

SANDPIPER

BULK & MASS DEFINED

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

Those of us traveling east on Del Mar Heights Rd. over I-5 to the Highlands Shopping Center stare at the wooden scaffolding of the One Paseo construction and wonder: "When is it going to stop?" Viewed from El Camino Real, the furthestmost buildings backing up to I-5 seem to literally touch the sky. We recall an earlier cartoon in the Sandpiper titled: "It's a bird, it's a plane. No it's One Paseo." This was before the controversy over the development's height and density led to a successful referendum drive causing the San Diego City Council to withdraw its earlier approval and support a smaller project.

Could this really be the smaller project, some are asking? Steve Hadley, Director of Community Outreach for San Diego District One Councilmember Barbara Bry, told the Carmel Valley Planning Board at its January meeting that the project meets regularly with community representatives getting assurance the development is meeting the reduced density of the permits.

How much smaller is the project now? The new One Paseo under construction is 279,198 square feet smaller at 1,175,871 square feet or almost 20% smaller than the originally approved design. Most of the reduction is along the eastern or El Camino Real side of the property, the retail area just south of the sail-topped parking garage, and "corporate" office space. Retail was reduced about 100,000 square feet resulting in a 70% reduction in the originally projected traffic, a major goal of the referendum organizers. Setbacks were also increased, traffic lights synchronized, and the generally one-story heights maintained in that area are meant to create a pedestrian scale atmosphere for the shopping, eating, and neighborhood green space.

There is, however, a disagreement over the provision of a shuttle. The permit and ordinance granting One Paseo is clear about providing a shuttle: "...the Owner/Permittee



One Paseo under construction. Photo Ann Gardner.

shall provide and maintain a shuttle vehicle system which includes shuttle service for the project through the Employment Center in Carmel Valley to the Solana Beach Coast Station, arriving and departing at a minimum of 30 minute intervals during AM/PM peak periods..." And the ordinance: "...a long-term commitment to a private shuttle system are essential project features to bridge the gap between existing conditions (lack of public transit service) and the future public transit services."

At the Board's January meeting, however, Board members were told that the signed agreement meant the shuttle was for Paseo only. This drew an angry response from one Board member: "We were told it would be a public shuttle. You are telling us it is okay to lie to us." In what turned out to be a related agenda item the Board heard a report from its Transit Subcommittee that is making contact with numerous transit agencies, including MTD, NCTD and SANDAG, in an effort to bring "future" public transit to the area sooner rather than later. The Sandpiper will bring you up to date on their work in our April edition. ■

THREE CHALLENGES

At the top of our priority list should be three extraordinary challenges to life and property facing our community. The first is the perilous condition of the railroad tracks on bluffs whose stability is in serious question. The second is the inevitability of sea level rise threatening our beach community. The third is the high-risk threat from 3.6 million pounds of radioactive nuclear waste stored near the ocean at the site of the closed San Onofre nuclear power plant.

There are no easy solutions to any of these challenges and we applaud the start that our current and former councils have made in addressing each. We spend a lot of thought and energy working on improving our town and the quality of our lives. We citizens and our leaders need to ratchet up the time and attention we devote to these existential threats. All of these challenges require more action than Del Mar can handle alone, but it is vitally important to continue to take what action we can and to use our influence to stimulate action beyond our borders.

Storing nuclear waste near rising sea levels and near earthquake fault lines increases our vulnerability exponentially. Congressman Mike Levin has formed a task force of experts to devise a safe way to transfer the



Courtesy Del Mar Historical Society

waste to secure sites away from this dangerous location. We should support this task force and urge our local, regional, and national leaders to take decisive action, including financial wherewithal, when the recommendations are presented.

The train tracks on our unstable bluffs are a disaster waiting to happen. In our interview with expert geologist Dr. Pat Abbott, he states the bluffs “in the area between 9th and 11th streets could go at any time.” San Diego’s regional planning agency, SANDAG, recently outlined five possible routes for tunneling the tracks away from their current dangerous location. They are all costly alternatives, but interruption of human and freight transportation will also be costly. Rerouting the tracks is essential. We should get SANDAG to do an economic full cost accounting of a track failure. Another action step Del Mar could take would be to investigate the recent tunneling project in Los Angeles sponsored by Elon Musk.

Sea level rise estimates are becoming more alarming. Our sea level rise plan is currently being reviewed by the Coastal Commission, but we should continue our efforts to make sand replenishment an important first step. Property owners should be looking into engineering technology now to elevate their homes to avoid high tides.

These are difficult challenges that will require continued effort over the coming years. We need everyone to support the local and regional plans to arrive at solutions, and we trust that Del Mar will be a leader in bringing the needed general funds to accomplish these important goals. □

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SINKING IN THE RAIN

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive



*Crest Canyon 02/15/2019. Note two people on path.
Photo Joe Bride with a drone.*

Valentine's Day brought whipping winds, torrential rain and a very large hole in Crest Canyon, 35 ft in diameter and 20 ft deep. It opened up on the other side of Oribia Road opposite the home of Ann and Gill Williamson, who knew better than anyone where it had come from. (Gill corrected my lax usage in calling it a "sinkhole," which is peculiar to karst formations.) He had witnessed and recorded on film (now video) the great erosion down through Crest Canyon from the heavy rains of the winters of 1979-80 and 1980-81 and the work of restoration that was completed only in 1983 with the installation of underground drainage pipes, which, along with replanting, have kept the canyon free of serious erosion until now. The pipes were installed beneath earth dredged from the lagoon and deposited in areas adjacent to where the current western path now runs. Gill says, "The erosion of 1978-81 was caused by excessive (relative to historical patterns) runoff from the newly built-up Del Mar Heights area. The current erosion is a very small fraction of the earlier erosion and is, most likely, caused by a failure in some of the pipes installed in 1983. As in any erosion control method, maintenance is required, and this will be the solution to the current problem."

Barriers have been set up to keep out the curious by the City of San Diego, which is responsible for land east of Oribia. Joe Bride, Director of Public Works for the City of Del Mar reports, "The City of San Diego engineers confirmed that the sinkhole was caused by a broken storm drain pipe at the bottom of the 'cave-in.' One of our photos shows a piece of geo fabric, which has been laid over storm drain pipes since the 1970s." Possible remedies will emerge. Meanwhile the Williamsons have made their video and print archive of the events of 1979-83 publicly accessible by donating it to the Del Mar Historical Society. The photos here cannot convey the extent of the (w)hole, but their digitized →

SONGS: NUCLEAR FIX?

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

Representative Mike Levin (D, 49th) recently announced the formation of a SONGS Task Force to advise him on strategies to reduce the risk of storing megatons of nuclear waste at the site of the former nuclear generating station. The task force is to be co-chaired by Dr. Gregory Jaczko, former Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Chair, and Admiral Len Hering, Executive Director of I Love a Clean San Diego. In a recently released book "Confessions of a Rogue Nuclear Regulator," Dr. Jaczko makes two things perfectly clear. One is that some incredibly well-informed and well-intentioned people at the NRC are undoubtedly dedicated to public safety as their primary mission. The second is that the nuclear industry holds far too much sway over these people and uses lobbyists in Congress to make sure that they get what is best for their bottom line (excerpted from public comments made during the NRC webinar held Jan.29, 2019).

