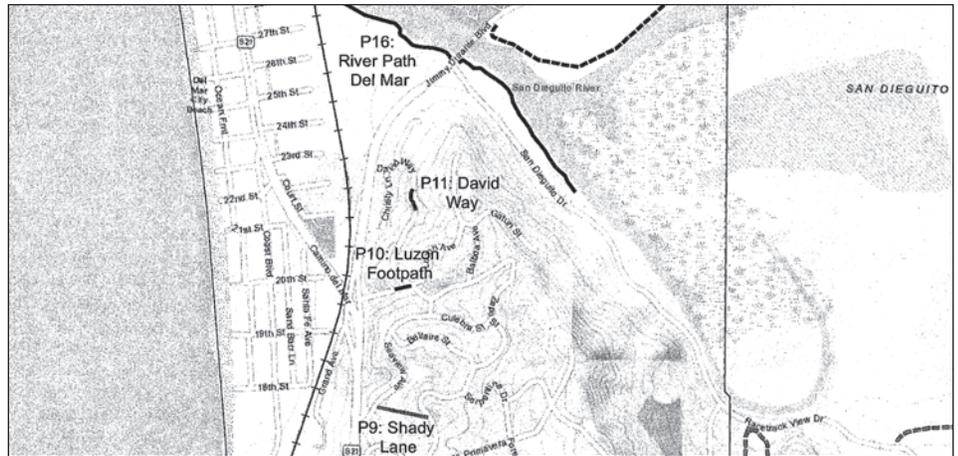


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PUBLIC PATHS: LOCATIONS

Compiled by John Henry Lain.

- P1: Thousand Steps -
490/495 Oceanview Ave to 404/425
Torrey Point Rd.
- P2: OceanAccess -
296/302 Oceanview Dr to CDM
- P3: Gunther's Alley -
738/810 Crest Rd to 735/755 Hoska Dr
- P4: Hidden Gulch -
West Side of Crest Rd/Hoska Dr.
Intersection to 837/915 Klish Way
- P5: Short Cut -
346/410 10th St. to 443/512 11th St
- P6: Slim Lane -
1158/1172 Cuchara to
1238/1266 Cuchara
- P7: Friendship Way -
675/690 Rimini Rd to
615/664 Hoska Dr
- P8: Canyon Steps -
Across the Street from
565 15th St to Forest Way
- P9: Shady Lane -
340/360 Serpentine Dr
to Driveway @ 1735 Seaview Ave
- P10: Luzon Footpath -
Left side of 329 Luzon Ave
to 1930/1940 Seaview
- P11: David Way -
2131/2134 David Way
to 2075 Seaview Ave
- P12: CDM to RR Station -
Take Path/Stairs
through L'Auberge, down to Coast
Blvd near RR crossing
- P13: Ocean Avenue -
939 Ocean Ave
(house behind 111 10th St) to
106 9th St
- P14: DM Woods to Bluff -
2 Buildings south of Spinnaker
Ct/Stratford Ct to West end of 4th St
- P15: DM Canyon Preserve -
South end of Stratford Ct. to
West side of CDM, North of
Anderson Canyon
- P16: River Path Del Mar -
From Rotary on Jimmy Durante,
West to Public Works,
Stop at RR tracks.
Do Not Cross the Tracks.
- P17: James Scripps Bluff -
CDM North of San Dieguito River
and West of North Beach, past
volleyball courts and up stairs to park
- P18: Crest Rim -
Across the road from 1016-1110 Crest
- P19: Hidden Pines Trail -
465/470 Hidden Pines Ln to
Torrey Pines Reserve Extension
- P20: West River Path -
From the West side of the RR tracks t
CDM South of the San Dieguito River
mouth



On this clipped image the Paths are marked with a P, and the trails with a T.
Source Parks and Recreation Committee.

A full version of the map is available on the Sandpiper website.

DEL MAR WAYS

Claire McGreal | Stratford Court

Del Mar's Parks and Rec Committee walks the twenty public paths each year to maintain the City's public easement rights as well as to check path conditions. With several new committee members it was determined that it would be so much easier if we had actual street addresses for the ingress and egress points, rather than just a line on a map. But who was going to make that compilation of addresses? →

About the same time, our 14 year old grandson, John Henry, was looking for some volunteer work. I suggested walking the paths and writing down the addresses at each ingress and egress. He said it sounded like fun, so for three weekend mornings, John Henry and his grandmother (moi) rode around town, walked the paths, and made the notes. We hope you enjoy using the compilation while exploring our network of public paths! ▣



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RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER!

Our Community Plan celebrates our character as a small community with a residential core and small resident-serving businesses. It has guided us over the decades to become a unique and desirable town with a strong base of community values. Our ethic of vigorous citizen participation and careful planning processes are vital requirements for realizing our vision.

To achieve these goals with a population of less than 5,000 we all need to chip in with our energy and voices. We are fortunate to have a highly educated citizenry whose experience, skills and creativity guide us to desirable achievements. Our experience has shown that every issue we tackle is better resolved when we take the time to harvest our rich citizen input.

We have some concerns that our residential core may be shrinking. Are we attracting people to Del Mar because of community values or investment values? Of course, it can be both, but if too many see Del Mar mainly as a business or investment opportunity, we may lose that vital residential perspective that has guided us so well for decades.

The proliferation of short term rental businesses is an obvious trend that eats into our residential core. Successive

waves of 3-5 day vacationers contributes little or nothing to building community or devising wise solutions to community problems. In fact, they are too often the source of some of our community problems. Our beach and bluff neighborhoods have experienced a heavier burden but other areas are also negatively impacted. Our City Council is working overtime trying to devise solutions that solve or mitigate the problems, including the best way to stand our ground with respect to reasonable STR rules that accommodate visitors but also protect our small residential neighborhoods, rather than acceding to the Coastal Commission's proposed modifications that would codify the deleterious effects too many of our neighbors have already experienced.

At the same time we are noticing the increasing number of investor house owners who have their eye on our escalating property values much more than getting involved with community building.

Lets be clear, Del Mar is a very welcoming community. We host literally millions of visitors to our well maintained beaches, our beautiful parks, and the fairgrounds. We tolerate the traffic and noise that comes along with those visitors. But we must be very vigilant not to lose our residential core. As a small community we have learned that a critical mass of involved residents is the only way to preserve our essential character.

We urge residents to encourage our Council to vigorously defend Del Mar's right to reasonable STR limits that protect our neighborhoods. ■



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HATE MAIL

As writers for a community newspaper, whose editors and contributors have received many vindictive letters and troubling messages, our hearts go out to the family and friends of the five journalists of the Capital Gazette who lost their lives on Thursday, June 28th, in Annapolis, Maryland.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

- The Sandpiper welcomes readers' letters and articles.
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Sammy Hallal | Torrey Pines High School New Graduate

Humane Transfer

Del Mar transitioned contractual animal services from the County of San Diego to the San Diego Humane Society (SDHS). SDHS will offer expanded adoption services, humane law enforcement and specialty programs like the Kitten Nursery, Behavior Center, PAWS San Diego and community outreach. Additional information about the services provided by the SDHS can be found at <https://www.sdhumane.org/san-diego-animals-will-continue-receiving-the-protection-they-deserve/>.

