



ARBOR DAY 2017

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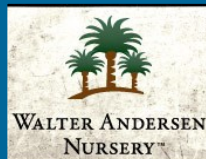


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We had so much fun celebrating Arbor Day with the students at Crown Point Junior Music Academy. We talked about the City's Climate Action Plan and how our Urban Tree Canopy plays an important role.

Along with the City Arborist and the Urban Corps, we took the opportunity to replant 23 trees on City Property adjacent to the school and made it an educational opportunity. Several students shared about the importance of trees to our community and we empowered these students to plant a tree of their very own, donated by the Walter Anderson Nursery.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO
WALTER ANDERSEN NURSERY FOR
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ANNUAL SUMMER READING BOOK DRIVE

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Summer Reading Book Drive

Please donate new or gently used children's books

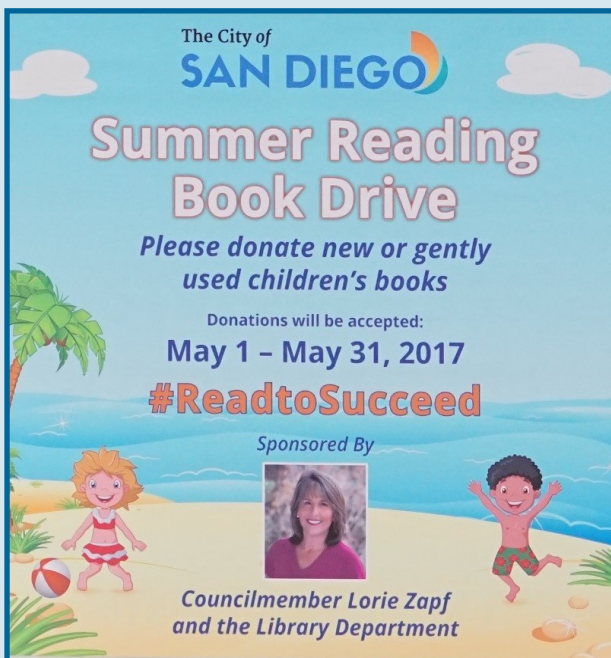
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May 1 - May 31, 2017

#ReadtoSucceed

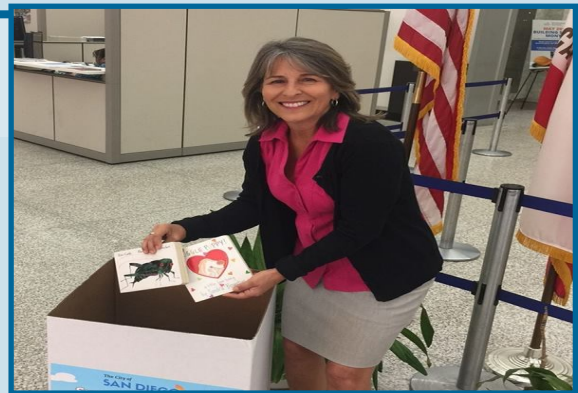
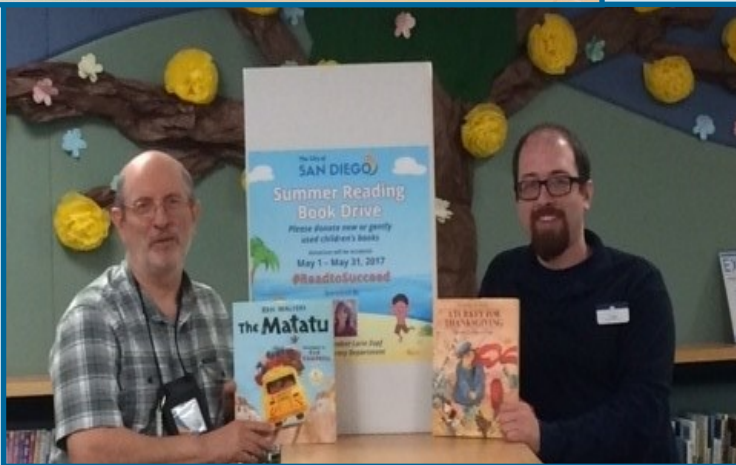
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The second annual Summer Reading Book Drive is underway. This citywide drive collects donations from city staff and the public to encourage summer reading and prevent the summer reading slide. The ability to read is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. In fact, children who are not reading **proficiently by third grade are 4 times more likely to drop out of school and nearly 85% of youth in juvenile hall are functionally illiterate.** Please support this worthwhile cause and drop off your gently used or new children's books to the library! Books will be distributed by the librarians in each community.



Pictured Left: Mark Harryman and Jordan Gatlin from Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library displaying the book drive bin waiting for donations. Above: Councilmember Zapf donating the first books.

RISE SAN DIEGO URBAN BREAKFAST CLUB



Dwayne Crenshaw, Former Councilman Tony Young, and Councilmember Lorie Zapf.

It was an honor to attend RISE San Diego Urban Breakfast Club's Inclusive Leadership Breakfast Series focusing on "Human Trafficking: A Form of Modern-Day Slavery." RISE San Diego leads thought provoking discussions on important issues in our communities.

Human Trafficking in San Diego is an 810 Million dollar industry — only second to drug trafficking. Studies have shown that juvenile sex trafficking recruitment was happening on every high school campus and the average age of entry is 16.1 years old. For more information visit my website for important links.

HOMELESS UPDATE

The City Council has established a new committee to focus solely on Homelessness. I am pleased to be appointed to serve on this committee. Homelessness is impacting our city on many fronts, especially in our beach communities. I recently went on another ride along in the Midway area near the San Diego River and the situation has worsened. Our committee's task will be to find the balance between providing services for homeless individuals, protecting our environment and the property rights of business owners and residents. These photos illustrate the trash in the SD river bed including a stolen bike "chop-shop". Additionally, there are needles and meth cookers which pose health hazards especially when it rains, all of this ends up in the ocean! A special thank you to the amazing SDPD Officers who guided me through the river bed.



MIDWAY PLANNING GROUP



We had an in-depth discussion at the Midway Planning Group meeting regarding the problems in the Midway area. The attendees expressed concerns with the amount homeless, the trash generated by the homeless, disruption of traffic flow by panhandling, crime and the threatening behavior of aggressive transients.



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OUT AND ABOUT WITH Councilmember Lorie Zapf



We had a great time at the Taste of Morena. The event featured over thirty restaurants and pubs. A great time was had by all. Photos taken at: Andre's Restaurant & JV's Taco Shop. We also met lots of new friends from Clairemont who came out to support this great event.



Economic Development Summit Pastor's Luncheon

As the chair of the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, I had the opportunity to hear from Pastors in the African American community. We discussed the challenges and opportunities that the City of San Diego can address and also bring forward meaningful solutions.

WORDS ALIVE LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



TASTE OF MISSION BEACH

I was so honored to receive the Leadership Volunteer Award from Words Alive. Helping our children to read is a great gift for a lifetime.



At the annual Taste of Mission Beach my staff distributed certificates of appreciation to all the fantastic restaurants that participated. This annual event supports the Shelter to Soldier Program that trains shelter dogs to be service dogs for post 9-11 Combat Veterans.

Pictured Left: Saska's General Manager Ryan Rohrbacker and Alex Barrera, Manager of Community Events.