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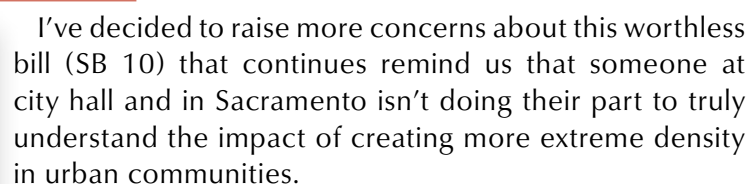
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By Patty Ducey-Brooks



According to an analysis recently published by Climate Central, a nonprofit research group, about 41 million people in the U.S. live in urban heat islands, where city topography elevates temperatures by at least 8 degrees Fahrenheit.

Urban heat islands occur when cities replace land cover including parks, trees, and live landscaping with buildings, pavement and other materials that absorb and retain heat. While the heat effect is most noticeable during summertime, urban heat islands are warmer all year-round.

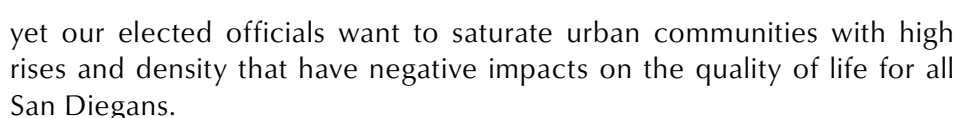
“We’re basically talking about a phenomenon where there’s a measurable increase in urban air temperatures that’s caused by the way the city is built,” said Kaitlyn Trudeau, a climate scientist with Climate Central. “It’s additional warming that is caused by dark building materials, dark pavement, building heights, population density and lack of green space.”

Climate Central researchers found that nine major cities — New York, Houston, Los Angeles, Dallas, Chicago, San Antonio, San Diego, Phoenix and Detroit — each housed at least 1 million people currently affected by the urban heat island effect.

Experts studying urban heat islands say the issue has important implications for both health and equity. Higher temperatures for people living in urban areas means a greater risk of exacerbating medical conditions and even heat-related deaths, said Jeffrey Schlegelmilch, the director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia Climate School.

“The urban heat island effect tends to impact poorer neighborhoods, majority-minority neighborhoods,” Schlegelmilch said. “The areas that tend to get hotter don’t have the resources to invest in well-insulated housing or tree cover. They’re more vulnerable to the effects of climate change.”

Additionally, as San Diego has already implemented via their Community Planning Groups, one that I am a vice chair, a significant means of providing housing opportunities. In other words, we've met the quota,



To top that off, we're experiencing a drop in our population for a lot of significant reasons. Cost of living in San Diego is the primary reason and cost of home ownership. Which, if allowed by SB 10, no one will be able to purchase a single-family home in the future. Speculators and investors will buy up San Diego and make it too expensive for the middle class and

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SB 10 Protest Draws Several Hundred to Fashion Valley

By Stephen Prendergast



Protesters lined both sides of Friars Road near SR 163 to voice their opposition to the possible implementation of SB 10 as part of the city’s Housing Action 2.0 plan.

A concerned and enthusiastic crowd of several hundred San Diego residents gathered along Friars Road near the east end of Fashion Valley on Saturday, July 29, to protest the possible implementation of SB 10 during an upcoming vote of the San Diego Planning Commission. The event was the culmination of efforts by an alliance of groups around

the city to bring attention to a decision that could seriously impact the livability of neighborhoods. Participants waved signs and called out to drivers of passing cars, many of whom honked back in support, during the two-hour rally.

Senate Bill (SB) 10, which was signed into law by Governor Gavin

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Bonnie Kutch, Founder of UC PEEPS and Lead Citywide Organizer for No on SB 10.

Newsome in September 2021, provides cities with the ability to zone certain areas for denser developments of up to 10 units on a single parcel. This can be done in designated “transit-rich areas” or “urban infill sites” if the local legislative body passes a resolution to adopt the plan. The San Diego Planning Commission will take a final vote on the city’s Housing Action Package 2.0 on Thursday, August 3, which would include the implementation of SB 10. As currently written, the plan would reportedly waive impact and permit fees that normally go towards infrastructure and would not require any dedicated parking for residents.

Bonnie Kutch, a University City resident and the founder of UC Neighbors for Responsible Growth, is Lead Citywide Rally Organizer of San Diegans for Responsible Growth, the sponsors of the rally. An organizer of an earlier progressive city-wide protest on May 6, Kutch explained that there was a need to bring members of the communities involved to a single location as a show of strength and opposition. The

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participating community groups are not opposed to development, per se, but to what they see as unplanned or poorly planned development. “SB 10 would be the biggest neighborhood killer we’ve ever seen,” said Kutch when asked about her concerns. “We strive to be the City of Villages, with our own signs, our own identity, our own culture, our own vibe, our own pride.” She pointed out that SB 10 would allow the construction of buildings “completely out of scale and out of character with the neighborhoods” they were erected in. Instead of implementing SB 10, Kutch would like to see sound planning that employs design principles where growth is balanced with projected population, where there are guaranteed affordable housing policies, and where the natural canopy is preserved to meet the city’s own climate action goals.

Protecting the integrity of neighborhoods was also one of the reasons that brought resident Trevor Gamble to the rally. “If people want to live in a downtown high-rise area, go for it,” he said, “but people should be able to live in a residential single-family area without the fear that in the next year or two they’ll have five-story condo buildings all around them.”

One of the selling points that has been touted in favor of the city opting into SB 10 is affordable housing. However, this was also one of the points most vocally contradicted by protesters. Ellis California Jones, a



Amy Reichert, the only candidate for District 4 County Supervisor to oppose SB 10, joined protesters along Friars Road.



