



SANDPIPER WELCOMES THREE NEW EDITORS

Art Olson | Avenida Primavera

Along with the new year the Sandpiper welcomed three new members to its Editorial Board, Dolores Davies, Don Mosier and Tom Sohn. Each brings a fresh perspective along with experience and skills that will help shape the content and impact of our publication.

Dolores Davies has lived in Del Mar for about 25 years, and has worked as a communications director in various capacities at UCSD over this time. Given her profession, she is well steeped in journalism and is eager to put that expertise to work informing and explaining to readers issues of interest and concern to Del Mar residents. A writer by trade she loves digging deep to uncover truths or facts that have been undiscovered or escaped notice. She is currently interested in exploring the issue of policing in Del Mar. As a resident who is increasingly aware of certain types of local crime, she wants to understand all the variables that come into play in the upcoming decisions by the city regarding the proposal to establish its own police force.

Don Mosier is well-known to most of Del Mar, having served as a City Council member for the past eight years, and as Mayor for some of that time. He recently retired from his position as a researcher and professor at The Scripps Research Institute, where his work focused on HIV/AIDS. As a scientist he continues to be interested in problem solving by taking into account all the available data and gathering new information as needed. As applied to City policy he sees this as arriving at the best possible solution with the fewest negative consequences, and then following up to improve the imperfect solution. Don sees the Sandpiper's role as informing Del Mar citizens of what is happening in Del Mar that impacts their lifestyle and the ongoing implementation of the Community Plan.



*New members attend their first Editorial Board meeting in January.
 Insets from left: Tom Sohn, Dolores Davies, Don Mosier.
 Standing: Jeff Barnouw, Tom Sohn,
 Dolores Davies, Nancy Fisher, Don Mosier.
 Seated: Art Olson, Bud Emerson, Betty Wheeler, Virginia Lawrence.
 (Ann Gardner was not present at the meeting.)
 Photo Art Olson.*

Tom Sohn is a native of Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan and is an avid U of M sports fan. He obtained his Law degree from the University of San Diego. Tom moved to Del Mar in 1999, and has been an active Del Mar citizen, having served as a member and Chair of the Design Review Board, and currently serving as Vice Chair

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FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE

Del Mar's 2017 agenda will address a number of strategic considerations for our future.

- At the top of the list is the festering concern about the impact of short term rental businesses on our residential neighborhoods. It is important that we see this issue in the larger context of what is happening to our diminishing residential core. With more and more part-time residents, we have fewer permanent residents to do the civic work that helps our small town thrive as our Community Plan envisions. We need to take every step we can to keep our town a community and resist efforts to exploit it for business gain.
- Very near the top is a related issue of how we protect the small town character by updating and sharpening our design review tools. Our citizen advisory committee working on the Design Review Ordinance is gathering good ideas from other towns that will help us implement strong "quality control" measures. Central to their mission is how each neighborhood can be legitimized to help shape proposed changes in their built environment. We already know that shared views are important, but are we doing enough to deal with height, depth, width, bulk, space, color, privacy, light, noise, planting, setbacks, and more?



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- We need a fresh look at our downtown to assess how we can work toward the Community Plan vision of a vital, resident-serving commercial center. Big changes are in the works with new Plaza ownership, Bully's parking lot ideas, and a new Garden site proposal. Combining those with our new civic center and implementation of the streetscape plan gives us a fresh opportunity to re-envision how all of these parts and more could revitalize our downtown core.
- Another big subject for strategic focus is how our transportation system can be made more pedestrian-friendly. The controversy over the rail crossing reminds us how important it is to replace those dangerous tracks with a bluff top pedestrian trail. We are working on an interesting proposal to slow down traffic on Camino Del Mar at the south end of town and adding a safe pedestrian walkway. We need to stay true to the Community Plan vision of safe pedestrian uses over fast auto uses.
- Never forget the top priority of public safety. Our current Sheriff contract cost is escalating rapidly at the same time that complaints about inadequate service are rising. Neighbors are expressing concerns and fears about feeling vulnerable. We need to tune into the studies that have been done about alternative ways of protecting our community including the addition of community service officers, the possibility of setting up our own police department, or allying with Solana Beach for a joint agency.
- The rest of the agenda is long and no less important. Add Shores Park development, affordable housing, street maintenance, and dealing with our ever nagging relationship with our fairgrounds neighbor.

This long agenda clearly shows how important it is to have a robust permanent resident core of capable caring citizens to help the Council and staff get all of this work done. The Sandpiper will continue its mission to provide a forum for public discussion. ■

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of the Shores Park Advisory Committee. Tom sees the role of the Sandpiper as keeping the residents of Del Mar informed and supporting the City of Del Mar residents and businesses in their endeavors. He is particularly interested in following the City Council discussion and actions, as well as contributing to Sandpiper editorials.

When asked about potential changes that they would like to see in the Sandpiper, each had constructive suggestions. Dolores would like the Sandpiper writers to function as "citizen journalists," reporting in a way that is balanced and evenhanded. She also would like to see more "point - counterpoint" articles, as well as a greater variety of content, including humor, Q&As, and resident profiles. Tom would also like to have more citizen spotlight articles. He sees many Del Mar residents as interesting and accomplished people and would love to see the Sandpiper write more about them. Don would like to see the Sandpiper make a clearer distinction between reporting and editorial opinion.

In the opinion of this reporter, we are fortunate to have these talented and active citizen members "on board." ■

TAKING TIME ON SHORT TERM

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

On February 14 the Planning Commission is scheduled to determine whether or not Del Mar's Municipal Code allows short term rentals in the city's residential zones. The newly composed City Council referred the interpretation to the Commission last month with the expectation that the extra review would help resolve the long standing, controversial issue.

The 4 to 1 vote followed an hour of public testimony mostly in support of short term rentals with few speakers addressing the question before Council: should they direct staff to refer the question to the Planning Commission in accordance with DMMC Section 30.01.020? That provision reads "when, in the opinion of the (Planning) Director it is necessary for the City to render an administrative interpretation of...the provisions of this Title (Zoning Regulation), the Director may cause a noticed public hearing to be conducted by the Planning Commission."

Councilman Worden said that a Planning Commission interpretation could "clarify ...limited aspects of the zoning code ..." and would also bring the two new Councilmembers up to speed on an issue that has stymied the Council since 2015. Based on complaints about short term rentals disrupting neighborhoods and displacing long term housing, the Council passed a moratorium on any new short term rentals in April, 2016. The moratorium has been extended twice to allow time for research, public workshops and the writing of potential code amendments to address those complaints. However, the former Council could not agree on what direction to take and staff opined that clarification of existing Code by the Planning Commission might help break the logjam.

A public hearing for the Planning Commission to interpret the Code will be noticed soon. The Commission's interpretation will be final unless appealed to the Council. If appealed the Council would decide whether or not to hold another hearing to either uphold the Commission's decision or overturn.

