

Allied Gardens Grantville Community Newsletter

The Next Town Hall meeting will be Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Where: Allied Gardens Benjamin Library, 5188 Zion Avenue **Topic: Allied Community Gardens** Speaker: Kerri Matheson, President

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Allied Gardens/Grantville Community Council Shain Haug, President

John Adams, our first U.S. Vice President and Second U.S. President, spoke to the significance of the Fourth of July. He said: "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."



The Third Annual Allied Gardens Community Fourth of July Parade, attended by three generations of Allied Gardens residents, began at Marvin Elementary School.

It went up Eldridge, across Hamill and Gala, and back. We had Pomp led by Engine 31 and followed by bikes, strollers, wagons, pets, and children of all ages festooned with enough Red, White, Blue to make a hundred flags. All celebrating the importance of our Freedoms and the value of the sacrifices made to obtain them.

Everyone loved the festive necklaces, headbands, temporary tattoos, and sunglasses that made them part of the celebration, a part of the parade itself. For the children it was an introduction to the special joy of our Freedoms, for some their first taste of what it means to celebrate being an American. For the adults it was a reminder of what this special Holiday means and how much work it takes to preserve our democratic republic.

There were big displays on the Capitol Mall and on major boulevards, with fly overs, firework displays, and gun salutes to honor the glory of the day. But none will be so grand as our neighbors assembling in the streets in front of their homes while rejoicing in their absolute freedom to do so. And not too many of those "big" celebrations will have popsicles for all participants. To the organizers Aubrey Foulk, Lauren Maxilom, Rachel Teschler, Atria Lutz, Diana Robbins. and Mariah Nissan, we are proud to report your work and we thank you so very much. The first in-person/zoom hybrid Town Hall Meeting will be on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Benjamin Library. The speaker will be Kerri Matheson, who will be presenting "Allied Community Gardens -Where We Were and Where Are We Going?" Kerri has been a garden member since 2018, when the Garden first opened, and the President since January 2023.

Join the Allied Gardens/Grantville Community Council in its work and receive notices of the activities of the Navajo Community Planners, Inc.

Registering through the "Contact Us" page of <u>www.aggccouncil.org</u>.



Allied Gardens Grantville Community Council Town Hall meeting May 23, 2023

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: President Shain Haug called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Shain Haug-President, Julie Stollenwerk-Secretary, John Kunkel-Treasurer, Sophia Frost. **MINUTES:** Minutes for March 28, 2023, Allied Garden's Grantville Community Council Town Hall meeting were approved.

ELECTED AND CIVIC OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Emily Piatanesi, the Community Representative for District 7, on behalf of Mayor Todd Gloria, was unable to attend. Contact information: 619-964-6637, Epiatanesi@sandiego.gov

Anthony Hackett, District 7 representative for Councilperson Raul Campillo, shared:

District Office Hours

Councilmember Campillo would like to hear from you. If you have a question or an issue regarding the community this is your chance to speak with the Councilmember in person.

Our next district office hours will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM at the Tierrasanta Branch Library located at 4985 La Cuenta Dr, San Diego, CA 92124.

• Fire Safety Memo to Mayor Gloria Following the recent rains across the region, we have seen an increase in brush, plants, and flowers grow to super bloom levels.

The Councilmember is also concerned with the upcoming dry season that all of this can catch a quick spark and pose an immediate risk to all District 7 residents.

Given the history of District 7 with fires such as the Cedar Fire in 2007, and the impact of the Valley Fire in 2020, this major

growth is cause for concern. Councilmember Campillo has believes it is critical that we take proactive measures to ensure that our community is prepared for the threat of wildfires. He specifically requested the Mayor increase the number of inspectors and firefighter staff to manage brush and mitigate fire risks in our district, and by supplementing staffing and increasing inspections, we can ensure that brush management and fire precautions are adequately addressed prior to the fire season. In addition, Councilmember Campillo will be hosting a Fire Safety Town Hall with the Fire Department at the Tierrasanta Rec Center. The town hall will be held on Wednesday, May 24 from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Please sign up via: tinyurl.com/FSTHD7

•Allied Gardens/Grantville

On April 20, the proposal for an off-leash dog park in Allied Gardens was unanimously approved by the City's Park & Recreation Board. The Mayor's FY24 Proposed Budget includes an allocation for this project, which means staff can proceed with installation once the new fiscal year starts on July 1. Thank you to everyone who helped get this project along the finish line. <u>Contact</u> <u>information</u>: (619) 236-5909, <u>HackettA@sandiego.gov</u> Raul A. Campillo 619-236-6677 or

