

THE SPOTLight

News From Councilmember Sherri Lightner
City of San Diego, District One

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Representing the communities of:

- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Mesa
- La Jolla
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Torrey Hills
- Torrey Pines
- University City



San Diego Mayor Faulconer Takes Helm; Announces Appointment of New Police Chief Zimmerman



Sherri and Shelley at a School Safety Patrol Holiday Party.

March is roaring into San Diego like a lion, with the inauguration of a new mayor and appointment of a new police chief.

On March 3 at a special meeting

of the City Council, former San Diego City Councilmember Kevin L. Faulconer was sworn in as our 35th mayor.

Sherri looks forward to working with Mayor Faulconer and his administration to pay special attention to neighborhoods, public safety and infrastructure.

In particular, she supports efforts to boost the number of fire stations, improve emergency response times and expand after-school programs.

Sherri thanked and acknowledged the leadership of Interim Mayor Todd Gloria, who led the City for six months and now returns to his duties as Council President.

The following day at City Council,

Shelley Zimmerman was unanimously confirmed as the Chief of the San Diego Police Department.

A veteran of three decades on the local force, she was named to the job following the retirement of long-time Chief William Lansdowne.

Sherri lauded Chief Zimmerman's energy and passion, and noted she has had a very positive presence in District One communities.

"I am confident in her years of neighborhood policing and community engagement, which make her a great fit to work with all San Diego residents as we move this department forward in an inclusive and transparent manner."

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Food Trucks Roll in San Diego with New Operating Rules

Municipal code amendments that clarify rules for food truck operators in San Diego were approved in March by the City Council.

The trucks will be allowed to operate without a permit in industrial, commercial and high-density residential areas. The proposal generally prohibits them from low-density residential neighborhoods, parts of the restaurant-heavy Gaslamp Quarter and Little Italy, streets near the beach and roadways close to the city's three major universities unless they obtain special events permits. They will generally be allowed on private property with a permit.

Among other regulations:

- Trucks will not be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages, general merchandise or commercial services;
- No equipment aside from refuse containers will be allowed outside the trucks;
- Operators will be required to collect litter within a 25-foot radius of the truck before changing locations;
- No amplified sound will be allowed;
- Pedestrian and vehicular traffic should not be impaired.

Food trucks will not be allowed to operate between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, or 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday, within 300 feet of a residence.

The new rules will not apply near the shoreline until the California Coastal Commission grants its approval.



The 78 food truck operators now working in San Diego were recently given new rules for parking and serving food within city limits.

Limits Placed on Local Medical Marijuana Dispensaries



Zoning plan allows for less than three dozen medical marijuana dispensaries in the city, most in industrial areas away from parks, playgrounds, schools, churches and child care centers.

The City Council recently passed a zoning plan that will allow for less than three dozen medical marijuana dispensaries within the city. The plan allows no more than four such establishments in each council district.

Operators of dispensaries will have to get a conditional use permit from the city, which will be good for five years, and an annual public safety permit from the San Diego Police Department.

They will mostly be placed in industrial zones. Also, collectives will not be allowed to operate within 1,000 feet of public parks, churches, child care centers, playgrounds, residential care facilities, schools and other dispensaries.

There will also be a 100-foot buffer from residential zones, and the dispensaries will be prohibited from having on-site medical professionals, to prevent them from becoming "one-stop shops."

The California Coastal Commission will have to approve the regulations for the area of San Diego near the shoreline. That could happen in about three months, according to city staff.

Sherri said, "the plan strikes a balance between providing access to medical marijuana and safeguarding neighborhoods."

There's a provision for the plan to be reviewed in coming years to determine if the regulations should be changed.

Pacific Highlands Ranch Park Gets New Name



Solana Ranch Neighborhood Park is set to open later this year in the Pacific Highlands Ranch community.

Last month, the City's Park and Recreation Board unanimously approved the renaming of the Gonzales Canyon Neighborhood Park in Pacific Highlands Ranch in Carmel Valley to Solana Ranch Neighborhood Park.

As part of its action, the Board also voted to name the park's playground in honor of

Scott Tillson, a long-time Carmel Valley planning board member and advocate for the 2010 passage of Proposition C that untied Pacific Highland Ranch's development from the completion of the Interstate 5/SR-56 connectors.

Pacific Highlands Ranch has long been in need of field space and playground facilities for its

many residents. Amenities at the 5-acre neighborhood park, adjacent to the new elementary school, will include a multi-purpose turf sports field, basketball court, children's play areas, picnic shelters and a comfort station.

Sherri looks forward to the opening of this long-awaited community park.

Streets Close for CicloSDias Bike Ride in Pacific Beach



On Sunday, March 30 San Diego will host its second free open streets event, "CicloSDias." Organized by the non-profit, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition and supported by Discover PB, CicloSDias is a celebration of our local neighborhoods and a car free event that allows everyone to come together, be active and have fun.

Join thousands of your fellow community members who will enjoy bicycling, walking and playing along

a 2.2-mile route that will be closed off to vehicular traffic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The route is in Pacific Beach, along Garnet Avenue from Ingraham Street to Mission Boulevard, and will include Cass Street from Garnet to Turquoise Street and Turquoise to La Jolla Mesa Drive.

