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CERTain PREP

Cap Pinney | Kalamath Drive

Your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) prepares for the most likely mass casualty events in Del Mar by conducting drills in the Spring and Fall months. The latest drills involved a county-wide exercise held at Cuyamaca College in Spring Valley on April 22 and a graduation exercise at the CERT Academy in Rancho Santa Fe on May 13.

After graduation from the 25-hour Academy program, volunteers are assigned to neighborhood teams which can be activated by the Fire Department or City Manager to assess damage, render first aid, suppress small fires, and communicate with the Emergency Operations Center located at City Hall. The newest graduates from the Academy are Paul and Wynne Spadafora who live on Hoska.

Whether triggered by a disruption of the electrical grid, a major earthquake, fire, tsunami, or nuclear or biological attack, CERT is designed to assist the Fire Department to bring a semblance of order from the initial chaos of such an event.

The county-wide drill involved a simulated terrorist bomb

exploding in the campus cafeteria. The scene was made more realistic by victims dressed out in Halloween style make up in a smoke-filled environment. CERT teams suppressed the simulated fire, organized the evacuation of victims, and set up a temporary medical aid station to treat the injuries. After the exercise concluded, the teams joined in an extensive debriefing to share in the lessons learned.



Del Mar CERT members, from left to right, Larry Brooks, Cap Pinney, Wendy Tayer, Frank Johns. Photos George Schneider, a member of the CERT team from Solana Beach.

Participants from Del Mar and Solana Beach CERT included Wendy Tayer, Larry Brooks, Frank Johns, George Schneider, and Cap Pinney. They emphasize that emergency response capabilities are enhanced with practice, and encourage all who might be interested in joining CERT to contact Cap Pinney at 858-354-5319.

CERT also conducts a ham radio net for the coastal communities of Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas, and Rancho Santa Fe on the second and

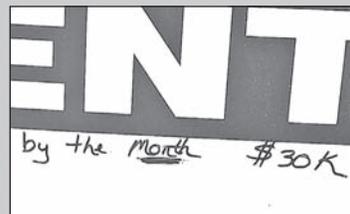
fourth Thursday evenings at 7 pm at the Del Mar City Hall. All interested individuals are welcome. The next CERT Academy will be held in October, and a county-wide drill in November. □



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LITTLE BIG CITY

We may be the smallest city in the region but our large visitor population moves us to plan and operate as a much larger entity. It is a critical challenge to balance our core residential quality of life with visitor expectations to enjoy it with us. Most of what we have done to fulfill the Community Plan vision of small town life is exactly what has made us an appealing destination for visitors and new residents alike. Most of our community conversations involve us taking care to preserve that balance for now and well into the future.

Del Mar is very busy these days working on a number of change efforts that reflect our careful balancing of growth and preservation.

The biggest change is our new civic center complex, now on time and on budget, which promises to energize the southern end of town. Soon after we will settle on a new design for Shores Park nearby at 9th street which will likely balance green open space, recreational uses, and expanded or new indoor multipurpose spaces, along with

some shared uses with the Winston School when it is redeveloped.

On the east side of the street at the old gas station site on 10th street, a private development plan for a small hotel and restaurant is in the works and because of Measure B will be on a ballot in the near future.

At the southern entrance of town we are working on some new traffic calming strategies in combination with enhancements for bike and pedestrian uses, all envisioned in the Community Plan

Our newly enacted sales tax will likely be used for utility undergrounding, Shores Park development, and downtown streetscape plans.

The Plaza at 15th street has new owners who are expressing interest in some upgrades and revisiting some of the community-serving uses originally envisioned decades ago. The Watermark housing planners are making some significant changes in response to community feedback. The new owners of the 16-acre North Bluffs property are in the early stages of soliciting community input on a lodge complex and community park plan.

One of our biggest challenges in the near future will be to decide if we should develop our own police department instead of continuing our contract with the County Sheriff.

Two of our most important preservation efforts are the newly passed restriction on short term rental businesses in residential areas and new proposals from the design review citizens committee to protect neighborhoods from out of scale residential structures. The goal in both is to build a protective rim around our residential core. Residents who live here full time and participate are absolutely critical to building community and fidelity to our Community Plan.

Certainly not to be overlooked are public works projects that are paving our streets, calming Jimmy Durante Boulevard with sidewalks and a roundabout, and keeping our infrastructure in working order.

All of this plus action on climate change, sea level rise, and affordable housing.

Let there be no doubt — we move with careful deliberation but this city is on the move. ■



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GO SIDEWALKING

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

Get on your mark, get set, and go stroll on both sides of Camino del Mar from 9th to 15th Street, making observations for Del Mar’s Downtown Streetscape public workshop on June 14th. The workshop is planned to be held in the City Council Chambers, 1050 Camino Del Mar, Suite 100, at 6:30pm (Check the City website at www.delmar.ca.us for final information). Consultants from Spurlock Landscape Architects have met with our Traffic and Parking and Business Support advisory committees to get some preliminary input, and will also be meeting with the Del Mar Village Association. Meetings with the Downtown businesses and property owners are scheduled for early June. Now it is our turn to meet with the consultants to help develop a streetscape plan that will enhance pedestrian mobility and a “Del Mar downtown” that welcomes residents and visitors alike.



*The corner on the east side of Camino Del Mar at 11th Street discourages pedestrians.
Photo Ann Gardner.*

The immediate focus of the Downtown Streetscape effort is on components that are “have to do” things, such as improving disabled access at intersections, addressing drainage concerns; “readiness” for installing pedestrian-oriented street lighting in the future if desired by the community (which means the conduit). The effort also wants input on what would be “nice to do,” such as landscaping. Lastly, the goal is to understand the community’s preference for a long-term vision since some of the changes the community would like to see could involve coordination with private property owners.

As you walk, be careful to watch your step; if you’re taking photos, put your camera down before crossing the street. Some sidewalks end abruptly; some curbs are →

NEWS UPDATES

Busy Neighbors

Our neighbor, the Del Mar Fair Board, is once again making plans that will affect us, as well as Solana Beach and San Diego neighbors. Of course we already know the KAABOO music festival will once again bring noise and traffic problems in September. The Fair Board’s latest plan is to convert their failing off track betting center into an amphitheater to house 90 events per year. This on top of their recent announcement to host a giant “pot” festival this summer. Residents and Council members have raised concerns but this board is not accountable to any local entities. It appears the only recourse is to get the Coastal Commission to require an Environmental Quality Report (EIR).

North Bluff Plan

The developers of this huge 16-acre site at the northwest corner of Del Mar reported that they had more than 500 visitors at their two open houses in May. Spokesperson Jim McMenamin said “We had good feedback on the image boards we presented. We had a “Welcome – Key Facts” station, a “Design Concepts” exhibit tent, a “Public Amenities” tent and a “Process” tent station. Generally favorable reactions and people expressed an interest in seeing more specifics as we move forward.” More public meetings will be held during the summer.

Housing

The Del Mar Housing Corporation is working on a proposed “granny flat” trial program limited to six units. Staff is drafting proposed zoning, regulations, and procedural requirements for the proposed program. Expect it on the Council agenda in June. ■

uneven or nonexistent; sloping pavements make it difficult to cross from one block to another; some corners have bulbouts, others don’t. Currently there are no pedestrian safety “islands.” Should there be?

