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GREEN WITH ENERGY

Eco Hall

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The new City Hall and Town Hall are almost done. Carpets are laid, indoor and outdoor furniture is being installed, landscaping is being finished, railing is being installed, and final electrical work is underway. The project remains on time and on budget, and most work will have been finished by the time this article appears. Staff will begin moving in on May 24th and the dedication ceremony is June 30th.

Council awarded the contract for the solar panels and battery storage system to Baker Electric at its meeting on April 2nd. Most of the cost of this project will be funded by a grant the city received from the California Energy Commission (CEC). The project was expanded to include an additional 32 solar panels on the raised roof element over the City Hall lobby for a total of 189 high efficiency panels producing 72 kilowatt (kW) of DC power (the average residential solar system is about 5 kW). The power will be stored in a 30 kW Sharp Smart Storage battery system, and AC power supplied to the buildings by 14.4 kW SolarEdge inverter. This system should



View of the open work area of City Hall, including the area west of the lobby counter and extending north to the City Manager's office. Work stations and partitions have been installed, and a glass wall (not shown) separates the counter area from the work stations.

provide adequate power for activities during the 4-9 pm evening period when power from the grid is at its most expensive. The CEC grant will also support a year-long outreach and monitoring program in cooperation with Center for Sustainable Energy. Many other features of the Civic Center were designed to save energy: e.g., LED lighting, natural ventilation,

highly efficient heating and cooling, motion activated lighting, extra insulation, energy efficient windows and doors, and more. These features will allow the Civic Center to meet CalGreen Tier 1 building standards with 15% more energy conservation than required by current building codes.

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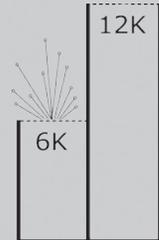
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OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

Primary elections in California take place in two cycles: the first one has begun with the arrival of absentee ballots at the homes of many voters. Absentee ballots started being mailed out in California on Monday, May 7, 2018. The second cycle of voting is, of course, election day, June 5, 2018.

Since absentee ballots are a significant portion of the votes here, one should be aware that many of you can make your choices for elected officials anytime between now and June 5. Importantly, one can still register to vote until May 21.

We live in the 49th Congressional District which is hotly contested this year after Darryl Issa was forced to retire by very active grassroots groups who objected to his alignment with President Trump.

Those of us who wish to see Congress back in progressive hands have had a hard task in this Congressional District deciding among the, now four, liberal Democratic candidates (Applegate, Levin, Kerr, Jacobs) remaining on the ballot along with several Republicans more aligned with President Trump.

Early polls, influenced heavily by name recognition, show Republican Chavez at 17% followed closely by Democrats

Applegate at 12%, Levin 9%, Kerr 8%, Jacobs 7%, and Republicans Harkey 8%, Gaspar 5%.

Thinking about this primary election, we want to emphasize two very important points. Only the two highest vote-getters will move on to the final ballot in November, regardless of party affiliation—this could very well result in an all-Republican or all-Democrat November ballot. Secondly, there is historically a low turnout for primary elections. So the stakes are very high in this primary election.

Don't wait for November! Get informed and involved now if you want your preferences to count.

Look at their records and select carefully when you vote absentee now or in person on June 5, 2018.

Lets go for a good Congress that represents our interests! ■

MOVING DAY COMING SOON Relocation to the New City Hall begins Thursday, May 24

After just under two years, City Hall will soon relocate to the new Civic Center facility! The move will coincide with Memorial Day weekend, starting the afternoon of Thursday, May 24th. The public counter at the SouthFair temporary location will close at noon on Thursday. The new City Hall will be open for business the afternoon of Tuesday, May 29th, following the Monday Memorial Day holiday. It will be a "soft opening," as employees unpack and get settled into the new space.

CIVIC CENTER DEDICATION EVENT Saturday, June 30

All are welcome and encouraged to attend a community celebration to dedicate the new Civic Center on Saturday, June 30th. A brief dedication ceremony will take place at 11:00am, followed by an open house of the new facility, refreshments, and activities until 2:00pm. The address is 1050 Camino del Mar, with parking accessible underneath the facility via 10th and 11th Streets.



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View of work stations (tables) that adjust from high (standing) to low (seated) positions. The table in the foreground is in the high position and the table behind the partition is in the low position. The small switch visible near the corner of the higher table controls the electric motor that raises or lowers the tables.



The new catering kitchen at the southwest corner of City Hall, now with appliances and cabinetry installed.



Interior view of the Town Hall roof which is now complete with lighting installed.

Photos Don Mosier. ■

ROVING TEEN REPORTER

Teen Power

Sammy Hallal | Torrey Pines High School Senior

In the weeks since the devastating mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, the students have embraced their social media platforms to push for stricter gun control regulations. An estimated 800,000 people participated in the March for Our Lives protest to support the students' cause, the largest in the nation's history. Their new role as social media activists, however, has also left them exposed to many harsh critics.

On March 28, Fox News host Laura Ingraham posted a tweet claiming that David Hogg, a survivor of the shooting who has become an outspoken activist for gun control, was "whining" about the college rejection letters he received. Ingraham has not clarified what she meant by the tweet, though she did apologize; to many it looked like a juvenile and baseless attack from an adult against a teenager.

"As a senior who has dealt with college rejections myself, the last thing I'd want is to be picked on for it on Twitter," Abu-Khalaf, a senior at Francis Parker High School said. "If she disagrees with his views, she should debate that, not resort to a plain mean attack."

David Hogg, who has amassed a following of over 700,000 people on Twitter, did not take to Ingraham's attack too well, and assembled a list of her advertisers to boycott her show—and it worked. Over a dozen of Ingraham's sponsors pulled their support of the show. The bold response from Hogg has sparked controversy, with some claiming it is a form of censorship.

"While I don't agree with Laura Ingraham on almost everything, I don't think David Hogg should have called for a boycott," Harris, a junior at Torrey Pines High School said. "It is an effort to silence a voice, and that's not what the first amendment should be used for. Fight speech with more speech."

Ingraham gets roughly 2.6 million viewers on her show every night, the fourth most-viewed show in all of cable news, and Hogg understands that it is her advertisers that allow her to keep her platform. Advertisers hate controversy, and Hogg capitalized on that in his strike back.

"I think David Hogg was justified in calling for the boycott." Daniels, a senior at Torrey Pines High School said. "Laura Ingraham is a provocateur who makes rude smears and attacks like that often."

The effective response from David Hogg has opened a debate on what censorship is. Boycotts are undeniably a powerful tool that can deal a lot of damage, but when is it appropriate to call for them? ■



CINEMA BY THE SEA GETS A REBOOT

Sandra Hoyle, DMF Vice President

The Del Mar Foundation is reimagining the Cinema By The Sea movie series this summer. Communities all over the country host movies in the park, but only in Del Mar can you view a movie on the beach! This year, we will be showing films that will appeal to every segment of our community – not just the youngest among us.

For the past two years, the Foundation has hosted the Cinema By The Sea at Shores Park, complete with a full-length, family friendly feature and free popcorn. This year, we're shaking things up by moving this popular series to the beach, along with free popcorn, a short opening short film from Pixar for the kids, and some extra special treats from the lifeguards.

