

# SANDPIPER

## TREES UP IN DOWNTOWN

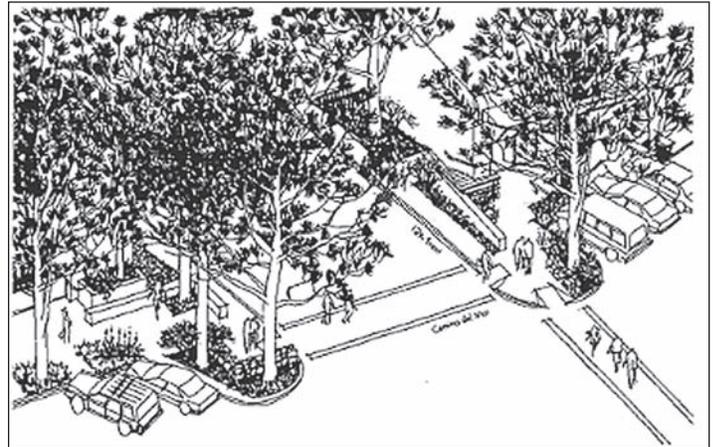
Ann Gardner | Via Latina

Participants at two recent community workshops held to get input on Del Mar's downtown streetscape plan asked the City to move their "Nice-to-Do" list forward to the higher priority "Have to Do" list. As presented by City staff, the phase one "Have to Do" list was seen by participants as long on maintenance projects, but lacking a broader vision for the Camino Del Mar corridor. The planned Streetscape project extends from 9th to 15th Street, maintaining the current width of two travel lanes in each direction, with no roundabouts or sharrows.

Approximately 15 residents attended the recent workshop, many of them expressing frustration with the City's timing and priorities. The phase one projects include new pedestrian crosswalks, improved ADA access at intersections, and repaving and striping the roadway. Both residents and business owners, however, were anxious to see the phase two projects, which include landscaping, configuration changes for parking, new sidewalks and a scramble crossing at 15th street, implemented in the short term, so that residents would not "have to wait another ten years" for these enhancements.

Feedback from two mothers spoke to the "too often ignored" pedestrian crosswalks, and drivers speeding through stop signs on Camino del Mar. Zach Groban, chairman of the City's Business Support Advisory Committee and a Del Mar business owner, pleaded for changes that would encourage people to wander along Camino del Mar, crossing the road to both sides safely and staying in town.

The community workshop was part of a public outreach process to gather feedback from residents and business



*Proposed improvements at 12th Street and Camino del Mar / View looking West.*

*Source: 1996 Camino del Mar Downtown Streetscape Plan.*

owners on construction and enhancement efforts to improve and update Del Mar's main commercial corridor. According to Del Mar Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane, the Streetscape plan will be finalized after meetings with the last of four local groups and a webinar held on June 26. Concept plans will be shared with the public before a preferred plan is forwarded to the City Council, which is slated for September. Construction is expected to begin in January 2018.

Spurlock Landscape Architects, the design firm that guided the City in enhancing the Camino Del Mar corridor in 1996, was retained to guide Del Mar in making the planned streetscape improvements. The current planning and outreach process, said Crane, is intended to update the 1996 plan, specifically for Camino del Mar between

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# IT TOOK AN ARMY

## The Wetlands Restoration Story

Recently, Del Mar has enjoyed a front row seat to watch a major wetlands restoration taking place by the San Dieguito River and Lagoon in the Fairgrounds' South Lot. The story of how we got here is worth telling, because without some remarkably persistent efforts by an army of committed individuals, organizations and government agencies, we might still be enduring the parking lot that despoiled these wetlands over many years.

For decades, without permits or approvals, the 22nd Ag District Association (22nd DAA) degraded acres of San Dieguito wetlands—one of the most important and endangered habitats in California—in order to park cars. Big bulldozers, dump trucks and other machinery graded the land, pushed fill into the river, and scraped away native vegetation, to maintain and expand the parking lot.

This drew the attention and outrage of local



*Loads of fill were dumped onto the wetlands over the years to maintain and expand the parking lot, without required permits or approval.*

*Photo John Gillies (1987).*

environmentalists, who persistently sought recourse from the federal Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), whose interest is rooted in the federal Clean Water Act. In time, this campaign, backed up by strong photographic evidence by former mayor John Gillies, resulted in a remarkable step forward: in 1993, ACOE issued a cease and desist and remediation order which required the 22nd DAA to restore four acres of the South Lot to wetlands, including restoring nesting sites of the endangered least tern.

It took the 22nd DAA some 20 years to get that four-acre restoration underway.

Meanwhile during the years following the ACOE order, illegal, non-permitted grading continued in other parts of the South Lot, and in 2011, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) served the 22nd DAA with notice of its intent to pursue enforcement action, with CCC Executive Director Peter Douglas describing the DAA as “an arrogant agency above the law.” This CCC action resulted in a 2012 Consent Cease and Desist Order and Restoration Order, requiring additional wetlands restoration, 100-foot buffers in some areas, and other corrective actions.

Other legal actions at play included a Sierra Club lawsuit challenging a CCC decision on whether the East Lot is wetlands, and suits by the cities of Del Mar and Solana

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Beach, the River Park JPA, and the Sierra Club challenging aspects of the 22nd DAA Master Plan. From these challenges came additional protections, including a limited 10-year permit for use of the East Lot, allowing that issue to be revisited in 2023; a 100-ft. setback from the river when the Fair's Exhibit Halls are rebuilt; traffic studies and management; and noise restrictions that Del Mar has since used to address noise problems, such as those from Kaaboo.



*A bulldozer degrades the wetlands in favor of a parking lot.  
Photo John Gillies (1990).*

The full story is complex, but at its heart is a simple truth: one agency looked at the sensitive wetlands adjacent to the river and saw a parking lot. Many others—from the Army Corps of Engineers to an army of citizen activists (too many to name, but we'll call out Jacqueline Winterer, Nancy Weare, Alice Goodkind, Dawn Rawls and John Gillies as exemplars) and political leaders from Del Mar, Solana Beach, the CCC, the Conservancy and the JPA—looked at that same land and saw degraded wetlands that could and should be restored to their rightful ecological role in our fragile environment. The 22nd DAA seems to be acknowledging its environmental role more so than in the past. Years of dilatory and destructive behavior teach us that continued vigilance is essential. Thanks to decades of continued vigilance, the South Lot wetlands are finally winning. ■

