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District 7 Dispatch

March 2015

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State of the Neighborhood Town Hall Series In Mission Valley / Serra Mesa Tonight at 6:30PM

In order for me to represent the District 7 community in the best way possible, it is important to hear from the people I represent about the state of their neighborhoods.

My office will be holding a series of State of the Neighborhood Town Halls throughout District 7 to meet with residents and listen to their ideas on how to better serve our communities.

Also, we receive the best ideas from the people I represent. Residents are the first to see a problem occurring within their neighborhoods and usually have the best ideas on how to resolve them.

This is the reason that these town halls are so important. They serve as an opportunity for me to hear firsthand about what City services are working and what needs to be improved.

With the help of residents, we can improve neighborhood services in our communities.

I will also give an update on the past year and give a summary of policy and community measures that we were able to get accomplished.

Earlier last month, my office held a State of

the Neighborhood Town Hall in Linda Vista. I received several good ideas on how to improve the community and hope to do the same in other areas.

Below is a list of future town halls:

Mission Valley / Serra Mesa March 3rd 6:30 pm Serra Mesa Library 9005 Aero Dr. San Diego, CA 92123

Navajo March 12th 6:30 pm Mission Trails Region Park – Visitors Center 1Father Junipero Serra Trail San Diego, CA 92119

Tierrasanta March 24th 6:30 pm Hex Building 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego, CA 92124

To RSVP, please contact my office at 619-236-6677 or email at <u>ScottSherman@SanDiego.Gov</u>

Hope to see you there!

Scott Sherman Councilmember –District 7

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Linda Vista Recreation Council Approves Design of Proposed Skatepark



Councilmember Sherman is looking forward to getting shovels in the getting construction started on the new Linda Vista Skatepark Councilmember Sherman applauded the recent vote of the Linda Vista Recreation Council for approving the design of the much anticipated skatepark that will be located at the Linda Vista Recreation Center.

Schmidt Design Group and with Site Design Group worked in collaboration with the Tony Hawk Foundation and the Linda Vista skater community to create a world-class skatepark.

Some of the amenities include a six stair stairway similar to a stairway found at a local elementary school that is a favorite

of local skaters. It will also include a pedestrian bridge that spans the length of the skatepark.

The proposed plan will next be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Board on March 4th.

Long-Time Tierrasanta Resident Remembered at City Hall



Councilmember Sherman joined the family of Judy Getis to honor her memory at City Hall last month.

Councilmember Sherman declared February 24th "Judy Getis Remembrance Day" in honor of the devoted work she did for the Tierrasanta community for over 19 years. In particular, Judy volunteered for the Friends of the Tierrasanta Branch Library and served on the Tierrasanta Community Council.

"I am deeply honored to declare this day in Ms. Getis' memory," said Sherman. "Her volunteer spirit and dedication to the Tierrasanta community will be missed.

Due to her involvement with the library, the new reading room at the Tierrasanta Branch Library will be named in her honor.

Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

2/2: Honored Miracle Babies organization at City Council

2/4: Spoke at the Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS Annual New Laws Breakfast

2/6: Attended press conference on public safety and Police Officer retention

2/6: Attended Celebration of Life Event for Gina Cord, former Publisher of Mission Valley News

2/12: Read story to Benito Juarez Elementary School students in Serra Mesa for the "Share Your Love of Reading" Campaign

2/12: Chaired the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force Meeting

2/12: Spoke at the Bayside Community Center Vietnamese New Year Celebration

2/19: Spoke at the Grantville – Allied Gardens Kiwanis Meeting

2/24: Held State of the Neighborhood Linda Vista Town Hall

2/26: Took Tour of New Kearny High School Sports Facilities in Linda Vista

Miracle Baby's Organization Honored By Councilmember Sherman at Council



Councilmember Sherman with board members of the Miracle Babies organization to declare February 3rd "Miracle Babies Day"

Councilmember Sherman presented a proclamation to Board members of Miracle Babies, a local non-profit based in San Diego. Miracle Babies is an organization dedicated to providing families with the means to visit their newborn babies in the neonatal intensive care Unit (NICU).

This organization is made up of volunteers who provide financial assistance, education, and support to families with critically-ill newborns.

Since it's founding, Miracle Babies has privately raised over \$2 million through individual and business contributions and has assisted over 2,000 critically ill

newborns and their families. To learn more about miracle babies please visit their website here: <u>www.miraclebabies.org</u>

San Carlos Library to be Closed for Upgrades



The San Carlos Branch Library will be closed through March 9th to April 2nd for much needed upgrades to put the library within federal ADA standards.

Interior upgrades will include renovating the bathrooms and drinking fountains as well the addition of a new 24-hour book drop.

The entire project is expected to take up to three months, but the library will only be closed while the interior upgrades are completed.

