

# SANDPIPER

## RUN, SWIM, PADDLE...

Glenn Warren | 27th Street

When Eric Sandy joined the City of Del Mar as a parking and animal enforcement officer in 1972 (working alongside lifeguards), the only requirements to become a lifeguard were filling out an application and passing a swimming test at the Torrey Pines Lodge. Nowadays, the process is a bit more rigorous. Applicants must pass a run, swim, run and paddleboard test, and then be interviewed. Chief lifeguard Jon Edelbrock says Del Mar is also looking for individuals with self-confidence and strong interpersonal skills, who can function well as part of a team.

Del Mar has 50 lifeguards: five permanent and forty-five part-time. Each May, Edelbrock and senior personnel conduct a training "academy" for new hires. Depending on need, there are 8-12 individuals selected from an applicant pool of 30-40. Not surprisingly, they generally come from a water-oriented background, e.g., surfing, swimming, and water polo. Most are from 16-20 years of age, although there may be 40-50 year-olds; the oldest this year is 36.

Training takes place on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in May. Trainees are taught tube and paddleboard rescue; how to watch the water; customer service, which includes dealing with the public, creating surf reports, and school presentations and learning relevant parts of the municipal code. As part of the program, Eric Sandy, who has experience in mediation and dispute resolution, runs a workshop on dealing with difficult people. He notes that for many of the younger people, working as a lifeguard will be their first experience in a position of authority. Jake Keville, who is 19 and began lifeguarding a year ago, observes that one of the most recurring issues in contact with the public is dogs on the beach. Dog owners are "passionate" about their dogs and tact is necessary when dealing with them (the owners, that is).

During the summer, trainees shadow an experienced lifeguard to learn the ropes. Afterwards, they're eligible to be hired as a regular lifeguard (the minimum age is 18).



from left: Eric Sandy and Jake Keville.  
Photo Glenn Warren.

According to Edelbrock, Del Mar is the only coastal city that conducts its own training. (Other cities draw lifeguards from regional training programs conducted by Miramar College.) This fosters teamwork and comradery from the beginning, and enables trainees to learn about beach issues unique to Del Mar.

Most Del Mar lifeguards work on a seasonal and/or part time basis for 5-6 years (mostly while going to school), although a number work much longer. For some, it can be a life-changing experience—an impetus perhaps to go into medicine or science. For all, it is an opportunity to work in a beautiful area, form lifelong friendships, and provide an important public service. On the flip side, Del Mar is fortunate to have a lifeguard program comprised of individuals whom

Eric Sandy, who still works as an enforcement officer, calls "consistently, absolutely stellar." ■



Lifeguard Training Class.  
Photo Mike Emerson.

## TRANSPORTATION TRANSITION

**M**ore cars clogging our roadways or more public transit? Hasan Ikhrata, the new SANDAG Executive Director, is leading the effort to modernize the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to achieve the state's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing more options for transportation in the San Diego County focused planning area. This makes him an outspoken proponent of more public transit. Although this view is supported by most of the SANDAG Board and particularly the heavy hitters (read weighted vote majority) of San Diego and Chula Vista, there has been pushback from the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors. They voted 3-2 to oppose the new RTP (Supervisors Gaspar, Desmond and Jacobs against; Supervisors Fletcher and Cox for). The opponents cited voter approval of the 0.5% Transnet sales tax extension in 2004 that promised funding for freeway expansion as if nothing had changed in the last 15 years.

The transportation plan is updated every 5 years, and the current discussion is focused on the proposed changes to the 2021 plan. The draft 2021 document proposes 5 new strategies to be implemented over the next 30 years.

These include: 1) complete corridors (also known as "smart streets") that accommodate bus, car, bicycle and pedestrian travel; 2) transit leap, high speed rail or bus options with frequent service intervals; 3) mobility hubs that connect where people live, work and play; 4) flexible fleets of new mobility modes consisting of shared electric vehicles with transition to autonomous operation as technology improves; 5) and a central operations system that will monitor and integrate transportation services to ensure safety, reliability and efficiency. This is a bold vision for the future that moves beyond the history of SANDAG prioritizing freeway widening (as in the current I-5 corridor project) over other transportation modes. The simple fact is that we need to change the way we travel to have any hope of combatting climate change driven by the use of petroleum-based fuels, and each year we delay makes the challenge exponentially more difficult.

Change in personal transportation options will help, but expensive regional transportation changes will be essential to meeting the challenge. The average gas-powered car emits more than 6 metric tons of carbon dioxide each year, and trucks emit much more. That is why we are in the midst of a transition to electric vehicles (EVs), with 18 different models currently available and 24 available next year. If you charge your EV battery with clean energy (e.g., residential solar panels), your carbon dioxide emissions drop to zero and you save the money you would have spent on gas and maintenance. At the regional level, we urge you to support the vision of the new draft RTP to invest in solutions to climate change. Future generations will look back on this time as a tipping point where we could have made wise decisions that preserved the way of life we currently enjoy, or to continue with business as usual and leave them limited options for adaptation and survival. The Board of Supervisors needs to understand this. We urge the city council to support the goals of the draft transportation plan and refute the lack of vision evident in the county supervisors vote.

*the Sandpiper Board* ■



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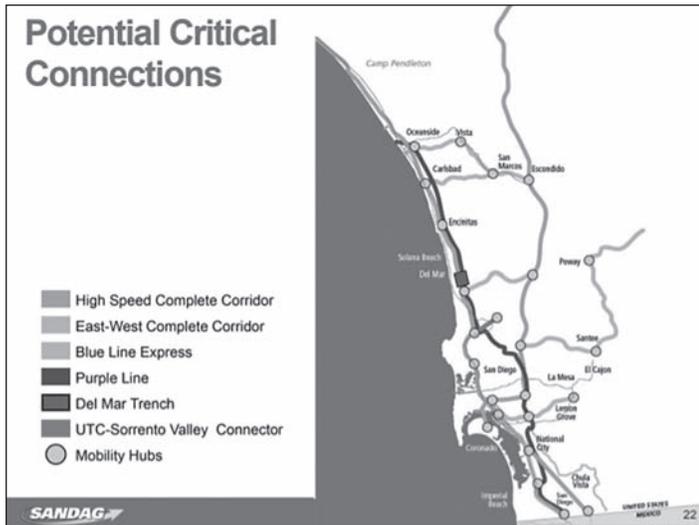
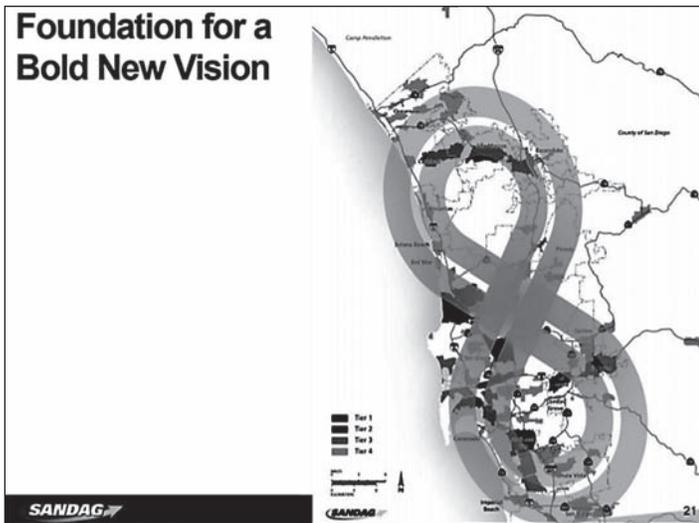
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# BOLD NEW VISION

Ellie Haviland | City Councilmember



The design for the 2021 regional transportation plan for San Diego County is underway. Under the leadership of the new executive Director, Hasan Ikhtrata, new and innovative ideas are at the forefront.