Do you like the existing tree scape? What would you like to see in the medians, if anything? Perhaps more important, what do you see in the streetscape – curb, gutter, sidewalks, bike lanes and lighting as well as landscape – that encourages motorists to ignore crosswalks and stop signs and to rush through downtown?

Working with staff and the community, consultant Spurlock hopes to better understand the community’s vision, including components of the Climate Action Plan that relate to promoting pedestrian mobility and other ideas that promote sustainability for the Downtown. Staff hopes to have a draft plan completed by mid-summer for another round of community input, followed by bringing a preferred plan to the City Council by September. ■

ADIEU, DR. RICH!

Rich Simons | Upper East 11th

Every month for several years, Rich Simons has answered readers' most perplexing questions. But now that Del Mar is entering a sort of "nirvana" period, it seems unlikely that anyone will ever be perplexed again. So this would seem to be a good time for Dr. Rich to go on sabbatical. Right after this last piece!

Q: There seems to be a lot of chatter around town about "short term rentals." It seems that some people are advocating for them, and some not. How short is short and what difference does it make? What does it all mean? – t.s.

What I think it means is that the founder of our village, Col. Jacob Taylor, wherever he may be, is smiling. And why? Because his grand vision for Del Mar is about to be realized at long last. And what was that vision? Can there be any doubt? – The first thing he did was to build a huge HOTEL! Plus a couple of cute little cottages to be rented out to families. Clearly, he intended that our hillside-village-by-the-sea should be a community of houses both large and small, available for families of all sizes.

Now more and more of our home owners are finally beginning to understand the Col.'s vision and are beginning to implement it, offering their homes for lease or rent to families (or individuals) wishing to breathe in the ocean air or dip their toes in the water. (In this connection there is considerable interest in rebuilding the steps at 10th street, as well as the "natatorium" at its base, where people can bathe without fear of sharks.)

Unfortunately some of our home owners didn't understand



Photo illustration Art Olson.

this vision when they bought their properties. That accounts for the "chatter" you referred to. I'm sure it will soon die down to a mere whisper.

And there you have it, dear reader. Our village is at rest. God's in his heaven and all's right with the world. We can be mighty proud of the events in our backyard: 1) what is very possibly the largest gun sale event in California; 2) the loudest music event; and soon to come 3) the guaranteed largest pot-smoking event ever!

And finally there is the crown jewel: our downtown area that is virtually unchanged since 1974. This is a huge magnet for families wishing to show their kids how people used to live back then. We should never forget that. ■

FAIR HOUSING FACTS

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

Alina Nunez, an advocate of the Fair Housing Center of the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Office of the Public Attorney, spoke Wednesday, May 3, at the Del Mar Library.

Nunez illuminated what counts as housing. It is anywhere a person or family lives and to which he/she or they intend to return: residential buildings, vacant land available for the sale or lease of a dwelling, apartments, public housing, homeless shelters, migrant farm worker housing, RV parks, special needs housing and time shares. She also pointed out facts on renting. There is no rent control in San Diego. In a two-bedroom space, two people are allowed in each bedroom and one in the living room. At renewal a landlord can raise a lease rent by 10% and any amount on a month to month agreement.

The legal legs are the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. In addition the California Fair Employment and Housing Act made

it unlawful to discriminate in renting, selling, financing and insuring housing. In California individuals of similar income levels in the same housing market must have a like range of housing choice available to them regardless of race, color, ancestry, religion, national origin, age, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression or arbitrary status, source of income, or disability. To clarify: "genetic information" is often paired with "ancestry" and "arbitrary status" applies to visuals—dyed green hair, multiple tattoos or other varied individual looks. This is tricky territory that covers San Diego's population including the homeless, mentally ill, those with criminal histories.

Among the most common discrimination challenges Nunez and her team work with are disability concerns, pets classified as "emotional service dogs" and "hostile environment" issues. Disabled persons may need "reasonable accommodation"—an extra grip bar in the bathing or toilet area, a ramp or close parking spot. The landlord pays if the housing is federally funded, the tenant pays if privately owned. A tenant with an "emotional service dog" can skip the pet fee. However, a landlord may ask for verification

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QUEUING UP

Tom McGreal | Stratford Court

The City expects to receive \$350,000 in the new District Sales Tax for fiscal 2017, which ends on June 30, 2017. These revenues will be offset by a \$175,000 one-time fee paid to the Board of Equalization.

The City Budgets for Fiscal years 2018 and 2019 include expected new Revenues for the 1% District Sales tax of \$1.8 million per year. The 2017 revenues and these new budgeted revenues will be held in the General Fund in a Designated Reserve for District Sales Tax.

During the Budget Workshop the Staff presented an outline of how the funds could potentially be deployed during 2018 and 2019.

Below is their outline (in Thousands):

	2018	2019	Notes
Undergrounding	\$300	\$500	Implementation, Engineering Design
Shores Park	\$300	\$300	Conceptual design & entitlements, final design
Streetscape	\$600	\$600	Projects downtown, previously unfunded
Reserve Balance	\$600	\$600	Held in Designated Reserve

The above recommendation by Staff was not incorporated in the Budget and not approved by Council. It was presented as an initial concept for City Council review and consideration.

In June the City Council will appoint 5 members to a Measure Q Oversight Committee including 2 members of the Finance Committee, 2 at-large community members and 1 member of the business community. Below is the Committee's mandate as published by the City:

"The purpose of the Measure Q Citizen Oversight Committee is to review, provide oversight, and report to the City Council on the revenue and expenditure of the Measure Q funds. The committee's work program includes conducting semi-annual or as needed meetings to review the revenue and expenditures related to the use of Measure Q funds. A primary responsibility of the Committee is verifying that revenue from Measure Q are properly set aside for projects approved by the City Council and that related expenditures are accurately tracked. The Committee will make its reports to the City Council at a public meeting. The Oversight Committee will not be responsible for providing input on how Measure Q funds will be spent."

In July the Council is expected to begin the process of deciding how the Measure Q funds will actually be spent. All discussions to date have focused around the three core areas reflected in the staff outline, however the July discussion could potentially be opened to other areas. This Council process will include some public outreach.

We should all pay attention to the Council Agendas to be sure the we get a chance to participate in the discussion. ■

REDEFINING RENTAL RULES

Ann Gardner | Via Latina



New vacation rentals follow not less than 30 day guideline.
Photo Ann Gardner

City Council took its first cut at identifying possible exceptions to its April 17 interpretation that short term rentals are not allowed by the Del Mar Municipal Code in the city's residential zones. On May 1 Council took contentious public comment on that decision and after 11 p.m. continued its discussion to the May 6 Revised Budget Workshop meeting. At that meeting there was general agreement that any exception must meet the following criteria:

- benefits the community
- consistent with the Community Plan, and
- effectively enforced

Exceptions considered included "Owner/Resident Limited Vacation Rental." Council agreed that a resident renting out their home as a short term rental for not less than 7 days and totaling no more than 21-30 days a year could potentially meet all the criteria.

"Home Share/Home Exchange": Council agreed Owner/Resident either present or in a short term exchange or trade for not less than 7days and totaling no more than 21-30 days a year could potentially meet the criteria.