Want to help make CicloSDias a success? For more information or to donate or volunteer, visit www.ciclosdias.org.



Sherri's District One office is helping to support this free family-friendly event.

Sherri Around Town



Sherri joins actors backstage at Canyon Crest Academy Envision Theatre's "Twelfth Night" performance. Next up from the Carmel Valley high school thespian troupe is "Les Miserables" running March 21-29. Please support these local actors and the many hard-working stage crew members, parents and volunteers.



Sherri joined UC President Janet Napolitano, UCSD Chancellor Pradeep Khosla, Dean of UCSD School of Medicine Dr. David Brenner, San Diego County Supervisor Ron Roberts and many others at the grand opening of the new Biomedical Research Facility at the local campus.



The High Tech High Holy Cows robotics team joins Sherri in City Council Chambers as it is proclaimed "FIRST Robotics Day" in the City of San Diego. FIRST teams from around the world competed at the 8th Annual San Diego Regional FIRST Robotics Competition March 6-8.

Got Junk? Spring Cleanup Recycling Event at Qualcomm Stadium

The City of San Diego is scheduled to host a major recycling event on Saturday, March 15 at Qualcomm Stadium, where residents can drop off large, bulky items.

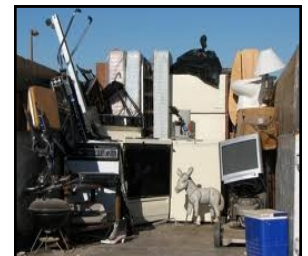
Furniture, mattresses and appliances will be accepted, along with electronics, metals, yard waste, fluorescent light bulbs and household batteries.

Tires, construction and demolition debris, flammables and hazardous waste will not be accepted.

Many of the items will be recycled to limit the amount of trash that goes into the Miramar Landfill, which city officials believe will be at capacity in eight or nine years.

It is free to drop items off, but the event is open only to city of San Diego residents. Identification will be required.

The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the southeast portion of the stadium parking lot in Mission Valley. For more information, call: 858-694-7000



Spring is a good time to clean out closets and garages, then drop off junk at City recycling

Local Business Spotlight: Barleyanfigs

Sherri often likes to highlight a new or unique business in District 1. Here's this month's selection.

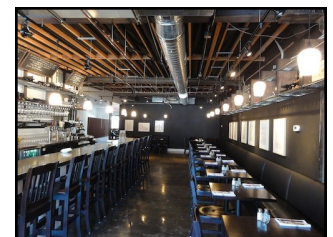
Who: Barleyanfigs

Where: 6830 La Jolla Blvd., Suite 103, La Jolla

What you'll find: Barleyanfigs is a new neighborhood bistro in the Windansea neighborhood of La Jolla. The restaurant serves a "day" and "night" menu daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The upside: The restaurant, owned by Constantine and Sofi Cross, features fresh and authentic Greek favorites and desserts made in-house.

For more information: www.barleyanfigs.com



The new Barleyanfigs Greek bistro in the Windansea neighborhood

Working Hard for You and Your District 1 Neighbors



Need assistance in getting a pothole fixed? Call Sherri's office at (619) 236-6611. We are here to help.

Potholes

- Patched potholes on Torrey Pines Road between Park Row and Herschel
- Patched potholes on Kline Street between Girard and Herschel
- Patched potholes in both lanes between the freeway off-ramps and the Torrey Pines Road intersection on La Jolla Parkway westbound

Cleanups and Repairs

- Sidewalk repairs completed on Scripps Street in University City
- Sidewalk repairs completed on Carnegie Street in University City

- Bike lane repairs completed at the corner of North Torrey Pines Road and La Jolla Shores Drive.

Streetlights and Traffic Signals

- Repaired traffic light at Carmel Canyon and Del Mar Heights Road
- Replaced missing traffic signs at the corner of Westbourne and Monte Vista
- Repaired traffic signal at the southbound entrance to Interstate 5 from Del Mar Heights Road
- Replaced traffic loops at Governor Drive and Stadium Street



"Thanks for the speedy response to a potentially dangerous sidewalk in my neighborhood in University City. My faith in effectiveness of our City is restored!"

—Jack Beresford

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Important City Department Contact Numbers

Need help with an issue in your neighborhood? Here are some important City numbers you can call, or please don't hesitate to contact Sherri's office for assistance.

Emergency (Police, Fire, Medical)	911
Non-Emergency Police (Minor crime report)	619-531-2000
Graffiti Removal	619-525-8522
Pothole Repair	619-527-7500
Street Lights	619-527-7500
Illegal Dumping	858-694-7000
Missed Trash Pick Up	858-694-7000
Neighborhood Code Compliance	619-236-5500
Building Permit Information	619-446-5000
Lifeguard Information	619-221-8899
Traffic Division	619-495-7800
Dead Animal Pick-Up/Animal Control	619-767-2675
Abandoned Vehicle	619-531-2000