



Council President Georgette Gómez

October 2019

Mission: To engage, empower, and advocate for our diverse communities

Vision: An equitable and welcoming community with a high quality of life where all are represented and treated with dignity and respect.

Dear District Nine Residents,

As we welcome fall, I have exciting news to share:

MORE FUNDING FOR PARKS

On October 14th, the City Council will consider mid-year allocations to Capital Improvement Projects throughout the City. Three parks and recreation centers in District Nine are slated to receive more than \$4 million of additional funding when approved:

- City Heights Swim Center
- Willie Henderson Sports Complex
- Chollas Triangle Park

You are invited to join us for the Council hearing, October 14, 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Administration Building, 202 C Street, 12th Floor.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS IN DISTRICT NINE

Also this month, the City's Parks and Recreation Department and the Fern Street Circus are bringing free Halloween events to District Nine. Read inside for dates and times near you.

FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE WITH ELECTRIC BUSES

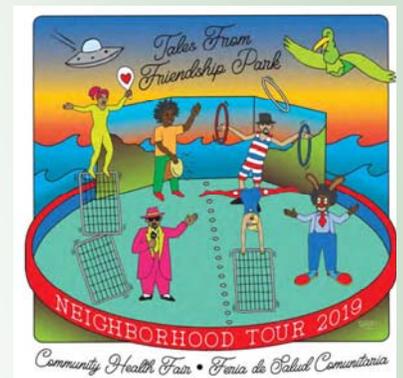
Six new Zero Emissions Electric buses have arrived in San Diego! They will be used by the Metropolitan Transit System for a pilot program. Watch for them on a route near you!

HONORING THE WORK OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Recently, I recognized two community organizations for their years of service to San Diegans by proclaiming special days in the City of San Diego. I want to thank both the Legal Aid Society of San Diego for their work helping residents access and keep their healthcare. I am also grateful the Center for Community Solutions for their decades of serving survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence.

I invite you to reach out to me via email, phone, and your Council Representatives. We will also continue to hold office hours, coffees, and cleanups in the community.

In Solidarity,



Investing in Our Communities: Parks and Rec

City Council to Approve Funding for Parks and Recreation Centers in District Nine

This month, the City Council will vote to approve funding for capital improvement projects.

Like many of our older neighborhoods in San Diego, District Nine needs more park space and opportunities for residents to enjoy the outdoors. I'm excited that three areas in District Nine have been identified to receive additional funding.

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City Heights Swim Center - \$3,990,681

The City Heights Swim Center will be receiving the final funding needed for the comprehensive repairs it needs and is expected to be open in time for everyone to enjoy next summer.



Willie Henderson Sports Complex - \$350,185

The members of the Willie Henderson Rec Council and neighbors have identified improvements to the park that they want to see. I am happy to share that the Willie Henderson Sports Complex will receive funding necessary to complete the design work needed to install:

- Lighting
- Playground/tot lot replacement
- Improved separation between the park and the I-805 freeway



Chollas Triangle Park - \$400,000

In 2015, the Mid-City Community Plan was amended to include a 5-acre park and the restoration of Chollas Creek adjacent to the future park.

The next step to move forward is to evaluate the space for the future park and the options for its future amenities like space for games and sports, picnics, bikeways, landscaping, and more.

“Chollas Triangle Park is an important improvement in quality of life for El Cerrito neighbors,” Council President Georgette Gomez said. “It has been a priority of mine in every city budget discussion since I was elected. I’m pleased that funding to take the next step is moving forward but we aren’t done. I will continue to work hard until all the pieces from the community plan are in place from the completed park to the bikeway to housing and more.” *San Diego Union Tribune, September 29, 2019.*



Halloween in District Nine

This month, the **City's Park & Rec Department** and the **Fern Street Circus** are hosting the following free Halloween events:

October 5

TERALTA PARK

Fern Street Circus, "Tales from Friendship Park"
2:00 p.m., 4100 Central Avenue, 92105

October 6

WILLIE HENDERSON SPORTS COMPLEX

Fern Street Circus, "Tales from Friendship Park"
2:00 p.m., 1035 S. 45th Street, 92114

