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### **DISTRICT 8 NEWSLETTER**

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## **GETTING IT DONE**



Thank you to District 8 residents for requesting a street light to be replaced in front of Sherman Elementary School. Many thanks to City of San Diego workers for installing a new light less than a week after this request was made!



#### DID YOU KNOW?

The official City of San Diego smartphone application, Get it Done, allows for residents to seamlessly report neighborhood issues and code violations on the go. Download it today, or access it online at www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

On May 25, I attended the annual All-American Soap Box Derby in Sherman Heights. The winner of this race will be heading to Akron, Ohio to compete in the National Soap-Box Derby championships later in July.





Last month I toured Sherman Elementary School Garden and was very impressed with how this wonderful garden and outdoor learning area looks. Maintained by parent volunteers, this garden space is comprised of raised beds, in-ground planting space, composting stations, benches and a tool shed. Kids get to enjoy related art projects and tasting the harvest. Thank you to Principal Nicole Enriquez, Garden Coordinator Christina Abuelo and all the volunteers for creating a positive neighborhood environment that enhances students' lives! It was a great pleasure to attend the San Ysidro Middle School graduation and present Presidential Gold Seal Awards to students who achieved academic success. Congratulations to all the graduates and their families!



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## **CITY HALL UPDATES**

#### **FY20 BUDGET APPROVED**



The San Diego City Council approved the City Budget for Fiscal Year 20 on June 10th. This budget increases funding for community services and infrastructure needs in District 8. In particular, I would like to thank my colleagues for the support of the city owned building that will become the Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center.



FY20 Budget funding highlights:

- Expansion of efforts to clean up illegal dumping and graffitti.
- Additional library programming hours
- Increase in tree-trimming

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- More police officers and firefighters.
- Increased funding for Fire-Rescue Wellness Program

## **BUDGETHIGHLIGHTS**

**District 8 FY20 Budget Highlights:** 

- \$420,000 for Beyer Park General Development Plan.
- \$1,000,000 for Coral Gate Community Park.
- Complete resurfacing of Citrus Avenue and Conifer Avenue.
- \$ 250,000 for Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center building rehabilitation.



For more information on Committee agenda and actions, go to www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/councilcomm

## **JOHN J. MONTGOMERY**

Any elementary-level history class will leave you believing that the Wright Brothers were the sole inventors of the airplane. And while they were tremendous contributors to flight and in-air design, their work is riddled with controversy and there are several other leaders in flight worthy of recognition. It might surprise you to learn that one of the most prominent heroes of flight comes from our very own district.

John Joseph Montgomery originally lived in Northern California, but following his education moved to the Otay Mesa community in what is now District 8. In exploring a lifelong passion and interest in flight and aerodynamics, he built an at-home lab where he studied flight on his family's property with the help of his sister. He had been inspired by other pioneers he had witnessed in his lifetime in the field of flight, and with this on his mind he began to experiment himself.





### **MONTGOMERY-WALLER COMMUNITY PARK**



After his first groundbreaking success in flight, he began to work with test-pilot David John Maloney, testing many other forms of flight and learning about flying. Tragically, during a flight, Montgomery experienced difficulties and crashed from a short distance off the ground. He may have continued to develop his gliders and research had he not been injured on an exposed bolt during the crash, causing him to pass away.

Despite his devastating death, Montgomery can be seen as a hometown hero here in District 8. Although his achievements fall into the shadow of the Wright Brothers and received little to no recognition from experts in science active during his lifetime, it's safe to say he furthered the progress of air travel just as much as they did and pioneered one of the very first, if not the first flight.



His work is recognized by and honored at Montgomery-Waller Community Park in District 8, where you might have seen a large WWII bomber plane's wing standing tall above the horizon. This wing was donated by the Waller family in memory of their son, and the park stands to honor both men for their work. This park will celebrate its 70th birthday in 2020, and we hope to celebrate and honor Mr. Montgomery's historical achievements in flight.

### **CORAL GATE COMMUNITY FORUM**



Our office was also excited to announce the FY20 that the City Council approved a \$1,000,000 investment into the Coral Gate Neighborhood Park. Improvements such as additional lighting, renovated playground and outdoor area will be coming to the park later this year. On June 8th, our office helped organize a Community Forum in Coral Gate. Over 100 people came out to hear our presentation on neighborhood topics, which included public safety, traffic updates, parking and the Tijuana River Valley.





Thank you to all the residents who took time out of their Saturday to attend and participate. Many thanks to Mr. Ed Gonzalez, Ms. Cinnamon Clark, Mr. Wilfred Ferrell, and Mr. Jaime and Mrs. Luz Herrera for helping to organize this event. This is the first of many community meetings to come!

### **NESTOR COMMUNITY CLEANUP**



#### **NESTOR COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**

Date: Saturday, July 20, 2019 Time : 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Robert Egger Sr. South Bay Recreation Center 1885 Coronado Avenue, San Diego, CA 92154



Suggested attire: Clothing that can get dirty & closed-toe shoes.

Opportunity to drop off unwanted items will be available.

Electrical items and tires will also be accepted Raffle tickets with great prizes will be provided to all volunteers

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# **MEET THE STAFF**



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### **COUNCILMEMBER MORENO IN THE COMMUNITY**

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|      | Date   | Event   | Time & Location                 |
|------|--------|---|---------------------------------|
| July | 10     | San Ysidro Library - Showtime   | 6 PM - 101 W. San Ysidro Blvd.  |
| RA   | 13     | PRIDE - Stonewall 50: Legacy of Liberation  | 10AM - University Ave           |
|      | 15     | San Ysirdo Planning Group   | 5:30 PM - 4350 Otay Mesa Rd.    |
| 1    | 19     | SANDAG Public Safety Commitee   | 1PM - 401 B Street, Ste 800     |
| TING | 20     | Nestor Community Cleanup  | 9AM - 1882 Coronado Ave         |
|      | 25     | MTS Board Meeting   | 9AM - 1255 Imperial Ave         |
| -9   | 25     | Community Office Hours (North)  | 5PM - 1605 Logan Ave            |
| 16   | 26     | SANDAG Borders Committee  | 12:30PM - 401 B Street, Ste 800 |
|      | 27     | San Ysidro's 5th Annual Families First Resource Fair                                | 10 AM- 4345 Otay Mesa Rd        |
|      | 27     | Northgate's EVgo Charging Station   | 11 AM - 1410 S. 43rd Street     |
|      | 30     | MTS' Elevate SD 2020 Community Forum  | 12:30PM - 401 B Street, Ste 800 |
|      | 31     | Chicano Park Museum Fundraiser  | 5:30PM - 1985 National Ave      |
| Aug  | gust 1 | Casa Familiar's 2019 Abrazo Awards  | 5PM - 901 Bayfront Ct           |
|      | 3      | Visit to Aztecs Futbol Club   | 10AM - 3020 Coronado Ave.       |
|      | 6      | National Night Out  | 4:15PM - 1885 Coronado Ave      |
|      | 22     | MTS Board Meeting   | 9AM - 1255 Imperial Ave         |
| Sep  | 23     | SANDAG Borders Committee  | 12:30PM - 401 B Street, Ste 800 |
|      | 7      | New San Ysidro Library Ribbo  | n 9:30AM - 4235 Beyer Blvc      |
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