The investigation of the Aug. 3, 2018 near drop incident at SONGS continues. Here is the most recent communication between Southern California Edison (SCE) and the NRC about improving the procedure of transferring the canisters containing spent fuel rods from the cooling pool to the vertical silos where they will be stored until they can be moved to another site:

"The vertical cask transporter (VCT) is a mobile gantry crane that is used to transport and download fuel canisters into an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) enclosure. Twenty-nine canisters have been downloaded into the San Onofre nuclear plant ISFSI in this manner since January 2018. The Holtec (the canister manufacturer) UMAX Certificate of Compliance requires that lifting of a loaded spent fuel canister must be performed with redundant (i.e., single-failure-proof) load drop protection features. [This procedure was not followed during the August 3rd incident]. SCE has directed its vendor, Holtec, to perform this further seismic analysis. While the additional analysis may conclude that the VCT is stable and functional during these transitioning periods, SCE will work with the vendor should modifications to the canister transport process become necessary."

This sounds like SCE is blaming Holtec for SCE's failure to provide adequate training and oversight of the canister transfer operation, and then asking its vendor who profits from selling the canisters to fix the problem. Let's hope that the new Task Force can hold SCE responsible and get the NRC to take public safety seriously. ■

videos dramatically express the impressive scope of the original collapse and restoration. The DMHS thanks the Williamsons for being civic-minded and asks that anyone with historically valuable documents consider donating them, or loaning them for digitalization. ■



MARCH 2019

Sandra Hoyle | President DMF

Are you aware of the mission of the Del Mar Foundation? It is to promote civic pride and cohesiveness, acquire and preserve open space, improve beaches and parklands, raise and grant funds, and sponsor diverse cultural programs and community events in Del Mar. The Foundation has a grant budget to support organizations and projects or activities that further its mission. You might remember our support of the Beach Safety Center, our assistance with the acquisition of the Shores property, or the grants we've provided to organizations such as the Del Mar Historical Society, Del Mar TV Foundation, Friends of the Powerhouse and the Del Mar Fire Department CERT Program (to name just a few). The Del Mar Foundation has a lengthy history providing contributions to enhance the Del Mar community.

The Del Mar Foundation was excited to begin 2019 supporting our community with three grant awards totaling over \$17,000. We presented a grant to the Del Mar Lifeguards for the purchase of Mobi Mats, a lightweight, non-slip portable roll-out ADA/ABA/AODA beach access pathway for individuals of all abilities – pedestrians, wheelchair users and strollers, to be used during the summer. We delivered another grant to Del Mar Community Connections to support their Tuesday Lunch Connection, a program where our more mature neighbors enjoy each other's company and a nice meal together at the Community Building. Finally, we are supporting the Friends of the Del Mar Library to provide their Zone for Babies and Kids (ZBK).

These awards are available because of the generosity of the Foundation's donors and supporters who make it possible for us to assist Del Mar's fantastic non-profits. We appreciate you for helping the Foundation make Del Mar a great place to live and play. If your organization is looking for funding for a program or project that will benefit Del Mar, please contact us at grants@delmarfoundation.org or call 858.635.1363 for further conversation.

ROVING TEEN REPORTER

Hair Havoc

Eve Gross | Torrey Pines High School Senior

For the teens of Del Mar and Carmel Valley, February was a month of acclimating to second semester or powering through second trimester. But even with all of the school work and demanding activities, many athletes have found time to participate in the HEADstrong Foundation's Game Hair Havoc campaign, a fundraising effort to provide support to families affected by cancer.

Similar to 2014's Ice Bucket Challenge, which was created to fund research for Lou Gehrig's Disease, Game Hair Havoc is a social media campaign where people make a monetary contribution and post a picture nominating others to donate. While the challenge intends for people to post pictures of themselves donning a special hairstyle while playing sports, hence the name "Game Hair Havoc" and the use of the hashtag "getstylin," it has been interpreted by many (especially boys) as a call just to use a picture of themselves playing sports, without the emphasis on hair.

Students took to their Instagram stories, posting pictures of themselves engaging in all sorts of physical activity, tagging HEADstrong Foundation and nominating three more friends to do the same.

"At first I didn't really know what the challenge was, but it seemed like in the matter of a day my Instagram was flooded with people nominating other people," said David Vapnek, a member of the Torrey Pines High School lacrosse team. "Challenges like these are definitely an effective way of drumming up support for meaningful initiatives like this one, especially among athletes."

Social media campaigns are becoming increasingly popular, and the reason why is plain to see. HEADstrong states on its Game Hair Havoc website that athletes are to use their networks to spread the word to different areas, which is exactly what Vapnek did when he posted to his Instagram story, something a few hundred people were able to see.

"I really liked the whole idea of Game Hair Havoc ... a lot of girls will just put their hair in a ponytail before a game and call it a day," Michaela Berenson, who plays soccer at the Francis Parker School, said. "Seeing all these pictures of girls playing sports where their hair is in cool braids or just flying around in the air makes you wonder, 'What is this challenge all about? Why are people posting about this?.' And then more teenagers find a modern way to contribute to something important in their community."

Although not every person who is nominated for the challenge donates to the cause, getting the word out is a donation in its own right, evidenced by the fact that the challenge had spread to Europe and raised \$125,000 of its \$150,000 goal one week into the campaign. The 2019 Game Hair Havoc challenge ends March 31. ■

Q WATCH

Tom McGreal | Stratford Court

When the voters approved Measure Q in the November 2016 election to increase the Sales Tax rate by 1%, the City Council established an Oversight Committee to monitor the receipt and expenditure of all Measure Q funds.

The Oversight Committee has watched the receipts grow from \$734,344 in fiscal 2017 (which was a partial year) to \$2.7 million for fiscal year 2018. Measure Q receipts for the first five months of fiscal year 2019 total \$1.4 million with the total fiscal year 2019 budget projected to be \$2.5 million. These revenue numbers are exceeding the earlier expectations, which is good news as we start to make spending commitments for Measure Q funds.

The City Council reaffirmed its commitment to the three priority projects several months ago, which means that Downtown Streetscape, Undergrounding, and Shores Park development will utilize the Measure Q funds for the foreseeable future.

To date the actual spending for each of these projects has been limited to \$300,000. Recently the City Council committed to proceed with the Downtown Streetscape project, which will cost \$6.7 million and will be funded with Measure Q money and the previously approved balance of Streetscape money in the Capital Improvement Fund. This will require the City to advance \$400,000 from the General Fund Contingency reserves in order to fund the entire project. The General Fund will be replenished with the first Measure Q proceeds in the first quarter of fiscal year 2020.

In addition, Measure Q reserves include a fiscal year 2019 budget for Undergrounding planning costs totaling \$424,500 and Shores Park planning costs of \$166,530.

The most significant decisions for Measure Q are now taking shape as the Undergrounding Advisory Committee gets ready to present the initial project reports to City Council in March. The City Council and the community will be considering some important questions as the Undergrounding plan is discussed.

How long will the project take to implement and complete? How long must we commit Measure Q revenues to pay for the project? How much debt can the City reasonably incur at any given time? Should residents who are being undergrounded contribute some percentage of the cost?