941 Specifics

On July 2, the Council approved an Ordinance to rescind the Garden Del Mar Specific Plan and adopt the 941 Camino Del Mar Specific Plan in its place. The Council also certified the project's Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and approved General Plan and Local Coastal Program Amendments. The new specific plan is a stand-alone regulatory and policy document that prescribes process and standards for the future development of 941 Camino Del Mar. The Council's actions did not approve a particular building or site design, rather only the Specific Plan document. A new, mixed-use development containing a mix of residential, commercial/retail and office uses designed in accordance with the standards of the new Specific Plan has been submitted and is presently undergoing review by City staff. The development will be heard by the Design Review Board at a future public hearing. Although Measure B has been invalidated by the courts, the Council decided to honor its commitment to put the final plan on the November ballot for a citywide vote.

Summary in September issue.

Ad Hoc Advice

The Ad Hoc Design Review Committee has submitted its final report and recommendations to the City Council. The Council directed staff to review all changes and submit work plans for Council review over the next several months.

Beach Too FAR

A 462-signature petition has been filed for an initiative to be voted on by Del Mar voters. The initiative asks for the Beach Protection Ordinance to be amended so that properties that own to the mean high tide line will calculate their Floor Area Requirement (FAR) without counting sand and sea areas west of the SPA line (Shoreline Protection Area). The names are being verified against voter rolls. If the petition qualifies, the Council will ask for Planning And Legal analysis before placing it on the November ballot or a later ballot. ■

On November 20, 2014, about a month into my freshman year at Torrey Pines High School, the entire campus was put on lockdown due to an online threat to shoot up the school. For over four hours we huddled in the corners of our classrooms awaiting clearance from the police to leave campus. This type of situation, sadly, is no longer an unusual one for most kids in schools across the U.S. This year alone, Torrey Pines was threatened three times, and one of the threats resulted in school being cancelled for an entire day.

"There's definitely a growing sense that we aren't safe while on campus," Hannah, a senior at Canyon Crest Academy said. "Especially over the past four years, it's really not that surprising anymore when we hear about shooting threats."

The pervading fear on campus is almost, in a way, becoming normalized. It is no longer questioned when the principal's voice comes onto the speaker to let us know we're conducting an active shooter drill, it has just become routine.

"Fear of [school shootings] is not something high schoolers have had to deal with in the past," Joseph, a senior at Torrey Pines High School said. "Being in the class of 2018, I feel like we've kind of watched this fear come into schools over the past four years because of all the shootings we hear about in the news."

Torrey Pines High School was threatened three times in just the 2017-18 school year. Though all of the threats turned out to be nothing, they did have an impact on the student body and teachers. On the days the threats were made there was substantially lower attendance and visible anxiety. Last year alone, 110 students in San Diego County were expelled after making threats against their schools, according to the California Department of Education.

"When I walk into a room for the first time I'm always checking for the exits," John, a senior at Torrey Pines High School said. "I wouldn't say I'm scared while I'm at school, but the idea that someone could come shoot up the school is always in the back of your head."

As the "Roving Teen Reporter" for the Sandpiper, it has been my job to bring the perspectives of teenagers on issues in our area to the table. I chose this topic for my last story since it may be the one topic where we all agree. No matter where you stand on gun control or helping those with mental illness, no one wants to see kids afraid at school.

In the short few years since November 20, however, this constant uneasiness about the safety of our campus has become a normal occurrence. Just a few years ago high schoolers were concerned about their grades, clothes and friendships. Today, they are also concerned about their lives. ■

SALUTE TO SAMMY!

The Sandpiper Editors would like to salute this year's Roving Teen Reporter, Sammy Hallal, who has just graduated from Torrey Pines High School and will be moving on. Thank you, Sammy. You've done yourself and all of us proud!



INAUGURAL CONCERT AT TOWN HALL

Bob Gans, President DMF

When the Del Mar Foundation made a gift of \$125,000 toward the development of community spaces within the Civic Center, it was in the hope of creating a new, beautiful gathering spot where members of our community could join together for concerts, lectures, and enjoying each other's company. That promise is about to be fulfilled. On Thursday, July 26, the Foundation will sponsor a free concert in the new Town Hall by two highly acclaimed musical groups: The Eve Selis Band, followed by Grammy nominated artists Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley. Like the Foundation's popular First Thursdays concert series, the festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception, to be held on the Civic Center's expansive outdoor deck.

The idea for an inaugural concert to introduce the Town Hall to the community is the brainchild of former Foundation Board member Betty Wheeler, who continues to serve on the Cultural Arts Committee and is the driving force behind the Foundation's Bluegrass and Beyond Concert series. "This is a great opportunity to highlight the new community spaces within the Civic Center, and to show why it was so important to the Foundation to help fund these spaces so that they could be activated as quickly as possible," according to Betty. Foundation Board member and Cultural Arts Committee Chair Donna Shaw, who was also instrumental in organizing this concert, agrees: "What better way to celebrate the opening of Del Mar's newest community space than with a musical event that squarely captures the essence of our enormously popular First Thursdays concerts. We are so grateful to the Foundation's volunteers and donors, and to these talented artists, for making this event possible."

Although this is a free event open to all residents of the 92014 area, capacity is limited and registration is required. As of the time this article went to press, a limited number of seats remained available. For more information, please consult our website (delmarfoundation.org) or email us at info@delmarfoundation.org. We hope to see as many of you as possible on July 26.

SAVING SAND

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street



Photo Julie Maxey-Allison.

Our beach sand that we walk on, get between our toes and shake out of our towels is here today, gone tomorrow due to many complicating elemental flows. The troubling words here are "gone tomorrow."

Sand, one of the most sought-after commodities of the 21st century, along with water and air, comes in a variety of categories with only a few favored for beaches. This natural resource, an essential ingredient in a range of products such as cosmetics, solar panels, silicon chips, glass, on up to all those concrete structures built all over the world in recent boom years, is being swallowed up unprecedented quantities. Though the supply of sand might seem endless, it is finite. Extracting sand has grown into a \$70 billion international industry not counting the active black market dealing in stolen sand.

Today, with the climate change odds, beach nourishment is a worldwide quest. On our shores, the Army Corps of Engineers has come to the aid of our national coastal cities with California receiving 435 "nourishment events" from 1927 to 2016 (second in number to Florida) at a cost of just under \$400,000,000 according to the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association, collaborators.

