Lifeguards vote to split from San Diego Fire Dept.

By Dave Schwab | The Beacon

Signaling it may be time for a change, the San Diego Lifeguard Union voted overwhelmingly Dec. 6 to split from the San Diego Fire Department and become its own separate “Marine Safety Department.”

The vote of the lifeguard’s union, with 92 percent of the 102 eligible lifeguards casting ballots, was 76 in favor of leaving SDFD, 18 opposed.

“The 95 percent turnout itself was unprecedented,” said Lifeguard Union chief Ed Harris, who has vocally opposed department changes made by Fire Chief Brian Fennessy.

“We are very concerned about the weather conditions that have created an extreme fire threat,” said Monica Munoz, SDFD spokesperson, responding to the lifeguard union’s vote to disengage from the fire department. “We are laser focused on this effort, and not union issues at the moment.”

Police kill intruder at Sunset Cliffs home

On Sunday, Dec. 10, at approximately 6:07 a.m., the San Diego Police Department Communication Center received a 911 call reporting that a male was attempting to gain entry into a residence on the 1300 block of Trieste Drive.

The caller stated that a male had banged on their front door and windows demanding a knife.

The suspect has been identified as Kyle Zahacefski of Colchester, Conn.

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Founded in 1960, Nati’s Mexican Restaurant has been a staple in the Ocean Beach community serving Mexican food and creating what’s known as “The Nati’s Family.”

After 57 years of operation, friends and owners Dennis Kerr and Marilyn Thomas have decided to pass the torch and sell the restaurant to an un-named buyer.

Kerr and Thomas own the corporation that operates Nati’s, a landmark at the corner of Bacon Street and Niagara Avenue in Ocean Beach. Kerr and Thomas began working at Nati’s as teenagers. Kerr, now 72, has spent 55 years affiliated with Nati’s either as an employee, manager or owner. Thomas, who manages the daily operation, has been with the business nearly as long. This week, they announced the sale of the corporation.

“The restaurant business is best suited for young, innovative and energetic people. Unfortunately, Marilyn and I no longer fall into that category,” said Kerr. “A new owner will bring new ideas and energy to the business.

“It is our understanding that the business will close for about a month for some much-needed renovation and updating. Thereafter, the refreshed Nati’s will re-open with the original staff and serve the consistent, Sinaloan-style Mexican food that has made it a local’s favorite for the past nearly 60 years,” Kerr said.

“Marilyn and I are very proud of the staff that has made Nati’s the icon it has become. Our present employees are hardworking, loyal and dedicated to quality food and service,” said Kerr.

“We believe that those who want to, will be able to continue with the business. We are particularly thankful for those we have worked with over the years, but who are no longer with us: founders Vern and Charlene Lontz, head chef Luisa Allen, Luisa and Bedoya were with Vern Lontz when he opened Nati’s in 1960.”

“It is the multiple generations of loyal customers that have made Nati’s what is quite possibly the longest continuous operating restaurant in Ocean Beach, and possibly San Diego,” Thomas said.

“Each year our customers vote us best restaurant in OB and support

**Long-time Ocean Beach Mexican restaurant, Nati’s, sold**

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us with their continued and loyal patronage. We are grateful for their patronage and loyalty. Nati’s customers are the best!”

The purchase of Nati’s Inc., includes the business known as Nati’s Mexican Food and the real estate, according to the brokerage firm The Franco Realty Group, head- ed by Tony Franco.

Franco confirmed the new owner’s plan to temporarily close Nati’s to complete some remodeling and immediately re-open as the same Nati’s Mexican Food. The Franco Realty Group – with Tony Franco, and including Cody Wippel, Joe Medina and Joseph Rote – repre- sented the buyer and seller.

Nati’s has always supported the community with donations and contributions. The restaurant has been recognized as the longest, continuous supporter of teams of the Point Loma Little League.

Current employees of the restaurant are known as part of ‘The Nati’s Family.’

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City Council punts again on short-term vacation rentals

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

After more than five hours of pub-
lis'timony, and an impasse among its nine members, who split between two competing proposals to regulate short-term vacation rentals, San Diego City Council on Dec. 12 failed to approve new regulations to regulate the burgeoning industry.

