

# SANDPIPER

## 2016 ELECTION BY THE NUMBERS

As the Sandpiper went to press, the San Diego County Registrar of Voters (ROV) had counted over 1,285,000 general election ballots county-wide, with an estimated 2,000 mail and provisional ballots still to be counted. Here are the numbers reported by the ROV as of Dec. 3.

√ = winner

### Del Mar City Council

(3 seats)

√ Dave Druker	1365	21.11%
√ Ellen Haviland	1243	19.23%
√ Sherryl Parks	1198	18.53%
T. Pat Stubbs	1072	16.58%
Jim Benedict	865	13.38%
Al Corti	722	11.17%

### County Supervisor, District 3

√ Kristen Gaspar	115,009	50.27%
Dave Roberts	113,754	49.73%

### County Board of Education (5th District)

√ Rick Shea	113,313	50.17%
Mark Wyland	112,554	49.83%

### Del Mar Union School District (2 seats)

√ Erica Halpern	10,596	44.53%
√ Stephen Cochran	6,699	28.16%
Darren Gretler	6,498	27.31%

### San Dieguito Union High School District (2 seats)

√ Beth Hergesheimer	40,258	32.19%
√ Joyce Dalessandro	39,040	31.22%
Lucile Hooton Lynch	18,916	15.13%
Randy Berholtz	17,621	14.09%
Bob Nascenzi	9,215	7.37%

### Measure Q (1% Sales Tax)

√ Yes	1727	66.53%
No	869	33.47%

### Measure R (Voter approval required for certain developments)

Yes	1252	48.83%
√ No	1312	51.17%

### State Senate, 39th District

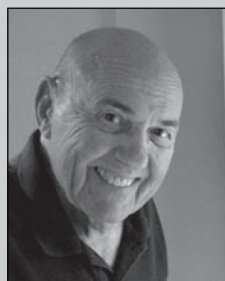
√ Toni Atkins	257,824	62.50%
John Renison	154,704	37.50%

### State Assembly, 78th District

√ Todd Gloria	145,271	69.11%
Kevin Melton	64,937	30.89%

### U.S. Representative, 49th District

<i>District-wide votes (combined reports by San Diego and Orange Counties as of 12/4)</i>		
√ Darrell Issa	155,683	50.31%
Doug Applegate	153,741	49.69%
<i>San Diego County Portion Only</i>		
Issa	108,011	46.81%
Applegate	122,741	53.19%



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The Sandpiper  
 Editors Wish You  
 All a Very  
 Happy Holiday Season!



## HOW WE VOTED

**D**el Mar voters delivered some very decisive messages about the character of our town on election day.

The three victorious candidates, Dave Druker, Ellen Haviland, and Sherryl Parks, were very straightforward in advocating for preservation of the unique residential character of Del Mar. Clearly the "old guard," as well as newer voters, recognize what differentiates Del Mar from most other communities. It does not matter whether we moved here 40 years ago or last year. We moved here because we recognized that Del Mar does not want to become another Mission Beach or Fairbanks Ranch. The vision in our Community Plan clearly describes a small scale, residential community. Our deliberate review processes are in place to carefully implement that vision.

The vote evidences a strong determination to protect neighborhoods from development over-reach, to give neighbors a legitimate voice in decisions about new projects, to prevent unwarranted view blockages, and to resist commercial business incursions into residential areas. The

vote expresses support for the work of the citizens ad hoc committee to update our design review process.

Voters affirmed our concern that short term rental businesses are undermining neighborhoods and must be stopped. Voters want better law enforcement service but are wary of moving too fast to create our own police department. Voters want downtown to be revitalized but appear to understand that "less regulation" is not a magic bullet and that commercial property owners hold the key to how that can happen.

Voter approval of Measure Q to increase sales tax by 1% voices our belief that visitors should be asked to help fund the costs of the community they enjoy with us. There was considerable support for the new tax revenues to be used for utility undergrounding, Shores Park development, and downtown streetscape improvements. All candidates promised that citizen voices would be important in deciding final spending priorities for these funds.

Voters narrowly rejected Measure R which would have required a city-wide vote on the Watermark housing proposal and many other city decisions. Voters support voting on major changes but this initiative went too far.

We applaud Del Mar voters for their high turnout and for giving our elected Council Members clear mandates. ■



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## CLIMATE CHANGE IN WASHINGTON

### Frog Haiku

Susan Morrison  
Stratford Court

We frogs get warmer  
as the pot begins to boil  
but we don't notice

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# PERPLEXING PARKING

Nancy Fisher | 24th Street

Rumors are swirling in the Beach Colony about upcoming changes to the paid-parking situation, and residents have every right to be baffled – although maybe not as worried as some seem.

In December of 2015, the City of Del Mar submitted an application to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for the addition of 180 new paid on-street parking spaces to the North Beach and Via de la Valle area of the community and proposed a variable parking rate of up to \$3 per hour. This month the proposal met significant resistance by the CCC, as the proposed rates are higher than many similar coastal towns. Of more importance, though, the CCC challenged the legitimacy of many of our existing parking rates and restrictions that were evidently put in place without Coastal Development Permits (CDPs) approved by the Coastal Commission, particularly our signage that prohibits parking between 10pm-4am. In layman’s terms, the City was “busted” for past infractions not approved by the CCC, and as a result, all of the City’s paid parking areas in the Coastal zone were required to be incorporated into the current request.

The unpermitted parking prohibition signage was installed in 2005 in an attempt to control loud late night parties and vandalism that often required the City’s limited park ranger and enforcement staff to call for support from law enforcement. The CCC, however, points to existing noise ordinances and curfews as ways to address these nuisances without a ban.

The permit for the paid parking program was granted reluctantly (with the word “reluctantly” actually used by several Commissioners) by the CCC, but will not be signed by the City until presented to Del Mar’s Traffic Advisory and Parking Committee (TPAC) and to the City Council, and would be required to operate under the following parameters:

- Variable hourly parking fees of between \$0-\$3 year round.
- No maximum parking duration.



Proposed paid parking areas shown with dashed black line. Source: California Coastal Commission Addendum to Item F20a, Coastal Commission Permit Application No. 6-15-2123 (City of Del Mar), for the Commission Meeting of Friday, November 4, 2016, page 46.



Existing paid parking, with current signage, on the west side of Camino Del Mar across from The Brigantine restaurant. Photo Tom Nelson.