RaulCampillo@SanDiego.Gov

Willow Lance, Community Representative for Congresswoman Sara Jacobs, 51st District, shared: Last week, Congresswoman Jacobs reintroduced the My Body My Data

Act, HR 3420 to create a new national standard to protect reproductive and sexual health data. She spoke with the UT about this bill, and you can read the article online. Our office is available to help you with any federal agency issues such as the IRS, VA, USCIS, US Postal Service, or any other federal agency. One thing to note, the State Department has communicated with our office to report delays in passport processing for all services. The Congresswoman signed a letter to the State Department asking for further details about these delays and the ways Congress can support the department. At this time, a routine passport application can take up to 13 weeks. So even if you aren't thinking about traveling internationally, please apply sooner rather than later. Contact information: (619) 280-5353 Willow.lance@mail.house.gov https://sarajacobs.house.gov/forms/emailsi gnup/ https://sarajacobs.house.gov/services/appr opriations-requests.htm Authorization form for federal assistance: https://sarajacobs.house.gov/contact/ Newsletter sign-up:

https://sarajacobs.house.gov/forms/emailsi gnup/

Teannae Owens, field representative for Assemblymember Chris Ward California's 78th District:

Our office's legislative packet has been announced and is available for viewing on our website. This year's package includes bills for housing, emergency services, solar panels, and several other issues.

FULL LEG PACKAGE:

https://a78.asmdc.org/2023-legislative-billpackage

This is a big month in terms of the timeline for bills. This month has deadlines for both policy and fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor, bills introduced in their house.

Our office legislative packet is a total of 18 bills: 3 are in various Senate committees already, 13 are to be heard in the May 18th Assembly Appropriations Hearing, and 2 are still in various Assembly committees.

Mid-May is the last time both policy and fiscal committees meet until June 5th. The last two weeks in May are purely floor session.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding Assembly bills that are to be heard, especially those going to floor vote now is the time to contact our office.

May is also the month Governor Newsom's May Revise of the budget is released. This was released on May 12th, and Assemblymember Ward's statement, which can be found on our social media, acknowledges the attempts to close the projected \$32 billion gap, and sustained support for housing solutions, but there is still concern around the cuts to the state's climate efforts.

Assemblyperson Ward would like to see investments in childcare, specifically raises for childcare providers, and sustained investments in transit. The May revise can be found on <u>https://ebudget.ca.gov/</u>, and is an Update of General Fund revenues, expenditures, and reserve estimates based on the latest economic forecast, and changes in population, caseload, or enrollment estimates.

The general categories of the Governor's budget balancing proposals include:

- Spending reductions: \$6.7 billion (including \$1.1 billion of new proposals and revised lower spending estimates for some programs)
- Trigger cuts: \$3.9 billion
- Delayed spending: \$8.1 billion (including \$695 million of new proposals)
- Shifts from the General Fund to other state funds: \$7.5 billion (including \$3.3 billion of new proposals, such as a \$1.1 billion shift from cash to a "climate bond" for climate-related investments)

In July is San Diego Pride, and Assemblymember Ward is inviting people to join him in his parade contingent on Saturday July 15th. Dress up in your most colorful gear, bring your bike, scooter, or simply wear your walking shoes, and let's have an amazing time together celebrating our vibrant LGBTQ+ community! <u>RSVP here</u> to join us.

We are beginning to take nominees for the 2023 Assembly District 78 Small Business of the Year Award. Help our office recognize the hard work and dedication of small businesses by reaching out to me for more information on the nomination process. Our office is here to assist. If you have any state-related issues that you need assistance with, EDD, DMV, or questions on legislation, please contact us. <u>Contact Information</u>:

teannae.owens@asm.ca.gov (619) 280-7806

Diana Lara, Representative for California State Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, 39th Senate District, was unable to attend.

<u>Contact information</u>: (619) 645-3133, <u>diana.lara@sen.ca.gov</u>

Intern Joseph Webster, representative for County Supervisor Joel Anderson, District 2 shared:

•Supervisor Anderson has served as District 2 County Supervisor for two years now and is continuing to work on solutions to the challenges our region continues to face. These include identifying new ways to address homelessness, mental health and housing which are closely linked.

