

## FINISH LINE

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

**D**owntown Streetscape crossed the finish line last month when, during the night hours, striping for lanes was put down along Camino del Mar and torches were used to apply thermoplastic to crosswalks. We think City Manager Scott Huth was right when he predicted it would be worth the unforeseen rain delays, crumbling metal pipes that needed to be replaced and a layer of concrete from the older road in the medians slated for new trees, to name a few. Although a ribbon cutting has not been announced readers can take an inaugural stroll along the wider sidewalks some with accent pavers, drive the realigned lanes with fresh curbs and new landscaping, find new parking spaces and, most of all, experience Camino del Mar as part of the Village not just a thoroughfare.

In her 2017 article Julie Maxey-Allison reminded us that our “Historic US Route 101” was commissioned in 1926 when



*SDM in the early '60s. Courtesy Del Mar Historical Society.*

concrete replaced dirt roads for horses, wagons and other animals. By 1960, however, 101 through Del Mar, was so packed with gasoline stations, advertising and traffic it was labeled “Gasoline Alley.” The completion of Interstate 5 erased some of that image but in 2006 merchants and residents wanted more “complete streets” that included safe and attractive space for walkers and cyclists as well as a more inviting Downtown experience. Spurlock Associates won the bid and put a plan forward.

It took more than another decade to dust off and update the plan, thanks to the persistent push of the Del Mar Village Association and the passage of Measure Q approved by residents to fund the new Streetscape (in addition to Undergrounding and Shores Park plans). Along with the new Civic Center, sidewalks and improvements stretching from Jimmy Durante Blvd. at the north end of town to Carmel Valley Road on the south end, Del Mar has become almost a brand new village by the sea. ■

*A more inviting downtown today. Source: City of Del Mar.*



### THE DEL MAR WAY

As we commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Community Plan along with the city's 60th birthday, it is important to understand what Del Mar might have become without it. Very likely we could have become a planned development, shorn of trees with minimal open space populated by over-built McMansions on over-lit streets with rampant view blockage, a restaurant row along our beach front teeming with short term vacationers, condos in our canyons, a multi-modal bus and train station, a major highway through our town center, and high rise commercial development in the center of town. We only have to take a look at so many other towns that let haphazard development overwhelm and define them.

Instead we elected far-sighted leaders who called on dozens of neighborhood leaders to work collaboratively on a far different vision. They invented a process that involved hundreds of citizens in the grueling, but promising tasks of laying out a blueprint for the kind of small town village we could become. The resulting Community Plan became

our constitution which spelled our values and guidelines for how we would grow and change. Of course, there were doubters, but a solid consensus developed that became a constituency for a voter-adopted Community Plan.

From this very participatory beginning we evolved what came to be known as "the Del Mar Way," a commitment to maximum citizen involvement in almost all decision making. Some worry that it takes so long to make decisions, but we have always benefited when we respect multiple viewpoints and observe the tenets of civil discourse. Our community attracted many smart, accomplished, value-driven citizens who have given of their time and talents in extraordinary levels of involvement. The result is a town that we can be proud of. The essence of our community is the collaborative harnessing of that human talent and energy.

We are not done yet, probably never will be. But we need to remember what got us this far. Our commitment to vigorous debate and involvement coupled with mutual respect will help us face the many opportunities and challenges in front of us.

*The Editorial Board* ■

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### COMMENTARY: TONE CHANGE

*Lynn Gaylord / Ocean Front*

I would like for all of us to change the tone of some of what I have been hearing at Council meetings recently, and reading in attack letters to the editor in the Del Mar Times. We don't need that kind of vitriol in our town.

Del Mar, in my opinion and the opinion of many others, is the most wonderful place to live in all of southern California. Why is that? Is it because our real estate values are going up when others are going down, maybe... – but the deeper question is why? Why is this so?

It is more than our sandy beaches because other cities have sandy beaches...

I am going to offer up the fact that many in this town held  
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# TURN THE PAGE

by the Sandpiper Editorial Board

Pat Vergne and the City have turned the page on a disruptive chapter in Del Mar's history, with the settlement of Vergne's remaining legal claims against the City. Vergne has agreed not to seek employment with the City in the future, will receive \$45,000 from the City, and the City will pay the cost of the mediator who brokered the deal. Moving forward, Vergne has just begun a term on the Del Mar Foundation's board of directors, and will take over responsibility for the Summer Twilight Concerts.

Vergne has handled himself with grace throughout the time since his termination on August 23, 2017, as did City Manager Huth as he sat through long sessions of heated comments, many aimed directly at him. Sadly, however, the quality of our public discourse took a big hit, with some residents publicly excoriating the city manager and council with predictions that the City would pay multi-millions to Vergne for defamation or wrongful termination. Now that the outcome is known, it's worth noting what actually occurred.

After filing a \$5 million claim against the City, Vergne filed a lawsuit that included defamation, wrongful termination, fraud, conspiracy, age discrimination, and whistleblower claims. The defamation claim was not only dismissed, but Vergne was ordered by the Court to pay the City \$9,670 for its legal fees. The wrongful termination, fraud, and conspiracy claims were also dismissed. The age discrimination and whistleblower claims were the remaining claims that were resolved in mediation, shortly before the scheduled trial date. Other than the \$9,670 payment to the City, each party will pay its own attorneys' fees.

If hindsight is great teacher, there are some lessons →



Pat Vergne center. Photo Bill Morris.

in this episode for all of us. Skepticism in the face of claims that the City had defamed Vergne, and that there would be a multi-million dollar award against the City, was clearly warranted. Patience, it turns out, remains a virtue: waiting for a fuller picture with respect to facts and legal claims before jumping to conclusions. Most important of all, we as Del Mar citizens could learn from the grace under pressure exhibited by both Vergne and Huth, and strive for a more civil civic discourse. As it is, we are still recovering, as a community, from the harsh and extraordinarily divisive way we responded to this truly sad chapter in our history.

The Sandpiper wishes Pat well in his new role with the Foundation and its Summer Twilight Concerts. We appreciate his decades-long role as a valued member of our community. ■

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strong to the belief that we didn't want big mansions. We wanted open spaces. We wanted public parks. We wanted protected lagoons. And, if you were going to build, you couldn't block your neighbor's view. Landscape plans were required, to be respected and adhered to.

And much of this was recently quantified by our Design Guidelines. These guidelines were started by Ellie Haviland, as a private citizen, and then supported by Council members Parks and Worden. In fact, Worden was the Council's liaison to the Guidelines committee. These guidelines have made it much easier and fairer for architects and residents when working with the Design Review Board.

And speaking of gorgeous designs, thank you Council members for our Orchid award-winning city hall! It's beautiful! It is open and friendly! It was fantastic →

on a recent Saturday night to be here for the Community Connections Gala with the whole caring community turned out! Utterly delightful to enjoy the sunset, great neighbors, and a glass of wine! I am speaking from my heart.

