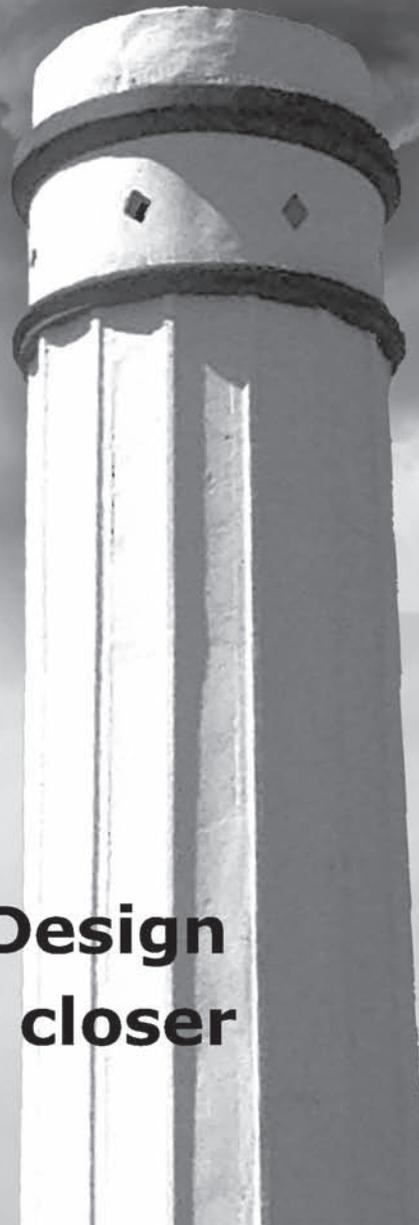




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DRB QUALITY CONTROL

It is important to know why so many citizens are aroused about the potential revision of Del Mar's Design Review Ordinance (DRO). The DRO has been the most important quality control process in the development of our town's character since the adoption of the Community Plan in the '70s. These quality controls not only result in our enjoyment of a unique quality of living but increasing property values that validate our careful review process.

Let's refresh our reading of the Community Plan vision written in the '70s by citizen committees, voted on by the electorate and adopted by the City Council:

"Preserve and enhance Del Mar's special residential character and small town atmosphere with its harmonious blending of buildings and landscape...encourage harmonious development which is in scale with the character of existing development."

Today, four decades later, many citizens are concerned that this vision is being perverted by some developers who are exploiting some of our neighborhoods for profit—at the expense of existing neighbors whose voices are being

lost in the decision process. Although the great majority of DRB cases find satisfactory resolution among competing interests, a small percentage descend into neighborhood rancor that lasts well beyond the hearings. There is a growing feeling that the process has gotten off the tracks.

Again the Community Plan instructs us:

"Conflicts are likely to arise, such as those between private and public interests, and between diverse private interests and between the needs of those who primarily regard their property as a place for living and working, and those who regard it as a commodity which to profit...the interests of the community at large should be steadfastly protected...under no circumstances should decisions be specifically directed to benefit any individuals of the community without regard to the interests of the other members of the community."

The City Council of today is once again reaching out to the citizenry for advice and guidance. We are encouraged by the establishment of a distinguished ad hoc citizens committee to take a fresh look at the DRO and the process by which developments are reviewed. The committee is working diligently and openly to identify problems, survey what other communities are doing well, and proposing changes that will help us live up to the vision of our Community Plan. We are impressed that committee members have no conflicts of interest and are reaching out to all parties, including those who have a financial interest in development projects. We encourage all citizens to attend these meetings and participate.

Ultimately the proposals of the ad hoc committee will be reviewed by the Design Review Board and the Planning Commission before final review by the City Council. ■



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NEW LOOK

What do you think?

Yes, this is still the Sandpiper – but with a different look this issue. The Editorial board decided to test out a different format with a redesigned cover that highlights a featured story inside its pages.

Is this a welcome change or should we revert to the more familiar format? Let us know what you think. editor@delmarsandpiper.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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KEEP IT

Dolores Davies Jamison | Crest Road

Earlier this year, a number of residents came together to discuss a troubling trend in residential development. Far too many new homes stuck out in terms of size, bulk and mass, instead of being in harmony with the existing neighborhood. Residents didn't feel their concerns were heard during the review process; Applicants also felt ill-served by the process.

This groundswell of community concern convinced the Council to rank an update of the design review process as a top goal. In June the Council appointed an ad hoc committee of residents, former Design Review Board (DRB) and Planning Commission members, a recent applicant, and an architect. Their charge was to review existing design ordinances and processes, get feedback from residents, identify problems with the process, and make recommendations to the Council.

Although this process is both transparent and collaborative—all committee meetings are public, residents are free to give testimony, and a community workshop is scheduled—a few residents who were not selected for the committee want the Council to reverse its actions and appoint new members. This is an odd request, given that over 25 residents applied for a handful of slots, ensuring that some applicants would be disappointed. These same applicants also felt slighted by Mayor Corti's decision to dispense with interviews. But, interviews, while an option, are not a common practice with an ad hoc committee, whose members are typically appointed by two City Council liaisons. Are these really compelling reasons to start over?

The Committee has now convened 4-5 times, and by all accounts has been making good progress. The appointed members have an impressive level of collective knowledge, experience, and ability, factors which ensure that the community is well-served. The City's Design Review Ordinances, while tweaked over the years, have not been under a microscope since the late-1980s. So we are not taking advantage of today's technology, which enables us to communicate much more effectively, clearly, and transparently to greater numbers of people, with images that help to define vague terms that mean different things to different people.

A cursory look at web pages of cities like Santa Barbara, Carmel, and Saratoga, reveals how much more fully and transparently these desirable cities define the character of their neighborhoods, what kind of residential projects are desirable and compatible with their communities, and what standards must be met in order to gain approval. In Del Mar, both applicants and the residents have complained of too much subjectivity in the process. Both parties would benefit from added clarity, transparency, and more tangible guidance at the front end of the process.

How will this impact our property values? Positively. It is well-documented that design review guidelines help



START OVER

Linda Rock | 23rd Street

Why the uproar over the selection process for applicants for the Ad-Hoc Development Review Advisory Committee?

An Ad-Hoc committee was recently established by the City Council to identify concerns and problems with the current Design Review Ordinance (DRO) and recommend solutions that will improve the process. Every applicant for this Ad Hoc committee deserved an interview because the best way to assure a successful committee is to have a balance of differing viewpoints from all neighborhoods come together in discussion.

The DRO has been important in preserving Del Mar's beachside charm and character. Though imperfect, these tools have been in place for almost forty years and have served the community well in helping maintain our quality of life and preserve views.

The Ad-Hoc committee has an opportunity to take the best of what has worked, and make thoughtful revisions that protect community goals, while also reflecting changing demographics and needs of the next generation.

Our zoning and DRO shape the character of our village, mostly with great outcomes, but also with some unintended consequences. Because of Del Mar's reputation for being "impossible to build in," homeowners oftentimes opt to rent their homes instead of updating. We lose families who would like to live here but find the process too burdensome. Neighbors often don't speak to each other as a consequence of the DRO.