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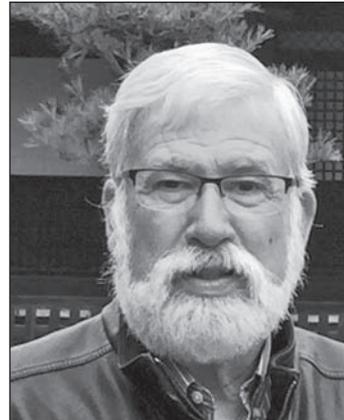
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9th and 15th streets. According to the 1996 Plan, "the guiding principle for the improvement of Camino del Mar is to enhance those qualities that the Community values and to selectively remove those things that detract from the character of Del Mar. The preferred automobile traffic scheme maintains the existing lane configuration...with lane width modifications to allow for enhancement to pedestrian and planting areas. The ...trees provide dappled shade and reinforce the wooded forest 'Del Mar character.'" The "wooded forest character," said the report, would discourage drivers from speeding through town, ignoring pedestrians and downtown amenities. ■

## A DON FOR ALL SEASONS

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive



*Photo courtesy  
Don Mosier.*

Don Mosier retired from the Scripps Research Institute in September 2016, after four decades of HIV-1/AIDS research. Last fall, he also relinquished his seat on the Del Mar City Council after two terms of service, including serving as mayor in 2010-11. This meant that he also had to step down from his place on the Board of the Joint Powers Authority of the San Dieguito River Park, which he had chaired. What was he going to do with all that spare time?

Civil society abhors a vacuum, and such a smart and solid citizen cannot be allowed to rest on his laurels. Don served as a City Council liaison to Del Mar Community Connections for the last 6 years; he is now becoming its President. Don says "it is a natural transition to assume a leadership role in a non-profit that administers many city programs." It was also a natural sequel for him to join the Board of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, and in many other ways he is carrying on with his active contributions.

His connection to the Del Mar area goes back to a 1966 visit to Scripps Research Institute (SRI)—a mere two-years old at the time— which confirmed his abiding concern with tissue culture technique to generate antibodies, forging science-community and social connections that have continued. He began at the medical school of the University of Chicago in 1965, but switched gears in 1969 to pursue a Ph.D. in Immunology (Pathology). He then got back on the med school track, earning his M.D. in 1971. Don worked on HIV research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda from 1972-78, then worked in Philadelphia before coming to California. From 1992 to 1998 he was on the California Aids Task Force, chairing it in 1997-98.

His scientific training and involvement in grantwriting have served him well in serving his community. He is still a volunteer with the City of Del Mar, consulting on the Climate Action Plan, Community Choice Energy, and a grant from the California Energy Commission for a solar plus battery storage system (Tesla) for the new City Hall. Since 2010, he has been vigilant in scrutinizing the San Onofre Nuclear Generation Plant (see pp. 8-9 of last month's Sandpiper). The Sandpiper is fortunate that Don recently joined the Sandpiper editorial staff.

Finally, he serves on the Del Mar Village Association (DMVA) Board, focusing on streetscape issues and the Breeders' Cup. He spends his spare time (yes) with his wife and former co-worker Ann Feeney cooking, enjoying wine, and hiking Coast-to-Crest. ■



## Sharing Our Community

Can you imagine being a child growing up less than an hour's drive from Del Mar, and never having seen the ocean or attended the Fair? Neither could the Board of the Foundation, until we were approached to provide a grant to support Plant\*Grow\*Eat. This incredible program targets elementary schools in neighboring communities populated largely by underprivileged children, helping them grow radishes and other crops for display at the Fair each year. Plant\*Grow\*Eat provides a turnkey operation for these schools: Volunteers travel to classrooms 1 to 2 months before the Fair, bearing seeds, gardening supplies, and advice on how to grow the plants. They check in periodically on the students' progress, and coach the teachers on building a curriculum around this exercise. Once the Fair arrives, Plant\*Grow\*Eat – with the support of donors – provides buses free of charge to transport full classrooms to the Fair to display their crops, hopefully win a ribbon, and spend a fun-filled day enjoying the ocean air, touring other agricultural exhibits, and maybe even sneaking in a few rides.

That's where the Del Mar Foundation came in to the picture. Our Board and Grants Committee were shocked to learn that it was so difficult for children living so close to Del Mar to experience its pleasures, and we were glad to grant funds that provided the means for 10 busloads of children from two elementary schools to visit our community while proudly displaying their crops. Part of our mission is to build community cohesiveness and preserve the beauty of Del Mar, and we believe that sharing our community with those who would otherwise have difficulty accessing its treasures goes a long way toward fulfilling both those goals. It was what we had in mind several years ago, when we provided a grant to the Wounded Warrior Project for the purchase of beach wheelchairs at the Del Mar Lifeguard station, making it easier for the physically disabled to enjoy this little slice of paradise. That grant was a huge success and, judging by the reactions of the dozens of children that many of us had the pleasure of meeting during the first week of June, this grant was equally successful. We are so grateful to our donors for making these grants possible.

If you or your organization needs funding for a worthwhile project designed to help make Del Mar a great place to live and play, then send us an email at [info@delmarfoundation.org](mailto:info@delmarfoundation.org). And remember to follow us on Facebook (@DelMarFoundation) and Twitter (@DelMarFound).



## ROVING TEEN REPORTERS

### Lily Inspires Sammy

Sammy Hallal | Torrey Pines High School Senior

For the past year, Lily Nilipour served as the teen reporter for the Sandpiper, bringing with her the often-overlooked opinions of a younger, misunderstood generation. Now, however, as Lily heads off to Stanford University and passes the torch on to me, she is taking her passion for writing to an entirely new level.



*Lily Nilipour.  
Sandpiper Teen Reporter  
2016-2017. TPMS graduate  
2017, heading to Stanford  
in the fall. Photo from TPMS  
2017 yearbook.*

Starting at a very young age—through reading and creating comic strips—Lily recognized the appeal and beauty of writing. During her time at Torrey Pines High School, Lily immersed herself in the world of writing through participating on her school's newspaper, the Falconer, serving as a sports reporter for a high school sports company, publishing poems in the school's literary magazine and much more.

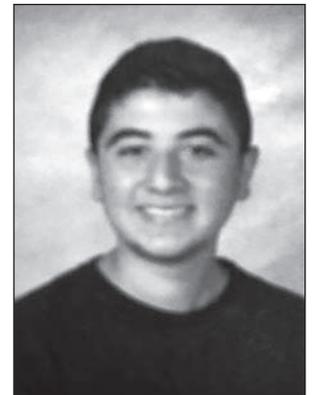
Exploring various types of writing—particularly journalistic and creative—she has now developed an unwavering attraction to the subject, an interest that she aims to pursue at Stanford, where she plans to

major in English and “explore the different areas of English literature and creative writing.” She hopes this will improve her writing and allow her to “do something more with it.”

Capitalizing on literally every opportunity to write that came her way, Lily has now built up experience writing in a wide array of mediums like fiction, analytical, journalistic and other styles. One that she practiced often was journalistic writing, reporting for three different news sources during her time at Torrey Pines.