The fun kicks off at sunset on Saturday, May 19, at the 17th Street Lifeguard Station, when we will feature one of the great summer movies of all time – *Weekend At Bernie's*. As an added bonus, the lifeguards will be on hand to provide tours of the lifeguard station, which should appeal to kids of all ages.

The fun doesn't end there. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Friday, June 15th showing of *The Princess Bride*, and prepare for July 4 with the Friday, June 29th viewing of *Independence Day* at Powerhouse Park. Both films will include a Pixar Short prior to the feature and free popcorn.

Cinema By The Sea is another free program to the community that would not be possible without our volunteers, donors and sponsors. For more information about the movies, or to find out how you can get involved with the Foundation, please check out our website (delmarfoundation.org), like us on facebook (@delmarfoundation), or follow us on twitter (@delmarfound). And be sure to get down to the beach early on May 19, while the popcorn lasts!

CALLING OUT THE RESERVES

Tom McGreal | Stratford Court

Financial Reserves are maintained by the City as a mechanism for saving money for future needs. This includes accumulating money for infrastructure and equipment, ensuring that City services can be maintained in uncertain times and providing a hedge against future unknown financial risks.

The budget adopted by the City for fiscal year 2018, which has been updated for mid-year results and recent Council budgetary decisions, shows total Citywide Reserves of approximately \$30 million. The Water and Wastewater funds represent \$23 million of the total Reserves, which consists largely of the assets needed to deliver these utility services. The Water and Wastewater Funds are considered Proprietary or Enterprise Funds because they operate using regulated water and wastewater rates, which are set each year to ensure that revenues and operating costs are balanced.

The Governmental Reserves represent the remaining reserves totaling \$7.4 million. Governmental Reserves are comprised of the General Fund Reserves, Special Fund Reserves and the Capital Improvement Plan Reserves. These Reserves support the operation of City government and deserve a closer look.

General Fund Reserves total \$6.5 million (as shown in the chart on page 5). The Contingency Reserve of \$2.5 million represents money that does not have a specifically designated purpose. It serves as a cushion, which according to City policy must be maintained between 10% and 20% of total operational spending. Based upon the updated Budget it represents 17.7% of total spending. This means that the Contingency Reserve represents 65 days of operating costs for the City. Given the modest level of variability in City revenues, a 65 day cushion is a good reserve position.

The General Fund also includes certain Designated Reserves. Measure Q revenues (the new 1% sales tax increase) are held in a designated Measure Q Reserve, which is expected to grow to \$2.1 million by the end of the fiscal year 2018. These funds are intended for major Capital Improvement projects that couldn't be otherwise funded with operational cash flows and include such projects as the undergrounding of utility wires, development of Shores Park and Downtown Streetscape. The City Council has recently allocated \$400,000 from the Measure Q Reserve for the Downtown Streetscape project. This represents the first use of the Measure Q Reserve.

There is also a Designated General Fund Reserve for unfunded pension liability. It is noteworthy that the Pension Reserve in the General Fund now totals \$663,000. Under the City's Pension Reserve policy, Del Mar is proactively reserving additional funds beyond the mandatory contributions that the City is required to pay to CalPERS to ensure that the City will have sufficient Reserves to cover the unfunded pension liability by 2029. →



MAY 2018

Ashley Simpkins, Assistant Program Director

The DMCC Gala is back for 2018!

Del Mar's party of the year is back. This exclusive fundraising event will take place on October 6, 2018, and will be the first nonprofit fundraiser in the new Town Hall, so save the date!

Take a photo adventure

DMCC's newest activity offering for the seniors of Del Mar is a photography interest group called Photo Adventurers. The group gathers to talk about photography practices and equipment and share their work with one another. Last month, the members planned a trip on the DMCC vans to Leo Carrillo Ranch in Carlsbad to take dazzling photos of adobe buildings and peacocks. Attend the meetings at the Del Mar Community Building (225 9th St) at 10:30 AM on the second Wednesday of each month and you can have a say about where we go on the next Photo Adventure.

Spring Tea recap

DMCC's Social and Good Times Committee hosted our annual Spring Tea at St. Peter's Parish Hall on April 18. Attendees dressed in yellow to match the decorations and caught up with neighbors over tea, sandwiches, and small cakes. Lori Ritman provided piano music; later, vocal trio the Sweethearts of Swing took us back in time to the USO with their Andrews sisters tribute. We thank the guests and all involved with planning this event for making the annual tradition happen.



DMCC's Social and Good Times Committee

Visit our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/DelMarCommunityConnections](https://www.facebook.com/DelMarCommunityConnections)) to see even more photos of the Spring Tea!

For more information...

Please contact the DMCC office at (858) 792-7565 or dmcc@dmcc.cc for more information on these programs, or to join our mailing list.

UPDATED BUDGET

Fiscal Year end June 30, 2018

Governmental Reserves	(\$ Millions)
Contingency Reserves	\$2.5
Measure Q Reserves	\$2.1
Equipment Reserves	\$.8
Self Insurance	\$.4
Pension Reserves	\$.7
Other	\$.1
Total GF Reserves	\$6.5
CIP Reserves	\$0
Special Fund Reserves	\$.9

The remaining General Fund Reserves include Self Insurance in the amount of \$275,000, Equipment Replacement Reserves totaling just over \$800,000 and Leave Liability in the amount of \$100,000.

The City's largest discretionary outlay is for Capital Improvement Projects, which are monitored by the City using a ten-year CIP Plan. Project decisions are made each year based upon available funding. By the end of this fiscal year the Capital Improvement Plan Reserves will be fully utilized as a result of the \$6 million of projects being undertaken. These are largely roadway projects including the start of the Downtown Streetscape and the Camino Del Mar project extending from Carmel Valley Rd. to Del Mar Heights Road. The \$6 million does not include City Hall development costs.

When we include the non-discretionary Special Fund Reserves (for Open Space, Regional Communications, Grants, Housing, AB 939 and the Peg Fee), the total Governmental Reserves are \$7.4 million as shown.

These Reserves are funded and replenished each year with City cash flows that are available after paying the costs and expenditures required to operate the City government. The Reserve levels are managed through City policy and monitored by the Finance Committee. Having strong reserve positions is essential to maintaining the financial resilience to meet the City's future needs. ■

Seawall Construction

Several private property owners are removing riprap (rock revetment) and existing seawalls along beachfront private property near 29th Street and will be constructing new replacement seawalls. The property owners have hired the same contractor, McMahon Engineering, to perform the work. The contractor has been coordinating with City and Coastal Commission staff on the construction phasing and access plan in the City right-of-way and beach. The southern half of 29th Street is temporarily fenced for construction access and material storage. Beach access is temporarily relocated to the north side of 29th Street. The project is expected to be completed prior to the start of Memorial Day weekend. Questions or concerns can be directed to Jean Crutchfield, Associate Planner, at (858)755-9313 ext. 1162/ jeanc@delmar.ca.us or Community Services at (858) 755-1556.