It has been widely reported that the focus of the new plan has been on transit vs. freeways, but that does not do the bold new vision justice. The transit options are meant to be a real alternative to the car, not the inconvenient system we have now that rarely goes where you are headed in a timely manner. The freeway system envisioned is smarter and adds capacity without having to add new lanes. Our local roads would also be upgraded to accommodate all users and to support new technology. Transportation Hubs will provide for smooth transitions between modes of travel and the entire system will be safer and more efficient. The graphics above from the April 26th SANDAG Board meeting show examples of how to connect where people live to where they work. →

# SUMMER PARKING LOT

Ellie Haviland | City Councilmember

The San Diego County Fair – it’s not just weird food, thrill rides, and live entertainment. It can also mean traffic headaches, or like last year, traffic nightmares. How do we keep what is fun about the fair without driving the surrounding communities crazy? Del Mar meets monthly with representatives from the fairgrounds, Solana Beach, Toni Atkins’s office and Todd Gloria’s office. These monthly Community Relations meetings, co-chaired by 22nd DAA Directors Lee Haydu and Don Mosier, allow us to provide input on the impacts of events at the fairgrounds. This past year we have engaged many other agencies such as CalTrans, the County Sheriff, and the San Diego Police Department to help us solve the traffic problems.

We have a long list of ideas we have been working to implement. This year the fairgrounds has an interactive map available on both its website and its app that shows real-time parking locations and availability. Visitors who have the app will know where to go and will not clog up the local roads going to a lot that is already full. CalTrans is providing more of the temporary freeway signs to direct visitors to open parking lots and get them off the freeway faster. Also, Del Mar will have more control over the stop light at Via de la Valle and Jimmy Durante Boulevard to make that critical intersection function better.

Work will continue to identify and implement solutions. We are working with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) to provide more off-site parking such as the Ted Williams/56 Park & Ride Lot. The fairgrounds is participating in the regional bikeshare program that starts in July. We will also continue to reach out to the City of San Diego to coordinate a better traffic management plan with the Surf Cup events that get bigger and bigger every year.

Some of our ideas never made it off the drawing board. North County Transit District (NCTD) brushed off the 2010 plans for a temporary platform near the fairgrounds for the Coaster. They presented a rework of this idea at the May Community Relations meeting, but the concept is still too costly and disruptive to the adjacent neighborhood to pursue.

The weekends are always the busiest, but also July 3rd and 4th will likely have big crowds. Please plan ahead and have a safe and fun summer! □

For Del Mar, the most impactful decision will be what to do with the rail line that goes through town and along the bluffs. Options include tunnels, trenching, double tracking the current location and more. SANDAG representatives will be coming to City Council on June 3rd to discuss the new Regional Plan, so be sure to watch to learn more about the proposed changes and how they will impact you. □



## SUMMER TWILIGHT CONCERTS

Sandra Hoyle | DMF President

Having recently read an article about the Del Mar Foundation's creation, I was fascinated to learn about the dedicated and visionary Del Mar men and women who had the foresight to encourage cultural activities for our community. These visionary individuals endeavored to establish a concert series in Seagrove Park and it is incredible to see the evolution of that vision into the Summer Twilight Concert series! "The concerts provide a great opportunity for friends and family to gather together, share a picnic and enjoy great music and a beautiful sunset over the Pacific," remarked DMF Board Member T. Pat Stubbs. His concert committee has prepared a fun 2019 lineup!

The Del Mar Foundation is pleased to present four concerts this summer:

**Tuesday, June 18th** – At 7pm: Sully and the Souljahs. At 6pm: The Zel's Opening Act Tomcat Courtney and Chickenbone Slim

**Tuesday, July 9th** - At 7pm: Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles. At 6pm: The Zel's Opening Act Chris Wilusz

**Tuesday, July 30th** - Back to the Garden: A Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock featuring Eve Selis and Mattie Mills. At 6pm: The Zel's Opening Act Boone & Kiel

**Tuesday, August 20th** - The Mighty Untouchables. At 6pm: The Zel's Opening Act Nate Donnis Trio

These concerts are possible through the generosity of our sponsors including our Title Sponsor, Zephyr Foundation. We are grateful to all of our other local sponsors, as well: the Bockoff Family Foundation; Del Mar Thoroughbred Club; Jake's Del Mar; LAZ Parking; Marrokal Construction; Poseidon on the Beach, and TD Ameritrade. Please make sure to visit [www.delmarfoundation.org](http://www.delmarfoundation.org) for specific Frequently Asked Questions about concert attendance. Like us on Facebook (@delmarfoundation), or follow us on Twitter (@delmarfound). We hope to see everyone at Powerhouse Park on June 18th!

## ROVING TEEN REPORTER

### Job Jitters

Eve Gross | Torrey Pines High School Senior

It's June, which means another school year is coming to a close. Advanced Placement tests have been administered, final projects are being rushed into completion, graduation caps are ready to be decorated. Summer is right on the horizon; beach days, vacations, or sitting inside playing video games for hours on end are all within reach. In the months leading up, many sophomores and juniors can be found searching for summer jobs and internships to offset those activities.

"I applied to a lot of internships, but because of some complications with getting recommendation letters in on time, I was not able to get the top one I wanted," said Esther, a junior at Torrey Pines High School. "But I did end up with one in the science field which I am pretty content with."

Vlada, also a TPHS junior, has had a different experience. After applying for a slew of paying jobs before last summer and receiving no bids, she is already in the search for the second time, with no success yet.

"I keep sending applications to people and at this point I know I'm not going to get anything," Vlada said. "It's just the way the internet works, I guess. I didn't think they would, but I was just hoping they would."

Vlada said that rather than searching for unpaid internships, she and her friends are more focused on paid employment so that they can earn money for themselves.

"I don't want to rely on my parents for money. If you rely on your parents for money, then they're going to keep harassing you and asking you why you're spending so much," Vlada said. "But if I have my income and my own car, it's kind of like living independently in a way and I can learn how to actually manage my own money."

Vlada and Esther agreed that the students that they know who are employed or are looking for work come from all types of socioeconomic backgrounds, and that many seem intrinsically motivated.

On the internship side, things are more competitive.

"People are very secretive about what they do," Esther said. "I have a couple friends who are doing lab internships or have jobs but they wouldn't tell anyone they were doing it until the admissions process was over and they actually had it because they were scared that other people would apply to the same things as them and steal their spot."

Esther added that a big part of securing top internships is having connections through siblings or parents, which leads to students like her being at a disadvantage. That aside, Choi did say that she was lucky to have gotten anything at all, as some of her friends were left empty handed. →

# BUDGET READY FOR APPROVAL

Tom McGreal | Chair, Finance Committee



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**T**he City Council reviewed an updated Budget proposal for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021 at the May 20th Council meeting. The updated Budget incorporated feedback from the Finance Committee and the Budget Workshops conducted over the past month. The final Budget is scheduled to be submitted to Council for approval in June.