“Journalistic writing is different from other types of writing because of its unique combination of style and fact,” Lily said. “Its purpose is to spread real, live information, but in a way that is interesting enough for people to keep reading, which I think fuses creative writing with analytical writing.”

While Lily enjoys creative writing over all other types because it “leaves more room for the imagination,” she recognizes the countless lessons she learned



*Sammy Hallal.  
TPMS Senior. New  
Sandpiper Teen Reporter.  
Photo from TPMS 2017  
yearbook.*

# LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

The Del Mar Farmers Market (DMFM) just completed its first year at its temporary location in the Upper Shores Park. The transition went well, and DMFM is grateful for the generous support given them by the Del Mar Foundation and the Del Mar Community Connections. They also appreciated the help provided by City staff.

Though the temporary location is only one and a half blocks from the old and future location, some of their customers have not made the transition. Compared with year-ago figures, says Treasurer Rita Meier, attendance and revenue are down almost 30%. DMFM President Leslie Robson recognizes that there are probably many contributing causes for this decline, but the difficulty of finding the market is certainly one. "We hope that those who may have forgotten about us will make an effort to find the market. We try to have a musician regularly, and have plenty of seating with shade. We even have an awning for dogs to lie in the grass and have water and a treat."

The Market invites any of the other non-profits to set up a table or tent during market hours. They should contact Market Manager Fabian Huertas at (760) 453-9837. It's nice to know that Dave Druker has resumed his practice from his first stint on the City Council and welcomes anyone to come and talk with him at the table he sets up monthly. The breezes and views make the temporary location a good spot for developing an informal forum for the community, chatting while shopping. ■

*The Del Mar Farmers Market is located at 225 Ninth Street behind the Community Building.*

through journalism and her experiences at the Sandpiper, and how they have improved her writing overall.

"Working with the Sandpiper and interviewing students has taught me to be able to talk to people with different opinions and then be able to shape my own stories and writing based on the information I have," Lily said. "It has also helped me articulate my opinions better and understand high school students' role in modern society."

I look forward to serving as the teen reporter for the Sandpiper and am excited to see what this opportunity will present. I hope that through my stories, like Lily, I can bring out new voices and shed light on the perspectives of a younger generation. Teenagers see the world through a different lens than other age groups, and their opinions tend to be neglected by adults and by their own peers, simply because of their age. This can lead to a disconnect between generations. Writing can be a very powerful method of communication, something that many teens—including Lily and myself—employ as a form of expression to make our views known to the rest of the world.

As Lily looks to the future, she hopes to continue to dive further and further into English while using her voice as a young writer to positively impact others. ■



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### July 2017

Ashley Simpkins | Office Administrator

### DMCC Gala: Join us in La La Land

Please join us for Del Mar's party of the year, the DMCC Annual Gala, on Oct. 7, for a fabulous dinner, dancing and entertainment!

You may choose to join us as a Visionary with a \$5,000 donation, an Honorary Chair with a \$3,000 donation, or an Honorary Committee member with a \$1,000 donation.

The committees are now in formation. For more information, contact Ashley Simpkins at (858) 792-7565.

### DMCC's Healthy Aging Forum with Dr. Kalina

On the second Tuesday of every month, Dr. Mark Kalina shares his knowledge with a group of local Del Martians, covering pre-arranged topics under the umbrella of Healthy Aging. July's topic is Calming Inflammation. The topical lecture takes place from 9:30 to 10:30 am. The lecture is followed by an open forum, to discuss whatever questions or concerns you bring to the table, that ends at 11:30 am. Join this popular program on July 11 at the DMCC - 225 9th Street.

### Volunteers are the heart of DMCC

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. We are always looking for new members of our volunteer team who can help us with community outreach, serve on committees, or host a van outing. Working in full partnership with DMCC staff, these volunteers provide an important service. YOU too can be a member of that team! Contact us to learn more.

### For more information...

For more information about these and other DMCC programs, or to join our mailing list so that you have the most up-to-date information, please contact the Del Mar Community Connections office at (858) 792-7565 or dmcc@dmcc.cc.

# ALL DECKED OUT

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

All the major concrete pours for the new Civic Center are completed, and the podium deck that caps the garage is complete. The Town Hall's 11 ft. high south and east sandstone-colored concrete walls have also been finished, and final work on retaining walls around the studio and small patio south of Town Hall is underway. The large pile of dirt at the northeast corner of the project is being leveled to form the base for landscaping the entrance plaza accessed from 11th Street and Camino Del Mar. Structural steel for the west wall of Town Hall is in place, and you will soon see the framing for both Town Hall and City Hall going up. Both buildings are on schedule to have exterior walls and roofs completed by October, before the next rainy season.



View from 11th Street looking southwest. Photos Don Mosier.

Dirt from the garage excavation is redistributed to form the landscaped area for pedestrians entering the Civic Center plaza area. Structural steel beams for the west wall of Town Hall and the breezeway connecting to City Hall are visible in the background.



View from Camino Del Mar looking west.

The concrete east wall of Town Hall is visible in the foreground, and the steel beam supporting the west wall and breezeway is in the center of the picture. Steel forms for the roof over the TV studio and storage area are seen at the left side of the picture. The roof will form the base for a small patio and landscaping with a great view down 10th Street. →

## FISCAL FACTOIDS

Compilation from the City of Del Mar's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY Ended June 30, 2016.

### Top 25 Sales Tax Producers 2016

Some businesses relate to the fair or other fairground events.

1. Americana Restaurant	14. Juicys
2. Banana Republic	15. L'Auberge (restaurant)
3. Barretts Equine	16. Miwall Wholesale Ammo
4. Bully's	17. Pacifica
5. Chicken Charlie's Enterprise	18. Pinnacle Appliance Distributor
6. Del Mar Blue Print	19. Poseidon Restaurant
7. Del Mar Rendezvous	20. Premier Food Services
8. Del Mar Thoroughbred Club	21. Prep Kitchen Del Mar
9. Design Line Interiors	22. Sbicca An American Bistro
10. En Fuego Cantina & Grill	23. Sleep Train Mattress Center
11. Il Fornaio	24. The Brigantine
12. Jake's	25. UAG San Diego (car sales-used)
13. Jimmy O's	



View from 10th Street looking northwest.

Sandstone-colored concrete walls are being completed to enclose the TV studio, storage area and utilities. The holes left by form ties will be filled when the walls are finished. ▣

# CITY TO REDUCE SPENDING

Tom McGreal | Stratford Court

On June 19, the City Council voted to reduce expenditures by \$900,000 in the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 presented by City Manager Scott Huth and Finance Director Teresa McBroome. The proposed budget included \$12.8 million in General Fund expenditures, a 7.6% increase over the \$11.9 million expenditure level forecast for Fiscal Year 2017, but projected revenue growth of only 1.3%. The net effect is that total spending under the proposed budget—including Capital Improvement projects—would exceed revenue by \$1.1 million, resulting in a decline in Contingency Reserves to \$2.7 million.