There are potentially major financial and quality of life implications to DRO/DRB changes if not approached in a balanced and logical manner. Simply becoming more restrictive, such as disallowing basements or tightening up our already very restrictive FAR when we have the least allowed of any similar beach city, will not help improve our DRO process.

On July 27th the City Council appeared stunned by the 27 Del Mar residents who participated in the City Council meeting to protest the way the Ad-Hoc committee was appointed. Over 120 additional letters requested a "re-do"

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enhance and stabilize property values, making a desirable community even more desirable. Our community's desirability can be attributed to coastal location, quality of development, neighborhood aesthetics, and the semi-rustic, human-scale ambiance of the village. An updated, more transparent design review process that takes full advantage of today's technology would help preserve these unique characteristics, and our property values.

Note: In the interests of full disclosure, my husband, Richard Jamison, applied and was selected to serve on the committee in question. ■

DR. RICH

Rich Simons answers readers' most perplexing questions.

Rich Simons | Upper East 11th Street

Q: My neighbors and I are very curious about the big yellowish box sitting in the middle of the vacant lot in front of the Les Artistes motel. Can you tell us what it is and what it is doing there? – a.c.



Photo illustration Art Olson

A number of alert readers have called about that “box,” as you call it. As usual, we have conducted a thorough investigation. First, let’s deal with what it is NOT. Contrary to what many readers have suggested, it is NOT the latest addition to Les Artistes’ carefully themed but sometimes quirky stable of rooms. Actually, it’s not even on the Les Artistes property. The lot between Les Artistes and Camino del Mar is actually owned by some mysterious entity that the City has had trouble locating. The City is very frustrated because they can’t figure out how to tax it. It does not appear to be occupied so the TOT (“Transient Occupancy Tax”) can’t be applied. Also since it is on private property they can’t write it a parking ticket. As you can understand, if the City can’t make a buck off it they would like to have it removed.

Another thing that the “box” is NOT is a Dempsey Dumpster. You know – one of those metal bins with a lid that you can lift up to discard things that you no



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of the selection process. The City Council acted in good faith in appointing the 9-member committee rather than interviewing the 28 applicants, but the resentment voiced at the meeting reflected frustration and bitterness. People were upset because most appointees were from the same neighborhood. They were also concerned that a majority of the appointed committee members appear to have a prejudice against basements and outdoor features, and advocate for further restriction to redevelopment.

To have a successful outcome, the Ad-Hoc committee must solicit balanced and unbiased input from the whole community. They need to talk to past and present applicants, neighbors, architects, realtors, and developers, in order to identify and evaluate true problems. There are no enemies. Everybody should be heard, and nobody is right simply because they have lived in Del Mar the longest. New voices offer balance. The committee should also understand best practices in similar communities and analyze issues thoroughly before making recommendations.

Del Mar deserves a “re-do” of the committee member selection process to be consistent with the City Council’s resolution, reinforce trust and avoid the perception of bias. ■

longer want, like the seminal issue of Trivial Pursuit that is age appropriate only for veterans of WWII, or a wrecked tricycle, or a careless little brat who keeps trashing his tricycle.

What the mysterious yellow box IS is a “container.” I know this even though someone has tried to conceal it by painting “rental storage” or something like it right there on the side, in 98-point Bodoni Bold. In case you don’t know, a container is a big box used to ship all sorts of things around the world. Didn’t you ever wonder how that Chinese ripoff of a Barbie doll made its way to the third aisle in your CVS?

Okay. I know all this information is not telling us what we really want to KNOW – namely what is IN that @#%\$^&*! box. We know it must be incredibly valuable because it is the sole occupant of a prime parcel of commercial property on Del Mar’s main thoroughfare. That being the case, it seems to me that our Planning Commission and the Design Review Board should check it out. I mean – are the required setbacks being properly observed? Is there maybe a view obstruction problem? And how about the “village character” clause?

Of course if it contains explosive materials or toxic waste the City will need to have it taken away. That makes it imperative that we discover as soon as possible exactly what is in that box. If the owner can’t be contacted or is uncooperative, I can only suggest the following: a good man with an acetylene torch can probably cut through those padlocks in the proverbial New York Minute. And when he does, I hope he’ll give me a call. I need to know what is in it. No, worse – I HAVE to know! Curiosity is killing me.

So call me – PLEASE! ■

CHANGING SPACES

Del Mar Community Building park site in crossfire

Art Olson | Avenida Primavera

Discussion and disagreement, along with perhaps some confusion has arisen over the fate of the Del Mar Community Building (DMCB) located at the Del Mar Shores property on 9th Street. The building had been the offices of the Del Mar Union School district until it was acquired by the City of Del Mar as part of the Del Mar Shores property purchase. It is now temporarily leased in an agreement between the City and the Del Mar Foundation, and its use is shared between the Foundation and Del Mar Community Connections, for both office space and community activities.

The issue of the fate of the building has arisen during the master planning process for the Del Mar Shores Park, currently underway. The Schmidt Design Group, which is undertaking the process under the guidance of the Shores Advisory Committee, completed the "Discovery" phase of the work, having solicited input from the Del Mar community through a survey, interest group interviews, and



Shores in fog. Photo Bill Morris.

public events. Listed as one of the "Tier 1 Potential Amenities" in the Schmidt report is "indoor meeting/community recreational space." The report of this first phase of the process was presented on the agenda of the July 6 City Council meeting. The item following on the agenda was the disposition of the Del Mar Community Building, and whether it should be at the City's Civic Center site. Since both items were at the end of a long agenda, and discussion regarding the Community Building dominated the Shores Master Plan progress report the two items ended up being melded into one.

A number of speakers, including Betty Wheeler, Judd Halenza, and Tom McGreal, speaking on behalf of the Del Mar Foundation and Community Connections presented the view that the Community Building should remain at the Shore site and be part of the planned park, emphasizing the indoor recreational facilities and community activities that it already supports. Other speakers, including Laura deMarco, Joe Sullivan and Carl Hilliard, primarily representing contributors to Friends of the Park organization that raised funds for the purchase of the property argued that the goal of acquiring the property was to provide open space for community recreation, and that select organization office and storage space was not in keeping with that goal.