This May we Recognized:

National Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Military Appreciation Month, International Firefighters Day, National Nurses Week, National Teacher Day.

Community Events Held:

Our office held two Small Business Stimulus Grant Workshops and participated in over 30 various community events in Poway, Scripps Ranch, Ramona, Alpine, El Cajon, San Diego, and Jamul.

•With the anticipated vacancy in the 4th District Supervisor's seat, the Board voted unanimously to fill that role through a special election, instead of through the appointment process.

 The primary special election is scheduled to take place on August 15th, with the general election, if needed, scheduled for November 7th. The cost of the special election is estimated to be between \$2.1 million and \$2.6 million (per election). •Last month, our office co-authored a Board Letter to expand the County's Live Well on Wheels program, which uses buses equipped with resources, allowing County staff to meet those in need where they are. •Our office also convened several sessions to obtain public input on how best to spend approximately \$100 million in opioid settlement funds the County expects to receive to combat drug use in our region. •The Supervisor has been successful in securing support from the full Board of Supervisors on several of his ideas such as a "shallow rent" assistance program that helps our seniors who are at risk of becoming homeless to stay in their homes. Our office is also continuing to look at initiatives we can take to make sure we have adequate attainable housing in San Diego, so our workforce is not forced to live in places like Temecula and Mexico and must travel to their place of work in San Diego County.

•Our office has a robust intern program so if you know of any students who may be interested, please have them contact our office. And if you know of anyone who deserves recognition for giving of their time and treasure, we would like to present them with a certificate of recognition. <u>Contact information</u>: 858-264-8109 <u>Arthur.Davis@sdcounty.ca.gov</u>; <u>Mariko.nakawatase@sdcounty.ca.gov</u>.

Central Presentation:

Our central presentation for this meeting celebrates the Allied Gardens Benjamin Library and the important work that is done for the community by the staff. Library Ann Gomez, the Branch Manager, addressed the mission and vision of the library: To inspire lifelong learning through connections to knowledge and each other and to provide a place for opportunity, discovery, and inspiration. She focused on different aspects of our library and how it connects with our communities.

The Allied Gardens Benjamin Library first opened in 1965 with funds from Edwin A. Benjamin, a book-loving San Diego resident of Allied Gardens. It serves the Allied Gardens population of over 29,000, and the Navajo community population of over 41,000. In the mid-80's, the library was expanded and reopened in 1986.

Resources include computers for adults and children, charging batteries for phones and personal computers, a periodical reading room with comfortable seating, internet and wi-fi access, and chrome book loans for members in good standing. You can also renew your library card over the phone. The library prides itself on having knowledgeable staff to help the community.

Ann directed us to the San Diego Public Library Website: <u>www.sandiego.gov/public-</u> <u>library</u> where she navigated through a slew of programs, services, and special interests the library provides.

The Main Library offers numerous programs. One is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Another is Veteran's Resources where trained volunteers are available. You can borrow seeds, get park passes, they provide art exhibits, the Tiebrary program provides ties for interviews, you can download magazines, and enroll in on-line courses. The How-To Festival provides a platform to show how things are done.

If you want to be Friends of the Library, to support financially or donate your time, just contact the library for membership information. The Friends of the Library book sale is planned for the Fall. You can see what's happening at the Allied Gardens/Benjamin Library by visiting www.facebook.com/alliedgardenslibrary

<u>Comments by the President</u>: Shain requested Community support for the improvement of the Benjamin Library.

Also, the AGGCC Board will start meeting in person at the Benjamin Library on Monday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m.

The meetings will occur on even months on the first Mondays. The Town Hall meetings will occur on odd month on the first Mondays.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:38p.m. The next Town Hall meeting will be on **Monday, August 7th, at 6:00 p.m**. at the Allied Gardens Benjamin Library.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Stollenwerk, Secretary

> A message from our San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo (District 7)



Dear Allied Gardens/Grantville Community Council Newsletter readers,

City Councilmember Raul Campillo here, wishing everyone a great summer so far.