While this level of funds in the City's General Fund Contingency Reserves is well within the policy limits of 10% to 20%, the City's Finance Committee expressed the view that increasing expenditures while revenues are soft is not a sustainable trend. As a result, the Finance Committee recommended that the proposed expenditures be cut by \$900,000 to \$11.9 million, which holds the level of expenditures for 2018 at the 2017 level. After considerable debate, Councilmembers unanimously voted to follow that recommendation, approving the budget with a cap of \$11.9 million on expenditures, and directing staff to return in July

with options for achieving the \$900,000 reduction.

The City Council's decision is an important vote, ensuring that conservative fiscal management of our City will continue. This is a critical time for Del Mar, as the City will be paying its first full year of debt service on the loan to build the new City Hall. The City will also be making a significant contribution to the Pension Reserve fund, to cover the unfunded pension liability. Del Mar stands alone among cities in the region by having a policy which will pay off this unfunded liability in 15 years, regardless of CalPERS performance.

This leaner budget means that there will be no increases in staffing, the current service levels to the community will be maintained, and some of the "Priority Projects" identified by the City Council will take longer to complete.

Importantly, the Measure Q revenues from the new sales tax increase, which are projected to be \$1.8 million this year, will be held in a designated General Fund account for major projects that couldn't otherwise be funded by the City. Proposed projects include utilities undergrounding, Shores Park development, and the Streetscape project. The Council has established a citizen's committee to monitor Measure Q funds and will be conducting public outreach efforts in the coming months to get feedback from the community on priorities for these funds. Although Measure Q funds are legally part of the General Fund, they are not

intended for normal operating expenditures. Thus, they were excluded from the Finance Committee's budget analysis and treated as designated funds.

The Council expressed a unanimous preference to live with this tighter budget, adding back proposed expenditures only if revenues grow faster than the budget anticipates, with the knowledge that the revenue is actually available.

Given that City finances and management reporting are complex, the Finance Committee has borrowed a concept from the business community and compiled a Financial Dashboard. The Dashboard is intended to be a simple and clear display of the data that best highlights the City's financial performance. The new Financial Dashboard shows expenditures from several past years, the forecast for the current year and an estimate for the leaner 2018 budget. ■

General Fund Dashboard				
\$ Millions	6/30 15 Actual	6/30/16 Actual	6/30/17 Forecast	6/30/18 Budget
Revenues (w/o Measure Q)	14.1	14.6	15.1	15.3
Expenditures	9.9	10.5	11.9	11.9
Transfers to Special Funds	.7	.7	.9	1.2
City Hall Debt Service	-	-	.4	.9
Total Spending before CIP	10.6	11.2	13.2	14.0
Cash Flow from Operations	3.5	3.4	1.9	1.4
Transfer to Capital Improvement Projects	2.1	3.0	1.6	1.5
Total Spending including CIP	12.7	14.2	14.8	15.5
Net Cash Flow after CIP	1.4	.4	.3	(.2)
Contingency Reserves	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.5
Measure Q Reserve				1.8
Pension Reserve				.5
Total GF Reserves	5.1	5.5	5.3	7.0
CIP Reserves	4.5	3.7	.9	.3

The new Financial Dashboard. Created by the Finance Committee.

## STR DECISION

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

On a 4 to 1 vote (Mayor Sinnott voting no) the Del Mar City Council agreed to allow short term rentals of not less than 7 days and for no more than a total of 28 days a year in ALL residential areas in the City. The decision does not affect rentals of 30 or more days. The motion directed staff “to move forward” with preparation of necessary code amendments and, if needed, California Environmental Quality Act review and Local Coastal Permit amendments. The Council will discuss the question of a “soft landing” for property owners who currently operate STRs, possible exemptions for unique properties in visitor-serving areas and permits, at their July 17 meeting. That meeting will be the last before their August break. It is the Council’s desire to have a new working policy in place before the current moratorium on new short term rentals expires in February 2018.

The vote was taken after more than an hour of public input, almost exclusively from a number of STR supporters whose message continued to center on the “lack of data” on the negative consequences of short term rentals, the need for property owners to earn extra income and tourist revenue. Their attorney Cory Briggs spoke briefly to clarify that 1) the City would be served a lawsuit shortly and 2) his client the Del Mar Alliance “would be happy to be part of an effort to regulate short term rentals. ” Asked if his client supported a limit on the number of days, he responded “no limit.”

The Save Our Neighborhood Del Mar group limited its presentation to one speaker who urged the Council to “put the general STR policy in place as quickly as possible,” since it gives “residents and property owners certainty, and allows them to make plans for future use of their property that they can be confident will comply with the law. ” The group has stressed its concern about the loss of housing for residents, including long term renters, and neighborhoods becoming hotel-like environments. The speaker also stressed a new short term policy would “allow all residential properties in all residential zones to legally engage in short-term rentals within the stated limits. ”

The decision marks the end of an over two-year process of community input and many Council meetings on the contentious issue, including an interpretation on April 17, 2017 by Council that the Del Mar Municipal Code does not allow short term rentals for less than 30 days in the City’s residential neighborhoods. Del Mar has many visitor serving amenities, including current and planned hotels, time shares, ample beach access along Coast Blvd. with 2. 2 miles of beach and excellent lifeguard services for the 2 million annual beach visitors, seaside public parks and coast to crest trails. It is anticipated that the new policy allowing limited short term rentals will pass Coastal Commission review if needed. A staff report completed by the Commission acknowledged that short term rentals “have resulted in significant adverse impacts to the character of residential communities and in some cases have eliminated valuable affordable housing in coastal cities,” clearly a potential conflict with the Commission’s goal to provide lower cost visitor facilities. ▣

## STRs: FACT CHECK

Dwight Worden | Deputy Mayor

Short term Rentals (STRs) are a hot Del Mar topic, and Council meetings have at times been heated, with some ignoring the Code of Civility prominently displayed in Council chambers. At this point, we’ve invested hundreds of hours listening to speakers, reading red dots, and engaging in discussions. Much of this has been illuminating and productive, but it is frustrating when we keep hearing “facts” that just aren’t true. As the saying goes, you’re entitled to your own opinion, but not your own facts.

Here is my effort to correct three inaccurate or misleading “facts” that some have circulated in the community. To see two more, visit the Sandpiper on the web to read my full article.