Right Turn for 941

Planners are working hard to qualify the 941 Project at the intersection of Camino del Mar and 10th Street for the 11/18 ballot. We asked Don Glathorn what they learned at the recent Community Participation Program (CPP) workshop: "The response to our CPP was very favorable with the vast majority of attendees enthusiastic about the design concept and uses. The proposed garden/floral café was strongly endorsed as the right kind of use that Del Mar needs to make the village a more vibrant and welcoming experience. There were some concerns expressed about view blockage and traffic impacts to the adjacent neighborhood. In response we have lowered the roof over two feet in order to not exceed the currently approved Garden roof heights. We will also be restricting right turns from exiting the parking garage on 10th Street. Other modifications include: adding solar power, requiring all of the Camino del Mar street frontage to be commercial, reducing the maximum number of residential units from 22 to 17, and changing the affordable units from studio to one bedroom. New story poles will be erected soon to reflect the design revisions and lowered roof heights."

See their website at www.941caminodelmar.com to track changes in the proposal.

Watermark EIR Review

The City is working on responses to the Watermark draft EIR comments. The design for the lot at Jimmy Durante and San Dieguito Drive has evolved to 38 units, including 8 affordable, 4 of which will be donated.

We asked applicant Don Glathorn to summarize the main characteristics of the proposed development, "Watermark will be a residential community that offers design concepts and amenities not found anywhere else along the northern coast. The project is designed to emphasize single level living, large open concept kitchens and great rooms, 22 private garages placed along the perimeter

PULITZER PARENTS

Two justly proud Del Mar parents, Barry and Vivian Entous, recently congratulated their son, Washington Post investigative reporter Adam Entous, who won a Pulitzer Prize. The Post and its enterprising team of reporters captured journalism's most prestigious honor for their dogged investigative revelations of Russian interference in the 2016 American election.

The Pulitzers are awarded annually for newspaper, magazine and online journalism. The awards are administered by Columbia University, and are determined by juries of professional journalists.

of the main garage, EV charging stations in all private garages and spaced within several other open bay stalls, solar power, indoor/outdoor living and coastal materials, colors and forms that will be in keeping with our beautiful community character. Extensive landscaping will soften the buildings along the street frontages and add vibrant colors and textures to an authentic and appropriately scaled architectural presentation. The hillside units are now designed to blend into the hill with an earth-tone material palette enveloped in cascading garden terraces on every side. We continue to move ahead carefully and thoughtfully to make sure we have done our best to provide the best possible design solutions and to set a new bar for excellence in multi-family living. We have used the time to our benefit to improve the design and marketability of the project. We remain committed to the process and are focused on achieving excellence."

Del Mar Resort

Planners are refining the Del Mar Resort Specific Plan proposal, working on the plans and technical reports. They plan to have it ready for public review in mid- to late summer. They will be meeting to get feedback from city advisory committees including Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee, Finance, Lagoon and others.

(The City Council has directed staff working on the adjacent Scripps Preserve property to pursue options with the least amount of change or disturbance to the natural state of the site.)

Works Week

During the week of May 20 through May 26, 2018, the City of Del Mar is celebrating the hard work and dedication of the many public works professionals who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as Public Works.

Please join Public Works staff on Thursday, May 24, at the PW Yard on Jimmy Durante for our Annual Open House with tacos and beverages! ■

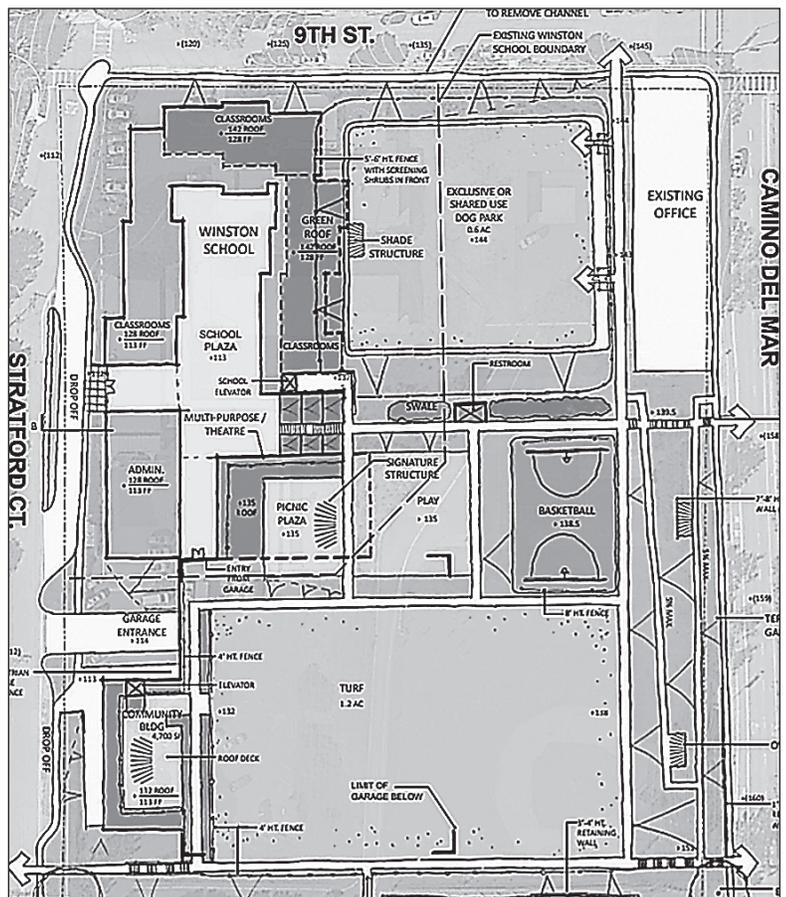
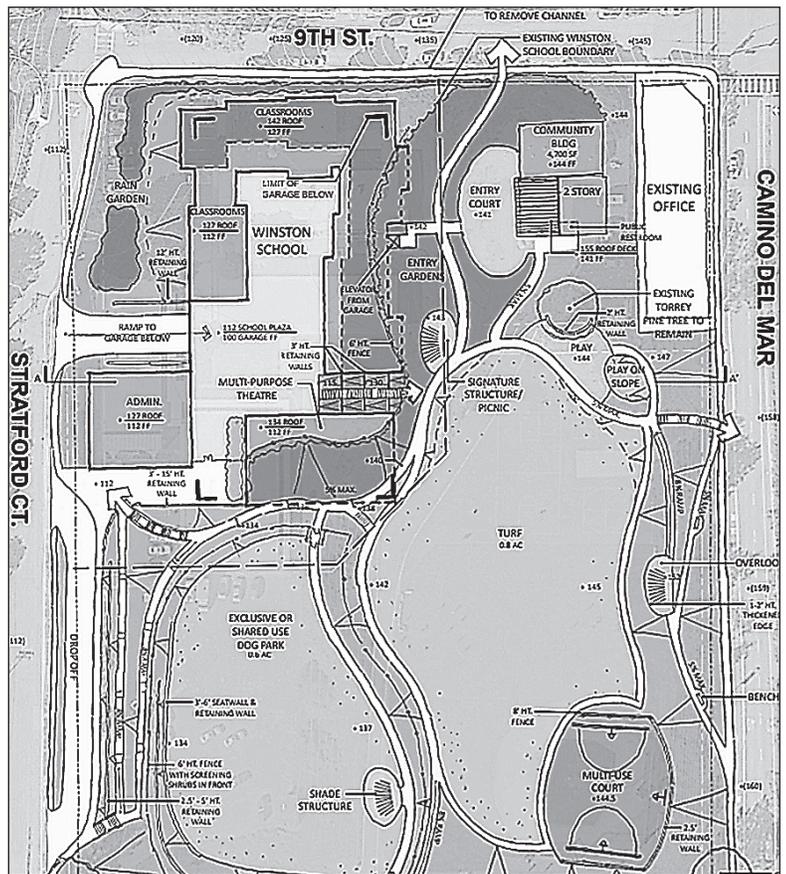
PARK PLANS PRAISED