We have a wonderful, caring, and committed community here in Del Mar. People look out for each other. We are not like some other coastal towns which are night-after-night of short-term rentals, run by online, money-making agencies. That is not us. That is not who we want to become either. Thanks again to Councilmembers Haviland, Parks and Worden who have supported controlling short-term rentals to a manageable and neighborhood friendly use. I just wanted to say thank you for all you have done to keep Del Mar a wonderful place to live! We incorporated 60 years ago so that we would have control over our development, our open spaces, and it was the best thing we ever did! ■



## DMF Announces New Directors & Officers

**T**he Del Mar Foundation recently elected Jeff Barnouw, K. Alan Lonbom, Betty Wheeler and Pat Vergne to its Board of Directors. Jeff has been active with the Foundation's Cultural Arts committee and is looking forward to assuming its Chair position. Alan is a retired audit partner from Deloitte & Touche, and is excited to bring his professional expertise to the Foundation. Betty is returning to our Board, having previously served as Communications Chair. She is an active volunteer with Cultural Arts and Bluegrass and Beyond. Pat Vergne has long been involved with the summer concerts and is looking forward to assuming the Chair of the Twilight Concerts Committee.

With a mix of gratitude and sadness, we announce that Michael Halpern, Karla Deerinck, Donna Shaw, and T. Pat Stubbs have termed off the Board. Mike formerly served as the Foundation's treasurer, and will continue to serve as an integral member of our Investment and Grant committees. Karla's artistic touch has been on display for years at Young Del Mar and Special events, and we look forward to her next event! Donna Shaw has fearlessly led the Cultural Arts committee for the past seven years and will continue to volunteer with the Foundation. We've been excited to witness how our Twilight Concerts have evolved over the past eight years under the leadership of T. Pat Stubbs, and his willingness to continue to participate in the concerts is much appreciated.

The Del Mar Foundation re-elected Amanda Allen to the Board of Directors. The Board also re-elected its slate of officers: Sandra Hoyle as President, Ira Sharp as Treasurer, Alice Brown as Secretary, and Bob Gans as Past President. The remaining directors of the Foundation include Communications Chair Bill Morris, Young Del Mar Chair Jenny Galan, Sharon Bockoff and Jill Wheeler. Jan Barnes remains in her role as Administrative Director.

If you are interested in getting more involved, please send us an email at [info@delmarfoundation.org](mailto:info@delmarfoundation.org). Also, continue to check for news at [www.delmarfoundation.org](http://www.delmarfoundation.org) and like us on Facebook (@delmarfoundation) and Instagram (@delmarfoundation).

## ROVING TEEN REPORTER

### Classes vs Climate

Dhathry Doppalapudi | Torrey Pines High School Senior

**I**n late September, thousands of schools and communities participated in the Global Climate Strike, a series of international strikes and school walkouts to demand government action against climate change. An estimated 2 million students, worldwide, participated in the school walkouts. However, it was a different story for some San Diego high schools.

Torrey Pines High School did not participate in the walkout. BriAnn, a senior from TP, said it was because students did not want to miss class for it.

"I think most people knew that it was happening in other places," she said. "But I think people cared more about their classes and schoolwork than participating in a walkout that they feel isn't going to really do anything."

Oscar, a Scripps Ranch High School senior, said that although his school did not participate, he still thinks it is important. "It raises awareness and sends a message to our government that we want to see change," he said.

BriAnn disagrees. "If a bunch of kids leave their class, that's not going to make anyone take climate change any more seriously than they've already been taking it," she said. "It's not any government officials are going to pay attention just because some kids didn't want to show up to class."

It's not that students in San Diego don't understand or care enough about climate change, BriAnn says, but rather that they don't feel that they have the power to influence any political change through the walkout.

Oscar, on the other hand, thinks that the responsibility falls to the students because "this should be the top priority for our government and for some reason they can't see that." He also argues that it should not be a controversial, partisan issue because it affects everyone not only now, but in the future as well.

Most teenagers would likely side with either BriAnn or Oscar on the issue of how much power and influence teenagers actually possess to create change in important topics such as climate change. While students like Oscar are optimistic and believe that if teenagers and youth speak up loudly enough for what they want, they could convince those in office to create legislation that benefits their cause, other students like BriAnn do not have the same faith.

"Especially for teenagers, I can't think of anything we could do that could actually make any difference," she said. "Obviously we care, but we don't feel like we have any say in the matter." ■

# WHAT'S UP WITH UP?

Kristen M. Crane | Assistant City Manager

**O**n August 5, 2019 the City Council authorized proceeding with design for undergrounding utility poles in two areas of the City, generally defined as follows:

- Area 1A – West of Camino del Mar, along Stratford Court between 4th Street and Sea Orbit Lane, including the alleys. This is considered the “pilot project” area.
- Area X1A – Vicinity of Crest Canyon, including the eastern end of San Dieguito Drive near the City limit, and above Crest Canyon along Avenida Primavera and Crest Drive, extending to the southern City boundary.

For each of these two areas, it is anticipated that there will be some slight refinements to the boundaries based on technical feedback from SDG&E and the telecommunications companies.

The focus is now on the steps to officially form the undergrounding districts for both Area 1A and X1A.

Together with the Undergrounding Project Advisory Committee, the City is working to select a specialty electrical engineering consultant that will play an important role on the team during the design process, working with SDG&E, the telecommunications companies, and property owners. The selection process for the specialized electrical engineering consultant is in progress, with interviews and City Council award of a contract planned for November.

While it had been planned that the formal steps to establish the two undergrounding districts would be brought to the City Council in October, in reviewing the two areas more carefully, it was determined to wait until the specialized electrical engineering consultant selection process is complete.

The next step to form the two districts is to complete a site visit of the two areas with SDG&E and the two telecommunications companies (AT&T and Charter). That very precise review in the field may yield necessary refinements to the boundaries based on circuitry, operational requirements for SDG&E, AT&T or Spectrum, and cost efficiency. It was determined that it would be highly beneficial to have the new electrical engineering consultant on board to participate in those two site walks, to both provide expert advice to the City and to be part of the design process with SDG&E and the telecommunications companies from the beginning.

Once the new electrical engineering consultant is on board, the goal is to conduct the site visits for the two areas in early December, then to proceed with the official steps to form the undergrounding districts in January.

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**Del Mar Community Connections**  
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## NOVEMBER 2019

Ashley Simpkins, Program Director

### **SportsWatch!**

DMCC is now recruiting group members and group coordinators for a new program: DMCC SportsWatch. We're looking for people to get involved for each TV sport (NBA, MLB, NFL, college football, tennis, soccer, hockey, etc.) The coordinators for each sport will make arrangements at a local restaurant, bar, or private home for fans of that sport to watch together with their neighbors who are fans of the same game. Coordinators will be responsible for notifying group members about group events.

The SportsWatch program is inspired by the desire to involve more men in DMCC activities, but all senior sports fans are welcome!

So it's time to sign up. DMCC board member and program committee member Gordon Clanton is coordinating the coordinators. Let him know if you wish to join one or more of our SportsWatch groups, if you would consider volunteering to serve as a coordinator for one of the groups, or if you have questions or suggestions at [gclanton@sdsu.edu](mailto:gclanton@sdsu.edu).

### **Get Ready for the Holidays...**

Mark your calendar: DMCC's annual Holiday Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 4th. This luncheon is carefully and lovingly planned by our Social and Good Times committee, led by Linda Chisari. Make sure you're on our email list to receive details about this free and entertaining event. You'll also receive details about our annual toy drive for Community Resource Center's Holiday Baskets program, in which we collect toys for children from low-income families in North County, often from a military family or a family that has recently escaped domestic violence.

### **Thanks for a successful Gala!**

The 2019 Annual Benefit Gala was our most successful yet, thanks to the volunteer committee led by Rose Ann and Ira Sharp, as well as the fundraising efforts led by Development Chair Rosanne Holliday and Honorary Co-Chairs Jeff Barnouw and Mary Walshok. Thanks to all who donated their money and time to keep the community support flowing to DMCC: You are UNBELIEVABLY great, and we could not do it without you.