Seasonal short term vacation rentals were discussed as potentially possible by some Councilmembers, but this required further study. Potentials to explore could include a "capped" permit in certain zones during, for instance, the summer, or a conditional use permit. Councilmember Druker also suggested that allowing STRs in high density residential apartment buildings with full time on-site property managers might be considered but support for the suggestion was lukewarm although staff agreed to review. The major focus of the discussion was on how to eliminate the commercial nature of short term rentals in residential neighborhoods and that exceptions be administered and enforced as simply as possible. "So the definition is easy to understand," Councilmember Havilland said.

Staff will work with this input and bring back for further Council review and public comment, "in a month or two." The May 6 discussion was seen as a "first look at possible parameters." The Council reemphasized that short term rentals in effect before the April, 2016 moratorium can continue to operate pending any decision regarding a phasing out procedure. ■



Summertime Is Busy Time for the Del Mar Foundation

Summer is finally here, which means it's time to fill your calendar with a busy season of events sponsored by the Del Mar Foundation. Here's a taste of what's coming up, so that you don't miss a thing:

Summer Twilight Concerts begin on Tuesday, June 20. Make sure not to miss a beat of our signature concert series, which kicks off with Sully and the Blue-Eyed Soul Band at Powerhouse Park. Concerts begin with Zel's Opening Act at 6:00 p.m., followed by the main event at 7. We are especially grateful to our sponsors, without whom it would be impossible to stage these concerts: The Del Mar Plaza; Gelson's Market (who, once again, will be offering picnic baskets for pick-up this year so that you can eat at the concert in style); the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club; Jake's Del Mar; Poseidon Restaurant; Zel's Del Mar; Marrokal Construction; LAZ Parking; Jelley Real Estate; and D'Arcy Capital. Come down early, grab a spot, and make sure to bring money for raffle tickets!

Cinema By The Sea Movie Series Resumes On June 10 and July 1. If you missed our showing of Star Wars Episode 7: The Force Awakens a couple of weeks ago, make sure you don't miss our next two features. We will be showing the animated hit Zootopia on Saturday, June 10, and then celebrate Independence Day with a showing of Captain America on Saturday, July 1. Bring a beach chair and a blanket down to the Shores Park (not Powerhouse Park), and join us at sunset for free popcorn and a great time under the stars, all compliments of the Foundation.

Hullabaloo is back! Bring the kids and the grandkids down to the Shores Park on Saturday, June 4, at 11:00 a.m., for our Brunch With The Band children's concert series, featuring the ever-popular Hullabaloo. As with virtually all of our events, admission and refreshments are free, and a great time is guaranteed.

The 4th of July Parade is coming. It's never too early to start planning for our annual parade up and down Coast Boulevard. As in past years, we will feature members of the City Council, the Del Mar Fire Engine, and, of course, Uncle Sam. So start decorating your bicycles and join us on the 4th.

For the most current information on these and a multitude of other events and activities, follow us on Facebook (@DelMarFoundation) and Twitter (@DelMarFound), or go to our website (delmarfoundation.org). We look forward to seeing you soon – Don't forget your sunscreen!

DRB CLARITY

Dolores Davies | Crest Road

At the Ad Hoc Development Review Process Citizens' Advisory Committee's last meeting on May 18, the RRM Design Group presented its second draft of the Design Guidelines for residential development in Del Mar. An initial draft was presented to the Committee and for public comment at its April meeting.

At the May meeting, Jami Williams with RRM first reviewed the project goals for the design guidelines, which include:

- removing subjectivity from the process;
- providing clear expectations for future development;
- helping to interpret the intent of the Community Plan and the Municipal Code;
- allowing new development while maintaining the existing character of Del Mar;
- and providing an easy to use document that will be useful to the public.

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the pet is a service animal. "Hostile environment" often translates to sexual harassment, when a landlord suggests sexual favors in lieu of or as part of rent.



*Alina Nunez, an advocate of the Fair Housing Center of the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Office of the Public Attorney.
Photo Julie Maxey-Allison*

To resolve conflicting issues between tenants and landlords the Legal Aid team first listens to complaints with "consideration" and, if necessary, goes on to mediation before resorting to legal action. Cases are researched on an individual basis and depending on the severity, legal basis, they can take years to resolve.

Resources in addition to the Legal Aid Society are San Diego's Fair Housing Hotline, 211, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the California State Department of Fair Employment and Housing. ■

DRB CLARITY

In her presentation, Williams noted that the Design Guidelines will include a robust appendix, including a Glossary of Terms pertaining to the DRB process and a checklist. In addition to ensuring that the Guidelines are usable and clear to neighbors, residents, applicants, and architects, it is essential that they work effectively as a helpful complement to the DROs for the DRB.

While the Guidelines reflect substantial feedback from the committee and members of the public, Williams and her RRM colleague identified specific areas of the draft where they felt further refinement and feedback was needed. For example, given Del Mar's diverse topography, lot sizes, and preferences in different parts of the city, there is a need to call out and identify certain development standards that might pertain to specific areas such as the beach colony and the North Hills area. How is this best accomplished and how should those specific guidelines be highlighted so they can be effectively utilized?

Another area of discussion surrounded the use of photography vs. illustrations throughout the document. It was expressed that photographs of desirable and undesirable developments are not going to be as helpful to architects or builders as illustrations that signify the optimal approach on a steep slope, for example, which would help to achieve the desired result. It was agreed that some photos would be helpful, more illustrations were needed. Also the photos included should reflect the type of residential development that might occur in Del Mar, and not development that one would see in Carmel Valley, or some other planned development community.

Discussion also occurred regarding standards that were needed for bluff and canyon areas, and the fact that currently, the city did not have any guidelines outside of the Bluff, Slope and Canyon (BSC) overlay zone, which only applied to specific areas. Members of the committee agreed that elements of the BSC overlay zone that could provide more specificity in terms of desired development approaches on properties abutting bluffs, canyons, and other natural landforms would be very helpful.

Another major topic of discussion related to views, and the need to have more clarity and detail that would define and guide development in situations where existing views could be impacted by development. While many in Del Mar thought exclusively of the ocean when views were discussed, it was noted that non-ocean views that were also deemed desirable, such as trees, sandstone and other natural formations, needed to be addressed. In general, members of the public and the committee agreed that including more specific definitions and drawings depicting what is permitted and discouraged in terms of view encroachment would be very beneficial. It was also noted by RMM that they would attempt to provide a greater level of detail and definition in terms of bulk and mass. While the Design Guidelines are still in the early draft stage, members of the committee and the public expressed that they were pleased with the progress made to date and agreed that the consultant was on the right track. RMM will now work on the next iteration of the guidelines for additional public and committee review and input for a July meeting. ■



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Ashley Simpkins | Office Administrator

The DMCC Gala is back for 2017!

Del Mar's party of the year is back. This exclusive fundraising event will take place on October 7, 2017, so save the date!

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 or all of DMCC's transportation services can be made by calling our office at (858)792-7565.

Volunteers are the heart of DMCC (Especially our drivers!)

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. In particular, our team of volunteer drivers occasionally takes 15 minutes to an hour out of their busy day in order to provide personalized transportation to essential appointments for the senior and disabled residents of Del Mar. Working in full partnership with DMCC staff, these volunteers provide an important service. YOU too can be a member of that team! Contact us at (858)792-7565 or dmcc@dmcc.cc to learn more.