Below are some highlights from the latest version of the proposed Budget:

- The City has a balanced budget and the Contingency Reserves are being increased to 21% for fiscal year 2020 and 22% for fiscal year 2021. This means the City will maintain unrestricted contingency reserves that represent 76 days and 80 days of expenditures respectively. The plan is to increase the contingency Reserves to 90 days over the next few years.
- The Budget will be in compliance with the Finnell Plan each year. The final changes are still in process but Operating Expenses are budgeted to grow at 1% for Fiscal year 2020 and just over 2% for fiscal year 2021. Revenues are budgeted to grow at 4.9% and 3.7 % for the two budget years. The only new source of Revenue will be an increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax from 12.5% to 13%, which was previously authorized by the voters.
- Capital Improvement Projects will total \$1.5 million in fiscal 2020 and \$1.4 million in fiscal 2021. Special Projects will total \$.8 million in fiscal 2020 and \$.5 million in fiscal year 2021.
- These Budget results, the Contingency Reserves and the Finnell Plan have been achieved without including the Measure Q Revenues, which are being separately reserved for Undergrounding, Downtown Streetscape, and Shores Park development.
- The Pension Reserve established by the City to ensure that we can meet our long-term Pension obligations will total \$3.6 million by the end of fiscal year 2021 (including the Water and Wastewater Pension Reserves).
- The City continues to work on the ten-year forecast as a planning tool for an environment of modest revenue increases and tight expense control.

This is a solid budget that maintains City services while controlling expenses, providing for a healthy level of project funding and building strong reserves. ■

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Even with an internship for Esther, and hopefully a job for Vlada, the two said that they look forward to relaxing and spending time with friends and family this summer, and that they are simply looking to add a bit of structure to their no longer school-and-homework-filled days. ■

## JUNE 2019

Ashley Simpkins, Assistant Program Director

### Using a Wheelchair but Need Wheels?

Did you know that DMCC has a dedicated wheelchair van ready to take you to medical appointments? If you live in Del Mar and use a wheelchair because of a temporary or permanent loss of mobility, our Foxy Flyer van and driver can offer you free transportation to your appointments. It's easy to apply and schedule – contact our office to find out if you qualify.

### Summer = Movies

The Movie Van is one of DMCC's popular summer programs, in which seniors enrolled in our transportation services get picked up at home and taken to see a matinee of a popular movie. In June, we'll see Late Night, starring Emma Thompson. If you'd like to get on the call list or suggest an upcoming movie, please call our office.

### Special Presentations

DMCC likes to keep Del Mar in the loop on the latest relevant medical and lifestyle information that seniors need! In the last 6 months alone, an expert panel shared with us how to get a better night's sleep, a professional patient advocate described how to better your own healthcare results using patient advocacy skills, an prominent member of the Hemlock Society told us how to plan end-of-life care, a photographer shared how to use your iPhone to take great photos, and an attorney helped us avoid pitfalls in estate planning. The best way to find out about upcoming programs is to join our email list – we look forward to seeing you at the next one!

### Farewell, Jo!

DMCC Program Director Jo Morgenthal has accepted a new position that is a great opportunity for her! DMCC will miss her energy and wishes to thank her for her three years of service to the seniors of Del Mar.

For more information... or to join our email list:

Please visit our website at [dmcc.cc](http://dmcc.cc), or contact the DMCC office at (858) 792-7565 or [dmcc@dmcc.cc](mailto:dmcc@dmcc.cc).

# SANDS OF TIME

Dwight Worden | Seaview Avenue

After extended community discussion and debate, Del Mar adopted a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan that relies on sand replenishment, river dredging, and if needed, a living levee along the river to reduce flooding risk—not just to beach front properties, but to the low lying properties between the beach and the railroad line as well. That Plan is pending at the Coastal Commission, expected to be reviewed this fall. Let’s look at the sand replenishment portion of this strategy.

A wide sandy beach is not only essential if Del Mar is to maintain its great recreational beach and tourist-based economy in the face of rising sea levels, but is also the best way to protect homes and public infrastructure (street ends, Powerhouse Park, sewer lines, etc.) as we face sea level rise. This is why sand replenishment is a key aspect of our city’s Adaptation Plan.

**How much sand do we need?** SANDAG, Scripps, and others have been tracking our beach width since at least the late 1990s. A 2009 analysis made some early predictions, and part of Del Mar’s efforts is a more recent sediment study. From this information, given our best estimates of likely sea level rise, and assuming periodic major storms that wipe out the beach, a rough estimate can be made of how much sand we will need to keep even with sea level rise.

**Where will we get it?** The considerable amount of sand in the San Dieguito River back to the Jimmy Durante Bridge could be one source of sand for our beach. While SCE periodically dredges the river mouth to keep it open as required by its Coastal Permit for the lagoon restoration, SCE does not dredge farther up the river. With the right permits and some funds, Del Mar can join with future SCE dredging projects to move more sand from the river to the beach. This will build our beach and increase the capacity of the river to carry flood waters.

Another source is “opportunistic” sand—sand from construction projects and the like. A key City Council priority is obtaining a SCoup permit (Sand Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program) so we can acquire this sand as available. Our SCoup permit must be approved by the resource agencies (Fish and Wildlife, etc.) and the Coastal Commission.

A factor to keep in mind, however, is that the whole sand system is complex and dynamic covering the littoral cell between Dana Point and La Jolla.

The upside of this dynamic system: we benefit from sand placed on the beaches of Solana Beach, Encinitas and points north as it travels south. The downside: we lose sand that travels south. Some of this travelling sand gets trapped in the mouth of the San Dieguito and Los Penasquitos Lagoons, requiring dredging and maintenance. Some →

# BARNOUW CHALLENGE

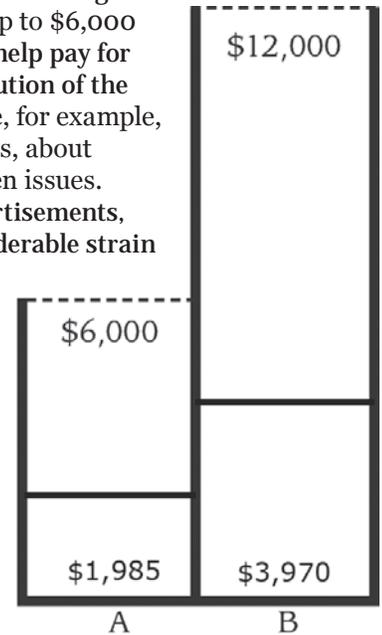
\$6,000 GOAL = \$12,000

- A. New money donated so far: \$1,985
- B. Combined total so far: \$3,970

Two years ago one of our own Sandpiper editors, Jeff Barnouw, offered us a matching grant for “new” money of up to \$6,000 per year for three years to help pay for the production and distribution of the Sandpiper. A 16-page issue, for example, costs about \$3,000 – that is, about \$30,000 per year for our ten issues. Since we don’t accept advertisements, these costs can put a considerable strain on our purse strings.

This year, for a third time, Jeff will match “new” money from from new donors in any amount, or from existing donors who contribute more than they did in 2016.

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sand gets pulled offshore, and sand is eventually lost to the off shore La Jolla trench to the south of us.