With the meeting running well

past 11:00 pm, the Council cut short discussion on the ultimate fate of the Del Mar Community Building, but they did offer their opinions on whether it should be sited as part of the Civic Center development. The discussion left the impression that the Council consensus was that the DMCB should be excluded. However, when this reporter queried several Council members later, it was clarified that it would be possible for the DMCB to be sited in the expansion space that is part of the Civic Center plan – but not as part of the currently approved development. Since it will be at least 3 years before actual development of the Shores Park begins, the long-term fate of the DMCB is still up in the air. ■

SAVE THE DATE

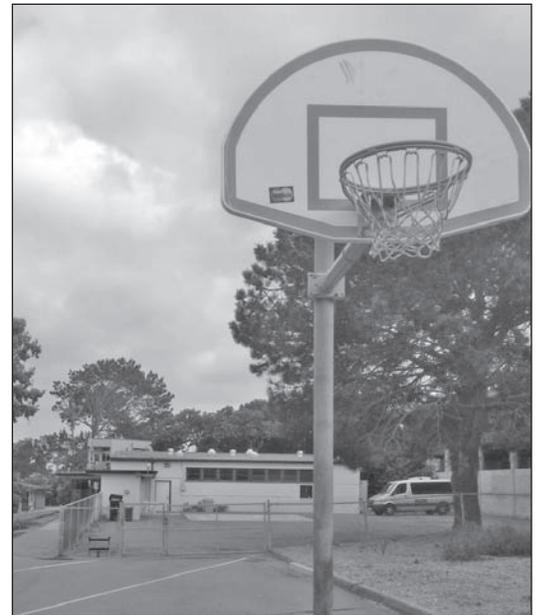
OCTOBER 18

"Plan Your Park" workshop

The second phase of the Shores Park Master Plan process will get underway on Sunday, October 18 from 2-4 pm at the Winston School Auditorium at 215 Ninth Street.

Residents are encouraged to review the summary of public input gathered in phase one by going to the City's website at www.delmar.ca.us/shorespark. Workshop attendees will discuss how and where potential park amenities could fit on the site.

The Master Plan is expected to be completed in winter 2016.



Del Mar Community Building.
Photo Art Olson



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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 www.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 www.delmarfoundation.org/events.html

Thursday, September 3

First Thursdays: High Society Jazz Band
7-8:15pm (for subscribers only)

Thursday, September 10

Young Del Mar: Parents' Night Out at L'Auberge
6-9pm

Sunday, September 13

Summer Twilight Concert: Soul Persuaders 4-6pm at Powerhouse Park. Zel's Opening Act The Nate Donniss Trio, 3 pm

Tuesday, September 15

DMF Talks: Dr. Debi Kilb from Scripps Institute of Oceanography on Our Next Earthquake, 6-8pm at Powerhouse Community Center

Friday, September 18

Cultural Arts presents: Salt Water Jazz | Peter Sprague and Friends 7:30-9pm Powerhouse Community Center. Tickets at www.delmarfoundation.org/bluegrass.html

Sunday, September 20

Special Events: Summer Beach Cleanup with Del Mar Rotary and L'Auberge, 1pm
At Powerhouse Community Center

Thursday, October 1

First Thursdays: Camarada 7-8:15pm
(for subscribers only)

Tuesday, October 6

DMF Talks: "Seeing Stars," 6-8pm
at Powerhouse Community Center

Friday, October 16

Young Del Mar: Spooktacular Beach Bonfire, 6-8pm. On the beach in front of Powerhouse Park

4TH QUARTER INDEPENDENCE

Changing Places

Nancy Fisher | 24th Street

The Sandpiper recently wrote about aging at home, which is a viable option for seniors with a support system of family, friends, and professionals to fulfill their physical, medical, and social needs. For those without this safety net, retirement choices abound. The Sandpiper spoke with some former Del Marians about their retirement decisions, but first let's learn the language.



Teddy Hopper at right with Sarah Dubin-Vaughn, former President of DMCC, at DMCC Anniversary Luncheon in 2005. Courtesy DMCC.

Independent Living is the choice of those who can and want to live on their own but are tired of tasks such as maintaining the yard and cooking every meal. These seniors may or may not still drive and can manage their own financial affairs and medications. They typically want to make friends their age who share similar interests. This is the choice for those who want to come and go as they please.

Assisted Living offers a higher level of care for those who have physical limitations, memory, or other medical issues. These residences offer personal care, housekeeping, dining options, transportation, and 24-hour care if necessary. This is the choice for those at risk of falling, wandering off, or mishandling medications.

Nursing Homes provide care for seniors who require skilled medical care from doctors and nurses on a daily basis, and often provide short or long-term rehabilitation services. This is the choice for those with serious medical issues.

To complicate things, in a good way, some facilities offer multiple levels of care. For example, many Independent Living residences allow seniors to remain living there as their needs increase, moving from Independent to Assisted Living and eventually to Skilled Nursing when needed. Others specialize in managing conditions such as Alzheimer's or cater to seniors who are especially active.

The Sandpiper reached out to a few ex-residents to see how they're faring and got some very honest answers.

Teddy Hopper, who lived in Del Mar for almost



BYE BYE OMA

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

A collaborative effort of the Herbert B. Turner Galleries at Southfair, the Del Mar Historical Society, and the Oceanside Museum of Art has gone the way of “best-laid plans.” In the wake of the resignation of OMA executive director Daniel Foster, who had been the driving force for expanding the outreach of the museum, OMA has decided not to renew the lease which expires September 30, because maintaining the exhibitions would be too great a draw on available manpower and financial resources. It is an amicable separation, regretted by all parties. The working arrangement involved exhibitions, changing quarterly, in the show-windows of the Southfair Gallery. The current show (June 20 – Sept 20) is the San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild Centennial Members’ Exhibition, taken on by OMA because of space limitations of the San Diego Museum in Balboa Park. There is still time to check it out.

The Del Mar Historical Society, represented by Gene Schwartz and Jeff Barnouw, was the intermediary between Southfair (Rachel Turner Thomas) and OMA. Going forward, there are plans for DMHS to have a display window of its own at the Galleries, funded by Del Mar resident Dayna Carroll in the name of Helen Drysdale. DMHS and the Turner Galleries will soon mount an exhibition of works by Herb Turner and Helen Drysdale. They are eager to connect with local artists and artist groups for future collaboration.

NOTE: The Historical Society has recently received donations of documents and artifacts, some interesting, some beautiful, which it much appreciates. But it must ask donors to please leave, not foundlings, but some identification. ■

thirty years before moving to Independent Living, laughed. “Your timing for asking that question is perfect. I’ve lived here for three years now and the honeymoon is over! It’s not perfect, but that’s ok. I’m still very glad I made this decision and I’d do it again. My residence is surrounded by seven universities, so I regularly meet interesting people with huge academic credentials. And my adult children live nearby...close enough to get to easily, but not too close!” Teddy’s old friend, Del Mar resident Carol Mason, offers that Teddy is “the poster child for this decision because she went with a positive attitude. She didn’t wait until she had to go. She went when she still had lovely social energy and could participate in the rich and diverse activities.”

Molli and Arthur Wagner, who recently made the move from Del Mar to Independent Living in La Jolla, hit a bump in the road when their apartment wasn’t what they had hoped for, but the problem was easily fixed. “Now we’re on the 19th floor with a beautiful ocean view,” says Arthur. “The place is gorgeous, we have an active social life with very friendly people, and I don’t have to do any cooking. It’s 5-star!”

The next article in the Fourth Quarter of Life series will focus on the nuts and bolts of choosing a facility that’s the best match for you or your loved one, with special attention to safety concerns and cost. ■



Del Mar Community Connections

SEPTEMBER 2015

Pat JaCoby | Del Mar Community Connections

Cleaning the clutter from your mind...