Monday Explorers

One Monday every month our "Sprinter" bus takes Del Mar seniors to some of the most beautiful locations in San Diego. Upcoming excursions include a guided tour of the Old Globe Theatre and of the state of the art San Diego Central Library. This is a great opportunity for socializing and getting fresh air. The trips last about three hours, and usually end with a no host lunch and time to socialize. If you are interested in learning more about this activity, and to find out each month when and where the bus will go, please contact the DMCC office at (858)792-7565, or send your contact information to dmcc@dmcc.cc to be added to our mailing list.

DMCC Survey

Thanks to all of you who took a few moments to fill out the survey that was included in the May issue of the Sandpiper! The returned surveys will help us to better serve the Del Mar community. If you didn't get a chance to complete our survey, stop by the DMCC office at 225 9th St between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday, and we will happily provide you with one.

SO MANY PROJECTS...

but only so much time & money

Tom McGreal | Stratford Court

The City held its budget workshop on May 5th and 6th to review the proposed City budget for 2018 and 2019. The process started with an overview of governmental accounting as a refresher and then launched into a detailed review of City support for Community programs, departmental reviews and fund specific reviews including our list of capital improvement projects.

The two-year budget is designed to maintain City service levels and address the list of priorities identified by the community and prioritized by City Council. It's a healthy process with a good deal of discussion and debate that results in a revised two-year budget that is reviewed by the Finance Committee and then brought back before Council for final review and approval.

The greatest challenge for City Council is to sort through a list of over forty projects to assess the priority and the timeframe for the projects, the resources and staff needed to manage the projects and finally determine the cost and budget impact. This becomes a significant project management task that will hopefully provide the Council with good information to make these timing, resource and cost decisions.

The Finance Committee reviewed the budget at their May meeting and made some recommendations.

- 1) Adopt the new reporting created this year for mid-year forecasting and cash flow analysis for improved clarity and transparency.
- 2) Review and update the metrics used to guide the budget process including the Contingency Reserve and the Finnell Plan.
- 3) Extend the timeframe for the priority projects to reduce planned spending in the budget and lessen the operational risks of operating at peak staff capacity.

City Council has the delicate balancing act of trying to complete the priority projects, managing spending and maintaining our reserves at levels that can sustain the City during an economic downturn or simply a decline in revenues. Right now we've got a healthy contingency reserve, but the budget shows that revenues are soft and spending is up.

The City is now headed towards the completion of the new City Hall, Public Works has just completed an unprecedented list of street projects and yet we still have over 40 projects on the list.

Let's slow down a bit by extending the timeframe on these projects, reducing the expenditure levels in the budget and holding the line on staffing. □

NUCLEAR REFUGEE

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The issue of how to store or move 1800 tons of highly radioactive nuclear waste from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Stations (SONGS) is back under discussion after a lawsuit by Citizens Oversight was upheld by a San Diego Superior Court judge earlier this year. The suit challenges the California Coastal Commission decision last year to issue a permit allowing 20 years of storage in dry casks on the SONGS site, and the process whereby the California Public Utilities Commission assigned ratepayers \$3.3 billion of the total decommissioning costs of \$4.7 billion. The parties have agreed to settlement talks before the case is to be heard in federal courts on July 14th.

The opponents to the current storage plan, which has many flaws (see below), hope that a way will be found to relocate the spent fuel rods to another location, such as Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant in Arizona, or a planned facility in West Texas. While that would get the nuclear waste away from the 8 million people living near SONGS, that plan also has many obstacles.

The flaws in the current storage plan are:

- Thin-walled stainless steel casks that are welded shut and cannot be inspected for leaks have been ordered. The casks are only certified by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for 20 years, and the current plan has them loaded by 2019 and not moved until 2050. Much thicker casks with built-in monitoring are used in Europe.
- The storage pad is 14 feet above sea level but only 4 feet above the current water table. Sea-level rise will decrease this small margin of safety in the next decades.
- Location, location, location. Next to ocean, earthquake faults, I-5 and the railway, not to mention billions of dollars of real estate.

The obstacles in the removal plan are:

- There are no certified transportation casks to transport the fuel rods to another location.
- Each loaded transport cask weighs 218 tons, which is much greater than the railway weight limit. The transport casks are like Russian dolls, with multiple layers protecting the still hot core.
- The railway infrastructure is old and in need of repair. There would need to be new bridges built just to reach the current load limit.
- The transfer of really hot fuel rods from the current casks to new transportation casks would have to be done underwater, but the cooling pools are scheduled for demolition as soon as all the fuel rods are removed in 2019.
- Palo Verde cannot accept more nuclear waste without NRC approval, and may not want it.
- Rick Perry and the Energy Department would have

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POSITIVE PLAZA PLANS

Betty Wheeler | Seaview Avenue

A small, eclectic bookstore? Prepared foods and wine to take home, or better yet, to enjoy on the Plaza deck? Shaded deck space, the better to hang out and enjoy the views? Pop-up events, roll-in/roll-out kiosks, and live music that make the Plaza a choice destination?

These are just some ideas that Patty Brutton has to make the Del Mar Plaza a social hub and gathering place for residents and visitors alike. Of course, the bottom line for new owners Marc and Patty Brutton is that the Plaza is a commercial space, and it has to make economic sense. But they are keenly aware that retail has changed – old-school shopping centers don't make sense when Amazon.com can deliver products to your door almost before you order them. So Patty is working hard to find the magical mix of tenants, renovated facilities, and programming that will make the Plaza a softer, more inviting place. If the Plaza can become a place to be social, gather together, and have experiences, that's exactly what Amazon cannot deliver, and what will allow the Plaza to thrive in today's retail environment.

Patty is working with an architectural and landscape design team to give the Plaza an updated look and feel. She loves the European elements that permeate the original design, which has lost some integrity as a changing cast of owners, managers and tenants have made a series of changes. (That's on top of the significant amount of deferred maintenance and clean-up that the Bruttons inherited from the previous owner.) A big challenge she's tackling is street-front signage that will bring visibility to second-floor retail – it will require nuanced, careful design work to integrate well into the Plaza's tasteful "look." It also may require a public vote, if it differs from the voter-approved Plaza Specific Plan.

Patty's timeline is ambitious: she hopes to wrap up key design development work in three months, including architectural and landscape changes, awnings, and signage package. Getting the right mix of tenants will happen more gradually, as the Bruttons search for the right tenants for key spaces such as the restaurant space that has turned over frequently since Epazote left years ago. The oft-requested market presents big challenges, in part →

NUCLEAR REFUGEE

to accept the nuclear waste as soon as it is moved (whether to Texas or elsewhere).

- The federal government promised in 1984 to have a solution for nuclear waste within a decade. They are currently 33 years behind schedule.

Getting a fairer deal for ratepayers (you, SDG&E is 20% owner of SONGS) looks like an effort more likely to succeed, but the CPUC messed up once, and there is no guarantee they won't do it again. Let's hope the federal courts intervene with a better plan for both the storage problem and the cost allocation, but there is no quick and easy solution. ■



Stonework, arches, and timber trellises lend the Plaza Old World elegance. Photos Betty Wheeler

because the original market space, which has the infrastructure needed to support a market, is under long-term lease for non-market uses. Prepared foods and wine may come easier, and could play a role in activating the Plaza as a place for the community to gather and enjoy a glass of wine along with the stellar sunset view.

