



# The Emerald News

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Dear Friends:

I am proud of the work we have accomplished together as a community, district, and city during the month of September and I am excited for what October has in store. Here are some highlights of what we achieved in City Hall and around our district this past month.



**NEW INTERIM MAYOR:** Some of you may be familiar with our new Interim Mayor who once represented parts of District Nine prior to redistricting. I look forward to working with Interim Mayor Todd Gloria to bring trust back into city government and continue serving our neighborhoods.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The council voted to fund a one-time \$2 million contribution to help recruit and retain police officers. My colleagues and I also took steps towards updating the City's Emergency Operations plan.

**DELIVERING RESOURCES:** Through State and Federal Grants and charitable donations, Civic San Diego was able to contract a \$23 million agreement to benefit the new YMCA facility in City Heights. Also, through a partnership with Urban Corps, City Heights CDC, and funding from the City's CDBG program, we were able to fund the rehabilitation of 25 homes in City Heights.

**EMPOWERING PEOPLE:** September was Hispanic Heritage month and we honored Ramon "Chunky" Sanchez for his decades of leadership and work. I also had a great time supporting participants of "I Love a Clean San Diego's Coastal Clean Up," which gathered hundreds of volunteers at dozens of locations in the district to clean up canyons and our watershed.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you and please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff with any issues or concerns.

*Thanks, Marti*

## District 9 Communities

- Alvarado Estates
- Azalea Park
- Castle
- Cherokee Point
- Chollas Creek
- Colina Park
- College Area
- Corridor
- Denstedt Point
- El Cerrito
- Fairmount Park
- Fairmount Village
- Fox Canyon
- Hollywood Park
- Islenair
- Kensington
- Mountain View
- Mt Hope
- Ridgeview
- Rolando
- Saranac-Mohawk
- Southcrest
- Swan Canyon
- Talmadge
- Teralta-East & West
- Willie Henderson

### **Mission Statement**

*Empower constituents to improve their quality of life, economy, and neighborhoods through the effective use of a responsive, transparent, and trustworthy city government.*

### **My Goals:**

Provide Safe Neighborhoods, Empower People, Deliver Resources,  
Create Economic Opportunity, Promote Trust In Government

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## Safety Speaks

**PrepareSanDiego** At the September 18, 2013, Public Safety & Neighborhood Services meeting, Councilmember Emerald was joined by her committee colleagues in urging San Diegans to be prepared for the next major emergency. The City has partnered with the American Red Cross on the initiative, Prepare San Diego.

“Providing safe neighborhoods to San Diegans is one of my top goals as the chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee,” said Councilmember Emerald. “I urge our communities to get involved with Prepare San Diego, a multi-year regional initiative driven by the American Red Cross,” said Councilmember Emerald.

Prepare San Diego is a regional effort to get one million San Diegans prepared for an emergency by getting a kit, making a plan, or getting trained. More information on this effort is available at [www.preparesandiego.org](http://www.preparesandiego.org).

As always, to share your ideas and concerns for improving public safety, please contact Committee Consultant Marisa Berumen by calling (619) 236-7754 or emailing [mberumen@sandiego.gov](mailto:mberumen@sandiego.gov).

The next Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee meetings will be held on October 9 & 30, 2013 at 2pm on the 12th Floor, 202 C Street San Diego CA, 92101.

## Troubleshooting in D9

A historic light post at Westminster Terrace in Kensington was hit by a vehicle and a community member contacted my office to report the damaged light post.

Residents were concerned about the street being darker than usual and the hazards caused by the missing light post hole. After being informed of the situation, my office contacted Street Division who came out to install and rewire the light post. Now this light post is back and shining brighter than ever!



For your safety, if you notice a damaged light post please report the problem immediately to Street Division at (619) 527-7500.