The two proposals presented, which the council failed to merge, included a more-restrictive version (Option 1) authored by council members Barbara Bry and Lorie Zapf from Districts 1 and 2, and another less-restrictive proposal (Option 2) by inland council mem-
bers Scott Sherman, Chris Ward Chris Cate and Mark Kersey. Swing votes consisted of City Council pres-
ident Myrtle Cole of District 4, along with council members David Alvarez of District 8 and Georgette Gomez of District 9.

After multiple votes failed to gain a majority, Cole opted to end the hearing more than 10 hours after it began. Council members haggled over, and were unable to reach a compromise, on several issues regarding STVRs. Those stalemated issues included proposed ordinance language that could have raised legal issues, whether to limit issuance of permits to San Diego residents with primary residency in the city only, and other details including the length of minimum stays and the number of total days a year a residence could be shared as an STVR.

Neighboring cities have been complaining for years about the alarming proliferation of unregulated STVRs, and about noise, trash and other com-
plaints associated with them. Resi-
dents have also become increasingly concerned about outside interests coming in and buying up properties specifically to turn them into STVRs, which some contend removes units from the market worsening the exist-
ing housing crisis. Appealing to the other side, in introducing she and Zapf’s proposal, Bry pointed out the similarities between the two presented STVR ordinance proposals on the table. “We both have unlimited home sharing and both agree on the importance of enforcement,” said Bry. “In the end, politics is the art of the possible. We cannot punt this football down the road.”

Bry said STVRs are a land-use issue, noting, “I can’t build a gas station or raise cattle in my backyard.”

“Our job is to make tough deci-
sions,” said Zapf, noting her coastal district “is the most impacted by STVRs.”

Largely due to the tourism industry, STVRs are disproportionately locat-
ed along the coast. Not surprisingly, a large number of the approximate-
ly 200 people who testified before the City Council were beachfront residents.

Brian Curry, immediate past pres-
ident of Pacific Beach Planning Group, said PB began asking the city to take action to curb the unchecked proliferation of STVRs as far back as 2007.

“The beaches — we’re the most impacted,” said Curry, noting he favored hosted home sharing, but not whole-house rentals of less than 30 days, which he characterized as “visitor accommodations.”

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Police request help finding suspects in OB arson fires

From Thursday Dec. 7 through Monday, Dec. 11, there have been a total of five arson fires in a rela-
tively small area of Ocean Beach. The five cases were reported in the following areas:

- 4400 Orchard Ave.
- 4400 Newport Ave.
- 4400 Newport Ave.
- 4400 Newport Ave.
- 4500 Muir Ave.

In all five cases, the fires occurred in the alley and were a result of an unknown person(s) lighting various items of debris and other combustible materials on fire. All of the fires have occurred at night and there is no suspect information at this time.

Anyone with information is requested to call the San Diego Metro Arson Strike Team at 619-236-6815 or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

Undercover auto theft operation busts 60 people

Sixty defendants have been indict-
ed as a result of “Operation Kill Switch,” an eight-month vehicle theft crackdown, the District Attor-
ney’s Office recently announced. The undercover operation was con-
ducted by the San Diego County Regional Auto Theft Task Force, working with Homeland Security Investigations and Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

“Dozens of car thieves have been shut down as a result of this opera-
tion, thanks to the excellent work done by RATT and its law enforce-
ment partners,” said District Attor-
ney Summer Stephan. “We’ve seen vehicle thefts start to go back up in recent years, so staying vigilant and supporting RATT’s mission is an important component of keeping San Diego one of the safest urban counties in the nation.”

Beginning in February and end-
ing in September, undercover offi-
cers purchased stolen vehicles, nar-
ocotics, body armor and firearms from more than 90 individuals. A San Diego County Grand Jury was presented with evidence of the pur-
chases and returned indictments on 60 people. The defendants, some of whom worked as organized crime rings, face various felony charges — vehicle theft, residential burglary, possession of stolen property and illegal weapons possession.