Left is Trevor Gamble, San Diego resident; and right is Ellis California Jones, candidate for District 3 City Council.

candidate for the District 3 Seat on the San Diego City Council, explained that developers are able to avoid including affordable units by paying a penalty, which goes into a trust fund for affordable housing. “Basically they’re giving these developers an out to not build the affordable units which they’re telling the residents of San Diego that’s the main reason they’re trying to build these units,” he said. Jones also suggested that minority communities are being used to help push through the plan, with no long-term benefits for these communities.

Kutch echoed this concern, pointing out that in many cases these apartments would be constructed in neighborhoods where developers could not build any affordable units. “It doesn’t pencil out for developers. The Mayor is trying to make a connection between affordable housing and housing the homeless, and housing initiatives, but there’s no connection there,” she said.

“We have a housing crisis,” said District 4 Supervisor candidate Amy Reichert, the only candidate opposed to SB 10. “When you bulldoze single family homes, and in their place put 10-unit apartment complexes that are just for rent, you eliminate the opportunity for people to buy.” She explained that one of the main reasons she hears for people leaving the county is the inability to buy a single-family home rather than a condominium, or being relegated to renting forever. “People are going to continue to flee the county searching for someplace they can raise their families that’s affordable and safe.”

“We are fighting for the next generation because this whole agenda that the mayor has is going to wipe out homes for the younger generation, who might think it’s kind of cool to live in an apartment and take transit,” said Kutch. “But when they grow up and get married and have children, they’re going to want homes with backyards where kids can thrive.”

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Retirement Tax Surprises and How to Avoid Them

By Rick Brooks



When it comes to planning for a successful retirement, one area that often gets overlooked is **tax planning**. Taxes can have a real effect on your retirement, and not planning for them can cause big surprises. Here are some common tax surprises that retirees come across, and what you can do to avoid them.

Retirement plan distributions

If you have diligently added to your savings and investments over the years, congratulations! One of the best ways to maximize savings is to designate a portion of your pay to automatically go into 401(k)s, IRAs, or other retirement plans. If that deferred pay goes to a “pre-tax” (not a Roth) plan, then taxes on that pay will be deferred. This lowers your tax bill in the working years and helps create room in your budget for higher savings.

However, this can also lead to tax surprises retirement, since the tax is due when you withdraw money from the accounts. If those “pre-tax” retirement accounts are your main source of income early in retirement, you may find yourself in a high tax bracket. This can get really painful if your only way to pay the taxes on the distributions is by taking even more distributions from them. Clearly, knowing what you will pay taxes on in retirement is a key part of a successful retirement plan.

Capital gains

Investments held in non-retirement plan accounts enjoy beneficial tax

treatment in the form of lower tax rates. Qualified dividends and long-term (more than one year) capital gains are taxed at a 15-20 percent tax rate — or even 0 percent, depending on your income. Building up savings in non-retirement accounts can provide a real benefit in retirement. You can withdraw money from these accounts with less tax cost. However, the capital gains that build up in long-term investments are taxable when they are realized (sold). Those can really add up if enough are sold during the year. Combined with other sources of income, you can end up with higher tax rates on those gains, reducing the tax advantage.

Social Security

Social security benefits in retirement may be partially taxable, mostly taxable, or not taxable at all. It depends on your “combined income” for the year. For a couple filing taxes jointly, none of your and your spouse’s benefits are taxable if your combined income is less than \$32,000. 50 percent of the benefits are taxable if income is between \$32,000 and \$44,000, and 85 percent of the benefits are taxable if income is more than \$44,000. As you can see, an increase of just a few thousand dollars in income can cause an unexpected increase in your taxes in retirement.

Medicare premium surcharges

Medicare is the primary health insurance for millions of retirees aged 65 and over. Original Medicare (parts A and B) covers most hospital and medical costs. Other parts of Medicare (Part C, Part D, and Medigap) are private insurance plans that provide additional coverage. Part A has no

premium, but all the other parts involve a premium.

The basic Part B premium is \$164.90 per month for 2023. However, added premium surcharges called income-related monthly adjustment amounts (IRMAA) can more than double your Part B and part D premiums. IRMAA surcharges are based on your total income, so while they are not technically a tax, they act like a tax. For instance, a couple filing a joint tax return with income under \$194,000 will typically have Part B and Part D premiums of about \$5,000 for the year. However, if their income is over \$194,000, IRMAA surcharges can raise their total premiums to over \$16,000 a year.

How to reduce the surprise factor

Having less tax surprises in retirement means planning your retirement in advance. This means planning for which accounts to draw from, and which pension, social security and Medicare options to choose. It also means being careful about tax-generating activities like retirement plan distributions and capital gains. This often requires a deeper look at all the areas of your finances to make interconnected financial decisions.

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By Patty Ducey-Brooks

future potential homeowners.

The American Dream will be forever removed due to bad politicians and policies, like SB 10, which will allow a single-family lot to become a 10-to-14-unit building. This apartment building will require no parking, no landscaping, no trees, and no infrastructure to support the increased density.

Forget America’s Finest City. It will become, thanks to SB 10, another urban hot spot that is driven by greed and deceit.

As stated by Ellis California Jones, a council candidate for District 3 who spoke at a recent rally opposing SB 10, “This gives developers an out to not build the affordable housing units they claim they will provide. And though it has

been marketed as means to help minority communities, as a means to push through the plan, none of this is true.”

If you want to join the thousands of people who are protesting SB 10 and are dedicated to protecting San Diego from this insanity, become a part of Neighbors for a Better San Diego, which is dedicated to protecting future home ownership and a quality of life for all San Diegans (<https://www.neighborsforabettersandiego.org>).

Ellis California Jones, a council candidate for District 3, is opposed to SB 10.



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Two Sumatran Tiger Cubs Born at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance is celebrating the birth of two Sumatran tiger cubs—the first of this critically endangered species to be born at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park's Tull Family Tiger Trail habitat in seven years. Their birth also comes just in time for Global Tiger Day. With only an estimated 400 to 600 Sumatran tigers remaining on Earth, the births are significant in increasing the worldwide population of this tiger species and furthering the nonprofit conservation organization's ongoing work to conserve them.