Depositing sand just on the Del Mar beach is not likely to work well since it is likely to be carried away unless our neighbors are engaged in the process with us. SANDAG has already undertaken two regional beach sand replenishment projects (2001, 2012) and, with Del Mar’s support, is beginning work on a third regional program. For Del Mar the way to go is participation in these Regional Beach Sand Replenishment projects.

**How much will it cost?** The cost of a successful regional program is in the millions, with Del Mar paying its fair share. With SANDAG in the lead we would look for federal and state grant funds. Grant requests that include local matching funds show “skin in the game” and compete better than those that ask for 100% funding.

Our best approach is to get our SCoup permit, pick up sand where and when we can, and work with SANDAG to implement regional sand replenishment projects.

To learn more about this complex subject visit the City’s webpage on Sea Level Rise: <https://www.delmar.ca.us/498/Sea-Level-Rise-Local-Coastal-Program-Ame> □

# SHORES REVIVES

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

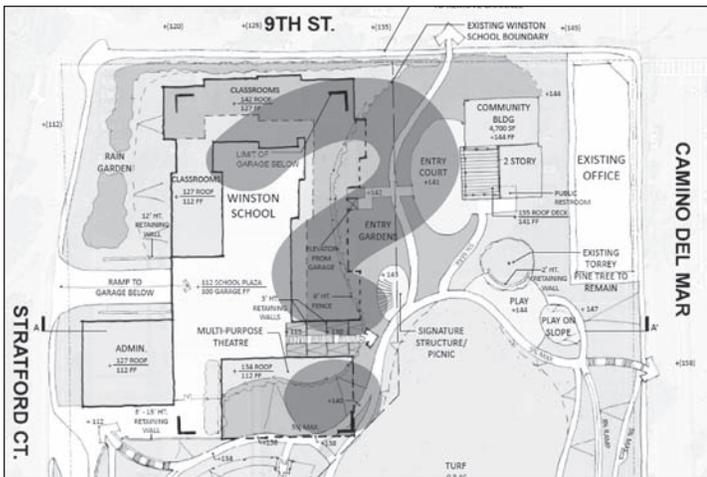


Photo illustration Art Olson.

After more than a year's hiatus, the Shores (Park Planning) Advisory Committee got back together on May 8 to work within a reduced landscape, one without the 1.8 acres City property leased by Winston School through 2053. The first order of business, requested by park consultants Schmidt Design, hired in 2015 to provide a plan for the park, was to get input on parking requirements for the smaller footprint. The 3.5 acre smaller L-shaped footprint includes the Community Center, the athletic field with specified hours for dogs, and the parking lot off Stratford.

The Committee took the reduced footprint news with apparent equanimity given their enthusiastic support for the collaborative plans with Winston they had approved for costing out in 2017. At the time the Committee had emphasized the benefit of additional open space by planning jointly for both properties.

But the School broke off from the collaborative plans that included all of the 5.3 acres at Stratford and 9th in April 2018. City staff explained that after a green light was given for the collaborative designs, Winston initiated discussions about their lease with the City, and eventually applied for the Citizen Participation Program to develop the 1.8 acres, separately. Dena Harris, head of Winston, clarified when asked about their long term commitment, "We are not leaving."

The School held its second informal meeting with neighbors on May 23 with a commitment, according to Winston staff, to meet the December 2019 deadline in their lease for submitting plans to upgrade the facility and occupy by end of 2027. In 2007 Winston raised \$3 million toward the City's purchase of the property as prepaid rent that will last until May 2023.

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# NUKE GOUGING

Risk Needs Proactive Oversight

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The thin-walled stainless-steel canisters used to store spent nuclear fuel at San Onofre have been a concern since they were chosen instead of the much thicker canisters used in Europe. Previous articles have highlighted the difficulty in transporting these canisters from the cooling pools to the vertical storage system which resulted in the near-drop disaster last August. Another problem has emerged that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is investigating. The vertical receptacle ("overpack": concrete and neutron-absorbing components) into which the loaded canister is lowered has guide rings or channels that orient the canister. The accident in August involved the canister getting stuck on the guide rings. Even if the canister is properly lowered, contact with the guide rings or channels results in gouging of the canister outer walls. Here are the details from the NRC safety analysis:

"A single, base Holtec HI-STORM overpack design is provided which is capable of storing each type of multi-purpose canister. The overpack inner cavity is sized to accommodate the canisters. The inner diameter of the overpack inner shell is 73-1/2 inches and the height of the cavity is 191-1/2 inches. The overpack inner shell is provided with channels distributed around the inner cavity to present an inside diameter of 69-1/2 inches. The carbon steel channels are intended to offer a flexible medium to absorb some of the impact during a non-mechanistic tip-over, while still allowing the cooling air flow through the ventilated overpack." (source: NRC HI-STORM 100 Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) – ML16138A100).

The outer canister diameter is 68-3/8 inches, leaving only 9/16-inch clearance around the canister. This narrow clearance results in gouging of the 1/2-inch thick stainless-steel canisters as they are lowered into the overpack receptacle.

The NRC approved use of these thin-walled canisters despite knowing that they were subject to damage during loading, although it states it may have acted differently if it had known the extent of the gouging problem. Although we hoped that the current investigation would result in a moratorium on any new nuclear fuel transfer until thicker canisters and foolproof loading procedures can be adopted, we were once again disappointed. Unfortunately, the NRC ignored these concerns and decided on May 21st to allow canister storage to resume. The announcement came with no details about why the procedure was determined to be "safe." NRC oversight, such as it is, tends to be reactive rather than proactive. Reaction after a major accident will be too late for 8 million residents of Southern California. ▣

## COMMENTARY

Who?

Sometimes history comes close to repeating itself, especially so here in Del Mar. Back in the '80s there was an anonymous anti-Del Mar newsletter that began appearing in our mailboxes. No authors were cited. Sources of financial support were not cited. Opinions were stated as facts. Facts about city actions were misrepresented or skewed in a negative direction. City leaders were attacked. Hurtful personal attacks were frequent. Their mantra, directed at the City Council, was "you are not listening to the people," conveniently ignoring majority voter support at election time.

There was rampant speculation about who was behind the paper and what their true motives were, and whether there were outside interests involved. It created an ugly atmosphere of hateful behavior undermining civil discourse, increasing distrust among neighbors, and denigrating Del Mar's image in the region. Many newcomers were misled into believing that the city was not to be trusted. Because the authors refused to identify themselves, they exercised little restraint in their attacks, and it was not possible to hold them accountable.

It was in this caustic environment that the Sandpiper was born. A number of active members of the community, frustrated by the hatefulness of this anonymous paper, decided to create a vehicle for a more balanced representation of what was going on in the city and what leaders and citizen groups were trying to accomplish. The intent was not to directly counter-attack but to focus on our Community Plan, its vision and its values, and the constructive processes for achieving community consensus. All writers would be identified and the norms of civil civic discourse would be observed. Differing points of view would be covered within the bounds of rational, factual, and respectful deliberation. It would be an all volunteer undertaking with sources of financial support for printing and mailing that would be transparent. The offending paper eventually failed and twenty years later, the Sandpiper continues, striving to achieve those standards laid out by the original founders.