During Operation Kill Switch, more than 70 vehicles were recovered by law enforcement, with a total estimated value of $1.1 million. Several luxury cars that had been stolen were pur-
chased by undercover detectives, among them were vehicles manufact-
ured by Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Audi, Cadillac, and a Tesla. Several U-Haul trucks were also recovered. Vehicles recovered had been stolen from across San Diego County, as well as Los Ange-
les, Orange, and Riverside counties.

“By yet another collaborative effort, investigators from RATT, NCIS and HSI have made a significant impact in the reduction of auto theft throughout San Diego County. I am proud of the work that was done by our investiga-
tors and know these types of opera-
tions go a long way in protecting our communities,” said RATT Comman-
der Don Goodbrand.

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on the street below. Zahacefski ran towards the residence and the officers lost sight of him. Officers then heard breaking glass and believed the sus-
pect was breaking into the residence. Officers followed the sound of the breaking glass and found a glass door to the residence had been shattered.

Believing Zahacefski had broken into the home and that the residents were in danger, officers entered the home and immediately located the sus-
pect in the kitchen. Zahacefski had retrieved a fixed blade knife from the kitchen and pointed the knife at his throat. Officers repeatedly ordered him to drop the knife but he refused.

Instead, Zahacefski pointed the knife at officers and quickly walked toward them. Fearing for their lives, one officer fired several rounds from his AR-15 rifle and another officer fired one round from his bean bag shot-gun. Zahacefski was struck at least one time by an AR-15 round and collapsed to the floor. At this time, it is unknown if the bean bag round struck him.

Officers began providing first aid to Zahacefski. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Two adults were asleep in the resi-
dence at the time of the shooting. Nei-
ther were injured. Zahacefski did not live at the address and did not have permission to enter.

The San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit responded to the scene and is conducting the officer-involved shooting investigation. The involved officer is a 15-year veteran of the San Diego Police Department.
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And nowhere is giving that local support more vital than in the Peninsula.

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To promote small business-centric OB and shopping local, OBMA this year held a nearly month-long Passport contest between Small Business Saturday Nov. 25 and Dec. 20 – so there’s still time to get your passport card in Shoppers collected hole punches (no purchase necessary) in cards from participating merchants.

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OBMA: Give the gift of OB this season and enjoy family game night with Ocean Beach-opoly featuring real OB merchants ($40), as well as the Ocean Beach Pier 1,000-piece puzzle ($25).

“Adorn your holiday tree with the commemorative 2017 OB Ornament featuring the 25th anniversary of the OB Farmers Market,” said Isabel Clark of OBMA.

“Drink up in style with OB coffee mugs, pint glasses, and shot glasses ($5 each). OB hats ($26) and tote bags ($15) are available, too. Check out the full array of merchandise at OceanBeachSanDiego.com or stop by the OBMA office at 1868 Bacon St. to take care of your holiday gifts.

Inn at Sunset Cliffs: Out-of-town guests arriving this year for the holidays? No worries. The Inn at Sunset Cliffs will make everyone feel special during their holiday stay at one of the best view locations in San Diego. And you’ll enjoy the views even more from the Inn’s newly remodeled Terrace Patio. Plus, new recent room upgrades only add to the experience.

San Diego Humane Society, 5300 Gaines St.: Has hundreds of homeless animals in need of homes and is waiving adoption fees for all animals from Dec. 15 through 24 at all campuses and satellite adoption centers. Every animal adopted from SDHS is spayed/neutered, current on all vaccinations, microchipped and is sent home with a certificate for a free veterinary exam, 30 days of worry-free pet insurance from Trupanion and his/her first bag of food from Purina.

Animals that are awaiting adoption can be found on the organization’s website: sdhumane.org/how-you-can-help/adopt/available-pets. San Diego Humane Society adoption hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., seven days a week.

Newport Avenue Optometry at 4822 Newport Ave.: They have a wide selection of the most popular sunglasses, including Oakley, Ray Ban and Maui Jim, available in both prescription and non-prescription. What could be better than premium, stylish eye protection? Call 619-222-0559, fax 619-222-0231.

