



DISTRICT SEVEN  
COMMUNITIES

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# The Emerald News

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**Budget Talks~** On April 12th, the City Council unanimously passed a resolution of our top fiscal priorities and key budget-saving ideas by offering up \$30 million in proposed budget solutions. Measures included recovery fees for false fire alarms, reducing/eliminating cell phones for nonemergency personnel, putting printing and fleet services up for competitive bid, and mandatory furlough days for city workers.

Last month, Mayor Sanders released his proposed budget for fiscal year 2012, which begins this July 1, 2011. The budget's current form includes measures to address the backlog of deferred capital projects, restores the Fire-Rescue browned out fire engines, closes the projected General Fund budget deficit of \$56.7 million and fully funds the City's annual pension payment.

However, the Mayor's budget includes major hits to park and recreation and libraries. Including the reduction of recreation center hours from 40 to 20 hours per week beginning in September, slashing pool hours, elimination of after school programs at five centers, removal of the fire pits from city beaches, reductions in brush removal and less trail and turf maintenance at parks with the elimination of 77 positions. Libraries will also be hit with a loss of 77 positions and a reduction of hours at branch libraries from 36 to 18.5 hours per week. Each branch would be open for two days per week and alternate Saturdays.

While some of the City Council's budget suggestions were included in the Mayor's proposed budget, other options were left out. I applaud the Mayor for restoring cuts made to public safety but have great concern about the drastic cuts to other departments. I'm committed to working with my colleagues on the City Council to pass a budget that will benefit all of the communities I represent.

The Council will host department budget hearings in the Council Chambers to review each department's budget May 4th-13th. For a schedule of the upcoming budget discussions, please visit: [www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/committees/budgetandfinance](http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/committees/budgetandfinance).

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## GEMS of District 7 Highlighted at State of the District

I would like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend my State of District 7 address last month. I had the opportunity to recognize some people who have gone above and beyond in their service to District Seven. I call them our **District 7 Gems**.

**SDSU President Dr. Stephen Weber** was presented the Emerald Community Service Award for his leadership and stewardship at SDSU these last 10 years.

**Tracy Dahlkamp** has organized a committee which is currently raising money and creating a design for a complete make-over of the Lake Murray playground.

**Sherry Kelly** is the heart and soul of the annual Allied Garden's Springfest festival which unites neighbors and the community every year.

**Josh Goldsmith** and his fellow volunteers organize Tierrasanta's Relay for Life, which raises money for cancer research and celebrates those who have defeated cancer.

**Anna Orzel-Arnita** has dedicated endless hours to organizing residents and improving Redwood Village with the installation of community gardens, public art and the community sign, to name a few.

**Jody Talbott** strives to organize businesses and make improvements along University Avenue including sidewalks and street lighting.

**Maurize Rios** teamed up with the Police Department to reduce and remove crime in the El Cerrito community as the neighborhood's block captain.

**Dan Smith** diligently worked to clear out the storm channel on an emergency permit this past winter to prevent winter flooding on Alvarado Creek which was impacting several business in the Grantville area.



## New Artistic Picnic Tables Installed at Colina del Sol Park~

Councilmember Emerald thanked City Heights Community Development Corporation employee and community organizer Sakara Tear for bringing a Colina del Sol Park beautification project to fruition. The City Heights CDC collaborated with the Park & Recreation Department on this project to enhance the park's three picnic tables with tiles decorated by children from the surrounding City Heights neighborhood. Ms. Tear works with neighborhood activists redefining the 33-acre park as a place where residents across the Mid City area can bring their children and take advantage of a variety of family-friendly activities, sports and events.



Marti and Sakara Tear



The New Decorative Tiled Picnic Tables at Colina del Sol Park

**Marti scores an A- on her Environmental Report Card~** Overall grades for City Councilmembers and the Mayor ranged from a A+ to D+ during 2010. Grades were based on 18 key votes with environmental impacts including votes on wastewater recycling, vernal pools and sustainable building policies. I'm proud to have gone from a C- in 2009 to an A- in 2010. The Environmental Quality Report Card started in 2001 as the Water Quality Report Card published by San Diego Coastkeeper. In 2009, several other environmental stakeholder groups joined to review and expand the report card to assess a variety of environmental issues and policies.