Patty has heard lots of ideas and community "wish lists" for the Plaza, and she welcomes more (email delmarplaza@gmail.com). Once the Bruttons have created their overall "wish list," compiled from their own ideas as well as the community's wish list, it will be clearer whether any amendments to the Plaza Specific Plan are needed to effectuate their full vision for the Plaza. If so, the next step could be to ask the City Council to put an amendment on the ballot, and early 2018 could find the Plaza working to build community support for a ballot measure on the primary or general election ballot. In the meantime, watch for changes, big and small, now that the Plaza has owners who actually live in walking distance, and care greatly for this too-long-neglected community asset.

Got photos? Sandpiper is interested in photos that show the Plaza as it looked when it opened. Contact us at editor@delmarsandpiper.org to share your photos with us. ■

HALL MONITORING

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The construction team continues to make rapid progress on the Civic Center project, with more concrete poured each week. Work is now focused on the northern end of the site that will support the public plaza and viewing deck north of the new City Hall. The outline of the studio and Town Hall building are now clear as forms for stem walls are being erected. The outline of the new City Hall building is also visible from the rebar extensions that will support the stem walls. The podium deck for the breezeway and public plaza is currently about 4 inches lower than the floors of Town Hall and City Hall because additional pavers will be added later. The garage level is nearly complete. The city reports that the construction team has moved their estimate of construction completion from February to March 2018, but that still allows adequate time for the installation of interior components by May 2018.



View from Camino Del Mar down 11th Street showing the north end of the parking garage and the wall supporting the public entry to the plaza. Photos Don Mosier.

REISNER - NO

Ralph Reisner | Surfview Court

In his op ed piece in the April 13 issue of the DMT, Mayor Terry Sinnott makes the case for the establishment by DM of an independent police department (hereinafter DMPD).

Regretfully his advocacy article omits salient facts including the following:

(1) The claim is made that the city would save circa \$300,000 per year by establishing a DMPD instead of contracting with SD County's Sheriff office. However, the consultant's cost estimates submitted to the City Council on April 18, 2016 are by now out of date. The cost projections of the report are based on 2015 data. These projections ignore the significant increases of police salaries, pension contributions and the inflation of building costs in the two years since the report was drafted. For instance, pension contributions alone from 2016 to 2017 are projected to increase by 20%. Thus, to compare DMPD 2015 cost estimates with current contract costs with the S.D. County Sheriff results in a highly distorted conclusion. (see, S.D. Police Officer Shortage Gets Worse, S.D. Union Tribune, April 28, 2017).

Further, neither the consultants report or the analysis prepared by the City Staff addresses the added administrative costs associated with the city manager and staff supervision of the DMPD that is implied by both the consultants report and the City Staff Report of April 18, 2016. Such supervision and back office operations for payroll and such would be for a department of 30 personnel or circa 40% additional personnel from the city's current roster of 55 full-time employees (FTEs).

(2) The Mayor's op ed article states: "The staffing increase continued on page 12



View from Camino Del Mar and 10th Street looking northwest showing the forms for the walls of the Town Hall studio being erected. The outline of the new City Hall is visible in the background with rebar extensions highlighted by orange caps.



View from the future surface parking lot looking northeast. The pedestrian entrance to the garage is in the center, while the car entrance is partially visible at the far right. The northwest corner of the future City Hall can be seen above the scaffolding. ■

SHARP - NO

Real law enforcement issues should be decided on real facts.

Ira Sharp | Crest Road

The finance committee has proposed a huge expansion of the role of the city manager and an unsustainable increase in the City's indebtedness that have gone largely unnoticed. We believe the finance committee's plan to replace the contract with the County Sheriff to provide law enforcement for our city with a stand-alone Del Mar police department requires further study because of critical unanswered questions and the bias of the consultant's underlying business.

Many could support a new department if proven we could get the same or better service at less cost. We question if the various consultant and committee reports have objectively forecast the true costs of a stand-alone department or the risks to our community entailed in giving up the security of the Sheriff's deep bench of talent and resources. Recent crime statistics show that the current services from the Sheriff have led to stable and declining crime rates even in the face of increased numbers of visitors to the beach and Fairgrounds events targeting younger audiences. The finance committee, city staff, and City Council are relying on analyses prepared by a consultant, Ralph Anderson, who has an obvious bias. His firm is in the business of charging fees to staff police departments. We call on the city to retain an unbiased financial firm to prepare an objective cost-benefit analysis before moving forward.

Until these questions are answered, a healthy dose of skepticism about the finance committee report remains. Establishing a police department with 14 new employees, with attendant bureaucracy and union issues, would be one of the most far-reaching decisions made in the history of Del Mar.

Examples of questions that have not been addressed include:

- Where would a new police station be located?
- The cost of building a 4000 foot police headquarters, with parking, is estimated by Ralph Anderson at \$2 million, about \$500 per foot. Yet the new city hall is costing about \$1500 per foot. How can those estimates be reconciled?
- What back-up response would we have in case of a major incident (train wreck, political protest, major fire, etc.)?
- If we require services from the Sheriff (SWAT, helicopter, crime lab, et al) how will we access them and what will we be charged?
- The police chief would presumably report to the city manager or assistant city manager. No raise is factored into the cost estimate, yet we know that in many cities the number of employees and assets

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ENTOUS - YES

All About Local Control

Barry Entous | Dophin Cove Court

Doesn't our community deserve the ability to control public safety or should it be outsourced to the county Sheriff? This is the burning question facing our City Council and the community.

With the current Sheriff's contract, we have no controls over the hiring or assignment of deputies, or any of the costs of their services, especially and including pensions which can and will be charged in addition to our annual fee. They offer no community policing; limited traffic enforcement; unacceptable response times for lower priority calls, (averaging 45 minutes); because 40% of the calls for service are when the Sheriff deputy is outside our city, as well as their inability to provide for our seasonal needs during the summer months.

All the experts agree, that with our own police department, public safety service levels will be significantly improved with response times similar to our own fire department at 5 minutes, all at costs estimated to be close to \$400,000 lower than the current Sheriff's contract. A community-oriented department similar to what we enjoy with our Ranger, Fire, Life Guards and Public Works. Significantly better community service at lower cost. Then why are those against the idea?

Some believe pensions and liability costs might ultimately bankrupt our city. The facts don't support this, a proposed city PD will use a different pension program costing less money than our current employees and those charged to us by the Sheriff. City liability which is now covered by insurance, currently exists because our Ranger carries a firearm. A review of the city payouts over the past 15 years only totaled \$85,000.

Startup costs are estimated to be in excess of 1 million dollars but more than half of those costs are for permanent items such as vehicles and equipment lasting many years. There is one proposal to house the PD in the new community center but in no way to have a jail on those premises. Those arrested will be transported to the county jail in Vista. Other proposals include housing the department in temporary trailers on the public works site or the rental of office space somewhere in the city.