- Maximum day-use fee of \$15 year-round.
- Hours of payment operation between 8:00 am - 10:00 pm, with no parking allowed between 2:00 am - 4:00 am year-round, except on Coast Boulevard between 17th Street and 15th Street and on both sides of Camino Del Mar between Via de la Valle and the San Dieguito River mouth,” where the CCC declined to allow any restriction on overnight parking. Currently there is no overnight restriction on Coast Blvd. between 17th Street and 15th Street so this requirement just acknowledges the status quo in that location, unlike the change at North Beach which eliminates the current posted restrictions.
- Permit time limit of 5 years with an option to renew.
- Establishment of a separate account to receive the proposed parking fee and expenditure of the revenue on services (60%) and new public access improvements (40%); and
- Annual monitoring reports.

However, because the City has not yet signed the permit, TPAC can meet and discuss this issue, with public input, before any action is taken. They can then forward a recommendation to the City Council, who in turn can 1) accept the conditions and move forward; 2) accept the conditions, and monitor for the reoccurrence of prior problems, filing a new CDP to change; or 3) request an amendment to the Permit or request the CCC to reconsider the conditions that were approved. There is no certainty of the outcome of any such CCC requests. It is possible that stricter conditions could be added by the CCC that would not favor Del Mar as well as the possibility that the conditions could be changed in Del Mar’s favor. ■

## ASK DR. RICH!

Rich Simons | Upper East 11th

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

**In school we have been studying the customs of other countries. Do you know anything about what other countries do at Christmas time? - k.w.**



*Photo illustration Art Olson*

Dear k.w.,

I've got something here for you, but it may not be what your teacher is looking for. Be that as it may, I shall begin: A little known facet of my upbringing is that I was raised to a large extent in a small village nestled in the jungle of a distant South American land. My father, who was a sort of missionary, believed that his children should always learn something of the habits and customs of the countries we lived in. Accordingly, one Christmas Eve he took me and my two brothers forth to observe the festivities of the inhabitants of our village. The venue was not difficult to locate. From the area around the churchyard, rockets screamed skyward. At a distance of about a mile, the sounds of the festivities could be heard clearly.

Inside the church, nuns pattered about handing out sparklers, already lit. If the village had a fire chief, he was clearly vacationing in some other locale.

Since we are talking about a South American country, I think we can assume that the ritual was fundamentally Christian. At the front of the church there was an altar, where an elderly gentleman in colorful robes moved about. The local Boy Scout troop marched down the aisle, drums marking their cadence, pounding away, ratta tat tat, ratta tat tat. At the moment that the priest elevated something above the altar, the bugles came into full cry and at almost the same time a basket containing an effigy of the baby Jesus came gliding down on a wire from the choir →

## ROVING TEEN REPORTER

### Casting Out Stereotypes

Lily Nilipour | Torrey Pines High School Senior

As I can imagine many others did, I came into high school with a stereotypical expectation of what high school was like implanted in my brain. I had groups of students divided in my mind — the jocks, the cheerleaders, the nerds, the artists, the surfers, etc. And, though I did not try to distinctly place myself into one of those movie-scene groups, I vaguely considered where I might find myself fitting in, and where I would not.

Now, a few years later, it would of course be redundant to say that the stereotype of high school is exactly that: a stereotype, and an outdated one, at that. Yet, it would be naive to say that those groups don't exist at all, because they do, and each one seems to offer different experiences for different people.

Perhaps the most prominent and commonly-stereotypical group at Torrey Pines are the athletes. Being an athlete myself, I know that being on a sports team represents so much more of the high school experience than just the fame and the varsity jacket. Our team is truly a microcosm of the school, with people of all grades, interests and ideas coming together to achieve a goal together.

"Being a high school athlete for Torrey Pines is an amazing experience," my teammate Rachal J. said. "It's fun, challenging and inspiring. I gained many more skills, one of which is teamwork. I now know how to work as a team [with others] ... to achieve something great as a team."

High school athletes aren't confined by that one label; rather, it is just one aspect of their person and their experience. So, similarly, high school artists of all kinds are not defined by solely that either.

According to Jenny L., who creates art at school and at home, doing art is just another hobby like playing music or sports with its own community and experiences. "Since art's really a thing that can be done whenever [you want], you constantly get to be motivated by this community around you," Jenny said. "Also, by being an 'artist,' you get that freedom ... of self-expression."

Both athletes and aesthetes indeed seem to have their own differences and distinctions in creating a unique four years for each high school student. Yet, both groups, and all groups at that, are united by the students' desire to succeed in academics and pursue their own individual passions. ■

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loft (alas, no choir) and Christmas had begun! Outside the church artillery sounded, triumphantly announcing the arrival of the Christ. Oh, joyous day! Inside the church, young men with guitars began to lead the congregation in song. Strum, thumpa, strum, thumpa and so on. When we left, dancing had begun and the party was in full swing.

I hope that this reminiscence of mine has been of interest to you, and maybe your teacher. ■

## COMMENTARY

### Safety Advocates Shot Down

Rose Ann Sharp | Crest Road

Advocates for Gun Safety is not against guns, gun-owners, or gun shows. We believe gun shows are inappropriate in a family entertainment, state-owned venue in a coastal community. Gun shows do not belong at the Fairgrounds any more than tobacco vending machines belong at Torrey Pines High School.

On November 15, the Directors of the 22nd District Agricultural Association decided to continue allowing gun shows after finding that there has never been a major accident or significant legal violation. According to Tim Finnell, CEO of the Fairgrounds, they gross a half-million dollars in revenue from the five gun shows annually, although it appears that \$96,000 of that is refunded to the gun show sponsor.

One Director congratulated Wayne Dernetz on his outstanding legal research in his presentation to the Board. He believed this provided a useful background for new Board members. Only Director Lee Haydu, former Del Mar Mayor, questioned the safety and appropriateness of young children exiting Gun shows riding on top of pallets of boxes of ammunition.

Despite evidence drawn from personal and professional experience of witnesses supporting the Advocates' argument from several psychologists including Felise Levine, PhD, a UCSD medical doctor and the warning of former school principal Kathy Murphy about the glorification of guns among young people, as well as the presence of re-elected Mayor Sherryl Parks and current City Council Member Dwight Worden, and many other Del Mar and Solana Beach residents, the Board demurred.

The Union Tribune in its Sunday, November 27, issue looked at horse racing at the Fairgrounds in a "Race for Survival." Others are asking about other Fairgrounds uses, too. Or as Stephanie Moseley from Solana Beach asked: maybe the time for a Fairgrounds has passed.