As to our Del Mar beach's future, while there is no simple solution, there is a plan. Excerpts from the City of Del Mar Beach Nourishment Plan include recommendations for the near term and long term. The good news is that there is available local sand for beach nourishment beyond the what the tides and currents move about during seasonal shifts. While projections are the best guesses for the number of cubic yards of sand that will be needed to retain our shore, the suggested number per year is 17,400 cubic yards, more than Del Mar is currently receiving. Depending on a swirl of variables, sand may be delivered by dredging, trucking it in and/or piping it in from offshore. Additional sand management strategies include regional coordination with perhaps all the organizations currently in place such →

REVIEW RESORT PLANS

Bud Emerson | Klish Way



Del Mar Community Connections
Supporting and Serving Seniors

Plans are taking shape for the proposed Del Mar Resort on the 16 acre bluff site at the city's furthest northwest corner. This magnificent view site has not been accessible by the general public but will be so under this plan. Feedback from public meetings and technical studies have been factored in to the proposal.

It now envisions a complex of 252 hotel rooms and 76 privately owned villas, four restaurants, 15 affordable units, and a small budget level complex for moderate income visitors. The site will be circled with a public walkway with benches and view outlooks in addition to numerous public spaces throughout the resort grounds.

The proposal addresses many factors that will be reviewed by the city such as lighting, building heights, traffic impacts, parking, and preservation of natural vegetation. An independent Environmental Impact Report has been commissioned. The resort will be built to meet LEED Silver sustainability standards. Electric bikes and shuttles will be operated for access to both Del Mar and Solana Beach entities. There will be underground parking and Del Mar parking requirements will be exceeded by over 50 spaces. The resort proposes to enter into a joint endowment agreement with the city for sand and bluff preservation.

The city estimates that the annual financial benefit to Del Mar will be in the millions primarily from the hotel room tax (TOT).

Del Mar's adjacent North Bluff Preserve is being analyzed by the city to determine how to honor its core preservation mission.

There will be a number of information and review opportunities throughout the summer. The Powerhouse dates for public information are as follows:

July 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 at 7:30pm

August 6, 8, 9, 13, 15 at 5pm

September 5, 6 at 10am

September 10, 12, 13 at 6pm

In response to the Sandpiper's request, the developers have given us a more detailed Q&A piece about the resort—it can be accessed on the Sandpiper website.

Beginning July 10 all of the information and graphics can be found at www.delmarresort.com. □

as SANDAG, SCE, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, as well as the Army Corps of Engineers. Future projects could very well involve larger scale sand placements, creating sand retention structures and other techniques that may evolve in the years ahead. The question is how much beach preservation will cost and who will pay for it. □

JULY/AUGUST 2018

Ashley Simpkins, Assistant Program Director

Announcing the DMCC Digital Den

Today's seniors are computer savvy, and need a space that is responsive to changing technologies. Thanks to a Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant awarded by San Diego County, DMCC has built an all-new technology lab inside the Del Mar Community Building (225 9th St) so that we can respond to that need. The Digital Den will be a site for interactive computer instruction, cognitive training, open community use, cooperative projects, and more. The Digital Den is comfortable, useful, and energy efficient, and we're excited to share it with Del Mar. Stay tuned for details about the opening of the Digital Den and upcoming programs!

Call for volunteers who drive

The DMCC volunteer ride service is vital to seniors who are aging independently at home but no longer drive. We could not offer this service without our generous volunteers, who help our senior riders with grocery shopping, medical appointments, and other essential errands. Our volunteers love the flexible schedule, and they report enormous satisfaction from the difference they make in the lives of their neighbors. If you are a licensed driver with a clean record and access to your own vehicle, please give our office a call to find out if this volunteer opportunity is right for you; we're training new volunteers this summer, and we'd love for you to join our team.

DMCC Theater Van

San Diego has a thriving theater scene, and now Del Mar seniors can enjoy the theater with a group of neighbors – no one has to drive at night! DMCC will occasionally provide transportation to the Old Globe for an evening production – just park at the Del Mar Community Building, and our driver will get you safely to the theater and bring you back to Del Mar after the show. A group of DMCC seniors attended the theatrical adaptation of *A Thousand Splendid Suns in May*. On July 31, we'll provide transportation to see Neil Simon classic *Barefoot in the Park*. The transportation is free, but you're responsible for the cost of your own ticket; call our office to find out if you're eligible for this service and to reserve your seat on the van.

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.

COMMENTARY

Perplexing Plan

Tom Sohn | 26th Street, parent of two Del Mar elementary school students

On June 27 the Del Mar Union School District Board approved a previously undisclosed change in the 2018 Facilities Master Plan that allows them to proceed with the \$200M bond but leaves the future of the Del Mar Hills and Del Mar Heights elementary schools in question.

The original and controversial Plan called for the building of a new school in the East Pacific Highlands Ranch area, the closing of Del Mar Hills and the building of a new 650 +student school on the site formerly known as Del Mar Heights. The sense of urgency behind this Plan stems from the District's desire to place a General Obligation Bond of up to \$200M on this November's ballot. In May the Superintendent encouraged the Board to not move forward absent further community input and the agenda for the June 27 meeting was posted on June 23 with the following recommendation: "In order to facilitate further study and analysis as previously referenced, the District needs more time and, therefore recommends no action be taken to approve a Facilities Master Plan at this time."

During the meeting, however, Dr. McClurg unveiled a new single change to the FMP to both the public and the Board, that a district-wide committee be appointed to determine what should happen to the Hills and the Heights. Both the committee and its recommendations were planned to occur AFTER the revised Plan was passed and AFTER the Board put together its list of priorities for spending the bond money. For parents and voters asked to increase their property taxes without knowing what happens to the Hills



*Standing Room Only for parents at School Board meeting.
Photo Ann Gardner.*

and Heights, no answers were given. Will the Hills remain? How big will the new Del Mar West School be? When will the Board authorize the sale of Del Mar Hills? All questions asked by residents who attended the meeting, but none were answered.

It became abundantly clear that, despite DMUSD containing eight existing schools and a Pacific Highlands Ranch school not yet in existence, the Superintendent and the Board clearly view the Hills as the 9th school whose fate is in question. Somewhere during the process, Pacific Highlands Ranch took the place of the Hills within the eight-school model and the Hills was unceremoniously kicked out.

The surprise amendment greatly concerned residents attending the meeting but evidently not the Board. After three hours of public comment the Board voted 4 to 1 in favor of the "revised" Plan. Doug Rafner was the lone dissenting vote citing the same concerns brought up by many of the speakers. On Thursday, one day after the vote, the District posted the change to the now-approved Plan with the following language pertaining to the Hills and Heights schools: "This property will be retained as a district asset and a systematic process to evaluate the use of the Hills and Heights school campuses will be used to analyze and address education programming and fiscal impacts. The District will appoint a Planning Area Committee to receive information and make recommendation based on community input and dialogue."

One should have little faith that the proposed committee will have any real power to impact the fate of the Del Mar schools. By the time any committee details its findings and requests for the "district assets" the bond measure will be locked in. Del Mar Heights will house 650+ students while the fate of Del Mar Hills as a school or as anything other than a new housing development will be bleak at best. ■



*Parents stand outside in long lines.
Photo Ann Gardner.*

STR MAGIC NUMBER?