You may have seen that the City of San Diego has passed its Fiscal Year 2024 budget, which went into effect on July 1. This budget has so many wins for Allied Gardens/Grantville, District 7, and San Diego as a whole. To highlight just a few of the most important initiatives and the line items that I'm most excited about:

• \$389K for Allied Gardens Off Leash Dog Park installation and maintenance staff • \$140 million to resurface streets, including approximately 1/6 of District 7 streets, which is quadruple the average of past years

• 509 acres worth of brush maintenance

• \$85 million for homeless shelters and programs

• Fully funding first responders to keep residents safe

• \$2.6 million for sidewalk repairs

• \$1.5 million to fix the City's most dangerous intersections

This budget aligns with our values: housing the homeless, being responsive to constituents, fixing our roads and infrastructure, and keeping San Diegans safe.

I look forward to the benefits that this year's budget will bring to our neighborhoods.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at 619-236-6677 or email me at RaulCampillo@sandiego.gov.



Allied Gardens/Benjamin Library Corner

Allied Gardens/Benjamin Library July – August 2023 Events:



Meet ODI the Coyote, the Library's mascot! He is hiding somewhere in every library branch. The Library Shop's most popular program is back for the month of July! Visit us at Allied Gardens Library and see If you can find Odi hiding. Pick up your passport with all 36 branches listed and start your adventure. You will receive a special made button from each library when you find Odi! July 1st -July 31st ! Good luck!



Our Summer Reading Program 2023 is underway and will continue until August 31st. Sign up today and start reading and earning some terrific prizes. We have many special programs ongoing throughout the summer. Mark your calendars and be sure to visit the library.

Thursday 7/20 @ 10:30 Dance to Evolve Monday 7/24 @ 3:00 Puppetry Parade Saturday 7/29 @ 11:00 Harry Potter's Birthday Party (All ages welcome-we will have crafts, trivia contest, scavenger hunt and cake of course!) Thursday 8/3 @10:30 Yoga Storytime with Aryn Thursday 8/10 @ 10:30 Sparkles the Clown Monday 8/14 @ 3:00 Hullabaloo + Ice Cream treats

Children's Book Discussion

In *The Magician's Elephant*, author Kate DiCamillo conjures a haunting fable about trusting the unexpected — and making the extraordinary come true. Wednesday July 19th @ 3:00pm grades 3-6.



Children's Programs

Outdoor Toddler Storytime with Mrs. Suzanne @ 10:30 Wednesday July 5th & 19th Wednesday August 16th & 30th

Preschool Storytime on the Grass with Ms. Michelle

Thursday July 13th \$ 27th @ 10:30 am

Thursday August 24th @ 10:30 a.m.

Free Play Fridays @ 10:30

Join us for this informal time to relax and play with toys provided by the library. Babies-Preschool (Bring a blanket)

Pajama Signing Storytime w/Ms. Jennifer

Mondays @ 6:00pm except for the first Monday of each month. Ms. Jennifer will read and sing a children's story and there will be singing and bubbles of course.

Lego Club Tuesdays @ 2:30-3:30 Come and build with us. You bring the imagination, and we supply the Legos.

Adult Programs Mindfulness & Movement Tuesdays August 1st & 8th @ 6pm Healthy & Fit Adults Fridays July 7th & 14th & August 4th & 11th @ 11:00am Adult Book Discussion w/Dave Tuesday August 15th @1-2 We will be reading Long Bright River by Liz Moore. Copies are available for check-out behind the front desk. Short Classics Book Discussion w/Dave Tuesday July 25th and August 22nd @ 6:30

Happy summer everyone. We look forward to seeing you at the library. Happy Reading!

"Find Your Voice" @ Allied Gardens Branch Library



June through August events Come join the fun @ Allied Gardens Branch Library San Diego Public Library's Summer Reading Program sponsored by Friends of Library

Day/Time	D
Tuesday @ 2 pm	6,
Thursday@ 10:30	6
Monday @ 3 pm	7
Thursday @ 10:30	7
Monday @ 3 pm	7
Saturday @ 11	7
Thursday @ 10:30	8
Thursday @ 10:30	8
Monday @ 3 pm	8



All events will be held outside on the grass under the big trees adjacent to the library parking lot. *Bring a blanket to sit on.* Hope to see you there!



Allied Gardens Benjamin Branch 5188 Zion Ave • 619-533-3970 facebook.com/alliedgardenslibrary For other events, contact us ... Visit us at <u>www.facebook.com/alliedgardenslibrary</u>

or www.sandiegolibrary.org.





New Signs in Allied Gardens

Be on the lookout for these signs. Park off the streets the first Tuesday of even months to allow the street sweepers to do a thorough job.