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

Plans for development of the 5.3-acre city-owned site at Ninth and Stratford Court that currently houses Winston School and the Del Mar Community Building are moving closer to final approval. On April 16 the Council voted 4-0 to authorize 3-D renderings and cost estimates for two revised plans that all four agreed incorporated community and Winston School goals for the site. (Councilman Druker recused himself due to the proximity of his home to the property.) Both plans incorporate collaborative use of the site providing, for example, the same covered parking area for the school, the community building and the park. The two concept plans also include open space areas for play structures, separate recreational areas for dogs and humans, an athletic field, walking paths, benches, overlook areas and a picnic plaza all made more possible by planning the entire site for use by all parties. A new, larger City Community Building with space for indoor recreational activities separate from the school and new school buildings are part of both plans. In Option B the current Community Building would be demolished and rebuilt off Stratford Court.

The acreage was initially bought by the City as the result of a successful Del Mar Parks fund raising drive in 2007. Winston School, which had occupied a portion of the site since 1988, participated significantly in that drive in exchange for pre-paid rent credit, and subsequently drew up a lease with the City to continue using 1.8 acres for the school. Their lease runs until 2063 and initially both parties, the City and the School, were making plans for development of each portion of the site independently. When Winston's new director came on board in 2016, she initiated talks with the City to explore the potential for shared uses on the site. The more effective use of the acreage caused the Shores Advisory Committee and later the Council to endorse the idea, and initial plans were put on hold pending a review of what that might look like.

Now with both the Advisory Committee and Council on board for shared uses, consultant Glen Schmidt said he expected the 3D renderings and cost estimates to be completed this summer. That information will go first to the Shores Advisory Committee and the Council and then to the public for "tweaking" and, all hope after four years of community input and planning, final recommendation by the Council. In the mean time the Council approved using \$30,000 of Measure Q funds to proceed with a traffic analysis while the school is still in session, the first step for the required environmental review. Joe Sullivan, President of the Friends of Del Mar Parks praised the process and participants in the planning stages and said he enthusiastically supported moving ahead. Either plan, he said, represents a "really good" cross section of the community. ■



Concept A above. Concept B below.
Source: City of Del Mar

PEOPLE WIN

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

Construction of a new sidewalk and multi-use pathway along the west side of Camino del Mar between 4th St. and Carmel Valley Road is underway, and bids for the first phase of the much anticipated Downtown Streetscape, between 9th and 11th Streets, are being reviewed as we go to press. Public Works expects both projects to be done by the end of July.



Making room for multi-use pathway on Camino del Mar just before Carmel Valley Road. Photo Ann Gardner.

Flashing signs we now see on Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar Heights and Camino del Mar warn drivers of "road work ahead" and "expect delays." The two projects are the most recent of nine to implement Del Mar's Community Plan Goals to encourage a pedestrian-oriented, non-motorized community, to minimize air pollution and work toward reducing transportation related water pollution in storm water runoff. Five of the nine segments have already been completed: Jimmy Durante South, Camino del Mar at Beach Colony, Via de la Valle, Camino del Mar at North Beach and the Roundabout at Jimmy Durante Blvd.

The multi-use pathway project under construction now is

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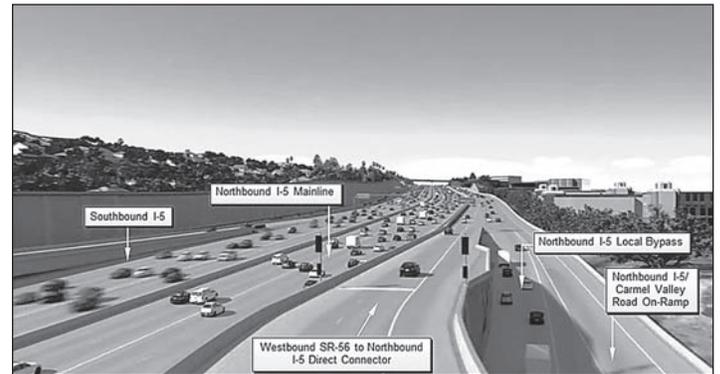


Carmel Valley Road. Photos Virginia Lawrence.

CARS WIN

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

San Diego Superior Court Judge Judith Hayes has ruled in favor of Caltrans in two lawsuits filed by Del Mar Heights residents claiming that plans to build two direct connector flyovers at the I-5/SR56 interchange at Carmel Valley Rd had inadequate environmental review. The residents maintained the project was tacked on to the five-year-old Coastal Commission approval of the I-5 North Coast Corridor widening project currently under construction, without consideration of new impacts caused by additional lanes for the flyover connectors. Hayes ruled that CalTrans followed the rules even though the required



Del Mar drivers headed north on I-5 will exit onto a bypass lane at Carmel Valley Road in order to exit at Del Mar Heights Rd Source: Caltrans I-5/SR56 Interchange Project Final Environmental Impact Report.

CEQA documents, according to the two groups, were filed in Sacramento instead of San Diego County and with the wrong identifying number.

The flyovers will require four new bypass lanes in addition to the originally approved I-5 widening project. The additional lanes will significantly change the I-5/ Del Mar Heights Rd. and I/5 Carmel Valley Rd. intersections as well as make deep cuts for retaining walls, some as high as 45 ft with an additional 16 ft for sound barriers, on the western slopes. Vehicles entering and exiting the freeway between Del Mar Heights and Carmel Valley Rd. will use the new local bypass lanes. Del Mar drivers, for instance, will no longer have direct access to I-5 south from Del Mar Heights Rd. using instead a "bypass lane" diverting them to the southbound I-5 access traffic light at Carmel Valley Road. Required widening would also eliminate the heavily treed slopes below the Del Mar Hills Academy and homes off Portofino Circle, and the over 100-foot-high I-5 south to SR56 east flyover connector will be in the viewshed of several homes.