Dwight Worden suggested the Sports Arena, now called Valley View Casino Center, as a better location for gun shows. It is privately operated and has the space, central location, and security. The Fairgrounds purchases services from the Sheriff's department for its additional security.

The gun show at the Fairgrounds is based upon a 26-year relationship with Crossroads of America. The Fairgrounds Board should require a competitive bidding process and a thorough state audit of the Fairgrounds operations as the starting point to understand how the Fairgrounds survives outside of horse racing.

About 25 other members of Advocates for Gun Safety were present to support our position and to yield their time to key speakers if required. About 35 gun enthusiasts spoke about their Second Amendment rights and their belief that people are safer when they are armed with guns and children know how to use them safely. ■

## OUR CUP RUNNETH OVER

Shirley King | Avenida Primavera



Concept for Countdown Clock to be located at top of Plaza. Source: Del Mar City Council Meeting Agenda 10/17/16, pages 177 and 178.

The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and the 22nd Agricultural District will host the 33rd Breeder's Cup World Championship on November 3 and 4, 2017. After spending eight seasons at the Santa Anita Race Track with the magnificent backdrop of Arcadia's San Gabriel Mountains, the Breeder's Cup will come to Del Mar next year to an equally picturesque setting on our doorstep to the Pacific Ocean.

Beginning as a one-day affair in 1984 at the now long-gone Hollywood Park, the Breeder's Cup at Santa Anita 2016 was a two-day, thirteen-race global event with the preeminent \$6-million Breeder's Cup Classic. The attendance this year on Saturday, November 5th at 72,811 was much more than a whisper beyond the previous year at Keeneland. Big-league owners with their finest trainers and their very best mounts attracted upward to \$150,000,000.

As beautiful as each host setting is, the City of Del Mar does not have what Arcadia, the home to Santa Anita, possesses - a full service police department, a general public transit system and a Race Track that is owned by a mega entertainment corporation. Regardless of Del Mar's handicaps our City can use its assets to prepare for the spotlight and to share the rewards. Our maiden race is our audition to the world for repeat performances.

How we roll out the red carpet is under consideration with our Our City Council. City Staff in discussion with Breeder's Cup representatives, the Del Mar Village Association (DMVA), the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and San Diego Sports Alliance have presented four concepts - 1) street banners; 2) artistic fiberglass horse sculptures; 3) the Countdown Clock, currently housed at Santa Anita Racetrack, and 4) an events tent at Powerhouse Park covering almost 80% of the park's turf.

How we go all out to maximize the quality-of-life experiences for our visitors, our business owners and residents

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## A TIME FOR GRANTS

Bob Gans | DMF President

This is the time of year that your favorite non-profits typically make a big pitch for your support. While the Foundation is no exception, we would like to make another request this year: Let us help you!

The Foundation currently earmarks \$40,000 each year for grants to worthy local causes, an amount that we hope to double within the next five years with the success of our ongoing Community Builder campaign. Over the past several years, we have put hundreds of thousands of dollars to work in support of the Del Mar Lifeguards, Community Connections, the San Dieguito Joint River Conservancy, the Wounded Warrior Project, Free Flight Bird Sanctuary, Del Mar TV, CERT, the Del Mar Historical Society, and more. We are grateful to our numerous supporters, and are anxious to put their donation dollars to work.

If you are involved in a local not for profit organization in need of seed funding for a new program, or for a capital project that will benefit the community, we are ready to help. Our grant process is collaborative, and our goal is for every application to be successful. Upon receiving a completed application, our Grants Committee assigns two of its members to meet with the applicant to understand its needs, provide a preliminary indication of the extent to which the Foundation is likely to be able to provide support, and then work with the applicant to strengthen the request and improve the chances of success. The full Grants Committee then reviews the finalized application with the committee representatives who worked with the applicant typically serving as advocates for the request. While we do not have the resources to fulfill every need, this process has resulted in more successes than failures, while reducing the stress level for applicants.

The first step is to download a grant application from our website at [delmarfoundation.org](http://delmarfoundation.org). If you have questions about the information requested on the application, or even if you would like help filling it out, please contact our administrative director, Jan Barnes, at 858-635-1363 or [info@delmarfoundation.org](mailto:info@delmarfoundation.org).

We look forward to supporting your good works, and wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!

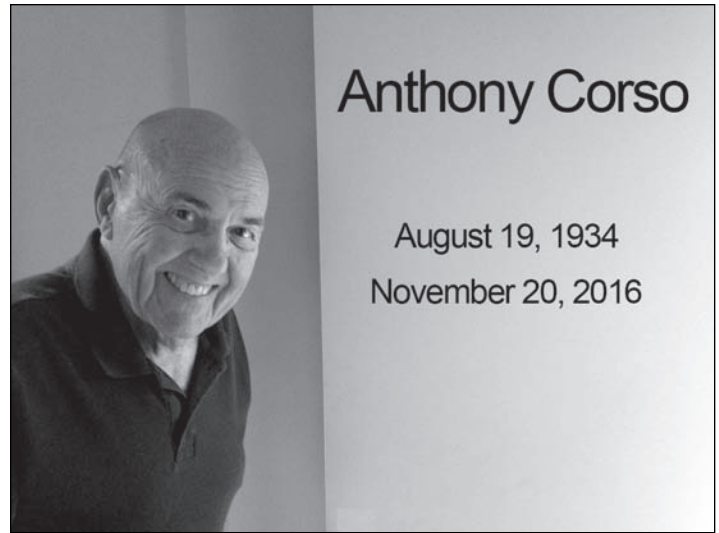


Photo Benedict (Benjo) Masilungan.

## REMEMBERING TONY

Shirley King | Avenida Primavera

Our dearly esteemed and adored friend and Sandpiper editor Tony Corso died at home cared for by loving partner Benjo, family and beloved cat on November 20, 2016.

His contributions to our community cannot be captured in number because his affection for Del Mar, his neighbors, friends, the environment, the animals and the essence of living with respect for all was boundless. His response to our invitation to join our editorial board was "I thought you would never ask, of course I want to work for the Sandpiper." He brought tremendous philosophical depth to our discussions that were also infused with his self-effacing humor and ever-present optimism. He wrote with particular care of the fascinating but little known details of those he interviewed. No doubt his mile-wide smile and his sartorial flair could charm to the surface more facts. He was equally generous with all of us - especially with his →

## OUR CUP RUNNETH OVER

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is an imperative and putting our best hoof forward usually happens with our citizen involvement. Adding members from our citizen advisory committees such as Parks and Recreation, Traffic and Parking, Business Support, Finance and Sustainability to our City's planning can increase the local participation. Tasks such as beautifying the City, streamlining transportation options and parking access, redoing the four proposed concepts for community compatibility, evaluating and planning for retail and restaurant sales volumes, ensuring waste and organics recycling and creating a volunteer street ambassador team to greet and educate visitors about the community are skills that are ready set here.

