mar Powerhouse Community Center

**Del Mar Planning Commission:** Meeting, Tuesday, June 9th, 6:00 p.m., 240 10th Street.

**Del Mar Foundation:** Cultural Arts presents "Blue

Highway in a special: Bluegrass and Beyond" performance at Del Mar Powerhouse, Saturday, June 13th, 2 p.m. (tickets available online) and 7:30 p.m. (Sold-out).

**Del Mar Foundation:** Summer Twilight series kicks off with: Mark Wood and the Parrot Head Band, Tuesday, June 16th, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Starting act begins at 6:00 p.m., Mark Wood comes on at 7:00 p.m.!

**Del Mar Historical Society:** Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, June 16th, 5:00 p.m., 225 9th Street.

**DM Village Association:** Business Assistance Committee Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, June 17th, 8:30 a.m., 1104 Camino del Mar, #1

**DM Village Association:** Design Committee Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, June 17th, 11:00 a.m., 1104 Camino del Mar, #4

**DM Village Association:** Summer Solstice, annual fundraiser, Thursday, June 18th, 5:00-8:00 p.m., 1658 Coast Blvd., tickets available at [www.delmarmainstreet.com](http://www.delmarmainstreet.com). Purchase tickets soon! This event will sell out.

**Del Mar Foundation:** Monthly Board Mtg., Thursday, June 18th, 8 a.m. DMCB, 225 9th Street.

**Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley:** Board meeting, Monday, June 22nd, 7:00 p.m., 1054 Camino Del Mar

**City of Del Mar:** Design Review Board meeting, Wednesday June 24th, 6:00 p.m., 240 10th Street.

**Del Mar Library:** Wednesday, June 24th, PJ Story time at 6:30 p.m. Wear your PJ's to the library for story time!

**City of Del Mar Lifeguards 50th Anniversary Celebration:** presented by Friends of the Powerhouse, June 27th, 5 - 10 p.m. at Powerhouse Community Center

## RIVER PARK LANDS MCKERNAN

Marc Ochendusko | Interim Executive Director

The Board of Directors of the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA) recently announced the selection of Kevin McKernan, currently Executive Officer of the San Diego River Conservancy, as its new Executive Director. McKernan also has over six years of experience as Executive Officer of two State conservancies, a Program Director with the Conservation Lands Foundation and as an Environmental Director and Planner for two Native American tribes.

Del Mar Councilmember and Board Chair Don Mosier said "We believe Kevin will continue the great progress being made by the park. He brings a strong background in conservation management and outdoor recreation, and a real passion for and commitment to his profession." McKernan assumes the position held for 16 years by Dick Bobertz who recently retired, this month.

The River Park, with over 55 miles of habitat and trails for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians that stretch from Volcan Mountain to the beach in Del Mar, is managed by a joint powers agency between the cities of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway, San Diego, and Solana Beach, and the County of San Diego. ■

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DATED MATERIAL

## "LONE RANGER" RIDES AGAIN

Anthony Corso | Stratford Court

Two or three years ago we interviewed Adam Chase and referred to him as the "Lone Ranger" recognizing that Adam is Del Mar's sole law enforcement and sworn peace officer. In addition to discussing his work - overseeing 2.5 miles of beach, parks, lagoons, preserve and waterways - he told of pursuing a Master's Degree in Homeland Security at Penn State University with an emphasis upon "Public Health Preparedness and Education."

The University's program is a demanding one, delivered exclusively online, and catering to the needs of working professionals, particularly those involved in one or another aspect of civil security. It is unique in as much as the curricula is administered by the Penn State College of Medicine and caters to those wishing to develop the knowledge and skills needed to respond effectively to natural and man-made disasters.

This week Officer Chase completed his Master's Degree and attended the University's graduation ceremony. The degree, no doubt, will prove exceptionally relevant given growing concerns related to global terrorism, the openness of the Region to outside influences, the frequency of both man-made and natural disasters, and the struggle to implement requirements of effective homeland security.

"I plan to stay in Del Mar as long as it needs me," explains Adam. "Specifically, I hope that I have the opportunity to apply what I learned about Homeland Security. My Master's degree was granted by the Medical School at the University of Pittsburgh and focused upon responding to emergencies created by potential terrorist attacks or the crisis of natural disasters. It's apparent that the City and the Region might engage in the design of an effective emergency response plan. We have the opportunity of designing a top-flight emergency plan given the state of world affairs and the nearby advanced medical institutions. We have a response plan but it is somewhat dated and in need of revision." ■



*Photo courtesy Adam Chase*

## TAKE A TURN

### City Advisory Committee Vacancies

The City is currently soliciting for interested persons to fill the following committee vacancies:

- **Ad-Hoc Development Review Process Citizens' Advisory Committee**

Nine (9) vacancies  
Applications due: June 5, 2015

- **Planning Commission**

Two (2) vacancies  
Applications due: June 5, 2015

- **Sea-Level Rise Stakeholder-Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)**

Nine (9) vacancies  
Open until filled

If you wish to volunteer, please contact City Hall:  
(858) 755-9313