The Measure Q Oversight Committee is fulfilling the ballot promise to watch over the revenues and expenditures. Stay tuned for updates on developments. □



Del Mar Community Connections
Supporting and Serving Seniors

MARCH 2019

Ashley Simpkins, Assistant Program Director

Guest Bartender Night is 3/13, 5pm-7:30pm

Continue the tradition and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with DMCC at Sbicca on March 13th! Chris Rose is taking over the bar for the night and donating her tips to DMCC. Plus, there will be an opportunity drawing to win a bottle of wine donated by George Hoover, a mani-pedi from Pure Nailz, and more! Wear your leprechaun best, find the luck of the Irish, and join us for one of our most fun annual events!

Announcing Cookies and Cards!

Card lovers: come to the Del Mar Community Building and get your game on! Starting Wednesday, April 3rd, and happening every Wednesday at 10am, gather with friends and neighbors to sample your favorite cookie recipes while having fun through competition. Take turns providing treats for the rest of the group, and play classic games like Spades, Rummy, and Deuces. Volunteer Program Leader Anne Echeverria will also teach her personal favorite card game, Up and Down the River. In fact, we'd love you to BYOG (that's "bring your own game") and find new competitors for your favorite game. Let's play!

An old favorite with a new name: DMCC Diners

Back by popular demand: the program formerly known as Monday Lunch Club returns on April 15th under the banner of DMCC Diners. On the 3rd Monday of each month, senior Del Martians will gather at one of various Del Mar restaurants and order from a discount prix fixe menu. Enjoy good food and better company! Call our office or email us your contact information (subject line "DMCC Diners") to be placed on our list of those interested in joining.

For more information... or to join our email list:

Please visit our website at dmcc.cc, or contact the DMCC office at (858) 792-7565 or dmcc@dmcc.cc.

BUGGED

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

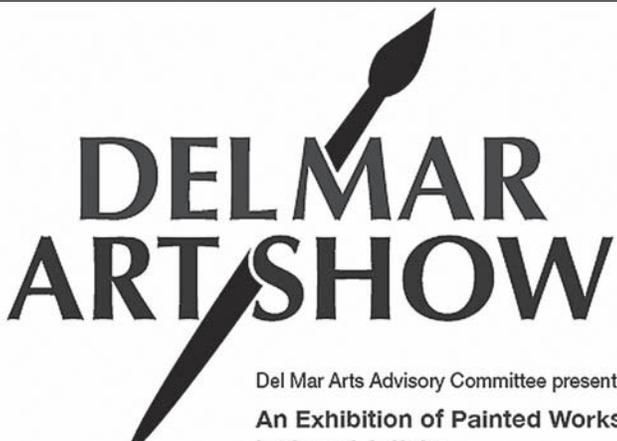
They are out there. Though you can't see them, bark beetles are hungrily feasting on and are killing our Torrey Pines, and other trees.

These small, hard-bodied insects, the size of a grain of rice, generally dark red, brown, or black, sport jaws just made to chomp through a tree's outer bark. Once they gain an entrance into the tree trunk they colonize the interior area. The females lay eggs creating "larval galleries." Then, they all feed off the moist inner bark, the phloem, thereby cutting off the tree's ability to distribute nutrients and produce the protective resin they use to ward off predators. Eventually the tree's needles and limbs turn a death rattle rusty brown. The beetles simply squat in dying trees and use them as breeding nurseries, in fact emitting a pheromone—a chemical they use to communicate and attract others to produce more of their kind to spread to and invade nearby trees.

California now counts 20 invasive species of bark beetles, some new to town, arriving after 2002. You can spot them by a scattershot pattern of holes on a tree's outer →



*Bark Beetle traps in Seagrove Park.
Photo Julie Maxey-Allison.*



DELMAR ART SHOW

Del Mar Arts Advisory Committee presents
**An Exhibition of Painted Works
by Local Artists**

Friday, March 29, 2019
6-8pm | Del Mar Town Hall
Juried Painting Show
UCSD Graduate Theatre Student Performance
Wine and Cheese Reception
Sponsored by The Del Mar Foundation

Saturday, March 30, 2019
1-4pm | Del Mar Town Hall
Juried Painting Show
Plein Air Painting Demonstrations

For more information, go to:
www.delmar.ca.us/749/Public-Art

bark. They may be the engraver beetle, the red turpentine beetle or both. Our trees are especially vulnerable now because of drought. While a healthy tree can resist infestation with resin that pushes out the invaders, drought-stressed trees aren't able to manufacture adequate amounts of resin to repel the beetles.

The best prevention against a bark beetle attack is to keep your trees healthy, including the root system. In times of severe drought, water the tree early in the growing season, saturating the soil down to two feet near the outer edge of the branches.

It's tough to de-bug. If you notice rusted branches, immediately check for, remove and destroy any infested trees to halt the assault of the raider beetles. Do the same for any damaged green material larger than three inches in diameter. There are several possible ways to stop initial attacks from becoming more severe and to discourage the beetles, including chemical sprays and injections that may provide protection. Of course, the effectiveness of any treatment will be determined by the specific conditions of the tree—the depth and severity of the destruction to date. To learn more about how to defend against and rid your terrain of bark beetles go to The City of Del Mar website: delmar.ca.us and search bark beetles. □

The Del Mar Arts Advisory Committee presents the first community art show at Town Hall.



*Torrey Pines killed by beetle infestations at the Reserve.
Photo courtesy Steve Chinowsky.*

Those of us who live in Del Mar and its surrounding communities are fortunate to live in an endangered habitat called the southern maritime chaparral. The maritime chaparral takes advantage of the fog belt that surrounds our coast. Plants and trees such as the Torrey Pine are able to absorb enough water from the fog to survive our dry summers. This plant community is made up of many endangered species, including the Del Mar manzanita, short-leaved liveforever and the mariposa lily.

Unfortunately 90% of the southern maritime chaparral has been destroyed due to suburban development. Making our own habitat even rarer, is the fact that the Torrey Pine is native only to the Del Mar area and Santa Rosa Island. In fact, the Torrey Pine is the rarest species of pine in the United States and not long ago was one of the rarest pine species in the world, with only 100 trees surviving at one point.

Because of low genetic variability, the Torrey Pine has little capacity to respond to change through natural selection. As such, it is extremely susceptible to changes in the environment including pollution, global warming and beetle infestation. The Torrey Pine Tree is now categorized as a risk category 1 according to the San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Program Covered Species Prioritization.

Of course, the Torrey Pine is not the only tree to suffer from climate change and beetle infestation. In the past 8 years, Southern California has lost 147.6 million trees. In 2016 alone, California lost 16 million trees.

I'm only twelve years old, but I am old enough to appreciate the fact that if things keep going as they are, there won't be much left when I get older and have kids of my own. We live in a very special place that needs our help.

Did you know that Del Mar is the only beach town in Southern California with a natural forest? These



CLEAN ENERGY COMING

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The draft Community Choice Energy (CCE) Technical Feasibility Study prepared for the cities of Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas and Oceanside by EES Consulting has been released to the public. EES President Gary Saleba will be making a presentation to each of the cities in the next few weeks. A North Coastal CCE would give local governments the ability to purchase and manage electric power supply while San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) would continue to provide energy distribution and billing. The four advantages of CCEs identified in the study are lower rates, cleaner energy sources, local control, and customer choices.