Our City Staff with the DMVA are the pacesetters with our community's transformation for the Breeder's Cup, but let's give them a leg up with more citizen volunteer advisors and a bigger hand in the purse. ■



## DECEMBER 2016

Jo Morgenthal, Program Director

### Volunteers are the heart (especially at DMCC)...

The Del Mar Community Connections' Volunteer Program strives to enrich the lives of our maturing population by providing activities, services and programs to help them remain living in the homes they love. A team of dedicated volunteers from all walks of life assists DMCC to meet the needs of these folks. Working in full partnership with DMCC staff, these volunteers provide extra services that enhance the quality of life for residents. YOU can be a member of that team! Contact the DMCC office at 858-792-7565 to find out about the variety of volunteer opportunities, and make a difference starting today.

### Foxy Flyer is ready to fly...

DMCC's handicapped accessible van is available to all Del Mar residents in wheelchairs who could benefit from transportation assistance. It augments two other services in the DMCC transportation program—the weekly "Sprinter" bus service, which takes seniors on grocery and other group trips, and the "volunteer driver" service, in which a volunteer drives a senior to medical, dental or physical therapy appointments. Arrangements for any of the three services can be made by calling the DMCC office at 858-792-7565.

### Wishing you happiness in the New Year...

2016 has definitely been an interesting year. While we look forward to celebrating the beginning of 2017, it is a great time to take stock of everything we have in our lives.

The amazing opportunity to live in one of America's most beautiful cities, time with family and friends, and a community that really looks out for each other. We are pretty lucky here in Del Mar.



Wishing everyone a Happy Holidays,  
and a Safe and Healthy New Year!



*This photo illustrated Tony's article "Home Run vs Dog Run" published in the November 2011 issue of the Sandpiper. Tony joined the Sandpiper Board in February 2009. In all he wrote about 80 articles for the Sandpiper. To see his articles go to the archives page and scroll down.  
www.delmarsandpiper.org/archives.htm  
Photo Tony Corso.*

unconditional encouragement of our work and admiration for our lives. To Tony everything had an upside.

With his multi-faceted professional and religious education and throughout his dynamic career in City planning, Tony was known as a bottom up urban planner, starting the process with grassroots groups in underserved communities. He knew the importance of gaining the support of residents and those who were disenfranchised. He appreciated the amount of time that should be devoted to a community's constituents, and he logged many hours organizing those voices. Most recently in his retired years he joined in some pioneer organizing work south of the border, one project with a group of nuns working on the challenges of poverty in barrios. He always brought a wonderful combination of distant caring and interpersonal caring. The challenges in these neglected communities was never too much for Tony to find an approach.

Tony was an devoted advocate for taking good care of everything living and growing in our world. He was terribly grieved about the destruction to our planet through climate change, and he would be the first to encourage us to take every mindful step we can to intervene. He has left us with many insights and convictions about how to live a caring life. We miss Tony deeply. ■

## Tony's Memorial Service

will be at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach on Saturday, February 4th at 10am.

A reception will follow at the Calvary Lutheran Church Hall in Solana Beach at 11 am.

## DAVID DRUKER

Dave Druker | 10th Street

Thank you to all of the voters in Del Mar for voting in this past election. Most likely over 85% of the registered voters exercised their right to vote in this crucial election.

Congratulations to Ellie and Sherryl! I look forward to working with you on the critical issues facing Del Mar.

Thank you to T. Pat, Al and Jim for running in this past election. As we have not had an election in over 10 years for city council, this made this election a reflection on the future of Del Mar.

The City Council will have many issues to discuss over the next few years. Immediately, we need to look at the following issues:

1. Short Term Rental Businesses
2. The impact of the parking proposal by the Coastal Commission
3. Effective Policing
4. The implementation of Measure Q
5. Access to the beach and bluff across the railroad tracks.
6. Representation on regional boards by City Council Members
7. Response to Measure R
8. Annual Goal Setting
9. Regular Meeting Schedule for 2017

In my walking the neighborhoods of Del Mar I found that residents want to ensure that:

1. The City Council makes deliberative and reasonable decisions
2. The city embarks on projects that do not unduly affect one group of residents over another
3. The city needs to engage the residents so that more can be heard.

My vision of Del Mar will be based upon the three reasons we all moved here:

1. The beach
2. Being a small town with the ability to have impact on how the city is developed
3. Being a city that is separate yet having easy access to our neighboring communities.

I am honored to be selected again by the citizens of Del Mar. I look forward to working on the current issues and issues as they arise over the next four years.

See you at the Farmers' Market. ■

## SHERRYL PARKS

Sherryl Parks | Kalamath Drive

I return to the council next year with renewed enthusiasm to serve you and to help us to move forward in our neighborhoods as well as downtown. The three-month election period was intense, adding to my duties as Mayor and councilperson, yet I gained a lot by listening to your concerns and also being exposed to things in various neighborhoods that I was not aware of. I learned about the utility polls that threaten Oribia Road residents with potential fire dangers; the loss of "neighbors" on the 100 block of 7th street due to most homes being transformed into full time short-term rentals; the fear of Zika Virus due to standing water in one neighborhood.

Elections get policy-makers out to listen and learn and that is exactly how I used my time. I am better prepared to make some final decisions on the hot topic of short-term rentals. I hope our new council will prioritize the Affordable Housing demands facing Del Mar. I see urgency in getting a crossing along the railroad tracks as well.

I am pleased that residents studied the issue of Measure R, which would have put Del Mar in unnecessary litigation with property owners, developers and state housing requirements. Hopefully we can avoid one lawsuit that was threatened prior to the election.

For years Del Mar has tried to raise funds to accomplish the things that residents want us to do yet without additional revenues, and implementing plans had to be delayed indefinitely. Measure Q will offer us seed money to begin planning for the big needs in our budget (Shore Park building, undergrounding utilities and downtown Streetscape completion). I promised to help council start off right with these dollars. We will create the oversight sub-committee to insure funds are distributed, as you want them to be spent. I will speak out now recommending they prioritize the Streetscape improvements for downtown because Del Mar businesses will experience some positive outcomes of our passing Measure Q plus that investment will payoff for the up-coming Breeder's Cup.