While public input has been divided, four of the current Councilmembers, including the two newly elected members and one re-elected member, have expressed the opinion that short term rentals are incompatible with residential zoning. Mayor Sinnott restated his position in support of allowing and regulating short term rentals in residential areas and was the one dissenting vote on January 17. "A second opinion is not valuable," he said. ■

SHORT TERM INNATE DEBATE

Coastal Commission Checks In

Dwight Worden | Seaview Avenue

The Coastal Commission does NOT have any formal policy, guidelines, or regulations on short term rentals (STRs). What we have, often mischaracterized as the "Commission's position" are a handful of letters from coastal staffers, but these do not make formal policy.

The Commission now has called for public input and a workshop that could lead to adoption of formal policy guidance. In a 50+ page memo the Commission staff is providing information ranging from the rates for hotels, motels, and hostels in the Coastal Zone statewide, to what the "affordability" standards should be to determine if STRs can qualify as "lower cost" under the Coastal Act to meet their mandate to promote lower cost visitor access only.

Here are a few nuggets from the report.

- Four types of overnight coastal accommodations are discussed in detail: (1) campgrounds and cabins, (2) hostels, (3) STRs, and (4) hotels/motels.
- A lack of comprehensive data on STRs, but it notes there are about 200 in Santa Monica, 300 each in Santa Cruz and Pismo Beach, with nightly rates ranging from \$34 to \$3,000.
- The Commission has collected more than \$24 million in in-lieu fees for lower cost accommodations and has spent \$10 million on acquisition and construction.
- Using a complex formula, in 2015 "lower cost" rates for hotels were \$87.54 in Pismo Beach and \$126.32 in Santa Monica.
- A recommendation to require new high end hotel/motel projects to provide at least 25% lower cost units or to pay equivalent in-lieu fees.

On STRs the report says:

Staff recommends that the Commission continue to support provision of short term vacation rentals in the coastal zone. The Commission should continue to discourage bans and other broad prohibitions on vacation rentals, and it should continue to support local governments in developing reasonable and balanced regulations through LCP updates and/or new LCPs that address neighborhood and affordable housing issues while allowing for regulated short term vacation rentals in residential and other zoning districts.

What does it all mean to Del Mar? Here's my take:

1. We should be involved in this ongoing process to make sure the Commission and its staff recognize the unique aspects of Del Mar's situation—if the Commission adopts a one size fits all STR policy it is unlikely to work in Del Mar.
2. Studies to date show that Del Mar's STR rates are unlikely to be justified as "lower cost."
3. The Commission is likely to adopt guidelines opposing applications for Coastal Development Permits or LCP Amendments to impose outright bans on STRs,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

- The Sandpiper welcomes readers' letters and articles.
- Material submitted must include the writer's name, street address, and phone number, and should not exceed 400 words.
- Material selected to be published may be edited or shortened.

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OFF THE TRACKS

Nancy Fisher | 24th Street



Look both ways! NCTD warning sign at the bottom of 11th Street.
Photo Mike Salt.

Faced with escalating problems associated with the location of the train tracks on the bluffs of southern Del Mar, the City Council agreed, at its Jan. 17th meeting, to step up efforts to tackle many complicated rail-related issues.

Recent bluff failures, deaths by suicide or accident, and a well-organized effort by hundreds of residents to build a safe and legal crossing to the beach around 10th or 11th Streets were all addressed, led by the efforts of Mayor Terry Sinnott, and by Deputy Mayor Dwight Worden, who provided an extensive outline of the issues the Council would need to consider to facilitate discussion.

Any analysis of rail problems along the bluffs eventually leads to agreement that the rails need to be relocated and this discussion was no different, except that Sinnott and Worden have now proposed specific steps to persuade SANDAG to move the rails much sooner than their current goal of 2050, replacing them with an oceanfront park and trail. The plan, which was agreed upon by Council, is to request a feasibility study from SANDAG and then to build support in our community, and neighboring communities, to accelerate the relocation by agreeing upon the benefits to the entire region.

Mayor Sinnott explained that the plan was “to build momentum in the region so that people recognize that getting the trains off the bluff is a good thing, from an operational, economic, safety, and environmental perspective. Let’s start gathering information, with SANDAG’s help, so that we can create a logical, complete, picture of why the project needs to move forward sooner rather than waiting.”

Debating where the tracks will be relocated →

AFFORD ABILITY

Scott MacDonald | Luzon Avenue

Like all states, cities in California are subject to rules and regulations determined by the State, and the State of California has decided that all its cities must ensure that affordable housing is provided for lower income residents of the surrounding County. Using a complicated formula that appears more suitable for bigger cities with developable open space, California has determined that Del Mar must make sure 61 units are provided as follows:

# Units	Income 1-5 person households
1	\$16,900-\$26,050
3	\$28,150-\$43,400
5	\$45,000-\$69,400
15	\$63,750-\$98,400
34	\$98,400
Total 61	

In response to the State mandate, Del Mar adopted a formal Housing Element as part of its Community Plan, and the Housing Element was certified by the State in June 2013. Unfortunately, no new affordable units were developed, and the State has imposed an additional requirement of 15 units bringing Del Mar’s mandated total to 76 units. We have no problem with meeting the above moderate target, so the bottom line is that we need to achieve 22 affordable units.

If Del Mar does not comply with the State mandate, the State has indicated it has the right to override Del Mar’s zoning and land use regulations and permit developers to build at high densities anywhere in the City and exempt such projects from the normal approval process including Design Review Board. Such an outcome would almost certainly damage the charm and character of the community.

City Council adopted an initial five year plan of delivering 22 units for low income residents and has tasked the Del Mar Housing Corporation, supported by the Finance

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is “putting the cart before the horse,” according to Councilmember Dave Druker.” Proposed locations have included tunnels under Camino del Mar or Crest Canyon, or near I-5, but Council would want SANDAG’s study and possibly environmental reports before even considering locations. A tunnel under the City, if considered most feasible, could be bored (mold) through the solid rock under the city as opposed to digging a much more invasive trench.

Meanwhile, the issue of legally crossing the tracks somewhere south of 15th Street remains a priority, and Druker offered some advice to residents and Council. “NCTD is looking at how to armor the bluffs again. We need to move very quickly now to figure out how to work with them to see if there’s a spot where we could put a crossing. They’re all ears right now, and would love to chat with us about that.” ■

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preferring a more comprehensive regulatory approach.

4. Del Mar's Community Plan and zoning allow STRs in the Visitor Commercial, Residential Commercial, and other Commercial zones, as well as in the Ocean Windows condominiums governed by the Del Mar Hotel (L'Auberge) Specific Plan. Under no scenario is a total ban in Del Mar proposed nor is one under consideration so the Commission's concern about bans would not appear to apply to Del Mar.
5. Lowering the cost of visitor accommodations in Del Mar is a goal we can all support, something I will continue to investigate and support. But, to date, I am not convinced that opening the residential zones to STRs beyond where STRs are currently allowed furthers that goal.
6. What Del Mar decides to do about STRs should remain primarily a local decision. Because Del Mar already has a certified LCP, Coastal Commission approval is only required if Del Mar seeks to amend that LCP or acts in violation of the LCP.
7. Whatever your perspective on the issue, I encourage you to let me and the Council know. A copy of the Commission's report is on my website.
www.dwightworden.com/PDFs/CC-Memo ■

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committee and city staff, to work with consultants to formulate a plan to solve the problem of providing affordable housing in Del Mar.