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# NERVOUS NUKES

## Coastal Commission Caves

Don Mosier | Rimini Road



*Aerial view of the SONGS site: After the demolition of units 2 and 3 buildings, the areas **remaining** are outlined by dotted black lines. The “interim” storage area (ISFSI) at the left (north) of the site and the power substation switchyards (closer to I-5 on the east side of the site) will remain, and the rest of the site will be cleared to 3 feet below grade. Picture from the CCC staff report.*

The California Coastal Commission (CCC) voted 9-0 to approve the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for Southern California Edison (SCE) to begin demolition of most of the structures at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) as early as next year. The hearing was held October 17th in Chula Vista, and the commissioners heard over 5 hours of public testimony, much of it opposed to approving the CDP because of concerns over removal of the cooling pools, the poor safety record of SCE, and the difficulty in detecting flaws in canisters used for spent radioactive fuel storage and repairing them. The CCC staff had recommended approving the CDP with 18 added conditions. At the last minute, and without public input, staff added a 19th condition that obviously arose from ex parte discussions with SCE. In their rebuttal to public comments against approving the CDP, SCE showed a video claiming that they had access to new technologies allowing camera inspection of canisters in their tight concrete overpacks and remote welding technology that would allow cracks to be sealed with the canisters in place. They claimed that this untested technology would remove the need to retain the cooling pools for unloading spent fuel from damaged canisters. The new 19th condition called for an independent review of the canister inspection and maintenance program with a report back to the CCC due by March 31, 2020. This independent review will be funded by SCE and the third party will be chosen by the Executive Director of the CCC with a cost not to exceed \$115,000.

What is crazy about this plan is that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s (NRC) Chief Inspector has publicly stated that is impossible to review canister integrity by →

## ✓ FACT CHECK: TRANSIT \$

**CLAIM:** Councilmember Ellie Haviland, Del Mar’s SANDAG representative, cast votes at SANDAG against accepting \$6.1 million in state funding for local bluff stabilization, and against transportation improvements.

**FACT:** No. With two competing proposals on the table, both of which included the bluff stabilization money, Haviland voted for the proposal that had the most environmentally sustainable transportation improvements and included money for I-5 improvements, rather than diverting those funds to SR 78 and SR 67 for less beneficial uses.

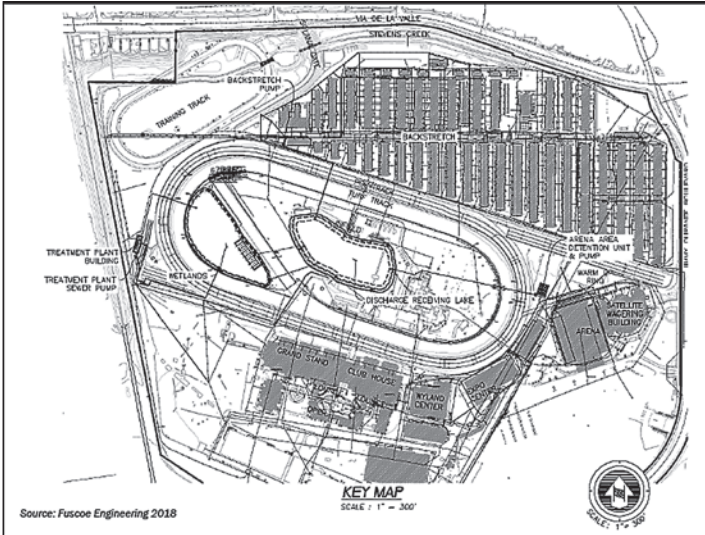
**BACKGROUND:** The mayors of Poway and Escondido offered a last-minute amendment to the 2020 Regional Transportation budget that removed \$60 million in regional Transnet Funds from the I-5 corridor and redistributed it to partially pay for design and environmental review for HOV lanes along the SR 78 corridor, and for widening SR 67 to four lanes. SANDAG reps from Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Imperial Beach and Lemon Grove joined Haviland in voting to use the money to support the addition of express lanes along I-5. The last-minute amendment succeeded in shifting resources from San Diego coastal areas to inland areas, against the recommendation of SANDAG staff based on many factors including safety, cost/benefit, environmental impacts – and state mandates to reduce carbon emissions. Haviland’s vote was not a vote against transportation improvements: it was a vote to use the money for the most effective improvements. It was a data-based vote, given that the I-5 corridor has much higher Peak Hour Traffic Volume than the routes to which the money was redirected. It was the right vote on environmental grounds, by reducing freeway congestion, commute times, and carbon emissions. And it was the vote that best aligned with Del Mar’s strong commitment to climate action. ■

remote camera surveillance. He also told SCE that their “inspection” of 8 canisters by cameras in March of this year during the shutdown of loading activities does not meet NRC standards and was not approved by the NRC. This means that condition 19 was added without input from the NRC, and the Executive Director of the CCC will receive the “independent review” report next March and bring the issue back the CCC Commissioners. The same commissioners who approved the CDP despite widespread public opposition will then get to make a decision that none of them are qualified to make. The CCC lawyer stated at the start of the hearing that safety was a federal issue, and that only the NRC has jurisdiction over safety decisions. Yet condition 19 allows the CCC to make a critical safety decision that could put 8 million Southern California residents at risk. Does this sound like a good plan to you? ■

# CLEAR LAKE

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

Dustin Fuller, Supervising Environmental Planner at the 22nd District Agricultural Association, has been introducing interested parties to an elaborate water treatment system at the Fairgrounds, specifically the Racetrack, Stables, and related areas, that will go into effect in 2021. He led a tour for the Project Review Committee of the San Dieguito River Park in late August and another for the City of Del Mar Lagoon Committee in mid-October.



Source: Fuscoe Engineering 2018

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As part of the steps to form the districts, a detailed map of each area will be produced that identifies exactly which parcels are included in each area. Public noticing will be sent in advance of the City Council meetings to all residents and property owners, both within the area and within 300 feet.

Design will be completed at the City's expense by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), which includes coordination with the telecommunication providers that use the utility poles for their infrastructure. Design is anticipated to take approximately 18 months once the two areas are officially designated as undergrounding districts by the City Council, which gives SDG&E the green light to proceed.

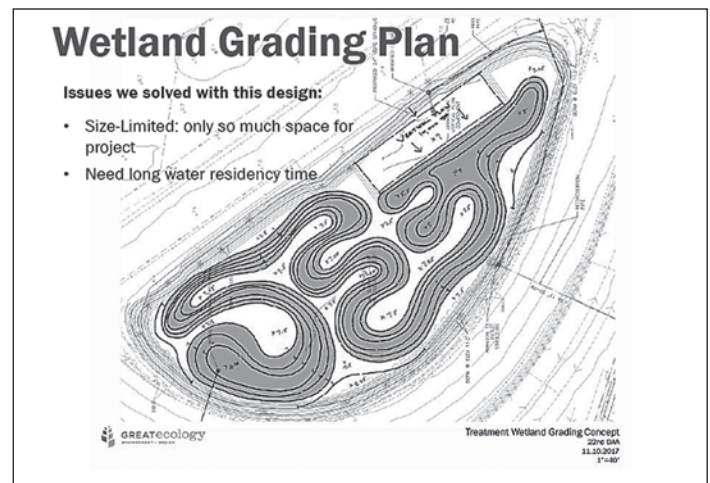
Further discussion of the Area 1A and Area X1A, where they are located, and how they were determined and selected for the first phase is available on the project web page at [www.delmar.ca.us/up](http://www.delmar.ca.us/up).