What we are now witnessing in town is another anonymous publication, the Woodpecker, which is employing some of the same tactics we found offensive decades ago. We worry that the relentless negativity and questionable facts will undermine trust in Del Mar institutions and leaders and degrade our civic discourse. Unscientific "push poll" results and a steady barrage of complaints against the city seem to be intended to represent a so-called "silent majority" which has been clearly rejected by voters in official election results. Certainly, differing points of view deserve to →

## SIX FEET UNDER

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Risk Map for Del Mar was reviewed at a sparsely attended public meeting on May 15th. The existing base flood elevation for protection against a 100-year flood is 10 feet. This means that new homes built in the flood zones must have habitable rooms built 10 feet above grade. The new base flood elevation will be increased to 16 feet when the new FEMA map goes into effect, projected to be December 20, 2019.

Much of the meeting was devoted to flood insurance requirements for properties in the flood risk zone. The advice was to secure flood insurance before the new map goes into effect, to secure certain grandfather rights with respect to property ratings. FEMA provides a maximum of \$250,000 coverage for private residence structures (a bit more for contents), but Del Mar property values dictate higher coverage, which can be secured on the private market, based on rebuilding costs.

There were several questions about seawall heights given the 6-foot increase in base flood elevation. Seawalls would generally need to be at least 16 feet tall to prevent wave overtopping, but rock revetment might reduce the height. Many Del Mar seawalls were not shown on the new map, because they do not meet FEMA protection criteria or are predicted to be overtopped in a 100-year storm.

There was a review of procedures to amend or revise the FEMA map for individual properties. Homeowners can submit a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) with a survey to document that the lowest adjacent grade to their property is above the 16-foot base flood elevation. For existing seawalls not shown on the map where the owners can document compliance with FEMA standards, they can submit technical information (with a fee) to request a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) that will certify their wall and potentially reduce their insurance costs. More information is available on the City of Del Mar and FEMA websites. ■

*See video of the May 15th FEMA meeting on the Sandpiper website.*

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be heard and respectfully considered. But the authors need to have the courage to publish their names and sources of financial support so they can be accountable to the community, and citizens have the opportunity to interact with them and their ideas.

If we are all fair and above board, the entire community benefits.

*the Sandpiper Board* ■

# SKIN SAFE

Valerie Dufort-Roy | Klish Way

As many of you, I enjoy the softer sun bathing Del Mar on most days. However, since I became a Mom, 8 years ago, my awareness to the potential damage from the sun increased. Yes, there is such a thing as Pediatric Skin Cancer. In fact, most skin cancers would result directly from exposure to ultraviolet, UV rays, present in sunlight (Cancer.org).

There are a few types of UVs. The more damaging type is called UVB, and causes sunburns, hence, is to be blamed for DNA changes resulting in skin cancers (cancer.org). The more benign UVA generates wrinkles and aging of the skin. The UV level varies from season to season, from day to day, and from hour to hour. The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) UV chart ranges of 0 (low danger) to 11 (extreme risk of harm to unprotected skin and eyes). As a rule of thumb, the San Diego UV during 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is low in December and January, climbs to high (6-7) by April, and ramps up to an extreme (10-11) from May through September.

While thick clouds can block most of the UV radiation, thin or broken clouds will allow all the rays to reach your child's sensitive skin! Check on your weather channel for daily index or download the EPA SunWise UV Index app!

As a parent, I have explored a number of sun-safe ideas for my family. Here are my findings:

• **Protective clothing & timing:** wide-brimmed hat covering neck and ears is a fantastic investment for your child (and you too!). My daughter has been wearing her adjustable "Sunday Afternoons" hat for years! In addition to wearing a good hat, dress smart! Dense fabric →

clothing that will not absorb the damageable rays is key. The brand "Coolibar" has great options for the entire family. How about long-sleeves and knee length swimming suit for your little one? In addition, consider hitting the beach before the tourists! Easy parking, sparse crowd, and low UVs!



Cartoon John Dempsey 2001.

• **Safe sunscreen:** The Environmental Working Group (EWG) annually lists the safest sunscreen for your family and you. A couple of well-rated finds at our local pharmacy are the "thinkbaby" SPF 50+ as well as the "babyganics" mineral sunscreen stick SPF50+. ps: Don't be fooled by their name, they work on adults too...

• **Sunglasses:** Besides being an incredible fashion statement, sunglasses offer significant protection to your child's eyes, against cataracts and macular degeneration (skincancer.org). A few features to appreciate are 99% UVA/UVB protection, impact resistant, polarized, and wrap around. We had good luck with the brand "Real Shades," and found other great choices at REI, below \$30.

• **Spreading the word!** Are the students reminded to wear hats and sunscreen at your child's school? Is there sufficient shade available on the playground to play when UV is at peak? Is your child's teacher well informed on the topic? The EPA offers a panoply of educative material for schools, through their SunWise Program. It is estimated that since its inception, over 15 years ago, the SunWise program has prevented thousands of cases of skin cancer. Food for thought...

With a saddening estimation that 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, let's start early to establish good sun-safe habits. Who is in? ■

*This article is intended to provide practical tips on sun protection, and not medical advice.*

## FROM SHORES REVIVES page 7

On the parking question the Shores Advisory Committee reached a general consensus that there should be a balance between "less (parking) is more (park)" and the transportation needs of seniors visiting the Community Center. Committee member Sissy Alsbrook added that it was also important to think ahead to the increased use by seniors of ride sharing services such as Uber/Lyft or, as Nate McCay added, DMCC shuttles that help reduce need for parking spaces. All agreed that the Park →

plan should emphasize a community, NOT a regional, destination.

Staff expects to take its assessment of the parking requirements to City Council in June, moving toward two concept plans by Schmidt to be reviewed by the Committee in early fall. Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane emphasized that community input collected at the beginning of the Shores Park planning process in 2015-16 will be used. ■

# HONOR OUR HISTORY

Nancy Fisher | 24th Street

Ok, so you placed bets at the track with Jimmy Durante, walked the beach with Desi Arnaz, and know every incarnation of La Tienda to En Fuego, and the Catholic Church to the Del Mar Library. You remember when we had a market, a drug store, a liquor store, and a gas station on Camino del Mar, all (gasp!) at the same time. When you think of “the” Plaza, Zel’s Liquor comes to mind, and the Poseidon will always be the Fire Pit to you.

Guess what? You can still learn a lot from the Del Mar Historical Society, founded by Harold (Swede) Throneson in 1985, and faithfully maintained by current president Larry Brooks and many dedicated volunteers.

Along with memories that precede even those of our distinguished senior residents, the DMHS has kept up with the times, collecting photos, documents, and artifacts from all decades, so if you’re a newcomer of, say - thirty or forty years - you too can wax nostalgic at a very special display at the San Diego County Fair now running in Del Mar through July 4th.

The Alvarado House, Del Mar’s first residence, which is temporarily located in the Garden Section of the fairgrounds, will again be open to the public, along with a display of the original signs and backstories from the Del Mar Airport (did you know there was one?), Kirby’s (vacuum cleaner store or restaurant known for gigantic popovers?), Esmeralda (books and coffee!), and their most recent gift, the Ocean Song/ Musica del Mar sign created by Del Mar tile artist Susan Beere, which hung over Virginia Igonda’s eclectic shop during the 80s and 90s.

For more information: [info@delmarhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@delmarhistoricalsociety.org) ■



Esmeralda mugs. Photo Nancy Fisher.



Larry Brooks & John Pfleeger.  
Courtesy DMHS.



Kirby's sign. Courtesy DMHS.



Ocean Song sign. Photo Mike Salt.

