City of San Diego on the Cutting Edge of Water Conservation

Last month due to the ongoing drought in California, Governor Jerry Brown enacted mandatory water cuts for the State of California.

Thankfully, the Mayor and City Council have taken proactive measures to ensure that the city has a safe and stable water supply.

Some measures that have been taken include investing in water storage by increasing the capacity of our reservoirs.

The city government has also been a steadfast supporter in the construction of the desalination plant in Carlsbad. The plant, which will come online this year, will produce 50 million gallons of drinking water per day for the San Diego region.

The City Council also approved the Pure Water purification program. The new system that will go online in the coming years will provide San Diegans with one-third of our water needs.

To further conserve water and to help San Diego residents, the city is introducing new programs to help families’ better conserve water.

One of the most popular programs is grass replacement rebates. Though funds are currently exhausted, new rebates will be available to City of San Diego residents beginning on July 1st. Rebates are also available from the Metropolitan Water District. More information on rebates can be found here.

Rain barrel rebates are also available. Landscapes can soak up more than 50% of the water used at a typical San Diego home. Capturing rain from your roof is a quick way to conserve water and help prevent pollution by reducing the amount of runoff entering our storm drain system.

Residents can receive up to $1.00 per gallon of barrel storage capacity for the residential rainwater harvesting (rain barrel) rebate program, up to 400 gallons and $400 per property. Find more information here.

There are many other conservation programs that residents can take advantage of. A list, along with information on how to make your family more water efficient can be found at www.wastenowater.org.

In Service,

Scott Sherman
Councilmember – District 7
Councilmember Sherman praised the Parks and Recreation Board for their support and final approval of a new $3,040,000 skatepark that will be located at the Linda Vista Recreation Center.

The next phase of the project will include architectural and construction design work. Groundbreaking is slated to occur at the beginning of next year.

The skatepark, a grassroots effort originally organized by local activist Chris Limon and Linda Vista youth, is funded by a grant from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

The Tony Hawk Foundation also donated $40,000 to the project.

“I am thankful to the Park and Recreation Board for their favorable vote and recognizing the grassroots support that this project has in the community,” said Sherman. “The new skatepark will be a safe and much needed recreational site for Linda Vista’s youth.

The request for the funding began nearly two years ago when Councilmembers Sherman, Zapf, and then Councilmember Faulconer sent a memo to the Parks & Recreation Department urging them to seek a grant from HCD for the Linda Vista Skatepark project.

The skatepark will be built in the Linda Vista Community Park which is surrounded by affordable housing and lower income homes. This project will directly serve the residents in those communities and will be a destination skate park for all of San Diego County.

Councilmember Sherman is urging Grantville residents to attend two meeting in the month of May to receive an update and give their feedback on the proposed Grantville Focused Plan Amendment.

The first two of four public hearings will be on May 13th at the Smart Growth Land Use Committee. The second meeting will be on May 14th at the Planning Commission.

Both meetings will begin at 9:00 and will be heard on the 12th floor of City Hall at 202 C St. San Diego, CA.
The communities of San Carlos and Allied Gardens were the recipients of good news when outdoor basketball courts at the San Carlos and Allied Gardens Recreation Centers were repaved last month.

The popular basketball courts, which were starting to show their age, are important courts for adults and children in the communities.

It was also announced that Gage Elementary School in San Carlos will be the future site of a new joint-use park. This important project will bring much needed additional park space to the San Carlos community.

Councilmember Sherman is working to improve facilities at Recreation Centers and increasing park space in District 7.

New Farmers Market Opening in Allied Gardens

Councilmember Sherman was pleased to announce the Navajo Community will soon have their very own farmers market that will debut on May 15, 2015. The Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club in collaboration with Cloverfield Management (management company of the Allied Gardens Shopping Center) partnered together to bring the community a temporary solution to grocery shopping until a new, permanent grocery store can replace the vacant building where Albertson’s used to be located.

The Kiwanis Farmers Market will be located at the corner of Waring Road and Zion Avenue, in the former Albertson’s parking lot. The market will be open every Friday from 4-8pm until further notice. Join the community for some of your favorite fruits and veggies, many organically-grown, brought by local farmers. There will also be crafts, live music, and food vendors to round out a fun evening for the family.