The EES study evaluates three choices of energy procurement: 1) an SDG&E equivalent with the clean energy component increasing from 42-59% until 2029 and at least 60% by 2030; 2) 50% clean energy from launch until 2025, then 75% until 2029, and 100% from 2030 (to match the Encinitas Climate Action Plan); and 3) 100% clean energy option from launch. Under options 1 and 2, the new CCE would be able to provide customers with a 2% reduction in rates compared to SDG&E. The 100% clean energy option could be offered at the SDG&E equivalent rate, matching the option offered by the Solana Energy Authority (SEA) in Solana Beach. A rate sensitivity analysis comparing different risk factors (high power costs, high customer departure charges, high energy loads) shows small impacts on final customer charges ranging from \$0.291 (best case) to \$0.318/kWh(kilowatt hours)- (worst case). These numbers include the cost of energy procured by the CCE plus the distribution and fixed fees charged by SDG&E. The EES study also predicts that the CCE startup costs could be recovered within the first 3 years of operation; this estimate is consistent with the SEA predicted to recover its startup costs after almost 16 months.

Only Del Mar has too few meters to start a CCE on its own, so any combination of North Coastal cities could join to form a viable CCE. The City of San Diego is also forming its own CCE and seeking partners from other local cities to form a regional Joint Powers Authority to govern the CCE. The EES study recommends that Del Mar and the other North Coastal cities consider all available governance options before deciding on a business plan. The next step is for each City Council to review the feasibility study and make a decision to move forward. ■

trees are beautiful and deserve our protection. You can help protect our local forest and maritime chaparral by planting local natives (including Torrey Pines which are available at local nurseries) and keeping the ones you have safe and protected. In the coming months we will be working with the city to replace lost trees and native plants in our open spaces, including the site above Anderson Canyon. With our recent rains, it is a great time to plant natives. I hope you join us in saving our southern maritime chaparral. For more information you can contact NativeDelMar@gmail.com. ■

TUNNEL VISION

Ellie Haviland | City Councilmember

As your City Councilmember, nothing is more important to me than the safety of our citizens. One of my top concerns is the railroad right of way on our bluffs. Our City is working with North County Transit District (NCTD) and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to ensure that our bluffs remain stable until the tracks can be moved off the bluffs.

SANDAG recently received approval from the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for the next round of bluff stabilization. This phase includes storm drain outlet repairs, reconstruction of three retaining walls at the base of the bluffs, repairs to storm water channels, regrading of pathways, slope failure repairs, and new and replacement soldier pile walls. Construction is expected to start this summer.

There are several components of the project that will improve public access to our coastline.

- The concrete-lined channel from 7th Street to 8th Street that is currently being used as a walkway will be replaced.



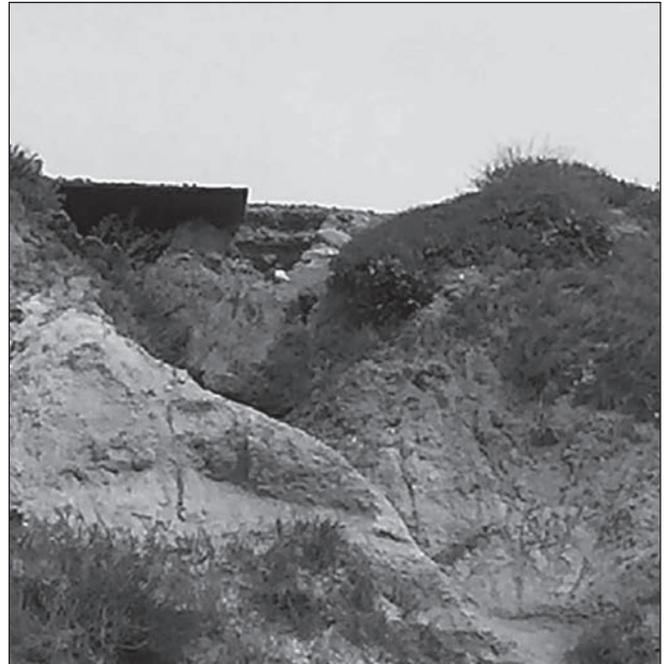
- The existing dirt path on top of the bluff, west of the existing drainage channel, will be filled and re-graded and a decomposed granite surface will be added to the path.



- The erosion and bluff failures near 7th street will be filled, and the path will be reestablished to an approximate 12-foot width.



- The erosion near Anderson Canyon will be stabilized to restore the original width of the path.



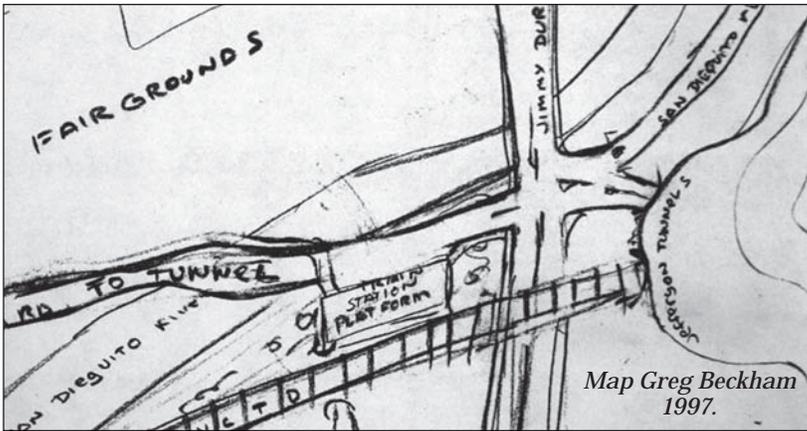
The repair of the three sea walls will cause an estimated loss of 9,450 sq. ft. of sandy beach. To mitigate that loss, the CCC has required additional public access improvements including installation of pathway lighting at Powerhouse Park and the repair of the eroded gully near the Carmel Valley Road and Highway 101 intersection.

SANDAG also agreed to additional measures to provide future improved public access including a comprehensive study to identify long-term public access improvements

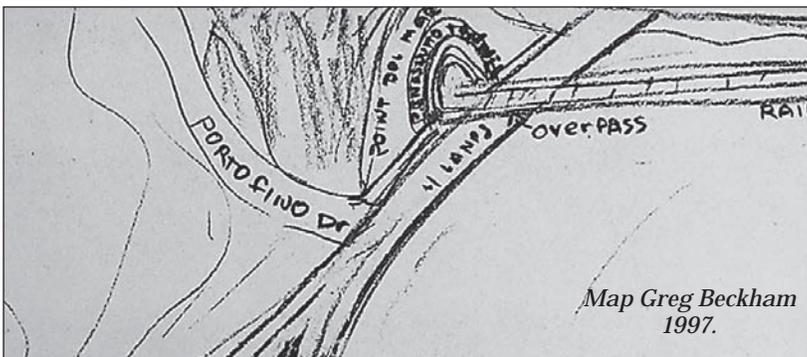
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Tracking Tracks

1997 PROPOSALS FROM GREG BECKHAM



Trains would enter tunnel next to JDB and San Dieguito Road.



Trains would exit tunnel just to east of Portofino Drive over Carmel Valley Road.

