

# SANDPIPER

## BYE BYE BULLY'S

Art Olson | Avenida Primavera

While Del Mar may be losing one of its landmark institutions, the venerable Bully's Restaurant, it may be gaining the first new major development in its Central Business District in over 30 years. Bully's, a fixture in Del Mar since 1968, sited on Camino Del Mar in a structure built in 1928, is slated to be demolished and replaced by a new restaurant with about twice the floor area and three levels of parking, mostly below grade. The new structure would extend further south than the existing building, closing the "Bully's gap" commercial dead space along CDM. At the July 26th Design Review Board meeting, the Hillstone Restaurant Group presented preliminary plans for the new restaurant. The presentation was meant to introduce the project concept to the DRB and get its feedback, prior to a formal DRB hearing.

The Hillstone Group, established in 1977, is a privately-owned company that develops, owns and runs a variety of restaurants across the U.S. Their largest brand is Houston's, with over a dozen locations around the country. They also have numerous other restaurants throughout the U.S. representing different styles and themes that reflect the character of their location. Current plans for the restaurant, with the working title "R+D Kitchen," will offer American cuisine and present an ambience that is "warm, modern with a sense of excitement." It will accommodate about 120 patrons, with both outdoor patio, and indoor table and bar service. The building will have a modern brick and wood exterior that is pedestrian oriented and context sensitive.



View of current and proposed facade along CDM. Images courtesy of Hillstone Restaurant Group and Fleetwood Fernandez Architects.

Parking spaces for 82 cars accommodating patrons and workers will be built below the restaurant - 10 more spaces than are required under current City development codes. Two openings to the underground parking structure will provide ingress and egress in the alley to the west of the site between CDM and Stratford Court.

Two Citizens Participation Program (CPP) meetings for the project were held a year ago in July 2016 at which time neighbors commented on early conceptual plans. Following the project's submittal and initial review by the City, the street side placement of outdoor patio dining

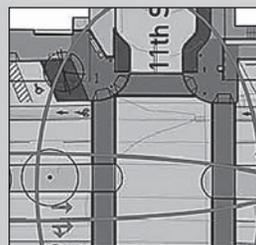
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## A DIFFICULT TIME

Del Mar has lost the services of our esteemed head lifeguard, Pat Vergne, Director of the Community Services Department. Pat has served our community with distinction for quite a few decades, always popular, always friendly, and always responsive to citizen needs and requests. Our lifeguard operation enjoys an excellent professional reputation, thanks to his training and leadership. He has built a very effective internal leadership team to assure operational efficiency and effectiveness of the entire crew. The outpouring of response to his termination testifies to the high regard he has earned throughout the community.

The outside investigator hired by the city has concluded that Pat is responsible for some financial mismanagement. The City press release summary of that report can be found on our website. Pat's spokesperson has written a response to those findings refuting the charge of mismanagement. That statement can also be found on our website.

The other dimension of Pat's role involves his performance as a member of the City's management team. According to state and municipal law and the council manager form

of government, performance evaluation information must be held in strict confidence. The city manager is responsible for making decisions about individual employee performance, including hiring and firing. The city manager works for the Council which oversees his overall performance, also in confidence. This is very frustrating for those of us who want to review and understand any management problems that may have led to Pat's termination. The law leaves us no choice but to live with that frustration.

Our hope is that the community can focus on that part of Pat's performance that has benefited us so much by celebrating his legacy of community service. ■

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was suggested, rather than fronting the building façade up to the property line. At the preliminary presentation of the project to the DRB in July 2017, the response of the board was quite positive, with the only issues raised pertaining to outdoor lighting, some clarification on the parking requirements, and a concern regarding alley-facing windows (specifically whether they would be openable, tinted, etc.).

The current schedule for project development is for the City to complete and circulate a document called a "mitigated negative declaration" (in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act or "CEQA") for public review and comment in September, and subsequently to have a Design Review Board hearing in the Fall. Most of the CEQA mitigations called out for the project concern the construction phase, which of necessity will have impact on the Central Commercial zone and which is estimated to take as long as one year. The plans are exempt from Coastal Commission review, and since the Bully's building is not in the city's Historic Overlay Zone, there are no barriers to demolishing the existing structure. The purchase of the property is currently under contract and will be finalized upon project approval by the DRB.

The prospect of having a new building and adding a vibrant social environment is seen as a positive move for downtown Del Mar revitalization. However, like most development projects in town we may have to live with some inconvenience during the construction phase. The hope is that it will be well worth it. ■

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# ROVING TEEN REPORTER

## Drugs Busted

Sammy Hallal | Torrey Pines High School Senior

If you have been paying attention to the news, it is likely that you have heard about the opioid epidemic rapidly spreading through the U.S., with no sign of slowing down. A small pill has managed to take over lives, tear apart families, and even destroy entire communities.

A survey of leading public health experts by STAT, a national publication focusing on health and science journalism, predicted that up to 650,000 people could die of opioid overdoses over the next decade – almost as many deaths over the same time period as from breast cancer and prostate cancer. In 2015 roughly 33,000 opioid-related deaths occurred across America. These deaths result from prescription pain drugs like OxyContin, hydrocodone, and Vicodin; heroin; Fentanyl (both legally and illicitly manufactured), and other synthetic drugs.

“Drug use among students is not really uncommon,” Andrea, a student at Torrey Pines High School, said. “You don’t really see opioids as much as less serious drugs, but it is definitely still present at [Torrey Pines] and others in the district.”

This epidemic has reached virtually every area in the nation, even here at home. According to a study published by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, since 2013 heroin abuse has been on an upward trend in San Diego. Among juvenile arrestees in San Diego County, the proportion reporting any illegal use of prescription drugs increased from 37% in 2011 to 44% in 2012, which is more than the increase among adults. Every year, the San Dieguito Union High School District sees 150-220 students in its drug prevention program after being caught with or under the influence of drugs.

“The biggest thing we have to talk about in the entire country is the opioid epidemic,” Joseph Olesky, an SDUHSD substance abuse counselor, said. “Heroin, fentanyl and narcotic prescription pills are still very much being used by our kids.”

This is a crisis that will continue to plague the U.S. unless we implement effective strategies to reverse the worst-case forecasts. STAT reports this would require “a major public investment in evidence-based treatment options and a concerted push among medical providers to control pain with non-narcotic therapies before trying prescription opioids.” Other strategies include improved prescription drug monitoring programs, medication-assisted treatment, naloxone (for emergency overdose treatment), and better law enforcement strategies. A big reason for the current trend is simple: it is a lot easier for Americans to get high than it is to get help. Only 10 percent of people impacted by substance use disorder seek treatment, according to a report by the Surgeon General of the U.S. Since the 1990s, pharmaceutical companies have continued to pour highly addictive painkillers into the country, fueling the problem. These drugs, however, are quite expensive, which is why many people turn to heroin once addicted, since it is a cheaper option.

“It’s really sad to see so many people being affected by opioid abuse,” Eve, a student at Cathedral Catholic High School, said. “It’s a problem that has been going on for far too long... however I am hopeful that the issue is finally gaining attention and being discussed on the national scale.” If we →

# NEWS UPDATES

## Short Term Policies Go Long

City staff has drafted ordinances to implement Council’s decision to allow short term rentals in all residential areas for no less than seven days and no more than 28 days a year. The code amendments are scheduled for a Planning Commission recommendation hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. See [www.delmar.ca.us/563/Short-Term-Rentals/](http://www.delmar.ca.us/563/Short-Term-Rentals/). Council requested that the ordinances include: an as unobtrusive as possible process for residents to inform the City when they are going to rent or do home exchange for less than 30 days, a time line for existing short term rentals to come into compliance, and proactive enforcement. The expected implementation of the new ordinances is May 2018.

In the meantime some supporters of short term rentals without any limitations have filed a lawsuit claiming that the City’s actions violate the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the California Coastal Act. CEQA requires a review for projects with significant environmental impact, and the Coastal Act requires beach cities to guarantee public access to coastal areas.

