# District 7 Dispatch

June 2015

#### Serving the Neighborhoods of the 7<sup>th</sup> District

- San Carlos
- Del Cerro
- Allied Gardens
- Grantville
- Mission Valley
- Serra Mesa
- Linda Vista
- MCAS Miramar
- Navajo
- Tierrasanta



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## Latest Budget Revision Expands Neighborhood Services

Last month, I had the opportunity to stand with Mayor Faulconer, Council President Lightner, and Councilmember Cate to give an updated budget proposal that will expand neighborhood services and create new fiscal reforms to protect taxpayers.

The proposed budget will further increase operating hours at recreation centers as well as fund additional park and recreation and library improvements. It will also create a pension reserve fund to protect against future budget cuts when pension costs rise unexpectedly.

Highlights of the May Revise include:

- \$1.7 Million to improve existing Park and Recreation and Library facilities.
- \$210,000 for library materials.
- \$1.2 Million to expand from 45 to 60 the weekly operating hours at 20 recreation centers throughout the City.
- \$100,000 to enhance the open data initiatives and online budget tool to improve transparency.

Recreation centers are one of the core services that San Diegans expect their taxpayer dollars to provide. Mayor Faulconer's continued commitment to reinvest in our neighborhoods will help District 7 working families.

The Recreation Centers in District 7 that will have expanded hours include Allied Gardens, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista, and Tierrasanta.

I am also happy to see funds included to create a pension stabilization reserve fund which will act as a safety net against unforeseen pension payment increases. This reform will help create a buffer for taxpayers and protect neighborhoods from devastating budget cuts that occurred only a few years ago.

The latest budget revision continues to take us in the right direction of investing much needed funds back into our neighborhoods where they belong. I will continue working hard representing you to keep our city government moving in the right direction.

In Service,

Councilmember – District 7

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## **Residents Volunteer 8799 Hours at the San Carlos Library**

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Staff member Cassandra Weinlein awards a proclamation to San Carlos volunteer Judy Williams on behalf of Councilmember San Carlos Library volunteers were recognized for all of their hard work and hours of dedicated service to improve the San Carlos Library and the community.

Volunteers donated a total of 8,799 hours during one calendar year. The time breaks down to 2,653 hours sorting and selling books for the monthly used book sale; 3,230 hours assisting library staff; and finally, 2,916 hours organizing the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the San Carlos Library.

Councilmember Sherman is extremely thankful to the many volunteers who

dedicated their time to improve the San Carlos Library and the community.

## Kiwanis Farmers Market Opens In Allied Gardens



Councilmember Sherman and wife Norma shop for produce at the Farmers Market The Kiwanis Farmers Market debuted last month to give residents an opportunity to buy fresh and local produce for their family.

The Farmers Market is located at the Waring Road shopping center located at the corner of Waring Road and Zion Ave. on Fridays from 4-8 pm.

The market serves as a temporary solution until a new, permanent grocery store can replace the vacant building where Albertson's used to be.

Councilmember Sherman, who attendend the Grand Opening, thanked the Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club and Cloverfield Management for their hard work in creating the new Farmers Market.



### Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

5/1: 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Superheroes for Youth Celebrity Waiter Luncheon

5/2: Ride to Remember Motorcycle Poker Run to Benefit Fallen Police Officers

5/14: Attended San Diego River Conservancy Meeting

5/15: Held Media Event with Mayor Faulconer Regarding May Budget Revise

5/15: "Celebrate the Gate" Event Celebration for Cowles Mountain Dead End Ground Break

5/15: Attended Allied Gardens Farmers Market Grand Opening

5/16: Walked in the TierraFest/Patriots Day Parade

5/16: Participated in the Explore Mission Trails Day at Mission Trails Regional Park

5/18: Attended El Dorado Ridge Homeowners Association Meeting

5/18: Met with Troy Singleterry, New Lead Pastor at City View Church in Serra Mesa

5/26: Chaired Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force Meeting

## **Councilmember Sherman Meets with Tierrasanta Residents at 29<sup>Th</sup> Annual TierraFest and Patriots Day Parade**



Councilmember Sherman taking part in the TierraFest Patriots Day Parade with Tierrasanta Residents

Councilmember Sherman took part in the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Patriots Day Parade in Tierrasanta that was marshaled by Miramar Marine Air Base Commanding Officer Colonel John P. Farnam.

The festival included a craft fair, parade, BBQ, live music, a beer and wine garden, and games at the Tierrasanta Community Center.

The event also gave Councilmember Sherman an opportunity to meet with residents and hear their ideas and concerns on how to improve their community.

"This is one of my favorite events of

the year. I appreciate the hard work of the Tierrasanta Community Council and neighborhood leaders for dedicating their time and effort to make this event a great success."