BECKHAM'S PLAN IN BRIEF

Heading South on Coast Hwy. turn east on Via de la Valle then turn South at Solana Gate which passes the new train platform and then connects to a through traffic tunnel at the intersection of San Dieguito Road and Jimmy Durante Blvd. Here is the start of the Rail Trail which connects to the River Park Trail and ties Torrey Pines Park together as one continuous public space via the bluffs, which also serves as a connector to the south end of Del Mar where there will be a visitor center and a large multistory below grade parking structure that serves Torrey Pines, Del Mar, and the Fair Grounds at the intersection of Camino Del Mar and Carmel Valley Road. This is where the traffic tunnel merges with the Coast Hwy and Carmel Valley Road. The train tunnel would be moved and elevated to the east side of the Lagoon and Los Penasquitos estuary would be restored, with the existing parking lot removed and reclaimed as habitat. The bluffs would be maintained as parkland and restored on a continuing basis to maintain quality beach access and prevent excessive erosion, as well as providing amazing views and recreational opportunities. (You can view the entire map sequence on our website.) ▣

RAIL ROUTING

Greg Beckham | Stratford Court

How time flies when you're having fun! There really is nothing quite like living in Del Mar to enhance the quality of your daily life with joy and beauty. Here we are at 2019 over twenty years since I created my artistic vision for our community as a "2020" challenge to project us into a future that would enhance our lives as we endure the relentless growth of our region. So far all the attention has gone to UCSD and it's voracious growth and the 100,000 new residents in the 56 corridor; while Del Mar gets no answers to the choking affect from the North, South, East, and West, that are existential threats to everyone's quality of life. Del Mar is a recreational, spiritual, life-affirming resource for the whole world - not just the residents. We have a generational responsibility to protect and enhance this special place in perpetuity.

My vision for Del Mar stems from my feeling that our community is as close to living in a park as possible. We have proven that by our long commitment to the continuing practice of purchasing open space and perserving it →

Profile of Greg Beckhan on page 10

for public use. We need to maintain a balance between us living here and allowing nature to dominate and breathe life into the inanimate so the landscape can continue to inspire and nurture all. We need to pursue a course of action that makes Del Mar even more magnificent. Del Mar deserves nothing less.

The details of my design works to remove traffic, both vehicle and train, from Del Mar proper. By putting that infrastructure underground we reclaim the coast for pedestrian uses by building parking at the North and South ends of town and using innovative methods to bring people into town. Electric shuttles, chair lifts, bikes, and all forms of personal transportation [i.e. walking!] could be used on paths that would engage people to enjoy the moment instead of clogging our streets and searching for a parking place. The future is ours to create. Let's not miss our opportunity to do great things to enhance our community's quality of life.

Thank you for your attention and I hope you find some inspiration in my design. Perhaps in the next 20 years we can make some intelligent investments and not be misguided by well meaning bureaucrats and NIMBYism. ▣

KICKING ON DOWN THE TRACKS

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

According to a February Coastal Commission report, 2050 is the current target date for relocation of the railroad track off the bluffs to an inland location. When the railroad is no longer on the bluffs, shoreline protection structures will be removed by SANDAG and/or NCTD.

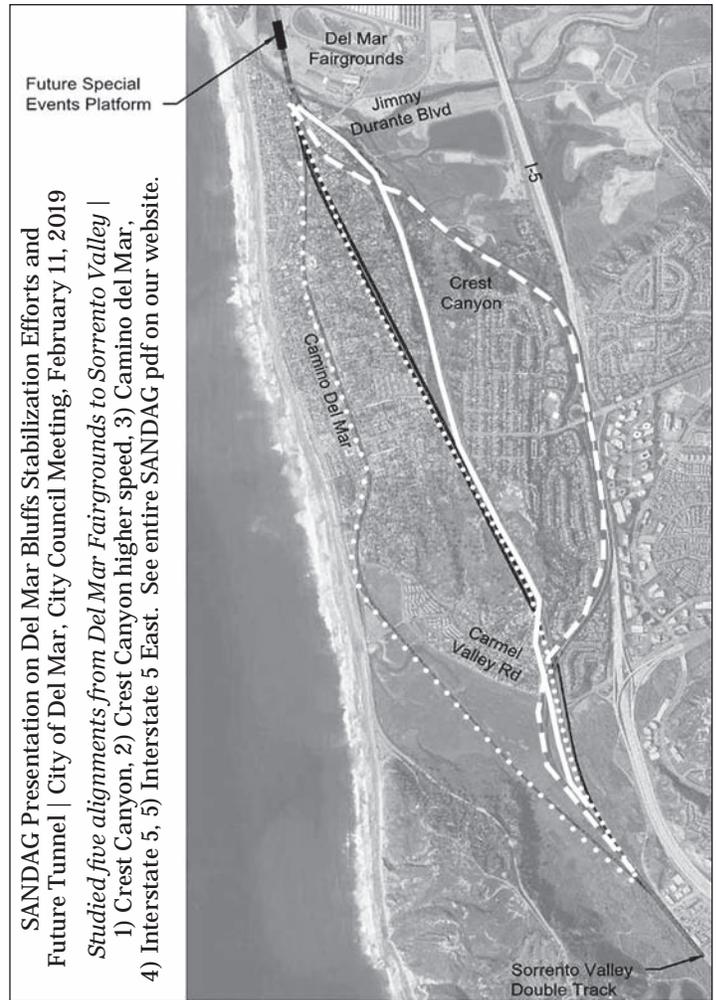
All the restoration and reinforcement work completed in 2019 will be temporary as will all other future maintenance to the bluffs until the target date. Any decision on where and how to reroute about five miles of track off of the bluffs has been kicked on down the tracks for study. It is a matter of money, millions now for maintenance of our fragile bluffs while waiting for billions to reroute the tracks. Five proposed alternatives are to be studied from a “cut and cover” or other tunnel running deep under Camino del Mar, two possible tunnels under Crest Canyon and two tunnels to take the tracks east to Interstate 5. ■

TUNNEL VISION

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and the identification of funding sources for future bluff stabilization projects.

While the current work on the bluffs is essential, it is also important to expedite the long-term plan to move the train tracks off the bluffs and into a tunnel. As your representative to SANDAG, I will advocate for moving the design phase of this project up on the priority list in the Regional Plan update. Citizen engagement in the design of the tunnel will be critical to the success of the project in our community. So stay tuned and make sure your voice is heard! ■



CREATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Bud Emerson | Klish Way

Decades ago he recognized the train tracks on our fragile bluffs needed a bold solution. He put on his design hat and went to work on his own time. His far-sighted comprehensive 2020 plan, outlined below, was favorably received by city committee but died in the hands of regional officials. Now that 2020 is just around the corner there is finally developing a sense of urgency. Greg's plan deserves a fresh look...

Since 1973 Gregory Beckham has been residing, creating and contributing in our community. Greg designs and creates quality sculptural jewelry in his studio on Stratford Ct that is inspired by the natural beauty of Del Mar. Greg raised his daughter Lindsay and son Nicholas here and his mother Olga enjoyed her retirement here in Del Mar for almost 30 years. He has also developed housing opportunities for middle income people in core Del Mar. Low key and affable, Greg contributes to our community in ways that reflect his artistic perspective. Recently he offered some suggested design alternatives for the Shores Park, some of which are reflected in the consultants proposals. ■



At the crucible melting gold. Courtesy Greg Beckham.

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

COMMENTARY

Tracks in the Surf

Al Tarkington | 11th Street

A recent newspaper article quoted North County Transit District blaming people walking on the Del Mar bluffs for bluff erosion. Several years ago, they were blaming ground squirrels for eroding the ocean bluffs. What a joke!

Perhaps we should place the blame on the heavily laden freight trains that shake the ground as they rumble down the tracks many times each day. The Coaster and Amtrak trains shake the ground thirty times every day! And NCTD doesn't mention the damage those trains do to the fragile (their words) bluff.

What a lame excuse for preventing beach goers from crossing the tracks. People have been using Eleventh Street in Del Mar for public beach access ever since Col. Jacob Taylor constructed the path to the beach in the 1890's. That's right. The 11th Street path to the beach was constructed in the mid 1890's! When the Santa Fe Railway relocated the "Surf Line" rail tracks to the ocean bluff in 1909, they built a wooden bridge across the tracks to preserve beach access. The bridge over the tracks stood for 60 years until Santa Fe tore down (pre-Coastal Act) the bridge in 1969.

NCTD wants to reduce or eliminate any liability it has regarding people crossing the tracks. There are solutions for that, but one of them is not fencing off the beach to the thousands that cross the tracks every year.

There are safe at-grade pedestrian crossings all over the world. Even North County Transit District has at-grade crossings on their Sprinter line between Oceanside and Escondido. Or, replace the old bridge between 10th and 11th Streets.

The public has had access to the beach at 11th Street for over 125 years! As a San Diego public agency, NCTD has an obligation to preserve public beach access. And to deny public beach access is clearly at odds with the intent of the California Coastal Act. ■



Train track next to the where the bluff collapsed. Approximately 5 ft or less from the track to the edge. Taken on February 22, 2019, a week after the bluff collapsed on February 15, 2019. Photo David Shannahoff.

On February 11 City Council "drew a line" that removes the City's North Bluff Preserve from the Del Mar Resort Specific Plan. "The Preserve is kind of sacrosanct," Mayor Druker commented, adding that it was better for the Resort to understand "our" goals for the City owned park property up front and plan the adjacent private property accordingly. As part of the same action, the Council accepted a draft North Bluff Preserve Goals, Policies and Regulatory Standards to guide future use, improvement and maintenance. The action was taken based on staff's recommendation working closely with the City's Park and Recreation Committee.

Staff explained that the initial 2017 direction to combine the public and private properties in a single Specific Plan was "given at a time when improvements to the north Bluff Preserve...were being considered." The Park and Recreation Committee then delved into the history of the property, concerned about the precedent of including parkland owned by the City in a private development plan. Last December the Committee went to Council asking that the Preserve maintain "its own natural identify and be as physically separate from proposed development as possible."

According to staff the Committee wanted to ensure that the policies and regulations were in strict keeping with the founding intent of the 4.5 acres and the recorded agreement between the City and the former owner of 101 Border Avenue, Helen Woodward. On the 11th City Council accepted the Draft with several additional restrictions presented by Committee representative Claire McGreal. The approved overall goal of policy is to permanently maintain the Preserve "as a natural park, providing for native coastal habitat, protection of coastal bluffs, and a passive recreational opportunity for the public to enjoy scenic coastal view to and from the bluff-top park."

The policies specifically include: Limiting northern pedestrian access to a single gated entry, regulating irrigation improvements, providing protection from off-site visual lighting and noise impacts associated with proposed development and "development projects proposed adjacent to the Preserve should be carefully designed... in order to protect the natural character of the City's parkland preserve, including sufficient structural setbacks and natural buffers...to ensure that buildings...adjacent to the Preserve are adequately screened from parkland view and do not adversely impact the natural lighting and noise characteristics of the Preserve."

The initial Del Mar Resort plan for the 16.5 acres of property adjacent to the Preserve is being redesigned based upon concerns with its height, density and proximity to the parkland. The redesign is expected to be submitted to the City later this month. ■

DAWNING OF THE AGE OF 5G

Sudepto Roy | Klish Way - our local tech guru

Only matters of true importance are celebrated in February: Punxsutawney Phil, wine, pizza, love, and cellphones! At Barcelona's Mobile World Congress, held annually in February, flagship phones sporting 5G, the latest generation of cellular services, were announced. Faster than cable speeds! Self-driving cars! Robotic surgery! The 5G marketing machine is already in overdrive. Even before its birth, 5G has become the high-tech bone of contention between giants on either side of the Pacific and has succeeded in generating its own controversy (a prominent carrier's recent branding stunt of relabeling advanced-4G as 5G-evolution). Skeptical of the hype? Do read on.

What on earth is a 'G'? Standards bodies, such as ETSI in Europe, form industry-wide partnerships ensuring that mobile and network equipment can speak with each other using commonly agreed upon techniques. Inventions arising from years of research by leading companies are selected on technical merit, to form new generations, or 'Gs,' of capabilities and services. Engineers constantly push the edge of advanced technologies, simultaneously dealing with problems such as: designing smarter phones, lengthening battery life, supporting more devices in a network, more active connections, reliable voice and data, fastest possible speeds, widest coverage, the best use of precious spectrum, and keeping emissions below safe regulated levels, while providing truly groundbreaking wireless services.

By sheer coincidence, each of the past four decades have lined up numerically with a "G." The '80s saw the advent of 1G, the first generation of analog cellular services, followed by 2G GSM and CDMA digital in the '90s, 3G in the 2000s, 4G in the current decade, and brand new 5G for the upcoming roaring 20s! While 1G was about voice on portable phones, 2G heralded digital quality voice, with text messages, more users, global roaming and internet connectivity speeds like dialup. 3G upped the game providing DSL-like faster connections, giving rise to the mobile internet, with downloadable ringtones, wallpapers, music, games, basic mapping, and phones with keyboards, cameras, and touchscreens. Then, 4G revolutionized the mobile internet, sporting a fast data-only wireless network, carrying data across multiple parallel streams (known as carriers). 4G also brought the power of computing into handhelds, giving rise to smartphones more advanced than laptops, downloadable apps, outstanding mobile cameras, beautiful screens, video telephony, advanced navigation, gaming and a plethora of internet commerce services with speeds roughly equivalent to those of cable modems.