This is a major decision for our council and community. It will take bold and courageous leadership to move forward, but rest assured your concerns and questions will be answered in a public forum during the summer. Please visit our web site at www.delmarPD.org for additional information including all the consultants' reports, city manager implementation plan, and our responses to frequently asked questions. ■

DR. TODD'S TALK

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

Epidermal electronics, medical advances that introduce non-invasive analysis of diseases, are coming our way in our foreseeable future according to Dr. Todd Coleman's illuminating DMFTalk. He was entertaining as he explained the quite complex work he and his Neural Interaction Lab team, made up of a diverse group with varying PhD backgrounds, are doing right now at UCSD. They are seeking "novel translational solutions" — combining feedback and information theory to →

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(associated with a DMPD) would be from 15.8 FTE to 19.0 FTE, an addition of 4 people." The factual basis for this assertion is unclear since it is puzzling how the addition of 30 FTEs - 29 officers and one non-officer administrative assistant - would lead to a net gain of only 4 FTEs to the city payroll.

(3) The estimated annual savings claimed for the establishment of a DMPD totally ignores two major cost factors. The 2015 consultants report projects that a functional D.M. police department would need to be housed in a physical structure of circa 4300 s.f. — roughly 50% of the space devoted to administrative services in the city hall currently under construction. The \$2.2—\$3.2 million 2015 consultant's estimate would appear to be in need of updating and revision notwithstanding the City Manager's 2017 report that more of less adopts the consultants 2115 low end assessment of \$2.4 million — without any backup data.

Construction costs must be considered as well as another major cost factor — namely, the land acquisition costs that a structure of 4300 s.f. plus parking would require. While estimates of land costs, at this point may be a futile exercise, it is certain that land acquisition in Del Mar would be a major hurdle both financially and even in terms of availability.

Many Del Mar residents, such as ourselves, would welcome a more accurate presentation of facts and less advocacy based on questionable facts. ■

COP TALK: SHARP - NO

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supervised are factors in managers' compensation.

- Is it reasonable to assume that an 18-person department can be supported by one administrative assistant or that a city which has had difficulty retaining or replacing outstanding members of the city manager's staff will successfully retain qualified officers in one of the smallest police departments in the state?

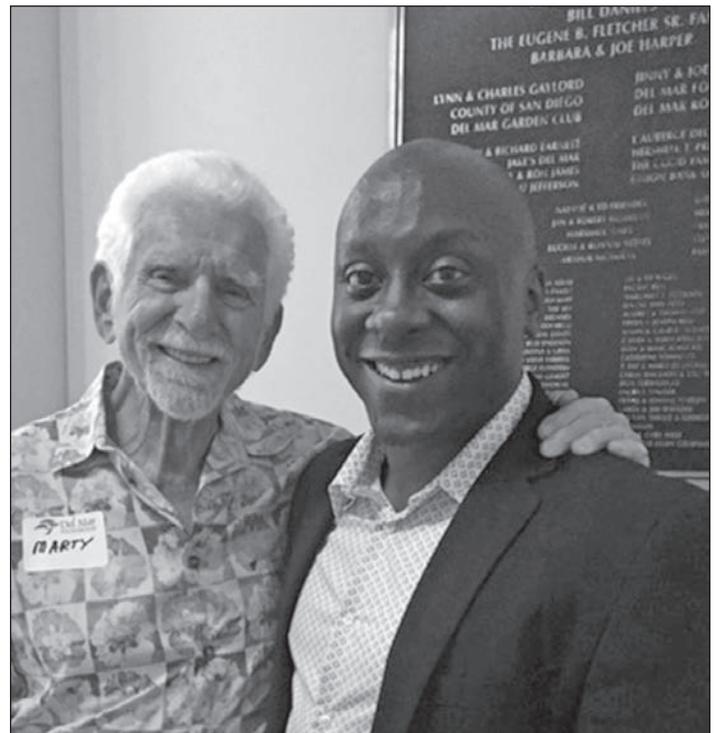
The terms of three members of the finance committee are expiring. We call on City Council to select new members who, together with an objective cost-benefit analysis by an objective financial firm, will provide us with the facts we must have in order to make the right decision with such far reaching consequences. ■

explore and provide insights into fundamental limits and mechanisms that define healthy and diseased states. They have developed bandaid size wearable sensors—without the bulk and mass of existing monitors—that blend with the skin. These patches placed on the skin outside the body can sense and wirelessly transmit information about the body's functions.

Dr. Coleman specifically spoke about the use of the wearable sensors with GI or gastrointestinal diseases in our gut or "second brain." GI diseases affect many people and many diseases begin in the gut, including Parkinson's disease. Using the stomach as an example he noted that diagnosis is difficult. With current invasive testing it is assumed that the stomach is in a set position, like a heart. But it is not. A stomach moves around and is not in the same place in all people. Therefore the test can miss the area in question. The new alternative of epidermal electronics can be site specific and provide test information non-invasively.

Coleman attended the University of Michigan where he earned his BS in electrical engineering and computer engineering. He received his MS and PhD degrees from MIT. In the 2005-06 academic year he was a postdoctoral scholar at MIT and the Massachusetts General Hospital in computational neuroscience. He went on to be an Assistant Professor in electrical and computer engineering and neuroscience at the University of Illinois before joining the faculty of UCSD in 2011 where he is Associate Professor, Bio-engineering at the UCSD Jacobs School of Engineering. Coleman also holds joint appointments in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering in the Jacobs School and the Department of Ophthalmology at in the School of Medicine at UCSD. And more.

Dr. Coleman's DMFTalk will be available on the Del Mar Foundation website: delmarfoundation.org. ■



Martin Cooper (left) and Todd Coleman.
Photo Julie Maxey-Allison.

PICK FROM SIX

Tom Sohn | 26th Street

In 2014, the City Council created the Shores Advisory Committee to advise the City Council on the development of the Shores Park, which sits outside the footprint of the Winston School. During 2015 and 2016, the Committee, along with architectural consultant Schmidt Design Group, worked to obtain input from the community and surrounding neighbors on the desired amenities and activities for the park, and to prioritize these amenities and activities based upon overall community interest. As a result of the community input, the Schmidt Design Group categorized certain amenities and uses as Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 based upon the level and strength of input.

This work resulted in three concept diagrams, presented to the Council in January 2016, for the Park that showed the preferred park amenities, solely contained outside of the footprint of the Winston School. All three of these bubble diagrams contained the Tier 1 amenities, with some capturing Tier 2 and Tier 3 concepts. The bubble diagrams, as stated at the 2016 Council meeting, were not intended as choices, but concepts on how the Park could be utilized. The bubble diagrams represented no changes to the Winston School.

After many starts and stops, as well as the addition of a new head of the Winston School, on January 19, 2017, the City Council altered its approach and approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Winston School for a collaborative shared-use master planning effort with the Winston School and the adjacent Shores Park. Under the MOU, the City agreed to work with the Winston School to co-develop the entire property, including the Winston School itself, not just the Shores Park portion. Accordingly, the Schmidt Design Group, along with the Winston School's architect, OBR Architecture, utilized the previously gathered community input and the original bubble diagrams to create three additional bubble diagrams of the entire property.

On May 1, the City Council was presented with the three new bubble diagrams. The new bubble diagrams incorporated all of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 amenities, and many of the Tier 3 amenities that the community previously identified, and married them up to the Winston School redevelopment plan. Compared to the original three bubble diagrams, the new diagrams represent three possibilities on what the entire property could look like once complete.