Bud Emerson | Klish Way

On June 7, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) cast two votes on the City of Del Mar's Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) regulating short-term rentals (STRs), first voting to reject the key elements of the City's STR program, allowing short-term (less than 30-day) rentals in residential zones subject to a minimum stay of 7 days, and a maximum of 28 rental days per year; then voting to approve the plan with modification of the 7-day minimum to 3 days, and modification of the 28-day annual maximum to 100 days. The CCC staff recommendation was for an annual maximum of 180 days, and much of the CCC's discussion was a search for a consensus on whether the maximum should be 180 days, 90 days, or the 100 it finally settled on. Discussion was sparse with respect to a rationale for the number selected.

These actions put the CCC and the City at odds on a series of important issues, both factual and legal. On the legal side, those issues include whether the City has the authority to make and interpret its own zoning ordinances, including those regulating STRs; whether the CCC's decision was supported by substantial evidence; and whether the LCPA complies with the City's already-certified Land Use Plan. The City's assertion of its need (and right) to balance competing legal demands – including not only providing visitor-serving facilities, but also meeting state mandates regarding affordable housing, and the Community Plan's directive to protect the City's special residential character, was brushed off by the CCC. For example, CCC District Director Deborah Lee characterized as "speculative" the City's efforts as part of current development planning to provide both visitor accommodations and affordable housing, because, she claimed, the City is essentially built out, so existing buildings would have to be torn down for such development to take place. (Just 21 days after the CCC hearing, the City Council demonstrated the inaccuracy of Lee's assertion with its 5-0 approval of the 941 Camino Del Mar Specific Plan, which if approved by voters in November will provide both visitor-serving accommodations and affordable housing on a currently-vacant lot.)

On the factual side, the CCC focused solely on the City's provision of overnight visitor accommodations, to facilitate access to the coast. The CCC disregarded the extensive services Del Mar provides for day visitors; it treated STRs as more affordable than hotels, despite what the City asserted was substantial evidence to the contrary with respect to Del Mar STRs (with one Commissioner announcing the "findings" of a Google search she conducted during the hearing); and it gave short shrift to evidence showing extensive overnight options for visitors, including hotels/motels, timeshares, RV spaces, and the significant STR opportunities allowed by the City's LCPA. →

NEW NUMBERS

Tom McGreal | Finance Committee Chair

The City budget cycle ensures that the two-year budget is updated periodically to reflect actual results and the latest outlook. On June 5th the latest budget update was presented to the Finance Committee for review.

The numbers look good with slightly higher revenues and expenses while maintaining General Fund reserves within policy levels. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend the budget update and on June 18th the City Council voted to adopt the updated budget for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2018 and 2019.

So far so good, however staff also presented a list of unfunded items not included in the newly adopted budget totaling \$1.3 to \$1.5 million for consideration by the City Council. The Finance Committee decided not to endorse these unfunded items, which would have the effect of increasing expenses and reducing reserves beyond an acceptable level. The challenge for the City Council is that many of these unfunded items represent projects and costs that support desirable projects and Council priorities.

The strategy recommended by the Finance committee and endorsed by the Mayor and the Council calls for greater review and scrutiny of the adopted budget to identify areas where costs can be cut to make room for some of the unfunded items. The goal is to hold the costs at the level of the newly adopted budget.

Based upon the July 2 Council direction, staff will be coming back in September with budget cuts to make room for three unfunded items approved by Council. By September City Council will also have the benefit of having final Fiscal year 2018 results to review in their determination about what budget cuts are actually needed to adhere to the approved Fiscal 2019 budget. It appears that good fiscal discipline has prevailed. ■

The City Council's options range from accepting the proposed modifications to challenging the CCC's action in court. The City has 60 days to challenge the decision in court, and 6 months to decide whether to accept the proposed modifications, and presumably the Council will weigh these options in both closed and public sessions. Recent preliminary court decisions in cases challenging STR policies in the cities of Hermosa Beach and Santa Monica show the potential for defending Del Mar's STR program as a permissible exercise of its power, consistent with its Land Use Plan already certified by the CCC. The City Council has the opportunity to demonstrate that when it comes to Del Mar's core values, including protecting our special residential character, it's worth going to the mat. ■

Please note: There will be no Sandpiper print issue in August. However, the Sandpiper website will be updated regularly all summer. www.delmarsandpiper.org

CIVIC CENTER SHINES

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

Over 200 Del Mar residents, friends, and elected officials (including State Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins) attended the dedication ceremony for the new City of Del Mar Civic Center on Saturday, June 30th. Mike Jobes, architect with Miller-Hull and the designer of the buildings was in attendance, and he was very pleased with the final product. I spoke with Mike about the project, and he was impressed by the project getting completed on time and on budget. He said this was “the best dedication and reception yet.” There was food, games for kids, and music by Peter Sprague. All council members gave brief speeches about the history of City Hall, the process leading to the completed buildings, and the future prospects for a community gathering place and a southern anchor for our downtown commercial district. Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane thanked the architects, the construction team, and the many subcontractors for their dedicated work.

Linda Chisari led the Community Connections Chorus and the audience in a new song (Our Del Mar, see page 9) created especially for the occasion. The ribbon-cutting ceremony and a proclamation read by Mayor Dwight Worden officially opened the new City Hall and Town Hall.



City Manager Scott Huth welcoming the large audience to the dedication ceremony. *Photo Jeff Barnouw.*



Ribbon in front of City Hall prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony, with the audience reflected in the windows.



The bicycle racks were full for the dedication event.

Photos Don Mosier unless otherwise indicated. □



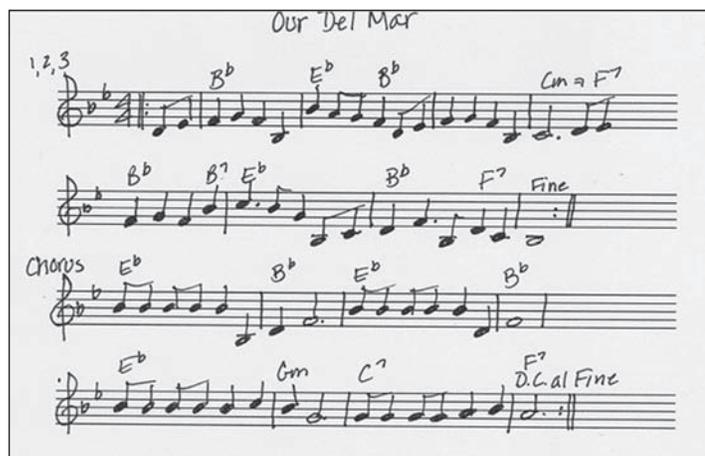
Mayor Dwight Worden reading the city proclamation dedicating the new Civic Center.