In the meantime, Councilmember

Sherman encourages residents to visit the other nearby branch libraries during the closure. For more information, please contact the office at 619-236-6677

Constituent Issues Resolved in District 7

My top priority at City Hall is to help improve the lives of those I represent and the communities they live in. Below are just a few of the issues that my staff helped resolve in the month of December:

- Trash removed from canyon on Via Las Cumbres in Linda Vista
- Reset traffic signal at Balboa Ave. and I-15 for more efficient traffic flow in Tierrasanta
- Assisted Del Cerro resident with Water Conservation Rebate Information
- Assisted San Carlos resident with information relating to an incident with the Lifeguard Department
- *Requested traffic studies in Serra Mesa to evaluate certain intersections for traffic calming measures.*
- Assisted a resident in **Del Cerro** with applying for water rebates with the City

Do you have an issue or problem in your community? Please contact my office at 619-236-6677 or email at <u>ScottSherman@SanDiego.Gov</u>. We are here to help!

Neighborhood Watch Signs Available for District 7 Communities

Keeping our neighborhoods safe is a top priority for Councilmember Sherman and residents throughout the District 7 community.

There are many ways to keep your neighborhood and homes safe. Some strategies include installing a home protection system, creating a neighborhood watch in your neighborhood, and posting neighborhood watch signs to show criminals that your neighborhood is protected.

This is why Councilmember Sherman wants to ensure that your community has a sign and if it is in good condition.

Do you have an old neighborhood watch sign in your area that needs to be replaced? Councilmember Sherman's office will be conducting an assessment of signs in the district and will replacing as many as possible. Please contact Liz Saidkhanian if you would like to report any signs in your neighborhood at 619-236-6677 or <u>esaidkhanian@sandiego.gov</u>.

For more on forming a neighborhood watch in your area, please visit:

http://www.sandiego.gov/police/services/prevention /programs/neighborhoodwatch.shtml



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:

"How may I help you?"

Neighborhood Issues Successfully Resolved in February:

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Upcoming District 7 Events

Sherman to Speak at San Carlos Area Council Meeting – March 4th 6:00 pm

Councilmember Sherman will be the guest speaker for the Area Council meeting. He will be giving an update of what is happening downtown and ongoing projects in the community. Questions and topics may be submitted beforehand to the District 7 office or to the area council president Mickey Zeichick <u>mrzeichick@gmail.com</u>. Please put SCAC Questions in the subject. The San Carlos Library is located at 7625 Jackson Dr. San Diego, CA 92119

Used Book Sale at Tierrasanta Public Library – March 7th 9:30 am

The Friends of the Tierrasanta Library will be holding a used book sale on Saturday March 7th from 9:30 am to 2:45 pm. The library is located at 4985 La Cuenta Dr. <u>San Diego, CA 92124</u>

Charity Golf Tournament to Support Iraq and Afghanistan Vets – March 27th 1:00 pm

The MBA Veterans Organization in USD's School of Business Administration is hosting a golf tournament to benefit the Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America at the Riverwalk Golf Course in Mission Valley on Friday, March 27th 1:00 pm to 5:30pm This tournament is a great opportunity for local military, veterans, civilians, businesses, and students to come together, have fun, network, and most importantly raise \$20K for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. RSVP to Paul Pintek at: usdmvo@gmail.com cell 858 242 8980

SAY San Diego Tax Help at Mission Valley Library – Tuesdays 1:00 pm

The Mission Valley Library will be hosting weekly tax help clinics on Tuesdays from 1:00 -7:00 pm until the end of tax season. These clinics are geared specifically towards low income residents. Reservations are required. If interested, please can contact SAY San Diego at 858-565-4148

Allied Gardens Friends of the Library Quarterly Book Sale – March 28th 9:30 am

The Friends of the Allied Gardens Benjamin Branch library will hold their quarterly book sale on Saturday March 28th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. All proceeds will go directly to supporting the library. The Library is located at 5188 Zion Ave. San Diego, CA 92120.

29th Annual Tierrafest and Patriots Day Parade – May 16th 9:00 am

The 29th Annual Tierrafest and Patriots Day Parade will include BBQ, fireworks, and craft fair. The event will take place on May 16th from 9:00 am until the evening. The event will be held along Tierrasanta Boulevard. Contact Hani Shatila at 858-268-0044 for further information

Sherman in the Community













From Left to Right

- Reading to Ms. Chicorel's 2nd Grade Class at Benito Juarez Elementary School in Serra Mesa
- Taking a tour of new sports facilities at Kearny Highschool in Linda Vista
- Kicking off the State of the Neighborhood Linda Vista Townhall Meeting
- Speaking to the Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club Morning Meeting
- At press Conference Announcing Police Retention and Public Safety Measures
- Councilmember Sherman's wife and District 7 staff helping clean up open space in Del Cerro