Beach Sweets at 5022 Newport Ave.: Celebrate this holiday season with delicious holiday-themed chocolates and confections from Beach Sweets. “Christmas celebrations always include a little decadence that make it a special time of year for everyone,” said owner Laura Lee Smith. “We have festive chocolates and treats for hostess gifts, Christmas stockings, and ideal gifts for everyone on your list. Beach Sweets is dedicated to quality, and making that special occasion both unique and simply delicious in every way.” 619-222-3322, OceanBeachSweets.com.

Lighthouse Ice Cream, at 5059 Newport Ave.: claims to be the warmest and coziest place on the street. Serving hot Julian apple pie, hot fudge sundaes and their famous hot waffle ice cream sandwich. Not only will it warm your hands, but also, your heart. Celebrate the holidays with them. The parlor will be

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The OBMA Storefront Decorating Contest is back! Enjoy the festive displays at Ocean Beach businesses, and make your voice heard in the People’s Choice competition. Vote for your favorite holiday storefront by liking their photo at facebook.com/OBMA92107. Voting starts Friday, December 1, at 5:00 p.m. and is open until Friday, December 15, at 5:00 p.m.
Dreamgirls fashions at 5054 Newport Ave.: has a wonderful selection of seasonal clothing and accessories – all at 20 percent off. That makes it easy to give the gift of fashion. Gift cards are available too!

The Black at 5017 Newport Ave.: Looking for a more iconic OB vibe selection? Check out The Black! It is actually a department store/gift shop/smoke shop. To say it is iconic is an understatement. The Black has a jewelry department, clothing, candles, incense, housewares and a music department with cards and books, not to mention a fine selection of tobacco and smoking pipes and accessories. It will blow your mind. The Black is OB. See what’s new and old.

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Lucy’s Tavern at 4906 Voltaire St.: You’ll never be at a loss for holiday cheer at this local pub and restaurant. Enjoy live bands, and pool tournaments, and watching your favorite football team at Lucy’s Tavern.

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Arizona Cafe at 1925 Bacon St.: Catch all your favorite sports at the Arizona Cafe. The place has several big-screen TVs, pool tables and tasty food and brew.

OB Kabob at 4994 Newport Ave.: Having a holiday party? OB Kabob can cater groups up to 300. See their ad for a 20 percent off coupon. They also feature whole lambs for your holiday party for pick-up on Christmas. Place your order three days in advance for just $299.

Raglan Public House at 1851 Bacon St.: is running a gift card special again this year. When a guest buys a gift card, they receive a free gift voucher (GV), as well that can be used at any time after the first of the year. It works as follows: Buy $100 gift card, receive a $50 drink GV; Buy a $50 GV, get a $25 drink GV; Buy a $25 GV, get a $10 drink GV. “It’s a great deal,” said Raglan GM Kyle Jaworski.

Dog Beach Dog Wash at 4933 Voltaire St.: Christmas wouldn’t be the same without special holiday deals at Dog Beach Dog Wash. Owner Jane Donley said the holidays are big for customers purchasing dog washes, nail trims and pet stocking stuffers. “We have a full array of gift-wraped items, small and large,” Donley said, adding coupon books with discounts on washes, gifts and other goodies are available. Guests are also treated to free hot spiced cider. “This year we have gift cards for any amount for merchandise,” she said.

Sunset Garage at 1946 Bacon St.: Woody and his staff at Sunset Garage want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! They will keep you rollin’ through the holidays. And get 10% off with the coupon in this issue.

Creations Boutique is Arizona-based boutique inspired by a global lifestyle and deeply rooted in bohemian influences that is excited to be a part of the Ocean Beach community. The shop is located at 4958 Newport Ave. and specializes in modern apparel for juniors and women. Their creative one-of-a-kind environment features Angie Brand clothing, as well as a special selection from local designers. They have a wide variety for gift giving, and also offer gift cards. To help you meet your gifting goals, the shop is running a special through Dec. 24, buy two items and get the third half off.