Betty Wheeler | Seaview Avenue

CIVIC CENTER CHIMES

Music and lyrics by Linda Chisari

1. Living in Del Mar our lives are blessed
By such beauty all around,
Stately Torrey Pines and ocean views
Make our pleasure and joy abound.
 2. Our new town and city hall now stand
Where we gather in the sun,
Meeting friends and neighbors here at last
To do business or have some fun.
- Chorus:
- Think about our friendly village,
Nowhere we would rather be,
Coming home at each day's ending
To a sunset o'er the sea.
3. Yet in our Del Mar we must protect
Our special, little town,
And we'll cherish all that we hold dear,
Making pleasure and joy abound!



Linda Chisari (at keyboard) and the Community Connections Chorus.
Photo Jeff Barnouw. □

Nineteen eighty-six was the birth year of Measure B, a citizens' initiative requiring voter approval of specific plans for large commercial developments in downtown Del Mar. Its demise was officially pronounced at the July 2, 2018 City Council meeting, based on an appellate court decision invalidating a similar Malibu measure. (The court ruled that the measure improperly authorized initiatives that lodge the exercise of administrative or adjudicatory powers, rather than legislative power, in the electorate.) The 1980s author of Measure B, as it turns out, is the 2018 Mayor of Del Mar; Dwight Worden figuratively officiated at both the birth and the death of the Downtown Initiative. Importantly, the Council has nonetheless taken steps to ensure a public vote on the last undeveloped downtown property large enough to trigger Measure B's public vote requirement.

It's worth revisiting how Measure B came to be, richly captured in this report from Chuck Newton's 1986 account for the Sandpiper:

A while back, a pair of personable developers showed up and bought our only shopping center, which is small and comfortably dowdy,...with a plan to redevelop the center with a clutch of boutiques and restaurants for out-of-town spenders. The 600 cars from the parking garage would choke the town's center... This scheme further incensed some citizens who had been meeting, at one home and another, to fret about our city council – the first in many years to favor development any time, any place... And over a span of months, a plan evolved. We got up an initiative petition which attracted 999 voters' signatures in just three weeks; a record number for our town, in record time.

The proposed ordinance's purpose, Newton noted, "was arresting: It required a majority of voters to approve any development plans for certain large commercial sites. Thus it reversed the usual course of events in which the community must fight back a developer's proposal. Now the community could negotiate for projects which the entire town would sanction by its vote."

Newton colorfully described the campaign: "The developers brought in hired guns from out of town to knock on doors and to conjure fanciful literature... Phone lines sizzled. Rumors, portending both good and bad, were wholesaled, retailed, then discarded for fresh fodder in hysterical cycles. At last came the magic day of the vote, and we won! Not small, but big, with 60% of the vote in a record turnout."

And right away, the bold citizens' initiative served its purpose well, with robust community participation helping to shape specific plans for the Del Mar Plaza and the Del Mar Hotel (now L'Auberge Del Mar). As a result

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NEW PATHWAY

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

Cones, temporary signs and other construction items aside, walkers and runners are already enjoying the southern stretch of the City’s Sidewalks Segment Five that begins at 4th street on the west side of Camino del Mar and ends at Carmel Valley Road. At Anderson Canyon the 10 foot shared path still under construction will move off Camino del Mar to take a 12-foot-wide roundabout trail on the bluffs, separate from the bikes and traffic. On a recent Sunday morning, although the shared path was unfinished, three veered from Camino del Mar onto the partially constructed roundabout trail that meanders among existing Torrey Pines with views toward the Torrey Pines Reserve, surfers, La Jolla Shores in the distance and, on this particular morning, a like-minded snowy egret. From there some walkers took designated trails across the Torrey Pines Bridge to the State beach and park.

Back on Camino del Mar, just where pedestrians and runners moved west onto the bluff trail, cones and newly installed parking stations indicate where new parking spaces will be located. At this juncture the existing median was reduced five feet to accommodate a 9 foot travel lane, a buffered 7-foot bike lane and the new parking spaces. The two existing north bound travel lanes, buffered bike lane and free right hand turn from Carmel Valley Road coming into Del Mar will remain. Although delivery was delayed, new traffic lights will be installed at the 4th Street/Camino del Mar intersection as part of providing two left hand turn lanes going up the hill toward I-5, heretofore a traffic bottleneck.



*Unfinished shared path.
Photo Ann Gardner.*

The Segment Five Sidewalk Project, which is expected to be wrapped up this month, is one of nine citywide sidewalk projects that emphasize pedestrian space and safety →

GOOD ENERGY IN SOLANA BEACH

First Program in County

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

On June 1st, Solana Beach officially launched Solana Energy Alliance (SEA), the first Community Choice Energy (CCE) Program in San Diego County. SEA is now the default electrical energy supplier for Solana Beach residents, although energy transmission and billing of customers continues to be provided by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E). SEA offers three options for energy sources to their customers: SEA Choice (the default option) with a lower cost than SDG&E and 50% renewable and 75% greenhouse gas-free energy content; SEA Green, with 100% renewable energy content and a comparable price to SDG&E; and SEA NEM, for customers with solar panels who will receive higher credits for net energy metering (energy put back on the grid) than provided by SDG&E. The average monthly bill for a Solana Beach resident choosing SEA Choice is \$120.09 compared to the average SDG&E bill of \$123.45. Rates are set by the Solana Beach City Council, and energy is procured through contracts with two consultant firms, The Energy Authority and Calpine Energy Solutions. These two firms provide energy procurement services to many of the existing CCEs in California.

Although SEA is now the default energy supplier for Solana Beach residents, customers were given four opportunities to opt out and stay with SDG&E. The typical opt-out rate for existing CCEs has been about 5%, but opt-out rates for Solana Beach are not yet available since the 60 day period since launch has not yet occurred. The four biggest benefits of SEA for Solana Beach residents are cleaner energy, competitive rates, more choices, and local control.

Del Mar is currently participating in a feasibility study for CCE implementation in cooperation with the cities of Encinitas, Carlsbad, and Oceanside. Results of this study will be available in the next few months. Solana Beach deserves a lot of credit for their intensive study of the CCE option over the last seven years, and being the first to launch in the SDG&E service territory, joining over 100 cities and 11 counties in providing their residents choices in energy procurement.

