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\$3,040,000 Grant Approved for Construction of New Skatepark in Linda Vista

Last month, I was excited to receive news that the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) have approved a \$3 million grant to build a new state of the art skatepark at the Linda Vista Community Park.

The request for funding began nearly a year ago when Councilmember Zapf and then Councilmember Faulconer joined me in sending a memo to the Parks & Recreation Department urging them to seek a grant from HCD for the skatepark project.

In addition to the \$3 million grant, the project received an additional \$40,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation.

The proposed skatepark is planned to be build in the Linda Vista Community Park which is surrounded by affordable housing and lower income homes. This project will directly serve the residents in those communities and will be a destination skate park for all of San Diego County. The city will use the grant funding to construct an innovative, multi-generational, custom built skate park. The approval of the grant funds is great news for our community. I deeply appreciate the hard work of the Linda Vista Recreation Council, the Linda Vista Community Planning Group, the Tony Hawk Foundation and the local skating community spearheaded by Chris Limon for helping make this happen.

The next step is to begin receiving feedback and ideas from the Linda Vista community on design of the skatepark.

We are very excited to get into the community and hear your ideas on how we can make the Linda Vista Skatepark the best in the City. I'm looking forward to getting shovels in the ground and completing this project for the community.

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Councilmember Sherman Attends Opening Of New Dog Park in Mission Valley



Councilmember Sherman presents a proclamation to a representative from the Westfield Mission Valley Mall opening at the a new dog park Councilmember Sherman attended the grand opening of a new dog park located outside the Mission Valley Mall on July17th.

At the event, Sherman cut the ceremonial leash to mark the official opening of the dog park. He also presented a proclamation to mall employees for opening the new 600 square foot park to the public.

This new community asset was created jointly by the Westfield Mission Valley Mall and Bay Bird, Inc.

Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 10am- 9pm and Sunday 11am-6pm. This is the first park of its kind in District 7.

Sherman Honors San Carlos Resident for Dedicated Service to Community

Councilmember Sherman declared July 15th "Glenn Farber Day" at a City Council meeting in recognition Mr. Farber's countless hours spent volunteering for numerous organizations in San Diego.

Mr. Faber was recently recognized by the Grossmont Healthcare District as the HealthCare Hero of 2014 for volunteering over 1500 hours to help retirees and completing over 250 repair jobs at their homes. Mr. Faber has also transported senior citizens over 1,050 miles last year to their doctor's appointments.

These are just two examples of the many hours that Glenn contributes to the San



Councilmember Sherman recognizes Glenn Farber for his dedicated volunteer service to the community.

Carlos community and San Diego as a whole. Councilmember Sherman was honored to recognize Glenn Farber's commitment and dedication.

Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

7/10: Presented Check to Linda Vista Community for Skatepark

7/11: Meeting with Sailing Events Association of San Diego

7/11: Tour of Benchmark Brewing Company in Grantville

7/17: Attended San Diego Lifeguards/Lifesaving Association Meeting

7/19: Attended Stand Down Event to Support Homeless Veterans

7/23: Attended Able-Disabled Advocacy Meeting

7/23: Attended 22nd Annual Scottish Rite Law Enforcement Recognition Night

7/25: San Diego Consortium Policy Board Meeting

7/25: Fishing Trip for Children of Deployed Military Personnel

7/28: Met with Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

7/28: Attended Linda Vista Planning Group Meeting

Councilmember Sherman Names Sophia Pruden District 7 Citizen of the Month

Councilmember Scott Sherman had the honor of declaring July 29th, 2014 "Sophia Pruden Day" in the City of San Diego.

Sophia, who is 14 years old, started "Cookies for a Cure" in 2008 to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She began the nonprofit in memory of her aunt, Amy McFadin, who passed in 2007 from complications due to the treatment of leukemia.



Councilmember Sherman declared July 29th "Sophia Pruden Day" in honor of Sophia's efforts in raising money for cancer research.

This once small fundraiser has now grown into an annual community event which has raised over \$30,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This year alone Sophia's event raised \$11,734.

In recognition of Sophia's outstanding volunteerism in the community, Sophia is the District 7 Citizen of the Month.

Councilmember Sherman Urges Residents To Report Waste Through Audit Fraud Hotline

As Audit Committee Chairman, Councilmember Sherman is urging San Diego residents to report fraud and waste that they may witness by utilizing the anonymous fraud hotline from the City Auditor's office.

Taxpayers deserve to have top quality services and the public has a right to ensure that those services are being provided in the most efficient and financially responsible way possible. Councilmember Sherman needs the help of residents to ensure that this happens.

If residents witness fraud or abuse, they are encouraged to visit the website <u>www.sandiego.gov/auditor</u> or call (866) 809-3500 to anonymously report any problems. The

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The City of San Diego has a variety of <u>boards and commissions</u> offering an excellent opportunity for individuals to volunteer their services on significant matters. Boards and commissions may be fiduciary, regulatory, policy-setting and/or advisory; and in all cases, members' contributions are invaluable to the Mayor, the City Council, and the City.

A list of current vacancies and an application form to be considered for an appointment can be found at <u>www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/</u>.

If you have any questions or would like to apply for an appointment please contact Barrett Tetlow at 619-236-6677 or <u>btetlow@sandiego.gov</u>.

Sherman and Volunteers Treat Children of Deployed Military Personnel to Fishing Trip, Fireworks Show

Councilmember Sherman joined with several volunteer fishermen to give a free fishing trip to over 30 children and parents of deployed military personnel who are serving their country overseas.