The task will be challenging. Del Mar has access to few available land parcels, the cost of development is high, and existing land and housing costs are very high. Previously, the City Council adopted an ordinance that permits "granny flats" in single-family zones if the owner commits to renting the units to lower income residents, but no one has taken advantage since the ordinance was adopted in 1999. The Council has also reached out to the Del Mar Fairgrounds to determine if a joint project could be developed at the Fairgrounds to accommodate lower income employees there, but progress has been slow.

The City has provided rent subsidies to eight lower income resident families in the past in concert with Federal funds, but such funds are being withdrawn, making subsidies more expensive for the City. More recently, Council agreed to establish a \$2 million affordable housing fund to assist in meeting affordable housing goals.

The proposed Watermark project, as recently modified, includes 6 low-income units, but the project has not been approved.

Possible solutions to the low income housing quandary include developing city owned sites, buying existing housing units and renting them to lower income residents, increasing rent subsidies to eligible renters, adding incentives to the zoning ordinance to encourage development of "granny flats," and reaching agreement with the Fairgrounds for development of affordable rental units. ■

OUTSMARTING KILLER VIRUSES

Juliana Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

Outwitting wily pathogens, the dangerous viruses and bacteria that can attack us is serious work. Happily, Dr. Erica Ollmann Saphire, who gave an illuminating talk on the subject at the Del Mar Foundation Talk on January 23, thinks creating vaccines and antivirals aimed at stopping these lethal pathogens is a serious adventure.

Dr. Saphire, Professor, Department of Immunology and Microbial Science at The Scripps Research Institute, TSRI and her collaborators analyze the structures of each protein a virus—specifically Ebola and Lassa—encodes. Earlier in her career Dr. Saphire, who has received a long list of awards and is a member of many boards, helped solve the structure of one of the first antibodies of HIV. "Viruses, with their error-prone and rapid replication are constantly changing. At their core, however, they are extremely simple machines. The ones we work with encode only four or seven genes. These structures become the roadmaps—or blueprints—to developing vaccines and treatments."

Her interest in biology and the natural world grew out of family camping trips she took as a child to national parks and continued as she earned a double major in biochemistry and ecology in college. Her PhD is from TSRI in Macromolecular and Cellular Structure and Chemistry.

Through their investigative research into how pathogens are able to slip through our immune systems Dr. Saphire and her coworkers take on the task of designing the best defenses to thwart the spread of new strains of viruses. She showed pictures of molecular structures she described as "incredibly beautiful with internal symmetry. The structures we solve become like a topo map—with peaks and valleys illustrating where the electrons are dense, how the protein strand is knitted into a final shape, how the final shape moves and breathes in the course of its biological functions. I feel that nearly anything you might need to know about that molecule and its role in biology is written somewhere in that structure—if we are smart enough to figure it out." ■



Juliana Maxey-Allison and Erica Ollmann Saphire.
Photo Bill Morris.



February 2017 Bill Morris

At the Del Mar Foundation, we're focused on our commitment to inform, inspire and include you in all that we do. As part of that focus, we are excited to announce that we are finally entering the new millennium by embracing social media. We will now supplement our traditional email communications with simultaneous announcements on Twitter and Facebook. This means that for those of you who would rather learn about or register for DMF events via social media, all you have to do is follow us on Twitter or Facebook and click a link to register. If you're not a social media person, don't worry! As long as you are on our email list, we will inform you as we have in the past. However, if you occasionally feel inundated by emails, what better way to stay abreast of all of the Foundation's latest happenings than by following us on social media? It is our goal to post to social media several times a week, including event announcements, photos from events, and the occasional thought just to inform, inspire or include you. We won't inundate you, we promise!

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COP OPTIONS

Dolores Davies | Crest Road

In March 2017, the City Council will review a plan for Del Mar to establish its own police force, the alternative preferred by the City's Finance Committee, as part of its examination of law enforcement options to the current arrangement with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Last April, the Council heard a presentation on the various scenarios set forth in two reports by Ralph Anderson & Associates, the consultant hired by the City to analyze the financial and organizational feasibility of the various options, including augmenting the Sheriff's existing services by hiring community service officers, retaining private security services similar to Rancho Santa Fe, and establishing a stand-alone police department.

Barry Entous and Jim Benedict served on the Finance Committee's Law Enforcement Subcommittee, providing guidance to the consultant team in their efforts to gather data and feedback from City staff, the Sheriff's Department, and law enforcement staff in other jurisdictions. Entous says the Finance Committee has thoroughly studied the options presented in the reports, and advocates the stand-alone police department option. The estimated costs for the City to maintain its own police force are \$2.4 million per year, which exceeds the current \$2.14 million the City currently pays for the Sheriff's services. The contract with the Sheriff, however, continues to escalate every year by about \$100,000. The estimate does not include the \$1.2 million start-up costs or the roughly \$2-3 million that would be required to construct a suitable facility for the new department on City-owned property.

Following a presentation last spring by the Finance Committee and the consultants, the City Council authorized the City Manager to develop a plan focusing on the police department option. This spring, Entous says the Council will begin the review process for a new police force in Del Mar, and hopes the Council will direct them to vet the proposal in the community.

The Finance Committee began studying alternatives to Del Mar's contract with the Sheriff about four years ago, in response to community concerns about the high cost of law enforcement services, slow response times to lower priority calls, frequent turnover of Sheriff deputies, and the low profile of law enforcement personnel in the community, also known as "patrol presence."

While the data on annual crime rates do not indicate that Del Mar is in the throes of a crime wave—in fact crime rates have been pretty stable—community awareness of local crime incidents has increased markedly, due to the use of social media platforms like NextDoor and websites like CrimeMapping.com. While most agree that the Sheriff's "one-size-fits-all" contract is a cultural misfit for the small-town sensibility of Del Mar, some have questioned whether tiny Del Mar needs its own police department and think the Sheriff's scope of services can be bolstered to better meet the needs of the community. Those who think Del Mar should invest in its own police force argue that the →

GUIDELINES GET GOING

Rich Jamison | Crest Road

On January 3, the Del Mar City Council took a major step forward in implementing the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Development Design Review Process Citizens' Advisory Committee by approving a contract with RRM Design Group. The firm, which has extensive experience in developing design guideline documents and facilitating public outreach in California jurisdictions, has been retained to develop the design guidelines and corresponding Municipal Code revisions needed to clarify and enhance the City's design review process. The recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee were unanimously approved by the City Council in October 2016.

RRM Design Group was one of four highly qualified planning firms to participate in the competitive selection process. City staff and committee representatives who interviewed the interested consultants, agreed that RRM, which has an office in San Juan Capistrano, has the varied expertise and strong track record needed in developing guidelines and Municipal Code revisions. The firm provides planning, engineering, and architectural services to California public agencies and private entities.

It is expected that the process of preparing the Design Guidelines and Municipal Code revisions for approval by the City Council will take approximately ten months. This process will involve intensive community engagement prior to Council review and consideration, including meetings with the Ad Hoc Committee, the Design Review Board, and the Planning Commission. To facilitate community engagement, the City Council has approved the video recording and broadcasting of up to eight meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee in 2017. Information on the status of the process can be viewed on the City's Ad Hoc Committee web page under the Public Meetings heading.

