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Merry Christmas from the Jamul Shopper & News Tammy and Valerie

Calendar

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4th Thursday Kiwanis Meeting at Jamul
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November 29- December 17 Toy Drive,
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DEERHORN VALLEY ANTLER

WINTER SOLSTICE IS DECEMBER 21, 7:58 AM



INTER SOLSTICE marks the shortest day—and longest night -of the year. It happens at precisely the time when the sun reverses its journey along the eastern horizon and moves back toward the north (from our perspective, anyway). Solstice has always been associated with celebrations both solemn and festive: Christmas, Hanukah, New Years, Inti Raymi (Inca), Soyal (Hopi), Dong Zhi (China) and so many others-including that of the Kumeyaay people who once populated our backcountry and built several observatories in out local mountains.

Cowles Mountain stands just north of San Diego State University. On Winter Solstice a 6-mile (RT) predawn hike will take you to the site of an ancient Kumeyaay observatory. Looking east to Deerhorn Valley, the morning sun rises behind three pinnacle rocks that lie below Lyons Peak and are briefly visible from DV Road and Skyline Truck Trail.

EERHORN VALLEY is strewn with ancient granite boulders. Geologists tell us they are remnants of ancient volcanoes that thrust the area above sea level more than 100 million years ago. The mountain range itself may have broken off from Mexico and moved north to become our Peninsular Range. The molten insides cooled, hardened to granite, and then eroded. Together they created the fantastic rock formations found throughout Deerhorn.

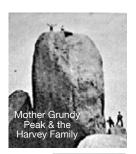
Gravity and countless millennia of freeze and scorch broke apart the massive rocks, at times at times slicing them vertically top to bottom. Smaller boulders were shed, then toppled to resting spots

until heavy rains moved them farther downslope. It's likely you live amongst the ancient granite, and surely we all are watched over by the towering monoliths.

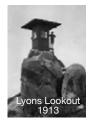
other Grundy Peak was once called "Madre Grande" for its size and grandeur. Then Claire Harvey of the Winnetka Ranch took one look at the peak and remarked, "Looks more like a Mother Grundy to me." Mother Grundy was the name for an old and prudish woman, sometimes considered a witch. And so the name

ugar Loaves - The tall granite towers that stand guard above Deerhorn Valley grade go by several colorful local names. In more courteous times they were called Sugar **Loaves**, after the traditional cones of brown sugar sold in early times.

yons Peak is the tallest of our ancient mountains, towering nearly 4,000 feet above Bratton, Lyons, and Deerhorn Valleys. Seen from most parts of San Diego, Lyons Peak points the way home. It is named for Colonel Nathaniel Lyons who helped survey the area in 1851 and was the first Union general killed in the Civil War. The photo (R) is of the fire lookout in 1913. Today's Lyons is on the list of fire towers to be rehabilitated. Access is currently restricted.







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INNACLES are a group of west-facing toothed spires that loom above Lower Mother Grundy TT. They are easily spotted on the right as you drive up Honey Springs Road approaching the "Welcome" sign. Many of the rocks are named. Fang is one of the more famous.



OCAL NAMES Do you have a favorite formation in Deerhorn?? Drop us a pic and your name for it. I'll collect them and create a collage on our FB Community Page.

> Send photos and names (including yours!) to DeerhornDVCA@gmail.com







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DVCA SLATE OF OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 2022

The DVCA held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021. The following slate of officers was nominated

- President: Susie Norton
- Vice President: Patti Hazard
- Treasurer: Kathie Collins
- Corresponding Sec: Sandy Ignosci
- Recording Secretary: Lisa Martinez Member at Large: Elena Hermason



DVCA Minutes and Financial Statements are posted on the Deerhorn Valley Community FB Page. The Board and Steering Committee meet on the third Tuesday of the month 12 noon at Susie Norton's house in Upper Deerhorn. Just let us know you're coming and we'll send directions and set out an extra hay bale!

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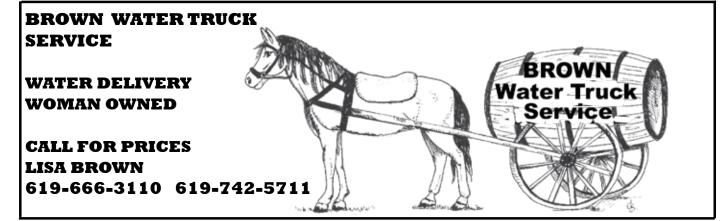
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Anderson Alert from San Diego County Supervisor, Joel Anderson

Dear Friends,

As a member of the SANDAG Board of Directors, I want to update you on the draft 2021 Regional Plan developed by SANDAG staff and the potential impact of the plan on Jamul residents. The plan will be voted on and finalized at the December 10, 2021 SANDAG Board meeting.

