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Proud to Help Change the Course

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

Each summer at Pride, I find myself reflecting on the progress of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community. And while many steps remain before full equality is reached, I am very grateful to see how far we've come.

for people to come together to realize all that we have in common. It will only be through working together that full equality for all people will be realized.

I am particularly proud of San Diego's substantial contributions to the movement, especially in the last twelve months. Our Congresswoman Susan Davis led the effort in Washington to repeal the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy. LGBT activists worked with the San Diego Unified School Board to enact new safeguards against bullying of our young people. At the City, we passed legislation I authored called the Equal Benefits Ordinance, ensuring every individual who works for the City will receive equal pay for equal work regardless of their sexual orientation.

These victories were hard fought and came after years of dedicated work by many. San Diego's Pride celebration provided a fantastic opportunity



San Diego LGBT Pride Executive Director Dwayne Crenshaw accepts the City Council's proclamation of July as LGBT Pride Month in San Diego.

Multiple Balboa Park Plans to be Studied

On July 19, the City Council voted to move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Plaza de Panama Committee to complete environmental reports on potential projects to pedestrianize the Plaza de Panama area of Balboa Park.

The Plaza de Panama is the area in front of the Museum of Art and currently consist of a parking lot and roadways. Restoring the Plaza to its original purpose as a public esplanade and gathering space in time for the Park's Centennial in 2015 is a goal shared by Councilmember Todd Gloria, Mayor Jerry Sanders, and many San Diegans. Many visions of how this could be accomplished have arisen in the last year.

"Environmental review will be necessary in order to accomplish any of the visions for removing parking and traffic from the Plaza de Panama," said Councilmember Gloria. "Proceeding with the Environmental Impact Report is in the overall best

interest of the Park, and will only be accomplished with the approval of the MOU."

Councilmember Gloria continued, "While I have strong concerns about the potential impacts of the Plaza de Panama Committee's proposed project, I am interested in having the analysis of the project and alternatives so that when the time comes I can weigh all of the possibilities in the correct context. The MOU does not commit me or the City Council to

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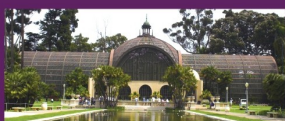
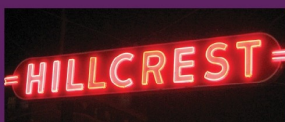
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More Sexy Street Work: Road Repaving Ramps Up This Week; Additional Street Repairs Also Approved

Councilmember Todd Gloria is pleased to announce that 13 streets in and around Council District Three were repaved this in July and the City Council approved street repairs and resurfacing for several additional locations throughout the City on July 18.

“San Diegans obviously use our roads every day. Making sure they are in good condition is a way the City can strengthen the quality of life in our neighborhoods,” said Councilmember Todd Gloria.

Some of the street segments being worked on this week have been problematic for years. Boundary Street, in particular, has been the source of many complaints. Three segments were improved there in the last month.

“Contrary to how some may feel, infrastructure work like street repairs is exciting to me. It shows our commitment to core services and literally protects the foundation of our City,” said Councilmember Gloria.

By Friday, July 22, milling and paving work began in the following locations in the areas represented by Councilmember Gloria:

Madison Avenue between Wilson Avenue and 36th Street
and between 38th Street and 40th Street
Collier Avenue between Hawley Boulevard and E. Mountain View
Copley Avenue from Utah Street to the end
30th Street between Adams Avenue and Suncrest Drive
Boundary Street from the cul-de-sac south of Madison to Suncrest Drive, from Landis Street to Redwood Street, and from Olive Street to Covington Road
Kansas Street between Meade Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard
31st Street between Landis Street and North Park Way
Upas Street between 32nd Street and 33rd Street
Maple Street from Montclair Street to Haller Street
32nd Street from its origin to Kalmia Street
Bancroft Street from Juniper Street to Ivy Street
6th Avenue near Arbor from end to end

Since Councilmember Gloria took office in December 2008, 300 blocks of streets have been repaved in his district – the equivalent of more than 27 miles.

Water Conservation Gardens of the Month: 2900 Block of 32nd Street

Two neighboring gardens sparked interest this month. The 2900 block of 32nd Street in North Park is home to two water conscious yards. The yards both feature extensive rock work and a variety of plants. Having two complementary gardens next to one another heightens their impact.



Call for Submissions

Where is your favorite drought-tolerant yard in District Three? Submit the address and a photo to ToddGloria@sandiego.gov, and you may see it in a future District Three Dialogue. As always, don't be afraid to submit your own!

Street segments in Council District Three to be repaired in the coming months:

1st Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Robinson Avenue
28th Street between Wightman Street and Dwight Street
31st Street between Ivy Street and Juniper Street and between Dwight Street and Landis Street
36th Street between Monroe Avenue and Adams Avenue
39th Street between Quince Street and Redwood Street
46th Street between Landis Street and Wightman Street and between Thorn Street and Myrtle Avenue
A Street between the 32nd Street Canyon to 34th Street
Adams Avenue between 30th Street and Bonnie Court
Boundary Street between North Park Way and Landis Street
El Cajon Boulevard between 33rd Street and 36th Street
Felton Street between El Cajon Boulevard and Meade Avenue
Ivy Street between Bancroft Street and 33rd Street
Madison Avenue between Texas Street and the 805 ramps
McKinley Street between Redwood Street and Thorn Street
Monroe Avenue between Mississippi Street and Texas Street
Myrtle Avenue between Park Villa Drive and Ray Street

Councilmember Announces Funding for Sunday Library and Gym Hours

Councilmember Todd Gloria recently announced that several City Heights facilities will once again be open on Sundays thanks to newly secured funding. The community will now benefit from additional hours at the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library and Performance Annex and the Mid-City Gymnasium.