Techniques to help reduce the worry and anxiety we experience in our lives will be offered in a fall series of “Mindfulness” workshops sponsored by Del Mar Community Connections at 10 a.m. on Sept. 21, Oct. 19 and Nov. 16.



Troy Nickell, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, said participants in the one-hour workshops will learn meditation and visualization techniques as well as other skills to use in times of worry and stress. “Mindfulness techniques are proven to help manage physical pain, improve overall sleep, boost memory and improve focus,” he said.

Looking for ways to find peace in the present moment? If so, this beginners’ mindfulness training, held at the Community Building, may help with the answer.

Thinking faster, remembering more...

Del Mar Community Connections is once again offering its two popular Brain Fitness programs starting Sept. 15. An orientation meeting for participants in the “Basic Brain Fitness” program will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 9; an orientation meeting for the “Refresher Brain HQ” program will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 14. The programs are available at no charge.

The Brain Fitness programs are designed to improve thinking, understanding and memory. The scientifically designed exercises are done on a computer in a classroom at the Del Mar Community Building for one hour three times a week. The program is self-paced and adjusts to each individual’s abilities and needs.

Savvy Social Security...

A workshop to learn the basics of Social Security and determine the best way to optimize its benefits will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Del Mar Library, co-sponsored by Del Mar Community Connections. Guy Ellison, a certified financial planner, will discuss “how potential Social Security benefits fit in your overall retirement income picture.”

Save the dates...

Annual flu shot clinic Oct. 7 at the City Annex.

Annual benefit gala “Havana Nights” at the Powerhouse Oct. 17.

For further information and reservations for all programs call DMCC at 858 792-7565 or email dmcc@dmcc.cc.

WE CAN STEP UP!

Shirley King | Avenida Primavera

Can the people in such a small city as Del Mar have any effect on something as large as our climate? Is a Del Mar Climate Action Plan a futile gesture with no perceptible impact? Or, can Del Mar, through the individual and collective actions of its residents and businesses have influence on the broader region? While we are a small community, we have a high density of people and businesses whose words and actions reverberate widely – a CEO who uses public transportation to commute to work, or a University Professor who has a solar water heater in her home or bikes to campus, or a restaurant that recycles food waste, can have significant impact on a large number of people. Our actions can and do matter. We can learn how on September 24th at Del Mar's Sustainable Lifestyle Resource Fair and Climate Action Plan Open House.

There is no question that Del Mar is a community with "influencers." If our one and only smokestack in town were in full service or if we lived in the shadow of incinerators, sewage plants, steel mills, and landfills, these influencers would have the EPA set up office here. Then why are we such laggards with citizen-propelled climate action change?

Perhaps because we occupy a pristine and seductively breathtaking swath of California's "golden coast" – a term that PBS's beloved Huell Howser sentimentally crooned – again and again. However "golden" now means the color of our misguided landscaping – lawns that are just one of many miscalculations that we continue to make about our local environment.

Despite the beauty of our coastal home, none of our natural resources is limitless – not the land, not the water, not the shoreline, not the coastal views, not the green canopy, not the wildlife and its habitat, and certainly not our air quality. Does Pope Francis need to give us an environmental encyclical to remind us of the scarcity and the damages from our activities of daily living? Maybe, but we do need our own Climate Action Plan customized to preserve our valuable, but fragile, resources. But we are racing beyond the point of mitigation and facing rapid adaptation.

Del Mar's draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) will be introduced to the community on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at the Powerhouse Community Center starting at 6 pm. The unveiling of Del Mar's CAP comes after ten years when in 2005 the City first inventoried and later updated in 2012 and 2013 the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for our

government's operations and commercial and residential activities.

Joining the other 19 local governments (including the County), Del Mar committed to climate action planning by signing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement in 2005 and became a member of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) in 2010. Additionally in 2013 a collaboration between SANDAG and SDG&E guided the development of Del Mar's Energy Roadmap that establishes the framework for climate action planning with the specific energy-saving policies for our City. The culminating step is the comprehensive Climate Action Plan, which when approved by City Council, will give us a systematic way to protect our natural resources – all of US together.

Our local CAP has been under construction for the past year. The seven-member Sustainability Advisory Board and Council Liaisons with the energetic drive of Kristen



Sharrows lanes in Solana Beach. Photo Art Olson

Crane, Assistant to the City Manager and her capable interns, as well as Nilmini Silva-Send, PhD and Elizabeth Johnson, Energy Policy Initiatives Center at the University of San Diego, the support of data and grant monies from SDG&E and data resources from SANDAG have hammered out the essential elements – our greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets for the Years 2020 and 2035 and the prioritized areas for directing community changes. The final draft CAP will be packaged for the Council by

Atkins North America Inc., a technical consulting firm, by December 2015.

But taking the active steps to sustain the health of our environment requires a community-based discipline – not the kind that happens in our Code Enforcement Officer's office; rather committed and repeated personal practices such as taking mass transit to work, not just changing out the LED light bulbs every 13 years. Is it possible for Del Mar to achieve a high level of public participation? Can the Climate Action Plan induce committed actions? What might undermine our attempts?

The CAP is organized in six sectors of GHG emission-producing activity in Del Mar: electricity (38%), natural gas (30%), transportation (19%), water (3%), solid waste (9%) and wastewater (1%) measured in Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide equivalents. Electricity contributes the most to overall GHG emissions, while wastewater contributes the least. These emissions can be broken down further

CITY OF DEL MAR Means of transportation to Work

Number of Workers 16 years and over	2,340
Car, truck, or van	71.4%
Drove alone	66.0%
Carpooled	5.4%
In 2-person carpool	5.4%
In 3-person carpool	0.0%
Workers per car, truck or van	1.04%
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	1.3%
Walked	2.7%
Bicycle	0.9%
Taxicab, motorcycle, or other	0.0%
Worked at home	23.6%

American Community Survey 2013 U.S.Census

into residential and commercial categories. In 2013, 43% of emissions can be attributed to commercial electricity use, while 57% were a result of residential electricity consumption.

No one can escape contributing to one, if not all, of these sectors. If you consume products and produce garbage, you make carbon contributions - your carbon legacy.

To quickly estimate your family's carbon footprint, go to the State's calculator www.CoolCalifornia.org and evaluate your energy consumption by your patterns of travel, shopping and housing needs. You will see where you fall within the average Del Mar household in metric tons CO₂/year. Then you are given an action plan to narrow the options for lowering your emissions with the associated costs and savings. Activities such as changing your car-driving behavior to more eco-driving (driving the speed limit and coasting to red lights) or line-dry your clothes, cost nothing but have a good economic yield and reduced GHG.

Foremost to Del Mar's CAP is the declaration of its emission reduction goals from 2012 levels for the years 2020 and 2035. As a state, California is well on track to cut GHG to 1990 levels by 2020, and Governor Brown has set a target of 40% by 2030. Nearly 19% of California's electricity comes from renewable sources and less than 8% from coal. SDG&E is pushing 35% from renewable sources. The state has put a strong wind in our sails to reach 2020 with the benefits of new industry standards and State Laws. But, the year 2035 will need very aggressive actions to reach ambitious, but necessary targets of possibly 30%, 35%, 40%. What kinds of recommended actions can we expect?

