



**DISTRICT SEVEN  
COMMUNITIES**

- Allied Gardens**
- Alvarado Estates**
- Chollas Creek**
- Colina del Sol**
- College Area**
- Del Cerro**
- El Cerrito**
- Fox Canyon**
- Grantville**
- Islenair**
- MCAS Miramar**
- Oak Park**
- Rancho Encantada**
- Redwood Village**
- Rolando Park**
- Rolando**
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## Community Gardens Coming to a Neighborhood Near You

Last year, I had the pleasure of attending an event with First Lady Michelle Obama as she toured and praised the International Rescue Committee's New Roots Community Farm located in City Heights. The 2.3 acre garden is located on city-owned land with plots that are tended by local refugee and immigrant community members. It was a pleasure to celebrate their second anniversary this year.

Last month, I along with my Council colleagues unanimously approved new regulations to allow residents to start community gardens without having to obtain an expensive permit. Those with a green thumb can start to establish a garden in all commercial and residential zones. However, the California Coastal Commission still needs to approve the city's new regulations for those properties located within the coastal communities.

The community garden's movement is spreading throughout the county of San Diego with gardens ranging in various sizes. These gardens allow residents to share their love and knowledge of gardening with others while composting left-overs to create nutrient rich soil that can be replanted. For more information about community gardens, please check out these websites:

List of Community Gardens and resources in and around San Diego:  
<http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/community/list.php>

Regional Garden Education Centers:  
[www.healthyworks.org/healthy-foods/school-and-community-gardens](http://www.healthyworks.org/healthy-foods/school-and-community-gardens)



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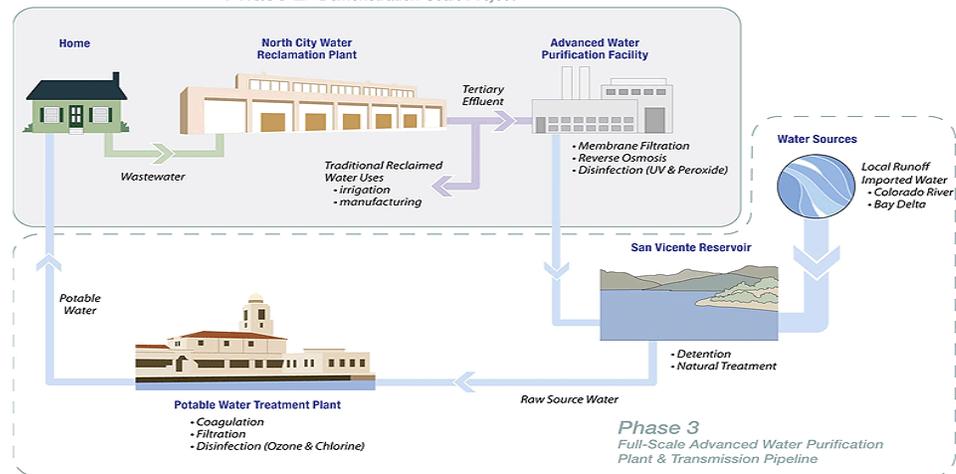


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## City of San Diego's Demonstration Project Water Purification Demonstration Process

Phase 2 Demonstration-Scale Project



This summer, the City will open the doors to its Advanced Water Purification Facility to members of the public to tour and learn how new technology can transform wastewater into one of the purest sources of water in San Diego. The AWP Facility will operate for one year and will produce approximately 1 million gallons of purified water every day. For more information, please call (619) 533-7572.

**Safety Speaks** ~ As Chair of the City of San Diego's Public Safety and Neighborhood Services (PS&NS) Committee, we are hearing reports and passing new legislation every month that addresses core City services. In future issues of Emerald News, you can look forward to upcoming public safety events, reading new pieces of legislation and hearing from San Diego's Public Safety Department Directors.

Last month, the City Council approved a two year contract with Rural Metro Inc, the City's ambulance service provider. The contract included a \$5.5 million cash payment to the City of San Diego and annual revenues of \$9 million in FY2012 and \$10 million in FY2013, \$1.3M above what was projected in the Mayor's Five Year Financial Outlook.

