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Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for your support in the past few weeks since I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Your kindness has given me tremendous encouragement and strength. Surgery went very well and I am healing quickly. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and I encourage everyone to learn more about breast cancer; including signs, symptoms, and services available for you and your friends and family.



Because of decades of support for breast cancer patients, research, and emerging insights about how cancer behaves, oncologists are no longer limited to cookie cutter approaches to a cure. I am now waiting on the results of my Oncotype DX test: an assay of 21 genes in my tumor cells that will predict the effectiveness of chemo and radiation in preventing the return of my cancer. I will know my treatment path in the next week or so. There are a few tests like Oncotype DX that are worth checking out on the Internet or with your doctor if you or a loved one is newly diagnosed.

Please, get regular mammograms. If you have no insurance or are under-insured, you may qualify for free screenings, The Susan G. Koman organization is sponsoring a free screening event at Qualcomm Stadium Thursday, October 2, from 8am-3pm. You can call 619-508-8088 to see if you qualify for this important free service, or visit <http://komensandiego.org/event/free-mammograms-2/>.

The state also has a great program to help all women get access to screening, the program is called Every Woman Counts and more information about this can be found at [www.dhcs.ca.gov](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov). You can also call 2-1-1 to see what other services are available near your area.

Knowledge is power! And the earlier we are diagnosed the greater our power to defeat this disease.

*- Marti*

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# Delivering Resources



Swimmers at the City Heights Recreation Center Pool celebrated their summer accomplishments. Councilmember Emerald donated \$2,980 to help with transportation costs to help members participate in the Jr. Lifeguard program at Mission Beach this summer.



The City Council approved the purchase of these unique public restrooms four years ago. And now, finally, we have cleared our own red tape, re-engineered the loos to meet California code, and are ready to receive these shiny gems. They should be delivered around the middle of this month, and installed in the East Village area by January.

Thank you to our Portland colleagues for creating this great urban solution for the public's need to "go", our City Engineers and Civic San Diego for pushing this project along, and heartfelt thanks to the Girls Think Tank and Waterman David Ross for their advocacy.

## Sidewalk Improvements



Finally 52nd at Landis has seen the construction of a long overdue sidewalk and retaining wall. This project was paid for by Transnet funds and improves the walkability of the Chollas Creek Neighborhood. Neighbors have been asking for this sidewalk for years and I am happy to announce that this project is now complete. The improvements include approximately 700 linear ft of sidewalk, 5 curb ramps, new driveways, and 160 linear ft of retaining wall.

## College Area Boo! Parade!



Get ready for the BOO! Parade! San Diego's Spookiest Parade and Costume Party! Balloons, Floats, Costumes, Bands, and You! This year the BOO! Parade will be held Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> up and down El Cajon Blvd in the College Area.

The BOO! Parade kicks off at 10:00AM at 59<sup>th</sup> and El Cajon Blvd. in the College Area by The Living Room. The parade heads east past Bistro 60, Woodstock's, Effin's, The Ugly Dog, and Bridges, ending at Aragon Drive. There is free parking at the College Ave Baptist Church Parking lot at 4747 College Ave. Dress up or come as you are. Stop by any of the Pubs, Restaurants, or Shops along the way to continue the Party! Enjoy the parade! BOO!

# City Heights Community Clean Up

SDPD Officer Rodriguez was concerned about a woman who lives in the community. Gang members had vandalized the back of her home and damaged her property. The trespassers were asked to leave, but Officer Rodriguez knew he couldn't leave the property the way he found it. Officers, along with Urban Corps, power washed and painted the graffiti on the back of her home. In addition, the garage on her property that had collapsed was torn down. San Diego Police Department Mid-City Division Lt. Sainz organized a group comprised of: my staff, Urban Corps, Fairmount Village residents, the Bridge of Hope Church members, the Low Rider Gospel Fest members and some of the usual suspects like Glenn Martinez and Mark & Linda Pennington to help clean the property.

An army of good people, including Corridor neighbor Barbara Nevarez and her team, provided a carne asada lunch for all the workers. Thanks to the manager of the apartments on Chamoune across the alley who cleared their six alley parking spaces for a dumpster and allowed the food and water to be staged in their courtyard. I also want to thank all of the community members responsible for the cleanup of Linda Cox's property. A big shout out to our Environmental Services Department and EDCO for helping provide the three 40 yard trash bins. The results will hopefully deter future criminal element and trespassers from the neighborhood.



## 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 to [jcrivera@sandiego.gov](mailto:jcrivera@sandiego.gov). Please feel free to call (619) 236-6725 with any questions.