## IOT PART II: LIVING SPACES

Sudepto Roy | Klish Way

Earlier in May, during my lunch break, I chanced upon a unique event at our fairgrounds –The Del Mar Electronic and Manufacturing show. Practically all one would need to build IOT (internet of things) products were on display, ranging from chip-modules, embedded software, manufacturing tools, test equipment, housings, cables, 3D printers, you name it! It was thrilling to see a veritable nerd's farmers market of local electronics and manufacturing providers. Who says we've forgotten how to make electronics in our country? Let's take a look at the impact this industry is having, in this second installment of a three-part series on the IOT. We will talk about IOT devices that reside in spaces where we live, travel, and work, such as smart homes, smart buildings, and smart cars.

One can think of an IOT product as a connected electronic device that is purpose-built to accomplish specific tasks, while saving energy and keeping connections and data secure. At our homes, for safety, we can have a variety of wireless motion sensors that alert us to outdoor and indoor activity. Examples are internet connected motion-detector lights that also trigger solar-powered cameras that in turn, can detect and interpret images (e.g., human activity vs. trees swaying), door and window alarm sensors that can be monitored and activated over the internet, remotely controllable door locks, connected video door bells, and such.

The list of other safety and energy-saving devices is growing. Thermostats can adjust to outdoor temperature readings or automatically participate in energy use-reduction campaigns that reduce the risk of brown-outs. Out or indoors, there are connected LED lights that automatically dim in absence of activity, smoke and fire detectors that send out specialized alarms, smart plugs that make unconnected devices controllable (e.g., turning on lamps at random, when no one is at home), or smart WiFi routers that automatically detect and block external intrusions thereby keeping your WiFi connected computers and phones safe. Of particular interest are smart appliances, including fridges with internal cameras that allow you to determine if you're really out of milk, ovens that adjust cooking conditions to internet-accessed recipes, and dishwashers that can be programmed to adjust to SDGE's new Time-of-Use metering (e.g., starting the loaded dishwasher outside of 4-9pm).

Increasingly, homes and commercial buildings (e.g. offices, hospitals, airports) in our country use sophisticated smart meters that monitor electricity, water and gas usage (including the ability to shut off during hazardous conditions and restore service, when safe), automated and connected irrigation sprinklers that adjust to rain forecast and specific landscape needs, activity-based lighting, intelligent entry (e.g. based on image or fingerprint recognition), robots that tirelessly clean, →

## LIGHT UP THE TOWN

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

With new lights and completed crosswalks in place, median work from 15th to 9th streets including installation of irrigation and electrical service is underway along Camino del Mar along with the replacement of decayed metal storm drains. The drain replacement at 10th and 11th will continue this month with work focused on either Monday or Tuesday when the Fair, which runs through July 4th, isn't open. Landscape planting is on deck for later this summer. To receive weekly progress reports and photos go to the Notify Me link on the City's homepage [www.delmar.ca.us](http://www.delmar.ca.us). Downtown Streetscape is one of three projects funded by Prop Q monies in addition to Undergrounding and Shores Park. □



*Workers install the first of 56 streetlights planned for the Downtown Streetscape Project. Source: City website.*

etc. Meanwhile, as cars and public transport become increasingly autonomous, vehicles are incorporating the best ideas from the smartphone industry, providing better in-car connectivity, better environmental information such as advance warning of traffic slowdowns and nearby errant drivers, better entertainment options for the non-driving passengers, safety options for the driver (such as automatic drowsiness detection), better navigation and directions for the driver, and soon, wireless charging for the EV battery – in other words, more IOT devices inside our vehicles!

As our country's 128 million homes, 6 million commercial buildings, and 280 million vehicles have all become increasingly connected, the IOT of living spaces has truly moved from the realm of gadgetry to indispensability. □

# OCEAN FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

Ashley Mazanec | Sustainability Advisory Board

There's a special kind of Millennial that googles sustainable palm oil at the grocery store while making important life or death decisions about dinner. She listens to more podcasts while catching a Lyft than your average Alberto and inserts the word "conscious" before words like consumerism for the empowerment of curious eavesdroppers. This special brand of Millennial is here in North County — maybe even living in your basement after moving back home a third time, trying out a vegetarian lifestyle.

Until now, they (please appreciate my gender-neutral pronoun) have not been particularly excited about eating in Del Mar proper. There once was nowhere that met their super-eco, local, zero waste, regenerative, grass-fed needs. That is, until the latest plastic straw ban was relished by Surfrider Foundation, policy writers, and social-media lifestylers alike. Now Del Mar, which recently followed in the footsteps of other San Diego municipalities like Encinitas, is suddenly swimming in the ethical dining waters.

New ordinances that ban polystyrene and plastic straws and stirrers at full-service restaurants go into effect June 3 and October 4, 2019, in the hopes of slowing plastic



Ashley Mazanec (right) author of this piece (herself a Millennial) stops at Beeside Balcony to spread the word about Ocean Friendly Restaurants with server Katie Varga (left).

Photo Adam Kaye.

pollution. Customers that request a straw may have other options ranging from edible pasta straws to "compostable" or "biodegradable" varieties, depending on the restaurant. The ordinances represent a wave of West Coast foodie trendsetters like Portland and San Francisco toward eco-friendly dining -- now hubs for not only the beyond-organic movement, but for zero waste and composting.

More research is still needed to investigate the breakdown of some alternatives like bioplastics, which many argue cause confusion when they are placed in recycling. Given the hullabaloo over China's rejection of US plastics, ocean lovers are especially eager to support restaurants and companies making steps to curb modernity's addiction to plastic.

According to Surfrider, "Researchers estimate there →

## FREE COMPOSTING CLASS

Want to learn how you can improve the quality of your soil, and reduce waste and air pollution while saving energy, money, and water? Learn how to compost in your own back yard! The Solana Center for Environmental Innovation is offering a free composting class

on Saturday June 22 from 9:00-11:00 AM  
in the Civic Center plaza.

Registration is required for the free composting workshop. For info about how to register:

[compost@solanacenter.org](mailto:compost@solanacenter.org)

are now over 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic in the ocean with the number continuing to grow every day. This pollution is impacting our marine ecosystems, wildlife such as seabirds, dolphins, fish, and turtles, and plastic fragments are even displacing plankton at the base of the food chain." Surfrider's Ocean Friendly Restaurants (OFR) program requires that a minimum of seven requirements are met in exchange for visibility and resources for certified restaurants.

### **Restaurants participating must follow the first five criteria:**

- No expanded polystyrene use (aka Styrofoam);
- Proper recycling practices are followed;
- Only reusable tableware is used for onsite dining, and disposable utensils for takeout food are provided only upon request;
- No plastic bags offered for takeout or to-go orders;
- Straws are provided only upon request.

### **And choose a minimum of two of these criteria:**

- No beverages sold in plastic bottles ;
- Discount is offered for customers with reusable cup, mug, bag, etc.;
- Vegetarian/vegan food options are offered on a regular basis;
- All seafood must be a 'Best Choice' or 'Good Alternative' as defined by Seafood Watch or certified as sustainable;
- Water conservation efforts, such as low-flow faucets and toilets, are implemented;
- Energy efficiency efforts such as LED lighting and Energy Star appliances, are in place

But there is more for our food-fussy Millennial friends to rejoice in. Surfrider is adding resources for its OFRs to purchase fish and other seafood items sustainably, as the news spreads about the overwhelming impact agricultural choices have on humans' quality of life, biodiversity, climate, and future generations. Now Surfrider's OFR locator joins the likes of apps like Seafood Watch, Better World Shopper, and The Good Guide that have long helped consumers minimize their social and environmental footprint. And now OFR map has Del Mar's Sbicca and L'Auberge attracting a line of Millennial foodies to the area. Now all we need are recyclable and biodegradable surfboards for the next uber-green tsunami. Oh wait, Firewire is working on that. ■

# THANKS, JO!

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

## IN BRIEF



Jo and Midge. Photo Jeff Barnouw.