Examples of proposed mitigation strategies such as in the Transportation sector are 1) adopting a complete "Streets"

policy where all of levels of bicycle riders (lycra-wearing and casual) can utilize our roads safely, 2) increasing mass transit ridership with additional connecting corridors - and ones that could serve Fairgrounds visitors; 3) boosting the number of Electric Vehicle charging stations and dedicated parking spaces for EVs; and 4) installing roundabouts at key nodes along Camino del Mar. Since Del Mar is responsible to mitigate only the emissions that come from trips that start or end in Del Mar - not the I-5 corridor or the pass through traffic, then our residents could add effective policies to the existing Community Plan.

The September 24th Sustainable Lifestyle Resource Fair and CAP Open House will address the strategies for all of the other sectors (electricity, natural gas, water, waste and wastewater). The emission targets will be explained and our place in the Region's investments to prepare and adapt will be delivered by Dr. Emily Young of the San Diego Foundation's Climate Initiative. Local agencies will be present to explain energy-saving programs and rebates.

The cornerstone for a successful climate action plan is unified behavior change within the community - not just being informed, but adopting a keen sense of community protection. Two big potential barriers to Del Mar's success are the prevalence of second home-ownership and the proliferation of recreational housing. Transient occupancy leads to a weaker sense of obligation to the immediate environment. The second barrier is our known reluctance to use mass transportation and to adjust our driving practices with new intersection structures such as roundabouts. Roundabouts cut congestion and save bundles of energy when traffic lights can be disconnected and less stopping and braking.

Climate action in Del Mar is long overdue. We have to pedal fast - pedaling is the best way to get there, and "influence"- pedaling is highly encouraged. ■

Del Mar's Sustainable Lifestyle Resource Fair and Climate Action Plan OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 24, 2015
Powerhouse Community Center
1658 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar
Resource Fair 6 to 8 p.m.
Presentation 6:30 p.m.
Light Refreshments Served

Resource Fair Participants

City of Del Mar
Coast Waste Management
San Diego Water Authority
San Diego Gas and Electric
Center for Sustainable Energy
The San Diego Foundation
Climate Action
Financing Energy & Water Efficiency Investments

TBID Results ?

Five years ago Del Mar created the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID). TBID, governed by all of Del Mar's hotel managers, was authorized to collect 1% of every hotel room booking. During those five years this board spent \$846,748 for sales and marketing with "uncertain results" according to a Finance Committee analysis.

TBID is now requesting a 10-year renewal, but the City Council expressed reluctance to a renewal for more than a year or two without some measurement reporting on accomplishments and the ability to "re-open" the authorization if certain metrics are not met.

KAABOO Costs September 18-20

According to Ira Sharp, TPAC (Traffic & Parking Advisory Committee) they are now predicting 30,000 a day instead of 40,000; Kaaboo has been saying 70 or 80 Sheriff's deputies would be patrolling but Sheriff Captain Adams-Hydar said she has only 40 deputies. They will be there in two shifts, with a half hour overlap. They will be aggressively looking for people who are drunk or high, and arresting them. Instead of taking them to Vista at time of arrest, which ties up a deputy for three hours, they have a holding pen on the grounds, and they will all be moved at the same time.

According to City Manager Scott Huth, the City is treating this 3-day event similarly to how we staff up for the 4th of July. We will have two (2) additional Sheriff's deputies assigned to Del Mar between 10am-3am. The City staff will include the Park Ranger, several parking enforcement staff, extra lifeguards, traffic control/maintenance staff, and several City department heads, supervisors, and City Manager's Department staff (including himself) that will be in the City before, during and after the event. These staff will be monitoring and displaying a high visual presence and deterrent to inappropriate activity/behavior. We will be actively following up on calls and patrolling to respond/prevent parking violations, loitering, illegal sleeping/camping in all areas, and traffic control/enforcement.

For those interested in attending visit www.kaaboodelmar.com/

Del Mar Safety

Barry Entous of the Finance Committee reports that the council decided not to hire a Community Service Officer (CSO) as recommended by the Finance Committee. Instead the Council will wait until mid-September for the independent report by Ralph Anderson & Associates which have been hired to address the city's safety issues. The consultants hired are the same consulting firm that reported to council on the effectiveness of the Sheriff contract, and the feasibility of establishing our own police department. Their current report will address the Ranger program, a possible hybrid enforcement department, and the updating of the 2013 study to establish the city's own police department. ■

COASTAL COMMISSION CREATOR HONORED

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

In a ceremony on August 11 the Wetlands in the San Dieguito River Park were dedicated to Peter Douglas (1942-2012), a pioneering environmentalist who contributed more than anyone to the creation of the California Coastal Commission (1972), the Coastal Act (1976) and the decision that Southern California Edison should restore the San Dieguito Lagoon to compensate for the damage to ocean fish breeding grounds done by the San Onofre Nuclear Generating System. He was a mentor and inspiration to Del Mar's Planning Manager Adam Birnbaum, who worked "under and with" Douglas on the CCC, and Councilmember Dwight Worden, who as a law student worked for the Sierra Club and with Douglas to pass the Coastal Act.



Dwight Worden and Don Mosier unveil a plaque commemorating Douglas's contributions. Photo Miles McLeod.

Trish Boaz, Executive Director of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, interacted with Douglas as Developmental Policy Aide to Supervisor Pam Slater-Price. They and others including Serge Dedina, Mayor of Imperial Beach, and Diane Coombs of the League of Women Voters, spoke warmly of his dedication, determination, i. e. stubbornness, strategic acumen and vision.

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THE LATEST ON OUR WEBSITE News updates every day or two + more

This summer we began posting updates on our website much more often, almost on a daily basis. You can check out the latest at the top of our main page.

We also, for the first time, posted articles online that never appeared in the print issue at all.

Check us out! We're more than just the news that's fit to print. www.delmarsandpiper.org

COUNTDOWN TO CIVIC CENTER CONSTRUCTION

Bud Emerson | Klish Way

Our new City Hall project continues to move along with a great deal of community support. The Design Review Board (DRB) has completed a preliminary review of building materials, site development, building elevations, and refinements to massing. The formal DRB hearing is scheduled for November. The draft EIR is scheduled for its 45-day public review period starting September 7.

Getting ready for the start of construction in early 2016, the City Council has approved plans for temporary relocation of City Hall staff until completion. A survey of all likely office spaces in town found nothing for this temporary time period. Other public spaces would not accommodate the temporary buildings needed.

The most appropriate site for this interim use was determined to be the Shores Lower Parking Lot. It is convenient, accessible, and would be the lowest installation cost. Two buildings will be located at the site of the former school maintenance building. Some storage will need to be handled off site. Minimum code requirements for parking spaces will be met.

Staff is working with Winston School staff to coordinate parking, traffic flow, and operational schedules. Some neighbors have complained that the operation will be disruptive to their neighborhood. Staff is working with them to identify steps to minimize negative impacts.