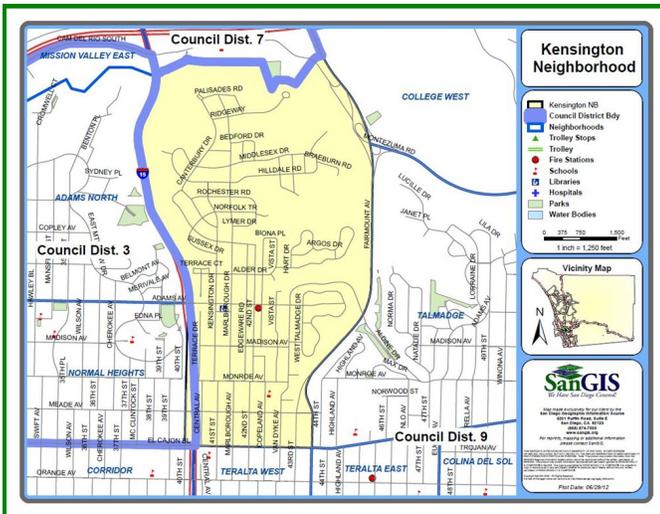
# Neighborhood Focus: Kensington

This picturesque enclave is home to attractive Spanish-styled homes that exude character and charm. Active and involved community groups help maintain the neighborhood’s distinct appeal and beauty. It is a peaceful pocket amid the hubbub of the inner city that includes a charming business district along Adams Avenue that has popular local eateries and businesses.



Kensington was developed in 1910 and celebrated it’s centennial in 2010. It consists of 115 acres over-  
looking Mission Valley. It is one of three mid-city urban neighborhoods whose main thoroughfare is Adams Ave. and is

at the Eastern end of the strip that begins with University Heights at the Western end, with Normal Heights in-between.



Several active and well organized community groups provide neighbors with many opportunities to get involved with making important community decisions and with the planning of neighborhood events such as the Kensington Memorial Day Parade and Fourth of July Block Party. These groups include the Kensington—Talmadge Planning Group, the Kensington — Talmadge Community Association, the Ken-Tal Garden Club, the Kensington Social and Athletic Club, Friends of Kensington—Normal Heights Library, and The Heart of Kensington.

## October Community Events

**Saturday, October 19, 2013— The Fall Festival and Craft Fair** is a great time to check out local gardening talent and hear the winners of the annual pumpkin and zucchini growing contest. The community is invited to join from 9:00—4:00 pm at the Dennis Allen Park, 655 Gateway Center Way, San Diego, CA 92102

**Saturday, October 26, 2013 — The BOO! Parade** is a great chance for the whole family to enjoy Halloween festivities in the College Area. Participants in the parade will be dressed in costumes and there will be fun activities for kids at the Kroc Center and a “Boo! After Party” at Effins Pub & Grill. The parade starts at College Ave. & El Cajon Blvd at 10:00 am.

**Saturday, October 12 & 19, 2013 — The College Area Community Garden** is looking for volunteers for two of their work parties to help pull weeds, shovel dirt & sand, and lay water pipe. Come meet other great people like you at the SDSU Children’s Center at Parking Lot Lower E from 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

**October 1 through November 22, 2013— The 4th Annual Rice Drive** is organized by the San Diego Asian Youth (SDAYO). They are collecting bags of rice to distribute to the less fortunate families and seniors in our community. You can drop the rice off at the SDPD Multi Cultural Community Relations Office which is located at 5348 University Ave.

# Marti In The District



Councilmember Emerald celebrated the rehabilitation of 25 homes in City Heights during a ribbon cutting ceremony. This project creates job-training opportunities and makes a difference for low-income homeowners in District Nine.



Councilmember Emerald recently Completed a “walk-through” with Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Lisa G. and Eastern Division Captain, David Rohowits and others to survey public safety concerns in the College Area.



Councilmember Emerald visited several locations in District Nine to support the hundreds of volunteers who participated in I Love a Clean San Diego’s Coastal Clean Up Campaign.



Linda Pennington of Azalea Park organized her community during a recent Environmental Services Community Cleanup, and got **28.90 tons** of waste out of S. Castle which included 1.54 tons of recyclables. Great job Linda and friends!

## INTERNSHIPS

San Diego City Councilmember 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, along with a brief writing sample, to [jcrivera@sandiego.gov](mailto:jcrivera@sandiego.gov). Please feel free to call (619) 236-6725 with any questions.