With guidance from City staff and the Ad Hoc Committee, RRM will produce a set of user-friendly, graphically-oriented guidelines that promote high-quality design and define standards for the review of development projects. The guidelines will be specific to the unique neighborhood contexts within Del Mar, and applicable to the standards of review in the Municipal Code (zoning, Design Review Ordinance, etc). The specific areas to be addressed in the guidelines include: private and public view obstruction; privacy; structural bulk and mass; and the conservation of natural topography and vegetation. Although the Ad Hoc Committee's work and the focus of the guidelines is on residential development, the consultant will also meet with the City's Business Support Advisory Committee in the process of developing limited guidelines for non-residential projects, which will ensure consistency with the other changes being implemented. ■

City has no higher priority than public safety. Residents will have the opportunity to hear about the proposal and provide their feedback on this important issue over the coming months. ■



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DECEMBER 2016

Rose Ann Sharp, Sunday Salon Committee Member

DEL MAR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SUNDAY SALONS

In the Fall of 2015, DMCC debuted a new educational and social outreach program, DMCC Sunday Salons. Its purpose was to broaden participation in DMCC and to appeal to different segments of the Del Mar community. It was a success and is now growing!

In 2015-2016, topics included cycling, photography, a live musical performance, the Internet of things, and an academic presentation on health issues. Pat JaCoby spearheaded the Sunday Salon program with Claire McGreal and Rose Ann Sharp. The Sunday Salons were meant to rekindle the spirit of earlier DMCC days when friends gathered informally to discuss topics of interest. These late afternoon programs were therefore centered on speakers from Del Mar and held in homes in Del Mar. Each speaker was a professional presenter, which helped keep everyone's attention even after a glass or two of wine and some delicious cheeses.

DMCC continues to be interested in attracting new neighbors to this program. You can pick the topics that interest you, work with your social schedule, and then sign up. Most programs are limited to 35 guests and the office keeps a waiting list. If you want to be certain that you receive these announcements, please send an email to: dmcc@dmcc.cc or call (858)-792-7565.

The Sunday dates vary by month and sign up is on a first come first served basis. It's a terrific way to spend Sunday afternoons from 4pm until 6pm in the company of friends and neighbors. Word is getting out about how good these gatherings are. So do not miss your chance to hear the best speakers of interest to you. When you read about a topic/speaker you like, call the office immediately to reserve a space.

The initial program was so successful that this year the Committee has expanded. Board Member Susan Halenza is building on Pat's success with prominent Del Mar speakers on topics such as urban lifestyles, rock formations, gardening and music and each Salon is hosted in an amazing home. You will recognize many of the famous names although the Committee keeps the name of the speaker a secret until the announcement goes out a month before the event. In this way, everyone has a fair chance to sign up!

CONCRETE PROGRESS

Make Haste While the Sun Shines

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

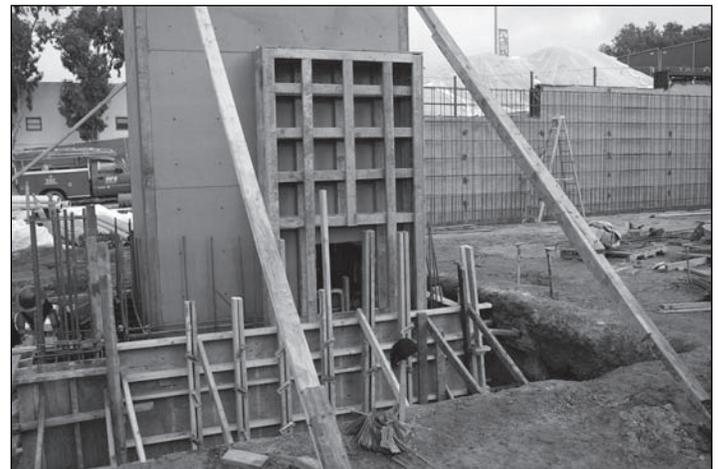
Construction of the new City Hall and Town Hall are proceeding according to schedule despite several rain days with more to come. I visited the site on January 18th when everyone was working hard to beat the next storm. The crew was pouring concrete for the east wall of the garage, the columns for the deck that will support the buildings, and the walls of the elevator tower that will take visitors from the parking garage to the plaza and city hall entrance. The 10 foot high privacy wall along the western edge of the property was finished several weeks ago except for two plywood sections that allow SDG&E access for transformers to be installed later. These gaps will be finished once SDG&E completes their work.

I was impressed that construction activity covered the entire 68,000-square-foot lot. In addition to construction trailers, there are storage sheds for equipment, tons of rebar for future concrete work, electrical conduits in various sizes, and lots of measures to prevent mud and water from getting off the site. Special Project Manager Tom Howard has been monitoring daily progress for the city, and Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane and Tom meet with the construction team weekly. Updates are provided at each council meeting and on the city website.

If the weather cooperates, we all look forward to completion of the project by April or May of 2018 and a beautiful new civic center for all our residents to enjoy. □



*Pumping concrete into column forms to support upper deck.
Photo Don Mosier.*



Pouring the concrete walls for the elevator tower connecting the garage level with the upper deck. Photo Don Mosier.

MINDING OUR Qs

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

At its January 17 meeting the City Council authorized City Manager Scott Huth to execute agreements with the State Board of Equalization for the BOE to set up and administer the Transactions and Use Tax, approved by the voters as Measure Q. This involves “developing procedures, programming for data processing, developing and adopting appropriate regulations, designing and printing forms,” and more. Costs of preparation should not exceed \$175,000, according to the terms of the agreement, and will be submitted to the City by May 2017.

A transactions and use tax is collected in the same manner as a traditional sales tax with minor exceptions. Measure Q would authorize a one percent (1%) transactions and use tax which would increase the combined sales tax rate in Del Mar to nine percent (9%). Taxes collected pursuant to Measure Q would be deposited into the City’s general fund. They could be used for any purpose for which general fund revenues may be used, but the City Council has made clear they will not go for any routine expenses but

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Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane arriving for her weekly meeting with the construction team. Photo Don Mosier.

WIND IN THE SALES

John Wilcox & Tracy Weaver | Powerhouse Properties, CDM



Like the recent storms that blew through our area, along with the unpredictable intensity and bursts of energy also come some excitement and a much needed deluge. That's a bit how we see the real estate forecast: Especially during changes in administrations things can be a little unpredictable at first, with much depending on economics, interest rates, overall sense of confidence, and, in places like Del Mar, people who have a lot of cash.

To look ahead let's look back at 2016 and how it compared to the year before. Overall, there was a very significant upward trend in values even though overall activity was lower last year than the previous year. Here's a recap:

2015

- 61 single family detached sales in Del Mar
- Average sales price: \$2,788,594
- Average price per square foot: \$1,172
- Average size: 3 bedrooms / 3 baths / 2,480 square feet

2016

- 49 single family detached sales in Del Mar
- Average sales price: \$4,405,196
- Average price per square foot: \$1,866
- Average size: 3 bedrooms / 3 baths / 2,506 square feet

A couple of important notes regarding the significant increase last year in the average sales price: Much of that increase has to do with the fact that there were seven oceanfront homes sold in 2016, ranging in price from \$8,000,000 - \$18,000,000 and with a price per square foot ranging from \$3,265 - \$5,142, so that's definitely going to skew the averages. In 2015 there was only one oceanfront sale.