The cubs, a female and a male, were born July 12 to first-time mother Diana. Wildlife care specialists are closely monitoring Diana and her cubs, and they report that Diana is an extremely attentive and gentle mother. The cubs appear strong, and are nursing frequently.

"We are elated about the birth of these tiger cubs," said Lisa Peterson, executive director, San Diego Zoo Safari Park. "It has been years since we've had cubs at Tiger Trail, and we can't wait to share them with the community." Added Peterson, "These births are so important to the conservation of this species. Our hope is these cubs will provide an opportunity for our guests to gain a greater appreciation for tigers and the important need to conserve them in their native habitats."

The births are a result of a breeding recommendation through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Sumatran Tiger Species Survival Plan (SSP). Each SSP program, overseen by conservationists nationwide, ensures genetic diversity and healthy, self-sustaining assurance populations of threatened and endangered wildlife.

Sumatran tigers are listed as Critically Endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species. Tigers face many challenges, including loss of habitat, challenges to human-wildlife coexistence and poaching. People can help protect tigers by avoiding products made with non-sustainable palm oil, an industry that harms tiger habitats; and by refusing to purchase items made from endangered wildlife.

Diana and her cubs will remain in her den for several weeks. This window of time is crucial, as it allows the youngsters to bond with and learn from their mother. When Diana is ready, she will bring her cubs out of the den. Wildlife care specialists estimate this will happen when the cubs are 8 to 10 weeks old.



One of the cubs rests near mom, Diana.

Each year, Global Tiger Day is celebrated worldwide on July 29 to raise awareness and support for tiger conservation. San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance works with partners in Asia through our Asian Rainforest Conservation Hub to end poaching and wildlife trafficking, while developing long-term plans to protect critically endangered Sumatran tigers. Individuals can support San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance's work with a symbolic tiger adoption, supporting innovative conservation efforts to save tigers and their habitats. For more information, visit sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org/adopt/sumatran-tiger.

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Bolt is currently residing at the Oceanside Campus of the San Diego Humane Society, located at 572 Airport Road in Oceanside. For more information, call 619-299-7012 or via email at info@sdhumane.org.

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Bop is currently available for adoption and living in a foster home. To arrange an introduction, please give us a call at 619-299-7012.



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Storm Drain Repairs Finally Forthcoming

By Patty Ducey-Brooks



On site to review the damaged hillside and neighboring properties were (left to right) Jong Choi, senior civil engineer; Jake Valencia of the Storm Water Department; and Kelly Hopkins, resident.

After a series of serious rainstorms, residents on Hermosa Way in Mission Hills were overcome with concern regarding a storm drain that failed to work and led to a hillside being washed away. This took place in March 2023.

The drain, according to residents, Jamie and Kelly Hopkins, who live closest to the storm drain and the eroding hillside, hasn't been maintained in many years. In fact, the access point for the storm drain was visibly blocked.

Jamie and Kelly had made numerous attempts to get action from the city to inspect the property damage, and the serious drainage issue. Though the rainy season had ended, they knew time was of essence to prevent future flood damage and to regain use of their irrigation system, which had been destroyed. The water from the clogged and blocked drain has destroyed the front pillars to their home, sprinkler lines, landscape lights, and mature vegetation. In danger is their home's structure since the landslide is approximately 20 feet from their historic home.

Though the residents did receive an initial visit by Bruce Coons, SOHO, engineers and Councilman Stephen Whitburn, communication and calls

to further the repairs seemed to have hit a standstill. On Tuesday, July 11, Jamie and Kelly and other concerned neighbors finally met with members of the City Engineering Department and Water Department to further the effort to fix the drain, restore the hillside and fix the damages to the Hopkins' property.

Present were Jong Choi, senior civil engineer, Engineering & Capital Projects Department; Jake Valencia of the Storm Water Department; and Carolina Delgado, project manager.

While on site, Choi stated that they would bring in contractors to do the work to assess the damage and necessary repairs, and they would also correct whatever occurred on the Hopkins' property. That included restoring vegetation, fix electrical and sprinklers. They will bring in new soil to compact the hillside, as well as bring in vegetation to help secure the area.

Due to the steps to be taken, and amount of damage, Choi said it would probably take two to five months to complete the project.

Jamie and Kelly did express concern with a future rainy season and more deterioration of the hillside. Choi said that they will bring in pumps at the first sign of a 20 percent chance of rain.



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Come Join the Summer Fun at Liberty Station

Summer may be coming to an end, but the fun in the sun is far from over. Arts District Liberty Station is the perfect place to soak up these last few days of Summer with friends and family. From outdoor live music, interactive free classes and more, San Diego's largest Arts & Cultural District is helping you fill up the rest of your summer calendar.

Art District Summer Music Series

Get ready for the return of Arts District Summer Music Series from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, August 13 on the North Promenade. Bringing old-school country with a cosmic west coast twist to Arts District, Kimmi Bitter and The Westside Twang will transport guests on a retro journey to the 60s with nostalgic original songs. The singer-songwriter's collection gravitates towards traditional country, reverbed out western riffs, old-fashioned rock-n-roll, and hints of California psychedelia.

Attendees will be able to dance to the beat of the music, bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the free concert, or sip on cold beverages from Stone Brewing's outdoor patio area.

Master Class Series

Grab your dancing shoes, because The Rosin Box Project and San Diego Dance Theatre will be collaborating on a free Master Class Series for students this month on Saturday, August 26 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Taught by world-renowned professional artists, the entire series will feature four public classes hosted at San Diego Dance Theater's Light Box Theater, located at 2590 Truxtun Road, Suite 205. Each class offers the opportunity to connect with a different facet of the contemporary dance world and brings new perspective to the greater community. This month's class will be taught by Rande Dorn. The classes are free and open to the public, with pre-registration strongly encouraged as classes may fill up quickly. This program was made possible through a collaborative grant awarded by NTC Foundation with generous support from Bank of Southern California, RiverRock Real Estate Group and The Parker Foundation.