In closing, I thank you for your votes. I promise to continue to be a reliable, hard-working council member. I pride myself on helping to create a positive working environment with staff and all council. I want to share the opening of our new Civic Center with you all. Just living here is very special. Many of you told me, "We live in Paradise." ■



### ELLEN HAVILAND

Ellen Haviland | Rimini Road

Thank you to the many people who helped me during campaign season. I truly appreciate the bravery of those who opened their door when they saw a tall stranger outside with a clipboard! I learned a lot about our city and the many ideas about what needs to be addressed by our next Council.

We are a city with many plans. We have a Community Plan that preserves and protects our beautiful neighborhoods, natural features and encourages a vibrant downtown. We have the Finnell Plan that imposes fiscal responsibility. We have a Climate Action Plan that shows how to reduce the impacts of climate change. With these plans as a guide, I will work with the community, city staff, and fellow council members to address issues such as short-term rentals, updating our design review process and improving our downtown.

I am honored to serve as your Councilwoman and look forward to the work ahead. ■

### T. PAT STUBBS

T. Pat Stubbs | Forest Way

Well elections are over and the people in Del Mar have spoken. I want to congratulate Ellen, Dave and Sherryl and wish them well in their role as City Council Members. This was Del Mar's first contested election in 10 years. While there can be negative aspects of contested elections, I think some positive things came out of this election.

The election brought to light a number of issues facing Del Mar - creating a vibrant community, adequate law enforcement, short term rentals, beach and bluff access etc. The issues were thoroughly and publicly discussed. Residents became aware of these issues and the candidates positions - a very good thing.

Through Meet & Greets and candidate forums, residents and candidates had the opportunity to discuss issues and outline their positions. We saw candidates who had certain positions at the beginning of the campaign, change their position in response to hearing what residents actually wanted - another very good thing.

As I said in my last email, this was an important election for all of us. I want to thank everyone, whether you supported me or not, for being involved and caring about our community. Now we need to support our new City Council Members and work together to solve the issues facing our community. Please get involved -- attend city council and committee meetings. I look forward to seeing you there, and out and about in Del Mar!

Thank you and Goodbye for now... ■

## SERIOUSLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### Del Mar Steps Up

Tom McGreal | Stratford Court

In October the Del Mar City Council was spurred into action on the City's Affordable Housing goals by a recommendation from the Del Mar Housing Corporation that the City establish an Affordable Housing Reserve Fund of \$2 million over the next five years.

Don Countryman, Chair of the Housing Corporation Board, presented the recommendation along with a request that the City also make a firm commitment to continue funding the Housing Subsidy program that helps up to eight families who are unable to afford rental housing in Del Mar.

Don reminded the Council that Del Mar has not yet created any actual Affordable Housing units as required under the City's Housing Element, which was certified by the State of California in 2013 and runs until 2021.

The Council unanimously supported the recommendation and directed the City staff to hire a consultant who will bring the needed expertise in developing strategies for affordable housing. The idea is that the consultant will work with staff to establish a plan with specific recommendations such as conversions, acquisitions or development projects to achieve our affordable housing goals by 2021.

These plans will be supported by a funding strategy that leverages the City's new Affordable Housing Reserve Fund with potential state or federal grants and various sources of borrowing to support the overall plan. For example, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority has helped many cities in CA with tax exempt financing. The City Council has also asked the Finance Committee to review the plans in terms of the short and long term implications for the City budget.

Most important, these actions will make affordable housing a priority for the City of Del Mar with a commitment to the needed funding and work plan to meet the goal of creating 22 affordable housing units in the next five years. As the Council members agreed, this is not only a commitment in our Housing element it is an important moral obligation to our community. ■

## BOUTIQUE GARDEN?

Bud Emerson | Klish Way

A new proposal for a boutique hotel on the "garden" site at 10th and CDM has been submitted to the city. Additional documentation is being prepared before the application can be deemed complete.

Although the application is incomplete, the city can now solicit proposals to perform the EIR. Completing the EIR is the critical path to public workshops, project evaluation by DRB and Planning Commission, and voting by the City Council. If approved by the Council, Measure B requires a public vote. ■

## STRAINING OUR OPEN SPACE

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

Last month a judge was unwilling to issue a restraining order filed by the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley against the City of San Diego and Surf Cup Sports until the parties had an opportunity to fully understand the merits of the order. A second hearing is scheduled for December 16. The restraining order would have stopped the City from issuing permits and allowing construction/demolition/grading at the former "Polo Fields" on Via de la Valle. It would also have required Surf Cup Sports to provide off-site parking only and host tournaments/events drawing more than 100 cars, nly 25 days a year.



**San Diego Surf Cup 3-Day Thanksgiving Youth Tournament**

*The tournament generated a huge amount of traffic and cars on a lot that was granted to the city in 1982 with the provision that large assemblages of people and automobiles were not allowed! Drone images used with permission..*

The Friends filed a lawsuit in July against both parties for failure to conduct an Environmental Review before the City approved a new 28-year contract with Surf Cup Sports. The intent of the restraining order is to prevent irreparable damage to the River Valley environment before the lawsuit can be resolved. The site in question was deeded as open space to the City of San Diego in 1982 as mitigation for channeling the San Dieguito River in order to build more housing than allowed and a private country club. The site was deeded with the requirement that it be left in as natural a state as possible and not attract large



## LAGOON MONSTER RESURFACES

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive



*The photo file was provided by the developer, Milan Capital, to Shawna Anderson of SDRP.*

Earlier Sandpiper articles recorded the inception and abandonment of a project called Rancho Del Mar (dubbed a "monster by the lagoon" by Pam Slater-Price) intended for the almost 24-acre vacant lot between the former polo fields and Via de la Valle just east of Horse Park. A successor project, Hacienda Del Mar, proposed by the same owner now acting also as developer, Milan Capital of Orange County, includes 150 independent plus assisted living and memory units, 191 beds in all. Less dense than Rancho, Hacienda would have 38% lot coverage, clustered to the east, a mix of one- and two-story buildings, none higher than 34 ft, built on 12 feet of fill, with 11 acres of open space to the west along El Camino Real. 172 parking spaces would all be surface parking around the perimeter. The site is currently zoned AR1-1, one dwelling unit per four acres.