## April 30th was a Special Day in District 7 ~

The annual "I Love A Clean San Diego Creek to Bay" cleanup was held through out San Diego County. The Rolando Park Community Council sponsored the Zena Canyon cleanup. Part of this event included filling up a dumpster with trash taken from the canyons including old bicycle parts, tires, a rusted motorcycle frame, and even a safe that had been cracked open. Also Clay Park received a much needed make-over thanks to the generosity of the College Avenue Baptist Church. The Church donated \$8,500 to have the athletic field prepared and seeded. Close to one hundred volunteers participated in the cleanup who cleared out the canyons adjacent to the park and elementary school. **THANK YOU** to all the wonderful volunteers who joined us that day to improve our community.





## MEMORIAL DAY

May 30th  
commemorates  
and honors the  
men and women  
who gave the  
ultimate sacrifice  
while serving our  
country in the  
armed forces

Mt. Soledad  
Veterans  
Memorial  
will host its annual  
Memorial Day  
Ceremony  
2:00 p.m.

## May Community Events

**City Heights Farmer's Market Every Saturday**— Wightman Street (between 43rd Street and Fairmont Avenue) from **9:00 am-1:00 pm**. This market sells fresh fruits and vegetables plus other foods and treats. The market also specializes in products from East Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia. Food stamps are accepted.

**San Diego River Days**— 1 River, 2 Weeks of Events- **May 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th** Several fun events are scheduled throughout the day along the San Diego River including cleanups, service projects, guided hikes, the Healthy River 5-mile run/walk, live music, educational booths, art and a kid's zone. For more information: [www.sandiegoriver.org/river\\_days.php](http://www.sandiegoriver.org/river_days.php)

**Canyoneer's Walk Navajo Canyon** Open Space Park. **May 7th, 8 -10 am** Navajo Canyon Open Space Park located at Waring Road and Alvarado Canyon Road. Navajo Canyon cuts through the communities of Del Cerro and Allied Gardens. This walk is considered easy and will be led by a trail guide who will provide information about plants and animals. Hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. Admission \$2.

**De Portola Celebrates 25 years!** The middle school is hosting a celebration on **May 12th** from 6 to 8 pm in Crespi Hall. There will be live music and entertainment, refreshments and camaraderie.

**SPRINGFEST**—This two day event!

**Friday, May 13th at 5:00 pm** kick-off with carnival rides, food vendors, beer/wine garden and live music.

**Saturday, May 14th 9:00 am all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast** along with rides and kid activities. **10:30 am Kiwanis Day Parade. NOON- Annual Car Show.** Live music all day. Come out and join us for this great event in Allied Gardens! [www.navajoevents.com](http://www.navajoevents.com)

**Auto Products Recycling Event**— At no cost, residents can drop off used oil, anti-freeze, oil filters, and auto batteries where they'll be disposed of in an environmentally safe way. 10-gallon limit per person. **May 14th from 9:00-1:00 pm** at the Public Utilities Operations Center located at 5571 Kearny Villa Road.

**23rd Annual Tierrasanta Patriot's Day Parade**, craft fair and dinner on **May 21st**. Celebrate Armed Forces Day by watching a patriotic parade featuring Serra High School band, youth sports leagues, community groups, ROTC unit, floats and dignitaries. **10:00-11:00 am** starting at the Serra High School parking lot located at 5156 Santo Road along Tierrasanta Boulevard, La Cuenta Dr., Baroque Ln. and Ducos Pl. Later in the afternoon, join us for a **BBQ dinner** with music, game area for children, craft fair, beer garden and an evening of fireworks from **4-9 pm** at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

**Explore Mission Trails Day May 21st** — You can explore all things Mission Trails from free pony rides, to guided nature walks and art/craft projects for kids. For more information: [www.mtrp.org/assets/files/206484.pdf](http://www.mtrp.org/assets/files/206484.pdf)

**Tierrasanta Community Council Annual Golf Scramble** Event on **May 22nd** at Vineyard golf course in Escondido. Cost is \$70 which includes gift bag, range balls, putting contest, green fees and lunch. There will be a shotgun start at **1:00 pm**. Please contact Rich Orr at [rorr@san.rr.com](mailto:rorr@san.rr.com) with any questions.