The two groups opposing the connector project are in discussions about a legal appeal of the decision. Once a formal judgment is issued they have 35 days to file a motion to appeal the decision to the 4th Appellate Court. A three to seven judge panel would consider the merits

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referred to as segment #5. It also includes a new second left hand turn lane going east at Del Mar Heights Rd, new median landscaping and additional parking spaces. The new sidewalk beginning at 4th St. and southern pathway will allow pedestrians to walk safely all the way to Torrey Pines State beach. As the flashing signs warn, staff expects construction of the multi-use pathway to be completed in June with no lane closures except the possible closing of the single south bound lane for final paving only. Nearby properties will be notified by mail of contact numbers for questions, and a project schedule with updates will be posted on the City's website.

Bids for constructing Phase One of the downtown Streetscape are being reviewed now by Public Works. The Project will bring streetscape changes intended to provide better visibility of pedestrians and reduced vehicular travel speeds along Camino del Mar. These changes include pedestrian bulbouts, median widening to create pedestrian refuge areas, enhanced pedestrian crosswalks, accent paving and improved bicycle lanes from 9th to 11th street. This first phase of new streetscape was praised by representatives from all parts of the community in February as the beginning of a friendlier, more vibrant downtown with calls for continued work as soon as possible to the Plaza's northern entrance just beyond 15th street. ■

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Projected new local bypass to exit I-5 north at Del Mar Heights Rd I-5 just past Del Mar Heights Road. Top photo existing. Bottom photo proposed. Source: Caltrans I-5/SR56 Interchange Project Final Environmental Impact Report.

of the appeal. City Council has asked Caltrans to provide information at a future Council meeting. ■

BUSINESS CYCLE

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

Bike riding is healthy exercise and is healthy for the environment, cutting back our carbon footprint and supporting the Climate Action Campaign. Bike lanes added to streets reduce traffic snarls, plus people opting to travel by bike open up parking spaces for cars. Currently, many thousands of bike riders pass through Del Mar monthly on pleasure rides or commutes to work.



LimeBike at Jimmy Durante and Via de la Vallee. Photo Julie Maxey-Allison.

There may be more. A plan to open up more bike riding possibilities through a bike share system is being studied by the north coastal cities of Oceanside, Leucadia, Encinitas, Solana Beach and Del Mar. The cities have engaged in a dialogue and are participating in researching the intricacies of adopting a coordinated bike share policy. Encinitas is taking the lead and has started a search for a company/supplier to partner with in a year-long pilot plan. If successful, the cities will join in the program.

Nationally the program has been successful in some cities and not so in others. New York City's City Bike system offers docks and is a success. Bike sharing has been in San Diego since 2014 with a company that supplied specific docks, or parking stations, where the bikes could be rented and returned. The bikes are rented via an app that is downloaded to a smartphone, a credit card is linked, allowing the the code on the bike to be scanned and the bike released, ready to ride. Bike share bikes are affordable with pricing starting as low as \$1 per hour, and convenient because they can be picked up in one place and, when the rider is finished, parked in another. Due to a legality, other companies, at least one offering electric bikes, are now allowed to compete in the city. However, many companies

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FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS

Bud Emerson | Klish Way

Three Specific Plan projects are currently in the review process: Watermark, 941, Del Mar Resort. All three plans will involve changes in zoning, density, or use. The advantage of the Specific Plan approach is that the proposed changes trigger a process of proposing "exceptional benefits (EPB)" from the applicant so the community benefits from the change.

Our previous experience with EPBs suggests we be alert to how we determine their nature. First, public involvement helps us evaluate whether these EPBs are truly exceptional values to the community. Secondly, it is critical that the approved EPBs actually get implemented (sorry to say that has not always been the case in the past).

City staff has done a good job of listing the various kinds of EPBs we might consider as the community weighs in on these three projects. The goal is for the community to benefit as much from the EPBs as the applicant benefits from the change. The City staff-produced list below shows EPB choices we could make that would be equivalent to the value of the proposed changes in land use.

1. Affordable housing beyond what is required by the Del Mar Municipal Code. For example, additional dedicated units on site, additional funding for acquisition of off-site units, etc.
2. Providing Public Open Space. For example, acquire private property adjacent to lagoon, other open spaces, or the railroad right-of-way to open up areas for public use and benefit.
3. Provide public trail improvements beyond what is required by the entitlement process. For example, implement trail segments as described in the Community Plan.
4. Provide public improvements to existing open spaces and preserves. For example, rehabilitation of the Scripps (North) Bluff Preserve.
5. Provide funding, design services and/or construction of Lagoon Trails. For example, Phase 3 of RiverPath Del Mar from Grand Avenue to Crest Canyon, Coast to Crest Trail completion from Jimmy Durante Blvd along the north side of the Lagoon.
6. Safe Rail crossings and Coastal Rail trail improvements. For example, funding of feasibility studies, development and/or construction of the Coastal Rail Trail as well as pedestrian rail crossings along the corridor.
7. Sand Replenishment Program. For example, moving sand onto Del Mar beaches and year-round sand maintenance to maintain usable beach areas.
8. Greenhouse Gas reduction efforts beyond what is required. For example, LEED Gold or Platinum/CalGreen Tier 2 certified buildings, Solar energy production beyond site needs, and implementation of unfunded Climate Action Plan items.
9. Additional Public Parking beyond requirements by code. For example, provision of additional on-site public parking and/or contributions to the funding and implementation of public, off-site parking.

BUSINESS CYCLE

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*LimeBike left for three days on Carmel Valley Road and Via Cortina.
Photo Virginia Lawrence.*

have dockless arrangements where bikes can, when the rider is finished, be randomly parked and left to be picked up. The problem is, without docks or rack sites, these brightly colored bikes can and do become a nuisance when abandoned in creative places that can include the middle of the sidewalk or tossed into the bushes. And electric scooters are also in the mix. The city of Seattle introduced dockless, private bike-share programs some eight months ago and while it is viewed as being mostly successful, the city is contending with issue of randomly left bicycles. The Seattle's neighbor, the City of Ballard is experimenting with adding painted bike parking spaces to reduce confusion.

Another problem not yet completely addressed is helmets. They do not come with the bikes. They are required for cyclists under 18 years old and a good idea for all riders. Hopefully, the Encinitas pilot program will puzzle out the right process of implementing a bike share program for all north coast cities. ■

10. Public Restrooms. For example, provision of and/or maintenance of additional public restrooms in beaches, parks or open spaces as needed.

11. Public Art. For example, provisions for implementing the Public Art program (under development).

12. Public Shuttle. For example, provision of, or funding for a public shuttle from downtown to beach areas and major transit stops.

13. Streetscape Improvements. For example, funding for currently unfunded Capital Improvement Projects, such as Downtown Streetscape phases, etc.

LET'S CONTROL OURSELVES

Del Mar or the State

Ellen Haviland | Del Mar Councilmember

What should Del Mar do if we want to maintain control over development in our city? This is an important question to consider as the state is increasingly exerting control over cities.

One opportunity we have is to amend our City Charter to include local control over land use and zoning. This is why Mayor Worden and I have introduced a ballot measure to do just that.

Our Community Plan is the key to maintaining our quality of life and community character. So another important recommendation is to include in the amendment a requirement to maintain consistency between our zoning/land use decisions and our Community Plan.