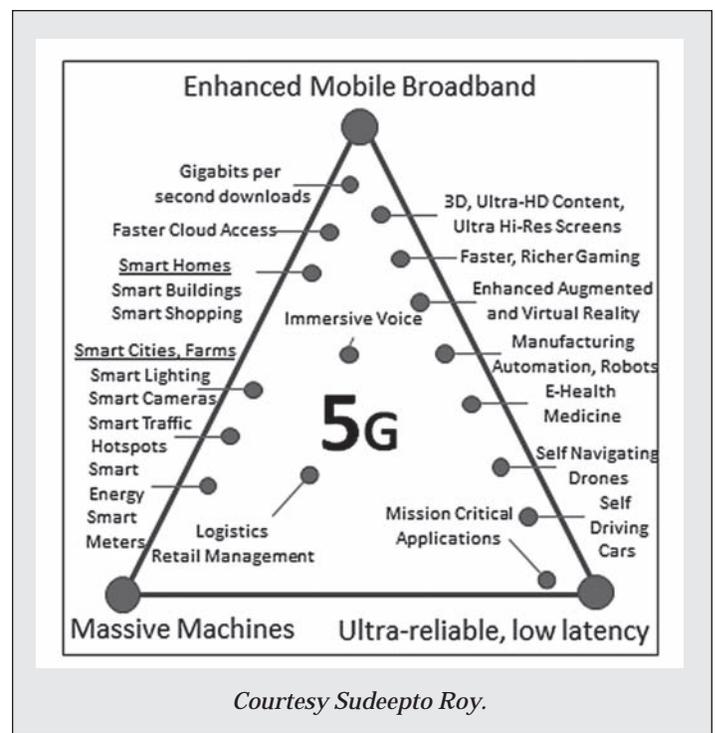
Enter 5G. 5G uses highly effective channel coding achieving faster than cable, fiber like speeds of 5-10 Gbps. However, 5G's truly revolutionary aspects come from groundbreaking innovations that allow practically anything running on electricity to be connected to the internet. 5G is designed to access a new set of frequencies known as millimeter wave, where data is transmitted using ultra-fast pencil like beams, taking advantage of spatial diversity. Smart antenna technology increases both coverage →

HAPPY ENDINGS

Polly Cipparrone | Branch Manager, Del Mar Library

In February, Del Mar Library hosted Carmel Valley resident and local author Regan Walker. Walker discussed her latest book, A Fierce Wind, the third title in the Donet Trilogy series. An award-winning and best-selling author of historical romances, Walker has authored multiple titles for her three-book series, novels, novellas, and contributed to a collection of Christmas-themed short stories.

After years of practicing law, both private practice and government, Walker decided to pursue her childhood dream of being a writer. About her books, Walker says: "I write novels infused with real history and real historic figures and I do hundreds of hours of research to 'get it right.' Each includes a wonderful love story with a happy ending. I want to leave you smiling." □



Courtesy Sudepto Roy.

and capacity of the 5G network. Higher reliability and ultra-fast latencies are designed in, allowing for mission-critical applications such as precision control of robots. Finally, the system is designed to support massive connection density: millions of devices on a 5G network (compared with 4G's thousands).

While 5G's impact will be immediately noticeable in this year's flagship smartphones (fastest data rates, highly responsive internet, foldable screens, real-time translation), over the next few years, this amazing technology will make automobiles safer, make virtual reality feel more photorealistic, gaming more immersive, entertainment jitter-free, and help make our homes, cities, grids, farms, industries, education and healthcare a lot smarter. Perhaps, just perhaps, 5G may live up to its boldest prediction: "The biggest thing since electricity!" □

DESIGN DIPLOMAT

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

I recently interviewed Glenn Warren, a member of our Design Review Board since February 2018, about his career and his appreciation for the Del Mar lifestyle. Glenn grew up in Point Loma and began living in Del Mar in 1983. He practiced criminal and civil trial law from 1974 until 1996 when his wanderlust led him to abandon law and join the Foreign Service. Accompanied by his wife, Randee, and son, Scott, who attended international schools, he had postings in Latin America, Africa, and Afghanistan, before retiring in 2012 and returning to Del Mar. His work as a Foreign Service political officer led to some interesting experiences; here is one in his own words.

“In 1998, the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania were bombed by terrorists linked to Osama bin Laden. Since Sudan had sheltered him from 1991-1996, the U.S. government held Sudan partially responsible and, immediately after the bombings, we withdrew all American personnel from our embassy there. In 2000, we began to explore cooperation with Sudan in combatting terrorism; this included a gradual reopening of our embassy. Based in Nairobi, I traveled to Khartoum for periods of up to three weeks. One of four Foreign Service officers working part-time in Khartoum, my job was to interact with government officials and get to know opposition and civil society leaders. In December 2000, Susan Rice, the Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, traveled to southern Sudan, which was not yet independent and was engaged in a war of independence against Sudan.

The Sudanese government supported militias that would kidnap women and children in the South, bring them to the North, and treat them as slaves. Rice met with some released and escaped “slaves” in southern Sudan, and then, in a press conference in Nairobi, torched the Sudan government for its activities. Several days later, I met with eight Sudanese leaders of the opposition in Khartoum. About an hour into the meeting, six men, dressed in leisure suits and sporting dark sunglasses--they looked like they were out of central casting-- burst through the door and demanded identification. I gave them my embassy business card and, because of my diplomatic immunity, was allowed to leave. The opposition leaders were all detained and wound up spending about six months in jail. The next morning, the Khartoum newspapers had front page stories, some with photos of my business card, alleging that I had conspired with my interlocutors to overthrow the government. The following day, in apparent retaliation for Susan Rice’s scolding remarks, the Sudan government delivered a diplomatic note to our embassy declaring me persona non grata and giving me 72 hours to leave the country.”

Glenn and Randee live on 27th Street and enjoy the beach community even more so after the adjoining property was converted from a short-term rental to a full-time residence. Glenn views his position on the DRB as an opportunity to get to know Del Mar and its residents and to contribute to the community. He observes that the now-required meetings with applicants and neighbors before the →

FISHMONGER

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive



Jason Froehlich.
Photo Fabian Huertas.

If you’ve been to Farmers Market, you’ve seen him. If you go often, you may know him well. Jason Froehlich, fishmonger, has been coming to our market and others as a vendor for twenty years, the longest tenure there and (he thinks) at any local market. He’s 32 years old. Yes, he started at age 12. He was living in Vista. His mother told him to find a job, so he went over to the nearby farmers market, where he

approached Mark Lewis at the seafood stall. Mark told him, “You’re hired.”

Mark Lewis was the fish man at DMFM when I started going back in the late ‘80s. I liked to speak French with him, an immigrant from Casablanca, Morocco. In 1986 DMFM was founded and Mark founded Dry Dock Fish in Fullerton. Jason works for them, since circa 1998-99. Their business model relies on a single small shop in Fullerton and outlets (stalls) at many farmers markets, some 30 from Hillcrest up to Thousand Oaks.

Jason lives in Carlsbad and visits five or six farmers markets per week, Pacific Beach on Tuesday, Carlsbad on Wednesday, Oceanside on Thursday, Poway and Del Mar on Saturday, and Hillcrest on Sunday. Since he’s been doing it reliably for so long, they have a driver for the last couple of years who brings the fish down to him from Fullerton.

He says he loves this job so much it doesn’t seem like work. He’s gotten to know so many customers well. He didn’t like fish until he tasted the fresh samples that Mark grilled for farmers market customers. Not surprisingly, he loves seafood now, and cooks it about four times a week, his favorites being scallops and branzino. He’s writing a recipe book, to be called Farmers Market Finds, which he hopes will come out before the end of 2019. □

formal DRB hearings and the new Design Guidelines have removed some of the uncertainty from the process. The result is less contentious meetings and fewer issues for the DRB to address. Much less adventure here in Del Mar than East Africa two decades ago. □



Installation of the first of many yellow north south paver crosswalks began last month as the pedestrian oriented emphasis of the new downtown streetscape begins to stand out. Despite rainy weather the project remains on schedule and the Del Mar Village Association, in cooperation with the Business Support and Art Advisory Committees, is taking their street furniture ideas to the Design Review Board. Photo courtesy City of Del Mar.

