District 7 Dispatch

July 2015

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Repair of 1,000 Miles of Streets In San Diego Begins in Mission Valley

Recently in Mission Valley, I had the great pleasure to join Mayor Kevin Faulconer and Councilmember Mark Kersey to kick-off the beginning of an aggressive road repair plan that will fix over 1,000 miles of streets in the next five years.

That is more than one-third of San Diego's entire road network.

This plan is a major step in the right direction from when I first took office. In this fiscal year, which began July 1st, the city will fix more than 300 miles of roads. That is roughly the same distance as driving from San Diego to Arizona and back.

The road repairs continue the promise made to taxpayers to reinvest money back into our neighborhoods.

It is especially exciting that the first mile of street repairs began in District 7. Mission Valley is one of the most heavily traveled communities in San Diego where thousands of residents and tourists come to live, work, and play. It is important to our local economy and

to District 7 residents that our roads and infrastructure are maintained at the highest levels.

As most District 7 residents already know, this plan couldn't have started soon enough. After years of budgetary constraints, the funding of San Diego's roads was severely neglected. In fact, in a 2011 survey, 35% of streets were in good condition, 40% were in fair condition, and 25% were in poor condition.

Though we have a lot of work to do on our roads and infrastructure, this new aggressive street repair project is a strong and positive step in the right direction.

If you know of roads in your community that are in need of repair, please email me at ScottSherman@SanDiego.Gov or call 619-236-6677 with the information.

In Service,

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Residents Urged to Participate In Mission Valley Community Plan Update



The City of San Diego is kicking off the Mission Valley Community Plan Update and needs community input from concerned residents. The update will take approximately three years to complete and there will be many opportunities for residents to participate in the process.

The Mission Valley Planning Group will be forming a Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS) which will meet regularly throughout the plan development. The planning

group will host a CPUS interest meeting where interested residents can apply.

Applications for the CPUS will be available at an upcoming meeting, and City representatives will be available to accept applications in person. Attendance at this meeting is optional in regards to committee membership but is encouraged. The CPUS interest meeting will occur on:

July 10, 2015 Mission Valley Library Community Room 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

If interested in serving on the subcommittee, please click here.

Kiwanis Farmers Market Open Every Friday from 4-8 pm

Do not forget to shop local for your produce in the Navajo Community. The Kiwanis Farmers Market debuted last month and has been a huge success. Stop by the Waring Road shopping center located at the corner of Waring Road and Zion Avenue on Fridays from 4-8pm.

The Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club in collaboration with Cloverfield Management (management company of the Allied Gardens Shopping Center) partnered together to bring the community a temporary solution until a new, permanent grocery store can replace the vacant building where Albertson's used to be.

Join your neighbors for a fun evening of live music, crafts, and food.



Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

6/1: Received briefing regarding new power plant in Carlsbad

6/4: Held press conference for students who donated skateboards to Linda Vista youth

6/4: San Diego Economic Development Council 50th Anniversary dinner

6/5: Keynote speaker for Catfish Club meeting

6/5: Attended Allied Gardens First Friday Concert Series

6/6: Read to children at Benjamin Library 50th Birthday Celebration

6/7: Met with City's Performance & Analytics team to discuss reforms

6/17: Attended Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club Breakfast

6/26: San Diego Workforce Partnership Joint Personnel Committee Meeting and Policy Board Meeting

6/29: Rady Children's Groundbreaking Ceremony for new Education and Office Building

6/29: Del Cerro Neighborhood Watch Meeting

High-tech High Students Donate 24 Skateboards to Linda Vista Youth



Councilmember Sherman expressed his thanks to High Tech High students for donating 24 skateboards to Linda Vista youth. Councilmember Scott Sherman joined teachers and students from The Gary and Jerri-Ann Jacobs High Tech High to donate 24 skateboards to local Linda Vista youth skaters.

Students from High Tech High decided to make new skateboards for their physics class when they heard about the future Linda Vista Skatepark and wanted to provide skateboards to kids who could not afford to buy them.

The new skateboards will provide Linda Vista youth with an opportunity to get involved in physical activity that keeps them on a positive life path.

Councilmember Sherman hopes these skateboards will be used at the future Linda Vista Skatepark, providing a safe environment to spend their free time.