Her friends and fans at DMCC, volunteers and beneficiaries alike, have to say goodbye to Jo Morgenthal. After three fine years as Program Director, she has accepted a new job as Director of Youth Engagement at Congregation Beth Am, the Conservative Synagogue on Del Mar Heights Road. It's on your left as

you drive to Trader Joe's.

She'll go on living in Little Italy, which must remind her of the Greenwich Village she grew up in. Her commute will stay the same in distance, but the hours will be better since she'll be working with kids K-to-12, mainly afternoons and weekends. She will be returning to her first passion as a professional, working with children. She came to DMCC after many years as a Camp Director in New York City and New Jersey.

Her B.S. in Applied Social Sciences from SUNY-Binghamton prepared her as an educator who now will be working with about 400 kids of all ages, but she's particularly looking forward to the leadership development program United Synagogue Youth, in which teens practice democracy.

She had been in San Diego before, as supervisor at the YMCA 2008-10 and Director of an overnight camp 2006-08, and was already planning to come back when the job with DMCC opened up. So it was a happy coincidence for her and for all those who have benefitted from her presence here. She says she has been very happy to be part of such a program and group of people, where volunteering and helping others is so strong a shared impulse, and where those helped are so appreciative.

DMCC President Terry Kopanski spoke for us all, "We're a close-knit group and losing Jo is like losing a part of the family. During her three years as Program Director Jo brought a lot of energy, enthusiasm and leadership to our organization and a great deal of warmth and understanding to our Del Mar seniors. Jo will be missed by all of us at DMCC."

Her last day on the job is June 7. We'll give her a good sendoff. ■

### Guns Going

The state bill to ban sales of guns and ammunition at the Del Mar Fairgrounds is still under consideration in the legislature. It has a good chance of approval and signing by the Governor before the end of the session this summer.

### On the Road

The North County Coastal Bike Share Pilot Program, approved by the City Council for a year-long term, is coming to Del Mar, joining neighboring cities Encinitas, Carlsbad, Oceanside and possibly Solana Beach.

Gotcha Ride, LLC will operate the program offering up to 75 rentable three-speed, "Electric-assist" bikes painted a bright teal. The technology-savvy bikes will have designated hubs where bikes can be picked up and returned. The goal is to place as many as 12 bike hubs around town with some on the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Gotcha will be responsible for round-the-clock support to keep the streets clutter free.

### A Half % for Housing

The City Council gave direction for the final budget preparation to implement the remaining .5% voter approved TOT (hotel tax) and earmark the revenue to add to the city's housing fund. This signals a strong Council commitment to put serious money in play to help implement portions of the "5 in 22" strategy recommended by housing consultants. For decades the dwindling housing fund has been used to fund the rental assistance program for five to eight families. The hotel tax, paid by visitors, is estimated to yield about \$125,000 per year.

### We've Got Water

The City Council held required public hearings and gave preliminary approval to proposed water and sewer rate increases; action on the clean water rate increase was deferred due to a ratepayer challenge.

### Free Energy?

The City of Del Mar has received an Emerging Cities Grant from San Diego Gas & Electric Company to distribute energy savings information, perform a limited number of in-home energy audits, and assist in applying for energy efficiency rebates/incentives. Del Mar Community Connections is assisting in reaching out to seniors with limited incomes who may qualify for free energy upgrades. Rincon Consultants is helping with the outreach efforts and in-home audits. The city has established a hotline for more information about the program; it is 858-793-6131. The grant ends December 21, 2019, so please don't wait to get involved.

### STRB: Thirty-day Max?

The City Council approved a letter of support for a proposed bill in the state legislature that would set a 30-day maximum for short term rentals in the San Diego County coastal zone, which includes Del Mar. More restrictive requirements such as Del Mar's 28-day maximum would be allowed. The bill, which has passed the Assembly, must pass the Senate and be signed by the Governor to become law.

# OSPREY OFFSPRING

Ed Mirsky | Hoska Drive

**B**y the 1970s Ospreys (a.k.a. Fish Hawk) nearly disappeared from North America because pesticides (DDT), sprayed on agricultural fields, ran into streams and lakes and poisoned fish. Once the application of DDT was regulated, Ospreys recolonized San Diego County. They were first recorded as a breeding species in 1997. The San Dieguito Monthly Bird Count began in 2010, and recorded a pair of Osprey at the lagoon. Two or more individuals were recorded every month since. They remain an uncommon breeding species in San Diego Co. A few of these birds remain through the year. The remaining birds are joined by migrants in spring and fall.



*Osprey parents feed their young fresh sashimi for breakfast. That's dad with the fish. Apparently, it's his turn to feed them.*



*Three juveniles fledged. A few days after this picture was taken the juveniles were flying over the San Dieguito River near the nest.*



*Female Ospreys can weigh 3.5 pounds and can be 2-feet long with a wingspan of 6 feet. Males are smaller than females. They catch their underwater prey (up to 2 pounds) with their long talons by diving, sometimes from a height of 100 feet. Once caught, the prey is maneuvered so that its head is pointed forward for optimal aerodynamics. Photos © Ginni Kitchen, a volunteer at the San Dieguito Lagoon.*



*Female Osprey—she's sporting a mottled brown necklace—feeding two chicks in the nest at the San Dieguito Lagoon. They built the nest on the provided nesting platforms adjacent to Jimmy Durante Blvd.*

## AFFORDABLE BIRD HOUSING

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

**O**sprey couples started out as scrappy squatters inside the Del Mar Fairgrounds, building their nests on the fairgrounds light poles a few years ago. When the poles were removed, two new nesting platforms were built for the birds who relocated locally onto these custom homes of their own. During the restoration of the wetlands the platforms were moved to a new location. The birds followed. Ospreys now nest in Del Mar and have successfully raised families of at least two chicks each season since 2014.

You can see for yourself. Take the Coast to Crest Trail from the San Andres trail head off Via de la Valle west about one mile to the other side of the freeway. The platforms are high up on wood poles between the trail and the driving range. Or you can start at Jimmy Durante trail head and go east. ▣

# DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## JUNE 2019

**DM Farmers Market:** Saturdays, 1-4 pm, DM Civic Center

**DM Library Kids:** Matter Minds. Fun science experiments for elementary aged children to explore science. Saturday, June 1, 11am.

**DM Library Adults & Teens:** History of the Palomar Observatory. With Dorothy Wood Saturday, June 1, 1:30pm. Summer Learning program.

**City Council Meeting.** June 3, 2019, 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall

**DM Library Adults & Teens:** Adult Yoga. With certified instructor Lynne Truong. Tuesdays in June, 12pm.

**DM Community Connections – Tuesday Lunch Connections – Reservations Requested.** Tuesday, June 4, Noon – 1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**DM Community Connections – “Remember Forever” Panel** to discuss reversing dementia. Thursday, June 6, 3:30pm – 5pm, Del Mar Town Hall, 1050 Camino Del Mar.

