

THE SPOTLight

News From Councilmember Sherri Lightner
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- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Mesa
- La Jolla
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Torrey Hills
- Torrey Pines
- University City



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City Clerk Opens One-Stop Shop for Passport Services

On July 1, Sherri joined City Clerk Elizabeth Maland in cutting the ribbon on the City's new Passport Acceptance Facility.

Sherri was the first official passport applicant at the facility's grand opening, which was attended by representatives of the State Department and the National Passport Immigration Center.

Conveniently located in the first floor lobby of the City Administration Building, the Passport Acceptance Facility serves as a one-stop shop for applicants, offering both passport application and photo

services for a small fee. In the month since its opening, the facility has already generated \$2,950 in extra revenue for the city.

U.S. citizens interested in applying for their passport can call (619) 533-4050 to set up an appointment Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Walk-in service is currently not available.

Additional information, including a link to the application and required documentation, can be found on

the City Clerk's website at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/inforecords/passport.shtml>.



New Director of Planning and Neighborhood Restoration

The city recently welcomed a new director to the Planning and Neighborhood Restoration Department.

Appointed to the position in June, California's leading planning expert, Bill Fulton, officially began work for the city on July 8.

With decades of experience in city planning, and national recognition as a leader in smart growth and transit-oriented development, Sherri

is confident that Fulton will bring innovation, enthusiasm and positive changes to the city's Planning Department.

Since beginning his new position, Bill has already met with Sherri to discuss bringing forward a comprehensive economic development strategy for San Diego to her Rules and Economic Development Committee in the fall.

Bill also is looking into how to begin updating the city's out-

dated Community Plans—something Sherri has advocated for since taking office.

Bill will be visiting community planning groups throughout the city in the coming months, and Sherri encourages residents to take the opportunity to meet him, share your goals and ideas for the planning of your community and learn more about his vision for San Diego's future.

Upgrades to La Jolla Shores Sewer Pump Station completed



Interior and exterior views

This July, the upgrades to Sewer Pump Station 27 in Laureate Park on Avenida de la Playa in La Jolla Shores were completed.

In 2006, the pump station was first upgraded. Prior to those improvements, this station had a history of problems with wastewater spills during its 30 years in operation.

Within a few years, the city dis-

covered major problems with the new pumps, including severe vibration issues. In January 2011, the pumps failed and emergency backup pumps had to be used.

The city determined that the pumps needed to be replaced with new pumps to enhance their reliability. As a result, the city started an upgrade project in the fall of 2012 that was

completed in July 2013 and cost approximately \$1.5 million.

With the new upgrade, wastewater spills in the busy La Jolla Shores business district should be a thing of the past.

Bird Rock Pedestrian Crossing Project completed



New crosswalk at Colima

When the traffic roundabouts were installed along La Jolla Boulevard in Bird Rock in 2006, they featured crosswalks that used a new technology called in-pavement flashing pedestrian-activated lights. These lights had not been used in many places in San Diego prior to that time.

These flashing crosswalk lights

are activated whenever a pedestrian pushes a button on the sign next to the crosswalk. The lights enhance pedestrian safety by creating good visual warnings for drivers, especially at night.

Unfortunately, the early generation version of the crosswalk lights that were installed at the Midway and Colima

roundabouts were prone to malfunctions.

This spring, the city replaced the malfunctioning in-pavement flashing lights at the Midway and Colima crosswalks with new lights that should last for many years to come.

New 501(c)3 to help facilitate improvements in University City

Residents of University City are invited to attend a series of two town hall meetings this fall hosted by the newly formed University City Community Foundation (UCCF).

Created through the support of the University City Community Association, UCCF hopes to facilitate projects in University City that will help improve the look and feel of the community.

As a 501(c)3 organization, the group will be able to gather tax-deductible donations to fund the projects, which will then be completed with the help of volunteers.

At the meetings, residents will have an opportunity to learn more about the Foundation and its vision, as well as provide input on the improvement projects they would like to see prioritized.

The first meeting will be on Monday, September 23 at Our Mother of Confidence Church located at 3131 Governor Drive, and the second will be held on Thursday, October 3 at the First Baptist Church located at 5055 Governor Drive.

Both meetings will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Additional information can be found at: www.ImproveUC.org.



Sherri Around Town



Sherri enjoyed a wonderful 4th of July at the 25th Annual University City Independence Day Celebration.



Sherri and friends showing their support for the LGBT community at the 2013 San Diego Pride Parade on July 13.



The 16th International RoboSub Competition (held July 25-28) brought dozens of student teams from all over the world to San Diego. Here, Sherri gets an up close look at one of the robots.



Sherri was honored to participate in the 20th Anniversary Celebration for the Carmel Valley Library on July 27.

Gonzales Canyon Neighborhood Park Update

There is great news for Pacific Highlands Ranch residents as progress on the Gonzales Canyon Neighborhood Park continues to move forward.

On May 14, the Carmel Valley Recreation Council voted to approve the General Development Plan for the park.

On June 20, Sherri attended the city's Park and Recreation Board meeting where the plan received unanimous approval from the board.

With all of the steps in the approval process complete, Sherri now looks forward to breaking ground on the project with the

community in December of 2014.

Special thanks goes to Manjeet Ranu and all the PHR residents who have participated in the process to bring the park to fruition.

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Local Business Spotlight: Voila Creative Fresh Food

Sherri often likes to highlight a new or unique business in District 1.

Here's this month's selection.

Who: Voila Creative Fresh Food

Where: 723 Pearl St., La Jolla, CA 92037; the former site of Bibby's Crepe Café.

What you'll find: A unique

café/restaurant offering farm fresh menu options including soups, sandwiches and create-your-own salads.

Nearly everything on the menu is organic or homemade.

The upside: Owners Laurent and Francine Hebbelinck recently moved to San Diego from Belgium, bringing with them delicious new dessert options that can be found nowhere

else in the area.

Patrons looking to satisfy their sweet tooth can indulge in an array of homemade sweets including Chocolate Mousse, Brussels Pie and Belgian Cheesecake.

For more information:
<https://www.facebook.com/VoilaSD>



Working for You in the Community



Need assistance in getting a pothole fixed? Call Sherri's office at (619) 236-6611. We are here to help.

Helping constituents get potholes filled, streetlights fixed and other neighborhood repairs completed is one of Sherri's top priorities. Here is a sampling of projects her office worked on this past month:

Potholes

- Pothole patched on Cardeno Drive
- Potholes patched on Via Capri & Rue Denise
- Pothole patched on Avenida Manana
- Potholes patched at the La Jolla Scenic Drive South &

Rutgers Road intersection

- Pothole patched on Via Mallorca

Cleanups and Repair

- Replaced water meter box lids on Olivetas Avenue
- Repaired posts, chain and "No Ped Crossing" sign at Regents Road & Miramar Street intersection
- Removed graffiti near the SR-52 & I-5 overpass
- Cleaned up fallen palm fronds on Avenida Cresta

Streetlights and Traffic Signals

- Repaired broken v-calm sign on Torrey Pines Road
- Repaired broken streetlight lamp on Agee Street
- Reset traffic light timing at the intersection of Del Mar Heights Road & High Bluff Drive
- Replaced faded stop sign at Quaker Hill & Whispering Hill Lane intersection
- Replaced faded stop sign at Carmel Mountain Road & Plumcrest Lane intersection

Sherri is on the Web at

sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/

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

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