**CLAIM:** The City Council voted to ban STRs.

**FACT:** Although the Council has never voted on a ban, much less passed one, it has clarified the current status of STRs under our Community Plan and Municipal Code, as follows: under the current code, STRs are allowed in one residential zone (RC) and in most commercial zones; one residential house is allowed per lot in these commercial zones that can be rented short term. Recently, the Council endorsed a policy (4-1) to add STRs as an allowed use in ALL residential zones for a maximum of 28 days per year with a minimum 7-day stay. You may agree or disagree with these restrictions, but they are not a ban.

**CLAIM:** A majority of residents favor STRs in residential zones.

**FACT:** The best measures we have indicate this is not true. Public input to Council by emails, petitions, and letters indicate that the majority of residents do not favor STRs in residential zones, especially on a full-time, high-turnover basis. The November Election saw three candidates elected who campaigned in favor of restricting STRs in residential zones, with STRs one of the most dominant issues of the election. The two candidates who favored STRs lost, as did one candidate who opposed STRs.

**CLAIM:** The STR “problem” can be solved by managing nuisance problems.

**FACT:** This claim can be made only by willfully ignoring other problems that flow from the proliferation of STRs in residential zones: they change the special residential character of neighborhoods that the Community Plan and zoning ordinances were intended to protect, as evidenced by their careful separation of commercial and residential uses, and strict limits on residential zones. Today, residents increasingly live next to STRs with many of the attributes of commercial operations. Dwellings that historically have been available for long-term rentals have increasingly been converted to STRs, reducing the available housing stock for residents. Neighborhoods that were intended to have the special amenities of a single-family residential area are

# RETAIL WITH RHYTHM

Virginia Lawrence | Caminito del Rocio

In the market for a bongo drum from Kenya? You can purchase one at Fair Trade Décor in Del Mar. Or if you prefer, drop in on one of their free bongo lesson sessions offered a couple of times a month. Participants have included aspiring bongoists of all ages – from 4 to 90.



from left: Alpaca lion on Kenyan bongo drum, Susan Joslin (sales associate), Elizabeth Paganelli (owner), Deanne Vay (store manager). Photos Virginia Lawrence.

Motivated by a “passion for both decorative arts and human rights,” owners Elizabeth and Jude Paganelli opened Free Trade Décor in Del Mar in 2013. Elizabeth (a former Special Ed teacher) and Jude (a bio-medical engineer) select all their merchandise following the guidelines of the Fair Trade Federation (FTF). The FTF’s mission involves creating opportunities for artisans and farmers who live in poverty around the world to improve the quality of their lives, build their businesses, and improve their communities. Fair Trade Décor’s shelves are stocked with eco-friendly handcrafted products from 45 developing countries. Each product is accompanied by a story card showing a thumbnail map of the country of origin and portraying the artisan at work.

In spite of the emphasis on the origin of each product, Elizabeth has chosen to arrange the merchandise not by country, but rather by aesthetics and color. Thus, a display table may have stoneware from Vietnam; ceramics from Turkey; mosaic glasses and stainless cutlery from India; teak napkin holders from Thailand; felted flowers from Nepal; and a flower vase made from recycled cotton wine bags which themselves were made from recycled tree-free fabric! The artisanal merchandise includes pillows, children’s clothing and toys, jewelry, greeting cards, women’s scarves, spices and jams, bicycle chain wine racks, wind chimes made from capiz shells or “jingle oysters” which grow on the sea floor in Java, wall decorations from Haiti made from recycled oil drums, a partially collapsed tequila bottle hand blown in Mexico – the way it probably would look anyway after two or three shots. The color, the quality, the quirkiness – everything captivates instantly.



Owners Jude and Elizabeth Paganelli. Pins on the world map behind them mark the sources of their imports.

In addition to its retail function, in order to “bring the San Diego community together,” Fair Trade Décor organizes free weekly events. Elizabeth hosts a book club for which anyone can sign up. Local bands play. Artisans demonstrate their crafts. One of their most popular events has been PechaKucha (chit-chat in Japanese) where participants gather to share their art and their passions. And don’t forget the bongo jams! ■

*Fair Trade Décor is located on Camino Del Mar between 14th and 15th Streets (next to Bully’s). Open at 10am daily. Closes at 6pm Sunday through Wednesday; closes at 9pm Thursday through Saturday. (858) 461-1263.*

*For upcoming events go to: [www.fairtradedecor.com/events/](http://www.fairtradedecor.com/events/)*

becoming more akin to commercial boutique hotel districts.

## NEXT STEPS

As we work through the details of the short-term rental policies we are putting in place for Del Mar, we need a fact-based focus on key issues. Now that a Council majority has voted to approve a policy that all residential properties can engage in STR use for up to 28 days per year, with 7-day minimum stays, what permit policy can we put in place that will be simple, but effective in helping to enforce limits and violations? Are there unique properties that need special treatment, and if so, what is the best way to effectuate that? How do we best create a “soft landing” to allow current non-complying STR operators to



transition to compliance?

The Council welcomes all help in working through these issues. I hope people on all sides will honor our Code of Civil Discourse as they advocate their position. A good first step is listening to others thoughtfully, especially when you disagree, and making sure the facts upon which you base your opinion are sound.

In a longer article available online, I address two more claims: 1) Few complaints about STRs have been received by the city or the sheriff in spite of a city hotline for complaints, and this means STRs are not a problem; and 2) STRs have always been part of the Del Mar community. Go to [www.delmarsandpiper.org](http://www.delmarsandpiper.org) to see the full article. ■

## 20 UPDATES

### Police Possibilities

City Manager Scott Huth has submitted revisions to the Police Feasibility Report to correct some errors, add some new budget information, and discuss a “leaner” staffing option. Huth reports that “we inadvertently reduced the costs for the Ranger and Parking Enforcement Program from the budget costs estimate for the Police Department). During this time period we also have new budget costs for the Sheriff for the next five years as well as new City budget figures for the next two years now available. Staff has also completed its review of similar size smaller City Police Departments in California...we determined that there is not a need for the Captain position and that many Cities were able to function with a smaller staffing level (than our original proposal) and made very good use of Reserves and Volunteer Programs to help cover many lower priority calls and service requests that do not require a sworn officer. “ The conclusions in the report remain unchanged.