After fishing, the boat anchored in the bay to watch the fireworks show from the deck of the USS Midway.

This event provided a much needed recreational event for military families worried about their fathers, mothers, husbands and wife's who are serving overseas.

Organizers hoped to use the event to spread the word about other volunteer opportunities to help military families throughout San Diego.

"Many Americans have forgotten that there are still men and women deployed around the world fighting a war against terrorism and keeping our nation safe. Military families of deployed personnel need our support now more than ever," said Councilmember Sherman.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities to support military veterans please visit: www.usosandiego.org



Councilmember Sherman and USO San Diego CEO Judy Forrester appeared on KUSI news to discuss volunteer opportunities to support military families. **Click on picture above to watch video.**

Casework Corner

One of my top priorities is improving customer service at City Hall. I believe our government should be using these five simple words more:

<u>"How may I help you?"</u>

Neighborhood Issues Successfully Resolved in June:

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Upcoming District 7 Events

San Carlos Friends of the Library Book Sale- August 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please join the San Carlos Friends of the Library at their monthly book sale. These are held on the first Saturday of every month and proceeds go to purchase books, programs, and equipment for community use and enjoyment at the San Carlos Library

Fundraiser for Fallen San Diego Police Office Jeremy Henwood –August 7th, 7:00 a.m – 7:00 p.m.

The San Diego Police Officer's Association is holding a celebration of life and fundraiser at the McDonalds located at 3879 Fairmont Ave. A portion of the proceeds for the sales at McDonalds will support the SDPOA Widows and Orphans Fund. A remembrance ceremony is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park at 3700 Fairmont Ave.

Adobe Falls Cleanup- August 23rd from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Please join the Del Cerro Action Council and San Diego State University in cleaning up the area around Adobe Falls. Due to increased usage in the last few months, SDSU has begun enforcing a no trespassing policy in the area. The Del Cerro Action Council will be working jointly with SDSU to help clean the area and restore the damage that has been caused.

Information on Water Conservation at Linda Vista Planning Group Meeting – August 25th, 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Scott Sherman's office has arranged for a public information officer to attend the Linda Vista Planning group meeting to give an update on the city's water policies and tips on how to conserve water at the planning group's meeting. The group meets at the Linda Vista Library at 2160 Ulric St. San Diego CA 92111.

Concerts In The Park – Third Sunday of the Month

The Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, located at 1 Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119, is hosting free concerts for the public. The concerts will be held on the third Sunday of the month in the Visitor Center Theater at 3:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following.

Serra Mesa Movie Night in the Park - September 13th at 5:30 p.m.

The Serra Mesa Community Council will be hosting a movie night at the Cabillo Heights Neighborhood Park on Saturday, September 13.

CPR Training with Councilmembers Sherman and Emerald – Sept 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Councilmembers Sherman and Emerald will be holding a city-wide community CPR training program where residents can learn how to perform CPR and use an Automatic External Defibrilator. The event will be held at the Allied Gardens Library5188 Zion Avenue.

District 7 Library Events

Our District 7 Libraries Host Many Events That are Great for the Whole Community

Allied Gardens / Benjamin Branch – On Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the library hosts "Hatha Yoga for Adults." Aryn Rannazzisi leads a gentle paced class combining breath work and postures (asanas) to promote strength, flexibility and balance. This all-level class will include inversions, backbends and sun salutations. Please bring a mat or large towel and a hand towel or strap to class.

Linda Vista Branch – Every Monday and Friday from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. the library hosts crafts for kids where they can stretch their imaginations and create fabulous crafts. Every Friday, from 4:30-5:20 p.m. the library hosts a Trading Card Game Club, join in and meet other Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon, and Magic players.

Mission Valley Branch – Every Monday from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. the library hosts Zumba Basic for all ages. Every Tuesday, from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. the library hosts Yoga for Adults and Teens. Every Thursday, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. the library hosts a Tai Chi class for adults 55+. Every Tuesday, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. the library hosts Yoga classes for all age groups, join them in shaping both body and mind.

San Carlos Branch – The San Carlos Friends of the Library Book Sale will be holding book sales on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. The proceeds from these sales go to purchase books, programs, and equipment for community use and enjoyment at the San Carlos Library.

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch – Every Monday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Zumba Dance/Toning Fitness classes are held for adults. Every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. is Kids Night with Hopscotch at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa branch, please join Miss Kim for music, stories, arts and crafts in a program which is ideal for toddlers and pre-schoolers. On Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. the library offers free tutoring and homework help for children ages 5 and up. Zumba Gold Fitness is held on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and is designed for beginners and active seniors.

Tierrasanta Branch – Baby Sign Story Time takes place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. During this class Parents and babies will learn signs through favorite stories such as Brown Bear, Brown Bear and Goodnight Moon and rediscover nursery rhymes through signing.

Sherman In the District













From Left to Right

- Sherman meets with fellow volunteers before the fishing trip for military children.
- Reviewing the San Carlos Community Garden.
- Sherman awards a proclamation to new Tierrasanta business, Steins Neighborhood Pub and Eatery.
- At the Stand Down even to help homeless Veterans.
- Taking a tour and awarding a proclamation to Grantville business Benchmark Brewing Company.
- Press

 conference with Mayor
 Faulconer and
 Linda Vista
 residents
 announcing a
 new skatepark