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December 14

Book Drive
4 p.m. After finding out that Cabrillo Elementary School needed basic school supplies, Point Loma Assembly, 3035 Talbot St., provided funding for items on teachers’ wish lists. Now, the organization is soliciting the help of the community to support the school’s reading program. The school is accepting donations of new and gently used books for the library, and as gifts for the students. You can find a list of authors and subject matter at pointlomaassembly.org. While you are welcome to bring books from your own collection or shop at any retailer, you can also shop at book drive partner La Playa Books, 1026 Rosecrans St., which has created a special display from the school’s wish list. The books will be presented to Cabrillo Elementary school librarian Virginia Stokely.

December 16

Pet adoptions
OB Surf Lodge, at 5083 Santa Monica Blvd., will hold a pet adoption event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SantaCon in PB
The inaugural Pacific Beach SantaCon bar crawl fundraiser for Toys for Tots welcomes all Surfer Santas, Garnet Grinches, Christmas Kooks & Rollerblading Rudolphs. Registration at Sandbox Pizza, 1014 Grand Ave., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

December 16

“Gift of Love” Adoption Promotion at San Diego Humane Society
Adoption fees are being waived for all animals, courtesy of generous donors’ gift. Hundreds of homeless animals are at San Diego Humane Society in need of homes, so pet adoption fees are being waived for all animals from Dec. 15 through 24 at all campuses and satellite adoption centers. For the 10 days before Christmas, all animal adoptions are sponsored by Sharon Blanchet of ABC Family Law and Phil and Pam Reed, Reed Team at Willis Allen Real Estate.

December 26

Free Day of Dance
The Arts District’s Dance Place in Liberty Station will offer a free day of classes for dance enthusiasts of all levels and abilities. Meet the instructors and take sample classes.

December 31

New Years Eve at The MED
Five-course over-the-top dining experience followed by a countdown celebration in La Sala Lounge and live entertainment. $150 per adult.

Let’s PARTY at San Diego’s premier NYE celebration at the Catamaran Resort in the heart of PB with OPEN BAR ALL NIGHT! You can expect a massive NYE Beach resort experience with all you can drink open bar ALL NIGHT, 4 indoor ballrooms of the hottest locals, delicious appetizers, and a lot more. Everything you could ask for to ring in 2018 in style - see you there!! PB’s Biggest & BEST New Year’s Eve Beach Party is BACK! Tickets now on sale... get them at the lowest possible price by booking today! Celebrate 2017 and welcome 2018 with VAVi’s legendary Catamaran Resort and Spa overlooking Mission Bay. NYEBeachParty.com to get your tickets and use our special “LUS-TENSID” code for a hookup on all tickets before current prices increase on Thursday, 12/14.

Christmas Events
Westminster Presbyterian Church
3598 Talbot Street, Point Loma • www.westministersd.org

It’s A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play – December 1,3,5,7,9,10
Fridays, Saturdays @8:00 PM – Sundays @2:00 PM
A delightful holiday radio show filled with the Christmas magic!

Christmas Eve Worship – Sunday, December 24 @ 7:00 PM
A candlelight service taking joy in the wonder of Christmas Eve. This is a tradition enjoyed by Point Loma families for years.

Christmas Services Directory
Next Christmas Service section is Dec. 21st. Call Mike for details 858.270.3103

December 24, 4pm
Children’s Christmas Pageant, with Holy Communion - all children are welcome to participate (arrive by 3.30pm)

December 24, 7pm
Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 10pm
A ceremony of Carols followed by Christmas Eve Solemn Midnight Mass at 10:30 pm

December 25, 10:00am
Christmas Day Holy Communion
Point Loma Fish Shop to drop anchor in 2018

Peninsula residents and visitors will soon enjoy fresh catches and other favorites brought by Point Loma Fish Shop. The newest location is dropping its net with an eatery slated to open in early February. Southern California locals and visitors have been hooked on the Fish Shop since their first location opened in Pacific Beach in 2010.