*Please see the three Cop Talk articles in the June 2017 Sandpiper (pp10-12) or on the Sandpiper website.*

### Watermark EIR Options

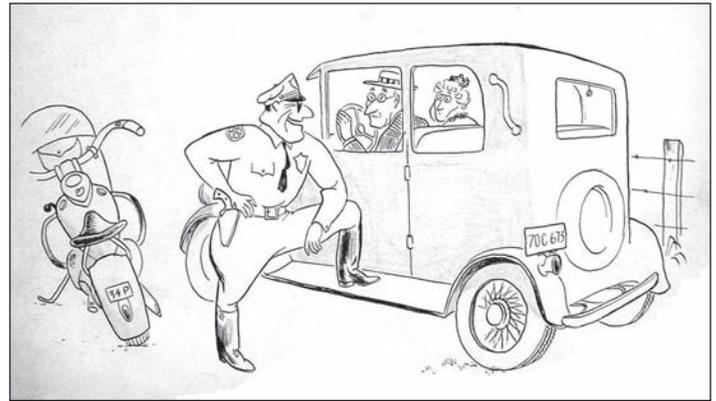
The Draft EIR is currently being prepared for Watermark. The EIR will evaluate both the 48 unit and 38 unit options being submitted to the City for consideration.

### Shores Park Design

On June 15th the Shores Park Advisory Committee unanimously supported asking Council to combine the six “bubble” drawings for the Shores Park Master Plan to form three, using a single collaborative site plan with Winston School. The direction to Schmidt Design Group was also to include a separate, stand alone building for the Del Mar Community Center, surface parking in at least one alternative and the ability to have independent construction schedules. Schmidt got the unanimous direction at the June meeting following a two-hour discussion that centered on the most beneficial use of the five acre site. An overarching advantage of the collaborative or shared site plan mentioned by the Committee was keeping as much green/park space as possible, without losing the individuality and uniqueness of the Community Building. Underground parking with green space on top versus surface parking was considered a cost benefit question, i.e. would the extra cost be worth the extra green space?

### The Five Qs

The City Council is looking for five (5) resident volunteers to serve on the Measure Q Citizen Oversight Committee, which will consist of two members of the Finance Committee, two at-large members, and one member of the business community. The Committee will monitor the revenue and expenditures related to the 1% transaction and use tax (sales tax) passed by Del Mar voters.



*Nothing's wrong. I just wanted to see how it felt to put my foot on a running board again. Cartoon John Dempsey.*

### Recycling Drop Off

On Saturday, July 22nd, from 9:00am-12:00pm, Waste Management will be holding a recyclable drop off event for Del Mar residents and businesses. Please drop off any recyclables including: compact fluorescent bulbs; sharp items such as syringes, lancets, or needles; used batteries; and non-controlled medications. The event will take place in the Del Mar Shores, lower parking lot. Entrance off Stratford Ct. For more information please visit [www.northcounty.wm.com/](http://www.northcounty.wm.com/)

### Fuel Reduction

From July 17-28th, residents can receive up to two three-yard bins for green waste from Waste Management free of charge. To take advantage of this great opportunity, you must call Waste Management no later than July 14th to schedule delivery of your bins. For small loads of plant and tree material, simply place the material out on your normal service day in green waste bins. For more information or to schedule bin delivery, Waste Management can be reached at (800) 386-7783, or you can go to their website at <https://www.wm.com/us/local/ca/del-mar/residential/>.

### Granny Flats

To encourage more construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) the state is removing review, parking and setback restrictions imposed by local entities. The Del Mar Housing Corporation is working with staff to bring new implementation proposals to the City Council for compliance with state requirements.

### STR Legal Action

A group of short term rental operators have retained an attorney to take the city to court objecting to Council decisions on this subject.

### North Bluffs Property

The City Council has approved a “Specific Plan” process to guide the development of this 16 acre site intended for a new resort complex on the furthest most northwest corner of Del Mar. ■

## COMMENTARY: Handcuffing our Future?

Joe Sullivan | Ocean Front

On Monday, July 10, the City Council will convene a special workshop to revisit—in earnest—the risks and benefits of creating Del Mar’s own City Police Force. The driving factor is financial—can Del Mar get better service with its own police department than it currently gets from the Sheriff, for less money? The Council workshop follows several years of study and analysis by the City’s Finance Committee and its consultant, which resulted in a complete staff report presented by the City Manager earlier this year. The workshop will include a panel of public safety experts who can respond to questions and provide a greater level of detail on relevant issues. At a subsequent meeting, the Council will determine if staff should move forward on organizing a City police force to replace the current Sheriff’s contract.

At its June 19 meeting, the Council approved a new five-year contract with the Sheriff. However, the City may cancel the contract with a one-year notice. The current contract requires the City of Del Mar to pay the Sheriff \$2.3 million for law enforcement services, which is about 20% of our city’s operating budget. It is anticipated that this cost will increase by more than 5% every year, while city revenues are forecast to increase by only 3%.

While many residents have expressed skepticism about the costs and risks of establishing and operating our own police force, the community should look beyond finances to make this high-stakes decision. For example:

- What kind of police department do we want? The concept of “community policing” sounds attractive. But, what does that mean in practice? Can we have “neighborly” policing without getting into intrusive policing, favoritism, or petty corruption?
- Where would a police department be housed? If it would be at City Hall, would a new EIR be required? If not, where would a new facility be located?
- What gives us confidence that we can recruit and retain quality personnel when we read that neighboring cities are having trouble doing the same?
- Would we require a Police Commission? If so, how would we keep it from becoming politicized?
- Police officers are typically represented by a strong and active union. How might that affect our small-town politics?
- Is it prudent to trade the “Devil we know” for the “Devil we don’t know?”

These concerns, and more, should be examined and discussed at the July 10 workshop. If the Council decides to go forward with planning for a police department, this needs to be viewed in the context of other City priorities, as other projects may need to be canceled or postponed due to budget constraints. ■

## Helping Joe Get a New Leg

Dwight Worden | Seaview Avenue

I’ve launched a fundraiser to help our Acting Public Works Director, Joe Bride, with the extraordinary expenses for his post-cancer prosthetic leg. Check it out at the link below -- and if you can make a donation, Joe and I would greatly appreciate it. This is not official city business, just something I am spearheading on my own. It looks like Joe will need at least \$25,000 in addition to what insurance covers, so that’s our goal. If you donate, the platform (YouCaring) will suggest a donation to the site itself, but you can click on the drop-down arrow and change that if you prefer all your donation go to Joe.

[www.YouCaring.com/joebride](http://www.YouCaring.com/joebride)



*Photo courtesy Joe Bride.*

## City Council Workshop on Establishing Del Mar Police Department

Monday, July 10, Special Starting Time of 4 PM

Temporary City Hall, 2010 Jimmy Durante Blvd.

## CHEAPER CLEANER

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

On June 5th, the Del Mar City Council unanimously approved proceeding with a technical study of Community Choice Energy (CCE) in cooperation with Encinitas, Carlsbad and Oceanside. A budget allocation of up to \$35,000 was included in the resolution. The City of Solana Beach approved a similar study the prior week, although it is proceeding with a fully outsourced model that is similar to the established CCE operated by the City of Lancaster, northeast of Los Angeles.