Our city will still be required to follow any state laws that are deemed of state-wide importance, but this amendment could give us more control over how we implement new ordinances. For example, we will still need to comply with state housing law and our housing element, but the details over how new housing is built matters a great deal. This is where having these new protections in our City Charter can help us implement our housing element in a way that is good for our City. In addition, amending the City Charter could give us more flexibility with future state mandates that will surely come along.

This amendment will not give Del Mar any more control over the Fairgrounds. The original Charter for Del Mar gave us the ability to impose admission taxes at the Fairgrounds, but that right was lost in 2000.

Changes to our City Charter can only be approved by a vote. In order for the Charter amendment to make it onto the ballot in November there will be a public review period for the proposed language and public hearings at both the Planning Commission and the City Council. You will have multiple chances to ask question and to provide feedback before it is finalized. I hope you participate in the process and that you voice your opinion on this important issue. ■

FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS

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14. Shores Park improvements. For example, provision of funding to implement the master plan (under development).

15. Undergrounding of Utilities beyond what is required. For example, implementation of the utilities undergrounding program (under development).

16. Recycled water line improvements. For example, continuation of the recycled water line in the public right of way to parks, medians and open spaces.

17. Additional revenues to the City. Additional TOT, Sales Tax, or other revenues that can enhance public services beyond the current level. ■

GREENING UP OUR PARK

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

We have new trees in Seagrove Park adding to Del Mar's aesthetic for putting "greenery in the scenery." Two young trees now standing straight will root and sprout up and fill in the space of those aged and diseased trees that were removed after years of trying to save them. The recently planted sapling to the south center of the park is a local Torrey Pine. The tree to the north west is a Monterey Cypress that was transplanted from a resident's yard where it was nurtured from a seedling. We can look forward to watching them as they grow.



*Monterey Cypress in Seagrove Park.
Photo Julie Maxey-Allison.*

The north section of Powerhouse Park's grassland that was off limits for months is now opened. Happily, the north half of the park, which was cordoned off from the traffic of feet, paws, tents, wheels, balls and possibly hoofs, was re-seeded and left alone to regrow. (The south half will be re-seeded in a future budget cycle.) For a time the grass grew tall and looked like a high tufted pastureland. Now, newly mowed, it is returned to the open grass parkland, Del Mar's emerald overlooking the ocean. ■

A LETTER FROM THE DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

School Closing

Dear Parents and Neighbors:

As Superintendent of the Del Mar Union School District (DMUSD), I am proud to report that our schools rank among the best in the State. However, we are facing some big challenges—and we need your input.

All eight of our schools are aging and need attention. Our two schools west of I-5 are old, deteriorating, and costly to operate. Dramatic increases in enrollment are occurring on the east side of our district. If these significant and urgent needs are not addressed, the District's educational program and local quality of education may suffer.

Our DMUSD Facilities Master Plan outlines significant facilities needs. DMUSD has prepared a proposal for school reconfiguration to address our most pressing issues. As part of meeting the needs for facilities financing, the DMUSD Governing Board may consider placing a local school bond measure on the November ballot.

Accordingly, I want to invite you to attend one of four DMUSD Town Hall Meetings hosted at our neighborhood schools for an important conversation about your schools. As DMUSD parents, residents and taxpayers, you have an interest in these schools. Your opinions are important to us.

Town Hall Meetings concerning the Facilities of the DM Union School District. Please attend the meeting that's most convenient for you.

Monday, May 14. 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.
Sycamore Ridge School. Multi-Use Room 5333
Old Carmel Valley Rd. San Diego 92130

Monday, May 21. 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Del Mar Heights School. Multi-Use Room. 13555 Boquita Drive. Del Mar 92014

Monday, May 21. 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.
Sage Canyon School. Multi-Use Room. 5290 Harvest Run Drive. San Diego 92130

Tuesday, May 22. 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Del Mar Hills Academy. Performing Arts Center. 14085 Mango Drive. Del Mar 92014

Please make time to attend. We are listening! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Holly McClurg, Ph.D.
Superintendent,
Del Mar Union School District ■

LOTS & PLOTS COMING SOON

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

An octoplex and a 30-home gated community may be coming to the immediate neighborhood of the San Dieguito River Park Lagoon Trail.

The Lot, a luxury "cinematic and dining destination," was founded in La Jolla in 2015 and expanded to Liberty Station in 2016. Its next replication will be in (what they are calling) Del Mar, at 2707 Via de la Valle in the southeast corner of the shopping center next to Gelson's, with a target date of March 2019. Combining in-theatre at-your-seat dining and an attached restaurant, café and bar, our Lot will be abundant, over 29,000 sq. ft. with 8 theatres. It will feature new releases, independent films and television specials like the Super Bowl and the Oscars.

Some in Del Mar still miss the UltraStar theatre (1976-2011) at Flower Hill, 2630 Via de la Valle, which was demolished to make room for Whole Foods. Others remember the Del Mar Drive-In (1953-78), 514 Via de la Valle, west of Valley Avenue. The new theater complex will be across

San Andres Drive from the kiosk on the Lagoon Trail of SDRP, where the wildlife may be disturbed by the noise and commotion of construction work. Once up and running, the Lot should not cause problems on its southeast sides near the lagoon.

Such problems, during construction and after, would probably be more severe with the planned development at 2778 Via de la Valle, the eastern of two adjoining lots (18.96 acres) on the north side of the road, facing the stretch of trail that runs from the Birdwing to the Horse Park. Similar in setting and adjacent to Caminito Santa Fe Downs opposite the western part of the Horse Park, the project would include 34 lots along a new road arcing up into and down out of the rugged sandstone hills, houses on both sides. Lots of grading. There would be 30 single-family dwellings (4 lots non-residential) with gates at each end of the new road, which would not connect with any existing street other than Via de la Valle.

The plans are apparently revived and revised from a project abandoned in 2008. It is at the beginning of the permit process and will require rezoning from AR - 1- 1 to RS - 1- 14. If anyone wants to look into it, it is City of San Diego Project #529-748. ■

SAVE THE SAND

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

At the April 16th City Council meeting, a clear consensus from Council and key stakeholders emerged as to the best strategies for Del Mar's adaptation to sea level rise: sand replenishment, sand management/retention, river dredging, and a possible natural berm along the river to prevent flooding in the beach colony. Though all appeared to agree that managed retreat is not a feasible strategy for the North Beach community, three-plus hours of contentious public testimony focused on two different approaches to how the City's Adaptation Plan should address the managed retreat issue. In the end, Council deferred action on the draft Adaptation Plan to May 21, to allow an opportunity to "wordsmith" a few items as recommended by some members of the Sea Level Rise Technical Advisory Committee (STAC).

The STAC-recommended draft of the Adaptation Plan, which the Planning Commission also endorsed, followed the approach of removing managed retreat language from the Plan. The version considered by Council included revisions detailing eight separate reasons why managed retreat is not a feasible strategy for the North Beach community, concluding that managed retreat will not be studied or planned for unless all the identified preferred strategies have failed. These revisions were added to the document after Coastal Commission staff warned the City that because the plan is intended to be a very long range document, ignoring managed retreat as an option is not acceptable. Specifically, the Coastal Commission letter noted, "we may see 5 ft. of sea level rise earlier than previously thought. In March 2018, the California Ocean Protection Council adopted statewide guidance that recommends planning for 7.1 ft. of sea level rise by 2100 for this region, and raises the possibility that there could be up to 10.2 ft. of sea level rise---if rapid ice sheet loss occurs."