For more information, visit [www.delmar.ca.us/up](http://www.delmar.ca.us/up) or contact [up@delmar.ca.us](mailto:up@delmar.ca.us). ■

There are two lakes in the infield of the track that are being redesigned to collect and treat all water that has come into contact with horses. Rain gutters on stables and barns will divert uncontaminated water to another system. Beyond water quality improvement (purification) the lakes will serve as flood control during extreme rain. The East Lake has a lining which isolates it from groundwater. It currently contains 6 million gallons but is only 4 feet deep. Water will be channeled into the West Lake through several sorts of artificial wetlands, including "vertical wetlands" (mini-cascades) and a meander in which the rate of flow can be controlled. After the second racing season is concluded the West Lake will be drained, given a different, more permeable lining, and converted into the elaborate artificial wetland.

From the West Lake water will be piped to a newly constructed Water Treatment Plant further to the west, where continuous water testing for a variety of chemical substances will be conducted, which eventually may be monitored remotely, from another site. The water also flows through pipes that treat it with ultra violet light, to control bacteria.

Water that does not meet certain standards will be circulated back to the East Lake to begin the process again. Eventually water of sufficient quality may be used for irrigation. Currently the Fairgrounds has a contract to buy water of that quality from the San Elijo Joint Power Agency



Courtesy Dustin Fuller

(JPA). If too much irrigation-quality water is accumulated in the system, the surplus can be released into Stevens Creek.

Standards for water quality are governed by state regulations regulations, Confined Animal Feeding Operation. Dustin Fuller estimated that 2300 horses are washed down daily during racing season, with a peak population of 2500. The system was developed by an engineer who did similar work for Sea World. The cost of the system by the time it is finished will be over \$12 million. ■



# SALTY WATERS

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) is investigating withdrawing brackish water from the San Dieguito Valley Groundwater Basin (see map), piping it through a desalination plant, and adding it to their potable water supply. The basin consists of two distinct aquifers separated by an impermeable layer and extends from Lake Hodges to the Pacific Ocean. The basin is fed by water from the San Dieguito River and groundwater runoff from adjacent areas.

The lower aquifer is the most brackish for two reasons. First, wells drilled for agricultural pumping in the 1960s reduced the groundwater levels to below sea



## THANKS, DEL MAR!



*Del Mar's Planning Department 2014  
back, from left: Matt Bator, Adam Birnbaum, Joseph Smith.  
front, from left: Kathy Garcia, Katie Benson, Patty Malik.  
Photo Tony Corso.*

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be your Planning and Community Development Director for the last nine years. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you, hearing your concerns, and working towards a better Del Mar. As I've noted many times, this is not an apathetic community and the respectful discourse on controversial matters will always be a hallmark of Del Mar. It has made my job challenging and rewarding at the same time; yet when a solution is reached, we all know it is very well vetted in the community. Del Mar will face many future planning issues that will need civil discourse; I trust you will engage with your next Director with the same respect and interest you have shown me. I have learned so much from this job and have made many new friends in the community. This position was a fitting way to end my career. In the upcoming days of retirement, I look forward to running into you, hearing your updates, and talking about topics other than just Planning!

Many thanks for a rewarding career as your Planning and Community Development Director,

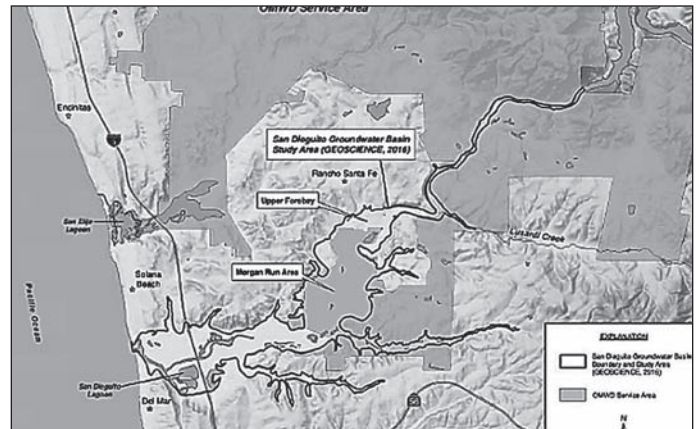
*Sincerely, Kathy Garcia* ■

level resulting in an inland flow of seawater. Second, rising ocean levels and restoration of the San Dieguito Lagoon have led to further eastward intrusion of seawater, such that both the lower and upper aquifers have increased salinity. The result is that the many wells in the area, whether shallow or deep, provide water that is too brackish for irrigation or agricultural use. The prolonged drought in the past decade prevented freshwater recharging of the aquifers, making the problem even worse.

OMWD has drilled a test well near the eastern end of the Surf Club property and just south of the Morgan Run Golf Club to determine how much water can safely be withdrawn from the lower aquifer and how brackish it is. This pilot project will determine if the plan to build a desalination plant and generate one million gallons of potable water per day is feasible.

One consequence if this project moves forward is that the gradient between rising ocean levels and lower aquifer levels resulting from withdrawal for desalination will result in rapidly increasing salinity levels (particularly during drought periods). The benefit of using well water versus seawater for desalination could diminish under this scenario, particularly for a project with an expected lifetime of 50 years.

Global warming will result in diminishing sources of water for all of California. The OMWD project may be an innovative solution to the problem, or it may have a short-term benefit that turns into a long-term problem. ■



*Solid line marks San Dieguito Valley groundwater basin boundary.*

## INBRIEF

### Fiscal Physical

The Office of State Auditor ranked all cities in California as “low risk,” “moderate risk,” or “high risk” based on 10 financial indicators including revenue trends, general reserve balance, debt obligations, pension cost and funding. Del Mar was comfortably in the “low risk” ranking. Unfortunately, our neighbor the giant city of San Diego fell in the “high risk” category, ranking 61st out of 471 cities statewide. ■



## COMPOSTING → FERMENTING

Valérie Dufort-Roy | Klish Way

Many associate composting with heavy turning, flies, and foul smell... In reality, composting is an economical and effective method to feed your garden rich natural fertilizer while diverting food waste from landfills, where it enters into anaerobic decomposition and releases methane, a great contributor to greenhouse gas. Compost piles are aerobic decomposing systems, producing carbon dioxide. With methane being 26 times more potent at heat-trapping than carbon dioxide, diverting organic matter away from landfills is a no brainer.

Passive and active composting require a well aerated bin where greens (garden waste, produce without sticker, eggshells) and browns (twigs, dried leaves, non-glossy paper) are superposed. Foul odor means an excess of moisture. Occasional flies are solved with turning and topping with a layer of shredded paper. Passive composting ("leave it alone" approach) yields compost in 6-18 months, while increasing turning frequency and monitoring humidity actively yields a more even compost in 3-6 months.

As you understand, animal products and grains are excluded from active and passive composting, since they would attract rodents and develop harmful bacteria. Bokashi fermentation process is the miraculous solution!