“We have been anxiously waiting for an opportunity to bring our fresh fish concept to the Point Loma area,” says owner Billy Ramirez. “We are very excited to be moving into the Point Loma area, what an amazing part of town to open,” said Ramirez, who also owns Pacific Beach Shore Club. “This will be our fourth location — PB, Encinitas, Hermosa Beach and now Point Loma. We hope to expand the concept in different parts of San Diego.”

The new Point Loma Fish Shop plans to offer the same menu as other locations, providing top-notch service and a boatload of fresh fish selections to choose from. Counter service will allow guests to dive into just about any type of seafood they are craving, select their preferred seasoning, and choose between having it all tucked within a taco, sandwich, salad or on a plate.

Other options will include their award-winning TKO Taco (grilled mahi-mahi with house-made tropical mango salsa), Spicy Dorado Taco (grilled mahi-mahi with Siracha aioli coleslaw), house-made New England-style Clam Chowder with smoked Andouille sausage, and their juicy lemon-butter Swordfish Sandwich served with avocado on a torta roll.

Their chef’s creations and S1 oysters on Thursdays are sure to please, and ready to pair with one of their many San Diego microbrews, or wine that can be brought in for a mere $5 corkage fee.

Located on the former Hollow Point Ale House property near the corner of Rosecrans and Canon, Point Loma Fish Shop will offer food delivery service as well as take out. With 2,200 square feet of space, visitors will enjoy docking on their roamy, dog-friendly patio or inside for lunch or dinner. Plenty of parking will also be available.
By PAIGE FULFER | THE BEACON

Louise Mansfield started "Knitting for the Needy" last winter. She remembers standing in the choir, singing during a service last holiday season, when she noticed people sleeping in the doorways of the church behind the congregation. “They had a blanket, but not much else. I felt so sorry for them,” describes Louise. “I thought of how cold they must be, so I went to the pastor, and asked if it was OK if I started making warm hats for these people.” She suggested wrapping them up and giving them as Christmas presents next year.

Fast forward one year, and the "Knitting for the Needy" program has produced more than 100 hats, scarves, and gloves for the cold and hungry. “One parishioner made more than 100 warm hats. She is so fast, it takes her about 30 minutes per hat! They’re made with either donated yarn or scraps that people had laying around... a few women made some scarves. We also have a few pairs of fingerless gloves. The majority of what we have wrapped up are warm winter hats. We have some Sacred Heart Church volunteers make and give gifts to warm homeless

Roast Meat & Sandwich Shop

It is that time to think about what will be on your holiday plate. Holidays should be for relaxing and spending time with the ones you love, don’t stress, let us do the work! We prepare delicious holiday meals with the highest quality ingredients and flavors. Pick up a whole roast beef, porchetta or a turkey. We’ll handle the cooking, you handle the praise. Roast is a lot of things: a sandwich shop, a meat shop, a place to pick up a last minute meal or a healthy salad. What unites everything we do is our singular commitment to craft exceptional, sustainably produced food that tastes great.

Salute The Season at Liberty Station

FREE DAY OF DANCE
Tuesday, December 26, 2017
The Dorothea Laub Dance Place will offer a free day of classes for dance enthusiasts of all levels and abilities. Meet the instructors and take sample classes during this annual dance presented by Malashock Dance, San Diego Ballet, Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater and NTC Foundation. Classes may include ballet, modern, tango, jazz and theatre classes. Pop-up showcases will take place throughout the day on the Community Stage between the ice rink and The Lot.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE
Now - December 24, 2017
Enjoy shopping from Liberty Station tenants and local vendors as you and your family listen to live music performances and skate in Central Promenade at the Rady Children’s Ice Rink at Liberty Station.

DAYS AND HOURS
Fridays (12/15 & 12/22)
5:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturdays (12/16 & 12/23)
5:00pm to 9:00pm
Sundays (12/17 and 12/24*)
Noon to 6:00pm
* Noon to 4:00pm

ARTS DISTRICT
Liberty Station
A burgeoning San Diego hub for life and culture, ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station is a unique waterfront destination with 120 galleries, museums, artists, makers, restaurants, luxury cinemas and a public market. ARTS DISTRICT is a place to create, connect, learn, shop, dine, explore and buy local art. From artists and dancers to boutique shops, a historic golf course, seasonal holiday ice rink, and event venues, ARTS DISTRICT abounds with entertainment, annual festivals and innovative cultural and culinary experiences. Located at the former Naval Training Center in Point Loma, you’ll find historic Navy architecture, vast parks and plentiful free parking.