After receiving these Coastal Commission warnings, the council liaisons to STAC, Dwight Worden and David Druker, consulted with local property owners and public beach advocates and crafted the revisions that explicitly set forth why managed retreat is "infeasible" for Del Mar, and thus, would only be studied or considered if the strategies identified as feasible have failed.

Nonetheless, most speakers were surprised by the changes, and the majority spoke against any inclusion of managed retreat in the document, citing impacts on property values and the desire to maintain the Del Mar beachfront as it is today. Mayor Worden and Councilmember Druker emphasized that they shared the concerns about property values, protecting private property, and maintaining the public beach, but that the revisions to the Adaptation Plan better serve those interests, since a plan that doesn't consider managed retreat will likely be rejected, whereas a plan that provides compelling analysis of why managed retreat is infeasible is more likely to be approved by the Coastal Commission, and gives Del Mar a path to avoiding managed retreat unless all other preferred strategies fail. ■

RAT TALES

Gnawing Concerns

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street



Photo Julie Maxey-Allison.

We know celebrities Minnie and Mickey Mouse. We have read about Templeton, the rat buddy of Charlotte the spider, as a character in Charlotte's Web. We have watched Remy the rat who can cook in the film "Ratatouille." None of the above are our neighbors.

Our rats, our nearest neighbors, don't have round black ears, adorn watch faces, tap dance or otherwise entertain. Our rats, whose front teeth

never stop growing, like to chew whatever is convenient including wires and wood—often to widen holes for access. They don't have to work too hard at making any hole larger because they can and do slip head first into spaces as small as the size of a quarter, maybe even smaller.

That space can be the attic, the kitchen, wherever they land and, when they get there, they eat anything. Still, they know a good meal when they find one and Del Mar offers an enticing menu inside houses and out. In addition to house food and the juicy dishwasher wires there are local pine nuts, tree fruits—they are especially fond of avocados and citrus—, garden fruits and vegetables, pets' food and plenty of water in bird baths, swimming pools, run off.

Del Mar hosts a couple of kinds of rats. Our most common are roof rats, gray or brown, who live above ground. Good athletes, agile climbers, they nest indoors or out. To keep up their troops, females produce as many as 40 young a year. Norway rats are here too, preferring to burrow outside. Norway rats are larger than roof rats and come in many colors. Their diet includes copper, lead, plastic as well as wood, insulation, and food snacks.

Rats do leave clues to their whereabouts: droppings, tracks, burrows, and gnawed holes in areas under your home. They are adept at setting up residence in areas you might think are impossible to enter. They like heating vents, or water pipes, ventilation screens, crawl spaces, broken window screens, chimneys, exterior doors that are not tight fitting. Or, any tiny opening.

Good riddance? Stores offer shelves and even whole sections of defenses against rats: the original wood trap, spring traps, glue traps, electrocuting traps, catch and release traps (for rats?), poisons, sprays.

San Diego County offers Rat Control Tips, detailing just how to best go about getting rid of the rodents. The County also offers a service of visiting homes and diagnosing the problem areas and offering solutions. sandiegocounty.gov/Home. Another solution might be a cat. ■

COMMENTARY

Arms Around the Fairgrounds

Rose Ann Sharp | Crest Road

The Board of Directors of the 22nd District Agricultural Association is out of touch with the communities that support their events. Beyond Gun Shows, they approved renting the Fairgrounds to the San Diego Gun Owners Association (SDGOA), an NRA supported Political Action Committee (PAC). Their stated goals are to weaken California gun laws. The SDGOA holds its convention with the gun show. The key speaker in March 2018 was from Breitbart News. Then on April 28, they rented again to SDGOA to hold its Second Amendment Celebration, dubbed the Gun Prom. This event was previously hosted in Balboa Park and Coronado. Why dump these events in Del Mar? Is this because other communities did not want them? Did the Board not realize that there are students from Columbine, Sandy Hook, Parkland and many other schools who will never go to their prom because they were killed in a mass shooting? The Fairgrounds doesn't host porn shows; why Gun Proms? Both are culturally out of keeping with the neighboring communities. The Board has discretion in its state manual 6.25 regulation to end gun shows. The surrounding communities of Del Mar, Solana Beach and Encinitas have passed resolutions asking them not to hold these shows. Are they so scared of a lawsuit from the NRA, that they cannot act? If the NRA sues, the Attorney General will defend them.

Why has the Board increasingly approved more NRA events at the Fairgrounds? The answer may be that the Board is unelected and therefore is not responsive to the people. They are out of touch with our communities and do not share our values. They are taking us in the wrong direction from the rest of the country during an epidemic of gun violence. The Board has the power to end gun shows. Last time in 2016 when we made this plea, they hid behind their fiduciary responsibility. This time they will hide behind legal concerns. The state has given them the power to end gun shows. Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, Assemblymembers Todd Gloria and Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher are asking them to do so. Maybe we need a new Board who will listen to the people and the elected politicians. Join the NeverAgainCa.org protest demonstration at the next gun show on May 19 under the blinking neon sign at intersection of Via de la Valle and Jimmy Durante Blvd. to tell them to stop! ■

SANDAC SHADOWING

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

SANDAC (San Diego Activist Citizens) is a new volunteer program of the Sierra Club San Diego chapter that focuses on advancing public transit throughout the County. With perhaps sly humor, the Chapter bulletin says it is "not to be confused with SANDAG" (San Diego Association of Governments). In fact SANDAC pairs each of SANDAG's 21 board members and their 42 alternates with one of their constituents. Something like a shadow cabinet. The job of SANDAC members is to ensure and enhance →

THE BARNOUW BONUS

Virginia Lawrence | Caminito Del Rocio



Jeff Barnouw. Photo Bill Morris

A year ago in 2017 one of our own Sandpiper editors, Jeff Barnouw, offered us a matching grant for "new" money of up to \$6,000 per year for three years to help pay for the production and distribution of the Sandpiper. A 16-page issue, for example, costs about \$3,000 – that is, about \$30,000 per year for our ten issues. Since we don't accept advertisements, these costs can put a considerable strain on our purse strings.

This year, for a second time, Jeff will match "new" money from new donors in any amount, or from existing donors who contribute more than they did in 2016.

Last year we reached our Challenge Grant Goal in July, and we are aiming to do as well in 2018. We hope you will consider making a generous donation to the Sandpiper.

How to donate: Please make checks payable to the Del Mar Community Alliance and mail to Del Mar Sandpiper, P.O. Box 2177, Del Mar, CA 92014. OR, donate online at: <http://delmarsandpiper.org/> ■

two-way communication between the Sierra Club San Diego and SANDAG, with a primary goal being to alter the approach seen in the 2015 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) "that heavily prioritized freeway development and sprawl over public transit and density."