At the June 5 meeting, the Council received a presentation from Daniela Battaglioli, which outlined the benefits and risks of Del Mar joining a regional CCE. Daniela is a graduate student in the Department of Advanced Studies in Climate Science and Policy at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. Al Swedler, a member of Del Mar's Sustainability Advisory Board, and I were faculty advisors for Daniela's thesis project. She reported that there are currently nine operational CCEs in California, and five more in the planning stage. Also, the City of San Diego is conducting a technical study of CCEs, with the final report due in the next few months.

The main advantage of a regional CCE is the choice to procure cleaner energy and control costs, with future options for local energy generation as revenue is accrued (as is being done by the first California CCE, Marin Clean Energy, which launched in 2010). While CCEs purchase energy and provide billing data to the local utility, the latter continues to bill customers and operate the energy distribution system. The 100% clean energy goal by 2035 in Del Mar's Climate Action Plan will depend upon local control of the sources of energy, an important feature of a CCE. More importantly, local citizens will have options for either lower costs for 50-70% clean energy or a slightly higher bill for 100% clean energy.

The risks of a CCE include uncertainty about future regulatory actions by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC), particularly with regard to exit fees for departing customers to pay for long-term energy contracts and other changes to rates. While the nine existing CCEs have experienced low opt-out rates—from 5-18%—higher opt-out rates could threaten the economic viability of a regional CCE. When a CCE is formed, customers who choose to stay with the legacy utility can opt out of joining the CCE.

Encinitas has approved participation in the CCE technical study, and Carlsbad will consider joining the study at their June 27th Council meeting. Oceanside has not put the study on their council agenda at the time this article was written. However, the participating cities (including Del Mar) have agreed to cap the cost of the study at \$100,000, which will greatly reduce the cost to each participating city. The technical study will provide detailed energy load data for each city, including time of peak energy use. This information is critical in the decision to move forward with a CCE and to develop a business plan that will be subject to CPUC approval. ■

## OPUS MEUM

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

When Del Mar artist Gabrielle Benot celebrated her birthday in 2008, she held parties in three different countries—Latvia, Denmark, and the U.S.—each of them significant to her, and collectively they reflect her multi-dimensional perspective as an artist. Benot was born in Latvia, grew up in Denmark, and now resides in the U.S., having settled in Del Mar.

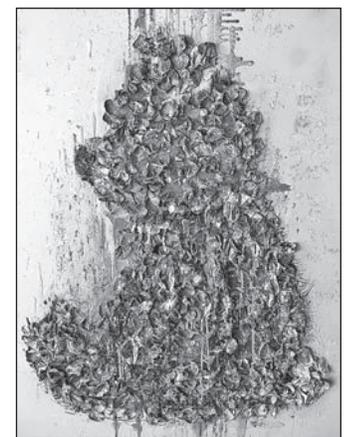


*Courtesy Gabrielle Benot*

Her recent work will be on display at a solo exhibit at the Herbert B. Turner Gallery in Southfair, from July 9 to August 26. The exhibit, "Opus Meum" will represent a cross-section of her diverse mixed media work to date.

Benot started painting in earnest at around the age of 12, following the example of her grandfather, a self-taught artist. She subsequently graduated from the Royal Fashion Academy in Copenhagen, where she majored in fashion design, which has remained a dimension of her work. As a painter, she is both opportunistic and experimental, and has abandoned oils for acrylic paint, using dry brush, a palette knife, and whatever material inspires her.

Recently she was given a bouquet of 100 red roses. What can you do with that? Fashion a giant rose petal teddy bear. This project should be on show at the HBT Gallery if she finishes it in time. While her decision to move to acrylics was partly to make things easier, in this instance, she has embarked on a demanding and dangerous process. To preserve the rose petals, she is coating them with epoxy resin, which is flammable, and produces noxious fumes.



*Rose petal teddy bear.  
Courtesy Gabrielle Benot.*

In addition to the rose petal teddy bear, more than 25 of Benot's works will be exhibited in the "Opus Meum" show, including pieces printed on aluminum, which creates →

# THANKS, ERIC!

Harold Feder, Cub Reporter | Crest Road

I am an unabashed supporter of Del Mar's Public Works Department, so I was saddened to learn that Eric Minicilli, the Department head, was leaving to take a similar position in Imperial Beach. The only positives were knowing that this was a big promotion for Eric. And, it gave me a reason to interview him.

**Q:** The obvious first question is why?

**A:** I have had my eye on this job for a long time. I previously worked in and currently live in Coronado with my family. So the commute is much shorter. I can ride my bike on the Strand to work. Also, my new department employs 26 full time workers and additional seasonal workers (versus eight in Del Mar).

**Q:** How is the Imperial Beach situation compared to Del Mar?

**A:** Obviously, Imperial Beach is a different community from Del Mar. However, the town is in a condition similar to Del Mar when I first arrived over eight years ago. There are many projects ready to start and I will get the opportunity to navigating and seeing them through.

**Q:** Talk about the accomplishments of the Public Works Department since you took over.

**A:** There is a lot to be proud of. We have completed award-winning projects like the Torrey Pines Bridge. The pump station was completely rebuilt. I am most proud of how we have integrated our staff into the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Before this, the work was separated from our staff and was directed by the City's engineer (non-staff). Now, we are involved in these projects from day one and can contribute our local

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a translucent effect. Her canvases—at 60" by 72"—tend to be large, and are either representational or abstract, or sometimes both at the same time. Benot's website, as well as a profile in the July 2017 edition of California Art News, lists renowned painters such as Toulouse Lautrec, Gerhard Richter, Willem De Kooning, Jean Paul Riopelle and Jackson Pollock, among those who have influenced Benot. But, she confided that she actually prefers the art of Pollock's wife, Lee Krasner, to that of Jackson Pollock.

Besides her fine art, Benot is also a photographer, and is producing a line of clothing incorporating graphic design. She currently has an exhibit in a Lisbon Gallery of black and white photos of angels, which she herself posed for. When asked to describe the collection, she suggested "provocative." ■

knowledge, which is extremely helpful. Guys on both sides mesh to make the projects better and more efficient.

**Q:** Is there anything you wish you could have accomplished?

**A:** Streetscape. This project was the #1 priority for the last 6 or 7 years, and I would have loved to have been a part of it.

**Q:** What is it like dealing with the residents?

**A:** It is a pleasure. We have a process that is very inclusive. While there is a cost in terms of time and sometimes money, the projects are better for it. In the end, we get a better project. I love it when the residents call and give feedback, as our department only has so many eyes.

**Q:** What can the residents do to help the department?

**A:** Good question. Patience, patience! We know construction projects can be unpleasant and there are times when things don't go as expected. The residents should know that we are not always in full control, and that we try to make everything go as well as possible.