## Watermark Housing Choices

Two plan options have been created for the 2+ acre lot on Jimmy Durante Boulevard, a site that is designated in the Housing Element of our Community Plan for housing at 20 units per acre:

- 48 units with 7 affordable and 41 market rate.
- 38 units with 6 affordable and 32 market rate

Planners are seeking guidance from the public, Planning Commission, and DRB before submitting one option for formal review in several weeks. The draft EIR for both options is expected in several weeks.

## Garden Goes Boutique

The former gas station site on 11th and CDM on which an office complex was approved by voters will now get a revised proposal for a new vote. Planners will be introducing their new “residential hospitality” proposal in several weeks. It will be similar to a boutique condo hotel, allowing for flexible owner use and nightly or weekly rentals. The plan will include a commercial use component fronting the street. The draft EIR is in progress and expected to be released for public comment in the fall.

## Legal Win for City

The Superior Court recently ruled for the City in the City Hall/Town Hall lawsuit. Specifically, it denied the writ of mandate in the lawsuit challenging the City Hall/Town Hall EIR. ■

employ better strategies to combat this crisis, the “best-case” projections show fatal overdoses falling below 22,000 a year by 2027. Will there be 650,000 American opioid-related deaths over the next decade, or 22,000? The number depends on the public policy choices we make today. ■



## Time To Celebrate More Grant Awards

**M**ore than just the Twilight Concert Series occupies the Foundation during the summer months. At its July meeting, our Board approved three separate grant requests totaling approximately \$12,000, all of which will have an immediate impact by supporting programs and services that otherwise would not be possible.

The Foundation awarded the Del Mar Lifeguards \$3000 to purchase a new beach wheelchair, and to repair additional chairs. We first funded the purchase of beach wheelchairs several years ago in conjunction with the Wounded Warrior Project, and they have had a substantial impact by making our beaches more accessible to our entire community. Due to recent budget cuts implemented by the city, the lifeguards turned to the Foundation for help, and we were pleased to be able to grant their request quickly so as not to disrupt the summer season.

Del Mar Community Connections also received a grant of approximately \$6000 to support its Tuesday Lunch Program. The Foundation has been proud to support this program for the last three years, which involves transporting elderly members of our community who have difficulty leaving their homes to the Del Mar Community Building for a white linen luncheon twice a month.

The third grant, in the amount of \$3000, went to the Friends of the Library, to support various programs for children and teens that fall outside the County's budget. These programs are just an example of the unique services that our local library provides, and we are glad to be in a position to help.

None of these grant awards would be possible without you – our donors and volunteers. We hope that you will join us in celebrating these great organizations, along with everything else that makes Del Mar such a great place to live and play, by attending our 2nd Annual Picnic at Powerhouse Park on Sunday, October 8, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Just like last year, we will be offering fun, games, and refreshments for all members of our community, including two live bands. Also, (just like last year), we will be providing display booths for virtually all of Del Mar's not-for profit organizations, including: Friends of the Del Mar Library; Community Connections; the Lifeguards; Friends of the Powerhouse; the Garden Club; the Rose Society; CERT; San Diego Bike Coalition; Sustainability Advisory Board; and the Del Mar Historical Society. And, of course, our mechanical cow will make a return appearance, hoping to be milked by all. For additional details, check out our website ([delmarfoundation.org](http://delmarfoundation.org)), like us on Facebook (@delmarfoundation), and follow us on Twitter (@delmarfound). And enjoy the last days of summer!

## DEL MAR CONGRESS WATCH

Bud Emerson | Klish Way and Lee Haydu | Cofair Court

**D**el Mar is in the 49th Congressional District represented by Congress Member Darrell Issa. The Sandpiper is introducing a new column to let our readers know how our Representative is casting votes on our behalf. His record this year has been calculated as 97% in support of President Trump's agenda.

### January

YES- Budget resolution to repeal the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)

YES- Permanent ban on using federal funds for abortion or health coverage that includes abortion

### February

YES- Repeal rule requiring state and local governments to give federal funds to health centers even if they perform abortions

YES- Repeal rule on drug testing of applicants for unemployment compensation

YES- Repeal rule on school accountability

YES- Repeal rule on teacher preparation programs

YES- Repeal Bureau of Land Management planning rules

YES- Repeal requiring energy companies to reduce waste and emissions

YES- Repeal rule requiring Social Security to submit info to the national background-check system

YES- Repeal of rule requiring federal contractors to report labor violations

YES- Repeal stream protection rule

YES- Repeal rule requiring energy companies to disclose payments to foreign governments

### March

YES- No records of work related injuries and illnesses

YES- Give VA flexibility to discipline employees

YES- Remove anti trust exemption for insurance providers

YES- Allow internet providers to share data on customer activities

YES- Allowing small businesses to provide insurance through trade and professional associations

YES- Repeal of an FCC rule barring internet providers from sharing data on customers' activities

### May

YES- Allowing employers to offer employees time off instead of pay for overtime work

YES- The 2017 fiscal year appropriations bill

YES- The American Health Care Act of 2017

YES- Making it easier to seek the death penalty for killing or attempting to kill first responders

### June

YES- Dismantling financial regulations put in place by the Dodd-Frank Act

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# WELCOME, EDITOR JULIE!



The Sandpiper Board welcomes our new editor, **Juliana Maxey-Allison**, resident on 10th Street and author of the 2016 book *Edelweiss: Chronicle of a Del Mar Beach House 1885 to Now*.

Julie grew up in West Los Angeles, graduated from UCLA, and moved to New York City where she got her first job at the now defunct Look Magazine and met David Maxey.

Julie and David (who died in 1984) moved many times and finally to Del Mar where David was Editor of Psychology Today with offices in Del Mar. During their brief time here they bought a rundown 1885 beach cottage, Edelweiss, and rebuilt it. When Psychology Today was bought and moved to Manhattan they went with it and rented out the Del Mar house. During those years Julie wrote for magazines: Ladies' Home Journal, Self, New York Magazine, the New York Times Magazine, and the Washingtonian. She also ghost wrote two books.

She returned part time to Del Mar with her husband Brad in 2004 though she commuted to New York until 2011.

Once back she served as chair of TPAC and on the board of the Del Mar Foundation. Living again in Edelweiss, she began to wonder who had lived there since the start of Del Mar - and ended up writing *Edelweiss ...* ■

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YES-Withholding Affordable Care Act subsidies from people until their citizenship is verified

YES-Making it easier for the Department of Veterans Affairs to discipline employees

YES-Allowing people who lose their jobs to receive tax credits under the American Health Care Act for continued coverage

YES-Limiting health care lawsuits related to coverage provided through a federal program

YES-Penalizing states and localities that have "sanctuary" laws on immigration

YES-Increasing penalties for undocumented immigrants who re-enter the U.S. after being convicted of certain crimes

## July

YES-Delaying implementation of ozone standards

YES-Repeal of a rule banning some financial companies from using mandatory arbitration clauses

NO-Imposing sanctions on Russia, Iran and North Korea

YES-Making appropriations for defense and other purposes ■



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### September 2017

Ashley Simpkins, Office Administrator

## DMCC Gala: Join us in La La Land

Join us under the Del Mar moon for the party of the year, the DMCC Annual Gala, on Oct. 7! Be tempted by gourmet cuisine, be entranced by professional dancers, and sample our signature drink, the La La Lemontini. There will also be a live auction featuring extraordinary experiences. Our thanks to Gala Co-Chairs Claire and Tom McGreal and the rest of the planning committee for creating this special fundraising event.

Tickets are now on sale, and will sell out; call (858) 792-7565 to request an invitation. You may also choose to join us as a Visionary with a \$5,000 donation, an Honorary Chair with a \$3,000 donation, or an Honorary Committee member with a \$1,000 donation.

## Welcome to our new board members

Pat JaCoby and Nicole Holliday joined the DMCC Board of Directors in July.

In 1960 JaCoby and her husband moved to Del Mar and became co-owners and publishers of the Del Mar Surfcomber and Rancho Santa Fe Times. After his death, Pat sold the papers to the Coast Dispatch and worked at the San Diego Union, and for 20 years at UC San Diego where she retired. Pat also serves as chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee for Del Mar and is a member of numerous cultural organizations in San Diego.

Holliday worked in advertising and commercial production in Los Angeles. She moved to Del Mar in 1999 and joined the board of the Del Mar Television Foundation. Nicole worked part-time as the marketing director for the Village Association. She also served on the Farmers Market board, with two years as President. Nicole currently works for XiMED at Home as a caretaker for the elderly. Nicole is married to Will Holliday and they have a 12-year-old daughter, Lucy.

## Sunday Salons are back for Fall

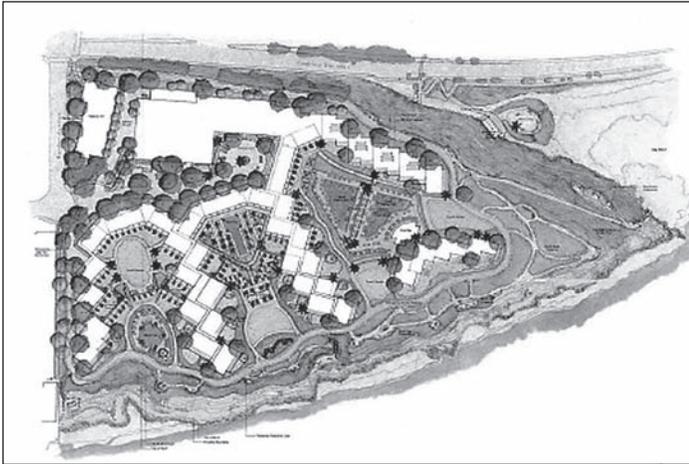
Sunday Salons afford the opportunity to gather with neighbors on a Sunday afternoon, listen to a resident expert speak about a topic of interest, and share wine and informal discussion in a Del Mar home. Organizer Susan Halenza has arranged for the 10/1 featured speaker to be Garden Guru Pat Welsh, who will speak about her "riches to rags" story as a young Depression-era immigrant to the US.

# RESORTING TO COMMUNITY

Nancy Fisher | 24th Street

In the third of a series of community outreach presentations, The Robert Green Company and Zephyr held a workshop at the Powerhouse to present more specific design concepts for a proposed resort on the 16-acre bluff property overlooking Dog Beach.

The property, previously owned by several private parties, has not been available to the public for 100 years, and area residents were encouraged to meet with the developers and architects to share their input on the public amenities that would be most attractive to them.



Graphic courtesy Zephyr.

Already included are extensive pedestrian trails around the perimeter that also wind throughout the hotels and villas. Pedestrians will be able to access the trails through the Scripps Preserve trails already owned by the City, and by an ADA ramp built to blend into the bluffs below the resort. More public parking and a new restroom are planned for the Dog Beach area.

In addition to the 290 hotel rooms and 86 private villas, another hotel with lower-cost accommodations is proposed. Their plans include some workforce housing units and other affordable housing units. A restaurant, accessible by car or trails, will be open to the public. Underground parking will be available to both resort guests and the public.

The resort, which will be terraced to minimize the view from the highway, will be built with roof lines that all fall below the existing tree line, and will use natural materials and lots of glass to blend, as much as possible, with the existing topography. Comprehensive studies relating to the bluff's geography have been conducted with a team of geological experts, and the design reflects consultation with City and Coastal Commission staff. Based on input received at the meeting, the developers will be refining their design and continuing to reach out to the residents of Del Mar.

Brad Termini, CEO of Zephyr, assured residents that "connectivity to the community and access to the



# MERRY (OR NOT) GO ROUND

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

After years of debate about its very existence, Del Mar's new roundabout at Jimmy Durante and San Dieguito Road is a fact. Opening in time for us and the summer season traffic to twirl our way around, the roundabout added to the number of more than 4,800 built in the US since the first in 1990. They follow "circular junctions"—think the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, the Columbus Circle, Manhattan, and the many traffic circles in Washington, DC. Our modern version is smaller, with its raised "splitter island" and the vehicle in the circle having the right of way. The hope is to reduce traffic delays, accidents, and air pollution and to control traffic speeds.

How are we doing?

City Engineer Tim Thiele: "It is going well. I have not heard of anything negative so far. It functions. People are getting through though West Coast drivers are not used to them and are still learning." Mayor Terry Sinnott's assessment: "The traffic flow during the Fair and Races has been good. It is a lot easier to get through the fair and racetrack traffic" but he noted that many people don't yet understand that vehicles in the roundabout have the right of way. He also reports that there are no safety concerns related to the Fire Department being able to use the roundabout.

Resident drivers' opinions vary: "I don't like it.—It's too small.—It's fine!—I'm getting used to it.—Maybe I'll get used to it?." Charles Koll, one of the owners of the Viewpoint Brewing Company, located just east off the roundabout on San Dieguito Road says, "I really like it. It slows down the intersection making it safer and it's easier to get into and out of San Dieguito Road efficiently." However, Roel Grootenhuis who works at Viewpoint reports "I drive every day from Del Mar and the roundabout has often been blocked all round—a bottleneck". He has also seen late night drivers having a tough time navigating the circle.

Most bicycle riders like the structure. Pedestrians gained crosswalks that also work as traffic calming when cars stop for them. "The goal is to lower speed in the village area," says Thiele. "After a speed survey, we will make a decision on the speed sign though we don't want too much signage because it becomes confusing" and soon sharrows (showing shared car/bicycle use) will be added for clarification. So will landscaping, including a Torrey Pine tree in the center of the circle. ■

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resort for ALL people – both local residents and visitors" is their most important goal, and encouraged anyone interested in more information to contact them at [www.zephyrpartners.com/](http://www.zephyrpartners.com/)

*Ed note: The City Council recently adopted a policy on Processing Specific Plans that will guide the processing of this development proposal which can be found here: [www.delmar.ca.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/3129](http://www.delmar.ca.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/3129). ■*

# PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY

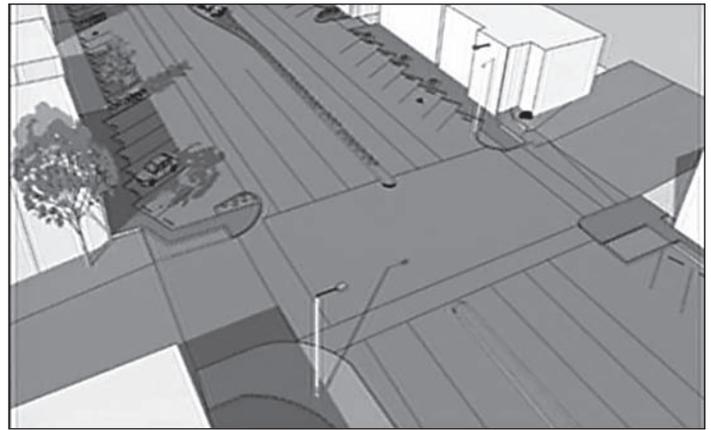
Ann Gardner | Via Latina

When City Council returns from their August recess on September 18, they will review an updated downtown streetscape plan for approval, and identify which elements have priority for construction early next year. The updated Plan, vetted at different stages by the community since March and under the direction of the original 1996 consultant Spurlock Landscape Architects, covers both sides of Camino del Mar from 9th to 15th streets. As we go to press the consultant is reviewing which elements of the two draft concepts presented to Council and the community in July were most favored. It is expected that the final recommended plan will be a hybrid of both.