SANDAG is currently in the process of developing an update to the 2015 RTP, which will be adopted in 2019, and the hope is SANDAG can be moved to a transit-first RTP that "would not only slash greenhouse gas emissions but also help conserve open space, improve air quality and public health, and advance social equity." Passage last October of AB 805, a bill by Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher that that shifts SANDAG voting power in favor of larger cities more receptive to investment in public transit, should (it is hoped) increase the likelihood that SANDAG will be open to open to a more transit-first Plan. ■

DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Highlights for May 2018

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

Utility Undergrounding Project Advisory Committee.

May 1, 2018, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

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

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

Ad Hoc Development Review Process Citizens' Advisory Committee. May 2, 2018, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM Foundation - First Thursdays: Laurie Lewis & the Right Hands. Thu, May 3, 7-8:15pm Powerhouse. Open to subscription holders only!

DM Library Kids. Toddler Art Class. Ages 16 months—3yrs. Enjoy the tactile wonders of paint, glitter, glue & more. Smocks or "messy clothes" recommended. Thursdays, 3:30pm. Alternates with ZBK Art & Culture. See flyer or call the branch for schedule details.

DM Library Kids. Art & Culture Class by Zone for Babies & Kids 3—6 yrs. old. (presented by the Del Mar Foundation). Thursdays, 3:30pm. Alternates with Toddler Art. See flyer or call the branch for schedule details.

DM Foundation - Bluegrass & Beyond: Laurie Lewis and the Right Hands. Fri, May 4, 7:30-9:00pm Powerhouse. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Tickets: <http://delmarfoundation.org/bluegrass2.html/>

DM Library Kids. Story Time. Fridays, 11am. Alternates with ZBK Learning to Play. See branch flyer or call the branch for schedule details.

DM Library Kids. Learning to Play by Zone for Babies & Kids (presented by Del Mar Foundation). 6mos.—4yrs. Fridays, 11:20am. Alternates with Story Time. See branch flyer or call the branch for schedule details.

DM Library Kids. InspirArt Studio. Art Program for K—8th grade children. Learn techniques and principles that are applicable in the field of fine arts and taught in professional art training schools. Taught by Canyon Crest Academy High School Students. Fridays in May, 3:30pm.

DM Community Connections – Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, June 5, noon to 1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Foundation - Doggie Yoga at the DMCB Patio. Sun, May 6, 9-10am Del Mar Community Building Patio. Registration required.

City Council Meeting. May 7, 2018, 4:30 PM-9:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Foundation - Cultural Arts Committee Meeting. Wed, May 9, 8:30-10:00am Powerhouse.

DM Community Connections – DMCC Explorers to Timken Art Museum. Thursday, May 10, 9:30am to 1:30 pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library Adults. Author Talk: Kumeaay Ethnobotany with Michael Wilken-Robertson. Thursday, May 10, 6pm.

DM Community Connections – Volunteer Appreciation Fiesta. Friday, May 11, 4pm to 6pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Community Connections - Board of Directors Meeting. Saturday, May 12, 9am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Foundation - Special Events: DMF Talks with David Victor, UCSD School of Global Policy and Strategy speaking on "Why is it so difficult to stop global warming? A political analysis." Mon, May 14, 6-8pm Powerhouse

Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee. May 15, 2018, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Community Connections - Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, May 15, noon to 1:30 pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

Design Review Board. May 16, 2018, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair. Meeting was moved from previously scheduled meeting on May 23rd due to City Hall relocation.

Sea-Level Rise Stakeholder-Technical Advisory Committee. May 17, 2018, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

The Del Mar Historical Society meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, at 5:00 pm in the conference room at 225 9th Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

DM Foundation - Special Events: Cinema by the Sea - "Weekend at Bernie's." Sat, May 19, 8-10pm Beach Safety Center 1700 Coast Avenue. "Weekend at Bernie's" starts about 8 PM (after sundown)

DM Library Adults. Local Speaker. Integrated Medical Care with Dr. Bill Uslander, MD, Medical Director/Founder of Integrated MD Care. Saturday, May 19, 10am; Thursday, May 24, 6pm.

City Council Meeting. May 21, 2018, 4:30 PM-9:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

Business Support Advisory Committee. May 22, 2018, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

Finance Committee. May 22, 2018, 4:30 PM-6:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM Community Connections – ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Luncheon. Thursday, May 22, noon to 1:30pm, Sbicca Restaurant, 215 15th St

DM Library Adults. Meditation. Practice the ancient art of meditation. All experience levels welcome. Wednesday, May 23, 6pm. (4th Wednesday of the month.)

DM Foundation - Del Mar Foundation Board Meeting. Thu, May 24, 8-9:30am 225 9th St

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PAT JACOBY

Passion for Action

Dolores Davies | Crest Road

At its April 2 meeting, the Del Mar City Council passed a proclamation honoring longtime resident Pat JaCoby for her many years of volunteer service and her significant contributions to the civic life of the Del Mar community.

The City's proclamation acknowledged Pat's 20+ years of service on the Parks & Recreation Committee—she just served her last term as chair—praising her high standards for “running a tight, organized and efficient meeting.” Also recognized were her stints on the Design Review Board and the Planning Commission—both of which she chaired— and her recent collaborations with Mayor Worden and City staff on the event planning and communications for the upcoming dedication of Del Mar's new Civic Center in June.

When Pat retired from UC San Diego a decade ago, after many years of managing community outreach and writing about university life and programs, she said there were three things she wanted to try: zip lining, hang gliding, and giving back to the town in which she'd lived for 40+ years. By now, she's taken a zip line over a Mexican forest and hang glided over the cliffs at Torrey Pines. She said she's still working on the third thing, and we should all be most grateful for that.

Those of us who've had the good fortune to know and work with Pat (this writer included), have witnessed her generosity when a critical need emerges. From serving on



Photo courtesy Pat JaCoby.

the board of Planned Parenthood and mentoring students at UCSD's Preuss School, to pitching in to build houses in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, Pat has always given generously of her time, talent, and money.

Pat's many passions include journalism, which she studied at the University of Missouri (receiving B.A. and master's degrees). After putting her craft to work at UPI and a spate of newspapers, Pat and her late husband, Johnny Johnson, a fellow journalist, moved to Del Mar to buy and manage the Del Mar Surfcomber, a popular community paper. The couple raised their two children in Del Mar. Pat was forced to sell the newspaper after Johnson's death in the early 1960s. She subsequently married San Diego Union editor Al JaCoby (now deceased), with whom she shared a love for journalism, travel, and wine.

Her passion for theater led to her many contributions and years of service on the boards of the San Diego Performing Arts League, the La Jolla Playhouse, and the Playwrights Project. Besides her many years of service on City of Del Mar committees, Pat's penchant for nurturing community led to her volunteering with Del Mar Community Connections. She continues to serve on the board of DMCC, is a volunteer driver, and hatched the popular Sunday Salons. Pat also assists DMCC with planning, publicizing, and managing numerous events, including the annual gala.

Our hats are off to Pat for all she's given and continues to do to enhance life in Del Mar and the region. ■