



News from  
**Councilmember Todd Gloria**

City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. We all know that San Diego is home to almost-perfect weather almost all of the time. The high temperatures of the past few days and the wind of last night and today can combine to increase fire risk in our region. The [San Diego Fire-Rescue Department](#) offers several tips about being prepared for fires and how to prevent them. I urge you to become educated.

If you have ever wondered where a fire truck was headed or what a fire crew was doing in your neighborhood, you can now find out with a few clicks of your mouse. The website [www.sdfiredispatch.org](http://www.sdfiredispatch.org) was created to cut down on the number of calls to 911 by people who hear sirens and want to know what is happening. Using the website, which is updated every five minutes, instead of calling 911, will leave 911 dispatchers available to appropriately respond to emergency calls. The website does not list specific medical patient information.

I hope you find that website and the information below helpful. As always, please stay in touch with any questions or concerns.

**Kensington-Talmadge Community Association**

Thursday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.  
4773 Marlborough Drive

I will attend tonight's meeting to thank the community and review some of the advancements made over the past four years.

**Satisfactory Slurry Sealing**

As the City has increased our investment into infrastructure, my office has received some concerned calls about the quality of some of the slurry sealing work. I think the following information is helpful so you know what to expect, and what conditions may be unacceptable and worth reporting so corrections may be made.

- Slurry Seal coating consists of asphalt emulsion, sand and rock which is applied to the street surface at 3/8 thick. This cost effective maintenance treatment extends the life of streets already in good condition.
- Streets in worse condition receive asphalt resurfacing or overlay, which consists of installing a brand new layer of asphalt on top of the existing street surface at a thickness of one to three inches. Streets are ground down at the curb line before resurfacing so asphalt will not build up at the edge of the gutter.
- The slight surface scuffing and impressions due to vehicle turning movements is a normal occurrence and does not create a detriment to the effectiveness of the slurry application.

- Type II slurry is an effective preventative maintenance material. The intention of applying this type of slurry is to preserve the street pavement and provide for the safe and efficient movement of traffic.
- Loss of gravel is a normal short-term occurrence after slurry has been applied. A small percentage of aggregate does not adhere completely and eventually becomes loose. New slurry seal can initially lose up to 10% of its aggregate, a process called raveling. Minor scuffing will occur for up to 60 days until the surface has fully cured. Over time, the scuffed areas will re-compact with minimal aesthetic impact.

If the areas of concern appear to peel off and expose the existing pavement, please have the constituent call 619-527-7500 to report it.

### **City Heights Mini Park Update**

The City Council took action this week to keep the City Heights Mini Park project moving forward. We allocated \$200,000 to replace or substitute for the \$198,905 in redevelopment bond proceeds which will only be used in the event the State does not approve the redevelopment bond expenditure as part of the winding down of redevelopment activities.

The project should be in the award phase November 2012 through January 2013. Construction should begin in February 2013, with the park opening by Fall 2013.

### **Golden Hill Parking Changes**

Yesterday, the Land Use and Housing Committee recommended approval of reverse angled parking on 25th Street between Broadway and B Street.

As part of the 25th Street Renaissance project, it is proposed to install reverse angled parking on 25th Street between Broadway and B Street. Parking is critical to the corridor as the current parking is configured for on-street, parallel parking. The project increases parking by reducing the roadway to two travel lanes with left turn lanes, providing enough space for reverse angled parking along the east side of the roadway in addition to other project features such as Class II bike lanes and intersection curb extensions (pop-outs).

Reverse angled parking offers safe access for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists, and along with other project design features, establishes the corridor as a complete street. Although this is the first time this parking concept will be used in San Diego, cities such as New York, Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, Washington DC, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, and many others have used it and have seen accident rates dramatically decrease due to the change. Reverse angled parking requires a motorist to first indicate that they wish to park by using their turn signal, drive just beyond the parking stall, and then back into it. Although this type of parking is different, it actually may be easier to maneuver than parallel parking and provides additional benefits. It provides the motorist an unobstructed view of oncoming traffic by simply looking left before pulling out. Safety goes beyond simply pulling out of the parking spot. Loading and unloading children into and out of the car is safer. Additionally, loading and unloading of the back of a vehicle takes place on the sidewalk as opposed to a busy street.

The proposal will next be considered by the City Council. A hearing date has not yet been set.

### **Make Sure our Regional Plan Makes Sense**

SANDAG Public Workshop  
Friday, October 19, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Caltrans District 11 Headquarters  
4050 Taylor Street  
Garcia Room

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) wants to hear your voice on how best to engage the community and all stakeholders in creating the region's first-ever combined regional plan. Participate to help address the community's most critical issues, including transportation, land use, economic prosperity, affordable housing, social equity, public health, and the environment.

RSVP to Paula Zamudio, [paula.zamudio@sandag.org](mailto:paula.zamudio@sandag.org), 619-595-5610, or on SANDAG's [Facebook](#) page.

### **Capital Improvement Program Meeting – Uptown Planners**

Uptown Planners Special Meeting – CIP Budget  
Monday, October 22, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Joyce Beers Community Center, Uptown Shopping District

Uptown Planners, like all Community Planning Groups, is seeking public input on priority projects for the Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Part of the City's evaluation of the public participation component of this process is outreach and feedback, so please attend if your schedule allows and provide your input. If you cannot make the meeting or you have friends and neighbors that would like to give input, a survey has been developed to assist with feedback. The survey results will be compiled and read at the Special Meeting: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9ffKLVD>.

### **October 2012 is Kids Free Month**

A variety of "kids free" incentives are available this month, ranging from complimentary meals, attraction admission, and Amtrak rides to welcome amenities at area hotels and much more. The San Diego Zoo and Safari Park, SeaWorld, LEGOLAND, and many museums are all participating in this great deal. Visit [www.sandiego.org/KidsFree](http://www.sandiego.org/KidsFree) for more information.

### **Coffee with your Councilmember**

Saturday, October 27, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
Alchemy Cultural Fare & Cocktails  
1503 30th Street in South Park

### **Register to Vote**

Please note that the last day to register to vote for the November election is October 22. If you have never registered or if you have recently moved and want to vote in your current neighborhood, this is the time to act. Additional important dates from the [San Diego County Registrar of Voters](#) are below.

October 15, 2012: Mail ballot processing (signature checking) begins. To observe, call 858-694-3403.

October 22, 2012: Last Day to Register to Vote

October 26, 2012: Opening and preparing mail ballots for computer tabulation.

October 29, 2012: Mail ballot scanning process begins (computer processing). To observe, call 858-694-3403

October 30, 2012: Last Day to Apply for a Mail Ballot. Requests are due to the RoV by 5:00 p.m.

November 3, 2012: Weekend voting at RoV. Registrar of Voters will be open for voting from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

November 6, 2012: Election Day. Polls and the Registrar of Voters are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and a long, sweeping underline.

Todd

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