SEA has its own website if you would like more information: <https://solanaenergyalliance.org> ■

beginning with the roundabout at Jimmy Durante Blvd. and continuing through downtown Del Mar on to Carmel Valley Road. The Council is expected to review and go out for bid on the much anticipated Downtown Streetscape plans designed to encourage a more pedestrian-oriented community in September. ■

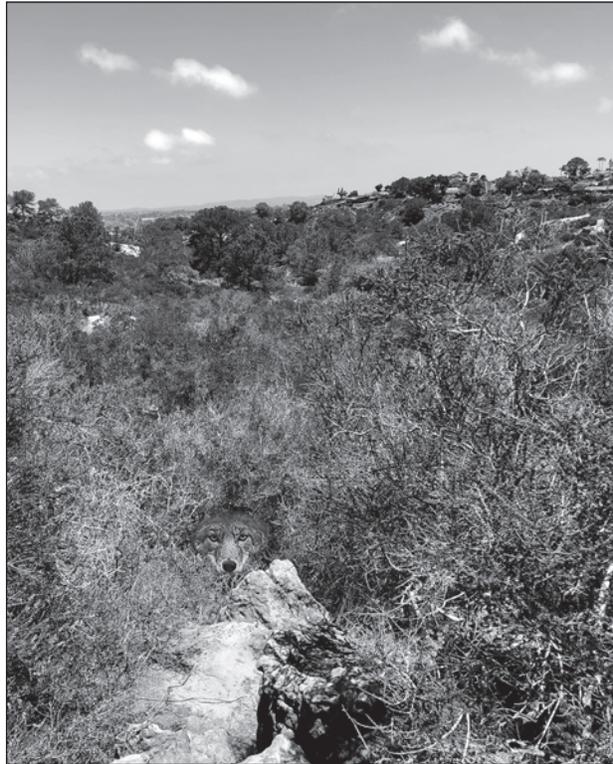
COYOTES IN CANYON

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

Our backyard, Crest Canyon, where the hillsides slope down into the gully between Del Mar and Del Mar Hills, is home to a community of animals and resident birds whose migrating relatives stop over on their journeys along the Pacific Flyway. The birds, raccoons, skunks, rats, rabbits, squirrels, birds and snakes, yes, rattlesnakes share this bit of wild open land preserved from development in the 1970's by local activists. So do coyotes. And, lately, a bobcat has been spotted.

There is food in the canyon. The coyotes, and perhaps that bobcat, most active from dusk to dawn, feast on those rats, squirrels, rabbits, snakes and efficiently clean up any carrion in this complex territory.

While the birds are above it all, the canyon animals are getting used to living in the shadows of humans. Though they aren't interested in us, they have learned that we have easily available food they like to feast on. The smaller animals take nocturnal trips to our houses to forage, digging in our gardens and rummaging through our trash bins. A nuisance enough. But, native coyotes, whose name is derived from the Aztec coyotl, are more than just a nuisance to those who live on or around the rim of the canyon. As their wild habitat shrinks, these "prairie wolves" adeptly adapt to suburban and city living and have been making themselves pretty much at home in the backyards of houses ringing their canyon. Always →



*Can you spot the coyote hidden in the brush?
Photo illustration Virginia Lawrence
and Julie Maxey-Allison.*

on the lookout for food, these opportunists snatch fruit from the trees and, alas, have a taste for small pet dogs and cats.

They are savvy enough to have survived and thrived in spite of efforts to get rid of them for many, many years. If/when some coyotes are successfully captured or killed, lowering their numbers, the remaining females take advantage of the extra available food to produce larger litters.

To cut risks of a visit from a coyote (and other animals as well), remove all enticing outdoor food. This includes low hanging fruit or fruit dropped to the ground, open garbage bins and compost containers, pet

food, and your pets. Protect your pets: know where they are at all times and keep them safely inside at night. If a coyote should come around, stand tall, wave your arms, and yell at the coyote, move toward it if necessary, until it runs away. Repeat as necessary.

For more information see the website www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/wildlife/template-coyote-management-plan.pdf ■

R.I.P. FOR MEASURE B

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of Measure B, the Plaza developers collaborated with the community to reduce the proposed scale of the Plaza, add public plazas, and guarantee a market for 25 years. And after the first proposal for the Hotel was voted down, the project was modified and major funding for the public library was included as one of several exceptional public benefits, gaining approval for the Hotel Plan at the second public vote.

In later years, the Garden Specific Plan (the predecessor plan for 941 Camino del Mar) received a positive public vote after substantial community input into the Plan; and Measure J, the downtown revitalization specific plan, was placed on the ballot pursuant to Measure B and voted down. In both instances, Del Mar citizens were →

empowered to vote on major proposals.

Today, the vacant lot at 941 Camino del Mar is the only undeveloped property that would be subject to Measure B, which applies only to downtown developments on lots over 25,000 sq. ft., or floor area of over 11,500 sq. ft. Acknowledging Measure B's unenforceability, the City Council took another path to providing for a public vote on the 941 project on the Nov. 2018 ballot, using its independent authority to put items on the ballot.

With the citizens' ability to vote on the 941 Project secured, we can bid farewell to Measure B with equanimity, because it served its purpose well: major downtown projects gained approval only after a public vote, and only after significant public participation ensured that they reflect the special Del Mar character that our citizens work so diligently to protect. ■

BEESALT BARRED

Virginia Lawrence | Caminito del Rocio



According to a Greek legend in a little coastal village lives a very unique bee. This bee flies out over the Aegean Sea looking for a certain seaweed that flowers. The bee takes the nectar from the flower, brings it back, and produces salt.

Source: the original menu.



Unfortunately for Beesalt Balcony, its name was very similar to that of a seafood bistro on Carmel Valley Road, Seasalt Del Mar. According to our server at a recent birthday celebration, Seasalt objected to the similarity, and Beesalt Balcony is now called *Beeside* Balcony. Flowering seaweed no longer appears on its menu.

Luckily, nothing else has changed!

Diners can still see the ocean from Beeside's balcony on Camino del Mar and 12th Street. This writer particularly enjoyed an old favorite, Bee's Board (red wine fennel salumi, varzi Italian, and Humboldt Fog goat cheese); followed by Papu's Paella (curried orzo, lamb chop, roasted chicken, shrimp, organic sausage); and finally, Chocolate Gelato handcrafted by MooTime Creamery on Coronado Island. ■

22 IN 5

Bud Emerson | Klish Way

LeSar Development Consultants produced a study commissioned by the City Council to provide a roadmap for achieving 22 affordable housing units in five years (by 2022). Del Mar is the only city in the county that has produced not even one affordable unit since 2013, despite the legal obligation committed in the Housing Element of our Community Plan.

The study lays out four key strategies with 26 scenarios;

1 Potential for acquisition, rehab, and conversion.

A promising scenario in this strategy would be to encourage condo conversion of an existing apartment complex to yield a 20% set aside of lower income units and fees that would increase revenue to the city's Housing Assistance Reserve Fund.

2. Unlock land for development of city-owned sites.

Fifteen scenarios focused on the pros and cons of the Zuni reservoir, tennis courts, Civic Center, Shores Park, Public Works, rights of way (ROWs), and North Commercial Zone.

3. Obtain covenants on projects being developed.

Scenarios were analyzed for the Del Mar Resort, Watermark, and 941. →

NET ZERO

BUILDING CODE IS COMING

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

On May 9th, 2018 the California Energy Commission endorsed a new building code that will require all single-family home construction to achieve net zero energy consumption on an annual basis. The code goes into effect in January 2020. Net zero energy (NZE) means that a home generates as much electrical power as it uses each year. It is seen as a key strategy for meeting the state's goals for greenhouse gas reduction.