Bokashi bran is wheat or rice hulls exposed to inoculating bacteria which lower the PH of food scraps, preventing the growth of pathogen and allowing the fermentation of cooked and raw sea and animal products, dairies, grains... 100% of organic waste. The fermentation process requires a bucket with an airtight lid. A handful of bran is tossed at the bottom, and a spoonful is added every three to four inches of waste. To allow for proper fermentation, a plate is utilized to press on the waste. Once the container is full, another handful of bran is added. The container is left to "pickle" for three weeks, after which the content can safely be added to a compost pile.

Let's recap! Along with home recycling, recycling plastic films at designated locations (Target, Stater Bros., Ralphs, etc.), and tweaking trash-producing consumption habits by buying bulk, bokashi fermentation and composting could literally eliminate what is left of your trash! In fact, in addition to downsizing our trash bin, my family rarely ever needs to take it out.

Want to try bokashi fermentation and/or composting? Solana Center for Environmental Innovation has 2 open spots for Del Mar residents in their Food Cycle program. Contact the experts (760) 436-7986 X700 <https://www.solanacenter.org/resources/food-cycle-program/> ■

## THANKS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Donald Mosier | Climate Action Plan Facilitator

The Del Mar City Council approved moving forward with Community Choice Energy (CCE) by a 4-1 vote at their October 7th meeting, with Councilmember Gaasterland opposed. Her concerns were cited in a letter to the October 10th Del Mar Times. The council received a detailed cost/benefit analysis from EES Consultants at their meeting on April 15th, and many of Gaasterland's concerns are answered in that report. Other details will be determined by the new Joint Powers Authority Board, and Del Mar will have a vote to influence those decisions.

The council subcommittee of Dwight Worden and Ellie Haviland has been working for the last 3 years on implementing the council direction to move forward with joining a CCE. Most importantly, the Climate Action Plan, adopted in June, 2016, highlighted that moving towards the 2035 goal of 100% clean energy could only be achieved with the local control inherent in the CCE governance model. The subcommittee also conferred with Solana Beach, the only city in San Diego County with an operating CCE, to understand the financial risks and benefits of a larger, regional CCE. I have been involved with city staff in many meetings with other North Coast cities and CCE experts from around the state to make sure that we recognize all the risks and rewards of participating in a regional CCE.

It is time to move forward, and I applaud the votes of Mayor Druker, Deputy Mayor Haviland, and Councilmembers Parks and Worden in taking this important step. Del Mar residents have been well-represented in this important and timely advance toward carbon-free energy for our community. ■

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## IN BRIEF

### Sea Level Rise Negotiations

Negotiations continue between the staffs of the Coastal Commission and Del Mar on what should be in our Local Coastal Program regarding adaptation to predicted sea level rise increases in coming years. Del Mar's plan focuses primarily on existing sea walls and restoration of beach sand, and rejects the appropriateness of a managed retreat strategy. Some plan change proposals from Coastal Commission were refused by a unanimous City Council. If new changes are proposed, they would require City Council approval before going on the agenda of the Coastal Commission. ■

## FAIR FAIR HOUSING

Dwight Worden, | City Council Member

The fairgrounds is owned by the State of California and governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Governor. While the state's housing obligations apply to all cities, including Del Mar, these housing obligations do not apply to the fairgrounds and no housing allotment is assigned to it. Because the main fairgrounds lies within the city limits of Del Mar the city has identified working with the fairgrounds to see if housing can be provided on its grounds as one of the city housing strategies. The 22 in 5 report identifies several opportunities on the Fairgrounds property: Rehabilitation of back track housing, construction of new housing on the "lay down" lot, and housing or mobile homes on the RV lot east of Jimmy Durante, noting this option would require annexation of that property into Del Mar.

The city is in active discussions with the fairgrounds about these and other options, and the discussions are going cautiously well. City staff indicates that the fairgrounds is not a "silver bullet" that can meet all Del Mar's housing requirements; rather that at most about 20% of the city's need can be met on the fairgrounds, and even that much will require consent of the fairgrounds and the state, annexations, environmental review, Coastal Permits, addressing flood plain issues, traffic, access, and more, none of which is a given.

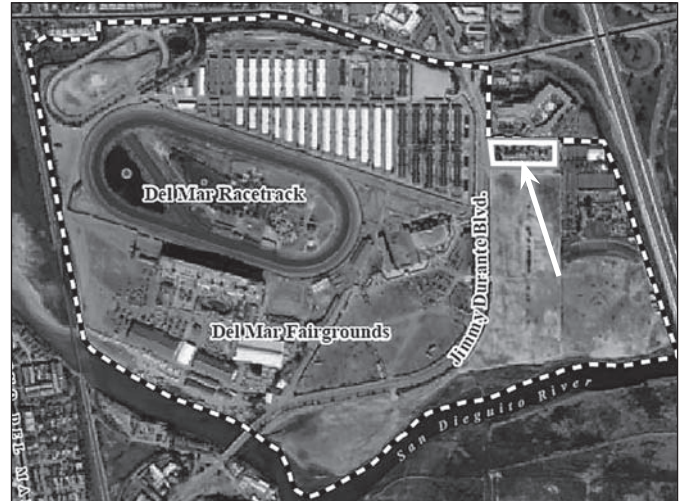
The city will need to aggressively pursue its other options, including rezonings, ADUs, condo conversions, mixed use, tiny houses, use of city owned property, and more, in addition to any opportunities on the fairgrounds, if we are to meet our goals. Moreover, preliminary feedback from the fairgrounds is that housing proposed in areas with horses is a non-starter for them, so rehabilitating the existing dilapidated units in the barn area and building units in the lay down lot area may not be viable. Instead, pursuing options for housing around the perimeter of the fairgrounds and on the RV lot are likely to be more productive.

Del Mar's legally mandated housing allocation is based, in part, on the number of jobs in town. The jobs at the fairgrounds are counted by SANDAG and the State. Thus, Del Mar, not the fairgrounds, bears the housing burden for those workers. That may not be fair, but it is the current rule. The methodology for assigning job counts is complex. Even if these job numbers at the fairgrounds are reduced Del Mar's housing obligation is not likely to change very much.

Bottom line: Del Mar is making progress towards its assigned housing goals. For the first time in our history affordable units have been approved and are being built. But, it's a tough climb. There is no "free lunch." All of the options with potential to provide more housing have community impacts. Severe legal penalties can be imposed if we fail, including loss of state funding for streets and other essentials, and loss of zoning power. So, meeting our goals is serious business. □

## A YEAR OR SO TO GO

Ann Gardner | Via Latina



White arrow points to Surf and Turf R.V. Park  
Source: 2008 Fairgrounds Master Plan.

As the Fifth Cycle Housing Element enters its final year let's look at how we are doing in meeting our 2013-2021 goal to provide units for 22 households with incomes from less than \$33,260 to \$53,219. These "low income" units make up 30% of our allotted 76 units for the 2013-2021 period. In 2015 City Council funded a thorough 22 (units) In 5 (years) Affordable Housing Study and approved the following specific strategies that are in the process of being completed:

**Obtain Covenants on Specific Plan Projects Being Developed.** As a condition for a developer's request to build increased density in exchange for exceptional benefits, Del Mar is asking for a specific number of lower income affordable units. The approved 941 Camino del Mar mixed use project will provide two affordable units. The proposed Watermark project has a potential of 7-8 units and Marisol is proposing 22. This strategy also includes an extra FAR of 500 square feet for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) with a 30 year deed restriction for low income earners. One deed-restricted ADU has already been approved.