Milan presented the project to a meeting of the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board September 21 and at the November 14 meeting of the Project Review Committee of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the San Dieguito River Park. Most recently a subcommittee of the Carmel Valley Board met to review the terms of the 1958 Proposition A, a citizen-generated "Managed Growth Initiative" which covers the zoning of the Milan lot. Any rezoning would require a San Diego city-wide vote, which Milan hopes to avoid. Milan was represented by a local lawyer David Watson, also a member of the Fair Board, who provided an outline of their current approach.

A Notice of Preparation will be filed in December, followed by a Scoping Meeting with the City of San Diego in January. The project is moving ahead. Watson's outline argument maintains that Hacienda Del Mar complies with Proposition A because Proposition A allows development "Non-Urban in Character and Scale." The discussion at the meeting may have prefigured that of future San Diego City deliberations, revolving about the definition of "non-urban." ■

assemblages of people and automobiles. Reportedly, Surf Cup's three largest events have attracted over 35,000 people who, according to Surf Cup, have a positive impact on San Diego's economy. Nearby residents have claimed that they bought homes with the promise of open space, not a commercial sports complex, next door. ■

# WOOF

## Tails From the Library

Barley Gaylord | Ocean Front

**R**aised beds? Drought tolerant? Edible landscaping? What does this all mean? Lynn brought me to the Library where a very nice woman, Judy Macomber, [www.petloverspublications.com](http://www.petloverspublications.com), talked about how to have a pet-friendly garden. She said dogs like lavender, butterfly bush, geraniums, nasturtium, star daisy, hibiscus, and many more. I think I agree but I have only tried grass.



*Judy Macomber explaining pipes and tubes to me.  
Photo Lynn Gaylord.*



*Me digging for truffles. Photo Lynn Gaylord.*

Judy also talked about how to watch your pet and see where their patterns are in the garden, where they like to sleep, walk, dig, etc. She had a lot of good ideas about making some areas shady for me. I liked that. She also talked about how a dog can be trained to dig in a certain area by hiding treats in a mound of sand. Truffle-hunting happens to be in my DNA so I understand this training. I had a better idea about digging, though, which I tried to explain to her and finally just showed her a picture. I have yet to find a truffle at the beach but do have to keep up my training just in case.

And finally, just before we left, Sissy Alsabrook and Lynn were asking a lot of questions about how to make a fun park for us at the Shores and what kind of grass or surface would be good. I would be curious to know if any of my buddies have ever played in pipes or tubes or things like that? That's where Judy lost me, but I do love our Shores Park and all my buddies! We are so lucky to live in Del Mar! □

## DMVA HOLIDAY VOUCHER PROGRAM

November 24th – December 31st

**Spend \$75 at any participating Del Mar Village retail shop:**

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**Receipts may be redeemed at Union Bank, Willis Allen, DMVA office or online by emailing them to [info@visitdelmarvillage.com](mailto:info@visitdelmarvillage.com).**

# STRing THE POT

## Can Coastal Commission Decide?

Dwight Worden | Seaview Avenue

There's lots of chatter in Del Mar and elsewhere about the Coastal Commission's position on short term rentals (STRs). Some cities have tried to ban STRs and have been confronted by Coastal Commission staff opposition. Other cities seem to have bans with no Commission involvement. Lawsuits have been filed in some cities. In Imperial Beach the Commission signed off on a ban on STRs in a residential zone. What gives? Is there a coherent position in all this? Here is a summary of my take on where things stand.

Every city in the coastal zone needs to have a Local Coastal Program certified by the Coastal Commission. Until then, coastal permits are issued by the Commission, not the local city. After certification, coastal permits are issued by the local city, not the commission. Importantly, pre-LCP certification the Commission judges permit applications against the standards of the Coastal Act. After certification, the city's certified LCP becomes the standard of review replacing the Coastal Act, so permits are issued when consistent with the certified LCP.

Del Mar has a fully certified LCP. It contains our Community Plan and Zoning Code. So, Del Mar, not the Coastal Commission, issues coastal development permits in Del Mar. If Del Mar's Community Plan and Zoning do not permit STRs in residential zones, neither does Del Mar's LCP and Del Mar has the right, if not the duty, to enforce those provisions. I performed a detailed analysis of the Community Plan and Zoning Code concluding that, while not 100% free from ambiguity, the better conclusion is that STRs are NOT allowed in residential zones. My conclusion is that to allow them would require a Community Plan, Zoning Code, and LCP amendment. You can read my analysis here: [Analysis of Community Plan and Zoning Provisions That Apply to Short Term Rentals Dwight Worden July 2, 2016](http://www.dwightworden.com/str) <http://www.dwightworden.com/str>

Not everyone agrees with me, but I have yet to see an analysis that would cause me to change my conclusions. The Del Mar city attorney has advised publicly that my analysis is "defensible," while noting there are some ambiguities in the Community Plan and Zoning Code, and that standing our ground is not risk-free.

Other cities that have faced push back from the Commission have either (1) not had fully certified LCPs, so the Commission still had primary jurisdiction (2) Had an LCP but were seeking an LCP amendment or (3) had an identified shortage of affordable visitor serving facilities near the coast such that the Commission staff argued STRs were needed to meet the shortfall. On this point, I did a preliminary analysis concluding that Del Mar has more than its fair share of visitor serving accommodations near the beach at prices comparable to, or only slightly higher than, rates for currently illegal STRs. So, as I see it, if Del Mar stands its ground to enforce its existing LCP the Coastal Commission is unlikely to find a basis to exert jurisdiction.

Finally, lots of folks talk about the "Coastal



# WHAT THE KIDS ARE SAYING

## Priceless Gifts

James (9 yrs) and Liam (10 yrs)

December holidays are rolling around the corner and some people spend a lot of money on gifts for other people. That's great but let's think about presents that don't cost money. We have thought of gifts for all family members.



James. Photo by Mom.



Liam. Photo by Mom

A couple of good gifts for your father and mother could be, breakfast in bed. You could also give them coupons for things that they would like for you to get done, such as washing the dishes. And finally, you could not ask for things that you really don't need.

Other people that you might want to give gifts to would be your siblings. A couple things that you could get them that doesn't cost money could be, giving them a contract that you signed saying that you wouldn't bug them for the rest of the day, and if you do, you have to be of their service for the rest of the day, and if you refuse, you have to pay them. Also you could give him, her, or them, an opportunity to play with a toy of yours but not allowing them to break it.

