

# THE BRY BULLETIN

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# Economist and Housing Advocates Agree that Full-time, Whole-home Short-term Rentals Decimate San Diego's Short Supply of Housing

As San Diego confronts a severe housing shortage, taking units off the market to turn them into short-term rentals exacerbates the situation, according to economist Alan Gin and housing advocates.

"My proposal protects the rights of those who wish to rent out their entire primary residence on a short-term basis for up to 90 days per year, and it also allows for unlimited home sharing when the host is on site to supervise. Importantly, it is the only proposal that prohibits investors from converting homes in our residential neighborhoods into permanent mini-hotels," said **Councilmember Barbara Bry**.

**Dr. Alan Gin**, Associate Professor of Economics at the University of San Diego, explains the economic impact of San Diego's housing shortage which is exacerbated by the proliferation of whole-home short-term rentals:

"The issue of short-term vacation rentals compounds the housing shortage by taking thousands of units out of the housing stock. The issue is not those who rent individual rooms in their houses. The problem is the renting of whole units, either apartments or houses, which would otherwise be available to long-term renters. Estimates of whole unit rentals in San Diego County range as high as 10,000, which is roughly equal to the total number of residential units authorized in the county in each of the last two years.

The recent proposal released by Councilmembers Ward, Kersey, Sherman, and Alvarez does not deal adequately with the problem because it does not do much to restrict the diversion of whole units out of the housing stock and into the short-term vacation rental market. Finally, the amount of money collected through their proposed affordable housing fund would not make a dent in San Diego's housing supply problem."

Elected leaders and housing advocates also weigh in on the affect that full time, whole home short-term rentals have on San Diego's housing stock.

**Assemblymember Todd Gloria** said, "San Diegans consistently tell me about their desperate need for affordable housing and the ever increasing cost of rent. We must protect our existing housing stock in San Diego by regulating short-term rentals to prohibit absentee investors from taking homes away from those who live and work here."

"Councilmember Bry's plan is sensible, because it allows San Diegans to supplement their incomes to help make ends meet, but it also prohibits investors from purchasing homes in residential communities with the sole purpose of renting them out on a short-term basis," said **former State Senator Christine Kehoe**.

The full City Council will consider multiple proposals for regulating short-term rentals on October 23, 2017.

# City of San Diego Employee Spotlight

Constituents in my District have reached out to share their appreciation for the responsiveness and effectiveness of City employees.

A Carmel Valley resident reported an intersection where traffic had a green left-turn signal that made it dangerous for students crossing the intersection on their way to

school. **Senior Traffic Engineer, Duncan Hughes**, had a crew out the next day to reset the lights and separate pedestrian and vehicle traffic times at the intersection, allowing the students a safe crossing. The Torrey View Court HOA in Torrey Hills had been getting no help after utility work was done under the street and the paving was left incomplete. **Juan Casillas**, **Public Works Supervisor**, got this unfinished paving completed quickly. The HOA president reached out to our office and was extremely appreciative. These are just a few examples of the great work that City employees are doing to make San Diego a safer and more livable city.

We want your feedback. Please let me know if you would like to recognize an exceptional City employee in a future newsletter: barbarabry@sandiego.gov

## La Jolla Village Merchants Launch New Website

The La Jolla Village Merchants Association is excited to announce the re-launch of their new website at <u>www.LaJollabytheSea.com</u>; where they will highlight the Business Improvement District's business members and the beautiful coastal village of La Jolla. The website features a calendar of events, local village favorites discussed in a blog, and a page for new businesses to gather

information. Finally, each of the 1300+ members will have a member profile page for their business that features pictures, videos, social media, and contact information.

# Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver disease.

**WASH YOUR HANDS:** Wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds after using the bathroom, before and while preparing food and before eating.



**GET VACCINATED:** Getting vaccinated for Hepatitis A virus provides the best protection against the disease. The vaccine may be available through your health care provider. If you are uninsured, dial 2-1-1 to find the nearest location of a community clinic or public health center.

**DON'T SHARE:** Use your own toothbrushes, eating utensils and towels, and do not share food, drinks, or cigarettes with other people.

#### WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS:

- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Fever
- Loss of appetite
  Vomiting
- Yellowing of the eyes (jaundice)
- Diarrhea
- Pale stools
- Stomach pain
- Dark urine

# **Prevent** and **Protect**







October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Domestic violence cuts across all genders, races, and sexual orientations. and it is all too often kept behind closed doors. On October 10th, we shined a light on this problem in San Diego and recognize the important work that the Interfaith Shelter Network of San Diego and its El Nido program are doing to support survivors. I was proud to declare October, 2017 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of San Diego. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available: Center for Community Solutions: (858) 272-1767 YWCA's Battered Women's Services: (619) 234-3164 **County Domestic** Violence 24 hour hotline: **1-888-DVLINKS** 

#### Launching San Diego Public Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

It was wonderful to help launch the San Diego Public Library's new literacy program, '1,000 Books before Kindergarten,' with my grandson, Colton, at the La Jolla/Riford Library on October 2nd. This program is one of hundreds that make the City of San Diego libraries a place of opportunity, discovery, and innovation. As a mother and grandmother, I recognize the importance of



reading to children at an early age. Research shows that the more books that children have read to them, the more prepared they are to learn to read when they begin kindergarten. Library patrons who want to participate in this program can register online by using the link below or at any of the 36 San Diego Public Library locations. https://www.sandiego.gov/1000books

#### **City Hosts Community Forums on Selecting New Police Chief**



I was pleased to attend the community conversation about the process for selecting our next police chief at Standley Recreation Center in University City on October 5th. The event allowed for productive round table discussions, during which community members shared ideas and criteria for choosing San Diego's next police chief.

## **Road Updates Coming to Del Mar Heights**

In the coming weeks, road improvements will be made in Del Mar Heights in an effort to ease traffic concerns throughout the neighborhood. Two notable installations include new "No Outlet" signs at Cordero Drive, east of Mercado Drive, and an overall upgrade to the traffic related school signs on Boquita Drive, near the Del Mar Heights School. These new enhancements will help make Del Mar Heights residential roads safer. I want to thank the City's Transportation Storm & Water Department and Traffic Engineering for completing these road improvements.

#### Traffic Safety Improvements in University City

Pylons were recently installed along the median at the intersection of

Edmonton Ave. and Governor Dr. The pylons were installed to improve the safety of the intersection by preventing customers leaving Chase Bank and University Square from illegally crossing the median to proceed west on Governor Dr. I would like to thank the Streets Division engineers for their attention to traffic safety in University City. 3



# Pure Water Day Open House



Take a tour of the demonstration Pure Water Facility. When: Oct. 21st from 10 AM—3 PM Where: 4949 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, CA 92121 *RSVP at PureWaterSD.org/tours* 



Please join UC San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography and my office as we recognize

Walter Munk "the Einstein of the Oceans" with an honorary street name along the La Jolla Shores boardwalk.

We will gather for this special dedication ceremony at **North Kellogg Park on Wednesday, October 18th at 3pm**.

Reception to follow at Scripps.

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