On Tuesday, May 21st the City Council will vote to approve the Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP) Master Plan Update.

The update originally funded in 2008 was scheduled to be completed in 2013 and unfortunate delays have hindered advancements to this important regional park.

The key objectives of the update are:

- Provide a structure for ongoing land and resource management
- Identify unsafe or unsustainable sections of recreational trails
- Provide new or alternative routes to improve recreational connectivity while protecting the Park’s natural and cultural resources
- Provide amenities that provide recreation use

In addition, the update will increase the size of MTRP from 5,380 acres to approximately 9,780 acres with the potential acquisition of additional property in the future.

Mission Trails Regional Park is a hidden jewel in the City of San Diego and is one of the largest urban parks in the country.

The park has more than sixty miles of hiking, mountain bike and equestrian trails, a rock-climbing area, a stunning 14,000-square foot visitor and interpretive center and the Kumeyaay Lake Campground.

Mission Trails Regional Park has a special place in my heart. As a native San Diegan, Mission Trails was my playground as a child even before it became an official park. It is important that the City Council approves this update so we can continue to invest in the future of this amazing natural treasure.

If you are able, I urge you to attend the Council meeting on May 21st to voice your support for the update. If unable to attend, please email the Mayor and the City Council and urge them to vote in favor.

For more information, please click here.

In Service,

Scott Sherman
The 33rd Annual TierraFest Patriots Day Parade will be held on Saturday May 18th in the Tierrasanta community. The event will include a craft fair, bbq dinner, live music, fireworks, and a beer & wine garden.

The parade is made up of local residents, civic organizations, youth groups, and sports leagues. The event begins at 10:00 am at Serra High School and ends at the Legacy Church parking lot on Baroque Lane.

Tierrafest is a joint endeavor of the Kiwanis Club of Tierrasanta, the Tierrasanta Junior Women’s Club, the Tierrasanta Community Council, and the San Diego Park & Recreation Department. Proceeds from the event will fund the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon youth and community projects.

The Allied Gardens/Grantville Community Council will be holding a town hall meeting on Tuesday May 28th at 6:30 pm at the Benjamin Library on the corner of Zion Avenue and Glenroy St.

A representative from SDG&E will be in attendance to answer question about the utilities “Time-of-Use” plan (TOU). The plan creates varied electricity prices based on varying times of the day.

On May 1st, utility customers were switched to one of three pricing plans in which customers will better be able to manage the cost of their bill. For more information about TOU plans, please click here.
To celebrate how safe and reliable water supplies fuel the region’s local farms and food production, the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) is hosting a social media photo contest during Water Awareness Month in May.

The “San Diego Grown Photo Contest” on Instagram and Twitter highlights the significance of agriculture to the regional economy. As one of the nation’s top producers of avocados, ornamental trees and shrubs, flowers, succulents, lemons, and other agricultural products, San Diego County farms cover approximately 250,000 acres and generate $4.8 billion in total annual economic activity.

The contest is part of the Water Authority’s ongoing “Brought to You by Water” outreach and education program, designed to convey the importance of water supply reliability for sustaining the region’s 3.3 million people and its $231 billion economy. The Water Authority also is coordinating with the non-profit local chapter of the Farm Bureau, which is supported solely by more than 2,000 dues-paying members.

Entering the photo contest is easy: Take a photo of your favorite locally grown fruits, vegetables, flowers or nursery plants and post the photo to Instagram or Twitter using #B2UbyH2O between May 1-31. Participants must be at least 18 years old to enter.

Qualifying submissions are eligible for prizes generously donated by local businesses and organizations including Specialty Produce, the local Farm Bureau, and Jimbo’s. Winners will be drawn randomly each week from posts that meet contest rules at b2ubyh2o.org/photo-contest/, and they will be announced on social media.
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 April:

- Had walkway cleaned of trash and debris near Jones Elementary in Serra Mesa
- Reported malfunctioning traffic signal in Mission Valley
- Reported oversized vehicle on Daley Center Dr. in Serra Mesa
- Got pothole filled on Jackson Dr. in San Carlos
- Reported oversized vehicle parking violation in Del Cerro

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!

City of San Diego and University of San Diego to Host Non-Profit Academy

The City of San Diego has partnered with the University of San Diego (USD) to host the 6th Semi-Annual Nonprofit Academy on May 30th and 31st.

The academy is designed to educate local nonprofit leaders in ways to maximize their operational efficiency, better compete for grant funding and potentially partner with the city on important community programs.

All featured core courses and electives are taught by leading nonprofit management experts. All classes will be held at the School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES) on the University of San Diego campus.

Participants will receive educational materials. Organizations that complete all core courses will receive a certificate of completion.

For more information about the City of San Diego Nonprofit Academy, please visit the program webpage. Organizations may sign up for the CDBG email list here to get the most up-to-date information regarding the Nonprofit Academy and other CDBG programs.

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 April:

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Upcoming District 7 Events

Linda Vista Farmers Market – Every Thursday in May 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 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.

Tierrasanta Patriots Day Parade – May 18th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Join the community for its annual celebration of patriotism and Tierrasanta at the Tierrasanta Patriots Day Parade. The event, which is a joint endeavor of the Kiwanis Club of Tierrasanta, the Tierrasanta Junior Women’s Club, the Tierrasanta Community Council and the Tierrasanta Recreation Center. The event begins with an arts and craft fair at 9am. The parade begins at 10 am. At 4 pm, there will BBQ, live music, dancing, and fireworks at the Tierrasanta Community Park. For more information, please click [here](#).

Friends of Ruffin Canyon Meeting in Serra Mesa – May 22nd 5:30 pm to 7:30pm

Ruffin Canyon is Serra Mesa’s natural open space with more than 84 acres. The canyon extends from the south end of Ruffin Road to Mission Valley and the unique habitat is in need of care. The goal of the organization is to foster community participation in the protection of Ruffin Canyon. The event will be held at the Serra Mesa/Kearney Mesa Library at 9005 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123.

San Diego State University Mission Valley Plan Townhall – May 22nd 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

To learn more about San Diego State University’s plans for Mission Valley. The draft Environment Impact Report will be released this summer. Your input is important to us. Learn how your voice can help shape this project.

San Carlos Library Used Book Sale – June 1st 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

The San Carlos Friends of the Library will be holding their monthly used book sale. They offer a large array of books in every genre. All proceeds go to support the library. The San Carlos Library is located at 7265 Jackson Dr, San Diego, CA 92119. For more information, please email booksales@sancarlosfriendsofthelibrary.org

2019 San Diego County Healthier Living Workshops Scheduled Throughout the Year

Healthier Living workshops organized by the San Diego County Government are peer led workshops that train participants in skills to relieve pain, reduce fatigue, calm anxiety, relieve shortness of breath, soothe muscle tension, and improve sleep to name a few! Workshops are held once a week for six weeks for 2.5 hours. Participants cannot join the class after the second session. For more information, please click [here](#).