If we take the six highest priced oceanfront sales out of the equation, the average single family detached sales price in Del Mar for 2016 was \$3,248,944 with an average price per square foot of \$1,388 – still an impressive increase of about 16% over the year before.

No matter what, the sales of those oceanfront →

Priority Workshops

City council meets in a priority-setting workshop on February 3 and 4 at city hall.

Report Potholes

To report potholes that may have materialized on Del Mar roadways as a result of the rain, please use the City's online reporting form available at: www.delmar.ca.us/forms.aspx?FID=94.

Roundabout

Construction of the new roundabout at Jimmy Durante Boulevard and San Deiguito Road has begun.

Bully's

Potential new owners of this iconic restaurant are in exploratory discussions about possible remodeling, expansion, and construction of a large parking structure.

Parking Progresses

The City's permit by the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for the addition of 180 new on-street paid parking spaces in the North Beach and Via de la Valle area is going forward. After a presentation by the City to Del Mar's Traffic Advisory and Parking Committee (TPAC), TPAC has recommended to Council to go forward with the CCC's requirements while collecting data with which they could return to the CCC to support possible changes.

Major concerns by TPAC include the CCC's requirement to limit the maximum parking rate to \$15 per day and the elimination of the "no overnight parking" restriction from the signs currently posted in the North Beach area from the lagoon to Via de la Valle on Camino del Mar. The no overnight parking restriction in this area was put in place without a Coastal Development Permit, and the reversal of this restriction was incorporated into the current request for the new paid parking spaces. Council will be taking up this item in February. □

properties, and the interest and investment in Del Mar which that represents, must bode well. As they say, a rising tide lifts all ships. And if that kind of storm surge of buying activity continues in any way in 2017, it should be another exciting year. □

MINDING OUR Qs

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only for the purposes enumerated in the Survey and the Impartial Analysis for Measure Q, underground utilities, street improvements, park improvements, police, fire, senior programs and youth programs. A citizen oversight committee will work with the Finance Committee, and the City Council will gather input from the community to help prioritize use of the funds.

Retailers will collect the tax from customers at the time of a retail purchase and remit the funds to →

the State Board of Equalization, which administers the tax. Administrative costs will be deducted from the proceeds of the tax by the BOE. The tax will be paid by anyone, including residents of Del Mar, who purchases goods at retail establishments within Del Mar.

In addition, Del Mar residents will be required to pay the tax when they purchase an automobile, boat or aircraft anywhere in California and register it to an address in Del Mar. Measure Q is estimated to generate approximately \$2 million of revenue annually. It will probably go into effect by April or May. □

NEW BUBBLES FLOATED FOR SHORES

Art Olson | Avenida Primavera | Chair, Shores Park Advisory Committee

After a six-month hiatus, planning for the Shores Park has been revived, but with a new prospect of working together with the Winston School toward a project that entails a shared use master planning effort. Up to this point, the Shores Master Planning effort and Winston Schools Master Planning effort were proceeding independently and on separate time-tables -- and the boundaries of the City's Park and the leased School space were viewed as separate and distinct, but with an understanding that some facilities, such as parking and playing fields could be shared. The idea of this new approach is to treat the entirety of the Shores Property as a single "open canvas" where planning would be done in concert by the two entities, and the concept of shared-use would be one of the explicit design goals. A shared-use approach could be beneficial in maximizing public benefit and minimizing neighborhood impact, as well as increasing the possibilities of space usage and design effectiveness.

The Shores Advisory Committee, in conjunction with the landscape architectural consultant Schmidt Design Group, had already done much work to gather input from the community on the desired amenities for the Park, and a list of preferred recreational amenities was developed. Using this information the Schmidt Design group developed three "bubble diagrams" which were alternative conceptual schemes for the use of the available space to accommodate the most desired park amenities. These were presented to the Committee and subsequently to the City Council in January of 2016. The Council concurred with the



*Dena Harris, Head of Winston School, presents new strategy for the Shores Park Master Plan at January 17 City Council meeting.
Photo Art Olson*

Committee and approved the three concepts presented as a basis to move forward with the Master Planning process by getting community input on the alternatives, but requested rough cost estimates of the three concepts as information for the comparison. As is not unusual in Del Mar, parking arose as an unresolved issue, which required more work and discussion with the Winston School to resolve, and the estimation of the relative costs stalled.

In August, Dena Harris was appointed as the new Head of School for the Winston School. Ms. Harris, who has had previous experience in developing shared-use park/school facilities expressed her enthusiasm and vision for such an approach for the Shores Property. Ms. Harris presented

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ROVING TEEN REPORTER

"Screenagers"

Lily Nilipour | Torrey Pines High School Senior

Everywhere we go, we have our phones with us. At school, work, restaurants, sports games, concerts, you name it. Now, with such an easy accessibility to technology, our phones follow us like eager dogs. It is this that prompts one of the most common criticisms of teenagers like me and my friends and peers: that we are harmfully addicted to our phones, our screens, our devices.

No doubt, we are attached to our phones. Often, hang-outs devolve into checking Facebook feeds, get-togethers disintegrate into clicking through Snapchat stories, and vacations become opportunities to utilize Instagram filters. Countless time is spent deciding which photo to post or what caption to write.

Yet, though I am not defending the overuse of devices, it has become increasingly difficult to separate social interactions with technology. As fellow Torrey Pines senior Jessica G. said, "I wouldn't say that I disapprove of kids using technology, because it's such a big part of our society. Technology is advancing so fast that we're all scrambling to keep up." The addiction to our screens may be more

prevalent among youth, but that does not at all mean we are the only ones guilty of such. The phenomenon is something that is widespread across age groups, places, and cultures.

The term "screenager" in that sense seems to be a paradoxical disdain. "In a lot of ways, the people that are most equipped to deal with the "technological revolution" are teenagers and young adults, because they're in the know about different phones and apps and uses of technology," Jessica said. In school and in society, we as young people are encouraged to pursue innovation and invention, yet are at the same time degraded for using the products of that same innovation and invention.

Indeed, the constant use of our devices can be detrimental to numerous aspects of our daily lives, from achievement to extracurricular activities to relationships. But it is just as detrimental for the opposite to happen — to condescend teens as susceptible victims to a revolution they did not even create, and to thus polarize different generations rather than unite them. Both groups must play an active part in finding a balance in such a fast-paced and hectic world, a process that should be absent of patronizing criticism from one side and indignant indifference from the other. ■

NEW CROP

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive



Ana Nieto outgoing manager and Fabian Huertas incoming manager.
Photo courtesy Del Mar Farmers Market.