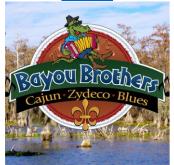




Burn Institute's Senior Smoke Detector Program: Did you know that having a working smoke detector in your home cuts your risk of dying in a house fire by 50-percent? If you do not have a working smoke detector, are 62 years or older and own your own home, you qualify for a FREE smoke detector and installation through the Burn Institute's Senior Smoke Detector Program. For more information about this FREE program for Seniors call (858) 541-2277 or visit the Burn Institute at www.burninstitute.org.



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Summer Hiking Tips for You and Your Pooch

Know before you go.

Even if you're an experienced outdoors person and avid hiker, it is essential to plan your route, especially during the hot summer months. Check the weather conditions and plan to hike at cooler parts of the day. Most trails at MTRP have high sun exposure and provide little to no shade. If you're planning to hike in the afternoon, stop by the Visitor Center to refill your water bottle and ask volunteers for trail recommendations.

Leave the pooch at home.

We know you love bringing your companion to MTRP, but *it is crucial to their health and safety that they stay home when it's hot*. Dogs cannot regulate their body temperatures, making it very difficult to cool down. Avoid dangerous heat stroke conditions and leave your pup in the AC at home.

Bring enough water and know the park's refill station locations.

Always have a refillable water bottle with you. If you forget one, the Visitor Center has bottled water. Refill stations are located at the Visitor Center, Cowles Mountain Staging Area, Old Mission Dam, East Fortuna Staging Area, and Kumeyaay Lake Campground.

Wear sunscreen and appropriate clothing.

Protect your skin by wearing sunscreen and clothing with SPF coverage. A hat and closed-toe shoes are always recommended.

If you see a rattlesnake or other wildlife, you're one of the lucky ones!

Watch your footing on narrow trails and keep your eyes and ears open. If you see wildlife on the trail, admire it from afar and let the animal pass on its own time. Please do not attempt to touch any animals on the trail.

Trail Guide Walks

These walks are free, and no registration is required. The trails used are easy but have uneven surfaces and some involve steps, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring water. A hat and sunscreen are recommended. Walks are canceled if raining.

Walks from the Visitor Center

9:30-11AM every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, meeting in the lobby

For more events, go to: https://mtrp.org/



The Mission of GADS as an inclusive group of local business representatives is to gather and share relevant information for our areas' success. They help promote each business independently and collectively. They encourage buying locally, supporting growth and education, participation, and community outreach.

GADS meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30am at San Diego Central Care Center at 7403 Princess View Dr, Suite E, San Diego, CA 92120. Everyone is invited to attend- guests are always welcome! There is no cost to join. Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GADSB2B/

Allied Gardens-Grantville Community Council

http://www.aggccouncil.org/

NEW MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

AGGCC Board meetings are on the first Mondays of even numbered months.

Town Hall meetings are held on the first Mondays of odd numbered months.

Both meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and are conducted in person at the Benjamin Library.

Allied Gardens Benjamin Branch Library

5188 Zion Avenue

Library hours: Monday and Tuesday 11:30-8:00pm. Wednesday through Saturday 9:30-6:00pm. Sunday (closed). All book-drops are open 24 hours.

Keep an eye on the Allied Gardens/Benjamin Library Facebook page for information on library news and ideas for activities. Feel free to call with any questions you may have (619) 533-3970. <u>www.sandiegolibrary.org</u>

Community Events - <u>www.navajoevents.com</u> Trolley - <u>www.sdcommute.com/mve</u>

San Diego Police Department Eastern Division Community Liaison Officer - Robert Raynor <u>rraynorv@pd.sandiego.gov</u> SDPD non-emergency (619) 531-2000 San Diego Sheriff's Department (858) 565-5200 Phone: 858-586-2650 Air Pollution Control District (APCD): Email: apcdComp@SDcounty.ca.gov

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AGGCC OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the AGCC are to represent the interests of the community in a non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian manner and without discrimination against any person or persons by reason of race, color, gender, creed or national origin. The presentation of public forums, lectures or panels on pertinent subjects will enable AGGCC residents to form individual opinions, to convey the wishes of the corporation members to their elected officials and to provide for the protection and development of the community.

Please Note:

The opinions that may be expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the opinions of the Allied Gardens-Grantville Community Council, or its governing board.



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