**DM Foundation - First Thursdays: Peter Sprague: Cole Porter Program.** Thu, June 6, 7– 8:15pm Powerhouse. Doors open at 6:30 for wine and cheese. Open to subscription holders only!

**DM Community Connections – Adapting to Life Transitions support group.** Friday, June 7, 2:30pm – 4pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**DM Library Kids:** InspirArt Studio. Art Program for K–8th grade children. Taught by Canyon Crest Academy High School Students. Friday, June 7, 21 & 28, 3:30pm.

**DM Library Adults & Teens:** Lots of Bots. Students will learn about energy transfer and electricity to engineer three beginner robots both individually and as a team. Thursday, June 7, 4pm.

**Arts Advisory Committee.** Del Mar’s Youth Art Show. Friday June 7 with reception 4.30-6:30 PM and continuing Saturday June 8, 1-4 PM.

**DM Community Connections.** Board of Directors meeting. Saturday, June 8, 9am to 10:30am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**DM Library Adults & Teens:** Rattlesnake Class. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. Snake researcher Steve Bledsoe, will give an in-depth presentation on identifying dangerous snakes in San Diego County and what to do if you encounter one in the wild. Limited Seating Please contact Ana Lutz, SDRVC Education Manager at ana@sdrvc.org or call 858-755-6956. Saturday, June 8, 10am. Summer Learning program.

**Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB).** June 10, 2019, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall

**Planning Commission (PC).** June 11, 2019, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall

**DM Community Connections – Dr. Kalina’s Healthy Aging Forum: “Enjoying the Long Days: The Human/Environment Connection.”** Tuesday, June 11, 9:30am – 11am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**Parks & Recreation Committee.** June 12, 2019, 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall

**DM Foundation - Cultural Arts Committee Meeting.** Wed, June 12, 8:30–9:30am Powerhouse.

**Del Mar Historical Society** June meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, at 5:00 pm in the conference room at 225 9th Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

**DM Library Adults & Teens:** Art Instruction. With local artist, Sandra Dodd. All supplies provided. June 12 & 26, 3:30pm. (2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.)

**Utility Undergrounding Project Advisory Committee.** June 13, 2019, 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM @ Del Mar Town Hall

**DM Community Connections – DMCC Explorers tour of Stone Brewing.** Thursday, June 13, 10:00am – 2:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**DM Library Adults & Teens:** Bluegrass Concert. Presented by the Friends of the Del Mar Library. With Sunny Side Strings. Thursday, June 13, 6:30pm.

**DM Library Kids:** Toddler Yoga. Thursday, June 13 & 27, 10am & 10:45 am. (2nd & 4th Thursday of the month).

**City Council Meeting.** June 17, 2019, 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

**DM Community Connections – DMCC Diners (FKA Monday Lunch Club).** Monday, June 17, Noon – 1:30pm, Restaurant TBD.

**Traffic, Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC).** June 18, 2019, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

**DM Community Connections – Tuesday Lunch Connections – Reservations Requested.** Tuesday, June 18, Noon – 1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**DM Foundation - Summer Twilight Concert: Sully and the Souljahs.** Tue, June 18, 6– 9pm Powerhouse Park. The Zel’s Opening Act Tomcat Courtney & Chicken Bone Slim will start at 6 PM. Sully and the Souljahs take the stage at 7 PM.

**DM Library Kids:** Wild Wonders. Wednesday, June 19, 10am. Science Comes “alive”! Degreed staff biologists and life scientists, and at least 6 furry, feathered and or scaly teachers come to the library for a unique educational experience.

**DM Community Connections – Adapting to Life Transitions support group.** Friday, June 21, 2:30pm – 4pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

**DM Foundation - Special Events: Cinema by the Sea “Back to the Future.”** Fri, June 21, Sunset (8)–10pm Powerhouse Park. Movie starts after sundown.

**DM Foundation - Del Mar Foundation Board Meeting.** Thu, June 27, 8–9am DMCB 225 9th St.

**Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley** Monday, June 24, 4–6 pm. in North Conference Rm., Del Mar City Hall.

**San Dieguito Lagoon Committee.** June 19, 2019, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Breezeway North Conference Room.

**Business Support Advisory Committee.** June 25, 2019, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM @ City of Del Mar Town Hall.

**Finance Committee.** June 25, 2019, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

**DM Community Connections – ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Luncheon.** Tuesday, June 25, Noon – 1:30pm, Sbicca Del Mar, 215 15th St.

**Arts Advisory Committee.** June 26, 2019, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall

**Design Review Board (DRB).** June 26, 2019, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

**DM Library Kids:** Making Waves. LXS Oceanography. This program kids will be introduced to marine plants. Wednesday, June 26, 10am.

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## GALLERY GALA

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

The Del Mar Art Center Gallery can finally live up to its name again: its new gallery opened May 15. It had to leave its former location in the Del Mar Plaza in October 2018, putting all its furnishings in storage. Now the artist collective with more than 3 dozen working artist members, has unveiled its new home across from the (still) new Del Mar Civic Center at the corner of Camino Del Mar and 11th Street, more precisely 1101 CDM, Suite AA. It is open to the public noon to 5 Wednesday through Sunday, with extended hours noon to 8 on Saturdays through the Summer. There is ample parking at the Civic Center.

Art with a View, the exhibition and sale at the Civic Center in conjunction with the Farmers Market the last Saturday of each month, begun during their diaspora, will continue, as well as ongoing shows at other venues, including Cinepolis in the Del Mar Highlands and La Costa and a rotating exhibit at Chase Bank on Camino Del Mar.

There were anxious weeks while the landlord reconfigured the interior space of the new location and replaced part of the floor with beautiful wood flooring. Then the artists built movable display walls, painted, installed lighting and put up an art hanging system. Unlike traditional galleries, DMAC is run entirely by the artists themselves. It operates on memberships, donations and commissions on art sold through its exhibits. The Del Mar Rotary generously donated \$5000 to help the gallery get established in its new home.

DMAC is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote art appreciation and to foster an environment where art and the art community can flourish. Since its founding in July 2000 DMAC has given back to many organizations in the community, from the Women's Resource Center to the Monarch School for homeless children, gifts to the art departments of local elementary and high schools for supplies, and a scholarship to a high



Gallery Manager Pam Linton. Photo Juli Ricksecker.

school senior. Other beneficiaries have been the Arts Bus Express and the Helen Woodward Center. The DMAC has given awards to students and adults at the Del Mar Fair. They have presented exhibits of students from the Winston School, Del Mar Heights Elementary, and senior class projects of Canyon Crest Academy.

The gallery exhibits virtually every medium from sculpture, graphite drawings, watercolor, pastel, acrylic and oil paintings, to one-of-a-kind original design jewelry. The public is invited to visit the new gallery at a "Meet your Neighbor" reception from 6 to 8 pm, Thursday, June 6. Light refreshments will be served. Call 858 280-1244 for more information.

In celebration of DMAC's 19th anniversary the free Official Grand Opening of the new gallery will be from 5 to 8 on Saturday, July 13 and 3:30 to 9:30 on Sunday, July 14. Artists will demonstrate their various specialties from oil painting, print-making, digital convergence to encaustic. There will be refreshments and live entertainment. For details visit [www.dmacgallery.com](http://www.dmacgallery.com). ■