The Farmers Market, now established at its new long-term temporary location on the upper Shores property, will begin the New Year with a new manager and two new vendors. Ana Nieto, who has led the market for the last two years has resigned. She wants to develop further her personal business and will be enjoying the market as a customer. The positive energy Ana brought as manager will be carried on by Fabian Huertas. Many longtime customers will be familiar with his outgoing personality. Huertas has a long history with the DMFM, as a vendor for Blue Heron Organic Farm. As a college student, he received scholarship aid from DMFM.

The market also welcomes two new vendors. Suzie's Farm, which sells an interesting variety of organic vegetables, and Kombucha Culture offering fermented beverages.

Regrettably, Shaner Farms, one of the original produce vendors going back 30 years, has decided to leave the market.

A New Year can be a new beginning. In order to attract a broader segment of the population to the market, the board of directors of the DMFM has been pondering whether to add artisan and other vendors, in addition to the existing produce and food vendors. They would welcome your thoughts and suggestions at delmarfarmersmarket@gmail.com

The market is held Saturdays 1- 4 p.m. ■

NEW BUBBLES FLOATED FOR SHORES

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her ideas at a Shores Advisory Committee on December 14, 2016, and there was active discussion and general enthusiasm to pursue the concept. It was recognized that there could be a number of stumbling blocks in terms of coordinated timing in fund-raising, and potential difficulties in satisfying both the school and the general communities' needs, but shared-use planning was seen as a worthwhile goal to explore.

In moving forward the City Staff developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two entities and presented it to the City Council on January 16. Along with the MOU they presented a 6-month timetable to explore and evaluate the potential of the shared-use approach, which includes a SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis, development of three new concept diagrams, and public workshops for community input. After some public discussion both pro and con, the Council decided to approve the MOU and move forward with the evaluation timetable as presented. The MOU make no firm commitment to adopt the shared-use planning process, but only to take the necessary steps to evaluate the pluses and minuses of the approach. The Council approved an expenditure of up to \$15,000 for the Schmidt Group to work with the Winston Schools architect, OBR Architecture to develop the new bubble diagrams. While some present at the Council meeting expressed concerns that the Shores Committee work to this point would be cast aside and planning would be further delayed, they were assured by the Council that the recreational amenity priorities obtained in the public outreach phase of their work would stand unchanged as input to the joint-use planning process, and that the potential benefits of joint planning would be worth the extra time and effort. ■

HUMMINGBIRD HAIKUS

Susan Morrison | Stratford Court

Bold scent of coffee
hummingbirds at the feeder
start of a new day

Hummingbirds at war,
dart, dive and chase each other
dueling for nectar

Fearless hummingbirds
iridescent acrobats
suspended in space



Hummingbird at Feeder. Photo Tom Morrison.

TASTE SETTER

Tom Sohn | 23rd Street

On many of Del Mar's warm and cloudless nights, one can drive by the Tasting Room on the corner of Camino Del Mar and 15th Street and see the site of the old flower shop filled with people enjoying their craft beers, wine and food. However, as you may have noticed, those warm and cloudless nights have been few and far between lately. Doesn't matter says the Tasting Room. They have an inviting cozy and appealing inside area which gets busy, keeping the patrons warm and full of food and drink.

The name "Tasting Room" may imply only a series of small plates or tasting size beer and wine. Not true! For those that want a full meal, the inside serves full size plates with wonderful choices, including the "Surrender Series," chosen by the Chef for those, as their website says, "are gracious enough to trust us!" Steven Lona, Executive Chef

and General Manager can walk you through the how, what and why of any meal.

As for the beverages, they don't skimp. They have 28 rotating taps offering everything from Pilsners, Pale Ales, IPAs, Sours, Saisons, Porters and Stouts and too many bottle options to list. They offer a six-page wine menu which, while California-centric, includes wine from regions in France, Germany and Spain. Wine is also available for purchase to-go from their beautiful wine cellar, hosted by Wine Director Rusti Gilbert.

The Tasting Room is also more than willing to creatively pair your choice of beverage with your meal choice to "create a dining experience that is entirely unique." The Tasting Room, located at 1435 Camino Del Mar, is open Tuesday – Sunday from 3pm – 9pm (10pm on Friday and Saturday). Don't let the covered chairs on the outside patio fool you. The Tasting Room is open. Come on in and if you are lucky enough to see the butterscotch pudding on the menu, indulge! It's worth it. ■

PLAZA LANDS IN LOCAL HANDS

Betty Wheeler | Seaview Ave.

The sale of the Del Mar Plaza to new owner Westcore Properties is something we hope will be good news for Del Mar. Many residents have perceived that distant, inattentive ownership and management have resulted in a Plaza that has significantly underperformed in recent years, and has failed to meet its potential, both in serving local residents, and in attracting visitors and residents from the greater region. The Sandpiper caught up by email with Del Mar resident Marc Brutten, founder and chairman of Westcore, with four questions about the Plaza and its future.

Q: Your Westcore bio says your mission cornerstone is to identify underperforming real estate assets and create value in these assets for the long term. Can you share some of your ideas and vision for turning around the Plaza's performance?

A: The Del Mar Plaza needs to become relevant again and can become so with a combination of design, signage, activity, landscape, color and lighting. It has become dull and listless today. My vision exceeds your word limits but succinctly—Del Mar Plaza needs to be the center of town from a commerce, entertainment and dining perspective.

Q: How do you see repositioning the Plaza to function more successfully?

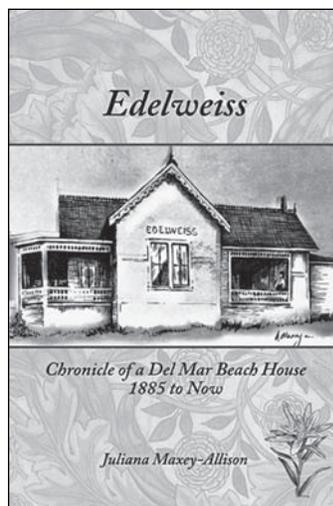
A: By creating an event driven experiential plaza, which will require the cooperation of the City and its citizens. We will need to engender a sense of place, catering to the needs of the community and combining activated public spaces with music, eclectic food offerings and unusual retail shops, some of which will enable omni channel mobile and on line capabilities.

Q: How do you think your perspective as a Del Mar resident will affect the Plaza?

A: It has a huge effect, since this project will be our family's focus for years to come. It is literally 200 yards from our front door and our aim is to make it a great contributor to the Del Mar experience if the City will let us do so. →

EDELWEISS

Juliana Maxey-Allison's Chronicle of a Del Mar Beach House 1885 to Now



"Anyone who has had the pleasure of visiting the perfectly restored Edelweiss house must wonder about its history. Julie does a great job of telling the story, not only of the house itself, but also how it is inextricably linked to the unique history of Del Mar. It's a great read, especially for anyone who lives here!" — Bob Gans, President, Del Mar Foundation.

Available online at CreateSpace.com, and on Amazon for \$12.95. ■

Q: While Del Marians don't expect the grocery store to come back, do you envision any possibilities for a market space featuring artisanal foods? (I'm thinking here of a smaller space akin to The Ferry Building or Pike Market.)

A: We would like to add a specialty market back to the Plaza as soon as possible but two things would need to happen. We would need to identify the correct space in the Plaza that offers customers convenience, and we would need the City's assurance that it wants to see that use in the center again, as I have been told that the last market suffered when the City brought in a farmers market that cut into the Plaza market's sales.

