

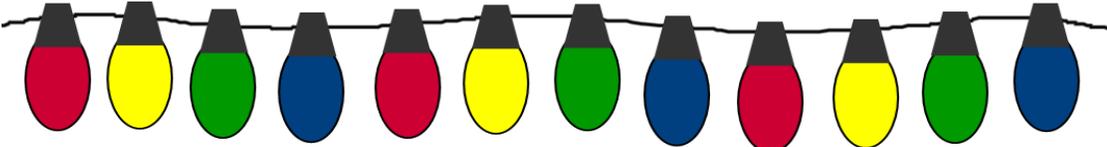


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Happy Holidays!

¡Felices Fiestas!



Dear Friends:

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones! I am proud to represent such a diverse community and to have the opportunity to celebrate the holidays in so many different ways! There has been a lot of great things happening at city hall and I would like to take this time to give you a brief summary of what we have recently accomplished. Please feel free to contact my office for further information.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We are in the process of strengthening and rebuilding our police, fire and life-guard departments with 5 year plans that will increase the number of police officers and fire stations to better protect our neighborhoods.

MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES: As a council, we voted to improve the quality of life for our middle class families by passing a living wage ordinance for those working on city projects. And we also updated our Housing Impact Fee Ordinance to improve affordable housing in San Diego.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS: I am proud to share that I have secured funding for 87 additional street lights for our neighborhoods, and I am also excited for the groundbreaking of two neighborhood parks in our district.

TRANSPORTATION: You may have noticed construction on El Cajon Blvd recently. SANDAG is making way for the Mid-City Rapid bus system which will improve public transportation throughout Mid-City. This project, along with the new bike paths to be added, should make travelling easier and safer for everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Emerald News. If there are any improvements my team and I can make to better serve you in 2014, please do not hesitate to inform my office. Have a happy and safe holiday season!

Thanks, Marti



District 9 Communities

- Alvarado Estates
- Azalea Park
- Castle
- Cherokee Point
- Chollas Creek
- Colina Park
- College Area
- Corridor
- Denstedt Point
- El Cerrito
- Fairmount Park
- Fairmount Village
- Fox Canyon
- Hollywood Park
- Islenair
- Kensington
- Mountain View
- Mt Hope
- Ridgeview
- Rolando
- Saranac-Mohawk
- Southcrest
- Swan Canyon
- Talmadge
- Teralta-East & West
- Willie Henderson

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Community Spotlight: SDAYO

The San Diego Asian Youth Organization (SDAYO) was founded in 2005 by the San Diego Police Department. It is a non-profit organization located inside the SDPD Multi-cultural Community Relations Office next to Colina Del Sol Park.

SDAYO brings together a diverse group of teenagers and provides them with the resources necessary to give back to their community.

SDAYO recently celebrated it's 4th Annual Thanksgiving Rice Drive and invited Council-member Emerald to share a few words with the community and help pass out rice. This year SDAYO collected over 2500 lbs of rice which was distributed to families around the Mid-City area to help them with their holiday meals.



Manzanita Gathering Place

Thank you to all the organizations, community members, businesses, artists, and other partners who helped design and build a beautiful canyon-side Manzanita Gathering Place on a city-owned site that was a public safety hazard for the community.

One of the most neglected spots in City Heights has been transformed into a beautiful gathering place through a community design process, four days of volunteers' labor, and amazing partners. The kids and parents who walk to Clark Middle School and Joyner Elementary pass this spot every day and are safer because of this great work.



Before



After

Home Safety Tips for the Holidays



Don't be a victim this Holiday season! Below are some Home Safety Tips provided by the San Diego Police Department Mid-City Division for your use :

- Be extra cautious about **locking doors and windows** when you leave the house, even if you will only be gone for a few minutes.
- If you're out for the evening, turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Don't display gifts in view of your windows or doors.
- Consider **informing your neighbors if you will be away** from your house for an extended period of time; ask them to watch your house and to park in your driveway occasionally.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspapers stopped – or have a trusted neighbor collect them.
- Immediately after Christmas, **mark all new gifts** with your California Driver's license or I.D. number.
- If you have **house guests**, familiarize them with your security precautions and make sure they follow them.
- Be sure any holiday decorations are **child-proofed** (secure trees, double check the safety of electrical decorations).
- **Don't advertise what you got for Christmas by putting the boxes out on trash day.** Break the boxes down and put them in dark trash bags or take them to the dump yourself.

December Community Events

Tuesday, December 10, 2013—The **Fox Canyon Holiday Potluck** will be held at the Auburn Park Apartments at 5123 University Avenue from 5:30—6:30 pm.

Saturday, December 14, 2013 – The **El Cerrito Farmers Market** will be happening at 5602 Adams Avenue from 12:00—3:00 pm. Flowers, fresh fruit, and vegetables will be available.

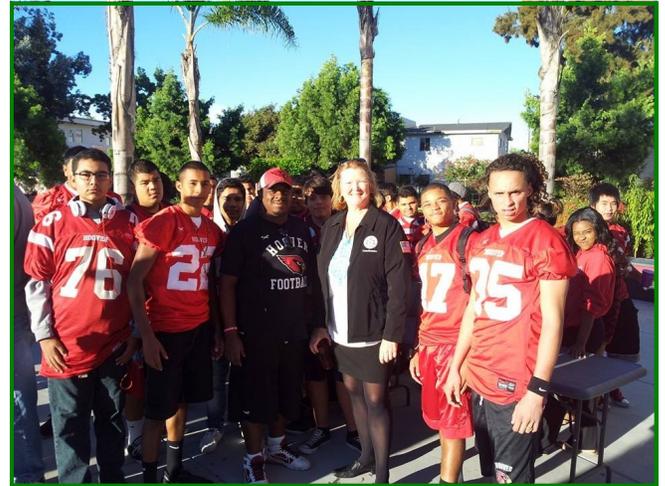
Saturday, December 14, 2013 – **The Holiday on Adams Ave.** event hosted by the Adams Avenue Business Association will have Santa and snow at the Kensington Park starting at 3:00 pm. There will also be a tree lighting ceremony at 5:00 pm.

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 – The Rolando Community Council will be hosting the annual Rolando **Holiday Party & Potluck**, where hundreds of Rolando neighbors gather to celebrate the season with great friends and delicious food. And, we just heard from some Rolando elves that Santa Claus himself is planning to drop by from the North Pole! The party and potluck will be held at College Reformed Church at 6745 Amherst St. from 6:30—8:00 pm.

Marti In The District



Councilmember Mark Kersey and I held a public infrastructure-related forum for District 9 in City Heights. We listened to the community's concerns and priorities and shared information regarding the \$120 million Infrastructure Bond .



Councilmember Emerald with Talmadge community members and the Hoover HS football team at their annual mid-city community clean up.



Councilmember Emerald with San Diegans who showed up at a recent council meeting in support of increasing the city's Housing Impact Fee to improve affordable housing in San Diego.



Councilmember Emerald speaks at a press conference to kick off Project Homeless Connect. The project collected goods in preparation for a one day resource fair on December 4, 2013.

INTERNSHIPS

San Diego City Councilmember Emerald's office is currently accepting applications from motivated high school and college students looking to gain experience interning for an elected official.

Interested applicants should e-mail Julio Rivera a cover letter, résumé and at least one letter of recommendation, along with a brief writing sample, to jrivera@sandiego.gov. Please feel free to call (619) 236-6725 with any questions.