Local Girl Scout Helping Serra Mesa Food Pantry



Have unused fruit from your fruit tree? Please consider donating your fruit to the Serra Mesa Food Pantry to help those in need. Local Girl Scout, Jennifer Mendoza is working towards her Girl Scout Gold Award by asking residents in Serra Mesa and Tierrasanta that have fruit trees to donate their extra fresh fruit to the Serra Mesa Food Pantry.

The name of Jennifer's project is "Gleaning for Gold." Gleaning is the process of collecting leftover crops that aren't economically viable to harvest and will not be consumed.

Jennifer is available to send out volunteers to help you harvest your pesticide-free, worm free fruit if needed. To donate, please contact her at jmendoza@san.rr.com or call 858-627-9838

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 June:

- Assisted a resident who was skipped for trash collection in <u>Serra Mesa</u>.
- Reported a code violation causing a rat infestation in **San Carlos**.
- Worked with residents in <u>Del Cerro</u> to remove multiple homeless encampments.
- Worked with DSD and SDG&E to change construction times on Friars Road in Mission Valley.
- Removal of abandoned vehicles from property in Linda Vista.
- Repaired street light on Via Playa Los Santo in *Tierrasanta*.

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

Neighborhood Watch Sign Replacement Community Volunteer Event

Thank you to all of the residents who submitted over 60 locations throughout District 7 that are in need of replacement neighborhood watch signs.

Now that the locations are known, volunteers are needed to help replace old signs with new ones around the community.

Councilmember Sherman will be hosting a community volunteer event on Friday, July 17 from 2-7pm. The central meeting location will be at the Allied Gardens Farmer's Market located at the corner of Zion and Waring Road.

If possible, please bring an adjustable wrench or ratchet if you have one in your tool box.

To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Director of Outreach, Liz Saidkhanian at 619-236-6677 or esaidkhanian@sandiego.gov.

To ensure safe and clean neighborhoods, it is important that we all work together for the good of our communities.



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 June:

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Upcoming District 7 Events

<u>Linda Vista Farmers Market – Every Thursday in July 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm</u>

Stop by the Linda Vista Farmers market every Thursday this month to buy delicious, organic, and local fruits and vegetables 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.

Concert in the Park Series in Tierrasanta – July 11th 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.

Free Meditation Class at San Carlos Library – July 18th 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Do you have unwanted stress in your life? Consider attending free meditation classes where residents can learn one of the world's most ancient and widely practiced mind-body therapies. The event will be held at the San Carlos Library located at 7265 Jackson Dr. San Diego, CA 92119. Please call 619-527-3430 for more information.

Allied Gardens / Benjamin Branch Library Annual Book Sale – July 25th 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Please join the Friends of the Allied Gardens/Benjamin Branch Library for their annual book sale. The library is located at 5188 Zion Ave. San Diego, CA.

7th Annual Celebrate the Family / Linda Vista Family Reunion – August 1st 11:00 am

Come and celebrate the Linda Vista community and support youth programs at the Linda Vista Recreation Center. The free family event will include live bands, jump houses for children, face painting, raffles and plenty of food and drink. The event will be held at the Linda Vista Recreation Center at 7064 Levant St. San Diego, CA 92111. For more information, please email Lori Walker at jahman.1@netzero.com.

Military Appreciation Event for Military Families in SD Unified – August 15th 9:00 am

Military families that live within the San Diego Unified School District are invited to attend a Military Appreciation Event that will include a resource fair, a complimentary BBQ lunch, activities, games, and prizes. The event will be held at Serra High School at 5156 Santo Rd. San Diego, CA 92124. For more information, please visit, www.sandi.net/military.

Sherman in the Community

















From Left to Right

- With Captain Marciano from hit TV Show "Wicked Tuna" to benefit Friends of Rollo Nonprofit
- Meeting with members of the Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club
- At the ground breaking for new facilities at Rady Children's Hospital in Serra Mesa
- Celebrating with residents at the installation of a new gate installed near Mission Trails Park
- Mission Valley Community Plan Update Open House
- With students from High Tech High who donated 24 skateboards to Linda Vista youth
- Empower
 Charter
 Multicultural
 Fair and Athletic
 Gala
- Enjoying the Allied Gardens First Friday Concert Series with Residents