Staff is preparing a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the temporary location for submission to the Coastal Commission for approval.

COASTAL COMMISSION CREATOR HONORED

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Douglas was the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission from 1985 to 2011, and Jacqueline Winterer of the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley recalled that even in retirement, when he was mortally ill, he was consulted by the Commission and gave impassioned support to the effort to stop Fairgrounds misuse of the overflow parking lots. The CCC was represented by its head of staff, 8 staff members and Mary Shellenberger, one the longest serving Commissioners. Del Mar Councilman Don Mosier, Board Chair of the Joint Powers Authority that oversees the San Dieguito River Park exceed the testimonials.

Worden told the story of how the Coastal Act, seemingly dead in the water, was passed at the last moment by being astutely tacked on as an amendment to an otherwise insignificant bill of a State Senator named Smith concerning trees in a median in his district. Coombs recalled the "midnight hearing" of the CCC where an attempt to divide the SCE remediation funds among competing sites in the state was averted by the skillful use of a promised gift of land to SCE. Wouldn't we like to know even more of the inside story.

A plaque commemorating Douglas's contributions can be seen on the Lagoon Trail along San Andres Drive north of the kiosk.

Birnbaum and Dedina both emphasized how much we all owe Douglas for our enjoyment of the stunning California coast. Memorably Councilman Worden said Douglas had shown him "how good government could be when it works well." ■



*Story Poles above City Hall Town Hall site.
Photo Jeff Barnouw*

This temporary site is planned for use for no longer than four months after completion of our new City Hall.

THE POLE STORY

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

Some people were alarmed by the array of poles and lines right along the street-front and at the western rim of the upper parking lot at the southern end of the City Hall property. That was because they took them to be story poles. They didn't know the story they were supposed to tell, or the story behind them. It should have been obvious they were not "storey poles," which most people take to be designators of how high, broad and deep a given building will be. (In fact, as I just learned from Bob Vila on the internet, a "storey pole" is a measure - a physical standard like a board - specific to a given building or even to a particular storey that helps carpenters keep the proportions.)

Fact: The poles and line along the street-front show the code maximum allowable height of 14' [14 feet] from the height of the curb. The poles and line at the back of the upper lot show the 26' (26 foot) height limit measured from the lower level parking lot.

Earlier this year the City had us wondering what a series of various polls meant. (Remember "This is not an Election!?"?) Now at least we have a certifiable interpretation of the current poles. ■

ABANDON SHIP DRILL

Jumping Into History

Christopher Marsh | Camp Callan Research Project
Larry Brooks | Del Mar Historical Society

Excerpted from a soon-to-be-published book on the history of Camp Callan, the huge WWII US Army camp on Torrey mesa where Scripps hospitals and Torrey Pines golf course are today. Recruits did the "abandon ship drill" from the old Del Mar pier.

All kinds of tough physical training took place at Camp Callan for the young recruits, from crawling through the mud with machinegun rounds zipping inches above their heads to firing giant cannons. The news they were slated to take part in training to abandon a torpedoed troop ship was met with trepidation, on their minds the question, "How?" The answer from their cadre, "Yer gonna jump off a pier into the ocean, Rookie!"



From the Del Mar pier. Del Mar Historical Society.

The troops climbed into the two-and-a-half ton trucks. The convoy departed camp, headed north on 101 through sleepy Del Mar, turned left at the old Hotel Del Mar, proceeded down the hill toward the quaint Santa Fe Railroad station, stopping finally at the pier. Those trainees who did not know how to swim were herded into the hotel's big indoor swimming pool for an abbreviated swimming lesson; the rest left their boots in the trucks and marched out to the end of the pier.

The Training Officer gave simple orders, "Put on your lifejackets and tie 'em tight. Hold your nose with one hand and your nuts with the other. Feet together. Jump!" Hesitation was barely tolerated; refusal to jump was not.

Entering the water was the easy part. Exiting the water was another thing. Despite the heavy surf pushing them into the pilings, they all made it ashore. Elated, they met the non-swimmers emerging from the hotel pool and handed them the wet lifejackets. "Don't worry 'bout drownin', Bud. The 30-foot fall will prob'ly kill you first."

On one occasion when a group of young trainees balked at jumping, the Training Officer rounded up some of the local kids and asked them to jump first. Since they did it all the time, the kids climbed onto the railing and executed swan dives off the pier into the water below. Bobbing to the surface, the kids shouted up at the trainees, "C'mon, fellas, JUMP! It's EASY!" The recruits had no choice.

The members of the fairer sex serving at Camp →

LOCAVORES' DELIGHT

You say tomato, I say

Valerie Fanning | Forest Way

If you haven't already enjoyed the fresh tomatoes from the Del Mar Farmers Market now is the time to do so as summer is winding down. The late summer tomatoes are at their finest: sweet and

delicious. You can find all types, sizes, colors and shapes of tomatoes at the market. Cherry tomatoes, heirloom cherry tomatoes, yellow, purple, green and red heirlooms, the biggest, reddest beefsteak tomatoes, giant plum tomatoes. Check out these Market farm stands to pick up your selection: Valdivia, Schaner, Blue Heron and Kawano. Enjoy a simple salad of tomato slices with salt and pepper. If you buy too many, just roast in the oven with some olive oil, salt and pepper or top a pizza. Don't miss out! ■



*"Aw, hell, Ma'm, just jump." And over they went.
Del Mar Historical Society.*

Callan were not exempt from the rigors of physical training. On the chance they may be sent overseas, the nurses, WACs, and Red Cross personnel had to learn the abandon ship technique, too. They were marched onto the pier in oversized fatigues, Mae West life jackets, and bare feet.

"OK, ladies," cooed the Training Officer, "Let's make sure that life jacket is good 'n tight. Here, lemme snug that up fer ya. Up on the rail. I'll just hold ya to keep ya steady, a'right? Now, hold y'r nose with one hand and cover y'r ... , er hold y'r ..., uh, keep y'r legs Aw, hell, Ma'm, just jump." And over they went. There was a war going on, y' know. ■

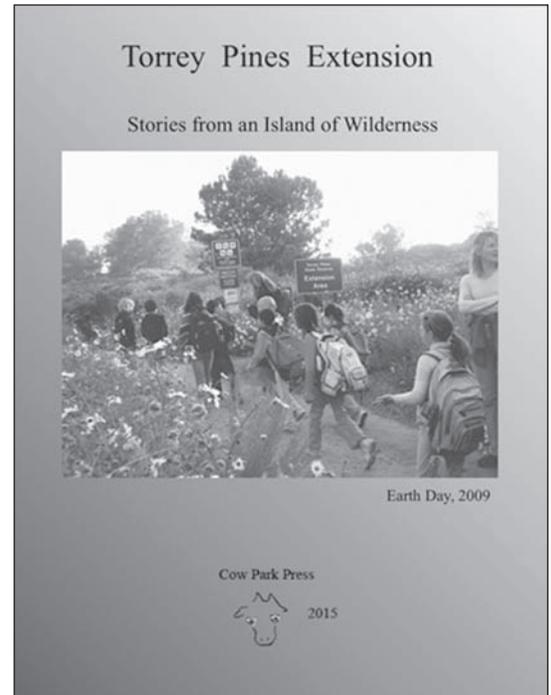
TRAILWAYS

Mary Ruth Cox | Via Grimaldi

School children pranced in delight up the trail through the Torrey Pines Extension to their school. It was Earth Day, 2009, and their parents were taking a day off from commuting by car by walking with their children to the Del Mar Heights school. Bright sunflowers bobbed in the sea breeze on either side of the trail. What an adventure, to walk to school! And how lucky we were to have the extension of Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve to traverse!