ARTSDISTRICTLibertyStation.com
Apricot Yarn & Supply in Liberty Station is now offering private knitting and crochet lessons

Apricot Yarn & Supply in Liberty Station is now offering private knitting and crochet lessons for anyone from absolute beginner to intermediate skill level. Adults or children (age 7+) can book lessons as individuals or as a group of two. Adults: Individual: $30/hr; 2 people: $40 total/hr. Children: 1 child: $10/30 min; 2 children: $30 total/45 min. For reservations call 619-223-3603 or email sara@apricotyarn.com. Also see Apricot Yarn & Supply on Facebook and Instagram: @apricotyarn

Sacred Heart's Christmas party for the hungry

With the help of generous donations from Susie and Larry Baumann (owners of Tom Ham’s Lighthouse and Bali Hai), the guests were able to feast upon turkey, green beans, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, green salad, and much more. Louise Mansfield was in charge of dessert, and she opted for a homemade spice cake with whipped cream.

The Christmas party was an extension of their “Feeding the Hungry” meals the church hosts every two weeks. While Sacred Heart has an outreach program, Mansfield believes most people in the OB community seem to find out about these events through word of mouth. She says she recognizes many of the same people who come for their meals every two weeks. “They show up early. Some get in line at 3 p.m., and are waiting outside of our doors, excited for their meals,” Mansfield said.

Sacred Heart is optimistic for the future of helping their community, excited to begin a new partnership with Feeding San Diego. Feeding San Diego will collect food from establishments, and dole it out to provide meals for the hungry. The church has also gathered donations from Trader Joe’s, Einstein Bagels, and many other local supportive markets.

Sacred Heart has had its halls decked all season long, and was ecstatic to host its first Christmas party for the hungry.

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Following the union vote, Harris said the dispute is not about personalities, but rather about what’s best ultimately for both San Diego firefighters and lifeguards.

“This isn’t about Ed Harris versus chief Fennessy,” Harris said. “You can remove all the names, and at the end of the day, it’s the structure of the department that needs to change.”

Fennessy altered how radio dispatch works, with all water-related 911 calls now going first to the fire department instead of directly to lifeguards. Harris contends that communications switch delays lifeguards’ emergency response times, threatening public safety.

Fennessy countered that Harris, a former city council member, was guilty of political grandstanding and that the proposed change was not needed, and would not streamline or improve safety services.

Harris pointed out fire chiefs “change every two or three years,” adding, the equipment used, and the roles of the two departments, are mutually exclusive in important ways. “They (fire) don’t know what we (lifeguards) do, and we don’t know what they do,” Harris said.

Serge Dedina, mayor of Imperial Beach and a former lifeguard, said his city separated lifeguards out from firefighters into their own department. He characterized the change as a “no-brainer.”

“Fire is a very important large department,” he said. “The lifeguards are a very important small department. We are experts, and should be led by experts. This is a win-win for everyone.”

The lifeguard union chief said separating fire and lifeguard services needs to be a long, drawn-out battle. “It can be as simple as the mayor deciding to do a reorganization, basically change the organizational chart,” he said adding, “We believe that’s worth a fight.”

San Diego Unified serves the largest number of military-connected students in the state of California. Overall, San Diego Unified serves more than 13,000 military-connected children and six military bases within district boundaries.

To participate in the Military Holiday Card Drive, drop off signed holiday cards at San Diego Unified’s Central office (main lobby) at 4100 Normal St. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 15 (before noon).

As a thank you, those who donate a holiday card on Wednesday, Dec. 13 will receive a free ticket to the San Diego Symphony’s holiday concert “Noel, Noel” on Dec. 22, at 8 p.m. at Copley Symphony Hall (while supplies last).