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The SpotLIGHT



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Representing the communities of:

- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Heights
- Del Mar Mesa
- La Jolla
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Torrey Hills
- Torrey Pines
- University City



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City Council Approves New Water Rates

On Tuesday, November 17th the City Council approved the proposed water rate increases recommended by the Public Utilities Department and the Independent Budget Analyst. This increase is primarily due to an increase in the cost of imported water, investments in water reliability, and improvements to aging water infrastructure.

Voting to approve these increases was not an easy decision. Our office thanks all the citizens who have contacted us to voice their opinion on the water rates. There's a lot at stake with this rate increase. It's more than just paying a little extra for our water. The future of our water supply and water infrastructure depends on it.

The largest part of the rate increase is a pass through

cost from the County Water Authority. Over the last 10 years, the price of imported water has more than doubled from \$500 per acre-foot to over \$1,200.

Because of this, the San Diego region has been making investments to diversify our local water supply. For example, the Pure Water Program will eventually produce 1/3 of the city's water supply and is also an important way to decrease the use of the Pt. Loma Sewage Treatment Plant.

If we don't proceed with PureWater, the City will need to spend approximately \$2 BILLION upgrading the Pt. Loma Treatment Plant to meet federal standards without producing a single drop of recycled water in the process.

This rate increase also ensures that the City can to continue to replace our aging

water mains and pipelines to prevent costly and wasteful water main breaks. Furthermore, with this increase, the City will avoid depleting reserves, and preserve the city's good credit rating, which the Council has worked hard to improve by being so fiscally responsible in recent years and will be instrumental in securing an infrastructure bond.

The rate increase will vary depending on water meter size, customer classification and water consumption. A typical single-family home may see their bill increase by approximately \$6.50 per month. The first recycled water rate increase in 15 years will also be implemented, taking the price from 80 cents to \$1.73 per 748 gallons of water.

For questions, please visit www.sandiego.gov/water or call (619) 515-3525.

Free Opera Program Offered Through *My Voice in the Arts*

To foster conversation about arts engagement and introduce students to the world of opera, San Diego Opera's *My Voice in the Arts* program will award up to two participating students in each city council district a 2016 season ticket package

for them and a chaperone. Any 6-12th grade student who attends school within the City of San Diego may apply by submitting written descriptions of their own personal artistic experiences, stories, interests, and perspectives.

This is an opportunity for students' voices to be heard in the arts community. Deadline for submission is Wednesday, December 16. For more information and to apply, visit: sdoopera.com/myvoice.

Charter Review Committee Updates and Upcoming Agendas



The City's original Charter is on display as part of the City's collection.

At the December 3 meeting, the Committee will consider recommendations regarding the Ethics Commission, Planning Commission, Article V sections on Executive and Administrative Services, Article VII sections on Finance, Retirement, Civil Service, Contracting, and a proposed Preamble.

On December 8, the Council will consider the recommen-

dations made through November to go on the June 7, 2016 primary election ballot. The revised sections include Article V Executive and Administrative Service, Article VII Finance, Redistricting, deletion of outdated or preempted sections and a request for the Charter to read in gender neutral language.

On the January 13, 2016 meeting the Committee will

consider ballot proposals for June 7 that remain from 2015, as well as ballot proposals brought forward by the public.

Watch the [Charter Review Committee meetings](#) on City TV 24, read the [Committee memos](#), and see the [meeting schedule](#) on the City Website. Send comments to charterreview@sandiego.gov or call (619) 236-6611.

Tips for Safe Online Holiday Shopping



Keep your information safe this holiday season.

This year, millions of Americans will turn to the internet for some or all of their holiday shopping. While this shopping method may offer convenience, it can also open the door to hackers and identity thieves. Help protect yourself from online predators by taking the following steps:

Keep software up-to-date:

This includes security subscriptions, operating systems, programs and apps.

Don't share personal infor-

mation over an unsecured

network: Unsecured networks don't require a password to access. Phone networks (i.e. 3G or 4G) are usually a safer method.

Make sure the site is legiti-

mate: This means that the address bar has a closed padlock and the website starts with "https" or "shttp."

Beware of spam and phish-

ing, which are emails masquerading to be from genuine companies. Telltale signs of phishing are design flaws,

poor grammar, misspellings, sense of urgency, unexpected requests, money order requests, and/or no alternate mode of communication given. Remember, most valid companies will not request personal information in an unsolicited manner in exchange for goods and services.

Finally, beware of offers too

good to be true. Use caution and err on the side of safety when judging whether or not an offer is a scam.

Thanksgiving Week Library Hours



La Jolla/Riford Library will remain open after Thanksgiving.

