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I Love a Clean San Diego

Community beautification projects have the ability to empower individuals to get involved and help improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. A great example is *I Love a Clean San Diego's Coastal Cleanup Day*.

This event attracts thousands of volunteers who gather in several targeted locations to remove trash and debris. Their efforts help improve the condition of our region's most cherished natural resources: our waterways and beaches.



This year, *I Love a Clean San Diego* is celebrating its 25th year of organizing Coastal Cleanup Day and I urge everyone to join me in getting involved with this cause.



The Coastal Cleanup Day is on September 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, and is expected to bring together around 8,000 volunteers at 90 different cleanup sites to pick up 100 tons of debris. I am proud to share with you that Council District Nine is doing its part to save our environment by hosting nine different cleanup sites.

I will be visiting these cleanup sites throughout the day to help and support all of the hard-working volunteers who are making our communities a cleaner place for all residents. The sites in District 9 are: North Swan Canyon, Cooper Canyon, 47th Street Canyon, South 47th Street Canyon, Winona Ave Canyon, Fox Canyon, Chollas Creek at 47th Street, and Chollas Parkway and Quince St. For further details and a full list of cleanup sites visit www.cleanupday.org.

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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Mission Statement

Empower constituents to improve their quality of life, economy, and neighborhoods through the effective use of a responsive, transparent, and trustworthy city government.

My Goals:

Provide Safe Neighborhoods, Empower People, Deliver Resources,
Create Economic Opportunity, Promote Trust In Government



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Safety Speaks

September is National Preparedness Month and we should all be encouraged to take steps to prepare for emergencies in our homes, businesses, schools, and communities. Emergency preparedness is crucial for the safety and well-being of all residents of San Diego. As Chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee (PSNS), I have partnered with the American Red Cross to promote their four-year initiative, Prepare San Diego.

This initiative will take a comprehensive look at preparedness in San Diego through the three key stages of disaster response: Preparedness, Response and Recovery. The goal of Prepare San Diego is to get one million San Diego residents prepared for disasters before 2017 by taking 3 Actions: *Get a Kit, Make a Plan, and Be Informed*. For more information on this initiative, please visit <http://www.preparesandiego.org/Home.aspx>

All members of the community are invited to learn more and get involved with Prepare San Diego by attending the following meeting during which the American Red Cross will present their four-year initiative, Prepare San Diego:

PSNS:

Date: Wednesday, September 18th

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 12th Floor, 202 "C" Street, San Diego, CA 92101



Troubleshooting in D9



Team Emerald was recently contacted by a concerned community member who reported a sidewalk in their neighborhood that was in critical need of repair. The sidewalk was an eyesore to the community. More importantly, the condition of the sidewalk created severe difficulties for her friend who's wheelchair would constantly get stuck in the cracks.

With the help of the City of San Diego's Transportation and Sewer Department, we were able to resolve the issue quickly and fill the cracks in the sidewalk.

If you notice any issues in your neighborhood that our office can assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact Team Emerald. We will do our best to fix the situation in a timely manner.

You can report these issues to your community representative who can help resolve your situation. Their contact information is located on the column to the left.



Neighborhood Focus: Talmadge

Established in 1925 by real estate developers Roy and Guy Lichty, Talmadge is a historic neighborhood tucked in the canyons of mid-city. With the help of Joe Schenk, president of United Artists Corporation, the Lichty's were able to fund development of the community and named it after Schenk's wife, Norma Talmadge. Norma, an acclaimed silent movie star, along with her more moderately successful sisters, Constance and Natalie (first wife of film legend Buster Keaton), held a dedication ceremony in 1926 in Talmadge, which attracted 10,000 San Diego residents.

Today, the Talmadge gates along Monroe Avenue and 49th Street have been declared a San Diego Historic District by the Historic Resources Board. Many organizations contribute to the features that make Talmadge such a unique part of Council District 9. The Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District is working to maintain and restore the iconic Talmadge Gates that dot the neighborhood. The District was also instrumental in designing and paying for the landscaping improvements of the Talmadge Traffic Circle which has become a community meeting spot. The Talmadge Patrol has been incredibly successful in keeping community members vigilant and the streets of Talmadge safer. The Talmadge Community Council has also provided a way for residents to remain active and up to date on news affecting the neighborhood.



So many great community groups mean many exciting community events. This year marks the 15th Annual Talmadge Block Party. This annual event was founded as a way to foster community values and neighborhood spirit. The Annual Talmadge Block Party is an entirely volunteer led event, based solely on the contributions of Talmadge neighbors. This year's Block Party will take place Saturday, September 21st from 2-6pm, at 49th St. and Lucille Dr. For more information contact info@TalmadgeBlockParty.org

More recently, the Talmadge community hosts an annual 4th of July parade. It is well on its way towards becoming another Talmadge institution.

September Community Events

Sunday, September 8, 2013 — Cruzin' for Peace is an event celebrating community, peace, and unity. The community is invited to join from 1:00—5:00 pm at the Dennis Allen Park, 655 Gateway Center Way, San Diego, CA 92102

Friday, September 20, 2013 — Teralta Park Family Movie Night is a great chance for the whole family to come together with neighbors and friends to watch a movie under the stars. Seating for "Rise of the Guardians" will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at sundown. Be sure to bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks! Teralta Park is located on Orange Avenue and 40th Street.

Saturday, September 21, 2013 — The 15th Annual Talmadge Block Party is a great way for Talmadge residents to meet their neighbors and make new friends. This event is held at the corner of 49th St. and Lucille Dr. from 2:00—6:00 pm and features community booths, food, activities, contests, prizes, and more.

Now through Friday, November 22, 2013 — The 4th Annual Rice Drive is organized by the San Diego Asian Youth (SDAYO). They are collecting bags of rice to distribute to the less fortunate families and seniors in our community. You can drop the rice off at the SDPD Multi Cultural Community Relations Office which is located at 5348 University Ave., San Diego, CA 92105

Marti In The District



Councilmember Emerald met with the family of SDPD Officer Jeremy Henwood on the anniversary of his tragic shooting at a fundraiser in Fairmount Ave. which benefitted the San Diego Police Officers Association’s Widows and Orphans Fund.



Councilmember Emerald recently visited Colina Park and met with members from the Karen Organization of San Diego during one of District Nine’s National Night Out events.



Councilmember Emerald was a featured guest speaker at a recent immigration reform campaign kick-off hosted by the San Diego Organizing Project in Southcrest.



Councilmember Emerald kicked off CicloSDias at the Cherokee Point Elementary School. This city-wide event promoted the use of alternative transportation in San Diego.

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.