The first thing that struck me was the proposed 'road user' chargea new fee that would be placed on drivers based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

For most Jamul residents, driving is an essential part of life. This is also the case for those who live in the numerous rural communities and tribal nations in the 2,000 square mile district I represent, where many residents do not have access to driving alternatives. A significant number of East County residents also represent the "toolbelt" workforce - those who need their vehicles to perform their work.

Under SANDAG's proposal, the road user fees collected from rural residents would primarily be used to fund transportation projects benefitting the County's urban population. This forces commuters, who live where housing and cost-of-living is more affordable, to subsidize those choosing to live in the County's more expensive urban and coastal communities. That's why I'm strongly opposed to this proposed 'road user' charge.

The second proposed change you should be aware of is the potential cancellation of the State Route 94 widening project from State Route 125 to Steele Canyon. In 2004, residents voted for a half cent sales tax increase with the understanding that the funds accumulated would complete several highway improvement projects throughout the County, including the widening of State Route 94. SANDAG's current proposal eliminates this much-needed project on a highway that many Jamul residents rely on to get to work, drop their kids off at school or sports practice, and use to access the rest of the County.

I have written to SANDAG's CEO to explain how the 2021 Regional Plan as written puts East County residents at a drastic disadvantage and why it needs to be reconsidered. You can view my letter at https://bit.ly/Letter-SANDAG.

If you share my opposition to the 'road user' charge and believe SANDAG should follow through with the highway improvement projects voters were promised, there's still time to make your voice heard.

There are two upcoming SANDAG Board of Directors meetings to provide comments on the 2021 Regional Plan. The meetings are taking place via Zoom at 9 a.m. on both December 3rd and December 10th. Persons can either email their comments to clerkoftheboard@sandag.org or provide verbal comment by signing on to the live zoom meeting. Visit https://bit.ly/sandag-meetings for more information on how to participate.

As always, it is an honor to serve you. Sincerely, Joel

Churches

Jamul Community Church, 14058 Jamul Dr., Jamul, CA 91935, Jamul. Sundays 8:30 am, & 10:30 am. Children's programs available. 619 669-7203. www.jamul.org

St. Pius X Church, 14107 Lyons Valley Rd., Jamul, 619 669-0085 Mass: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8:30 am & 11 am in English, 12:30 pm Spanish., Daily Mass Tues. - Fri.7:30 am except first Fri. 7 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wed. from 8:30 am - 5pm. Healing Mass every 3rd Tues. of month in English and every 3rd Wed. of month in Spanish.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa Greek Orthodox Church, Office: 1454 Jamacha Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019, 619 593-0707, Services at site of our church at 1454 Jamacha Rd. El Cajon, North of Chase Ave. 8:45 am Orthros, 10 am Divine Liturgy

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 14808 Lyons Valley Rd. Bishop Garth Isom, 619 971-8472 or garthisom@ gmail.com,Sun: Sacrament Meeting 10 -11:15am, Scripture classes (All ages) 11:15am to 12. Women's Relief Society and Men's Priesthood Meetings: 12:15 -1 pm Wed.: Boy Scout & Youth Meeting: 7 - 9 pm. Family History Center Open Wed. 7-9 pm and Sun 11:15-1 pm, Cathy 887-7002

Way of Life Church 3200 Star Acres Dr., Spring Valley 91978 (2 blks from SCHS off Old Campo Rd). Pastor Bruce Balcombe,619504-7467 Sunday 10 AM, Worship, Sun. School, Wed. Services (all ages) 7 PM, & Youth (Jr./Sr.)

Dulzura Seventh Day Adventist Church, 17880 Hwy 94, Dulzura, CA 91917, 9:30 AM Saturday, Sabbath School, 11 AM Sat. Worship Service Info: call 619 468-3280. 7 PM Wednesday Bible Study

Summit Church at Steele Canyon High School 12440
Campo Rd., Spring Valley, CA 91978. Sundays at 10 am,
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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 10842 Fury Ln. La Mesa, CA 91941, Sunday worship: 8:15 & 10:30*am.Sunday School for PreK thru Grade 5. *Nursery care available. Visit www.svlc.org.

Dulzura Community Church, 1136 Community Building Rd., