

SANDPIPER



These events sponsored by the Del Mar Foundation - the Picnic at Powerhouse Park and New Earth Day, - show the vibrant residential community that Del Mar enjoys, and that the Council is seeking to protect by making sure our neighborhoods are for residents, and not for mini-hotels. Photos Bill Morris and Julie Maxey-Allison.

STRONG STAND

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

On Monday October 16, after over two years of controversy, the preservation of Del Mar's core residential character won out over the "ramped up" proliferation of short term rentals (under 30 days) taking root in neighborhoods zoned for one-family dwelling units. On a 4 to 1 (Sinnott) vote the Council approved the introduction of an ordinance that limits short term rentals to a maximum of 28 days total per year, with a seven-day minimum per rental, in all residential neighborhoods. In the end, the decision turned more on the irreplaceable contribution of residents to neighborhood and community life and the loss of long term housing, rather than issues of noise, trash and parking sometimes associated with short term rentals. "Regulating behavior does not solve the problem," Councilmember Druker commented before the vote. "It is a zoning issue."

In September the Planning Commission had rejected the Council's proposed limitations based on an alleged lack of data on the impact of short term rentals. The Council had

the option of accepting the Commission's recommendation to study the issue for another year or moving ahead.

The early testimony of many residents on October 16 was an expression of appreciation for the Council's efforts to hear both sides of the issue, and the proposed ordinance which allows limited short term rentals without diminishing Del Mar's essential neighborhood character and community participation. Many saw it as a reasonable compromise. Former Councilmember Abarbanel kicked off public input with comments that were reflected by follow up speakers. "How we use our property is a struggle at Del Mar's core since we incorporated. I ask that you remember why you moved here. We moved here for the neighborhood, for the life of a community," he said. Bud Emerson warned against monetizing for profit: "We will lose our soul."

An equal number of speakers criticized the proposed ordinance, calling out harm to persons who will lose income, the historical precedent, California Coastal Commission cautions regarding the lack of beach access for visitors, and possible loss of visitor revenue. One speaker warned against "urban decay." Attorney Cory

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THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY

“Think globally, act locally” (David Brower, Friends of the Earth Founder). The federal government has spent more than \$350 billion over the last ten years on losses from floods and other extreme weather incidents. This sum, however, does not include the hefty price tag associated with this year’s significant hurricanes and wildfires. These costs will multiply in the future as extreme weather events become more common, and the federal government needs to more effectively plan for and manage the havoc that climate change will bring.

While many U.S. states and cities are not well-prepared for climate change risks and impacts, and have not implemented comprehensive plans to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, California is a notable exception and so is Del Mar—which has been a regional leader in its efforts to increase alternative energy use and reduce GHG emissions.

In June 2016, the City of Del Mar adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP), which aims to reduce GHG emissions by 15% in 2020 and 50% in 2035. The two biggest contributors to our

2012 baseline GHG totals were transportation and energy use/generation. Del Mar has also joined with the City of San Diego in setting a 100% clean energy goal for 2035.

We are also exploring the benefits of Community Choice Energy (CCE) with the cities of Encinitas, Carlsbad, and Oceanside, and will be moving forward in the near future with the feasibility study needed to collect energy load data and develop a business plan. CCE is a model that has worked in other California cities, and allows cities to procure energy from clean sources only, with the distribution and actual billing still handled by the utility company, in our case SDG&E. Solana Beach has recently agreed upon moving forward with an independent CCE and has also adopted a 100% clean energy goal. (Note: Learn more by attending a Nov. 7 workshop on CCEs sponsored by the City and its Sustainability Advisory Board at 6:30 pm at the Powerhouse).

Reducing energy use in Del Mar’s commercial and residential buildings is an important step in reaching our CAP goals. The new City Hall and Town Hall are being constructed to CalGreen Tier 1 building standards and will include solar panels, battery storage, and electric vehicle charging stations. As detailed elsewhere in this issue (see City Hall update page 14), there are many energy-conserving features incorporated into the two buildings, and the project will serve as a template for more efficient construction of major commercial developments currently being planned for Del Mar. There is also a state mandate to move residential construction codes to zero-net-energy (ZNE) in 2020, so Del Mar is primed to start the transition to more efficient construction standards.

While there are numerous ways we can help to reduce GHG emissions, reducing energy consumption is the easiest way each of us can contribute to meeting Del Mar’s CAP goals, while making Del Mar cleaner, healthier and an even better place to live. Start by reviewing your detailed SDG&E bill, and try to reduce your electricity consumption by 20% over the next year. This may mean replacing old appliances with new energy efficient models, upgrading windows, or just turning off more lights, printers or cable receivers when you are not using them. Rebates are available for many of these purchases (click on the Go Green link on the city website and scroll down to SDG&E rebates), so let’s make energy reduction a community-wide goal, just as we cut our water usage during the drought. We succeeded then, and we can succeed now. ■



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Healthy Opening

The San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project team plans to excavate the buildup of sand that is blocking the San Dieguito River tidal channel, with mobilization of equipment expected to start on Nov. 8, 2017, and last for approximately two weeks. The same process of sand removal and replacement of sand for beach replenishment has been used in past years to open the river mouth and protect the restored 150 acres of wetlands. The plan is to excavate about 19,000 cubic yards of high quality beach sand from the San Dieguito River channel east of the Camino del Mar (Highway 101) bridge, and place it on the beach south of the river mouth. Removing the sand periodically is one of the most important components in the overall health of the wetlands, since the aquatic life, vegetation and wildlife in the nature preserve are connected and dependent on daily, salt water tidal flows for their sustenance.

22 or more in 5

The city's contractor, Keyser Marston, is recommending an increase in new condo development fees from \$23,508 to a flat fee of \$30 per square foot to be used for the city housing fund. If this fee had been in place for the past 8 years, it would have yielded \$1.4 million instead of the \$400k actually received. The Finance Committee and the Housing Corporation intend to analyze the recommendation further before recommending Council acceptance.

Keyser Marston is also studying proposals for reaching the city's 5 in 22 goal of creating 22 affordable housing units within the next five years.

KAABOO Kalming

Council members and City staff agree that this year's KAABOO festival at the fairgrounds was much less noisy. "The feedback I had was very positive from the noise standpoint," said Mayor Terry Sinnott at a recent City Council meeting. "It was much better than it was in previous years." All agreed, however that there are still areas of concern regarding ride services drop-off areas, pedestrian access from downtown, and litter control. Council Member Sherryl Parks also suggested that, in light of the recent Las Vegas shootings, the City and KAABOO organizers should discuss a plan for emergency evacuation. KAABOO has announced that their next festival will be held on September 14-16, 2018.

38 Magic Number ?

Two alternative plans were previewed by the Planning Commission and the Design Review Board. Both bodies expressed preference for the reduced 38 unit alternative, instead of the 48 unit plan. Formal review of the Specific Plan will be scheduled in the near future by both bodies. Under the Specific Plan procedure, they will make recommendations to the City Council for final determination.

Fair Board Tunes

Update on plans by the 22nd DAA Board (the Fair Board) to convert half of the satellite wagering center, Surfside Race Place, to a concert venue: The Coastal Commission agreed with the 22nd DAA that the plan does not require a change to the existing coastal permit since the original approval for the offtrack betting venue was for 5500 patrons with attendant parking, and the concert venue is designed for 1900 patrons, so the lesser use can be accommodated under the existing coastal permit. The CC approval is for five years, with renewal conditioned on a review of data on parking and attendance for each event during the next five years.

Resort Response Online

At the October 16 City Council meeting, Del Mar Deputy Mayor Dwight Worden proposed that an informal, ad-hoc committee be formed with the City of Solana Beach to promote communication regarding the North Bluff Resort Project. Since the project is entirely in the City of Del Mar, the primary function of the committee, composed of two representatives from each City Council, would be to keep the City of Solana Beach apprised of the progress of the project, and to make sure Del Mar understands its concerns. However, Council Member Dave Druker suggested the possibility of a more permanent committee to work with Solana Beach on an ongoing basis. In addition, the city is working with owners to award a joint contract for financial analyses of the entire public and private operation. The Sandpiper asked the developers to comment on the feedback they have been getting from their outreach activities. We have posted the developer response on our website for reader review. ■

STRONG STAND

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Briggs, who has filed suit against the City on behalf of the Del Mar Alliance over the Council's earlier interpretation that STRs are not allowed in residential zones under the Community Plan and current zoning, described legal issues with the proposed ordinance. He also accused the community of being WOW, "Well Off and White." Recognizing the comment as an exception, most speakers acknowledged the general civility of both the public's comments and City Council discussion.

Several points were emphasized. Councilmember Haviland read a list of California cities with stricter limits on short term rental than Del Mar: Coronado, Santa Barbara, Carmel, Long Beach, Huntington Beach, Hermosa Beach and Imperial Beach. "We are not an outlier," she said. Haviland also said she had received a number of calls from residents who were worried that the Council was taking away their ability to rent out their homes for a month or six weeks. She made clear that rentals of 30 days or more are allowed in all residential zones without limitation.

There seemed to be a consensus that a "forbearance period" for short-term rentals in operation before the 2016 moratorium should exist until the amendments to the City's Local Coastal Program allowing short-term rentals under terms of the ordinance are formally enacted, with Coastal Commission approval. ■



2nd Annual Picnic

Bill Morris | DMF Communications

Wandering around the 2nd Annual Picnic at Powerhouse Park this last month, I happened upon the Del Mar Garden Club booth. The Foundation recently awarded a \$6500 grant to the Garden Club to beautify the downtown storefronts (check out Clone Copy and Curry Comb as examples of their work), and I thought good news and good people might just make for a good photo opportunity.

While composing my shot (photo speak for trying to remember what I was doing), I noticed a sign on the club's table stating "Your plant and garden questions answered." Being only slightly more mature now than I was in Junior High, I blurted out "Why?" I wasn't anticipating anything more than "Because" or some forced laughter, but renowned horticulturalist Pat Welsh unexpectedly provided an articulate and thought-provoking answer: that we all continuously need to learn, especially about each other's similarities and differences, so that we can better work together to solve the common issues that we face.



Pat Welsh in middle.

Later, Pat shared with one of her fellow Garden Club members that "it had made her day to participate in an extraordinary moment where she was able to provide relief to someone who

had apparently been deeply troubled for some time." I don't think of myself as deeply troubled, but Pat's insights did provide an immediate uplift. When you think about it, that is really the reason for having a community picnic -- to bring people together to learn about their individual and shared challenges, to work together more harmoniously and better serve the community.

Del Mar is an amazing place, filled with nature's beauty and wonderful people possessing a deep sense of volunteerism. We should take the time now and then to learn about what our friends and neighbors are doing on behalf of our community, so that we can all work together to make it better. The Foundation encourages you to make someone's day (perhaps even your own), by learning about the many non-profit organizations that exist to make Del Mar the wonderful town that it is. We hope that the picnic provided just such a day for you. For information on more opportunities, like us on Facebook (@delmarfoundation), follow us on Twitter (@delmarfound), or go to our website (delmarfoundation.com).

ROVING TEEN REPORTER

Carbon Choices

Sammy Hallal | Torrey Pines High School Senior

Climate change poses a major threat to the nation as well as the rest of the world. A large contributor to our changing climate is carbon emission which leads to higher global temperatures. We have already begun to see the effects of climate change here at home in the past months, whether it was Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria or the devastating wildfires that struck here in California, and unless we start to reduce our carbon footprints this will only get worse.

It is important to remember that we all share one common home and that climate change will affect all of us. Steps to reduce our carbon footprints must be taken by all people, starting with the young generation first since we will be most affected by it.

"Some of the personal changes I have made [to reduce my carbon footprint] include reducing my intake of animal products..., being conscious about buying things with palm oil, plastic and fossil fuels and trying to educate others," Kiana, a student at Torrey Pines High School said.

Kiana is the president of Go Green Club, a group of Torrey Pines students who do volunteer work to help the environment, and also founded a website called ClimateTalk that teaches people easy ways to "care for our planet." <https://climatetalkusa.wixsite.com/mysite> While Kiana and others may be aware of carbon emissions and the threat that global warming presents, there are still some who don't really care.

"I have not seen enough evidence to show that climate change is connected to human actions," Jack, a student at Cathedral Catholic High School said. "There is no denying that our climate is changing, but it has changed before and this won't be the last time it does."

Although approximately 97 percent of climate scientists agree that human-caused global warming is happening and is a serious threat, there are still some who deny its existence entirely. Nationally, about 70 percent of people think climate change is happening and 75 percent support regulating carbon dioxide as a pollutant, according to the Yale Program on Climate Communication. The study also showed, however, that Americans all around, including here in San Diego, strongly believe that climate change will not directly affect them, which is where the problem lies.

"We live in a bit of a bubble. Climate change poses threats to all of us, but not very significantly where we live in Southern California," Kirsten, a student at Torrey Pines High School said. "That is why I think we don't see many people paying here paying attention to their carbon footprints and stuff like that. There isn't much motivation."

Here in San Diego lawmakers have called for a cutting carbon emissions in half by 2035, a goal they currently seem to be on track towards reaching. While many teenagers and adults may be conscious of their carbon footprint and have taken steps to reduce it, there are still some who could go a step further. ■

APPETITE CONTROL

Making sausage

Dwight Worden | Del Mar Deputy Mayor

If you've been watching, your city council is going through a lengthy and challenging process of identifying priorities. Here's a quick rundown on how we set priorities and why we do it.

Del Mar has an appetite for taking on important issues ranging from Climate Action Plan implementation, to Sea Level Rise Planning, to repaving streets, building a great Shores Park, finishing a new civic center, updating the DRB process, managing short term rentals, adopting a Local Coastal Program to govern the Fairgrounds, getting safe and legal rail crossings, removing the rails from the bluff, meeting our state mandated affordable housing goals, upgrading the Powerhouse, rehabbing the library, implementing streetscape to improve downtown, and more. Sixty projects in total, all important, all with constituencies in support, and all with the potential to improve our town and quality of life.

Del Mar's key resources to take on these projects include our system of volunteer advisory committees, 5 city councilmembers, a limited budget, volunteer citizens, and a small professional staff. Our appetite for projects outpaces our resources, so we need to prioritize. Here's how we do that:

- We break the 60 some projects into categories.
 - Capital Improvement Projects. These are things we want to build, like new sidewalks, and a new city hall.
 - Committed Projects. These are projects the city has already committed to that need to be finished. They have deadlines and financial consequences. Committed projects include things like meeting our state mandated affordable housing goals.
 - Discretionary Projects. The city is not legally obligated to do these projects, but has deemed them important. Often they arise from the community and may be among the most important to us as a city, so we want to make sure we have time and resources for them. This category includes things like safe rail crossings, streetscape improvements, a public art policy, and deciding whether to do our own Police Department.
 - Long Term Versus Short Term Projects. Some projects can be completed in the current fiscal year (ends June 30, 2018). Others will be multi-year. For the longer ones we allocate a portion of the total commitment to each fiscal year. So, we might expect to get 20% of a 5 year project done per year.
- Recognizing that 80% of our staff time is spent on operational items running the city day to day, staff presents its best estimate of how much staff time is needed for each of the 60 special projects and how far down the prioritized

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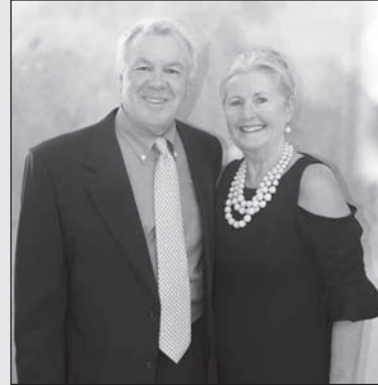


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*Tom and Claire McGreal,
Gala Co-Chairs*

La La Land Gala a Record-Breaking Success!

The Del Mar Powerhouse was transformed into a city of stars on the evening of Saturday, October 7, at the 17th annual DMCC benefit gala. The evening's festivities kicked off with a sunset cocktail party, as sharply dressed guests

enjoyed the signature "La La Lemontini" while being photographed against the backdrop of a giant moon.

Later, guests were treated to ballroom dance demonstrations while enjoying a gourmet meal. After an amusing live auction, DMCC Board President Don Mosier presented Nate McCay with the 2017 Volunteer of the Year award. After dinner, the DJ cued up dance music from all eras, and guests cut loose for the rest of the evening.

Our thanks to Gala Co-Chairs Tom and Claire McGreal and Development Director Rosanne Holliday for working hard for so many months to produce DMCC's most successful benefit to date. Our deepest gratitude goes to the donors and guests of the Gala for so generously contributing to DMCC's mission and programs. Money raised at the Gala funds health programs, transportation programs, educational excursions, and much more. We could not continue to support and serve Del Mar seniors and disabled citizens without you!



Guests enjoy a ballroom dance demonstration

SHIFTING SANDS

Mandated Changes At SANDAG

Terry Sinnott | Mayor Del Mar, Vice-Chair, SANDAG

Governor Jerry Brown signed legislation on October 11th that will make various changes to the SANDAG governance structure, and impact the powers and duties of the agency. Assembly Bill 805 sponsored by Democrat Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher will take effect on January 1, 2018.

Existing law provides for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to be the consolidated transportation programming, planning and implementation agency for the San Diego region. It is governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of elected officials from all 18 cities plus the County of San Diego.

Here are the most significant changes:

Voting Structure: Existing law provides for a dual-threshold-type vote for passage of most measures at SANDAG. This means items must simultaneously pass both a tally vote and a weighted vote threshold. The tally vote is one vote per each member agency (city or county). The weighted vote is proportional to each jurisdiction's population of the San Diego region. Together, this dual threshold system has provided the smaller cities with a meaningful seat at the table while also protecting the interests of the larger cities. AB 805 changes this. It provides that all acts of the Board require an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present (tally vote). However, after a vote of the members is taken, a weighted vote based on population may be called by the members of any two jurisdictions. Approval under the weighted vote procedure requires the vote of the representatives of not less than four jurisdictions representing at least 51% of the total weighted vote to supersede the original action of the Board.

Election of Officers: Currently the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board are elected annually under the dual threshold vote process by a simple majority. Under AB 805, →

Editor's note AB 805:

AB 805's enactment follows a major SANDAG scandal that unfolded when investigative reporting by Voice of San Diego disclosed that financial forecasts made by SANDAG in support of Measure A, a sales tax measure on the Nov. 2016 ballot, included significant forecasting errors that were known to SANDAG well in advance of the election but were not disclosed to voters. These errors projected significantly more revenue than would have actually been produced by Measure A (which failed at the ballot), and resulted in representations to voters that many more projects could be funded by the measure than was in fact the case.

Read more here: <http://bit.ly/sandag-scandal>

these two positions will be elected for two year terms and by weighted vote only. It further requires that the Chair and Vice Chair cannot come from the same subregion of the County.

Public Contracts: SANDAG uses a Labor Compliance Monitoring Program (LCMP) to ensure that prime and subcontractors working on SANDAG construction projects meet the federal and state prevailing wage requirements. AB 805 will require that all SANDAG contractors and subcontractors use a skilled and trained workforce, as defined by law, or that a project labor agreement be in place that covers all SANDAG work.

Long-Range Planning: Every four years SANDAG produces a long-range transportation plan - a federally and state-mandated document that presents the overall vision for how the San Diego region will grow through 2050, including all transportation-related investments that will be needed to support that vision. The plan represents a consensus of all members, and helps the region compete for State and Federal funding. It also includes environmental mitigation efforts and a Sustainable Communities Strategy that demonstrates how the plan will address the reduction of Greenhouse Gases (GHG). Typically, this has been achieved by outlining a variety of strategies and mobility choices that could be used to reduce GHG. The new law stipulates that strategies to provide for mode shift to public transit specifically be included.

Member Reporting: AB 805 requires Board members to make an annual report to their agencies at a public meeting that includes a summary of the activities of SANDAG, program developments, project updates, changes to voter-approved expenditure plans, and potential ballot measures.

Performance Audits: Currently SANDAG is subject to numerous independent financial, compliance, and performance audits. The TransNet funds are currently audited annually by an independent auditing firm that is overseen by the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC). This is a committee of seven citizens who provide performance and financial oversight on the use of TransNet funds specifically. The new law requires that SANDAG appoint an additional independent performance auditor to conduct annual performance audits of all departments, offices, activities, and programs of the consolidated agency.

Local Election: Previously, under State law (SB 1703) passed in 2002, SANDAG had the authority to call for a local election on matters related to changes to the governance, powers, privileges and duties of the agency. AB 805 restricts that authority and requires that any measure put before the voters must be consistent with what already is in state law.

Moving Forward: In February 2017, the Board of Directors approved the Data Accuracy and Modeling Work Plan to strengthen the transparency, accountability, and accuracy of SANDAG modeling and forecasting processes. Next month, the Board is scheduled to hear an update on its execution, as well as a plan to implement the recommendations from the Hueston Hennigan LLP report regarding improvements to SANDAG operations. The

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BEACH BO BONANZA

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive



Joe Harper and Bo Derek. Photo Jeff Barnouw.

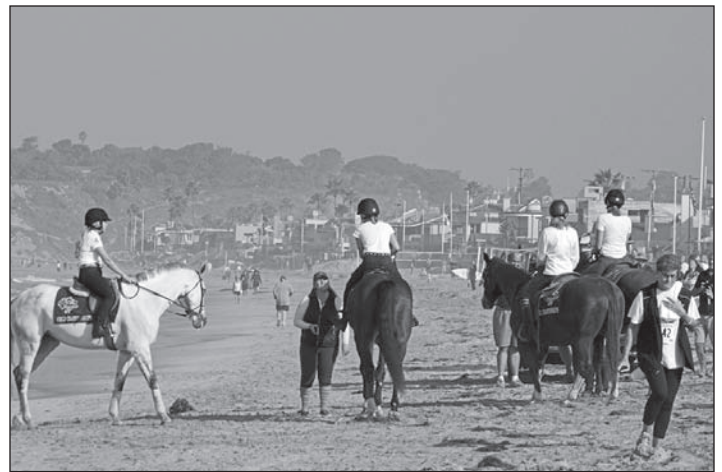
Leading into the events in the Barn at the Beach described in the last issue, the community part of the Breeders' Cup celebration began Saturday, October 28, with the 35th annual, make it traditional, Jake's Del Mar Fun Run, a 5k race on the beach. The field was led, some 200 yards ahead and only to begin with, by at least →

four horses and Bo Derek. The City website said, "Bo Derek and some thoroughbred horses," but they weren't actually thoroughbreds, though Bing Bush, a main source of the horse statues seen throughout town, said two were.

This is not part of the tradition. Even though the City Seal shows a horse in the surf, horses on the beach required an exception to current rules and practice, which was granted at the City Council meeting of August 7. Kristen Crane, Assistant City Manager, said Bo Derek did not figure in the proposal, so the vote was not unduly influenced (her inference).

At the same time the Council approved another horses-on-the-beach event for NBC Sports, a segment on Hall of Fame Jockeys to be taped on the beach on Wednesday, November 1. While the horses were being debriefed on the beach access at 18th Street I had a chance to talk with Joe Harper, President and CEO of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Bing Bush, and Bo Derek.

She remembered her first time in Del Mar, age 17, at the beachfront home of Jimmy Durante, watching horses coming out of the sea, as she put it. She and Joe Harper thought it would be nice to have the horses-on-the-beach aspect of the Breeders' Cup repeat next year and perhaps become part of a new tradition. □



And they're off! Photo Jeff Barnouw.

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Compilation from the City of Del Mar's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY Ended June 30, 2016

Area – 2 square miles

Parks – 5 – 9.69 acres

Beaches – 2.2 miles

Annual beach attendances – 2 million

Streets – 22.5 miles

Street lights – 74

Sewer lines – 29.35 miles

Fire hydrants – 350

HOTELS:

Major hotel rooms – 355

Average percent occupancy – 70%

Average room rate – \$249

APPETITE CONTROL

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list staff's remaining resources will take us. That, in turn, allows us to determine if there is anything below that line that needs to move up or whether we need to add staff or consultant support to make sure key projects get done.

- Finally, our priorities are integrated with our budget to ensure we have money to pay for them.

In the end, the system is not perfect, but it works. The list of priorities guides where and when we allocate resources, recognizing that the list is a living list, updated as needed. We know that every year will bring surprises and new challenges we didn't anticipate that need to be integrated. The Council is completing its prioritization process, and once the priorities are set, I'll write a follow-up highlighting the key priorities. □

DECISIVE DESIGN DUE

Dolores Davies | Crest Road

At its October 24th meeting, the City's Ad Hoc Design Review Process Citizen's Advisory ("Ad Hoc") Committee voted unanimously to finalize and endorse the draft set of Design Guidelines prepared by consultant RRM Design Group. After the final draft is produced by RRM, it will be forwarded to the City Council for its review and action, tentatively scheduled for its November 6 meeting.

More than 40 public hearings have been held to vet and discuss the Design Guidelines, with feedback received from a broad swath of stakeholders and City advisory committees, including the Design Review Board, the Business Support Advisory Committee, and applicants, neighbors, builders, and design professionals.

The Ad Hoc Committee and City Planning staff have been working with RRM since they were retained by the City in January 2017, to develop a set of Design Guidelines that would interpret the goals and objectives espoused in Del Mar's Community Plan and add clarity and definition to the City's Design Review Ordinance (DRO).

"It's been a real pleasure working with Del Mar on this important project," said Scott Martin, one of the RRM Design Group principals who has worked closely with City staff, the Ad Hoc Committee, and members of the community. "While all the Design Guidelines won't be

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Board hired the firm last spring to perform an independent examination of the communications surrounding the Measure A revenue forecast.

Meanwhile, SANDAG has continued to perform its functions as the region's council of governments and chief planner and implementer of transportation infrastructure. The agency currently is in construction on a variety of major improvements, including the Mid-Coast Trolley Extension to UCSD and UTC, South Bay Rapid bus service, and the North Coast Corridor Project – a transformational program of rail, active transportation, highway, and environmental projects along Interstate 5.

Impact on SANDAG: The SANDAG Board welcomes any provisions in AB 805 that improves transparency and data accuracy of its forecasting activities. This will only benefit SANDAG and the region. But the governance changes made by this new law will defeat our efforts as a region to come to agreement on transportation priorities. Small cities will now compete with San Diego and Chula Vista. And the region as a whole will be less competitive in seeking State and Federal funds for transportation projects. It is bad policy for our region.

Impact on Del Mar: AB 805 does not help Del Mar. We are the smallest city in San Diego. Our voice has been diminished and we lose a meaningful voice at the table. Our efforts to achieve our City's goals of improved transportation and a cleaner environment will be harder. ■

BULLY'S POLE VAULTING

Art Olson | Avenida Primavera

On October 25, the Hillstone Restaurant Project, provisionally named "R+D Kitchen," went before the Design Review Board, proposing to demolish and replace Bully's restaurant and be the first major commercial development in Del Mar's downtown in over 30 years. Unfortunately, story poles got in the way. On the day of the scheduled meeting it was discovered that the poles had been set incorrectly, shifted by a few feet from their correct placement. While the DRB members decided that they could not make a complete determination and decision on the project without the proper placement, they did go ahead with the hearing, taking the planning staff report, applicant presentation and public comment from a number of citizens and business owners.

Prior to the DRB meeting, the City had completed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) document under the supervision of Planner Evan Langan. The document was made available for public comment during the period from September 13 to October 13.

The 583-page MND document contained a description of the Hillstone Project; a study covering 19 aspects of the project with assessment of any potential environmental impacts; and a listing of mitigation measures that would reduce any potential impacts to "less than significant." The project described entails construction of a single-story restaurant comprising 5,219 square feet of floor area. The new structure would be podium-mounted with one level of surface parking and two additional fully subterranean levels yielding a total of 82 parking spaces.

Comments on the MND had been received from neighbors on Stratford Court whose homes border on the alleyway that would provide the only vehicular access both during construction and for parking and supply delivery for the functioning restaurant. While neighbors were in favor of revitalization of the Bully's site, they expressed concerns regarding impacts that the construction and operation of the restaurant would have on traffic, pedestrian activity and noise to their homes and surroundings. Many of these same concerns were subsequently voiced at the DRB hearing where additional comments were made by neighboring commercial property and business owners who also liked the prospect for downtown revitalization. However, they expressed concerns mostly focusing on the impacts that the construction traffic, noise and vibrations would have on nearby businesses, especially those that require a calm, noise-free ambience, such as legal and therapeutic activities. Business owners were also united in requesting that story poles be absent during the period of the Breeders' Cup events.

The DRB members reiterated many of the concerns and discussed possible additional mitigating measures, some of which would need to be operational procedures relating to construction and restaurant functions that would impose rules for vehicular travel within and around the site. One potential mitigation suggested was the creation of a loading zone on Camino Del Mar for supply delivery to the

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DMF'S DÉJEUNER SUR L'HERBE

Juliana Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

Powerhouse Park was in full bloom at the Del Mar Foundation's 2nd Annual Picnic at the Park, Sunday, October 8. The community enjoyed music from local bands, entertainment, games for children, a bike safety class as well as a chance to visit many Del Mar non-profit organization's kiosks including:

the Historical Society, the Friends of the Powerhouse, the Friends of the Library, the Garden Club, the Rose Society, the Sustainability Advisory Committee, the Lifeguards, CERT, Free Flight, the San Diego Bike Coalition, Del Mar Community Connections, and the Del Mar Foundation.

Jersey Mike's and Viewpoint Brewing Co. provided food and drink for purchase. Dessert, Del Mar's Lemon Cake, was free and plentiful, baked by able Del Mar Community Connections volunteers.

In case you didn't get your fill, here is the secret recipe for Del Mar's Famous Lemon Cake. ■

Del Mar's Famous Lemon Cake

1 pkg (3 oz) lemon Jell-O
1 pkg yellow cake mix with pudding
3/4 C water
4 eggs
3/4 C oil

Glaze:
2 lemons - juice and zest
1 C powdered sugar, sifted

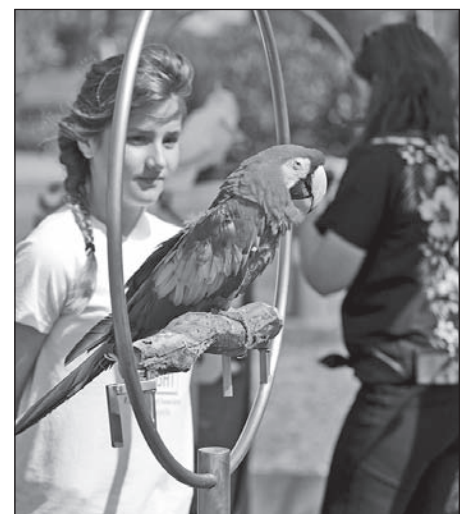
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all but Glaze ingredients together and pour into a greased and floured bundt or 9x13" pan. Bake for 35 minutes. While the cake is baking, grate the rind from the lemons and juice them. Mix the juice and zest with the powdered sugar. When cake is removed from the oven, pierce all over with a long-tined fork. Pour the lemon sugar glaze over the hot cake and try not to eat it until it cools. Yum.



Bike Coalition. Photo Julie Maxey-Allison.



Community Connections Kitchen Crew served Del Mar's Famous Lemon Cakes to famished picnickers. Photo Julie Maxey-Allison.



Free Flight Exotic Bird Sanctuary. Photo Bill Morris.



Viewpoint Brewing Co. sold drinks to the thirsty. Photo Bill Morris.



Del Mar Lifeguards. Photo Julie Maxey-Allison.

ARCING I-5

Dolores Davies | Crest Road

Anyone driving on I-5 recently, in the UC San Diego and La Jolla area, should have noticed the nearly impossible to miss new Gilman Drive bridge, arcing gracefully across I-5 and connecting the west and east portions of the UCSD campus.

This new bridge, which is expected to be completed in 2019, is just one of the many traffic and street enhancements planned for the UCSD campus and the University City area in preparation for the new 11-mile



Gilman Drive Bridge. Photo Art Olson

Trolley extension, which is expected to be operational in 2021. The trolley, known as the MTS Trolley Blue Line, will have three stations on campus and two more in the UTC area, including a Westfield UTC transit center, where riders can connect to NCTD's 101 Bus to reach Del Mar. The Trolley Blue Line, extending north along the I-5 corridor from the existing Old Town Station, will also make stops at Tecolote Road, Balboa Avenue, Clairemont Drive, and Nobel Drive stations.

Another major transit improvement effort underway in the University City area is the widening of the Genesee Avenue bridge, which will complement recently completed Genesee Avenue enhancements and improve local traffic circulation and freeway access. The existing six-lane Genesee Avenue overpass will be replaced with a ten-lane structure that is expected to accommodate current and future traffic demands. The project will also widen the freeway access ramp and add a dedicated path for bicyclists and pedestrians. An auxiliary lane on I-5 North will also be added between Genesee Avenue and Roselle Street.

The \$105-million Interstate 5/Genesee Avenue Interchange Project is being funded through a partnership between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Caltrans, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), the City of San Diego and UC San Diego. ■

DECISIVE DESIGN DUE

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applicable to every project, they will provide essential guidance to applicants about the distinctive character and identity you all value so much in Del Mar, and how best to design development projects that will reflect that."

RRM, said Martin, has been involved in producing Design Guidelines for a number of cities and other public and private entities throughout California.

"One of the things that makes Del Mar unique is the topography," said Martin. "This town has a lot of topography—sandstone formations, canyons, hills—which needs to be considered when building a home. The natural features here so define this paradise you all live in. We want to preserve those elements so there is a section of the Guidelines that focuses on how projects can best be sited to minimize development impacts."

Prior to the retention of RRM, the Ad Hoc Committee had already held numerous public meetings and workshops to get a better understanding of the key issues and problems that made the design review process seem subjective, opaque and difficult to navigate, for applicants as well as neighbors. The Committee was established in May 2015, and by January 2016, members had heard a voluminous amount of feedback from all stakeholder groups. The Committee catalogued this feedback in a 15-page document, which tracked dozens of comments and concerns relating to DRB practices, the Citizen Participation Program (CPP), the DRO and related ordinances, and zoning code issues.

In addition to working with RRM and City Planning staff on the draft Design Guidelines, the Ad Hoc Committee produced a Resident Handbook to explain and clarify Del Mar's design review process, and a Good Neighbor Guide to help applicants navigate the process successfully. The Committee also hopes to work with City staff in enhancing the Planning Department web presence by ensuring that the guidelines are accessible and user-friendly online. ■

BULLY'S POLE VAULTING

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new restaurant and other nearby businesses. Other DRB concerns were cited such as potential blockage of public views, outdoor lighting and use of the western garden area and pedestrian passage through to the alleyway from the restaurant. A suggestion was made for allowing some of the restaurant parking spaces for shared public use, but the potential impact of increased traffic in the alleyway countered the idea.

Because of the wrongly placed story poles, inability for complete deliberation dictated that the hearing be continued to the next DRB meeting on November 16. In the meantime, the Hillstone group could formulate additional responses to the concerns raised. To accommodate the request to defer setting new story poles until after the Breeder's Cup events, the DRB waived the rule that poles be placed at least 15 days prior to their next meeting. We will see if there are any more hurdles after the pole vault is accomplished. ■

OVERPASS OVERHAUL

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

City Council is asking Caltrans to attend a future Council meeting to answer questions about the proposed I-5/SR-56 Direct Connectors project that would alter access to and from I-5 via Del Mar Heights Rd and impact nearby residential communities.

The project would reconfigure the Del Mar Heights Road Bridge to make room for the four extra lanes needed for access to the direct connectors. Both Del Mar and Carmel Valley drivers would need to use a new "by-pass" lane along I-5 that would provide access to southbound I-5 at Carmel Valley Road. Reportedly there will be no access to the eastbound SR-56 direct connector from Del Mar Heights Road.

Del Mar Villas and Point Del Mar, two Del Mar Heights neighborhoods just west of the Carmel Valley Rd./I-5 interchange, have hired attorneys to challenge the project's eastbound flyover connector to SR-56 that rises to 107 feet above sea level at that location. And the Del Mar Union School District has submitted noise and pollution concerns to Caltrans after learning that access lanes would widen I-5 further west, toward the Elementary School's main building on Mango Drive.

The Torrey Pines Community Planning Board, representing Del Mar Heights in the City of San Diego, is also asserting that a number of the project's design details were not included in the 2012 Draft Environmental Report and have had insufficient community review. Finally, according to the Caltrans website the project is exempt from review by the California Coastal Commission because it is considered to be part of the I-5 North Coast Corridor widening project approved by the Commission in 2014.

The I-5 North Coast Corridor widening project is now in phase 2 of its implementation. Currently Caltrans is removing the I-5 hillsides in Encinitas in order to add more lanes. Phase 3 runs the two miles through Torrey Pines/Carmel Valley removing the hillside within its right-of-way and widening the bridge that crosses over the San Dieguito River. Phase 3 is expected to start by late 2020. However Caltrans Project Manager Arturo Jacobo told us that the I-5 widening project and the I-5/SR-56 Direct Connector →



Drivers traveling southbound on I-5 would exit via the SR-56 east ramp. Drivers exiting to Carmel Valley Road are on the right using the local bypass from Del Mar Heights Road.

Source: Interstate 5/State Route 56 Final Environmental Impact Report. Caltrans State Department of Transportation.

DEL MAR CONGRESS WATCH

Bud Emerson | Klish Way and Lee Haydu | Cofair Court

Del Mar is in the 49th Congressional District represented by Congress Member Darrell Issa. This Sandpiper column lets our readers know how our Representative is casting votes on our behalf. His record this year has been calculated as 98% in support of President Trump's agenda.

September

NOT VOTING - Hurricane Harvey disaster relief package

Yes - Raising debt limit/extending government funding/Hurricane Harvey relief

YES - Giving the government more power to deport and deny admission to immigrants suspected of being in gangs

YES - Making appropriations for various executive departments

YES - Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization and disaster relief

October

YES - Banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy

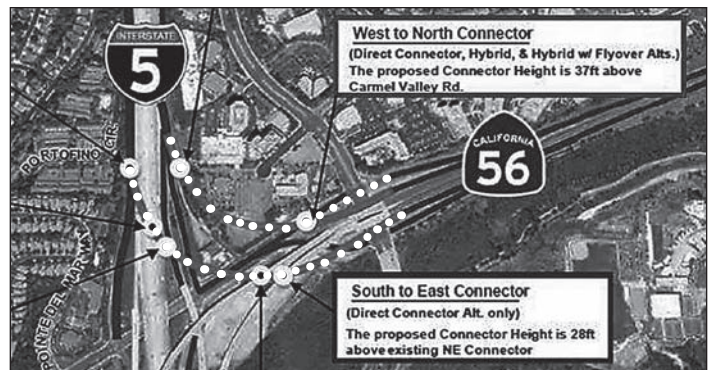
YES - Disaster relief for Puerto Rico and other areas

YES - Prohibiting Department of Justice settlements that require parties to donate money to outside groups

YES - Fiscal year 2018 budget resolution establishes the congressional budget for the federal government for FY2018 and sets forth budgetary levels for FY2019-FY2027. □

construction will be coordinated to avoid tearing up one project to begin another.

Dennis Ridz, chair of the Torrey Pines Community, said the Board does not oppose the direct connector proposed on the east side of I-5 supporting west to north traffic from SR-56 to I-5 or rebuilding the Del Mar Heights Bridge to handle the new One Paseo traffic. But the Board is supporting a less impactful alternative on the west side, advocating for an approach to an I-5/SR-56 south to east connector that does less harm to the adjacent residential neighborhoods. According to Jacobo several homes just west of the interchange will see the south to east Connector from their homes. □



Above ground ramps (white dotted lines) would connect westbound SR-56 to northbound I-5 and southbound I-5 to eastbound SR-56.

SUMMING UP

Tom McGreal | Finance Committee Chair

Note: The editors believe the city budget and other financial documents should be seen as the “drivetrain” of all of our city’s operations. This is part of a series by Tom McGreal to help readers understand the fundamentals of Del Mar’s financial system.

As previously reported, the two year Budget process for Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 that was concluded in June showed a trend of slow revenue growth and increasing levels of expenses. This resulted in the City Council’s decision to reduce the proposed 2018 Expenditure Budget by \$900,000. The Council subsequently increased the 2018 budget by \$200,000 in light of the improved 2017 results described below. (For simplicity all references to specific years means the Fiscal Year ended June 30 and all dollar numbers are rounded.)

The preliminary financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 show improvement when compared to the City’s last projections, which were provided in June (and served as the basis for the 2018 budget decisions). Revenues exceeded these latest projections by \$630,000 and Expenditures came in lower by \$293,000. The higher revenues were partly the result of higher Measure Q District Sales tax receipts of \$233,000, which go directly to a Designated Measure Q fund, but that still leaves net improved results totaling \$690,000. General Fund Reserves are also higher than projected. The City’s outside audit firm is now reviewing these results.

The Dashboard exhibit shows a comparison of results for 2015, 2016, 2017 and the new Budget for 2018. There are a few key comparisons that help tell the fiscal year 2017 story in comparison to the prior year and the new 2018 budget.

The General Fund Revenues for 2017 grew by 4% over 2016 when Measure Q receipts are excluded and grew by 7.5% with Measure Q included. At the same time General Fund Expenditures grew by 10.5% over 2016. While these preliminary results represent an improvement over the projected results, the expense growth was an important factor in the Council’s decision to limit the Expenditure Budget in 2018.

The latest 2018 budget shows that Expenditures are projected to grow by 4.3% from 2017 to 2018. Revenues are projected to be flat when Measure Q revenues are excluded but will grow by 8.9% with Measure Q revenues included.

2018 is also the first full year that the City Hall Debt Service in the amount of \$910,000 must be paid. The cash flow from operations (after the Debt Service) for 2018 of \$1.4 million shows that the City Hall annual debt service can be comfortably met with normal operational cash flows.

2018 will also be another important year for Capital Improvement Projects with Council’s recent decision to transfer an additional \$2.0 million from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement fund for additional projects. This results in a total transfer from the General Fund to the CIP Reserve of \$3.7 million for 2018. →

HENRY THE REFUGEE

Henry Abarbanel

Karen Lockwood | Crest Road

Henry Abarbanel, a UCSD physicist and resident on Crest Road, ran in 1992 for City Council. I offered to walk with him as we distributed flyers to front porches.

I mentioned that I didn’t recognize the origin of his last name. He told me it’s Spanish.

“Oh, do you speak Spanish?” He laughed. “No one in my family has for 500 years.” I asked him to explain.

His family is related to Don Isaac Abarbanel (1437-1508) who was the Minister of Finance for Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand. In 1492 the Jews were excluded by the Spanish monarchs as being expendable. Don Isaac Abarbanel is considered as one of greatest Jewish statesmen in history. Professor Abarbanel now refers to himself, jokingly, as being a refugee from Spain.

Ed note: Henry Abarbanel’s significant contributions to Del Mar and the region include service as a City Councilmember (1992-1996 and 2000-2008), Chair of the San Diego Metro Wastewater Commission (2005-2008), and Board Member, San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (2011-present).

City Of Del Mar General Fund Dashboard				
\$ Millions	6/30/15 Actual	6/30/16 Actual	6/30/17 Preliminary	6/30/18 Budget
Revenues	14.1	14.6	15.7	17.1
(Measure Q revenues)			.5	1.8
Revenues (without Q)	14.1	14.6	15.2	15.3
Expenditures	9.9	10.5	11.6	12.1
Transfers to Special Funds	.7	.7	.9	.9
City Hall Debt Service	-	-	.4	.9
Total Spending before CIP	10.6	11.2	12.9	13.9
Cash Flow from Operations	3.5	3.4	2.3	1.4
Transfers to Capital Improvement Fund	2.1	3.0	.9	3.8
Contingency Reserves	3.9	4.0	5.4	2.6
Measure Q Reserve			.5	2.3
Pension Reserve			.1	.5
Total GF Reserves	5.1	5.5	7.5	6.9
CIP Reserves	4.5	3.7	.9	.6

City of Del Mar General Fund Dashboard.

JAWS!

Juliana Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

Thrasher sharks were the compelling featured topic of Dr. Dan Cartamil's DMFTalk in October, but not all. He also spoke of "the quiet beauty of the region that is in danger of soon being overpopulated" with the intent of increasing the awareness of the "uniqueness and fragility of the landscape."

The sharks' habitat, the waters of the Pacific Coast Region of Baja California, is where Cartamil, an expert in shark biology, conducts research for the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He studies the sharks' life cycle and works to protect migrating sharks from overfishing. He spoke



Courtesy Dan Cartamil.

of the thrasher shark's start in life in a protected shallow nursery area, in Laguna Manuela. There, the young stay safe from larger predators until they grow to their full length—up to 20 feet—and venture into deeper waters. The Thrashers do migrate north into our local Southern California waters. He noted that they are not a threat to humans.

Advancing technology has provided new tools for understanding the movements of these sharks. Cartamil now tags fish with a device that detaches after 6 months and sends back

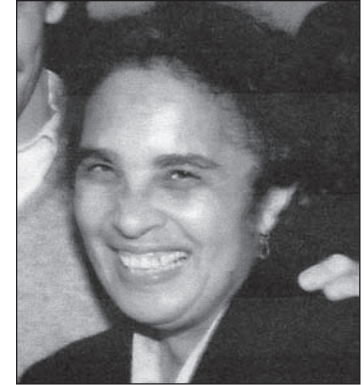
activity patterns via email!

Cartamil is also an adept photographer. He combined his talk with a visual account of the 44 local Baja California fisheries he has visited since 2004 as presented in his recently published book, *Baja's Wild Side*. He included photos of the geographically and topographically varied regions just across the border. He showed the pristine desert and stunning mountains that separate fishing villages, and the rough roads he had to traverse. The pictures of the fishermen in their coastline camps showed them living in humble tents or plywood structures. They were always happy to share their catch and the fish on the menu were "the best I have ever had," reported Cartamil. He acknowledged that he "and many marine biologists got into the field for the seafood."

Dr. Cartamil received his BS in Biology from SUNY Oneonta, an MS in Marine Biology from CSU Long Beach, and a Ph.D. in Marine Biology from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, where his doctoral research focused on the biology of top predators within the coastal ecosystem. He is also an active consultant on water sustainability and gave a previous DMFTalk focused on desalination opportunities as an answer to our area's need for water. ■

REMEMBERING LORRAINE

A founding member of DMCC, Lorraine Rouse died on September 28, 2017 in Princeton, NJ where she had moved when her two daughters became professors at Princeton University.



The Rouses lived in the City of Del Mar in the 1960s and '70s on upper 15th Street. Carl Rouse, her husband, predeceased her by several years. He held a Ph.D. in astrophysics from CalTech. Lorraine had three master's degrees. Their three children, Carolyn Rouse, Cici Rouse, and Forest Rouse, all have Ph.Ds.

UNKNOWN WALKER

A visit to Zel's in Del Mar



A downtown stroll to Camino del Mar and 13th brings the walker to Zel's, a well-established, successful dining spot and bar. The popular patio tables begin to fill up after 5pm in the spring and summer; there is indoor dining and bar seating as well. The seating areas

allow you to experience the great outdoors, adjacent to Camino Del Mar. The bar volume can become challenging when music is on tap but many are okay with that; dinner seating to the 13th Street side offers a noise buffer and is comfortable the year round. The outdoor patio to the west is enjoyed by many patrons.

On a late afternoon, friends and I started with wine and beer, many on tap, accompanied by several starters including flatbreads, calamari and mussels; all were delivered within a reasonable time and tasty. Many dining options are available, including an assortment of salads and burgers. The Lemongrass Caesar and Heirloom Tomato Burrata were good choices. The dinner menu includes Herb Crusted Seabass, Braised Short Rib and other items. The staff was friendly as usual. The food was appealing. Did I mention it can be loud in the bar, yet typically OK? In other areas, voices sink into the evening. Zel's has a good full-service bar that includes an excellent selection of wine; beer is available on tap and by the bottle. Prices are in the middle to higher range. Zel's is another gem that is walkable any time of the year! Happy hour starts at 3pm with Happy Hour food from 4pm. Reservations at 858.755.0076. Keep alert when crossing Camino Del Mar. ■

TOWN HALL ON TIME

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The Civic Center project is taking shape as exterior walls are finished, the standing seam metal roof is ready to be installed on the City Hall and Town Hall, and landscaping features are being completed. The building walls are a combination of ipe wood siding and stucco, and windows will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

The entire project is designed for low energy use (to meet CalGreen Tier 1 building standards), and some sustainable features are already evident. All landscape areas are plumbed with purple pipe for recycled water use. Both buildings and planting areas are heavily insulated with Geofoam around the foundation and the buildings have two layers of foam insulation under each roof.

Public amenities are taking shape with the ipe trellis over the Pacific View Terrace nearing completion. The project remains on time and on budget, and completion is anticipated next May or June. It will take some time for city staff to move from their temporary quarters and start adapting to their new space. An electrician was busy installing twelve (12!) adjacent switch boxes on the south wall of Town Hall that will control lighting, A/V equipment, partitions, security features, windows, and more. Some labeling may be necessary.

Recent comments on Nextdoor Olde Del Mar ask why retail space was not included in the project. The new City Hall is designed to meet the current administrative needs of city staff and is only slightly larger than the old city hall. Town Hall is designed to host council and committee meetings and community events. The site is zoned for municipal use, but there are three parcels on the property that could be rezoned for commercial use in the future. This project was designed and approved after extensive public input, and reflects the vision endorsed by the community.



The view of the north wall of City Hall looking west shows the ipe wood siding. Ipe is a dense, renewable wood that is extremely durable, and is being used in many exposed elements to withstand the impacts of the coastal environment.



The steel and ipe wood trellis under construction at the northwest corner of the plaza deck currently designated at the Pacific View Terrace. The final top layer of 2 x 4 ipe boards are laid out on the floor, and will mimic the organic structure of three threes when installed.



Construction workers installed two layers of foam insulation over the roof of the TV studio just south of the new Town Hall. Photos Don Mosier. □



Twelve switch boxes in a row along south wall of Town Hall.

DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Highlights for November 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 - Teens/Adults. Teen/Adult Activity. Wednesday, November 1, 15, & 29, 3:30pm.

DM Library - Teens/Adults. Ebook & Computer Help. Learn to download eBooks to your electronic device and/or learn computer skills. Registration necessary. 30 minute appointments available on various days.

DM Library - Teens/Adults. African-American Jockeys in Horse Racing History. With Ross Moore. Wednesday November 1, 1:30pm.

DM Library - Teens/Adults. Meditation Class. Wednesday, November 1, 8 & 29, 6pm.

DM Foundation - Bourbon, Bluegrass and the Breeders' Cup. Wed, Nov 1, 6-9 pm Barn at the Beach. Registration required. Event at capacity.

DM Library - Kids. Love on a Leash. Reading to dogs has been shown to improve a child's reading skills, confidence and self-esteem. Thursday, November 2 & 16, 4pm. (1st & 3rd Thursday of the month.)

DM Library - Teens/Adults. Affordable African Travel Discussion Group. Thursday, November 2, 6pm. (1st Thursday of the month.)

DM Library - Kids. Story Time. Friday, November 3, 10 & 17, 10 & 11am

DM Library - Kids. Kids Chess. All levels welcome. Supplies provided. Sunday, November 5, 12 & 19, 2:15pm

City Council Meeting - Note Early Start Time. November 6, 2017, 4:00 PM-9:00 PM @ City Council Chambers

Planning Commission. November 7, 2017, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

Public Meeting on Community Choice Energy. November 7, 2017, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM @ Powerhouse Community Center

DM Library - Teens/Adults. English Conversation Café. Practice your English speaking skills with others. Tuesdays in November 7 & 21, 4pm.

DM Community Connections - Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, November 7, noon to 1:30 pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

Parks and Recreation Committee. November 8, 2017, 4:45 PM-5:45 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Library - Teens/Adults. Art Instruction. With local artist, Sandra Dodd. All supplies provided. Wednesday, November 8, 3:30pm. (2nd Wednesday of the month.)

DM Community Connections - Movie Van. Tuesday, November 9, time TBD

DM Foundation - First Thursdays: Mark Lessman Quartet. Thu, Nov 9, 7-8:15pm Powerhouse. Open to subscription holders only!

DM Library - Teens/Adults. Local Author Talk. With Stu Schreiber. Thursday, November 9, 6pm.

DM Community Connections - Board of Directors Meeting. Saturday, November 11, 9am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St

DM Community Connections - Monday Explorers excursion to Marston House Museum and Gardens. Monday, November 13, 10am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Foundation - DMF Talks: Bill Toone. Mon, Nov 13, 6-8pm Powerhouse.

DM Community Connections - Healthy Aging Forum with Dr. Kalina - Topic: Gratitude, Emotions, and Health. Tuesday, November 14, 9:30 to 11:30am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

Design Review Board. November 15, 2017, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

San Dieguito Lagoon Committee. November 15, 2017, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Del Mar Library

Sustainability Advisory Board. November 16, 2017, 7:30 AM-9:30 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

City Council Meeting. November 20, 2017, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee. November 21, 2017, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Community Connections - Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, November 21, noon to 1:30 pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St

DM Historical Society - monthly meeting. Tuesday, June 21st at 5:00 pm in the conference room at 225 9th St. The public is welcome.

Business Support Advisory Committee. November 28, 2017, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

Finance Committee. November 28, 2017, 4:30 PM-6:15 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair

DM Community Connections - ROMEO Men's Lunch. Tuesday, November 28, Noon, Sbicca Bistro

Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley meeting. Monday, November 27, 7pm at the Council Chambers off Jiminy Durante

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DATED MATERIAL

THE GOOD SEED

Juliana Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

Pat Welsh, well known locally for her horticultural expertise, did not speak about plants at the DMCC Salon at the home of Howard Appel and Loreen Collins. Instead, she focused on her own exotic beginnings. Turns out that this Del Mar resident of 40 years is a transplant from England.

With her flair for the dramatic, Patricia Ruth Fisher-Smith Welsh talked about life at Hoyle Court, in Yorkshire, England— “like Downton Abbey, but smaller”— where she was born in 1929 to a well-to-do manufacturing family. She reminisced about “a time, place, and way of life that we will never see again,” describing the many rooms, many gardens, servants, even a zoo. Her first memory from babyhood was looking out from her buggy at beautiful Virginia Creeper growing up one of the garden walls. She attributes her lifelong pursuit of greenery and nature to this experience.

However, those early years of privilege were dampened by the Depression and the fact that her beautiful but peripatetic parents were always away. She and her brother John, raised by nurses, were often left to their own amusements and adventures. Luckily, they lived through the many daring escapades she narrated in scary detail. That era ended when her parents divorced. Various challenging changes followed, culminating in a move to America. Pat was 10 years old.

Once landed, there were moves and excursions around

New England and Florida before she was settled on a farm in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. After some years of hard work on the farm, she moved west, in 1945,

to Hollywood with a new stepfather who gardened. She helped, grounding herself through gardening. Fast forward: Pat attended Hollywood High School, Scripps College, met Louis M. Welsh, married him six weeks later and in time moved to Del Mar.

Pat's horticultural career started in 1970s. She has been a teacher, garden editor/columnist, television performer, public speaker, and artist, co-creating the mosaic wall fronting the library with Betsy Schulz. Her books include *Pat Welsh's Southern California Gardening* and *All My Edens: A Gardening Memoir*. Pat's awards: the San Diego Emmy, the San Diego Press Club Award, three Quill and Trowel Awards

from the Garden Writers of America, Horticulturist of the Year from the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society, the Lifetime Achievement Award from Quail Botanical Gardens, and Horticulturist of the Year 2003 from the San Diego Horticultural Society.

Gardening questions? www.patwelsh.com/ ■



Pat Welsh. Photo Juliana Maxey-Allison