If someone were to give us a gift that doesn't cost any money, James would want a duck tape wallet, a set of coupons, and a painting, and Liam would want a gift that someone worked on a lot because it shows that they care a lot. That would make it more meaningful. From his brothers, he would love it if they would offer to do his chores. ■

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Commission position" on STRs, and I regularly correct them: The Coastal Commission has NO position on STRs. When the Commission wants to adopt policy guidance, as it has done on Sea Level Rise and many other subjects, it goes through a formal process, with hearings, stakeholder input, etc. and adopts guidelines or policy directives. That has NOT occurred with respect to STRs. What exists are a handful of staff letters to specific cities on their specific programs, but such staff letters do not create formal policy. That may change, however, as the Commission has recently decided to start the formal process to adopt policy guidance on STRs. Del Mar should be actively involved in that process to make sure our interests are represented.

Stay tuned as this interesting story continues to unfold. ■

## COMMENTARY

### Our Guardian Angels

Tom Sohn | 26th Street | Design Review Board 2008-2012  
(Chair 2012) | Shores Park Advisory Committee 2014-Present  
(Vice-Chair)

There has been a lot of talk this election season about the “old guard” in Del Mar and how they have held back progress. In the same vein, this “old guard” is described as a small group of “anti-improvement” and “preserve the status quo” insiders.

This got me to thinking. Who are these people and what has this “old guard” done to hold us back? Let’s get to the bottom of this!

Perhaps this “old guard” are the ones who prevented Powerhouse Park from becoming a restaurant row in the early ‘80s. Some may not know that these “anti-improvement insiders” rallied the community against tremendous opposition to raise money and assist the city in buying the land that is now Powerhouse Park.

There is currently some irony in that certain candidates’ campaign websites feature Powerhouse Park as the beautiful community backdrop yet the rhetoric and proposals of these same candidates are the ones that would have turned Powerhouse Park, a Del Mar jewel, into a bunch of unneeded restaurants.

But let’s get back to this “old guard.” They could be referring to the “old guard” who oversaw the creation and decades of enforcement of the Design Review process and the DRB. If you wake up in the morning and enjoy a view of the ocean along with your morning coffee or enjoy a glass of wine from your backyard deck as the sun sets, you have the DRB to thank. Your DRB experience may have been a time consuming and possibly contentious process, but you have your enjoyable view protected.

Also, if you have recently appraised your home or have seen your neighbor sell theirs, you have the DRB and this mysterious “old guard” to thank for the 3x plus increase in property values over the last 20 years. These unnecessary regulations greatly escalated the value of your home.

Maybe the sinister “old guard” is the one that led the charge in preserving Crest Canyon. There was a time when Crest Canyon was to become a residential development. Whether you take a jog, walk your dog, or enjoy the plant life in Crest Canyon, say hi to the ominous “old guard” who must be in there somewhere.

Regarding our downtown, this “old guard” could perhaps be the ones that created the anti-improvement regulations that helped oversee the total remodel of L’Auberge hotel. Or the ones that also watched the old out-of-date hotel at the south end of town turn into Hotel Indigo Del Mar (a pretty cool place if you haven’t been there). Or the ones that permitted the heavy tenting of Pacifica Del Mar to allow our residents “outdoor” seating year round. Or oversaw the streetscape improvements near the beach and Jimmy Durante. Or helped build the new state-of-the-art lifeguard tower. Or the complete remodel of Poseidon or

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## SERVICING POTHOLES

Sherryl L. Parks | Kalamath Drive

In a recent citywide survey residents told us that improving our streets was their number one priority. While major capital improvements for our arterial streets, such as Jimmy Durante into downtown were seeing improvements, it seemed to residents that simply filling their potholes in residential neighborhoods was being ignored.

Council listened and took action. The entire city, every street, underwent an intense rating process called the Pavement Management Program. In 2013 each of the City’s street segments was given a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating. The study recommended different rehabilitation methods for various roadway conditions and then developed an original list of street segments that required timely rehabilitation before PCI ratings deteriorated levels requiring even more expensive rehabilitation methods.

Given this ability to determine which streets needed to be tended first, our Public Works Department spent \$600,000 in 2015-16. Again at our October 17, 2016 meeting we directed PAL Engineering Inc a contract to continue road repairs increasing the dollar amount to \$700,000.

The engineers are planning to pour new asphalt, resurface and make curb improvements. Staff smartly removed from this list all street segments requiring pending water or wastewater underground improvements.

A map of neighborhoods that will be affected can be found on the Sandpiper website. Just want you to know that filling potholes isn’t simply a cliché to politicians but an important service that improves the quality of our daily lives. ■

### FREE HOLIDAY PARKING WHERE SIGNS ARE POSTED

The City of Del Mar is offering free parking and extended hours for parking at downtown parking spaces marked with a holiday bag sign on the following dates - on December 3-4, December 10-11, December 17-18, and from December 24, 2016 through January 1, 2017. Spaces where parking is limited to 20 minutes will continue to be enforced.

Additionally, the parking spaces along Camino del Mar included in the holiday parking program will not have the normal two-hour restriction, as long as customers park in spaces that are marked with a holiday bag sign. Free holiday parking includes the meters under the L’Auberge Hotel. Parking spaces in the 200 Block of 15th Street and on Camino del Mar between 15th Street and 10th Street will have no time limit.

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## COMMENTARY: OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS

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the courtyard improvements next to Starbucks or the creation of the Tasting Room or right-sized sidewalk cafes... sorry, listing all of these anti-improvement improvements is tiring. Thanks "old guard."

Is Del Mar perfect? Definitely not. Do we intentionally move at a slower pace? Absolutely and that is a good thing, no, a GREAT thing. If you think an out-of-town developer is going to come into a lesser regulated town, build →

## SEVENTY-ONE SANDPIPER WRITERS in 2016

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to a rational scale with community in mind, I invite you to check out some of the overbuilt ghost towns of Silicon Valley or even the viewless neighborhoods of Mission Beach. We don't have that problem here in Del Mar. You know why? Must be that "old guard." ■

# DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Highlights for DECEMBER 2016

**DM Foundation - First Thursdays: Hutchins Consort.** Thu, December 1, 7pm at Powerhouse. Eight scaled violins – deck the halls with bows of holly. Open to subscription holders only!

**DM Library Teens & Adults - Happiness Meditation.** Saturday, December 3, 10am.

**DM Foundation/Young Del Mar & DMVA - "Mad Hatter."** Sun, December 4, 3pm at NW Corner of Camino Del Mar and 15th Street. Part of Santa by the Sea. Make your own Mad Hatter Holiday Hats

**City Council Meeting.** December 5, 2016, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM @ City Council Chambers.