After largely positive public feedback, the Council decided to keep all six bubble drawings in play and obtain cost estimates on all six concepts. As the original three bubble drawings did not incorporate the Winston School redevelopment, the Shores Advisory Committee, at their May 10 meeting, requested that the Council honor the commitment made to the Winston School under the MOU and proceed with cost estimates as well as solicit additional community input on the latest three bubble diagrams. The Committee stated this would allow the community to continue with the process of providing input on the bubble diagrams and "cherry pick" or alter the design of the community's most preferred amenities and concepts allowing →

ROVING TEEN REPORTER

Final Bell

Lily Nilipour | Graduating Senior Torrey Pines High School

As the end of this school year approaches, everyone feels to be constantly writhing in their seats, squirming with impatience to be let out permanently when that final bell rings through the hallways. It is that time of year that we've heard about for the past four — the crippling effects of senioritis, the dismissal of productivity, the urge to finally, finally be let out of high school and onto the next chapter of our lives. The home stretch.

Yet, as I perhaps may not be the first to reflect, as graduation dogs my thoughts more and more frequently, so do the reflections of the past that I have experienced. For my whole life, I've lived in Carmel Valley; the only time I moved was to a house not even two minutes away. I've attended the same schools in the area, grown up with a good number of other students for the past thirteen, or even more, years. The people I played on the playground with in preschool and kindergarten, I see them at local events, in classes, at restaurants, in pictures on social media. What a long time it has been, it seems, since we were all together on the monkey bars and woodchips of childhood.

From such reflections, then, sometimes I realize how drastically other aspects of my life have altered. Even in the span of just four years in high school, I have gained and lost numerous friends just simply from time and circumstance. Certain hobbies, happenings, and ideas, too, are lost. It's strange to realize that, actually, what I have as a high school experience is really just a conglomerate of scattered memories — who knows how much I'm missing?

I suppose that's reason enough to halt this sentimental reflection. What is the point of staying back, trying to recall all the good times of the past, when it is impossible? Certainly reflection is essential, but so is looking forward.

And yet, that produces its own concerns. The past does indeed offer a sanctuary from the trepidations of the uncertain future. Just like many of my peers, going to college will be the first time in my life leaving the place I am familiar with. I will have to start over, learn to live on my own, and, most unfortunately of all — grow up. It is overwhelming to think about, too.

So, once again approaching graduation, I guess perhaps the best route to take is neither to dwell too much on the past or the future; rather, just stay focused on the present with a peripheral eye on each. I will be reminiscing about my high school days as well as planning for what is to come next, but I cannot forget to enjoy the time I have left here in San Diego, with the people I grew up with, before the moment is gone. For, those moments disappear all too quickly, at least for my taste. ■

the Schmidt Design Group to move closer toward a single design for the community and the Council to review and approve. ■

PIPE UP

Freda Reid | Cuchara Drive

Let's face it! Del Mar is NOT primarily a resident-serving community any more.

In fact, we are a tourist town with fine, well-guarded beaches and well-kept parks for all. We have a small population of fortunate citizens with interesting homes and an elegant city hall complex underway.

We do however favor the commercial side of town by efforts to bolster business with many incentives: priority for utility undergrounding on Camino del Mar, help with frontage vegetation, lenient sign ordinances, banner permits, street closures for tent sales, plans for "street improvements," city financial contributions to the DMVA. Not to forget continuous work on parking management.

Add to this, acquiescence to large crowd and auto-inducing fairground and park events. Extra race days in the fall, Kaaboo, gun shows, race track concerts, summer Powerhouse concerts, a promised new concert venue, and recently a cannabis festival and the Breeder's Cup. And most important, the several-week San Diego County Fair. Some of these items can benefit the residents of the city, but we put up with a lot to host them.

In our downtown I can buy gold, dog delights, vacation clothes, body makeovers, multiple haircuts, multiple nail fixes, multiple real estate options and, of course, an eclectic selection of meals.

But I cannot buy a toothbrush, a battery, a pencil, a light bulb or a loaf of bread. I have no sympathy when merchants complain. They are obviously not resident-oriented.

Give me a good bakery and I will personally keep it in business. ■

NEIGHBORHOOD THANKS YOU

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home has reverted back to a single family residence in a single family residential zone, our community experience has absolutely improved. It is not too much to want a community comprised of individuals and families, who are vested members of this community living in an amazing place that offers a respite from the stresses and strains of life. It is not too much to want to know one's neighbors, to wave as they walk or drive by, to pick up their paper when they are out of town and keep an eye on things. In the coming years, Del Mar may indeed transition to a community where the majority of homes are second and third homes used as investments. The world is certainly changing, and our next election might just be another "referendum" on STRs in Del Mar. However, during our recent election the majority of long term residents made a strong statement that Del Mar's residential zones are protected by our community plan, and should be for long-term residents free from the disruption and intensity of use STRs create in an otherwise tranquil and beautiful place to live.

Thank you Del Mar City Council and the many residents, who are working to continue to keep Del Mar a wonderful place to live. In my humble opinion, you made the right decision. ■

MOTHER NATURE'S MESSAGE

for Sea Level Rise, Floods and Bluff Erosion

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The City of Del Mar has received two grants from the California Coastal Commission to evaluate the risks posed by sea level rise, and how the city can amend its Local Coastal Plan to adapt to higher sea levels and more frequent extreme storm events triggered by global warming. The Sea Level Rise Stakeholder Technical Advisory Committee has met frequently to respond to technical data provided by our Environmental Science Associateconsultant team, and the risk assessment document is available on the city website at: (www.delmar.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/2455)

A draft report on adaptation strategies was released last September by ESA, Environmental Science Associates (the consultant hired by the city). Nevertheless, policy decisions by the city are waiting on clearer guidance from the Coastal Commission and state policy guidelines. Del Mar is unique in that it faces threats to the beach, floods from the San Dieguito River, and bluff erosion that is already threatening the railway tracks. Adaptation strategies will be triggered by the amount of sea level rise, with current projections shown in Table 1.

TABLE: SEA LEVEL RISE (SLR) PROJECTIONS

	2030	2050	2070	2100
Mid SLR	5 in	12 in	20 in (1.7 ft)	37 in (3.1 ft)
High SLR	12 in	24 in	38 in (3.2 ft)	66 in (5.5 ft)

High priority adaption measures highlighted in the draft document include:

- Relocating the Fire Station
- Relocating the Public Works Yard
- Flood proofing the 21st Street sewer lift station

Bluff erosion will require moving the tracks off the bluff within 20 years. This is a project that cannot be delayed, and if more recent projections of accelerating sea level rise prove correct, then action will be required before 2030. This project needs to begin the planning stages now.

More extreme weather events and sea level rise will increase flooding along the San Dieguito River and the northern beach district built in the floodplain. A one-foot rise in sea level creates a 100-foot increase in beach run-up. Imagine a winter storm that coincides with high tide and 4 inches of rain, what used to be called a 100-year storm. These events will become more common, and will soon be a 20-year storm. Adaptation will eventually mean moving buildings, raising bridges, and retreating from the growing power of Mother Nature. Difficult policy decisions lie ahead, and if we don't slow down global warming, they will need to be made sooner rather than later. ■

DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Highlights for JUNE 2017

DEL MAR FARMERS MARKET
Every Saturday
from 1-4 pm in the Upper Shores Park

DM Foundation. First Thursdays: Peter Sprague String Consort. Thu, June 1, 7:00– 8:30pm Powerhouse. Open to subscription holders only!