Generally Concept A is “narrower in scope leaving existing curb and sidewalk placement” as is, except for changes required to address safety concerns such as improved pedestrian crosswalks and wider medians to accommodate more landscaping and pedestrian refuge islands. Concept B adds consistent sidewalk material throughout the corridor, enhanced paving in pedestrian crosswalks, a raised cross walk at one mid-block crossing, green painted bicycle lanes and a scramble crossing at 15th and Camino del Mar, for example. Feedback from both residents and businesses has favored implementation of as many of both concept elements as possible as soon as possible. There appears to be a groundswell for making Camino del Mar a more park-like, safer route for residents and visitors alike, and to make the changes a priority.

The Del Mar Village Association and the City’s Sustainability Advisory Board provided significant input at Council meetings: DMVA’s top stated goals were to improve pedestrian walkability with contiguous sidewalks and creative hardscaping; improve intersections with bulb-outs and better lighting; improve bike lanes and park-like social gathering spaces. The Association “strongly recommended” that the Streetscape Project ...should include all the proposed “Have to Do” measures in the City’s early presentations but also ‘include as many Nice To Do’ measures as can be accomplished during the first phase of implementation.”

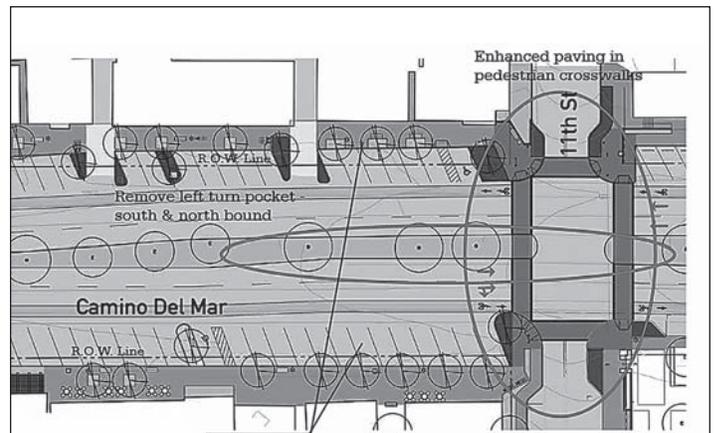
The Sustainability Board emphasized that safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, instead of catering only to the automobile, was paramount. “We need a better balance,” their statement reads. “Most city planning seems to be in service to cars; where to park them, how to get them from point A to point B faster, how many can go here or there. It creates an environment of impoverished awareness where we no longer notice little more than the vehicles in front of us.” They emphasized traffic calming features that make the road appear narrower, slow traffic, and improve pedestrian safety. Addressing sustainability issues SAB asked the consultant to consider raised pedestrian crossings as speed reduction devices instead of stop signs “thereby increasing fuel efficiency by reducing accelerations and idling time. Pedestrian crossings as traffic control would benefit from lighted warning indicators to



3D graphic of 11th Street Intersection - Existing Conditions.  
Clone at middle left behind tree.  
Graphics from City website.



3D graphic of 11th Street Intersection - Concept B.  
Clone at middle left behind tree.



Streetscape Concept B at 11th Street Intersection.

improve safety with minimal energy impacts, similar to the solar-powered pedestrian crossing recently installed near North Beach.”

The preferred plan is expected to be available on the city website a couple of days before the September 18 Council meeting. ■

## ON THE OTHER HAND ...

Dwight Worden | City Council Member

**Pros and Cons:** In an effort to stimulate thought and debate, here is a summary of the developing arguments pro and con on a Del Mar PD. They don't cover everything, but they do summarize what I have gleaned are the major points on both sides that seem to have some merit. Neither the pro nor the con position is "right" or "wrong."

### PROS:

- All the reports show that a DMPD can be cost competitive while providing a better level of service than what we get from the Sheriff. For about the same cost as Del Mar pays the Sheriff for one full time deputy, a DMPD could provide two full time deputies. This conclusion is a reflection of the high, and ever escalating, cost for a relatively modest level of service from the Sheriff.
- A DMPD could provide community based service that the large and bureaucratic Sheriff department cannot. With the Sheriff, Del Mar is a small fish in a big pond. Our own PD would be like our fire and lifeguard departments, focused on our needs. A DMPD would develop a deep understanding of Del Mar, responding quickly to community calls in a way that the Sheriff cannot. With our own PD Del Mar would be the only fish in the pond.
- Del Mar would continue to receive key services at no additional cost from the Sheriff such as SWAT, the crime lab, Astria helicopter, jail and booking services, bomb squad, etc., as well as mutual aid when needed. Del Mar would be able to handle any eventuality that might occur.
- Combining our existing parking enforcement and ranger programs into a new DMPD would provide better, more cost effective, service across a range of Del Mar needs from nuisance prevention (noise complaints, rowdy bar patrons, barking dogs, etc.), to community policing (facilitating neighborhood watch, home inspections, door checks on local businesses, neighborhood patrols by bike or car, responding to alarms, etc.) to addressing traffic and crime issues.
- Del Mar would decide how its police would be deployed and what the priorities would be, not the distant and bureaucratic Sheriff command structure, where the Captain responsible for Del Mar changes on a nearly annual basis.
- The reports and studies document that liability, pension, labor, finding a site, start up costs, and other issues can all be handled cost effectively and safely.
- Augmenting the current Sheriff's level of service would be expensive and still leave us that small fish in a big pond.
- If a Del Marian has a problem on the beach and calls the Del Mar lifeguards, chances are they know the caller. They pick up the phone on 3 or so rings, and provide great service. Why shouldn't we expect the same from police services? We don't get that from the Sheriff where calls often get put on hold, and wait 45 minutes for a field

response. The Sheriff deputies are rarely seen in town as they have duties elsewhere and they turn over often. A local PD can bring the kind of service we want at a competitive cost.

**Bottom line PRO:** If you want better service at a competitive cost, a DMPD makes great sense. It's been studied in detail by consultants, by the city finance committee, and by outside sources. Sure, it would reflect a big change, but that would be change for the better.

### CONS:

- A DMPD would likely be the largest department in the city - bigger than the Planning Department, Lifeguard, or fire service - bringing bureaucratic issues we will regret. This idea that little Del Mar can support and manage a police department runs counter to our small town experience.
  - Sticking with the Sheriff is a known proposition. It has worked for Del Mar for decades. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
  - Creating our own PD brings unknown risks. It will change city management as it takes on an oversight role for a large, new department. It may well bring labor, pension, insurance, and liability issues that are now all handled by the Sheriff. Why would Del Mar want to take on those risks and responsibilities?
  - If your vision for Del Mar is a quiet, residential community with a small city government tending to the basics, then sticking with the Sheriff is the way to go.
  - Finding a place to house a DMPD will be difficult and expensive. Putting it in City Hall will drive neighbors crazy. Buying and building in Del Mar is very expensive. Renting will incur ongoing costs indefinitely. The Sheriff takes care of all this for us--why change that?
  - Even if a DMPD is cost competitive (a claim that needs further vetting), abandoning the Sheriff to set up our own PD is a risky gamble that is unnecessary. We contract for many other services. Contracting with the Sheriff has worked for decades and can continue to work.
- Bottom Line CON:** Del Mar is a terrific place. Our crime rates are low. We're doing fine with the current level of Sheriff service. If we want more, let's augment Sheriff services. It's worth the extra cost and less risky than striking out into the unknown by creating our own PD. ■

## ONLINE ONLY:

[www.delmarsandpiper.org/](http://www.delmarsandpiper.org/)

- **Changes in "Red Dot" Procedures**  
Sherryl L. Parks | City Council Member.
- **Rakin it In**  
Editorial in the December 2013 Issue.

### COP CONTRACT CONSIDERED

Dolores Davies | Crest Road

The Del Mar City Council appears to be pivoting away from creating a new police department. Council members voted to reach out to the Sheriff to explore possibilities for injecting more “community policing” without adding too much to the \$2.14 million annual price tag. The Council is also interested in gathering more community input on various law enforcement scenarios, including a possible citizen’s debate and an opinion survey.

The Council’s July forum queried experts on law enforcement issues and concerns. Panel members were Assistant Sheriff Mike Barnett and North Coastal Captain John Maryon, former Carmel Chief George Rawson, and Del Mar Ranger Adam Chase.

After an overview by City Manager Scott Huth, Mayor Terry Sinnott guided the Council Members through innumerable questions ranging from start-up and operating costs, liabilities and pensions, to response times, facility needs, and the personnel recruitment and training that would be needed to build a local police force.

Council members expressed appreciation for the Sheriff’s law enforcement services, but many expressed a need for more community-based policing, which would require another layer of service. Several pointed to Adam Chase, the City’s Ranger, whose purview is limited by state law to the beach and parks, as someone who is already practicing the kind of law enforcement Del Mar needs.

Chase spends much of his workday on foot, talking to residents, business owners, and visitors, responding in a proactive mode. Although Chase is a sworn law officer, his reporting line is to the City, which limits his ability to work as part of the Sheriff’s law enforcement team.

When asked about community-based policing, Captain Maryon suggested that adding one or two community service officers might be the answer. He also stated that the new fairgrounds storefront office should result in more prompt response times.

Assistant Sheriff Barnett responded that the Sheriff’s office would be open to further discussions about Del Mar’s contract. This suggested that the Sheriff is more open than in the past, to a more tailored contract to meet Del Mar’s needs. The Council directed Mayor Sinnott and Council Member Ellie Haviland to explore with the Sheriff possible adjustments to the City’s contract. Sinnott has served as liaison to the City Finance Committee looking at cost effective alternatives to the \$2.14 Sheriff contract which rises about 5% annually.

While the Council did not officially shut the door on the PD proposal, the Council chose not to take action, but agreed to reconsider in the fall after discussions with the Sheriff. ■

### FRIENDLY FUZZ

Bud Emerson | Klish Way

For about two decades during my career as an organization development (OD) specialist I ran a police management program for new lieutenants in departments all over California. I do not know much about policing methodologies, but I did learn quite a bit from police leaders on my faculty about the community policing model. Understanding the difference between traditional policing and community policing should inform our consideration of law enforcement alternatives for Del Mar.

Community policing turns traditional policing on its head by forming a relationship with the community rather than dictating to the community. It involves direct community participation by forming partnerships between the police and the public. These partnerships focus on gathering information from neighborhoods about problems they are experiencing and then working together on strategies and solutions. The goal is to move from a reactive mode to a preventive mode, not just catching the bad guys but improving the safety and quality of life of the good guys, cops moving more toward a service model and away from a para-military, crime fighting model.

Traditionally, law enforcement receives calls for service, they respond and handle each situation appropriately. Employing a community policing model, underlying conditions which cause an incident can be addressed in a way that reduces the likelihood of a reoccurrence. Input from the neighborhood helps devise a solution that is appropriate to that neighborhood. Only members of the neighborhood truly know what it will take to solve problems in the most satisfactory manner.

Communication is the key. Developing a relationship between the cops and each neighborhood improves communication and understanding. These relationships take time to build trust and understanding. Of course, frequent turnover makes it more difficult to build that mutual trust and understanding.

According to Bertus Ferreira, author of *The Use And Effectiveness of Community Policing In A Democracy*, “Community policing is a philosophy of full service personalized policing, where the same officer patrols and works in the same area on a permanent basis, from a decentralized place, working in a proactive partnership with citizens to identify and solve problems.”

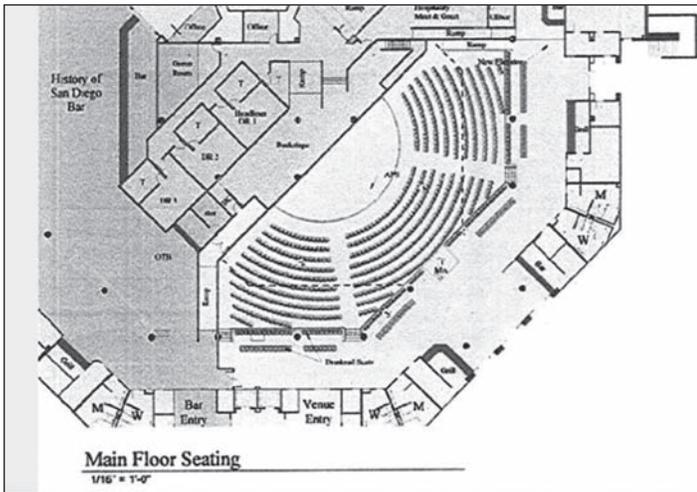
Community policing works well in both high crime and low crime areas. It is especially effective in communities that are not crime ridden, but are striving to improve their quality of life. Del Mar already has long experience with city employees who make an effort to understand who we are and how we want to enjoy our community. We have a long tradition of service from our lifeguards, our fire fighters, our planners, our Public Works folks. Our Ranger is already employing a very effective community policing model but is limited by law to our beach and park areas. The common elements in all of these units are trust, understanding, communication, and problem solving. Exactly what we could get with community policing. ■

## RACKET RATCHES UP

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The 22nd District Agricultural Association (22nd DAA) Board has approved preliminary plans for the conversion of the Surfside Race Place to a 1900 seat concert venue that will host up to 90 concerts per year.

The cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach have each expressed concerns about the traffic and noise impacts of the concert venue, and Solana Beach has asked the San Diego County Superior Court for an order to delay any start of the project until a new California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. The 22nd DAA Board has responded that their 30 year-old CEQA permit for occupancy of up to 5000 for the Surfside Race Place is sufficient to cover the



The plans for the first floor level include a history of San Diego Beer hall outside beer garden in addition to the concert hall.  
Source 22nd DAA.

less intense use proposed. Board member David Watson noted that parking and traffic generated by a 1900-person venue would be much less than that generated by many ongoing events at the fairgrounds. A resolution of the Solana Beach court filing is expected soon.

KAABOO, the 3-day fall concert event, has started discussions about raising the number of people allowed at their event in 2018 from the current cap, which is limited by the existing California Coastal Commission (CCC) permit that prohibits offsite parking, to more than 50,000. Currently, only the summer fair and racing event can exceed the onsite parking limit of 7300 vehicles, so the KAABOO ask for expanded parking would require a new CCC permit with full analysis of environment impacts including noise and traffic in surrounding communities. Given the past problems with noise, crowd control, and getting patrons in and out of the fairgrounds, there would appear to be a legitimate concern that KAABOO can successfully manage these issues with a large increase in attendance. Stay tuned as this year's event unfolds and the 22nd DAA Board and the CCC consider the request from KAABOO, and the cities of Solana Beach and Del Mar →

## GUIDES GET GOING

Dolores Davies | Crest Road

After dozens of public hearings by the Ad Hoc Design Review Committee and abundant feedback from a wide range of stakeholders, RRM, the city design consultant is vetting draft guidelines with relevant City committees.

The Business Support Advisory Committee has provided feedback on guidelines in the commercial corridor. In addition, RRM got feedback from members of the Design Review Board (DRB), which will utilize the guidelines in their review and analysis of proposed development projects.

According to RRM, the final set of guidelines will be a useful reference tool for DRB members, and will help to reduce subjectivity in the existing process by providing more clarity and identifying desirable design principles in important areas of review, such as neighborhood compatibility, bulk and mass, and the preservation of views and privacy.

While feedback from the committees was largely positive and appreciative of the great deal of work that has been accomplished, DRB members had numerous questions and provided substantive feedback on the document. Topics broached by DRB members focused on the sections of the guidelines relating to protecting views and allowable view blockage, retaining walls, lighting, balconies and decks, outdoor speakers and other entertainment features, landscaping and vegetation, and issues related to structural siting and conserving natural topography.

A few DRB members hoped that additional emphasis could be made in the guidelines about the fact that the design guidelines were just that—guidelines, and that the context of each project was especially important. Concerns were also expressed about the possibility that the guidelines would lead to a certain uniformity that would be undesirable in Del Mar. The consultant conveyed that there was no predominant style that was being advocated and that the Community Plan placed a high value on an eclectic and natural ambiance. Del Mar's eclecticism also extends to its serpentine streets and residential lots, which vary significantly in terms of plottage and topography, which would counterbalance any standards that might lead to uniformity.

Feedback is also continuing to be received from local residents, design professionals, and members of the real estate community. RRM will also be presenting the draft design guidelines to the City's Planning Commission at its meeting on September 12.

To view the draft design guidelines, go to: [www.delmar.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/3044/](http://www.delmar.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/3044/). Questions or feedback on the guidelines can be directed to City of Del Mar Senior Planner Matt Bator at [mbator@delmar.ca.us](mailto:mbator@delmar.ca.us) ■

weigh in on this proposal. ■

# AFFORDABLE ACCESSORIES

Bertha Leone | Crest Road

Two proposals relative to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JrADU) (i.e. within the primary residence) were approved by the Planning Commission in August and are slated to go before the City Council in September and October, followed by the Coastal Commission. The first involves changes to Del Mar's Municipal Code to bring it into compliance with a new state law that was effective January 1, 2017. The second proposal is for a pilot program to test floor area bonus as an incentive for deed-restricted ADUs for affordable housing.

State law mandates that a city must forego discretionary review for a new ADU, that off-street parking cannot be required for an ADU within the primary residence or within half a mile of public transportation, and that neither the ADU nor the principal residence may be sold separately. Del Mar's code is being modified to reflect these requirements.

Other guidelines are left to the discretion of each city. The revised Del Mar ordinance establishes that:

- the maximum allowable size of an ADU is 550 sq. ft. (including basement) and a JrADU is 500 sq. ft.
- there will be administrative-only review of ADU applications (essentially a checklist reviewed by city staff).
- ADUs are allowed in all residential zones except the RM South zone; JrADUs are allowed in all single dwelling unit zones; in the CVPP Specific Plan the ADU must be within an existing structure.
- the ADU must be rented for a minimum of 30 days at a time, except in the RC zone.
- the owner must reside in the primary residence.

In a continuing effort to mitigate the housing shortage in California, especially affordable housing, the state, for many years, has given each city a quota of affordable housing units. Existing housing in Del Mar does not meet the required affordability levels, therefore only ADUs/JrADUs with deed restrictions on the rent charged and income of renters count towards the quota.

Del Mar currently has two permitted ADUs but zero deed-restricted ADUs. Following the most recent state review of Del Mar's results, the city was penalized with a 15 unit increase in its quota (for a total of 22) before the next state review in 2021.

The proposed pilot program has a duration of 2 years or 2 affordable units, whichever comes first, during which the city will incentivize property owners to apply by giving an FAR bonus of 500 square feet (added to the currently allowed FAR for the property) in return for a 30 year deed restriction requiring the ADU be rented at least 6 months per year and the rent charged not exceed low income based on 80% of the area median income (AMI). This translates to \$50,950 for a one person household, \$58,200 for a two person household. The FAR bonus will be subject to design review unless it is used to build an ADU. ➔

# PUBLIC WORKS WORKS

Ellie Haviland | City Council Member

Our Public Works Department will start on the next round of CDM improvements early next year. The work will be between Del Mar Heights Road and Carmel Valley Road and will include:

- bike safety improvements.
- a multi-use path on the west side of CDM.
- changes at the Del Mar Heights intersection to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow.

Infrastructure improvements have been prioritized by the City since 2013. Look at what has been accomplished in that short time:

- Replaced approximately 23,520 linear feet (LF) of sewer pipeline.
- Replaced approximately 13,200 LF of water pipeline.
- Repaved approximately 1,327,000 square feet (SF) of asphalt streets.
- Replaced or installed new approximately 13,200 SF of concrete sidewalk.

Cheers to the team at Public Works who diligently work to make our community a safer and more enjoyable place to walk, ride, and drive! Let's remember to wave when we drive by them, or to make a friendly phone call or email saying how much we appreciate what they do. ■

## CLOUDY WEATHER

Virginia Lawrence | Caminito Del Rocio

Last week I bought a Mini iPad 4. When I transferred the data from my Mini 3, Apple helpfully, and without asking, sent all my email contacts to the Cloud.

I soon discovered that the Cloud does not support group listings for email. ALL my distribution lists were suddenly kaput!

Be warned! Fixing my distribution lists required the intervention of my IT person - who fortunately was able to extract my email contacts from the Cloud and bring them back to earth.

All other ADU requirements apply.

Another project, named "22 in 5" concurrently seeks to identify the potential for 22 affordable housing units in Del Mar within 5 years. With the help of consultants, existing housing stock is being assessed for acquisition, rehab or conversion, and available land is being considered for possible new development. The "22 in 5" project will come before the Planning Commission, City Council and Coastal Commission at a future date. ■

## Commentary: BIKE PHYSICS

Art Olson | Avenida Primavera

With Del Mar's streetscape plan moving forward, it is important to consider how we use our streets, paths and sidewalks, and the impacts that these uses have. Most agree that bicycling is a wonderful alternative mode of transportation. It is kind to the environment and healthy for those who ride. However, there are clashes over how bicycles, cars and pedestrians interact. Much of it comes down to the question "what laws should bicyclists follow?". Currently there are two kinds of laws that pertain – traffic and physics. While they don't always mesh, you can't change the laws of physics. The traffic laws mostly see cars and bicycles similarly, but from a physics point of view they are very different.

In physics, momentum is the product of mass times velocity. When comparing an automobile traveling at 30 miles per hour to a bicyclist moving at 15 miles per hour the difference in momentum is roughly 1000 times greater. This can be most easily seen by the disparity in damage when these two modes of transportation collide, but it also has implications when they don't. In the context of momentum, a bicycle is more akin to a pedestrian than an automobile. So, based on the laws of physics, should our traffic laws distinguish between cars and bikes? The most obvious approach for bicycle safety is to separate cars and bikes as much as possible – bike lanes do this with painted stripes and occasional signs; bike paths do this with by providing a physically separate path of travel – a much preferred and safer solution. Del Mar is beginning to explore this second option on the south end of Camino Del Mar.

Beyond that, however, the bicycle is held to the same traffic laws as the automobile. Many drivers complain about, and many riders are cited for, bikes rolling through stop signs. Again, momentum underlies another physical concept called inertia – as Newton described it "a body in motion tends to stay in motion..." and bicyclists are averse to coming to a complete stop, since "a body at rest tends to stay at rest." This means that unlike a car, for which the driver requires only the tap on the accelerator, a bicyclist must use significant force to move from a full stop to restore forward motion. Of course, if there are pedestrians or cars crossing the path at a stop sign, the bicyclist must stop, but if not, rolling cautiously forward is momentum conserving and not an unreasonable move. In some jurisdictions, this so called "Idaho stop" has been adopted for bicycles, where stop signs for cars are treated as



*Obeying the laws --  
cars, bicycles, apples.*  
Photo illustration Art Olson

## WILY COYOTES

Dolores Davies | Crest Road

Residents of Del Mar and surrounding neighborhoods have reported a notable uptick in coyote sightings and attacks on pets, some of which can be attributed to the summertime pupping season, during which mother coyotes are especially active in searching for food for new offspring. However, the rapid loss of habitat by continuing development has pushed coyotes and other wildlife into many urban settings, especially those adjacent to canyons, natural parklands, and other open space.

Sadly, this has resulted in numerous attacks on pets, leading to severe injuries and even deaths. Many residents have witnessed these brazen attacks on pets in their own backyards. Because coyotes have become habituated to humans, they are not deterred by our presence. Residents have reported seeing astonishingly agile and quick coyotes climb six-foot fences and walls. While outdoor cats in Del Mar have long lived dangerously, the odds for an outdoor cat surviving today's coyotes are even lower.

Coyotes, however, are here to stay. They are native to this region, and part of the ecosystem, so coexistence should be our goal. To keep pets safe, some residents with small dogs have purchased "coyote vests," which sport rows of rigid, brightly colored spikes, which deter coyotes. The vests are made locally and can be purchased at: [coyotevest.com](http://coyotevest.com). Pet owners can also purchase "coyote rollers," aluminum rollers which make it difficult for coyotes to climb fences. Visit [coyoteroller.com](http://coyoteroller.com) to find out more.

Wildlife experts also recommend that residents take the following steps to deter coyotes in residential areas:

- Never feed coyotes and other wild animals, and remove food sources like pet food.
- Use hazing methods such as yelling, throwing rocks, and waving arms to look bigger.
- Use battery-operated flashing lights or recorded noises in your yard to discourage entry.
- Keep cats and small dogs indoors and let them outdoors only when supervised.
- Do not keep rabbits, chickens, and other small animals outdoors unless they are housed in strong, predator-proof cages.
- Keep all dogs on leash when being walked, especially in canyons, and natural preserves and parks. While larger dogs can't be snatched away so easily, coyotes, especially in packs, have been known to attack them as well. ■

yield signs for bicycles. In Idaho, since its implementation, this has reduced bicycle accidents by 14%. (for a good video explanation see: [www.cupolamedia.com/bicycle-media-the-idaho-stop](http://www.cupolamedia.com/bicycle-media-the-idaho-stop)).

Del Mar's streetscape plan should not only beautify our main thoroughfare, it should promote both sustainability and safety by encouraging and enabling a welcoming environment for bicycle travel. Understanding the laws of physics and adapting the traffic patterns and laws for bicycles would go a long way toward this end. ■

## BURNING DESIRES FULLFILLED

Nancy Fisher | 24th Street

It's true that Marian Holleman called on the services of the Fire Department a little more often than the average Del Mar resident, but the chiefs, captains, engineers, and paramedics didn't mind a bit. They were very fond of her, and she and her husband Roy generously returned their sentiments with access to a family foundation that allowed them to upgrade their outdated fire station in a huge way.

Commercial appliances, including a Wolf range and two gleaming refrigerators, replaced a kitchen cobbled together decades ago. Pots and pans, gym equipment, mattresses, office chairs, recliners, and a new television have rounded out the update thus far, but best of all is that the department is still eligible for more funding if future grants are approved.

"This was really needed," said Del Mar City Manager Scott Huth. "The Hollemans showed great generosity and the fire staff exercised initiative above and beyond all expectations. It's not a normal thing to have staff take on these tasks, but they put in the extra effort to write the grants and get it done much faster than if it had been handled by the City."

"Not only did they write the grants," adds Huth, "they acted as the project managers of the kitchen remodel by coordinating the efforts of the fire staff, contractors, and even participating members of the fairgrounds, who own the property. With a huge amount of help from engineer Dave Read, an experienced craftsman, they built most of the kitchen themselves."

"They spend a lot of time there," says Huth, "and this helps them live much more comfortably in their home away from home."



A fireman's axe hangs over the counter of "Roy and Marian's Kitchen."  
Photo Mike Salt.

## VIEWPOINT BREW POINT

The Unknown Quaffer

Viewpoint, a position from which something is observed... and what a position it is. A perfect location to view the wild nature of things; both animal and human. Situated adjacent to the San Dieguito Lagoon only makes things better. From stoneware to brewing captures the real view of change. Charles Koll, partnering with his dad, Malcolm, and with the assist of family members and friends has kicked off real change on San Dieguito Drive. A homebrewer and trained chef, via the Culinary School of the Rockies, he embarked on a two-year journey to open the doors of Viewpoint.



Photo source anonymous.

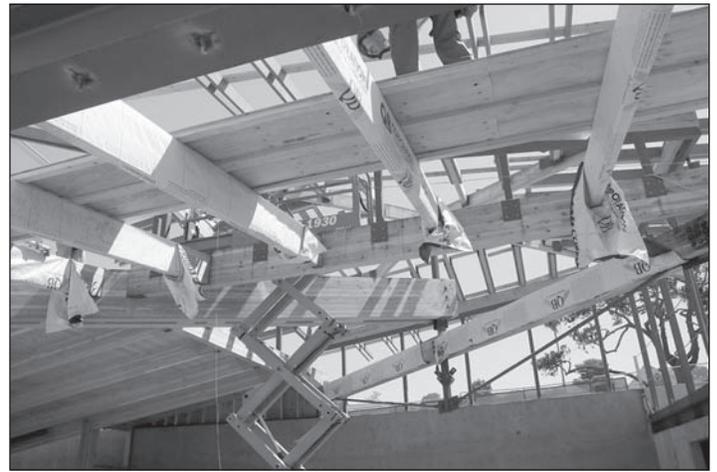
The building that housed a stoneware company for 40 years has been transformed and has replaced its industrial past with clever design and organic materials and become an up-to-date gastropub. Charles has been joined by a group of his peers in this undertaking; in the kitchen is Gunnar Plantar a seven year veteran of Mille Fleurs, in the brewery is Moe Katomski previously of Bear Roots, and backing all this up is longtime friend Kaitlynn Wolfe as general manager. The beers include their creations, Mandarinina Pale Ale, Red Rye IPA on tap and many supplied by local breweries such as New English and others; the line-up will change often.

Wine is also available to satisfy others. The kitchen has created some good choices with Steelhead Salmon, a Backyard Burger and Pork Belly Bites amongst other items. Salads and desserts are also available. There is also a hop garden. Only open a bit more than a month it has become a busy place. Seating can become rare after 5pm yet perhaps that will change when the race season ends; definitely a popular destination. And there is Skee Ball. It's all about the beer and worth a visit. Did I mention that they also have wine? VIEWPOINT, tasting room opens in the afternoon, dining after 4pm. 2201 San Dieguito Drive, Del Mar, (858) 356-9346. ■

# WE'VE BEEN FRAMED

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

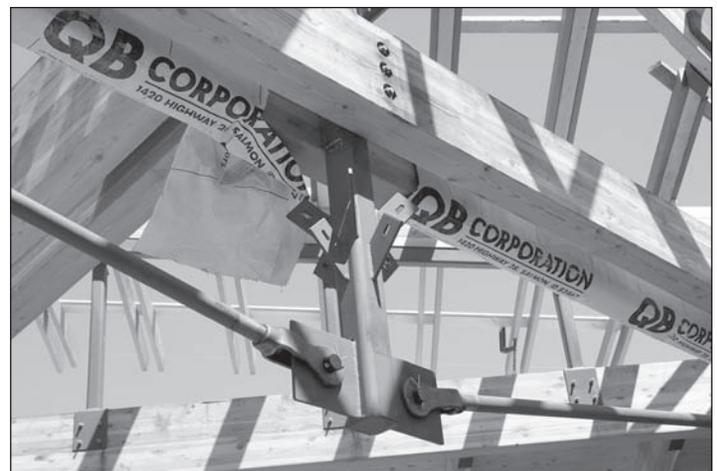
Construction of the new City Hall and Town Hall is now well ahead of schedule, and the framing is almost done except for the challenging roof of the new Town Hall. The city has received the grant from the California Energy Commission for the new solar panels and battery storage system, and there was a great rush to get the blocking in place for the solar panels before the roof of town hall is finished. Electricians and heating/cooling specialists are now working at the site, and the project should be under roof (weather proof) before the target date of mid-September. Being ahead of schedule is great, but it does compress the procurement schedule and is keeping the city staff on their toes.



Workers laying out the roof sheathing supports for the central cupola of the new Town Hall. The picture was taken from the ground level of the Town Hall.



View looking west of the framing for the central lobby of City Hall. Picture taken on July 25, 2017. Photos Don Mosier.



Close-up view of the central support junction where the final "Torrey Pines" trusses will be installed to complete the structural support of the Town Hall roof.



Workers laying out the roof sheathing supports for the central cupola of the new Town Hall. The picture was taken from the ground level of the Town Hall.



Looking north in the breezeway between the new Town Hall (on the right) and City Hall (on the left). The roof overhang is supported by ipe wood rafters (darker color) which should last forever in this coastal environment. □

# DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Highlights for September 2017

**DEL MAR FARMERS MARKET**  
Every Saturday  
from 1-4 pm in the Upper Shores Park  
*225 Ninth Street behind the Community Building*

DM Library – Adults. Adult Yoga. With certified instructor Lynne Truong. Please bring a mat & towel. Tuesdays in September, 12pm.

City Council Meeting. September 5, 2017, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM Community Connections. Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, September 5, noon to 1:30 pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library – Kids. Pre-School Story Time. Stories, songs and finger plays including simple concepts in stories and characters. Wednesdays in September, 10am.

DM Library – Adults. Chair Yoga with Dr. Ann Clark. Chairs provided. Please bring a towel & water bottle. Wednesdays in September, 10:30am & 11:30am.

DM Library – Adults. Meditation Class. Wednesday, September 6, 13 & 28, 6pm.

DM Library – Kids. Toddler Art Class. Ages 16 months–3yrs. Enjoy the tactile wonders of paint, glitter, glue & more. Smocks or “messy clothes” recommended. Thursdays in September, 3:30pm.

DM Library – Adults. Affordable African Travel Discussion Group. Thursday, September 7, 6pm. (1st Thursday of the month.)

DM Library – Kids. Story Time. Fridays in September, 10am & 11am.

DM Library – Adults. Knitting Circle. All levels welcome. September 9 & 24, 10am. (2nd & 4th Saturday of the month.)

DM Community Connections - Board of Directors Meeting. Saturday, September 9, 9am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St

DM Foundation - Summer Twilight Concerts: Sensation Show Band. Sun, Sept 10, 2017, 4–7pm, Powerhouse Park, Del Mar. The Zel's Opening Act Whitney Shay & Robin Henkel come on at 4 and the headline band comes on stage at 5.

DM Library – Kids. Kid's Chess. All skill levels welcome to play. Supplies provided. Sunday, September 10, 17 & 24, 2:15pm.

DM Foundation - DMF Talks: David Toler. Tue, Sept 12, 2017, 6–8pm, Powerhouse.

Planning Commission. September 12, 2017, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM Community Connections - Healthy Aging Forum with Dr. Kalina - Topic: Making Friends with Pharmaceuticals

Tuesday, September 12, 9:30 to 11:30am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library – Adults. Art Instruction. With local artist, Sandra Dodd. All supplies provided. Wednesday, September, 13, 3:30pm. (2nd Wednesday of the month.)

Parks and Recreation Committee. September 13, 2017, 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Foundation - Special Events: Del Mar Historical Society Meet&Greet. Thu, Sept 14, 6-9pm, La Tienda 1342 Camino Del Mar.

City Council Meeting. September 18, 2017, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee. September 19, 2017, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM Community Connections - Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, September 19, noon to 1:30 pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

San Dieguito Lagoon Committee. September 20, 2017, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Del Mar Library.

Sustainability Advisory Board. September 21, 2017, 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

Del Mar Historical Society Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 5:00 pm, in the conference room at 225 9th Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley. Meeting Monday, Sept 25. Still in the temporary City offices off JDB.

Friendship Gardeners of Del Mar. Meeting Saturday September 23 from 1:00 - 3:00. Newcomers are always welcome. Call 858-481-0197 for meeting location in Del Mar.

Finance Committee. September 26, 2017, 4:30 PM - 6:15 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

Business Support Advisory Committee. September 26, 2017, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM Community Connections - ROMEO Men's Lunch. Tuesday, September 26, Noon, Sbicca Bistro.

DM Library – Kids. Toddler Story Time: Ages 1-2. Stories, songs and finger plays for toddlers including concepts in shapes, colors and numbers. Tuesday September, 27, 10am.

Design Review Board. September 27, 2017, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

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## CHANGING LANES

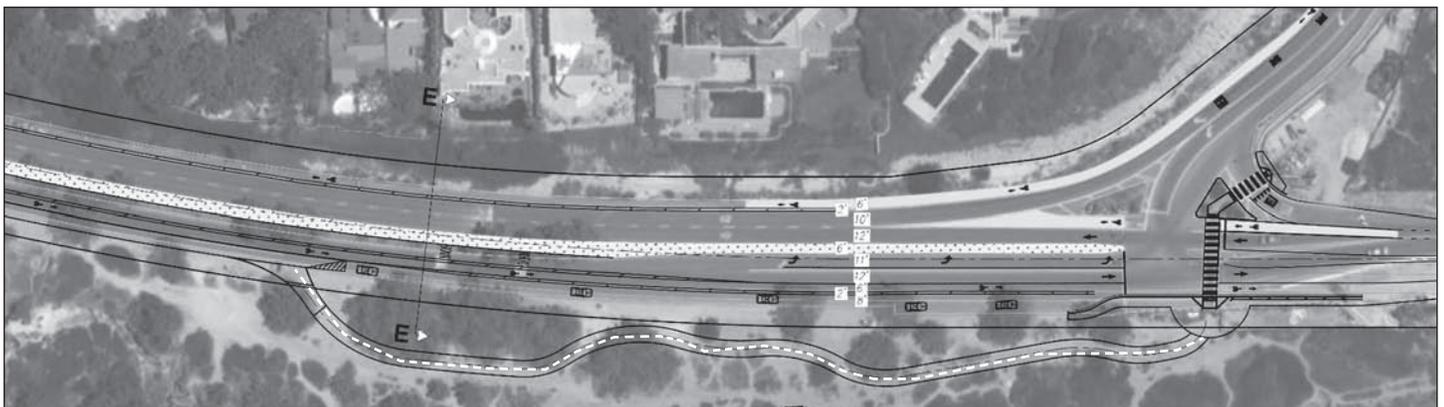
Ann Gardner | Via Latina

While the City has been concentrating on a 9th to 15th Streetscape Project, Public Works and Engineering successfully negotiated an approved plan for roadway and sidewalk improvements on Camino del Mar between 4th Street/Del Mar Heights Road and Carmel Valley Road. Collaboration with nearby Del Mar residents including residents of Los Arboles, Stratford Court, and the Torrey Pines Community Planning Board that represents residents on Carmel Valley Road in the City of San Diego resulted in an agreement that got a unanimous thumbs up by Council on August 7. Public input on an initial plan presented to Council earlier this year was fraught with competing interests over, for example, the number of traffic lanes, bicyclists safety, and a pedestrian path on the west side. The approved plan includes:

- Adding a second left turn lane from southbound Camino del Mar to Del Mar Heights.

- Maintaining the two northbound lanes and one southbound lane as is.
- Keeping the current free right hand turn from west bound Carmel Valley Road to northbound Camino del Mar.
- Creating a pedestrian path on the west side beginning at 4th Street/ Stratford Court that will allow walkers to more safely access the Torrey Pines State beach. The path will vary in width from 8-feet to 10-feet.
- Painting bike lanes green throughout conflict zones to alert vehicles that bicyclists could be crossing the travel lane.

Staff is also working on suggestions made at the August 7 meeting to coordinate traffic/walk signals to maximize pedestrian safety and continues to meet with interested parties as they move toward completion of the engineering design and construction documents. Construction could begin as early as November of this year. However, staff may apply for grant funding, which would delay the construction start date. □



*Intersection of CDM and Carmel Valley Road at right. Dotted white line shows new pedestrian path along CDM. Cars will be able to park as they do now.*