

LA JOLLA BEACHES & PARKS

Just in time for the summer of '05, the **new Kellogg Park South Public Restroom** debuted with a royal flush, making the thousands of families, surfers and scuba divers who visit La Jolla Shores very happy! Partially funded by La Jolla businesses and individuals, the new facility includes nine unisex rooms, two wheelchair accessible family rooms, two drinking fountains, and a shower wall with five shower heads.

Kudos to La Jolla Youth Baseball for the **Cliffridge Park concession stand renovation project**, which was completed just in time for opening day of the 2006 Baseball/Softball Season! Plans for the restroom have been approved by the La Jolla Shores Association, and the project should be completed in time for fall activities. A big thank you to Don Goertz, who donated plans for the remodel, and to Louis Beacham, who will construct at no cost.

The La Jolla Shores Association and Council President Scott Peter **support a City ordinance prohibiting smoking at all San Diego beaches and parks**. The proposal, which was recently discussed in a City Council committee, will be heard by the full Council in the coming months. More than 1.8 billion cigarette butts end up littering our beautiful city annually – about 60 percent of the butts end up in our ocean, bays, lakes and streams.

Due to the recent rise in incidents in Kellogg Park of vandalism, car break-ins, graffiti, drag racing, partying and alcoholic beverages, Mayor Sanders and Council President Peters have requested City lifeguards, park and recreation staff, and the SDPD work with the La Jolla Shores Association to control the situation before the onslaught of the beach summer visitors. You can help by spreading the word that **burning pallets and drinking alcohol are not permitted. Violators will be ticketed. The parking lot closes at 10 PM and cars will be towed if they are not removed by that time.** Please report all violations to Community Relations Officer Brian Ahearn (619) 531-2000. Also, contact Mary Coakley at (619) 840-0250.

Residents from the Via Capri area presented a **traffic calming plan that calls for narrowing of Via Capri**, landscaping planters on each side of the street to slow traffic, installation of v-calm signs, installation of stop signs, and striping. The La Jolla Shores Association discussed the plan and referred it to City staff for review and return to the LJSA with proposed traffic solutions.

The City of San Diego is in the process of **undergrounding** all overhead utility lines in the City's residential neighborhoods. Within La Jolla Shores, the La Jolla Scenic North and the Via Capri/Hidden Valley Road neighborhoods are current under grounding projects. During the under grounding, all street lights are being updated. The La Jolla Shores Association is working with the City and the residents to determine appropriate placement of street lights to maintain neighborhood aesthetics and the quality of life of our residents.

PARKING ADVISORY BOARD

In late 2005, against the recommendation of the La Jolla Shores Association, the San Diego City Council created the **La Jolla Parking Management District**. A 9-member advisory board, including a representative from LJSA, was established to recommend to the City of San Diego specific solutions for La Jolla parking issues.

RVs at the beach and UCSD parking in neighborhoods are two key issues in La Jolla Shores parking problems. Your input is welcome! Your La Jolla Shores Association representative, Ken King, may be reached at signal@san.r.r.com. The Board meets monthly at 8:00 on the second Thursday in The Museum of Contemporary Art, 700 Prospect Street. Please attend!

ERUV UPDATE

Adat Yeshurun, the Orthodox Jewish synagogue on La Jolla Scenic Drive North, has requested a public right-of-way use permit to construct an eruv in the La Jolla Shores area. An eruv is a symbolic border that allows practicing observant Orthodox Jews to carry items or people in a public area on the Sabbath. Most of the eruv boundary is already existing natural borders; however, the gaps in the boundary would be closed by monofilament line. The synagogue plans to attach the line to the top of city street lights where possible and install new poles around the La Jolla Shores area in areas where there are not enough street lights – one on Glenbrook Way and two on Torrey Pines Road.

In February, the La Jolla Shores Association held a well-attended public hearing on the eruv. After hearing both sides, the Board voted to deny the project because the applicant does not meet the permit condition requirements.

The eruv application will be heard at the San Diego Planning Commission on June 22, 2006. Their decision is final unless the project is appealed to the City Council. Questions? Call Robert Tucker, the City's project manager, at 619-557-7919.

SITE 653

An overflow crowd of 500 people in Sherwood Auditorium watched the San Diego City Council's 6-2 vote to sell Site 653 to Hillel, a religious organization for Jewish students, to build a student center. The vacant, triangular-shaped City-owned property across from UCSD has been the center of heated debate for over 6 years. Opponents said that the 12,000 square-foot student center would increase traffic congestion, parking problems, and is too large for a single-family neighborhood. All La Jolla community advisory groups, including the La Jolla Shores Association, have consistently recommended denial of the project. The City's Planning Commission and the University City Planning Group also recommended denial.

Council President Scott Peters added 24 conditions to his motion of approval to transfer the property to Hillel. Most of the conditions dealt with parking concerns, the most significant of which was to require 68 instead of 40 on-site parking spaces. Peters' motion also called for the formation of a neighborhood advisory committee.