

Mayor's July Progress Report

Carlsbad has the best firefighters

At our City Council meeting this week, we were very proud to honor Lieutenant David McDougall, Lieutenant Andres Ruiz, Firefighter Timothy Brighton and Firefighter Bradley Wootton for their heroic efforts on June 17. The officers received a Unit Citation for rescuing a man trapped in an apartment fire on the second floor of a Fifth Street blaze. Thank you for your valorous lifesaving efforts, which happen every single day.

The City of Carlsbad has great employees – across the board. We are so fortunate to have so many highly-dedicated professionals who are deeply committed to serving the public.

The members of the Carlsbad Fire Department and Carlsbad Police Department are also busy preparing for Tuesday's fireworks show and the anticipated very large crowds. We very much appreciate the public's support with helping us celebrate safely. Our Independence Day Parade will begin at 9 a.m. this year at the corner of Main and Stevens Street, head north on Main to Church. From Church, the parade will head south on Canyon to Fox Street. The Carlsbad Water Park will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the 4th of July. Carlsbad Municipal Transit will provide free rides from the Cascades parking lot to the beach and water park area.

Finally, our fireworks will begin at around 9 p.m., and last 32 minutes. We appreciate G-Money Entertainment and Carlsbad Radio for all their help and dedication. Rumor has it that the folks with Pirates of the Pecos will also be joining us in the celebration this year, so be on the lookout!

Please celebrate safely. Our police and firefighters will be stationed all along the river. Let them know if we can be of assistance in any way.

Construction has started on the Skyline Drive side of the C-Hill trail. We know this is a popular walking destination for many residents, and developing this trail will allow people to more safely exercise and enjoy the view. We've started the first phase (located at the bottom of the hill), and this part of the walk path will take around two weeks.

Be sure to check out some of the new additions at Heritage Park, located next to the Carlsbad Flume. We've installed four new historic pieces of horse-drawn equipment into the displays at the park, which really help tell the story of Carlsbad's pioneer days. Thank you to our city employees for installing this equipment, and especially to Bob Nymeyer for his generous donation and Willi Jung for helping set everything up.

Last week, we discussed the beautiful new "Moon Over the Pecos" sculpture designed by Wren Stroud. Thanks also go to Bill Rook for his part building the structure.

Congratulations, of course, to recent Carlsbad High School graduate Trevor Rogers, the 13th overall Major League Baseball draft to the Miami Marlins. Carlsbad gained a lot of Marlin fans over the past month, myself included. Congratulations to everyone affiliated with Cavemen baseball for developing such an incredible program.

Speaking of Carlsbad's baseball program, thank you to Carlsbad backer Ricky Garcia for his event this past Saturday held to honor many of Carlsbad's outstanding coaches in multiple sports, including Coach Dave Perini, Tom Forni, Bob Porter, George Frederick, Garry Whittemore, Richard Mattson, Dave Perini, Ray Landreth, Sherri Lynn Walker, Robert Ortiz and Jerry Garcia. Ricky does so much to honor Carlsbad students and Carlsbad athletics.

On a sadder note, the Carlsbad Current-Argus is losing two great reporters during the next few weeks. We understand that senior reporter Maddy Hayden and sports editor Matt Hollinshead have both decided to move on to other markets. Maddy and Matt both did a great job in Carlsbad, and we wish them the very best.

Finally, congratulations to former Fountain Steakhouse owners and developers Don and Christel Miehl on their 65th wedding anniversary.

Please have a safe Fourth of July celebration.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call (575)-887-3798.

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