Sixty years ago when we first came to Del Mar Terrace we took the open space between the Terrace and Del Mar for granted. Our children roamed in the wild canyons, swung from the Torrey Pines, and caught 'horny toads'. Horseback riders galloped down the steep trails to the beach, shrieking with abandon. We hiked in the pine-clad hills without a thought for their future, just enjoyed their natural beauty.

A rude awakening came in 1964 when a bulldozer carved a road through the pines and sage southeast of Del Mar. Alarmed, conservationists imagined that houses, paved streets, and fences would soon obliterate the wilderness. They began a vigorous campaign to extend the existing Torrey Pines State Reserve north to protect the remaining stands of native Torrey pines on private land. After ten years of heart-breaking struggles the Torrey Pines extension finally became part of Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve in 1974. The battle to save the Torrey Pines was a triumph of conservation and became a model for others. A new book is now available with chapters about the acquisition of the extension, its geology, archeology, and trails, plus a special section by Kathy Dickey on birds observed there. ▣



The book, "The Story of Torrey Pines Extension", (\$15), is available from the author, Mary Ruth Cox. If you would like a copy, please call her at 858-755-4007 or e-mail cs2cox@ucsd.edu.

DMTV PRESENTS

Being Waterwise

Luana Karr | DMTV

Summer is waning and the kids are heading back to school. If you postponed summer projects due to the heat and are now contemplating getting those crossed off your list. Del Mar T.V. has some water saving tips. Tune in to our three-part series "Being Waterwise."

In the first segment, Linda Chisari, Del Mar resident and landscape designer, discusses the drought tolerant plants that are suitable to our Mediterranean climate. You can see pictures and it may help you to decide what type of plants and color you would like to arrange in your yard.

In part two of the 3-part series, Lawrence O'Leary, from Cuyamaca College, discusses how to use landscape water wisely. He explains about improving your soil which in turn increases your water savings, and what to think about when you consider your landscape needs such as soil, esthetics, and controllers for water conservation.

In part three Stuart Spaulding, a certified irrigation manager, discusses sprinkler products and systems and controllers that can help achieve your conservation goals.

So enjoy our great weather and keep in mind the water conservation efforts we all need to make and tune in to gain some great ideas on plants, soil improvement and more. You can view our videos on the Del Mar T.V. ▣

CITY OF DEL MAR

Recipient of Bronze Tier Award in the 2015 iCommute Diamond Award

The iCommute Diamond Awards recognize employers in the San Diego region who have made strides to promote alternative commute choices in the workplace. The program is based on a points system tied to employer involvement and shifts in employee commute choices. Congratulations Del Mar!



WINSTON'S 20-20 VISION

Dave Druker | 10th Street

The Winston School was founded in 1988 and leased the former site of the Del Mar Shores Elementary School site from the Del Mar Union School District.

When Del Mar purchased the Del Mar Shores property we negotiated a lease agreement requiring a development plan by December 2019.

The current site includes classrooms, office and a multi-purpose room, which is used as an auditorium for concerts and plays and a meeting room. In total 21-28 rooms. Winston plans to create a larger space which could include fixed seating if there were a joint fundraising effort with Del Mar.

According to Headmaster Mike Peterson official fund raising will not begin until 2020 – once the plans are finalized and approved by the City. He looks forward to engaging the community in the planning effort over the next few years. Peterson says

“We are constantly fundraising to support the amazing programs we offer here at Winston. In terms of a formal fundraising campaign to support campus redevelopment projects, we intend to begin the ‘quiet phase’ prior to our December 2019 deadline for presentation of plans to the City Council. Once we begin sharing our plans publicly, we will announce a broader campaign to kick off late in the year 2020.”

Asked by the Sandpiper how the public at large will be engaged in the planning process Peterson replied: “Absolutely. The Winston School has strived to be a great neighbor, and we have always prided ourselves on having an open line of communication with both the community and the city of Del Mar. We would envision several small, intimate meetings, possibly hosted by friends and neighbors, so we could hear individual hopes and concerns, as well as a formal public presentation. We are still years away from anything final being decided but public engagement will be a hallmark of our plan.”



The Winston School Entrance. Photo Bill Morris.

LIGHTNING ACTION SAVES CREST

Carol Kerridge | El Amigo Road

You might have learned by now, about the lightning strike that started a fire in Crest Canyon on a Saturday morning a few weeks ago when a huge storm passed through our region.

Several residents who live near the canyon heard the strike and swiftly ran to check for possible fires. We are lucky they acted quickly, for a fire had ignited several trees. They immediately called 9-1-1, and were shocked to be unable to get through for almost 5 minutes. The system was overloaded due to the multiple lightning strikes in the region. Once alerted, our Fire Dept responded instantly, but as they approached the growing blaze, the heavens opened and a huge downpour put out the fire. Whew!



Crest Canyon, Photo Bill Morris.

We are so very fortunate to have a first-rate emergency response system in our area, but however well our City is prepared, no one can predict idiosyncrasies, unpredictable weather or other circumstances beyond our control.

The experts insist that the best line of defense to be ready for any disaster is by planning ahead of time. **The key is taking the initiative to assemble emergency supplies and making a plan of action for your own family, household and neighborhood.**

Here in Del Mar, we have a wealth of helpful resources to help us prepare ahead with guidelines for action should a disaster occur. Please check our City of Del Mar web-site at www.delmar.ca.us, scroll down to “Public Safety,” choose “Emergency Preparedness,” and you will find a myriad of different helpful tips and suggestions. You will find a 17-minute video made by our own Del Mar TV called “Are You Ready,” which will supply you with clear and simple steps to take in many sorts of disasters and also includes an easy explanation of how and when to turn off utilities.

For those residents who want to step up to the challenge, our Fire Department offers a 24 hr lay volunteer program called CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).

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DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Highlights for September 2015

DM Farmer's Market. Every Sat, 1 to 4 pm, City Hall parking lot.

St. Peter's Church Thrift Shop. 20% Senior Discount on Tuesdays. Maiden Lane between 14th and 15th Streets.

DM Community Connections - Tuesday Lunch Connection. Tues, Sept 1st and 15th, 12 noon to 1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th Street.

DM Library Adults - English Conversation Café. Thursdays at 11:15am.

