



The Emerald News

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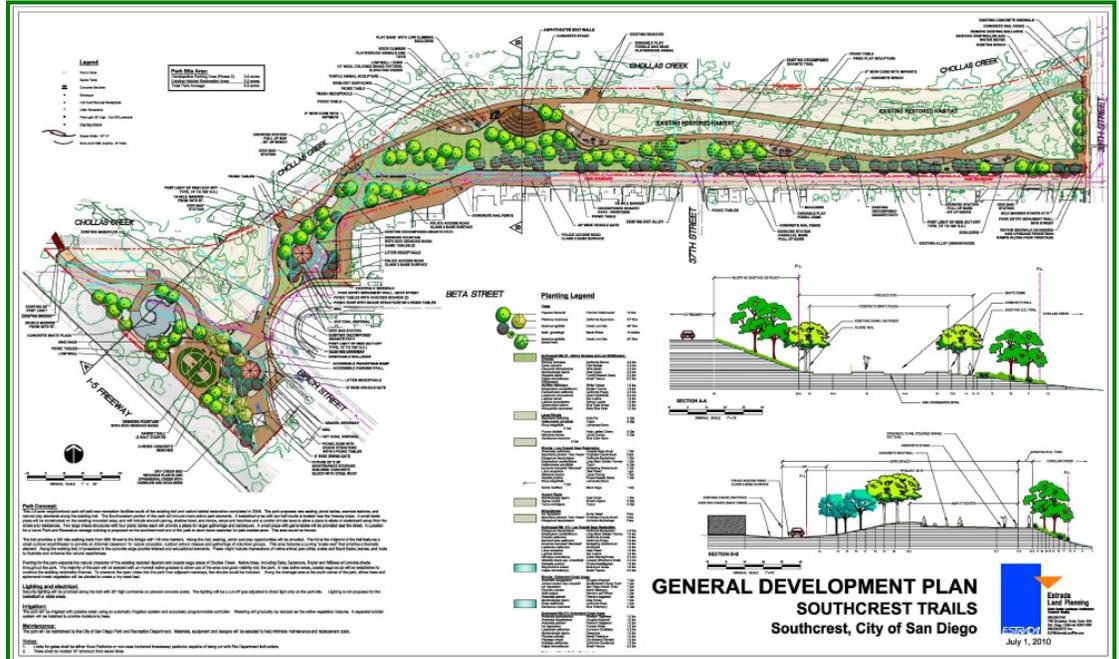
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On August 3, the council approved the expenditure of \$2,978,000 toward the design and construction of Southcrest Trails Park. The site was originally acquired to build a freeway, but due to the community's desires, a park was planned instead. After decades of waiting, construction is due to start later this year. The Southcrest Trails Park will provide an additional 2.3 acres of park space for the Southcrest and Shelltown communities. It will link these neighborhoods to regional bicycle facilities and the Dorothy Petway Park along the Chollas Creek open space system. It will feature drought tolerant and native trees and plans, an exercise trail, picnic areas and more.



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INTERNSHIPS

San Diego City Council President Pro Tem 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 to jcrivera@sandiego.gov.

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D9 Movie Nights at the Park

The San Diego Park and Recreation Department in association with the San Diego Public Library Department are hosting City Heights Movies in the Park now through the end of August. I am proud to sponsor this family friendly event. Movies will be shown on Tuesdays at dusk at Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park and on Thursdays at dusk at Teralta Neighborhood Park. Please see the attached flyer for park locations and movie schedules. For more information please contact the City Heights Branch Library at (619) 641-6100.



Update on Charles Lewis Park

Progress at Charles Lewis Park in D9 continues! Trees and additional landscaping have been planted at the park. We have also installed other traffic calming measures on Home Ave. to make the area safer for pedestrians.

The Charles Lewis III Memorial Park Project site at 4750 Home Avenue, which will provide a recreation area for members of the community of all ages. The project includes \$4.1 million in park amenities, improvements on Home Avenue, and enhancements to Auburn Creek Channel. The new park will provide many amenities including a children's play area, basketball court, picnic area and a dog park area.



\$3.1 Million for City Heights Community Center

\$3.1 million in grant funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has been awarded to the city for the repair and renovation of the old Copley YMCA building at Park De La Cruz. After the work is completed, the building will be used as a community center for City Heights. This news comes only months after \$4.46 million in grant funding from HCD was awarded to the city for the design and construction of two new skate parks: one in Linda Vista and the other at Park De La Cruz.

I want to thank city staff for their efforts in bringing another \$3.1 million from HCD to our neighborhood. When I first ran for D9, the kids told me they wanted a skate park, and I promised them I would get one for them. With last year's grant funding we were able to fulfill that promise, but we didn't stop there. This community center, along with the skate park, will deliver quality resources and services to City Heights and will encourage everyone to come out and enjoy our park and community center as one community.



Volunteers Needed for College Community Garden

It's that time again! Naturally, the garden needs regular maintenance and we occasionally request help from the community. Join us on 8/14 and 10/3 for our work parties and to mingle with CACG volunteer staff, area neighbors, as well as international students from SDSU American Language Institute. round volunteers and we're so happy to have them. We hope to see you in the garden! For more info please contact secretary@colleageareagardenr.org.



Taxicab Permits: A Win for the Community

I joined City Attorney Jan Goldsmith and Councilmember Scott Sherman in celebrating with San Diego's newest taxi permit holder and cab owner! In attendance was the first applicant to have completed an application for a taxi permit with his vehicle. This is the first vehicle to be inspected since hundreds of drivers from the taxi industry helped revise a 30 year old policy that previously limited and capped the number of taxicab permits in San Diego. The change in policy, championed by taxicab drivers from City Heights, removed the cap on the number of taxi permits in San Diego, limits the age of vehicles being used as cabs at 10 years and makes it mandatory for all new vehicles entering the industry to be a zero or low emission vehicle.



Investing in Mid City: The Centerline Transit Station

I recently joined members from the community to celebrate the groundbreaking of the region's first ever freeway-level transit station which will be located along State Route 15 (SR 15) at University Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard. The SR 15 Mid-City Centerline Transit Stations project represents a \$65 million investment in the Mid-City area. This project comes on the heels of the newly completed Mid-City Rapid, a \$44 million project that built the Rapid 215 line between San Diego State University and Downtown San Diego.



Once completed, Rapid services will run in northbound and southbound transit-only lanes within the existing median, which will help improve connections between the existing Rapid and local transit routes. Transit riders using MTS Routes 1, 60, 170, and Rapid 215 will be able to catch Rapid 235 at the Centerline stations, providing them access to job centers in Downtown San Diego and North San Diego County, including Kearny Mesa, Mira Mesa, Sabre Springs, and Rancho Bernardo.