October 13

AZALEA PARK

Fern Street Circus, "Tales from Friendship Park"
2:00 p.m., 2596 Violet Street, 92105

October 19

COLINA DEL SOL REC CENTER

Fall Festival & Fern Street Circus, "Tales from Friendship Park"
12:00 p.m. Festival starts, 2:00 p.m. Circus starts
5319 Orange Avenue, 92115

October 20

PARK DE LA CRUZ

Fern Street Circus, "Tales from Friendship Park"
2:00 p.m., 3901 Landis Street, 92105

October 24

SOUTHCREST REC CENTER

Halloween Haunted Hallway and Carnival
5:30 - 7:30 p.m., 4149 Newton Avenue, 92113

WILLIE HENDERSON SPORTS COMPLEX

Haunted Rec & Monster Mash
6:00 - 8:00 p.m., 1035 S. 45th Street, 92114

October 25

MOUNTAIN VIEW REC CENTER

Halloween Carnival
5:00 - 8:00 p.m., 641 S. Boundary Street, 92114

CITY HEIGHTS REC CENTER

Halloween Carnival
5:00 - 7:00 p.m., 4380 Landis Street, 92105

October 26

OFFICER JEREMY HENWOOD MEMORIAL PARK

Fern Street Circus, "Tales from Friendship Park"
2:00 p.m., 3700 Fairmount Avenue, 92105

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System to Pilot New Electric Buses

On September 30, new electric buses arrived in San Diego. The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System will pilot six electric buses on routes throughout the service territory.

Vehicle emissions are the largest contributor to climate change in our region. Choosing transit and now, choosing electric transit, means San Diegans can really Go Green!



Legal Aid Society of San Diego Healthcare Advocacy Day, September 30, 2019

This year, I recognized the Legal Aid Society of San Diego for 20 years of helping San Diegans access healthcare through their Consumer Center. The Consumer Center can help you:

- Understand the health coverage programs for which you may qualify. This includes: Covered California, Medi-Cal, Medicare, Medicare Savings Programs, Cal MediConnect, County Medical Services and others.
- Access tax credits or subsidies to help pay for Covered California health care coverage.
- Qualify for free Medi-Cal coverage. This includes the new expanded Medi-Cal.
- Appeal denials from a health coverage program.

For assistance: 1-877-SD HEALTH (1-877-734-3258)

50th Anniversary of Center for Community Solutions Day, October 4, 2019

This year, I recognized the 50th Anniversary of the Center for Community Solutions (CCS) and their mission of ending relationship and sexual violence by being a catalyst for caring communities and social justice.

CCS provides services addressing intimate partner violence and sexual violence including hotlines, advocacy, legal services, emergency shelters, counseling, and prevention educations and programs.

For immediate assistance: 1-888-385-4657

For more information: 1-858-272-5777

Community Office Hours

Schedule an appointment or drop-in at my community office hours.

To schedule an appointment:

Email Brenda Lugo at BLugo@sandiego.gov or call (619) 236-6699

When: Every Friday, 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Where: **City Heights Recreation Center**
4380 Landis St.
San Diego, CA 92105

When: Sat., Oct. 12
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: **City Heights Farmers Market**
4325 Wightman St.
San Diego, CA 92105



Community Cleanups

Sun., Oct. 6, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: **SDSU/College Area**
Lee & Frank Goldberg Courtyard
Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union

For info: Sanna Loando
SLoando@sandiego.gov
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Sat., Oct. 19, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: **Auburn Creek Park Cleanup with Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez and Supervisor Nathan Fletcher**
Intersection of Auburn Drive and Ontario Avenue

For info: Stopher Vallejo
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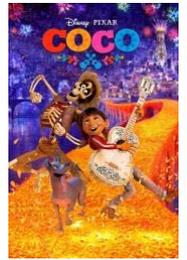
Dia de los Muertos Movie in the Cemetery, "Coco"

Wed., Nov. 2, Movie at 7:00 p.m.

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY
3751 Market Street, 92102.

Admission is free. Bring your own chairs.

Hosted by the City of San Diego Park & Rec Department..



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