Sing for Home Piano

From the Bronx to Beirut, the Sing for Hope Pianos program is a global arts initiative that creates artist-designed pianos; places them in public spaces for anyone and everyone to enjoy; then transports and activates them year-round in permanent homes including schools, hospitals, transit hubs, refugee camps, and community-based organizations. This month, one piano from the program will be calling Arts District home. Local



The Rosin Box Project and San Diego Dance Theatre will be collaborating on a free Master Class Series for students this month on Saturday, August 26.

student, Makena Stumpo, and artist, Liam Koett, partnered to create a Sing for Hope Piano which will be on display at Arts District from July 29 through August 21. Guests are invited to enjoy this work of art and even play some music when visiting its location near Building 202 on Dewey Road.

Summer Camps

- **Milk Oolong Pottery:** Learn skills on the pottery wheel, sculpting, hand-building, and surface decoration to create a variety of projects. Offering nine 5-day sessions, summer camp classes are available through August 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Banyan Tree Educational Services:** Avoid the 'Summer slide' and get your kids ahead for the next school year with 6 weeks of targeted literacy and math instruction with a credentialed teacher. Running through July 28 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., students entering second to sixth grade will learn important skills necessary for navigating their path to success.

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Mission Hills' Artists Return for the Holiday Season

After a three-year hiatus, due to Covid, the Mission Hills Art Show and Sale will return from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, November 4 at the Mission Hills United Church of Christ for a wonderful Show and Sale.

This will be an exciting exhibit of all kinds of art from jewelry to paintings, to quilts, to clothing, to many other kinds of creative skills. It's perfect for the holidays with lots of potential gifts.

If you are an artist and would like to join, call Ginny Ollis at 619-295-3904 to register (cost is only \$25/artist to cover the space rental). Free coffee and lunch for artists will be provided.



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Mission Hills Summer and Beyond

By J. Daniel Geddis, President

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This may be odd for a native San Diegan to say, but I'm more of a fall and winter kind of guy. That being said, there are aspects of summer in San Diego, you just can't find in any other season; the sunshine lasts longer, I can wear shorts & flip flops, and ice cream is a completely justified way to keep cool. And, thankfully, in Mission Hills we have plenty of professionals to help us achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle and fit appearance. It's the everyday things that bring true joy to our lives.

One of the many summer opportunities for our business community continue to be Concerts in the Park, where Mission Hills business owners may serve as financial backers and sponsors. The summer concert series provide a unique opportunity for Mission Hills businesses to give back to the residential community through concert sponsorships. Each summer neighbors and friends bring blankets and picnic baskets, sing and dance, and catch up on neighborhood happenings. Thank you to Hailey and Merritte Powell owners of La Puerta Mission Hills for again being the Concerts in the Park Title Sponsor and also thank you to Lazy Acres, Mission Hills Financial, Mission Hills Nursery, Fort Oak, Cardellino, and Safdie Rabines Architects for their continuing generous sponsorship support for this beloved Mission Hills tradition.

As tradition would have it, during the month of August our city and neighborhood fill with family, friends, and vacationers. Our college-aged family members are capturing the last days of rays perfect for tanning before returning to their academic pursuits. Summer days are more casual. Windows and doors are left open. Our little ones are running about. Remember to protect your loved ones and your belongings, even if you only plan to step away for a minute, by taking an extra minute to close and lock your windows and door, including your garage doors.

And, speaking of family and little ones, we have been peeking through covered windows to watch the interior renovation progress underway at Moon & Sun, 1615 West Lewis, by new owner Karen Berry. Berry recently shared with us her many years of involvement as a financial backer of several Mission Hills businesses. Her daughter-in-law, Bree Senescall, mother of Olivia (age four) and Claire (age two) will be at the helm of Moon & Sun, which is slated to re-open at the end of summer 2023, just in time for back to school clothing and supplies. We wish every success to Bree and her team.

It is never too early to save-the-date for the 11th Annual Taste of Mission Hills taking place on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Whether it is a date night, special occasion or a group get together, please add Taste of Mission Hills' delicious event to your calendar. Beginning in September, tickets will be available online at Eventbrite, and at a few locations throughout the neighborhood. Last year's Taste sold-out. This



Bree Senescall, who will be at the helm of Moon & Sun on Lewis Street, is pictured with her husband, Max, and daughters, Olivia (age four) and Claire (age two).

year we will again limit sales to 600 tickets. The advance price for a ticket will be \$40, with day-of- tickets for sale at \$45 per ticket. In last month's column we quoted 2022 prices, for which we apologize. All tickets include three free Taste Trolleys from area parking spaces to all participating venues. We are able to keep prices low due to the generous Title Sponsorship from US Bank and Trolley Sponsorships from A Designed Space, Harley Gray Kitchen & Bar and La Puerta. Remember Mission Hills BID includes businesses on India Street, West Lewis Street, Goldfinch, Ft. Stockton and West Washington, plus a number of side streets, making trolley service the best way to reach all of the Taste venues in one evening. I encourage you to visit MissionHillsBID.com/taste for informational updates.

There are many different ways to learn more about the Mission Hills BID, its meetings and activities, including our website: MissionHillsBID.com, Facebook: [MissionHillsBID](https://www.facebook.com/MissionHillsBID), Instagram: [@MissionHillsSD](https://www.instagram.com/MissionHillsSD), and X (formerly known as Twitter...RIP little bird!): [@MissionHillsSD](https://twitter.com/MissionHillsSD). And, beginning this month, also find us on Threads [@MissionHillsSD](https://www.threads.net/@MissionHillsSD), the newest social media platform by Meta. If you love our Mission Hills business neighborhood and have ideas and time to help promote it, the Mission Hills BID needs you. Please contact us at MissionHillsBID@gmail.com.