**Add Residential Use To Commercial Property.** The City has gathered public input from nearby properties to add residential as a new use in the North Commercial and Professional Commercial zones at the corner of Jimmy Durante Blvd. and San Dieguito Drive and on Camino del Mar between 8th and 9th. The change would allow up to 20 dwelling units where only one per parcel is now allowed but keep the existing floor area, lot coverage and height requirements. The change is described in detail in a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) expected to be released this month for public input.

**Encourage Condominium Conversion and Revise In-Lieu Housing Mitigation Fees.** The City has increased the In-Lieu Housing Mitigation Fees in order

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## FACT CHECK: PUSH POLLS

**CLAIM:** The anonymous “people” in the so-called “Del Mar Forward” and “Woodpecker” group recently sponsored another in their series of “community surveys.” The “results” of their 185-person poll (out of 3,000 Del Mar voters) were presented to the City Council as “powerful data” to support their criticism of Council Member Ellie Haviland. This is not the first time this group has put forth unscientific polling and claimed it as declarative data.

**FACTS:** This process presented as “fact” easily meets the definition of a “Push Poll” as defined by Oxford Dictionary as “an ostensible opinion poll in which the true objective is to sway voters using loaded or manipulative questions.” Wikipedia says a push poll consists “primarily of leading questions designed to change a person’s mind about an issue or candidate without actually admitting it; the data derived therefrom is generally irrelevant.” The anonymous Del Mar Forward group’s piece recited a series of negative statements leading to their pre-determined conclusion, followed by a question based on those leading set-up words. Predictably, the answers were tallied and then presented as factual survey results.

The American Association of Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) states that good message testing includes pro and con statements and recommends a sample size of at least 500-1,000 respondents. The AAPOR and other public opinion organizations denounce these push polls as “incompatible with authentic polling.” ■

## IN BRIEF

### UPDATE on Winston School

The City continues to be in negotiations with Winston School over the terms of the City’s lease with the School. Reports indicate that both parties are finding the talks productive and positive. Evidently there was an agreement to set up joint subcommittees to tackle key issues. ■

### FROM A YEAR OR TWO TO GO *page 10*

to enlarge the Housing Reserve Fund. The fee is imposed when a development results in the loss of housing units. The City also approved Municipal Code 24.21 to encourage converting multifamily buildings to condominiums in exchange for setting aside or donating a unit or units to the City depending on the number of conversions.

**Pursue Partnership Opportunities with the Fairgrounds.** The Fairgrounds property, owned by the State of California, includes a “horseman’s village” known as the Backstretch of about 273 dormitory-style rooms leased to seasonal laborers. According to our 22 in 5 Report this provides an opportunity for the City to →

## RUNNING ROOM

Nicole Pentheroudakis | Recuerdo Drive

**W**hen the community voted YES to approve Bond MM, it was voting to rebuild Del Mar Heights Elementary School. No one in the community dreamed that the school district would take the bond money that was given to them and eliminate a majority of the school field; open recreational space that is scarce in this community and that can never be replaced. Once it’s gone, it’s gone forever.

The district rendering is misleading as it shows the proposed green space is only 5% less than that of the existing school. Their numbers include anything that is “green,” not open field. The school district’s definition of “Existing Green Space” does not include the square footage of the current baseball and kickball fields. In fact the proposed plan actually eliminates the baseball field, which has been used by this community for generations. Their “Proposed Green Space” numbers do, however, include the square footage of a planned amphitheater, perimeter grass, and a large green lot (large enough to currently house the entire kindergarten and kindergarten playground) that will be unusable by future students because it lies outside the fenced campus.

If the school district tries, again, to close Del Mar Hills Elementary School, the student capacity at the Heights will increase significantly. That would leave the community with one, small field at a Del Mar Heights “mega school.” That is all that will be left for future generations.

These kids are 5-12 years old and they need room to run and engage in free play in order to be able to sit in a classroom and learn. That is not possible in an “amphitheater” or some random green areas around the perimeter. The community needs a new school that will help teachers to provide an exceptional educational environment for our children. Upgrading buildings with collaborative spaces and more light is vital; but the field is just as essential to the children’s academic, social and physical growth. And it is just as essential to our community.

The Del Mar Union School District Board of Trustees and Superintendent Holly McClurg need to revisit the proposed school plans and find a way to provide both a wonderful new school facility AND keep the field intact. The projected cost for this rebuild is a staggering \$42,000,000 with an additional almost \$10,000,000 in soft costs. It’s not going to be rebuilt again for generations, so we need to do this right. ■

collaborate with the Fairgrounds to create affordable units. Two other Fairgrounds properties, the “Laydown/Parking Lot” and the R.V. Park east of Jimmy Durante Blvd., also have potential for building additional market rate units along with affordable units. Del Mar Councilmembers Ellie Haviland and Dwight Worden are in active discussions with the Fairgrounds to work on these options. ■

# "UNBELIEVABLE" GALA

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

## IN BRIEF

### Update on City Manager and Planning Director recruitment

#### Planning & Community Development Director

45 applications received, highly qualified applicant pool

1st Round of Interviews: 10/10

2nd Round of Interviews: 10/23

#### City Manager:

48 applications received, highly qualified applicant pool

1st Round of Interviews: 11/21

2nd Round of Interviews: 12/12

#### Community Survey: 16 responses received

Two city managers and one planning director from other cities are participating in the interviews for Planning Director. ■



Claire and Tom McGreal at left. Photos Julie Maxey-Allison



Rose Ann and Ira Sharp.

**"D**el Mar is Unbelievable" was the theme of the Del Mar Community Connections Gala held on Oct 5 in Town Hall.

Co-chairs Ira and Rose Ann Sharp headed a Gala Committee of Jas Grewal, Tema Halpern, Claire and Tom McGreal, Michael Sharpe and Nina Wright, who put together an evening that was unbelievable in the sense of phenomenal.

Mary Walshok and Jeff Barnouw, Honorary Co-chairs,

had to do (or were allowed to do) almost nothing, which takes some of the fun out of volunteering. Mary did give an overview of the extent and varieties of work done by DMCC volunteers, and Jeff presented a crystal statuette and a proclamation from the five County Supervisors declaring October 5 "Lynne Nerenberg Day" to the genuinely surprised Volunteer of the Year, who was recognized for "spending 165 hours, providing 275 individual rides and driving over 2200 miles." Incredible.

Sixty-three households (couples and singles, and 2 foundations) contributed at the level of Honorary Committee, along with Visionaries Arlene Harris and Marty Cooper and Champions Rosanne and Joel Holliday, John and Nancy Weare, and Sheryl and Harvey White. The proceeds represented an increase of 25% over the previous record.

The 96 in attendance enjoyed wine from Hope and Grace Winery. Bob Gans was an incredible auctioneer, avoiding the usual "I've got five hundred, who'll gimme six" machine gun style, for more heartfelt appeals. "Are you going to let this go for five hundred. I can't believe it." Then a truly incredible improv performance by National Comedy →



From left: Michael Sharpe, Mary Ann and Bud Emerson, Sheila Sharpe, Melissa and Bob Gans.

Theatre used lines from movies or song titles suggested by the audience to weave together successive mini dramas of amazing coherence. How did they do it?