The tenants on the upper deck have underperformed due to lack of signage, wayfinding and lighting from both cross streets. If we are going to succeed, we need everyone's cooperation moving forward. ■

CHANGING LANES

Del Mar Heights Road to Carmel Valley Road

Ira Sharp | Crest Road

As part of our Community Plan vision of a slower traffic, pedestrian friendly town center, plans to rework the roadway between CVR (Carmel Valley Road) and 4th Street/Del Mar Heights Road (DMHR) moved up on City's agenda after the collapse of CDM (Camino Del Mar) at Anderson Canyon in January, 2015. The Department of Public Works (DPW) was directed to proceed to prepare final drawings and to get community input.

In November and December of 2016, properties in the vicinity of the Project were mailed notices describing the proposed design elements and inviting residents to attend informative presentations at the regularly scheduled Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC) meetings. TPAC unanimously recommended approval of the Project plans.

For north-bound traffic

1. West bound traffic on CVR will remain two traffic lanes and a bicycle lane. The left turn lane will be unchanged. The lane for traffic turning north from CVR will see an electric stop signal instead of the always open merge lane; right turn on red will be allowed. The bicycle lane will be enhanced. This reconfiguration is significantly safer for bicyclists compared to the current arrangement.
2. Northbound CDM will be narrowed to one travel lane until expanding back to two northbound lanes at Del Mar Heights Road. Traffic counts and the experience gained during the emergency repairs last winter indicate that a single lane at this point is adequate. There will be no change to the lane allowing right turn on red at DMHR, which begins close to the present bus stop. The left turn lane into Stratford Court, which currently lasts long enough to allow approximately three cars per cycle, is projected for elimination. However, left turns on green would be allowed as the number 2 traffic lane would be changed to a left hand and through lane. Some are concerned this change would cause a large increase in traffic on Stratford Court. An alternative design will also be considered by Council that would keep the left hand turn lane by narrowing the shared use path and removal of a line of small trees encroaching on the City's right-of-way on the west side of Camino del Mar south of 4th Street.

For southbound traffic,

1. There will be two left turn lanes at CDM and DMHR. Del Mar's traffic engineer's studies show that this will reduce the time it takes to turn left but it will not increase the number of vehicles turning left on to DMHR. There will be a single through lane, which will eliminate the need for the current merge lane on CDM south of the intersection.
2. The bicycle lanes will be widened and separated from cars by a buffer. Additionally, a new multi-use path, suitable for pedestrians, children's bicycles, →

TAKING A STAND

Don Mosier | Rimini Road and Dolores Davies | Crest Road

On December 19, following a spirited discussion, the Del Mar City Council adopted a resolution brought forward by Councilmember Dwight Worden, reaffirming Del Mar's commitment to basic constitutional and individual rights. The resolution was approved on a 4-1 vote, with Mayor Terry Sinnott opposed.

Councilmember Worden expressed that many Americans—including local residents—felt extremely uneasy and fearful about promises and characterizations made by President-Elect Trump in regards to immigrant deportations, race and gender, and climate change policies. As a result, he urged the City to take a stand on principle to ensure residents that Del Mar would not participate in discriminatory practices such as compiling a listing or registry of Muslims and identification or round-ups of undocumented persons. The resolution also reaffirmed Del Mar's commitment to supporting and encouraging diversity and addressing climate change and sea level rise, based on the best available science, not ideology or partisanship.

"I did my best to word the resolution to be clear but non-inflammatory," said Worden. "We are in unprecedented times in terms of where the incoming presidential administration will take our country. Many of our citizens agree that it is important for Del Mar to take a stand."

While Councilmember David Druker supported the resolution, and thought that the majority of residents were likely to be supportive of it given the fact that about 70% of Del Mar voters did not vote for Donald Trump, he expressed concerns about the City Council inserting itself in "national politics." Mayor Terry Sinnott, who voted against the resolution, characterized the measure as a highly partisan response to the outcome of the presidential election, and argued that the citizens of Del Mar were not "snowflakes," who needed to be reassured and comforted by the City, which he described as "more of a homeowner's association than a city," and implied that residents don't look to the Council for leadership and guidance on national policy matters. Councilmembers Sherryl Parks and Ellie Haviland both supported the resolution. Haviland called the resolution an important step in a time of great uncertainty, and more an expression of Del Mar's values and commitments as a community than an act of partisanship. ■

strollers and joggers, would be installed along the west side of Camino del Mar from Carmel Valley Road to 4th Street.

Still under study is whether safety for people crossing CDM in the middle of the block at the terminus of the path down from Torrey Pines Terrace can be further enhanced. Eliminating one lane of traffic with expected slower speeds should provide some help. Also being studied is whether a U Turn at CDM and CVR can be accommodated.

Council is scheduled to receive additional information from DPW in early February and could start work as soon as two months after approval. ■

WOOF!

Tails From My Heart

Barley Gaylord | Ocean Front

Valentine's Day? You want me to wear what on my head? Do I get a treat for posing like this? What is it that you keep asking me, Who is my Valentine? Who do I love? Hmmmm... What is this thing called "love?" And if I understand you correctly, Lynn, you said my heart is physically near my stomach? That makes this question a little easier!



Will you be mine? Photo Lynn Gaylord.

I like my packs. My heart belongs to them. One pack is my humans. We have a deal: I protect them and they feed me. They insist I cuddle with them too but I don't mind. They make me put on silly things too but I don't mind. My other pack is at the Shores. There we dogs run around like animals in the wild. We chase each other. We chase balls. We sniff each other's behinds to see where the food supply is and we practice our barking skills. Lots of fun! ■



Cassie Morris and I have been corresponding on Dinder (popular doggie dating site), but haven't actually met, yet. Photo Bill Morris.

8 WHAT THE KIDS ARE SAYING

Teamwork

James, age 9 and Liam, age 10

There are many great single person sports like skiing, surfing, and golf, but being involved in team sports is also important.

It is important because it builds teamwork. For instance, when you're playing rugby, everyone on the team needs to cooperate in order to be successful, to learn to how to work together. Also, rugby teaches you to play fair because if you don't play fair it could be dangerous and you could hurt someone and you could get a penalty or kicked out of the game.

Team sports involves making decisions, building confidence, and trusting your team mates. which are very good life skills. For instance, football is a sport that you need to use your brain to make important decisions, especially for the running back and the quarterback position.

Team sports are also very important because you can bond more with your teammates and build friendships and to have fun while you are having some great exercise.