A press release from the Natural Resources Defense Council summarizes the details: "Under the new code all new single-family homes and low-rise apartment buildings will be required to install solar panels, or tap into community solar power, to compensate for all electricity used by the building. (Homes that truly are not suitable for solar, e.g., shaded by trees or large buildings would be exempt.) A modestly-sized system will do, because builders must first meet energy efficiency standards, using highly efficient attics and walls, better windows and doors, and properly installed insulation, to ensure that new homes require little heating and cooling to keep them comfortable."

One of the concerns about the new building code is that it will make homes more expensive. The economic analysis says otherwise. Residents should save an average of \$1000 a year on energy bills, while paying \$40 a month more on a 30-year mortgage, for a net savings of \$520 a year. Energy use will be reduced by 53% compared to current building codes, saving 700,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas pollution per year.

Del Mar has anticipated the change in energy efficiency required by building codes by adopting CalGreen Tier 1 standards for new commercial buildings, an intermediate standard between the current code and the new NZE code. Large scale commercial buildings will not have to meet the NZE requirement until 2030. The California Energy Commission recommendation goes to the California Building Standards Commission for a final decision in December 2018. Adoption is expected as part of the triannual update to state building codes. ■

4. Partnership with the fairgrounds.

Scenarios focused on Backstretch housing quarters, the Backstretch parking lot and laydown site, and annexing the site of the Surf and Turf RV Park.

The study rates each of these scenarios in terms of implementation likelihood and financial feasibility. City Council consensus is to start working on all of the scenarios that received the top (#1) rating in the study, and to ask staff to review other scenarios to see if any of them warrant moving to this top-tier group. At its July 2 meeting, Council adopted an initial work plan to pursue the high-priority scenarios." ■

ASKING FOR ACCIDENTS

Diana Scheffler | Boquita Drive

Details are not clear, but on Friday June 22, three vehicles collided on Del Mar Heights Road at the intersection with Boquita Drive. One driver was taken away by ambulance, and there was severe damage to the vehicles. One car veered off the road onto the sidewalk. Fortunately, no pedestrians were present.



*The accident has highlighted what parents have been saying for a long time.
Photo Nolan Worley.*

Meanwhile, the City of San Diego turned down a grant award from Sandag for lack of sufficient matching funds. The \$355,000 project would have studied, with community input, how to make the auto-centric Del Mar Heights Road, and the cross streets leading to schools and open space, safer for pedestrians and cyclists. The Torrey Pines Community Planning Board had facilitated the proposal and garnered support both within the community and by neighboring communities over the past two years. The Board now hopes to work with District 1 Council Member Barbara Bry's office to identify other strategies that would calm traffic. Another tack will be to work with the school district to implement "safe routes to schools" principles.

The accident has highlighted what parents have been saying for a long time. "It seems like it has been years that (the Del Mar Heights Road Enhancement) project has been discussed. I am very concerned and do not feel comfortable with the current situation of our main street. If this was an item high up on our community's priority list, shouldn't there be some progress being made," the photographer and resident Nolan Worley wrote to the Torrey Pines Community Planning Board.

Community concern about pedestrian safety on the Heights "main street" has been exacerbated even further with the Del Mar Union Elementary School Board's →

WHEEL WOES

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street



*LimeScooter planted in shrubbery on Carmel Valley Road for several days.
Photo Virginia Lawrence.*

Since the invention of the wheel, a while ago, we have gotten used to wagons, carts, buggies, bicycles, cars, roller blades, skateboards, segways, scooters and such, all adding to transport of things and/or people.

By adapting technology made possible through smart phone apps, entrepreneurs have come up with a new way for the public to access wheels. The start was rentable bicycles good for one way rides and now rentable electric scooters, the latest mode of transport, have been added to the mix.

When first introduced, novel inventions tend to stimulate a bit of controversy. Early on in the 19th century critics called buggies the new fangled bicycle a "tool of the devil." Some, today, have the same thoughts about the rentable bikes and e-scooters as more varieties of vehicles share our roads. Everyone using our very "complete streets" would be wise to absorb the updated rules of the road to dodge rage.

E-scooter riders's rules differ a bit from bike riders. An e-scooter rider must have a valid driver's license and a helmet to wear when renting and riding an electric scooter or risk being ticketed. Only one person at a time is allowed to ride an e-scooter on a trail, bicycle path, or bikeway, and on roadways without a bike lane where the speed limit is not over 25 miles per hour.

What happens at the end of a rider's journey is still a question: where to leave the rented vehicle? There are intermittent docking stations but allocating parking places for rentable bikes and e-scooters would help keep them secured and not haphazardly scattered about, cluttering sidewalks. ■

proposal to close the neighborhood elementary school on Mango in favor of sending those children to the second, larger school on the other side of Del Mar Heights Rd. The change would require parents to either drive or walk their young children across the road impacting already jammed streets or risk walking across four lanes of traffic with zero traffic calming measures in place.

Please email your ideas to diana@delmarsandpiper.org. If you have relevant expertise, or are willing to volunteer your time in any way, let us know that too. ■

TURTLE'S TEENS

Sherryl Parks | Kalamath Drive

Del Mar's Junior Lifeguard Program enters its fifteenth year under the leadership of Turtle Rudolf. This program serves youth from 7-15 and is so popular it sells out many months ahead. Junior Lifeguards are dropped off at 29th street met by former lifeguards and interns, ages 15-18 years old. These teachers' enthusiasm for the water and beach safety encourages kids to feel safe at the beach and have fun too.



*Jr. Lifeguards Isla Allred and Leah Lynch with Turtle Rudolf in the middle.
Photo Brandy Sebastian.*

The curriculum for the junior lifeguard program includes knowledge of the marine life, beach safety, sportsmanship, surfing, bodysurfing, water etiquette, as well as sun-protection awareness. An important part of the program is the exposure to Del Mar Lifeguards who tell the kids what they do, their responsibilities and the training they need to become qualified as lifeguards.

The Little Turtles are ages 7-8. Director Turtle, whose aim is to get kids comfortable in the water, developed this program. Additionally they, too, learn beginning bodysurfing skills, enjoy competition and games and are introduced to many of Del Mar Lifeguards who inspire them and motivate them to consider the junior lifeguard program.

Junior Lifeguards are ages 9-15 and they have a more vigorous physical training including beach runs, swimming distances and team competition. Of course there →



Del Mar Junior Lifeguard instructors, from left, Mark Feighan, Coram Bryant, Lauren Humann, Director Turtle Rudolph, and instructors Patty Wimer, Claire O'Leary and Russ Schutz gather after appearing before the City Council on June 3. During her presentation, Turtle told the council that since 2004, the junior lifeguard program has instilled values of safety, teamwork and appreciation for the ocean into thousands of children. Council members praised the program. "By us having you do this, it makes the program a whole lot more successful, easier to run," Councilman Dave Druker said. "Really appreciate you doing this for us." Learn more at <https://secure.delmarjg.com/>

Photo courtesy Turtleguard Inc.

are hours of instruction on surfing and kids show marked improvement after their two weeks with these instructors.