DM Library Kids - Toddler Art Class. Ages 16 months—3yrs. Paint, glitter, glue & more. Thur, Sept 3 & 10, 3:15pm. (1st & 2nd Thur of the month.) – new program

DM Library Adults - Print Goes to the Movies Matinee. Watch the movie version of this month's book. Fri, Sept 4, 2pm. – new program

DM Library Kids - Kids Chess. Sat, Sept, 5 & 12, 1pm. (1st & 2nd Sat of the month.) – new day.

DM Library Kids - SD-STEM Club. San Diego club for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Open to all San Diego students. Sat, Sept, 5 & 12, 1pm. (1st & 2nd Sat of the month.)

City of Del Mar - City Council Meetings. Tues, Sept 8 and Mon, Sept 21, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM, Del Mar Communications Center

DM Community Connections - Senior Health Forum with Dr. Kalina. Tues, Sept 8th, 10 to 11:30am, DM Community Building, 225 9th Street.

Shores Advisory Committee - Monthly Meeting. Wed, Sept 9, 8 a.m., City Hall Annex 235 11th St. Planning for October 18 Plan Your Park Workshop.

City of Del Mar - Planning Commission Meeting. Wed, Sept 9, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM, 240 Tenth Street

DM Foundation - Young Del Mar Parents' Night Out. At L'Auberge. Mon, Sept 10, 6 to 9pm, L'Auberge Del Mar. Happy Hour pricing. Registration required - 858 635 1363.

DM Community Connections Board. Sat, Sept 12th, 9am, DM Community Building, 225 9th Street.

DM Foundation - Summer Twilight Concert. Sun, Sept 13, Opening Act 3pm The Nate Donniss Trio, Main Event 4 to 6pm The Soul Persuaders, Powerhouse Park.

DM Community Connections - Monday Lunch Club. Mon, Sept 14th, 11:30am to 1pm, Del Mar Rendezvous, 1555 Camino Del Mar.

DM Village Association - Promotion Committee. Tues, Sept 15th, 4 to 5pm, 1104 Camino del Mar, Suite 4.

DM Foundation - DMF Talks. Dr. Debi Kilb from Scripps Institute of Oceanography on Our Next Earthquake, Tues, Sept 15, 6pm to 8pm, Powerhouse. Registration required - 858 635 1363.

DM Village Association - Business Assistance Committee. Wed Sept 16th, 8:30 to 9:30am, 1104 Camino del Mar, Suite 4.

City of Del Mar - Design Review Board Meeting. Wed, Sept 16, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM, Del Mar Communications Center

DM Library Adults - Savvy Social Security. Co-hosted with DM Community Connections. With Guy Ellison, a CFP with Thrivent Financial. Thur, Sept 17, 1:30pm.

DM Library Kids - WonderWorks. Ages 3—4. Explore science, technology, engineering & math. Thur, Sept 17 & 24, 3:15pm. (3rd & 4th Thur of the month.) – new program

DM Historical Society - Board meeting. Tues, Aug 18, 5:00 p.m. Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th Street.

DM Foundation - Special Events Beach Cleanup. With the Del Mar Rotary and L'Auberge. Sun, Sept 20, 1 to 3pm, Powerhouse.

City of Del Mar - Business Support Advisory Committee. Tues, Sept 22, 9 to 10:30am, City Hall Annex

City of Del Mar - Finance Committee. Tues, Sept 22, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, City Hall Annex

DM Community Connections - Romeo Men's Lunch Club. Tues, Sept 22nd, 12:00 noon, Sbicca Bistro, 215 15th Street. Reservations required. 858 792 7565.

DM Library Adults - Huell Howser's The Ghost Mountain Experiment. Screening with producer/director John McDonald. Wed, Sept 23, 6pm.

DM Village Association Board. Thur, Sept 24th, 8:30 to 10am, City Hall Annex.

DM Community Connections - Travel Club. Thur, Sept 24th, 10 to 11am, DM Community Building, 225 9th Street.

DM Library Adults - Who Picked That Book? Book Club. September theme "Women in Rock." Fri, Sept 25, 2pm.– new program

Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley - Board meeting. Mon, Sept 28th, 7:00 p.m, City Hall Annex - 235 11th Street

DM Library Kids - STEM & M. Kindergarten—6th grade. Practice magic and learn about the math & science that make the tricks possible. Wed, Sept 30, 3:15pm. – new program

LIGHTNING ACTION SAVES CREST

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This program trains and certifies interested residents to give modified help in their own neighborhood should a disaster occur, if 1st responders are overwhelmed with calls. Please see the City web-site under "Public Safety" for more info. For residents who think they might need help during a disaster, please contact the Del Mar Community Connections office for information on the NEST program (Neighborhood Emergency Support Team) at 858 792-7565.

THE BEST LINE OF DEFENSE IS TO BE READY...ARE YOU READY? □

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DATED MATERIAL

BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD

Too Little About Too Much

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

Draft plans for "The New One Paseo" got angry feedback from the almost 200 residents attending the August 19 Carmel Valley Planning Board workshop. "I left my red (No On This One Paseo) shirt in the car. I wish I had worn it," one said. Most expressed their frustration that the project was still "too large" (1.1 million square feet scaled back from 1.4 million) and still generated burdensome traffic (14,000 daily trips compared to 26,000 in the original) and no public transit. The successful referendum drive that derailed the San Diego City Council's February 23 approval of the controversial development went unacknowledged in the swelling criticism. Only comments by Board members seemed to bring the dialogue back to providing input on what residents want.

Ken Farinsky, founding member of What Price Main Street and recent appointment to the Board, got to his feet and pleaded for more constructive feedback. "I won't vote for a project the community doesn't want," he said, "but I am disappointed that all we have heard is how awful (the plans are). We need to hear what you want here. We don't need 500,000 sq. ft. of more office space (current zoning)," he said. Echoing fellow Board member Gary Levitt he emphasized the need to think ahead to future community needs such as transition housing for 'empty nesters.' "Not all of us want to leave our community when we outgrow our bigger homes," Levitt commented. "I am disappointed that Kilroy was not more creative in these proposals."

Kilroy Realty is presenting redesign options as a result of reaching an agreement with three community litigants to downsize the project after a successful referendum drive required the San Diego City Council to either reject the project outright or put it to a citywide vote. Although the



Residents scrutinize reduced One Paseo plans and want more information. Photo Ann Gardner

developer wants to complete community review of the reduced plans and get all the necessary approvals by the end of this year, the Carmel Valley Board was clear they expected more changes and additional community review. There was generally unanimous agreement that there was little difference between the three options presented at this first community workshop. All included 1.1 million square feet and 14,000 daily traffic trips; compartmentalized office, retail and residential spaces rather than a more creative mix of uses; no connectivity to the Highlands Shopping Center across El Camino Real nor sufficient pedestrian/bicycle emphasis. Everyone wanted to see elevations and 3-D images. Del Mar Heights residents expressed concern over increased emergency response time from Fire Station #24 east of I-5. One Board member asked Kilroy if they would be willing to provide a fire station on the west side.

Frisco White, Planning Board chair, announced that another community workshop will be scheduled in October. Check the Sandpiper website for updates. ■