We are thankful to every owner who has chosen to locate their business in Mission Hills. To those who patronize our local businesses, we thank you too. Please invite your family and friends to join you in Mission Hills to embrace all we have to offer this summer and beyond.

2023 Cymbiotika San Diego Open is Presented by ResMed Women's Professional Tennis Event to be Played at Barnes Tennis Center

Tickets for the 2023 Cymbiotika San Diego Open Presented by ResMed are available. The WTA 500 women's professional tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 9 through Saturday, September 16 at Barnes Tennis Center located at 4490 West Point Loma Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92107.

Tickets can be purchased on [SeatGeek.com](https://seatgeek.com) which can be accessed through the official tournament website at <https://wtasdpopen.com/>.

This year's event is also offering chalet tickets in the North Baseline VIP section for groups of 12 up to 96 ticket holders. Prices range from \$150 to \$250 per

person depending on the session. All chalet tickets include VIP Hospitality.

During the Cymbiotika San Diego Open, the tournament venue at Barnes Tennis Center will feature an intimate Stadium Court with a capacity of 2,500 and Stadium 2 with 500 seats.

"We are looking forward to another exciting WTA tournament in September with the top players in the world coming to San Diego. I encourage fans to purchase tickets as soon as possible," said Tournament Director Ryan Redondo. "We are expecting a strong player field and will be making player announcements in the coming weeks."

The Cymbiotika San Diego Open will offer \$780,637 in prize money and have a 28-player singles draw and a 16-team doubles draw. Qualifying rounds are scheduled to be played September 9-10 with Main Draw matches starting September 11 and concluding with the singles and doubles final on September 16.

The starting times for each day of the 2023 Cymbiotika San Diego Open will be as follows:

Day 1 Qualifying – Saturday, September 9 – 10 a.m.

Day 2 Qualifying – Sunday, September 10 – 11 a.m.

Main Draw Day Sessions – Monday, September 11 – Friday, September 15 – 11:30 a.m.

Main Draw Evening Sessions – Monday, September 11 - Friday, September 15 – 5:30 p.m.

Doubles Championship – Saturday, September 16 – 1:30 p.m.

Singles Championship – Saturday, September 16 – 4 p.m.

World No. 1 Iga Swiatek of Poland captured the singles title at last year's inaugural San Diego Open with a thrilling 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 victory over Donna Vekic of Croatia before a capacity crowd on Stadium Court at Barnes Tennis Center. Americans Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula defeated Canada's Gabriela Dabrowski and Giuliana Olmos of Mexico 1-6, 7-5, 10-4 to win the doubles championship.



Coco Gauff participated in the 2022 inaugural San Diego Open.

Respected Leader Announces Retirement After 21 Years at the Helm

Alberto Cortés has announced that after 21 years of dedicated service, he will be retiring from his position as chief executive officer of Mama's Kitchen, after elevating the organization into a national model for medically tailored meal delivery and the Food is Medicine movement.

"Making the decision to retire from this impactful organization that I've helped develop alongside our amazing staff, generous donors, dedicated volunteers, committed board, and devoted community members required thought, consideration, and care. Mama's Kitchen will continue to thrive and care for our community's most vulnerable individuals," says Cortés.

Mama's Kitchen is the largest provider of home-delivered meals in the region. Cortés' leadership puts the organization in a place of strength and stability, allowing for continued growth and the ability to evolve in response to the nutritional needs of a changing community.

"Of course, we are sad to see Alberto retire, but we are immensely grateful for the hard work, time, and passion with which he has served Mama's Kitchen and the San Diego community for over two decades," says Mama's Kitchen Board President, Caron Calabrese, Esq. "He has truly led this organization to new heights and made it a leading authority on solutions to nutrition insecurity and medically tailored meals in San Diego and beyond. Alberto has been the heart of Mama's Kitchen and we're excited to see him enter this new chapter. For someone who has made it his mission to care for others, we are happy for him to make time for himself."

Cortés first joined Mama's Kitchen's board of directors in 1999. After several years of service in local public health initiatives, he was hired to lead the nonprofit organization as executive director on July 8, 2002. Under his leadership, Mama's Kitchen has grown from a \$1.7 million to a \$5.5 million nonprofit agency, making it a leader in the sector. During Cortés' tenure, the organization has delivered an impressive 8.75 million meals. Today, Mama's Kitchen is the largest nonprofit provider of home-delivered meals in San Diego and the sole provider of medically tailored meals, delivering more than 75,000 each month to critically ill individuals and children.

In 2006, Cortés guided one of the most significant decisions of Mama's Kitchen's history to expand the organization's HIV-focused mission to serve San Diegans with other critical illnesses. As the organization's capacity increased over time, health conditions that can be improved with proper nutrition have been added, including cancer in 2006, type 2 diabetes and congestive heart failure in 2018, and most recently, chronic kidney disease in 2020. Since the founding of the organization, its commitment to HIV has never ceased.

Cortés hired Mama's Kitchen's first registered dietitian in 2013 and established the organization's Nutrition Education Program to teach critically ill individuals how to manage their health through proper nutrition as a supplement to the medically tailored meals. He managed the launch of Mama's Pantry in 2004, a service provided for over 16 years. He introduced the Emergency Food Assistance Program and a Medical Nutrition Therapy program in 2016. In 2020, Cortés secured the first managed care plan contract, allowing services to reach an even greater number of vulnerable people through Medi-Cal's CalAIM initiative. Thanks to Cortés' persistence and determination, Mama's



Alberto Cortés shepherded the transition of Mama's Kitchen's from working out of a church basement to its current, fully owned facility on Home Avenue.

Kitchen works with more than 350 healthcare providers throughout San Diego County to serve and educate San Diegans with critical illnesses and further the organization's trusted belief that everyone is entitled to the basic necessity of life – nutritious food.