The Price Family Charitable Fund provided a \$40,000 grant to open the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library and Performance Annex on Sundays from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. starting Sunday, July 10, 2011. Sunday hours were eliminated in March 2010 due to the City's financial hardships.

"Libraries are essential to every community," said Councilmember Gloria. "By helping bridge the divide between those who have access to information and those who do not, library services are critical, particularly to the community of City Heights where there is a high concentration of lower income households and small businesses."

In addition to the library grant, the Price Family Charitable Fund contributed \$2,430 to the City to fund summer Sunday hours of operation and programming at the Mid-City Gymnasium. The donation will open the gym to the public for three hours each Sunday from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. from June 24 through September 4, 2011.

Councilmember Gloria extended the hours through June 2012 with a contribution of \$8,694 generated through his office budget.

"With budgetary savings produced by my Council office in the previous fiscal year, I am able to direct additional resources to this grossly park-deficient community. This \$8,694 contribution will sustain the programming proposed by Price through June 24, 2012," said Councilmember Gloria.

The Mid-City Gym opened in 1996 as a result of strong community organization and effort. It was part of the first phase of City Heights Urban Village, bringing together in one location a number of opportunities in recreation and education. The additional gym hours and programming will provide individuals of all ages the opportunity to practice good health and fitness in a safe environment.

"Since 1994, the Price Family has contributed to the renaissance of City Heights. I applaud their focus to continually improve housing, shopping options, healthcare, education, social services, public safety, and job opportunities for this diverse neighborhood," said Councilmember Gloria. "I am thankful and honored to have them as a true partner in the community."

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Uptown Community Parking District Update

It is the City's strong desire to have a new contract in place with the parking district board by September 2011 and community's representatives selected and seated by September 15, 2011. Want more information? Contact Courtney Thomson in Councilmember Gloria's office, 619-236-6633 or cthompson@sandiego.gov.

Public Safety

- Multiple blocks of streetlights were repaired throughout Kensington.
- Street signal timing was adjusted at the intersection of Adams Ave. and Marlborough to allow for longer more cars to pass through with each light.
- Striping to narrow the lanes and calm traffic on the 30th St. Bridge was installed.

Infrastructure Improvements

- Work on the Quince Street Bridge began in July and is expected to be complete in August. The bridge was badly damaged last spring by a fallen eucalyptus tree.
- Street work near 45th St. and Highland Ave. was postponed when crews determined the road conditions required more extensive repairs than anticipated. The work will be rescheduled.
- Bike racks have been approved for installation on parking meters in the 1600 block of University Ave. The installation date has not yet been determined.
- Stairs linking Azalea Park's active recreation space to Manzanita Open Space Park were installed.

- Potholes were filled in the 3600 block of Fifth Ave. and behind the Model Railroad Museum and Prado Restaurant.
- A concrete alley behind Crestwood was patched.
- A sidewalk on 7th Ave. near University Ave. was ramped to address a tripping hazard.
- 6th Ave. between Upas and Laurel will be slurry sealed by November 2011.
- Curb and median improvements near Azalea Park and Poplar St. are underway.
- Grape Street Dog Park will be re-turfed soon, thanks to community member donations and an allocation from Councilmember Gloria's office.

Community Character

- Shoes were removed from utility lines on the 3000 block of Lincoln Ave. and the 4200 block of Poplar St.
- Construction signage was removed from the historic gate in Talmadge.
- Illegally dumped debris in the alley behind Copeland Ave. was removed.
- The 163 off-ramp to Robinson was cleared of debris by Caltrans.
- A property in the 1400 block of Pennsylvania Ave. is being investigated by Neighborhood Code Compliance staff for alleged violations related to health and safety standards, building code violations, theft of utilities, illegal construction activities, fire hazards and public nuisances.
- Graffiti was removed from Teralta Park.
- Burned out lights on Balboa Park's California Tower were replaced.

Tracking Todd



Councilmember Gloria speaks about the future of redevelopment in San Diego.



Todd and a constituent discuss neighborhood issues at the Pride Festival.



The first anniversary of City Heights on Patrol was celebrated in July.

A Day of Gratitude to the Fire-Rescue Department



On July 6, sparks from a roofer's torch ignited a 101-year old building in the 1000 block of University Ave. that housed businesses on the ground floor and 15 apartments above. Twelve tenants were displaced. The age and construction of the building made it hard to put out. Councilmember Todd Gloria was on site for about an hour and a half that afternoon and was impressed with the work performed by our firefighters. He honored the personnel on July 26, as pictured above.

"Though it took more than 100 firefighters hours to extinguish the blaze, our firefighters saved the community of Hillcrest from what could have been disastrous – that block and the residential buildings behind it could have been impacted had it not been for the work of the Fire-Rescue Department," said Councilmember Gloria.

As one would expect when it comes to Hillcrest, the community has come together to help each other through this difficult time. With the leadership of Big Mike Phillips, Tom Brown and the Imperial Court, funds have been raised to help the fire victims.

Further, Councilmember Gloria encourages all San Diegans to visit Hillcrest and shop at local stores, dine at great restaurants, and help provide an economic boost needed with the hopefully temporary loss of Buonissimo Restaurant, Obelisk Bookstore, and Torreon Importers.

Councilmember Gloria serves on the following:

- Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Redevelopment
- Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
- Land Use and Housing Committee
- Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Metropolitan Transit System Board
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau
- San Diego River Conservancy

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