IN BRIEF

Open Pastries

While Del Mar's dig is going on, all our local shops and restaurants are open for business. The Patisserie Del Mar on Camino Del Mar between 9th and 10th Streets, open from 7 AM to 4 PM, offers parking away from the fray.

Gloria and Guns

Assembly Member Todd Gloria has introduced a bill in the state legislature calling for a ban on the sale of firearms and ammunition on the property of the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Passage would undoubtedly mean the end of gunshows on this state property in the city of Del Mar.

A Quarter and a Dime

The city has announced that use of the five electric vehicle charging stations in the Civic Center garage will no longer be free. A fee of 35 cents for each kilowatt/hour will be imposed starting mid-March. That fee will double after

3 hours of charging time to ensure turnover of spaces. City employees can still charge for free, and an incentive program for employees of local businesses that reduces the charging fee by 50% will be implemented in July.

Lights On

The new One Paseo traffic lights on Del Mar Heights Road between El Camino Real and High Bluff Road are now operational. For months they have hung facing the wrong direction and not turned on.

Eat Lite

A key component of Del Mar's Climate Action Plan (<https://www.delmar.ca.us/699/Climate-Action-Plan>) is reducing the amount of solid waste that is sent to landfills. A great place to start is reducing food waste. Help Del Mar move toward becoming a zero waste community with these tips from Save the Food (<https://savethefood.com/>) and San Diego Food System Alliance (<http://www.sdfsa.org/>). □

DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Highlights for MARCH 2019

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

DM Community Connections – Adapting to Life Transitions support group. Friday, March 1, 2:30pm – 4pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

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 March, 3:30pm.

DM Library Kids : Matter Minds. Fun science experiments for elementary aged children to explore science. Saturday March 2 & 16, 11am. (1st & 3rd Saturday of the month.)

City Council Meeting. March 4, 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Community Connections – Tuesday Lunch Connections – Reservations Requested. Tuesday, March 5, Noon – 1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

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

DM Foundation - First Thursdays: Lorraine Castellanos. Thu, March 7, 7–8:15pm Powerhouse. Doors open at 6:30 for wine and cheese. Open to subscription holders only!

DM Library Kids : Full STEM Ahead. STEM program for 3-6yrs old. Learn about science, technology, engineering and math, with a story followed by an activity. Thursday, March 7, 11am.

DM Community Connections – Board of Directors meeting Saturday, March 9, 9am to 10:30am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library Teen & Adult : Tech Teen. Learn about DNA with League of Extraordinary Scientists & Engineers. Saturday, March 9, 3:30pm.

Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB). March 11, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

Planning Commission (PC). March 12, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Community Connections – Dr. Kalina's Healthy Aging Forum: "Spring is Coming: The Nature/Body Connection." Tuesday, March 12, 9:30am – 11am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Foundation - Cultural Arts Committee Meeting. Wed, March 13, 8:30–9:30am Powerhouse.

Parks & Recreation Committee. March 13, 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

The Del Mar Historical Society meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, at 5:00 pm in the conference room at 225 9th Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

DM Community Connections – Guest Bartender Night Fundraiser. Wednesday, March 13, 5-7:30pm, Sbicca Del Mar, 215 15th St.

DM Library Teen & Adult : Art Instruction. With local artist, Sandra Dodd. All supplies provided. March 13 & 27, 3:30pm. (2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.)

Utility Undergrounding Project Advisory Committee. March 14, 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Community Connections – Adapting to Life Transitions support group. Friday, March 15, 2:30pm – 4pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library Teen & Adult : Book Talks and Treats. Staff & readers share reviews and recommendations of recently read books. Copies are available for check out. Coffee and snacks. Friday, March 15, 2pm. (3rd Friday of the month.)

City Council Meeting. March 18, 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

Traffic, Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC). March 19, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Community Connections – Tuesday Lunch Connections – Reservations Requested. Tuesday, March 19, Noon – 1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

San Dieguito Lagoon Committee. March 20, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Breezeway North Conference Room.

DM Library Kids : Rady's Baby Steps. Presented by First 5 California and Rady's Children's Hospital. Registration Required. Please call 858-966-8014. Wednesdays, March 20 & 27. 9:30am.

DM Library Kids : Rady's Toddler Time Class Presented by First 5 California and Rady's Children's Hospital. Thursday, March 21, 10am.

DM Library Teen & Adult : Bluegrass Concert. Presented by the Friends of the Del Mar Library. With Shoreline Pickers, Thursday March 21, 6:30pm.

Next meeting of the **Friends of the San Diego River Valley** is on Monday, March 25, 4 to 6 p.m. in the Breezeway North Conference Room, Town Hall.

Finance Committee. March 26, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

Business Support Advisory Committee. March 26, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM @ City of Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Community Connections – ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Luncheon. Tuesday, March 26, Noon – 1:30pm, Sbicca Del Mar, 215 15th St.

Arts Advisory Committee. March 27, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

Design Review Board (DRB). March 27, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Foundation - Del Mar Foundation Board Meeting. Thu, March 28, 8–9am 225 9th St

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SALUTE TO SANDRA

Bob Gans | Hoska Drive

It is often said that if you want something done, get a busy person to do it. Based on that universal truth, the Del Mar Foundation could not have made a better selection than Sandra Hoyle as its new president. The mother of five daughters ranging in age from 17 to 6, Sandra has been the paradigm of volunteerism since arriving in Del Mar with her husband, Randy, approximately ten years ago. "I can't imagine my life without volunteering for my local community," Sandra shared recently. "It's such a great way to meet people and to really feel connected. I think most people in Del Mar feel the same way, which is one of the things that makes it so special."

Sandra has put those words into action repeatedly. She has served in a multitude of roles for the Foundation over the past several years, serving as Secretary, Vice President, and chair of its Young Del Mar and Special Events committees. She is the creator and primary architect of the Annual Picnic at Powerhouse Park, (which seems to get bigger every year), and she also was responsible for staging the free community party at the Barn at the Beach during the 2018 Breeders' Cup festivities. Sandra also has been involved in planning countless other Foundation events, including its Earth Day celebrations, DMF Talks, community meet and greets, summer movie series, and too many young family events to count.

So what does Sandra do when she's not working for the Foundation or caring for her family? Of course, she volunteers! A former president of the Del Mar Hills PTA, she continues to volunteer for the school while also serving as President-Elect of the San Dieguito Chapter of the National Charity League: a mother-daughter organization devoted to philanthropic work, educational activities,

leadership training, and cultural events, lasting from seventh through twelfth grades. In her spare time, she serves as a member of the Family Advisory Council for Rady Children's Hospital.

Sandra clearly has a lot of interests. The Foundation, however, may hold a special place in her heart. "I think there are a number of great causes out there, but I also think it's important not to forget your own community. Del Mar is so special because we have so many people who are devoted to making it such a wonderful place to live. That's what the mission of the Foundation is all about, and why I think it's such a great organization." On behalf of the Board of the Foundation, we couldn't agree more, and feel very lucky to have Sandra leading us. □



Courtesy Sandra Hoyle.