DM Library – Adults. Affordable African Travel Discussion Group. Thursday, June 1, 6pm. (1st Thursday of the month.)

DM Library – Adults. Adult Coloring. All materials provided. Saturday, June 3 & 17, 10am. (1st & 3rd Saturday of the month.)

DM Foundation - Young Del Mar. Brunch with the Band featuring Hullabaloo. Sun, June 4, 11am–12:30pm Del Mar Shores Park

DM Library – Kids. Kids Chess Club. All skill levels welcome to play. June 4, 11 & 18, 2:15pm.

City Council Meeting. June 5, 2017, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM @ City Council Chambers

DM Community Connections. Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, June 6 and June 20, Noon to 1:30 pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library – Adults. English Conversation Café. Practice your English speaking skills with others. Tuesdays in June, 4:30pm.

DM Library – Adults. Conversational Spanish Instruction. With native speaker Lucy. Wednesdays in June, 6pm.

DM Library – Adults. Chair Yoga with Dr. Ann Clark. Chairs provided Please bring a towel & water bottle. Wednesdays in June, 10:30am & 11:30am.

DM Community Connections. Board of Directors Meeting. Saturday, June 10, 9 am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St

DM Foundation - Young Del Mar. Cinema by the Sea Movie Night. Sat, June 10, 7:30-10pm Del Mar Shores Park. 7:57 movie start time.

DM Library – Adults. Knitting Circle. All levels welcome. June 10 & 24, 10am. (2nd & 4th Saturday of the month.)

Planning Commission. June 13, 2017, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Community Connections. Healthy Aging Forum with Dr. Kalina - Topic: The Magnificent Mind Body Connection. Tuesday, June 13, 9:30 to 11:30 am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St..

Parks and Recreation Committee. June 14, 2017, 4:45 PM-5:45 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Library – Adults. Belly Dancing Performance. Wednesday, June 14, 6pm. Summer Reading Challenge program.

Sustainability Advisory Board. June 15, 2017, 7:30 AM-9:30 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

Ad Hoc Development Review Process Citizens' Advisory Committee. June 15, 2017, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Library – Adults. Bluegrass Concert. Thursday, June 15, 6:30pm. Summer Reading Challenge program

City Council Meeting. June 19, 2017, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM @ City Council Chambers.

DM Community Connections. Monday Explorers, Tour of the Old Globe Theatre in Balboa Park. Monday, June 19, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee. June 20, 2017, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Foundation. Summer Twilight Concert: Blue Eyed Soul Band. Tue, June 20, 6pm – 9pm Powerhouse Park. The Zel's Opening Act The Flounders at 6pm and the Blue Eyed Soul Band at 7pm.

San Dieguito Lagoon Committee. June 21, 2017, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Del Mar Library

DM Historican Society. Monthly meeting. Tuesday, June 21st at 5:00 pm in the conference room at 225 9th St. The public is welcome.

DM Library – Kids. Wild Wonders. Interactive Animal Program. Wednesday, June 21, 10am. Summer Reading challenge program

Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley. Meeting. Monday, June 26th, 7pm at the Council Chambers off Jimmy Durante

Business Support Advisory Committee. June 27, 2017, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

Finance Committee. June 27, 2017, 4:30 PM-6:15 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Community Connections. ROMEO Men's Lunch. Tuesday, June 27, Noon, Sbicca Bistro

DM Library – Kids. Toddler Story Time: Ages 1-2. Stories, songs and finger plays for toddlers including concepts in shapes, colors and numbers. Tuesday June 27, 10am.

Design Review Board. June 28, 2017, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Library – Kids. Little Catbird. Family music. Wednesday June 28, 10am. Summer Reading Challenge Program.

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COMMENTARY

Neighborhood Thanks You

Scott Renner & Family | Via Alta

An individual new to our city viewing the May 1st city council meeting would have concluded that most residents of Del Mar support STRs in our neighborhoods because many speakers spoke in support of STRs. However, I believe that the majority of citizens in Del Mar are against STRs in our residential zones, and that The Del Mar City Council acted in the interest of long-term Del Mar residents in finding that STRs are not an allowable use in Del Mar's residential zones. The recent election supports this fact in that all five candidates clearly stated their stance regarding STRs in Del Mar residential zones while campaigning. To say that the election was a referendum on STRs, while an exaggeration, is not a complete stretch of this word. Drucker, Haviland, and Parks garnered approximately 60% of the overall vote. A clear majority. I believe our community spoke out against STRs in electing the winning candidates, who combined with incumbent Worden, created a council clearly pro-community plan and against STRs in our residential zones.

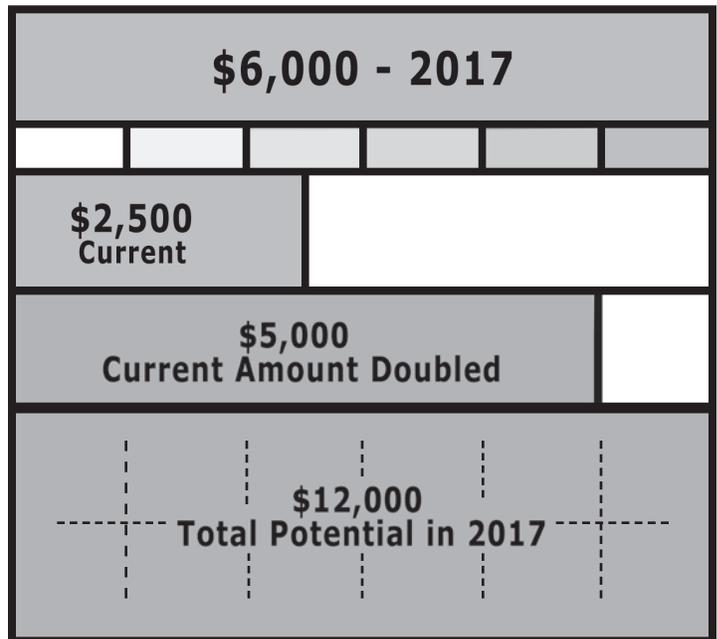
Several speakers during the May 1st council meeting additionally stressed that owners should be able to operate a STR on their private property because it is private and their right to do so. However, how I use my private property is constantly being regulated within society. Living in a residential zone requires that I comply with laws restricting my property rights, especially when those rights conflict with the stated zoning focus of a given area. STRs in a residential zone conflict with the stated intent of single family zoning as defined by our community plan, and I applaud the council recognizing this fact.

I own the fact that I am completely bias against STRs because of my families' negative experience living next door to one for approximately four years. Now that the

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BARNOUW'S CHALLENGE

Virginia Lawrence | Caminito Del Rocio



Sandpiper editors volunteer their time. Still, we incur hefty expenses for the production of the print issue. Jeff Barnouw, fellow editor and Del Mar resident, has pledged to double all "new" money donated to the Sandpiper up to a limit of \$6,000 for each of the next three years.

"New" money comes from two sources: new donors, and current donors who up their previous gift.

So far in 2017 we have taken in \$2,500 in "new" money. At the same time, Jeff has doubled the "new" money making it possible for the Sandpiper to deposit \$5,000 into our account.

Thank you, Jeff! □