The Gala theme came to its full significance in the unbelievable stories of Del Martians collected by Suzi Resnik, Chair Annie Duval, Lynn Gaylord, Mai-Lon Gittelsohn, Mark Kalina and Stan Marks, which were circulated at the tables. Most of the stories started from a core that was not to be believed, but true, and then fantasized further. The truth (and falsity) of the 14 stories was revealed on a sheet given to the guests as they left. A DMCC Seniors lunch the next week was entertained by a game which Suzi Resnik derived from the story collection, which now threatens to take on a life of its own. Can you believe it? ■





## FACT CHECK: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

**CLAIM:** Claim: An unsigned article in the Woodpecker claimed that Deputy Mayor Haviland, Del Mar's SANDAG rep, voted against Del Mar's interests by approving a titanic increase in Del Mar's affordable housing (RHNA) allocation, when she could have supported a Solana Beach proposal and reduced Del Mar's allocation by 55%.

**FACTS:** Haviland's vote carried out the direction the Del Mar City Council gave her, on a 5-0 vote, after much discussion of the proposed allocation, the methodology, and the likelihood that this was the most favorable outcome Del Mar could achieve in the RHNA process. Had she and the Imperial Beach rep voted with Solana Beach, that "victory" would have lasted the 5 minutes it would have taken for the City of San Diego to call for a weighted vote and overturn that outcome, which San Diego had made clear it would do. Further, the Solana Beach proposal was "red-flagged" by the state agency with final approval authority, so it is unlikely that the Solana Beach alternative would be approved, given its negative impact on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Vehicle Miles Traveled mandates.

In short: Haviland followed the 5-0 direction of the Council, and declined to support an alternate proposal that would have been overturned immediately by SANDAG's weighted voting process, would almost certainly been rejected by the state Department of Housing and Community Development, and would have undermined SANDAG's plans to meet GHG and VMT state mandates.

For bonus "nasty" points, the Woodpecker took a factual statement made by Haviland, "I don't know where these affordable housing units are going to go in my city..." and ridiculed it as though it reflects poorly on Haviland or her grasp of these issues. In fact, no one in Del Mar – not even the Woodpecker – knows yet where Del Mar's allocation of affordable housing units will go. In part, that's because the City is pursuing a variety of ways to achieve these housing units, based on the 22 in 5 Report, and that work is still in process. In part, it's because the Council is committed to a robust community engagement process to make these key decisions and tough choices with full community participation.

**BACKGROUND:** More Information: Like many issues that the City Council and regional agencies must deal with, the RHNA allocation and affordable housing issues are extraordinarily complex. For detailed background on this issue, see the more detailed analysis posted on the Sandpiper's website. ▢

### Editors' Note

We are seeing an increase in misinformation and personal attacks in our community. In the interest of informed debate and discussion, we will be printing "Fact Checks" when necessary.

## LITTLE LADIES

Ed Mirsky | Hoska Drive

**I**t Happens! Here is help on what to do if/when you find yourself face to beak with a chick or fledgling who has landed on the ground.

"Little ladies," that's what our friend, Dorothy, called them as they walked on the open ground and grass at her home in Berkeley searching for seed. Indeed, Mourning Doves look exquisite: sandy-gray, above with jewel-like black spots on their wings; pretty, pale peach below, with pinkish legs and a long thin tail.



Photo © Steve Brad.

But as pretty as they are, they build an equally crude nest. In fact, it's often nothing more than a pile of sticks on the ground, in dense foliage, on branches, or even in a storm gutters. And it offers little insulation for the eggs and young. The nest is built by the female. The male carries twigs to the female, passing them to her while standing on her back and watching her weave them into a nest about eight inches across.

It is a wonder that the jumble of sticks holds together, and often it doesn't. It's no surprise that eggs and chicks are lost to a slight breeze or a rain storm. The chicks that remain in the nest are fed crop milk, which for doves is called dove milk. Dove milk is a secretion from the lining of the crop of parent birds that is regurgitated to the young. Not surprising given how fast chicks grow, dove milk contains more protein than cow or human milk.

But what to do if you find a chick or fledgling on the ground? Put the chick back in the nest if possible, but leave the fledgling alone. Fledgling often leave the nest and their parents tend to stay close by. This is true for birds other than doves, too.

See: I found a Baby Bird. What Do I Do? The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology: All About Birds (<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/i-found-a-baby-bird-what-do-i-do/>) ▢

# A MOVING MEMOIR

## Part Two – Anonymity Fail

Nancy Fisher | Ipswich, Massachusetts

*This is the second of three articles on the author's recent move from Del Mar to Ipswich.*

In the first of this three-part article about our move to Ipswich, Massachusetts from Del Mar, I looked back at our arrival in Del Mar, and our plan to keep low profiles. Here's how that went.

Within weeks of our arrival in 2010, residents of the Beach Colony learned that the North County Transit District (NCTD), with the gung-ho support of some City Council members, was seriously considering building a train stop just east of the tracks around 22nd-26th Streets – and a grass-roots movement developed overnight. The proposal was defeated, but not before we met the entire Beach Colony, the City Council, two candidates for the next CC (Lee Haydu and Terry Sinnott), most of the City Staff, and the editorial board of the Sandpiper.

In my continuing quest to not meet anyone, I volunteered for Del Mar Community Connections (DMCC) and signed us up for the Del Mar Foundation's "First Thursdays" cultural events. With those two moves, we met almost everyone involved with the City's two most visible non-profits, and soon found ourselves hosting art shows, jazz parties, and fundraisers. "If anyone in Del Mar hasn't been to this house," Mike said, "it's their fault."

Around that time, overcome by enthusiasm about a specific DMCC Program, I submitted an unsolicited article to the Sandpiper, and was encouraged (thank you, Shirley King) to keep contributing. Soon I was on the editorial board and spent the next several years interviewing everyone involved with DMCC and all of their programs, including two of the fascinating members of the founding group, Nancy Weare and Ann Silber.

When I'd exhausted that, I interviewed fire captains, City Managers, lifeguards, Public Works Directors, Traffic Control Officers, Design Review Board members, the management of Jake's restaurant, the lovely Barbara Zucker, who runs the Powerhouse – and who could forget my riveting articles on new parking meters, mosquito abatement, and flag etiquette?

It was starting to feel like high school again, and I loved it. Small dinner parties with the guy who was Most Likely to Succeed, co-chairing committees with the Class Clown, watching the Cutest Couple, Dan and Robin Crabtree, still looking all googly-eyed at each other after 39 years of marriage. I met the parents of kids I'd gone to high school with – Carol Mason, Pat Jacoby, Ann Silber, and Sarah Dubin- Vaughn, and caught up with friends I'd never completely lost touch with, like Marnie Mahoney.

I was confident that when my neighbor Rachel Reed celebrated her 100th birthday, I could call Mayor



# DMFTalks

## 5G IT

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street



Photo courtesy  
Sudepto Roy

DMFTalk speaker Sudepto Roy talked just how close and far reaching the 5G technology will be and how it will change our daily life and our whole world.

Sudepto, an engineering VP at Qualcomm Technology Licensing (QTL) division's Technology and Product Management/Strategy team, which leads QTL's regional strategy planning and initiatives, explained 5G's development and what it means to our future.

Experienced in leading engineering and product planning teams to design and launch several generations of handsets, IOT (Internet of Things), computing, networking, and infrastructure products and enabling the industry's major technology shifts from 2G, 3G, 4G, Sudepto thoroughly understands 5G.

He formed QCL's software customer engineering organization in 1998, and grew it from scratch to a 1000+ strong worldwide team spread across North America, Europe and Asia and was instrumental in starting Qualcomm's Hyderabad, Rome, and Ottawa engineering centers. He also led Qualcomm's chipset roadmap planning team for 2017-2018 smartphone product cycles.