## Update on Joint-Use Fields In Serra Mesa and San Carlos



Councilmember Sherman at a recent groundbreaking of a new joint-use park at Wegeforth Elementary in Serra Mesa The Park and Recreation Department recently presented the preliminary plans for two of the new joint use fields in Serra Mesa at Cubberly Elementary and San Carlos at Gage Elementary.

Officials presented two options for park layouts including soccer fields, basketball hoops, and softball fields.

The creation of these parks will bring much

needed park space to the Allied Gardens and Serra Mesa communities.

For more information regarding the joint-use field, please watch the following news report <u>here</u> from CW6.

## **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 May:

- Assisted a resident with resolving a water pressure issue in Mission Valley
- Reported and fixed a broken fence near open space in <u>Allied Gardens</u>
- Reported and repaired a broken cross walk signal in <u>Serra Mesa</u>
- Excess asphalt on the handicap ramp was cleaned on Linbrook and Ulric St in Linda Vista
- Street patch repair has been completed on Pavo Real in <u>Tierrasanta</u>
- Helped a non-profit to attain special event permit for their annual fundraiser in <u>Allied Gardens</u>

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!

## Free Allied Gardens Summer Concert Series Begins in June

Grab your lawn chairs and picnic blankets – get ready to meet your neighbors and rock out to some sublime music – AG First Fridays Inaugural Free Concert Series in Allied Gardens Community Park is just around the corner!

The Allied Gardens – Grantville Community Council in conjunction with Kiwanis and the publishers at the Mission Times Courier have created "AG First Fridays," which is a FREE concert series in Allied Gardens Community Park on the first Friday of each month from 6 to 8 pm. Allied Gardens Community Park is located at 5155 Greenbrier Avenue, San Diego, CA 92120.

The first band performing on June 5<sup>th</sup> is none other than Y3K! Y3K means "YEAR 3000". They are one of San Diego's premier bands specializing in familiar and fun live dance hits from the 80's, 90's and today, not just the classic oldies.

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For more information please visit www.alliedgardens.org

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Our mission is to provide our neighbors and friends of all ages a venue where we can congregate, enjoy local musical talent, and celebrate the summer as valued members of our community. Our goal is to create a neighborhood tradition. We will encourage families to bring picnics and get to know their neighbors; permitting restrictions will not allow us to have any items for sale.

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## **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 May: 56

## **Upcoming District 7 Events**

### <u>Grantville Focused Plan Amendment Meeting – June 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm</u>

The City Council hearing on the Grantville Focused Plan Amendment will be heard on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall. Councilmember Sherman urges Grantville residents to attend the meeting and give their feedback on the plan. City Hall is located at 202 C St. San Diego, CA. 92101

### Linda Vista's Farmers Market – Every Thursday in June 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Stop by the Linda Vista Farmers market every Thursday this month to buy delicious, organic, and local fruits and vegetable to feed your family. The Farmers Market is open from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and is located at the Linda Vista Plaza Shopping Center at 6939 Linda Vista Rd. San Diego, CA 92111.

### Ruffin Canyon Cleanup in Serra Mesa-June 6th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

The Serra Mesa Community Council will be holding a volunteer cleanup of Ruffin Canyon on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers should bring sturdy clothes, shoes, water, hats, and sunglasses to protect themselves from the elements. Meet up location is at Shawn Ave. at Amulet St. San Diego, CA 92123.

## Free Concert at Mission Trails Regional Park – June 7<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm

A free concert featuring classical group Caprice Springs melds the string sounds of the violin, viola, and the cello into a trio ensemble. The band has performed widely over the past 20 years with an extensive repertoire from Bach to Mozart to Gershwin and the Beatles. The concert is located at the visitors center at One Father Junipero Serra Trail. San Diego, CA 92119. Please call 619-668-3281 for more information.

## San Diego River Garden Volunteer Cleanup – June 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Volunteer at the San Diego River Garden to help improve the San Diego River. All tools are provided, please dress in clothes that can get a little dirty and closed toe shoes. Activities will consist of weeding, watering, pruning, trail maintenance and other light gardening projects. Please call and RSVP at 619-297-7380 or email volunteer@sandiegoriver.org.

## Concert in the Park Series in Tierrasanta – July 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

The Tierrasanta Foundation will host an old time rock and roll dance for its concert in the park series. The event will be held at the Tierrasanta Community Park at 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. beginning at 6:30 pm.

## **Sherman in the Community**

















#### From Left to Right

- Waiting to go on KUSI News to promote the Allied Gardens Farmers Market
- Councilmember Sherman ready to ride in support of fallen San Diego Police Officers
- Being introduced at the STAR/PAL Annual Superheroes for Youth Celebrity Waiter Luncheon
- Celebrating with residents at the installation of a new gate installed near Mission Trails Park
- Eastern Division RSVP Appreciation Day
- Staff member Sheldon Zemen honoring Tierrasanta Middle School Teacher of the year Brenda Mueller
- Speaking with Police Officers before motorcycle event to support fallen officers
- Walking in the TierraFest Patriots Day Parade in Tierrasanta