



**DISTRICT SEVEN  
COMMUNITIES**

- Allied Gardens**
- Alvarado Estates**
- Chollas Creek**
- Colina del Sol**
- College Area**
- Del Cerro**
- El Cerrito**
- Fox Canyon**
- Grantville**
- Islenair**
- MCAS Miramar**
- Oak Park**
- Rancho Encantada**
- Redwood Village**
- Rolando Park**
- Rolando**
- San Carlos**
- SDSU**
- Tierrasanta**

# The Emerald News

NOVEMBER 2011 • VOLUME 3 ISSUE 11

## A Salute to San Diego's Finest

This past year has been excruciating for members of our San Diego Police Department and their families. Several officers have died, some gunned down in the line of duty. A handful of others have been accused of breaking the law and violating the public trust. A department of 1800 devoted and courageous men and women who place themselves in harm's way every day, on and off the job, to protect all of us.

The tragedies began one year ago, after the shooting death of Lt. Christopher Wilson, killed while helping to serve an arrest warrant. Then there was Jeremy Henwood, who was murdered when he stopped to help a motorist. Jason Prokop lost his life while he was attempting to save another's following a traffic accident. And the list goes on.

We on the City Council attended the funerals and shed tears with families and friends of these fallen heroes. This has been a communion of sorrow I will never forget, nor should any of us.

This is the reason I sponsored a proclamation declaring November 1<sup>st</sup>, "A Salute to San Diego's Finest Day" in the city of San Diego, thanking all those who proudly wear the badge, recognizing their unwavering commitment to serving the public, and commemorating those dedicated officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

My Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee also recognizes that economic and personal pressures impact police officers just as they do the general public. That's why I and my colleagues on the City Council support the efforts of Police Chief Bill Lansdowne to identify officers struggling and provide them with the support and services they need, before they engage in activities that could break the law or violate public trust. Chief Lansdowne recently presented his seven Point Plan to PS&NS, with its prescription for greater officer oversight, ethics training, counseling and wellness programs and a confidential complaint line. He says officers are engaged in the program and the department is seeing results.

We can each make a difference, too. In our 7<sup>th</sup> District, I know we appreciate our police officers. As we head into the holiday season, I hope you will each take a moment to let them know how much you appreciate them and thank them for their service.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours! *Thanks, Marti*

# Community Representatives



**Marisa Berumen**

Allied Gardens, Grantville,  
and Tierrasanta  
(619) 236-7754

[mberumen@sandiego.gov](mailto:mberumen@sandiego.gov)



**Cynthia Harris**

El Cerrito and City Heights  
(619) 533-5897

[crharris@sandiego.gov](mailto:crharris@sandiego.gov)



**Chris Pearson**

Redwood Village, Rolando  
Park, Rolando,  
and Oak Park  
(619) 236-6677

[cpearson@sandiego.gov](mailto:cpearson@sandiego.gov)



**Tim Taylor**

College Area and  
Alvarado Estates  
(619) 533-4774

[taylor@sandiego.gov](mailto:taylor@sandiego.gov)



**Mary Ann Wallace**

Del Cerro, Lake Murray, and  
San Carlos  
(619) 236-7042

[mwallace@sandiego.gov](mailto:mwallace@sandiego.gov)

# Committee Consultant



**Drew Ector**

Public Safety &  
Neighborhood Services  
(619) 236-7038

[dector@sandiego.gov](mailto:dector@sandiego.gov)

# October Events In Pictures



**Street Lights Retrofits Citywide Coming Soon-** Improved illumination will be coming to your neighborhood soon! Currently, the city is lit by 50,000 old sodium vapor lights. An upcoming project will convert more than 35,000 of these existing street lights to broad-spectrum induction lighting. Southern Contracting Co. began the retrofitting project mid-September 2011 with a goal to replace 2,600 lighting fixtures each month. The project will be completed early 2013.

These street light upgrades were funded by a federal stimulus grant and a low interest bond and loan. The energy savings to the city will exceed the financing debt service. The estimated annual savings is roughly \$2.2 million with a 16 million annual kilowatt-hours in energy savings which is equivalent to the amount of energy used by 2,540 homes.



Our current street lights cast a yellow glow.



Broad-spectrum lighting tends to shed whiter light similar to sunlight.

## Colina Del Sol Park Beautification Project

LISC AmeriCorps members along with the City Heights Community Development Corporation and students from Crawford Multi Media Visual Arts all came together on Wednesday, October 26th to improve Colina del Sol Park. Participants painted murals on sidewalks, utility boxes and trash cans throughout the park.

Members of LISC AmeriCorps members were visiting San Diego from various cities throughout the country to attend a Leadership Conference. As part of this conference members, carried out service projects to benefit the local community of need.



LISC AmeriCorps is part of the National Service Network, administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Members of LISC promote volunteerism and civic engagement by encouraging neighbors to take a proactive role to transform their own communities.



This event is a prime example of ways the community can come together to create public art in our beautiful parks and open spaces where the community can gather. Thank you to all of the volunteers for these wonderful improvements to City Heights!



## Father Joe's Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/ Walk

Thursday,  
November  
24th  
at 8:00 am in  
Balboa Park.

Proceeds  
help serve  
more than  
1.7 million  
meals to  
those in  
need.

## November Community Events

**Join Councilmember Emerald, Council President Tony Young and Rural Metro San Diego for our second installment of CPR training.** This event will take place **Saturday, November 5th** from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. Two CPR sessions will take place starting at 9:00 am and 10:00 am.

**Watershed Avengers**— transforming urban and degraded canyons into safe and healthy places to learn, play and explore. This event will take place **Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 am -1:00 pm.** Meet at Hamilton Elementary school located at 2807 Fairmount Avenue. There will be music, food and a raffle. Volunteers under the age of 18 need a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. For more information please call Carla Pisbe at [Cpisbe@OceanDI.org](mailto:Cpisbe@OceanDI.org) or (858) 488-3849.

**San Diego Police Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial 5K Run**— this run will take place **November 20th at 7:00 am** at the Rancho Bernardo Community Park located at 18448 West Bernardo Drive. Registration closes November 18th. Proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project – [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

**Thanksgiving Rice Drive**— collects bags of rice for our less fortunate neighbors and seniors residing mainly in the City Heights community. **The drive will collect bags until Friday, November 18th.** You may drop off the bags at the San Diego Police Department Multi-Cultural Community Relations Office located at 5348 University Avenue Suite 100 or contact Phet Guiney at (619) 515-2729 or [pguiney@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:pguiney@pd.sandiego.gov) for pick up.

**The Friends of Tierrasanta Library will hold their used book sale** on Friday, November 4th from 11:30 am -5:00 pm, Saturday, November 5th from 9:30 am -2:30 pm and Tuesday, November 8th from 12:30-8:00 pm.

**Star Party** at Mission Trails on **Saturday, November 21th** from 5:00pm -8:00 pm. Join MTRP Trail Guide and resident star-gazer George Varga at the far end of the Kumeyaay Campground's day use parking lot. A telescope will be available to view the nighttime sky!

**Take Me Home: the Music of John Denver**— Grossmont Community Concert Association presents the timeless songs of John Denver. John's music comes to life through this ultimate tribute by Jim Curry and his band. The show will take place **Tuesday, November 15th** at 7:30 pm at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre located at 6611 University Avenue. For ticket information please call (619) 444-8340.