When Covid-19 hit, operations could have been jeopardized due to an immediate and drastic increase in demand for meal delivery by more than 50 percent, while simultaneously challenged by an inability to have in-facility volunteers to prepare the meals, and a shortage of volunteer drivers to deliver them. Cortés led the nonprofit through the pandemic with grace. He was diligent in ensuring the safety of clients, volunteers, and employees, allowing the organization to increase capacity, all while never turning away an eligible client, never putting a client on a waiting list, and never charging a client for their services.

Mama's Kitchen's much-anticipated annual fundraisers of Mama's Day and Mama's Pies Thanksgiving Bake Sale have grown under Cortés' stewardship to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations each year to support the organization's nutrition programs.

Cortés has shepherded the transition of Mama's Kitchen's from working out of a church basement to its current, fully owned facility on Home Avenue, where operations continue to grow. He has helped to lay the groundwork for the next generation of food as medicine for the San Diego community, and Mama's Kitchen will continue down the path that has been so thoughtfully and tirelessly paved by Cortés.

Come Join the Summer Fun at Liberty Station ▶ Continued from page 7

Additional personalized and one-on-one learning opportunities are available through August 25 at their Liberty Station location.

• **Bilingual Kids:** Enjoy weekly themed weeks through August 12 featuring Spanish, Mandarin and ESL. Each week will conclude with a Fiesta Party. In each session, your children will embark on new experiences, and make friendships, all the while learning and enhancing their language skills. All levels are welcome and there are Full Day, Half Day and Single Day options available. Weekly camps run through August 11.

• **Monart School of Art:** Embrace your inner artist with half-day drawing and mixed media art camps. Weekly camps run through August 25 with each week featuring a different theme including ocean fun, cartoons, amazing animals, fantasy & fiction and more.

• **San Diego Craft Collective:** Kids are welcome to enjoy fun, hands on projects in a specific area of interest at their wide variety of kids camps this Summer including woodworking, wood & clay, fashion design, sewing basics and gardening. Weekly camps run through August 11.-



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San Diego Junior Theatre's Diamond Celebration – 75 Years of Magic

To commemorate 75 years of providing high quality productions and theatre education for San Diego's youth, San Diego Junior Theatre (SDJT) is planning a special evening at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, August 12 inside the Casa del Prado Theatre. They will bid a fond farewell to outgoing Artistic Director, Desha Crownover, and welcome their incoming Producing Artistic Director, Joey Price, and celebrating other JT honorees and feature performances by students from JT on Tour and Confetti. Attire is "Summery Chic." All tickets are available at www.juniortheatre.com.

The Junior Theatre Honors is a tradition designed to recognize Junior Theatre alumni for exemplary lifetime achievement in their careers, professions of community service, as well as non-alumni for their distinguished or extraordinary service to SDJT.

2023 Honorees are Agnes Chu (JT Alumna, president of Condé Nast Entertainment), Jay Heiserman (JT alumnus and guest designer, Emmy Award Winning production designer), David Saville (retired educator and JT volunteer) and Francine Mague (1981-2022; JT alumna and guest director, district director for former Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez).

Tickets for the program are \$35. A limited number of \$125 tickets include a cocktail reception from 5-7pm on the patio next to the theatre. Reception attendees will enjoy appetizers, signature cocktails, live music and entertainment, and a silent auction.

Since 1948, Junior Theatre's mission has been able to provide engaging, innovative, high-quality theatre education and productions for children of all cultural heritage, ages, abilities, and levels of interest. Junior Theatre training fosters creativity, imagination and independent thinking which helps a young person face life's challenges and discover themselves and their place in this world. Students gain confidence, learn leadership, practice teamwork and build a skill set - not only for a theatre stage, but for the larger stage of the real world. Notable alumni include Tony Award-winning Broadway star Brian Stokes Mitchell, Casey Nicholaw,



Junior Theatre students will be recognized and perform at the gala celebration.

director/choreographer of such Broadway hits as "Mean Girls," "The Book of Mormon" and "Something Rotten!", Agnes Chu, president of Condé Nast Entertainment (and a 2023 JT Honors recipient) and many others who have gone on to success in a variety of fields. Junior Theatre's motto is "Theatre skills are skills for life!"

Junior Theatre strongly encourages all eligible patrons to be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. Masks inside the theatre are recommended, but not required. Patrons are asked to check <https://juniortheatre.com/covid-19-safety/> for full details and any policy updates prior to attending the evening.

The Old Globe Presents "Cabaret"



From left to right are Corinne Munsch, Lincoln Clauss, and Michael Seltzer in Asolo Repertory Theatre's "Cabaret." Photo by Cliff Roles.

The Old Globe has announced the full cast and creative team of the reimagined and visionary new staging of the Tony Award-winning musical "Cabaret." The production features a book by Joe Masteroff, based on the play by John Van Druten and stories by Christopher Isherwood, music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb, and directed and choreographed

by Josh Rhodes (Broadway and The Old Globe's "Bright Star," The Old Globe and Asolo Repertory Theatre's "Guys and Dolls.")

Performances run September 1 to October 8, 2023, with the opening on Wednesday, September 6 on the Donald and Darlene Shiley Stage in the Old Globe Theatre, located at 1363 Old Globe Way. Tickets are available at www.TheOldGlobe.org.

Willkommen, bienvenue, welcome to "Cabaret!" It's 1931 Berlin, and inside the Kit Kat Klub, British nightclub singer Sally Bowles keeps the delirious party raging. But no amount of booze, music, and dancing can slow the ominous march of a changing Germany. Featuring an iconic score from Kander and Ebb—including "Maybe This Time," "Mein Herr," "Don't Tell Mama," and, of course, the title song—this Tony Award-winning musical is reimagined in a visionary new staging by Globe favorite Josh Rhodes.

"The Old Globe's track record of reviving great American musicals is extraordinary and inspiring," said Erna Finci Viterbi Artistic Director Barry Edelstein. "And once again we turn to the classic musical theatre canon to bring a thrilling new production of Cabaret to our stage. The visionary director/choreographer Josh Rhodes, an important member of the Globe's artistic family, reimagines this wonderful show, injecting bold new energy into its remarkable score, and finding vital new echoes in its themes. And he does this while enhancing all the sexy and anarchic theatricality for which Cabaret is celebrated."