Click on the following news article link for more information: www.sandiegoreader.com/news/2015/may/01/stringers-farmers-market-allied-gardens/
The City of San Diego and the SD Unified School District will be holding their second joint-use workshop regarding a new field and walking track at Cubberley Elementary School in Serra Mesa. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Serra Mesa Recreation Council Meeting that is located at 4850 Village Glen Rd. 92123.

This meeting is an important opportunity for input regarding the joint-use facility that will be used by the school during school hours and open to the community after school, on weekends, and during school breaks.

The addition of Cubberly park will bring the total of joint-use facilities to four in the Serra Mesa Community.

Other projects in the community include joint-use fields at Wegeforth Elementary School, Angier Elementary, and Taft Middle School.

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Constituent Issues Resolved in District 7

My top priority at City Hall is to help improve the lives of those I represent and the communities they live in. Below are just a few of the issues that my staff helped resolve in the month of April:

- Cleaned up lot on the corner of Linda Vista Rd and Via Las Cumbres in Linda Vista
- Fixed potholes on Menorca Dr. in Tierrasanta
- Removed several shopping carts off of Camino Del Rio North in Mission Valley
- Helped work with residents on special event permits in San Carlos
- Reported graffiti to authorities in Grantville to graffiti hotline
- Replaced broken water meter cover in Serra Mesa

Do you have an issue or problem in your community? Please contact my office at 619-236-6677 or email at ScottSherman@SanDiego.Gov. We are here to help!

Casework Corner

One of my top priorities is improving customer service at City Hall. I believe our government should be using these five simple words more:

“How may I help you?”

Neighborhood Issues Successfully Resolved in April:

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Councilmember Sherman is excited to see more parks being constructed in the Serra Mesa Community like this one at Serra Mesa Park.
Upcoming District 7 Events

Feeling Fit Club at Tifereth Israel Synagogue – Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 am

Are you 60+ and want to stay independent? Never exercised? – No problem! Improve your balance, strength, flexibility and have fun. All levels are welcome at the Feeling Fit Club. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am at Tifereth Israel Synagogue at 6660 Cowles Mountain Blvd. San Diego, CA 92119. For more information, please call 858-495-5500 ext. 3.

Numerous Educational Events at Mission Trails Regional Park in the Month of May

Mission Trails Regional Park has numerous events each month, please check their online calendar for the most up to date information on events: https://www.mtrp.org/events/show_events?events_master_calendar_filter=all_1425168000

Free Business Networking Meeting May 12th 11:30 am

Expand your business, create centers of influence and increase sales at your business. A new network group will be meeting twice a month for networking opportunities and business development. To register, please go to meetup.com and search for “The Business Network Connection” The next event will be held at Dave & Buster’s Restaurant at 2931 Camino Del Rio N. A guest speaker will discuss the power of virtual networking on Linkedin.

Grand Opening of Allied Gardens Farmers Market – May 15th 4:00 pm

The new Allied Gardens Farmers Market will be opening on May 15th beginning at 4:00 pm and ending at 8:00 pm. The new Farmers Market will be located at the corner of Waring Rd. and Zion Ave. at the parking lot of the former Albertsons. Enjoy live music and crafts at the event as well.

29th Annual Tierrafest and Patriots Day Parade – May 16th 9:00 am

The 29th Annual Tierrafest and Patriots Day Parade will include BBQ, and a craft fair. The event will take place on May 16th from 9:00 am until the evening. The event will be held along Tierrasanta Boulevard. Contact Hani Shatila at 858-268-0044 for further information.

Explore Mission Trails Day – May 16th 9:00 am

Connecting with nature is the theme of the 2015 Explore Mission Trails Day on May 16th. This popular event features free guided nature walks, talks, and programs throughout the park including live animals and programs for children. The Lake Murray and Santee Kiwanis Club will serve hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, and refreshments. The event will take place at the Mission Trails Visitors Center and East Fortunal Staging area.
• At St John Garabed Armenian Church to recognize 100th Anniversary of Armenian Genocide

• Meeting with residents at the Tierrasanta Community Council Meeting

• Teaming with I Love A Clean San Diego to clean up Greenbrier Park in Allied Gardens

• Celebrating 20th Anniversary of the Mission Trails Regional Park building with President Joe Morse and Executive Director Jay Wilson

• Taking part in the 30th Annual Linda Vista Multicultural Fair

• Speaking with residents at the Del Cerro Action Committee Meeting