**Q:** What lessons have you learned?

**A:** I have learned much from my staff. First, they are happiest when they are most busy. They know the town and residents better than I ever will. My folks are accessible and have great people skills. These skills blew me out of the water and I have learned from them.

**Q:** Any advice to your successor?

**A:** Under-promise and over-achieve.

**Q:** Tell me something I don't know about Public Works.

**A:** We love our separate space, and the fact that we are not in City Hall. It is great to have our own domain and yet still be close to City Hall.

**Q:** Anything you want to say to the residents?

**A:** It has been a blast. The people have been wonderful and I am very proud of my time here. Also, I am not gone forever. I will still come up on Sunday and play beach volleyball. I will also come up to enjoy the concerts. For my career, this has been perfect. I am where I want to be and I owe it to the town.

I know that I speak for all of Del Mar in wishing Eric the best of health and success in his new position! ■



Eric Minicilli. Photo Harold Feder.

# POTS TO HOPS

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

As Viewpoint Brewery nears its opening this month we visited the converted pottery shop on San Dieguito Drive for a sneak preview. A first for Del Mar, the 4500 square foot interior space includes a production room, tasting room and farm to table restaurant - all basking in the adjacent restored San Dieguito Lagoon. The emphasis by former chef and home brewer Charles Koll and his local family is on respect for the environment and sustainability values.



Founder Charles Koll stands by tap handles his father carved from the drying racks used in the former Eucalytus Pottery building his family took over to remodel as a brewery/restaurant. *Photo Ann Gardner.*



The bewery patio built with recycled beams offers views east to the San Dieguito Lagoon, the Grand Avenue Bridge and the San Dieguito River Valley. *Photo Bill Michalsky.*



Hanging from the ceiling are light fixtures made from reclaimed trash can dollies, and plant holders made especially for the new owners by the former owner, potter John Laver. The long table is made from a fallen Torrey Pine and the "organic" interior design work was led by sister-in-law Megan Koll. *Photo Ann Gardner.*

Five 15-barrel fermentation tanks lined up, ready for opening this month. Spent grains from production are reused by farmers.

*Photo Ann Gardner.*



Patio tables along the River Path Del Mar offer views west toward the Jimmy Durante bridge 

# DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Highlights for July 2017

**DEL MAR FARMERS MARKET**  
Every Saturday  
from 1-4 pm in the Upper Shores Park  
*225 Ninth Street behind the Community Building*

**DM Foundation - Young Del Mar.** Cinema by the Sea Movie Night. Sat, July 1, 7:30-10pm Del Mar Shores Park. 7:57 movie start time.

**DM Foundation - Young Del Mar.** 4th of July Parade. Tue, July 4, 9:30am – 12:00pm Powerhouse Park

**DM Library – Kids.** Amazing Dana Magic Show. Wednesday, July 5, 10am. Summer Reading Challenge program.

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

**DM Community Connections.** Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, July 8, 9 am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**DM Library – Adults.** Knitting Circle. All levels welcome. July 8 & 22, 10am. (2nd & 4th Saturday of the month.)

**Quarterly Special City Council Meeting.** July 10, 2017, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

**Planning Commission.** July 11, 2017, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

**DM Community Connections.** Healthy Aging Forum with Dr. Kalina - Topic: Calming Inflammation. Tuesday, July 11, 9:30 to 11:30 am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**DM Foundation - Summer Twilight Concerts.** DSB - The Next Best Thing To Journey. Tue, July 11, 2017, 6pm – 9pm Powerhouse Park, Del Mar. The Zel's Opening Act Jocko and the Aces at 6pm and the headline band at 7pm

**DM Library – Teens.** Teen Tuesday. Join us for various fun Summer activities. Pizza and drinks provided. Tuesday, July 11, 18 & 25, 3:30pm. Summer Reading Challenge program

**DM Library – Adults.** Simplified Stress Reduction. With Vanessa Chicca, MA. Saturday, July 15, 10am. Summer Reading Challenge program.

**DM Library – Adults.** English Language Café. Practice your English speaking skills with others. Tuesday, July, 11, 18 & 25, 4:30pm.

**Parks and Recreation Committee.** July 12, 2017, 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

**DM Library – Kids.** John Abrams Magic Show Wednesday, July 12, 10am. Summer Reading Challenge program.

**DM Library – Kids.** Story Time with Supervisor Kristin Gaspar. Thursday, July 13, 10am. Summer Reading Challenge program.

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

**DM Community Connections.** Monday Explorers: Tour of the Central Library in Downtown San Diego. Monday, July 17, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**City Council Meeting.** July 17, 2017, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

**Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee.** July 18, 2017, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

**DM Community Connections.** Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, July 18, noon to 1:30 pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**San Dieguito Lagoon Committee.** July 19, 2017, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Del Mar Library

**DM Library – Kids.** Sparkles the Clown. Wednesday, July 19, 10am. Summer Reading Challenge program.

**Sustainability Advisory Board.** July 20, 2017, 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

**Del Mar Historical Society** will hold its monthly meeting on July 18, at 5:00 pm in the conference room at 225 9th Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

**Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley.** Meeting July 24 at the temporary City Hall, off Jimmy Durante.

**Finance Committee.** July 25, 2017, 4:30 PM - 6:15 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

**Business Support Advisory Committee.** July 25, 2017, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

**DM Community Connections.** ROMEO Men's Lunch. Tuesday, July 25, Noon, Sbicca Bistro.

**Design Review Board.** July 26, 2017, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

**DM Library – Kids.** Pigs Eye Puppets. Wednesday, July 26, 10am. Summer Reading Challenge program.



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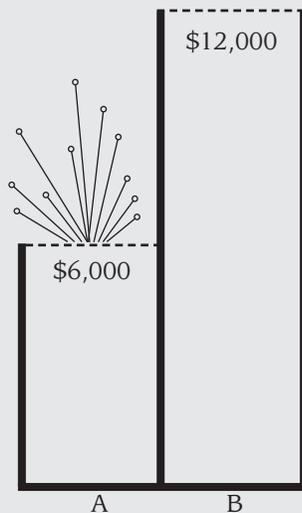
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WE THANK YOU DONORS, AND WE ESPECIALLY THANK YOU JEFF, FOR YOUR EXCEPTIONAL GENEROSITY.

## ROUNDING THE ROUNDABOUT



The Del Mar Fire Department demonstrated navigating the city's new Jimmy Durante roundabout for the Sandpiper. We'll be reporting feedback on the roundabout after the closing of the fair and racetrack seasons this year. If you have a roundabout story to share, send it to: [editor@delmarsandpiper.org](mailto:editor@delmarsandpiper.org)

*Photo Mike Salt.*