As Chair of PS&NS, I indicated the only way I could support the contract was if the ratepayer's fees were spent on providing the public with additional public safety services. In tight budgetary times, it is critical that ratepayer's dollars are spent where they will provide the greatest impact. Specifically I asked that the surplus generated be used to complete the next recommendations from the Citygate Working Group 5 Year Plan, a plan based on a comprehensive study that outlined severe deficiencies in our Fire-Rescue department. For any public safety related concerns, please free to contact my Committee Consultant Drew Ector at (619) 236-7038 or [dector@saniego.gov](mailto:dector@saniego.gov).

## Mini Make-Overs for a street in Colina Park-

Team Emerald joined San Diego Community Housing Works last month for their Summer 2011 FaceLift event. FaceLift is a spruce-up-a-block-in-a-day event that is accomplished through the help of hundreds of community volunteers, neighborhood associations, local business leaders and homeowners to build pride in ownership while improving the exterior conditions of several homes. This year a dozen homes on Trojan Avenue in the Colina Park neighborhood of City Heights were spruced up. FaceLift gives priority to senior citizens, disabled persons and low income families that need assistance and provides homeowners with painting, major landscaping, and the removal trash and debris from the entire area. If you would like to participate in a future FaceLift event, please check out San Diego Community Housing Works' website: [www.chworks.org](http://www.chworks.org). The next FaceLift event will take place Saturday, October 22, 2011. Check out some of these before and after pictures of some of the homes that were improved by all the volunteers that came out.

**BEFORE:**



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**Relief for Rate Payers-** I was pleased to hear Mayor Sanders agree with me on water rate-payer relief. His decision last month to have the City absorb the County Water Authority's recent water rate increase instead of passing it to rate payers was much appreciated by all. Earlier this year, I voted "NO" on a water rate increase because the public is hurting financially and many people are living on a fixed income. In my opinion, to stabilize rates for those suffering the most, the City should find ways to absorb costs or implement efficiencies before raising rates.



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**EMERALD'S**  
**GOALS**



*\*Improve Public*

*Safety*

*\*Create Jobs*

*\*Restore Trust in City*

*Government*

## July Community Events

**Kid, Teen and Adult Summer Reading Programs** kicked off last month beginning on **June 15th** and runs through **August 15th**. Join the summer reading fun at your local branch library. All you have to do is read 10 books to be eligible for prizes, and if someone reads to you, that counts, too! Receive incentives just for signing up. For more information please visit your local branch library.

**Tierrasanta celebrates its 40th Anniversary** on **July 2, 2011!** The celebration begins with a Fun Run at 9am taking place at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. The Kiwanis Club of Tierrasanta will be operating a beer garden immediately following the Fun Run. The celebration continues with an anniversary ceremony at 11:30 am, with a Concert in the Park, featuring a military band, held from 12:00 - 3:00 pm

**Book Sale to benefit the Rolando Community Council~** Saturday, **July 2, 8:00 am – 2:30 pm** at the Rite Aid parking lot located at 6405 El Cajon Boulevard. Books may be donated by bring them to the book sale and dropping them off with a volunteer. Proceeds go towards community events such as the Rolando Street Fair.

**4th of July**, is a great excuse to gather family and friends together to celebrate our nations birth and what better way then with the **Lake Murray Fireworks Show**. The show will begin at 9:30 pm.

**Movie in the Park** at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center sponsored by the Recreation Council and Time Warner Cable on Saturday, **July 9th** with the movie beginning at dusk. For \$5.00, kids can access several activities beginning at 5:30 pm including arts/crafts, jumpers, face painting, and a rock climbing wall. There will also be a live band playing.

**City Heights On Patrol (CHOP)** will host their 1st annual CHOP Celebration on Saturday, **July 16th** from 1:00-6:00 pm with food, fun, entertainment and give aways with DJ Mike Hancock and 91.7 Radio. The celebration will be held at City Heights Performance Annex located at 3795 Fairmont Avenue.

**Pops Concert in the Park** at the Allied Garden's Recreation Center on the front lawn. Come listen to music from the Tefereth Israel Community Orchestra (TICO) on Sunday, **July 17th** at 7:00 pm.

**City Heights Movies in the Park** at the Teralta neighborhood park located at the intersection of Orange Avenue and 40th Street. Bring your blankets, chairs and snacks to munch on while you watch *Iron Giant* on **July 29th** at 7:30 pm. Popcorn will be provided.

**Want to learn more about the Allied Garden's Community**, then join the Allied Garden's Community Council at their Town Hall meeting **July 26th** with speaker Jim Cooley. Mr. Cooley is the President of the J.A. Cooley Historical Foundation located at 4233 Park Boulevard.