San Diego public libraries will have special hours during the week of Thanksgiving. Please make note of these changes and plan your trip to the library accordingly:

- **Wednesday, November 25:** All libraries close at 6 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 26:** All libraries closed.

- **Friday-Sunday, November 27-28:** Select libraries will remain open with regularly scheduled hours. The remainder will be closed.

Libraries in City Council District 1 that are open with regularly scheduled hours are:

- Carmel Valley

- La Jolla/Riford
- North University Community

The Central Library will also be open with regularly scheduled hours. Additionally, all bookdrops will remain open throughout the week.

For more information, please call 619-236-5800 or visit www.sandiegolibrary.org.

Sherri Around Town



Left to right, from top: **1.** Sherri met with the Vice Mayor and a delegation from our Sister City of Jeonju in South Korea. They discussed policy and toured the Council Chambers. **2.** Sherri gave the closing remarks at the Regional Economic Development Corporation panel focused on their Economic Impact Report regarding San Diego's research institutions. **3.** Sherri cheered on the participants of the Challenged Athletes Foundation Triathlon in La Jolla. **4.** Sherri joined community members in University City to "cut the ribbon" on a newly completed and landscaped median. **5.** Sherri discussed the creation of a diverse and sustainable water supply for San Diego in the Regional Leaders Panel "Local Government Actions and Outlook on Water Reliability and Drought, Drought or El Nino: Charting a Sustainable Water Future Symposium."

SpotLight: Local District 1 Holiday Shopping, Support Our Local Businesses

City Council District 1 is home to a diverse array of retailers. As you prepare your shopping list for the holidays this year, consider supporting some of the many shops and businesses located in our district.

Carmel Valley

- **Del Mar Highlands Town Center:** El Camino Real and Del Mar Heights Rd.

Del Mar Heights

- **Flower Hill Promenade:** Villa de

la Valle east of Interstate 5

University City

- **University Town Center:** La Jolla Village Dr. and Genesee Ave.



Flower Hill Promenade and Del Mar Highlands Town Center

La Jolla

- **La Jolla Village Square:** La Jolla Village Dr. and Nobel Dr.
- **The shops** along Girard Ave. and Prospect St.
- **Bird Rock shops:** La Jolla Blvd.
- **La Jolla Shores shops:** Avenida de la Playa
- **Pacific Highlands Ranch**
- **The Village at Pacific Highlands Ranch:** Carmel Valley Rd. and Del Mar Heights Rd.

Upcoming City Holiday Events



Fall Activity Week: La Jolla Rec. Center, November 23, 24 & 25 from 12:00pm– 2:00pm. Children will have fun during three afternoons of fall activities and arts and crafts! Ages 3-12 yrs. \$5/child per day. Call 858-552-1658 for more information.



Snow Day at the Park, Toy /Food Drive & Pancake Breakfast: Ocean Air Rec. Center, Saturday, December 5 from 8:30am-11:30am. Snow sled run, bunny slope, breakfast,

Santa visit, games & activities. Bring an unwrapped toy or bag of non-perishable food between 11/16-12/4 to receive 4 tickets for the breakfast (otherwise, breakfast is \$5/person). Call 858-552-1687 for more information.



La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival, 100 Years of Christmas Cheer: Prospect St. & Girard Ave., Sunday, December 6 at 1:30pm. Watch the parade, then

enjoy the festival's arts & crafts, entertainment, educational exhibits, and photos with Santa from 2:30pm-5:00pm at the Rec. center. For more information, visit: ljarade.com.



Senior Winter Wonderland: La Jolla Rec. Center, Friday, December 11 from 5:30pm –8:45pm. Enjoy dinner, beverages, coffee, dessert and live entertainment from the A-Team Band. \$15/person. Call 858-552-1658 for reservations and more information.

Sherrri is on the Web at sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/

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Important City Department Contact Numbers

Need help with an issue in your neighborhood? Here are some important City numbers you can call, or please don't hesitate to contact Sherri's office for assistance.

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| Emergency (Police, Fire, Medical) | 911 |
| Non-Emergency Police (Minor crime report) | 619-531-2000 |
| Graffiti Removal | 619-525-8522 |
| Pothole Repair | 619-527-7500 |
| Street Lights | 619-527-7500 |
| Illegal Dumping | 858-694-7000 |
| Missed Trash Pick Up | 858-694-7000 |
| Neighborhood Code Compliance | 619-236-5500 |
| Building Permit Information | 619-446-5000 |
| Lifeguard Information | 619-221-8899 |
| Traffic Division | 619-495-7800 |
| Dead Animal Pick-Up/Animal Control | 619-767-2675 |
| Abandoned Vehicle | 619-531-2000 |
| Think Blue/Storm Water Hotline | 619-235-1000 |
| Public Utilities Department Leak Line | 619-515-3525 |