In addition to the previously announced lead principals Lincoln Clauss as Emcee and Joanna A. Jones as Sally Bowles, the cast also includes Alan Chandler as Clifford Bradshaw, Abby Church as Fräulein Kost and Fritzie, Christian Douglass as Max, Alex Gibson as Ernst Ludwig, Yoni Haller as Herman, Brandon Halvorsen as Victor, Leeds Hill as Hans, Karma Jenkins as Texas, Celeste Lanuza as Frenchie, Kelly Lester as Fräulein Schneider, Trina Mills as Helga, Natalia Nieves-Melchor as Lulu, Bruce Sabath as Herr Schultz, Michael Seltzer as Bobby, and Amy Smith as Rosie.

Understudies include Christine Hewitt and John Rosen, and swings include Emily Bordley and John Viso.

In addition to Josh Rhodes, the creative team includes for "Cabaret" includes scenic design by Tijana Bjelajac, costume design by Alejo Vietti, lighting design by Cory Pattak and Paul Vaillancourt, sound design by Haley Parcher, hair, wig, and makeup design by Michelle Hart, music direction by Robert Meffe, additional arrangements by Angela Steiner, fight direction and intimacy staging by Rachel Flesher, cultural competency consultant DeWanda Smith Soeder, associate director Lee Wilkins, associate choreographer Natalia Nieves-Melchor, casting by Tara Rubin Casting/Felicia Rudolph, CSA, and production stage management by Anjee Nero.

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San Diego's wildest tasting event returns to the San Diego Zoo on Saturday, September 23, when more than 3,000 attendees will enjoy sampling a multitude of mouthwatering menu items and refreshing beverages from more than 100 restaurants, dessert shops, brewers, wineries and other vendors. The San Diego Zoo Food, Wine & Brew Celebration is a yearly gala that serves up fun, entertainment, food and beverages. The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. and continues until 11 p.m.

During the San Diego Zoo Food, Wine & Brew Celebration, guests will enjoy a multitude of entertainment experiences—including live music, dancing, and other amazing activities. The festival started as Kicks for Critters in 1980, and has grown exponentially. Today, it is one of San Diego's premiere tasting events with the unique task of helping make possible wildlife conservation work not only in San Diego, but worldwide through the Alliance's eight conservation hubs on six continents.

General admission tickets for the San Diego Zoo Food, Wine & Brew Celebration are \$150. For guests looking for extra-special pampering, VIP admission is "the ticket." VIP



Musical groups of various genres will perform during the The San Diego Zoo Food, Wine & Brew Celebration. Photo is courtesy of San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

guests enter at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy exclusive access to a VIP lounge throughout the night — including hosted food and drinks, VIP-only restrooms, plush lounge furnishings,

and special wildlife encounters. VIP admission is \$275 per person. Tickets for the San Diego Zoo Food, Wine & Brew Celebration may be purchased by calling 619-

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Balboa Park Carousel Reopened on National Carousel Day

Families and carousel aficionados were invited to celebrate National Carousel Day at the Dorothea Laub Balboa Park Carousel on Tuesday, July 25. National Carousel Day is a free community event presented by Forever Balboa Park, and offered free carousel rides all day, family friendly activities, and entertainment.

Entertainment and activities included a family-friendly DJ, circus performers by J7 Productions, face painting, photo booth, craft activity with Spanish Village Art Center, and activities with the San Diego Natural History Museum. Food will be available for purchase from local vendors, including Golden State Dogs and Ice Cream, and Toro Churros and Doughnuts.

The Balboa Park Carousel welcomed riders back to the historic attraction after a months-long restoration project. On National Carousel Day, visitors noticed a new tile roof and a fresh coat of paint in the building's interior. Less noticeable were the important structural reinforcements and other infrastructure upgrades completed since last fall that will ensure the Carousel operates for generations to come. According to organizers, they had more than 2100 riders on National Carousel Day. They expect that a total of 3000 people attended the event for the other activities and entertainment.

According to Elizabeth C. Babcock, PhD, president and CEO of Forever Balboa Park, "National Carousel Day 2023 was a huge success! It's a pleasure every year to see the joy the Dorothea Laub Balboa Park Carousel brings to the community. Now that the Carousel has reopened for the summer season, we look forward to welcoming back even more visitors for a spin on their favorite animal."

Built in 1910, the Carousel runs on its original General Electric motor, and the hand-painted animal menagerie and paintings, military band organ, and brass ring game are original as well.



The colorful and attractive carousel animals continue to attract visitors from around the world.

The Carousel was brought to Balboa Park in 1922 and is one of just a few in the United States that still operates as it did more than a century ago. Forever Balboa Park has owned, operated, and maintained the Carousel since 2017. The Balboa Park Carousel earned a Historical Resources Designation by the City of San Diego's Historical Resources Board in 2021. On National Carousel Day 2022, it was officially renamed the Dorothea Laub Balboa Park Carousel in recognition of Laub's significant support of this beloved community treasure.

National Carousel Day 2023 was made possible by Forever Balboa Park, Heritage Architecture & Planning, Mark Sauer Construction, Inc., and many individual supporters. To learn more, visit BalboaParkCarousel.org.

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Seedling Grown from Atomic Bomb Survivor Tree Planted at San Diego Botanic Garden

This August, San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG) joins in partnership and unity with Green Legacy Hiroshima (GLH) Initiative to dedicate a newly planted ginkgo tree descended from a mother tree that survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan more than 70 years ago. The Survivor Tree Commemoration will take place at the Garden at 4:15 p.m., Saturday, August 5, corresponding to the exact time in Pacific Standard Time that the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. The ceremonial event will also include guest speakers as well as a community wish writing activity for attendees to participate in.