In QTL, Sudepto and his team are enabling system level designs and testing of IOT, 5G and AI based devices by patent licensees in developed markets, while incubating startups and new licensees launches in emerging markets, particularly in India, Vietnam, Indonesia, Brazil, and the Middle East. He is also an advocate of Qualcomm's technology leadership and business model to key opinion leaders worldwide.

Sudepto holds a B.S. and M.S. in Computer Engineering and has completed postgraduate Engineering Management program at Caltech, and an Intellectual Property Law program at UC San Diego. ■

Dave Druker and count on him to attend and proclaim away, and that a friend from the hood who's a local television news anchor would send a crew to cover it for the nightly news.

And now we find ourselves newcomers in Ipswich, Ma, a small, historic New England town rife with residents fighting over dog poop and potholes (the town blog for complainers is called "Ipswich Piss & Moan"), wondering if we should hide or join. You'll find out in the December issue of the Sandpiper. ■



# DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2019

**DM Farmers Market:** Saturdays, 1-4 pm, DM Civic Center

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

**Del Mar Library Kids.** InspirArt Studio: A program run by middle school students dedicated to provide opportunities for children grades K-6 to creatively express themselves through art activities. Fridays in November at 3:30pm.

**Del Mar Library Kids.** Matter Minds: Fun science experiments for elementary age children to explore science. 1st & 3rd Saturdays in November at 11:00am

**City Council Meeting.** November 4, 2019, 4:30 PM-9:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall

**Planning Commission (PC).** November 5, 2019, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall (CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 14)

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

**DM Foundation** - DMF Talks: Sudepto Roy on “Here comes 5G.” Tue, Nov 5, 6–8pm Powerhouse. Registration required.

**Del Mar Library Kids.** Baby Storytime. Tuesdays in November at 11:00am.

**Del Mar Library Adults.** Yoga. Tuesdays in November at 12:00pm.

**Del Mar Library Adults.** Chair Yoga. Wednesdays at 10:45 & 11:45am.

**DM Foundation** - First Thursdays: SACRA/PROFANA. Thu, November 7, 7–8:15pm Powerhouse. Open to subscription holders only!

**Del Mar Library Kids.** Gymboree Family Music. Thursday, November 7, 2019, 10:00am.

**DM Community Connections** – Meet Your Mayor, Dave Druker. Friday, November 8, 9:30am-11:00am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

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

**Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB).** November 11, 2019, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall

**DM Community Connections** – Healthy Aging Forum with Dr. Kalina: “Giving Thanks.” Tuesday, November 12, 9:30am – 11am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**DM Community Connections** – “How to Stay Safe in the Hospital” with Trisha Torrey. Wednesday, November 12, 3:30pm – 5:00pm, DM Town Hall, 1050 Camino Del Mar

**Parks & Recreation Committee.** November 13, 2019, 4:45 PM-5:45 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

**Design Review Board (DRB).** November 13, 2019, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

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

**Del Mar Library Teens & Adults.** Art Instruction for Adults with Sandra Dodd. Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 3:30pm.

**Utility Undergrounding Project Advisory Committee.** November 14, 2019, 7:30 AM-9:00 AM @ Del Mar Town Hall

**Sustainability Advisory Board** (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION). November 14, 2019, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM @ City of Del Mar Breezeway Conference Room.

**DM Community Connections** –DMCC Explorers: Walking Tour of Historic Coronado. Thursday, November 14, 10:15am-2:45pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

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

**Del Mar Library Adults.** One Book, One San Diego discussion of The Great Believers, by Rebecca Makkai. Copies of book available in advance for participants of book discussion. Ask library staff. Friday, November 15 at 2:00pm.

**City Council Meeting.** November 18, 2019, 4:30 PM-9:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall

**DM Community Connections** – DMCC Diners Luncheon. Monday, November 18, Noon – 1:30pm, En Fuego Del Mar, 1342 Camino Del Mar.

**Traffic, Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC).** November 19, 2019, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

**San Dieguito Lagoon Committee.** November 20, 2019, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Breezeway North Conference Room

**DM Community Connections** – Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors with the Alzheimer’s Association. Wednesday, November 20, 3:00-4:30pm, DM Town Hall, 1050 Camino Del Mar.

**Del Mar Library Kids.** Ukulele Storytime with Ms. Emily & Mr. Bernard. Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 10am.

**Del Mar Library Teens & Adults.** Author Talk: author and photographer Daniel Cartamil, will discuss his book published by Sunbelt Publications, Baja’s Wild Side: a Photographic Journey through Baja California’s Pacific Coast Region. Cartamil is a shark biologist with Scripps Institute. Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 6:00pm.

**Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley** meets Monday, November 25, 4-6 p.m. in the North Conference Room, Del Mar City Hall.

**Business Support Advisory Committee.** November 26, 2019, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM @ City of Del Mar Town Hall.

**Finance Committee.** November 26, 2019, 4:30 PM-6:30 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

**DM Community Connections** - ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Luncheon. Tuesday, November 26, Noon-1:30pm, Sbicca Bistro, 215 15th Street.

**Arts Advisory Committee.** November 27, 2019, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

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## FARMER SCHOLARS

Leslie Robson | 13th Street and Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

Each year the Farmers Market awards academic scholarships to vendors attending institutions of higher education. The last awards were given out after the DMFM returned to its old location in the new Civic Center (Sandpiper Feb 2019). This time the awards coincide with the beginning of the academic year. Three of the four recipients are continuing from last time.

Paola Alvarez works with her mother, Elizabeth, selling homemade quesadillas and salsa at the Valle Products stand. Paola also has her own business selling honey in the next stand. (Last time she received the grant as Paola Medina.) She attends San Diego Mesa College, taking general prerequisites. Her academic plan is to become fluent in French and a registered nurse.

Panny Nhia Yi Ly has been working at farmers markets since she moved to the US with her family about 8 years ago. She sells bread and pastries with her father, Neng, the baker, on the weekends during the school year and almost every day during the summer. Neng bakes all night and naps in his van while Panny sells the products.

Panny is 16 and a half years old. She was born in France. After taking classes at Mira Costa College during her last two years of high school and in the summer, Panny recently graduated from Mission Vista High School. She attends CSU San Marcos studying computer science. Her plans have changed since February. She used to want to study biology and be a nurse, but has decided that coding would be a better option.

Christina Phillips is the vendor for MKombucha at the market. Her fiancée, Fabian Huertas, is the manager of



*The annual scholarships were given to: (from left) Paola Alvarez, Christina Phillips, (Clarissa) Qing Wang, and Panny Niya Yi Ly.*

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the DMFM. They will be married in November. She goes to Mira Costa College, taking the last few classes needed to apply to graduate school in Occupational Therapy. She wants to help children with disabilities and seniors facing the physical challenges of growing older.

Qing Wang (Clarissa) received a grant two years ago (Sandpiper Oct 2017). She owns and runs Ray's Subtropical farm with her husband, Ray in Murrieta. They grow and sell exotic fruits and vegetables, as described in the Sandpiper May 2019. Their son, Dillon, who attends UCSD, works at the DMFM, as well, when school allows.

Clarissa is taking her last prerequisites at Mt San Jacinto College and attained a 4.0 GPA and an Associate degree in Science. She has been accepted into the summer 2020 nursing class at Azusa Pacific University. ■