Working together, decision making, and building friendships are all great benefits of team sports. ■

DEL MAR VOTES

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4. Del Mar was staunchly for raising the Cigarette Tax, Prop 56 – voting 72% compared to 64% statewide.
 5. Del Mar voted for repeal of the Death Penalty, Prop 62, however it lost in both the State and County of San Diego.
 6. Del Mar voted for the Prop 63, regulation of Firearms and Ammunition Sales. Del Mar 74%, statewide 63% .
 7. Del Mar voted 64% for Marijuana Legalization, Prop 64 compared to 57% Statewide and the County.
 8. Del Mar voted 65% for Plastic Bag ban, Prop 67 while Statewide 53%.
 9. Del Mar voted 68% against Measure B, the gigantic Lilac Hills development which was defeated countywide 64%.
 10. For US Senate Del Mar voted Harris over Sanchez 69-31%.
 11. For our Congressional District, we chose Applegate over Issa 58-42%. Issa lost in the San Diego portion of his district, but his margin in the Orange County portion put his total vote narrowly over the top.
 12. For President we voted Clinton 62-32% over Trump. Trump also lost statewide and nation-wide in the popular vote, but won enough electoral college seats to win the White House.
- Del Mar voter turnout was 88% compared to 80% county wide and 75% statewide.

Full election results for State and County in pdf format on the Sandpiper website. ■

DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Highlights for FEBRUARY 2017

DM Library Adults - Chair Yoga. Chairs provided. Please bring a towel & water bottle. Wednesdays in February at 10:30am & 11:30am.

DM Library Kids - Love on a Leash. Reading to dogs has been shown to improve a child's reading skills, confidence and self-esteem. Wednesday, February 1 & 15, 1pm. (1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month.)

DM Foundation - First Thursdays: Pacific Wind Quintet. Thu, Feb 2, 7-8:30pm Powerhouse. Open to subscription holders only!

DMHS meeting. Tuesday, February 21st 7pm. In the conference room at 225 9th Street. The public is welcome.

DM Library Adults - Affordable African Travel Discussion Group. Thursday, February 2, 6pm. (1st Thursday of the month.)

DM Library Adults - Rainwater & Gray Water in Your Garden. With Master Gardener Greg Alder. Saturday, February, 4, 1:30pm.

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

DM Community Connections - Tuesday Lunch Connection. Tuesday, February 7th and 21st, 12 noon to 1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library Kids - Homework Help & Creative Writing. Homework Help for Preschool - 7th Grade by Torrey Pines High School Students. Tuesdays in February, 3:15pm.

DM Library Adults - Adult Yoga. With certified instructor Lynne Truong. Please bring a mat & towel. Tuesdays in February, 12pm

Parks and Recreation Committee. February 8, 2017, 4:45 PM-5:45 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM Foundation - DMF Cultural Arts Committee Meeting. Wed, Feb 8, 8:30-10:00am Powerhouse.

DM Library Adults - Rebuilding After a Financial Crisis. Co-hosted by SDCCU. Wednesday, February 8, 6pm.

DM Library Kids - Art for Kids. Ages 5+. With Sandra Dodd. Wednesday, February 8, 3:30pm. (2nd Wednesday of the month.)

DM Library Kids - Board Games with Albert. Improve/test your skills against others while having a great time. Wednesday, February, 8, 1pm. (2nd Wednesday of the month.)

DM Community Connections - Board of Directors Meeting. Saturday, February 11th, 9am to 10am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library Kids - Kids Chess Club. All skill levels welcome to play. Sunday, February 12, 19 & 26, 2:15pm.

Planning Commission. February 14, 2017, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Community Connections - Healthy Aging Forum with Dr. Kalina. Tuesday, February 14th, 9:30am to 11:30am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library Adults - Love Your Blood Pressure Screening. Co-hosted with HHSA. Tuesday, February 14.

San Dieguito Lagoon Committee. February 15, 2017, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Del Mar Library.

Sustainability Advisory Board. February 16, 2017, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Community Connections - Office Closed Monday, February 20th.

City Council Meeting. February 21, 2017, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM @ City Council Chambers.

Design Review Board. February 22, 2017, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley meeting. Monday, February 27, 7pm. Del Mar City Hall, 2010 Jimmy Durante, suite 100.

Business Support Advisory Committee. February 28, 2017, 9:00 AM-February 26, 2017, 11:00 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

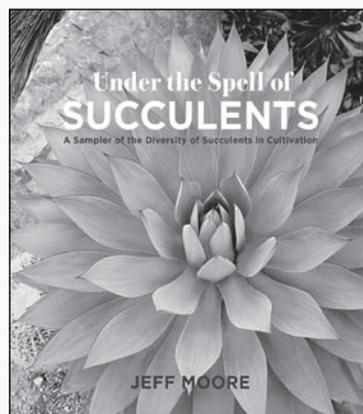
Finance Committee. February 28, 2017, 4:30 PM-6:15 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM Community Connections - ROMEO Men's Lunch. Tuesday, February 28th, 12pm to 1:30pm, Sbicca.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH DMGC

Jeff Moore, owner of Solana Succulents will speak at the **Del Mar Garden Club Community Outreach meeting Feb 27, 9:00 am at the Powerhouse**, free to the public.

Jeff will be introduced by Pat Welsh, bestselling garden expert and longtime Del Mar resident.



Jeff's talk and powerpoint will follow the flow of his book, *Under the Spell of Succulents*, which shows how we engage with succulents—growers, collectors, landscaping, container gardening, specialty niches, etc. Jeff will bring plants to show and to sell along with his books.

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DATED MATERIAL

NEW BOUTIQUE HOTEL PLAN

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

A new specific plan is in the works for the corner of 10th and Camino del Mar, site of the 2008 voter approved "Garden Del Mar" Specific Plan. The Garden Del Mar Specific Plan encompassed 19,650 square feet of restaurant, retail and office space on the 25,000 square foot lot. But the property went into foreclosure before any construction began and was sold at auction in 2013. The new owners are starting over with a draft 30-plus room boutique hotel design with underground parking.



Back to where we started from: Garden Del Mar project site visited by community leaders on June 5th, 2009. Photo Ann Gardner.

Kitchell Development Company submitted their application before Del Mar's updated Citizens' Participation Program (CPP) was approved by City Council last November, but are still incorporating many of the new CPP requirements. Neighbors of the proposed project have already attended one CPP gathering to get information on



DEL MAR VOTES

November Presidential Election

Dave Druker | 10th Street

Del Mar pretty consistently voted in the same pattern as both the State of California and San Diego County. Some interesting highlights:

1. For County Board of Supervisors Del Mar strongly supported our neighbor Dave Roberts. But Kristin Gaspar was narrowly elected.
2. For Del Mar Union School District Darren Gretler was our second choice compared to the winner, Stephen Cochrane.
3. Del Mar voted against Prop 55, the Tax Extension for Education and Healthcare. Perhaps because many of our citizens will be affected by the tax.

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the proposed two-story development. Using feedback from that meeting the applicant is working on plans to be presented at a second CPP meeting to be held at City Hall. Public notice for that meeting will be posted a minimum of 28 days in advance and story poles will be placed at the site. Following the second meeting, the applicant will provide a summary report to the City of how community feedback was incorporated into the final design. Pending approval by the Design Review Board, Planning Commission and City Council the project will then go to a public vote.

Del Mar's Measure B requires voter approval for properties in the downtown Central Commercial District larger than 25,000 square feet and/or projects proposing more than 11,500 square feet of development. The proposed development is about 20,000 square feet for the 30-plus hotel rooms and other amenities: courtyards, larger suites, restaurant and lounge. The owners have commented that they feel Del Mar is their biggest amenity and see the hotel as adding to the small scale ambiance of a seaside village. ■