GLH is a global campaign aimed at spreading the universal messages of caution and hope that the unique survivor trees of Hiroshima represent. Known in Japanese as Hibakujumoku, these survivor trees bring awareness to the dangers of arms of mass destruction, and nuclear weapons in particular, as well as the sacred character of humankind and the resilience of nature. Currently, seeds and saplings from the A-bombed trees are growing in more than 40 countries in a sustained, long-term campaign, joining other efforts to establish a nuclear-free and more ecological planet.

The result of a multiyear partnership with GLH, San Diego Botanic Garden received its ginkgo as a seedling from Shukkeien garden in Japan in 2020 and was recently planted at SDBG in June of 2023.

Guest speakers and representatives from Green Legacy Hiroshima will be in attendance for the tree dedication on August 5. In addition, visitors are invited to take part in a community wish writing and leaf rubbing activity where they can express written or drawn representations of wishes for the future.

"The Hibakujumoku have an amazing ability to simultaneously commemorate the devastation wrought by the bombing of Hiroshima and instill a profound sense of hope in the future. If trees can survive such an event, and their progeny can be shared across the world, there's clearly so much we can do together to make the world a better place for people and plants," said SDBG President and CEO Ari Novy, Ph.D. "We are honored to be part of this initiative and invite the community to join us in commemorating the history, legacy, and symbol of peace that this beautiful tree represents."

Novy was part of a select group of plant scientists and botanic garden experts invited by GLH to visit Hiroshima in November 2022.



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The scientists visited various sites of the survivor trees throughout the city and helped gather seeds to preserve and grow second-generation survivor trees around the world, making it a truly global partnership.

Often referred to as a living fossil, the ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*) is one of the oldest living tree species with the ability to live up to 1,000 years. The planting symbolizes a hopeful opportunity to continue the lineage of survivor trees for hundreds, potentially thousands, of years to come.

Select portions of the Garden will be accessible until 6 p.m. for this event, with the last entry at 4:30 p.m. It is recommended that visitors arrive before the event start time if they would like to visit the full Garden. For more information about San Diego Botanic Garden please visit the website at www.sdbg.org.

14th Annual Twainfest at Heritage County Park



Local San Diego performers will entertain and educate guests of Twainfest.

Twainfest will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, August 19 in Heritage County Park, 2455 Heritage Park Row in Old Town. There is a limited capacity. Reservations are required for your free entry. Learn more and Register for Attendance at <https://writeoutloudsd.com/twainfest/>

Twainfest, now a tradition for many San Diego families, is an all-day free festival celebrating Mark Twain and the literature and culture of 19th Century America. There is something for everyone at this festive old-fashioned gathering.

Write Out Loud Artistic Director, Veronica Murphy, shared "We are so grateful to be returning to Heritage Park for this year's celebration. TwainFest #14 provides new interactive experiences with Robin Hood, Pinocchio, two bilingual performances, and other literary favorites, as well as games and giant puppets. Family-friendly literary fun

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National Thrift Shop Day Comes to the Gaslamp District



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Guests will be able to shop from a selection of one-of-a-kind jean jackets all thrifted and upcycled by different local artists, along with live sewing, a DJ and spoken word poetry. Additionally, guests can purchase tickets to explore WNDR Museum’s over 20-plus immersive and interactive art exhibits making for the perfect photo opportunities to showcase their new threads.

As a Mexican-American female business owner, Rodriguez-Biezunski is breaking down barriers, blurring societal norms and proudly welcoming BIPOC and underserved communities through affordable, edgy, and upcycled handmade goods. She is known for creating one-of-a-kind wearable art inspired by her rich cultural heritage and Chicano identity.

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100-Plus Years of the Mission Hills Library and 40 Years of the Friends of the Library

It’s hard to miss the beautiful building at the corner of Washington and Front Streets that houses the Mission Hills – Hillcrest/Knox Branch Library. But the origin of a Mission Hills community library started in one room of the Ulysses S. Grant Elementary School in 1921. Later moves relocated the branch library, eventually to the building at Washington and Hawk Streets.

Despite its small size, the Mission Hills Branch Library provided many programs and activities for the community, both for children and adults. Finally, after more than 50 years, the new facility opened in 2019 as the Mission Hills – Hillcrest/Knox Branch Library, located at 215 W. Washington Street.

In 1983, a group of Mission Hills residents organized The Friends

of the Million Hills Library, with a focus on providing books and other materials to supplement the library’s collection and programs. The Friends were staunch advocates for the new facility, helping to secure funding and support. They were part of the planning and design, which includes a bookstore run by Friends volunteers. The bookstore is open on the same days as the library, stocking books and other materials for both children and adults in the store as well as on carts found on the front patio or the library entry. Cash and credit/debit cards are accepted for purchases.

Library staff accept donations of books for adults and children, CDs, DVDs, magazines and puzzles. Donated items not needed by the library are processed by Friends volunteers for possible sale in the Friends bookstore or online to raise funds for the Branch. Working closely with the Branch Manager, these funds are used to buy more books and other materials as well as to provide supplies and snacks for the many ongoing and special event programs offered by the library, such as the monthly concert series, weekly sign language storytime, crafts and makerspace projects.

Renamed the Friends of the Mission Hills – Hillcrest Branch Library, the organization continues to advocate for increased library funding and to promote awareness of the library, its services and special events to the community. Steve Wheeler, branch manager, told us “We love the Friends! They donate their time and effort to help the library, staff, and patrons.”

Consider joining the Friends of the Mission Hills – Hillcrest Branch Library to support an organization that advocates for the library, helps expand its resources, and sponsors cultural events such as exhibits, lectures, and programs for both children and adults. Membership starts as low as \$5.00 per year for students and seniors. For more information, check out the website at library92103.org.

Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Branch Library

Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch Library: Celebrating 40 Years of Community Service & Support



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The Friends of the Million Hills Library has a focus on providing books and other materials to supplement the library’s collection and programs.

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