**DM Community Connections - Tuesday Lunch Connection.** Tuesday, December 6th and 20th, 12 noon to 1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**DM Community Connections - Holiday Lunch.** Tuesday, December 7th, 12 noon to 2pm, St. Peter's Church, 334 14th St.

**DM Library Kids - Board & Card Games with Albert.** Improve your game skills and test yourself against others while having a great time. Wednesday, December 7, 3:30pm. (1st Wednesday of the month.)

**DM Library Teens & Adults - Bluegrass Concert.** Wednesday, December 7, 6:30pm

**DM Library Teens & Adults - Chair Yoga with Dr. Ann Clark.** Chairs provided. Please bring a towel & water bottle. Wednesday December 7 & 14, 10:30am & 11:30am.

**DM Library Kids - Musical Family Story Time.** Sing your favorite songs with Ms. Polly. Thursday, December 8, 22 & 29, 10am.

**DM Library Teens & Adults - Dr. Tobe Propst.** Thursday, December 8, 6pm.

**DM Community Connections - Board of Directors Meeting.** Saturday, December 10th, 9am to 10am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**DM Library Teens & Adults - Adult Coloring.** All materials provided. Saturday, December 10 & 17, 10am.

**DM Library Teens & Adults - Arm Knit a holiday scarf.** Sunday, December 11, 12pm.

**DM Foundation - Special Events & Young Del Mar Ugly Sweater Meet & Greet and Parents Night Out.** Tue, December 13, 6pm at Pacifica del Mar. No host bar with happy hour pricing and an Ugly Sweater Contest.

**DM Library Kids - Art for Kids.** Ages 5+. With Sandra Dodd. Wednesday, December 14, 3:30pm. (2nd Wednesday of the month.)

**Brick 15 Coffeehouse - Matt Nakoa.** Thurs, December 15th. 7:30pm. \$15 public/\$13 members

**Brick 15 Coffeehouse - The Grahams.** Fri, December 16th. 7:30pm, \$16 public/\$14 members

**City Council Meeting.** December 19, 2016, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM @ City Council Chambers.

**Brick 15 Coffeehouse - Beat Root Revival.** Thurs, December 22nd. 7:30pm. \$22 public/\$20 members

**DM Community Connections - Office Closed.** Thursday, December 23rd, Friday, December 26th, & Thursday, December 29 thru Monday, January 2nd

**Business Support Advisory Committee.** December 27, 2016, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM @ City Council Chambers

**Finance Committee.** December 27, 2016, 4:30 PM-6:15 PM @ City Council Chambers

**DM Community Connections - ROMEO Men's Lunch.** Tuesday, December 27th, 12pm to 1:30pm, Sbicca

**DM Library Kids - Puzzle Club.** With Ms. Gretchen. Puzzles for all ages and skill levels provided. Wednesday December 28, 3:30pm.

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## PIPE UP

### Watermark Listens

Don Glatthorn | Watermark Del Mar Team

Obtaining community input, listening, and providing design options are critical parts of the development process. With the Watermark Del Mar project, we committed to a Specific Plan process for the project that included an open and transparent public involvement program. This process was adopted by the Del Mar City Council in July 2014. Since that time, we have participated in more than thirty community outreach meetings with stakeholders and interested parties, which has provided a wide range of responses to our proposal, from enthusiastic support to active opposition.

As a result, we are bringing forward two options for the community to evaluate - the original 48-unit proposal and a new 38-unit proposal which we call the Community Response Alternative (CRA). The CRA addresses numerous important and valid concerns that we have heard. The changes are substantial. They reflect our sincere effort to bring forward options to the community which reasonably address the valuable inputs we have received over the past three years.

From the outset, our number one priority has been to design an exemplary collection of homes that enhance the community and stand on their own merit. I want the people of Del Mar to know that we respect and share their passionate love for this community and the active role they play in protecting its quality of life. If approved, Watermark Del Mar will be a place where I would be proud to have my family and friends live.

We invite you to visit our website at [WatermarkDelMar.com](http://WatermarkDelMar.com) to learn more about the CRA and how it addresses comments that have been shared by the community. ■

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## NEW HEAD AT WINSTON

### Dena Arrives With Vision

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

There is a new face at The Winston School in Del Mar. Dena Harris, an experienced charter school founder and administrator with expertise in special education, was hired last summer as Winston's new Head of School and Executive Director. As important, she brings experience in community collaboration in facilities development and is working on her Ph.D in educational leadership that focuses on facilities management. Harris believes that the right physical environment of schools enhances not only the students' learning but provides opportunities for shared activities in their communities.

Winston is leasing 1.8 acres and its existing buildings at the corner of 9th and Stratford, from the City of Del Mar; the lease runs until 2063 and envisions a new master plan for the property. Dena is meeting with the City ("our landlord") and the Shores Advisory Committee advocating for a more collaborative approach to both the Shores Park and Winston School's master planning processes. Her experience in working with different agencies has made her an advocate for multiple use, shared access planning. Joint planning, rather than design in isolation, benefits both the school and the community, she stresses. For example in Del Mar, the School and the Park might plan a Community Garden to be developed and maintained by both Winston students and residents. Or a kitchen for culinary learning and experience for both students during the day and residents in the evening or on weekends.

Winston is well known for its customized learning for children with different learning styles: visual, auditory, logical or verbal for instance. About 115 students are enrolled at Winston, a private college preparatory school for grades 5-12. A majority go on to college. "The kids and the programming are great, but the buildings are old. I want to build on Winston's first 20 years and make it a national model for students with learning differences in the arts,



*New head of The Winston School, Dena Harris, M.Ed.  
Photo Ann Gardner*

music and educational programs. I believe the learning opportunities are going to explode at Winston," she said in a recent interview.

Before joining Winston Dena was chief executive officer of San Diego Global Vision Academies, a non-profit public charter school organization serving 320 elementary and middle school students. She grew up in California, and is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Cruz and San Diego State University. She later earned her teaching and specialist education credentials. She is a board member and vice chair of a Charter School Facility Committee which awards \$350 million of Prop Z Bond funding to charter schools and reviews all charter facility development applications. Along the way she had been a classroom teacher, an educational computer consultant and a board member of the international dyslexia association. She also plays the piano, guitar and even drums, and with a fine arts degree did scientific illustrations. Dena and her husband have four young children. Welcome to Del Mar, Dena! ■