Del Mar can be proud of the success of our Junior Lifeguard Program. Turtle Rudolf, Director of the program, can be credited with much of this success. She has a rich background in child development having received her BA at SDSU. Additionally she has many certificates including the City of San Diego Lifeguard Academy, Emergency Medical Technician, Lifeguard Vehicle Operations, Cliff Rescue, The Department of Boating and Waterways Rescue Boat Operations and even Coast Guard Helicopter Training. Best of all she has the energy and enthusiasm to bring her love of the ocean to the kids who attend the camp.

As Director, Turtle recruits only the best instructors including many former lifeguards who return to work with her year after year. Interns, ages 15-18, are eager to join the team and they offer the kids who are attending camp a big-sister or big-brother feel that enhances a feeling of safety and fun.

The City Council heard a report from Director Rudolf at their June 3 meeting and it was received with appreciation from Mayor Dwight Worden who said, "It's a really positive attribute of our city." □

DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Highlights for JULY 2018

DEL MAR FARMERS MARKET
Every Saturday
from 1-4 pm in the Del Mar Civic Center

Council Meeting. July 2, 2018, 4:30 PM-9:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at City City of Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Foundation - Young Del Mar. 4th of July Parade. Wed, Jul 4, 9-10am Powerhouse Park. Coast Blvd closes about 8:30 am, the Pledge of Allegiance starts about 9:15 am and the parade begins at 9:30 am on Coast Blvd next to Powerhouse Park.

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 July, 3:30pm.

DM Community Connections. Meet Your Mayor Friday, July 6, 9:30 to 11am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library – Teens/Adults. Local Authors. Glen D. Kirkpatrick, Jr & Debbie Kirkpatrick discuss "Overcome: a Story of Intervention, Rescue and Redemption." Saturday, July 7, 1:30pm.

DM Library – Teens/Adults. Geology & Watershed Talk. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. Saturday, July 7, 10am.

DM Foundation. Summer Twilight Concert: The Petty Breakers, A tribute to Tom Petty. Tue, Jul 10, Powerhouse Park. The Petty Breakers, A tribute to Tom Petty take the stage at 7 PM. The Zel's Opening Act Christopher Dale will start at 6 PM.

DM Community Connections. Dr. Kalina's Healthy Aging Forum: Maintaining & Improving Mobility. Tuesday, July 10, 9:30am to 11:30am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Community Connections, Photo Adventurers meeting. Wednesday, July 11, 10:30am – 11:30am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library – Kids. Sparkles the Clown. Wednesday, July 11, 10am. Summer Learning program.

DM Library – Teens/Adults. Art Instruction. With local artist, Sandra Dodd. All supplies provided. Wednesday, July 11 & 25, 3:30pm. (2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.)

DM Library – Kids. Toddler Yoga. Thursday, July 12 & 26, 10am & 10:30am. (2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.)

DM Library – Teens/Adults. Soul Line-Dancing Class. With StepLively. Thursday, July 12, 6pm. Summer Learning program.

DM Community Connections. Board of Directors meeting. Saturday, July 14, 9am – 10am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library – Teens/Adults. Meditation Lecture. With Dr. Andrew Vidich. Saturday, July 14, 2pm. Summer Learning program. Qigong.

City Council Meeting. July 16, 2018, 4:30 PM-9:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at City of Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Historical Society. Monthly meeting will be the Tuesday, July 17 at 5:00 pm in the conference room at 225 9th Street. The public encouraged to attend.

DM Community Connections. Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, July 17, noon to 1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library – Kids. Mask-Making. San Diego Children's Discovery Museum. Thursday, July 19, 1pm. Ages 2-5. Space is limited. Summer Learning program.

DM Library – Teens/Adults. Chinese Healing Arts with Kenneth Cohen. Thursday, July 19, 6pm. Summer Learning program.

Del Mar Recycles Drop Off Event. July 21, 2018, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM @ Del Mar Shores Lower Parking Lot.

Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley will be meeting in the Breezeway North Conference Room, Del Mar City Hall, 1050 Camino del Mar. Monday July 23 4-6 p.m..

Business Support Advisory Committee. July 24, 2018, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at City of Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Community Connections. ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Luncheon. Tuesday, July 24, noon to 1:30pm, Sbicca Restaurant, 215 15th St.

Arts Advisory Committee. July 25, 2018, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM at City of Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Library – Kids. Amazing Dana Magic Show. Wednesday, July 25, 10am. Summer Learning program.

DM Community Connections. Meet Your Mayor Friday, August 3, 9:30 to 11am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Foundation. Summer Twilight Concert: The Steely Damned 2. Tue, Aug 7, 6-9pm Powerhouse Park. The Steely Damned 2 take the stage at 7 PM. The Zel's Opening Act Tim Wray will start at 6 PM.

DM Community Connections. Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, August 7, noon to 1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

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

DM Community Connections. Dr. Kalina's Healthy Aging Forum: Love, Sex, and Aging. Tuesday, August 14, 9:30am to 11:30am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Foundation. Summer Twilight Concert: The Mighty Untouchables. Tue, Aug 21, 6-9pm Powerhouse Park.

The Mighty Untouchables take the stage at 7 PM
The Zel's Opening Act Lee Coulter will start at 6 PM

DM Community Connections. Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, August 21, noon to 1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

Arts Advisory Committee. August 22, 2018, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM at City of Del Mar Town Hall.

Business Support Advisory Committee. August 28, 2018, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at City of Del Mar Town Hall.

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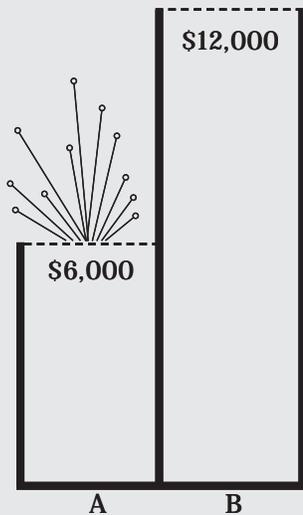
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RANDY REBOOTS NEW MENU AT AMERICANA

Don Mosier | Rimini Road



*Chef Randy Gruber and Stratford Building owner K.C. Vafiadis at the June 6th event.
 Photo Don Mosier.*

The popular Americana restaurant at 15th and Camino del Mar held an introductory gathering on June 6th to celebrate outside patio upgrades and a new dinner menu. Chef Randy Gruber said that the restaurant does great business for breakfast and lunch, but dinner has been more challenging. He designed a simpler menu with food that should appeal to the

whole family. Guests at the event got to sample appetizers that were very tasty. Randy lives in Del Mar with his family. He opened Americana 20 years ago. Check out the new dinner menu and see what you think. □