

THE SPOTLight

News From Councilmember Sherri Lightner
City of San Diego, District One

Beach Safety: New Scripps Lifeguard Tower

On July 21, Sherri helped celebrate the reopening of the newly renovated Scripps Institution of Oceanography Lifeguard Tower in La Jolla Shores.

The state-of-the-art renovation was the result of a unique partnership between the City and UC San Diego.

“This tower is not just about fixing up an eyesore. It is also about improving safety on our beaches,” Sherri said. “This shows what we can accomplish when we all work together.”

Local firm Safdie Rabines Architects donated its design work and Sundt Construction Inc. donated the labor and supplies. UCSD volunteers helped make the improvements.



Sherri with San Diego Lifeguard Chief Rick Wurts.

For Sherri, improving lifeguard service is a key component of public safety. Since taking office, she also has worked to:

- Fund improved lifeguard staffing and training
- Restore lifeguard service at Black’s Beach
- Build and rehab lifeguard towers throughout District 1

“We must make sure our lifeguards have the proper training and tools to do what they do best – and that is to keep us safe while we enjoy San Diego’s beaches,” Sherri said.

Smart Growth: Urban Agriculture

Access to locally grown food is important to San Diegans’ quality of life.

It’s not just a matter of health benefits. Locally grown produce helps the environment, too, by reducing the energy needed to transport and preserve fresh fruits and vegetables.



The City of San Diego is looking at ways to encourage urban

agriculture practices as well as ensuring that there are proper regulations in place to deal with this increasingly popular movement.

That means making sure the City has the proper rules to deal with everything from retail farms to backyard chickens to farmers’ markets to community gardens.

Sherri, as chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee, is taking a leadership role when it comes to urban agriculture and establishing best practices.

She has asked City staff to present a draft proposal to the committee and conduct public outreach efforts.

To find out more about this issue, please visit the [Land Use & Housing Committee website.](#)

Fire Engine Brownouts End

On July 1, Sherri joined her Council colleagues, Fire Chief Javier Mainar and firefighters around the City to praise the end of fire engine brownouts.

Sherri was a key proponent of ending brownouts effective July 1 rather than phasing them out as had been previously proposed.

“You simply cannot put a price tag on public safety,” Sherri said.



Sherri helps announce the end of brownouts.

“I know I will sleep a little easier now that all of our fire stations are once again whole.”

Neighborhood Service: Street Repair

The City Council recently approved a slew of street repairs. Here are some of the streets in District 1 slated for an upgrade:

- Campina Place (from La Jolla Scenic Drive to the end)
- Del Mar Heights Road (from Del Mar Hills Drive to Mango Drive)
- Genesee Avenue (from Calgary Avenue to Executive Drive)
- Greenwich Drive (from Shoreham Place to Governor Drive)
- Rancho Peñasquitos Boulevard (from Paseo Montril to Via Del Sud)
- Sundevil Way (from Carmel Mountain Road to Bassmore Drive)
- Calle de Armonia (from Vereda Mar Del Corazon to East Ocean Drive)
- Corte Belleza
- Corte Mar Del Corazon
- Eastgate Mall (from Genesee Avenue to Easter Way)
- Towne Centre Drive (from Executive Drive to end)



Sherri enjoyed spending part of her Fourth of July at the Beaumont Avenue Annual Parade in Bird Rock.

Working for You in the Community

Here are some highlights of what Sherri has been working on for you:

Several potholes along Muirlands Drive have been fixed. Sherri's staff was alerted to the potholes that dotted intersections along Muirlands and worked with the City's Street Division to get them filled.

Two streetlights on Via Cangrejo flickered on and off. Sherri's staff alerted the Street Division to the issue and now the lights are in proper working order.

Trash at the entrance to the La Jolla Village Reservoir was piling up, so Sherri followed up with City staff. The area is now trash free and the Water Department has agreed to be responsible for trash pickup going forward.

The medians on Governor Drive were in need of a little extra help after budget cuts limited their maintenance to just once a month. The University City Community Association was interested in helping out, so Sherri's staff helped the group cut through red tape and cover their fees. Thanks to the UCCA.

A broken gas line at the Canyon Rim Apartments in Rancho Peñasquitos meant residents at the 504-apartment complex were left without hot water or functioning stoves.

Sherri and her staff received constant updates from the management team and met



Sherri with the plans for Canyon Rim Apartments.

with residents to hear their concerns.

Sherri also helped secure the original plans for the complex so that the management team could come up with a solution to fix the gas line more quickly and effectively.



Sherri also attended the 23rd Annual UC Celebration on July 4 and took time to speak with the media.



Sherri speaks with Robert Crane, the City's golf division tournament director, after helping to kickoff the Callaway Junior World Golf Championships at Torrey Pines Golf Course on July 10. More than 1,200 young golfers from around the world compete in this annual event.



It is a busy summer at University City's Standley Park. Sherri is proud to sponsor the Park's Summer Concerts (see more info below). Also don't miss the 30th Annual Banana Split in the Park on August 6. For more information, visit the Park's website.

Calendar of Events: August

It's summer time and there is plenty to do around District 1. Here is a sampling of some of what the District has to offer:

August 3:
SummerFest Under the Stars, La Jolla
Classic works by Brahms and Dvorak
Ellen Browning Scripps Park
7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

August 6:
Standley Park Concert Series
Bayou Brothers
Standley Park in University City
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

August 7:
La Jolla Concerts by the Sea
Blue Breeze Band
Ellen Browning Scripps Park
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

August 14:
La Jolla Concerts by the Sea
Big Time Operator
Ellen Browning Scripps Park
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Standley Park Concert Series
Relative Minors & Friends
Standley Park in University City

2011 San Diego Pride Parade

Sherri was proud to join her fellow councilmembers and thousands of San Diegans to celebrate equality for all at this year's Pride Parade on July 16. As always, a great time was had by all.



Sherri with Councilmember Todd Gloria.



Sherri with Council President Tony Young.



Sherri with Councilmember Kevin Faulconer and New York State Senator Diane Savino.



Sherri with her children and staff in front of the Lightnermobile.

August 21:
La Jolla Concerts by the Sea
Lao Tizer
Ellen Browning Scripps Park
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Standley Park Concert Series
The Corvettes
Standley Park in University City
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

August 28:
La Jolla Concerts by the Sea
Rockola
Ellen Browning Scripps Park
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

End of Summer Fire Run
4k Run Walk to Benefit the San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation
Starts at Prospect Ave. near Girard
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Admission \$33 to \$45
<http://www.kathyloperevents.com/endofsummer4m/>

Standley Park Concert Series
Rockstreet
Standley Park in University City
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Public Safety



Sherri stands with the crew of Fire Station 40 in Rancho Peñasquitos. This was one of the stations hardest hit by brownouts. Thanks to Sherri and her Council colleagues, it is now back to full service.

Want to make a difference in San Diego?

One of the best ways is to volunteer for one of the City's many boards or commissions. Please visit the City's [website](#) to find out more, and contact us if you are interested.

Another option is to serve on a community planning group. To find out about what these groups do and how to join, visit the City's Planning division [website](#).

Click on the map on our [website](#) to find out about the community groups in your neighborhood.

Your Community Representatives

If you have a concern or question about an issue in your neighborhood, please contact our constituent services representative or your community representative. We're here to help!

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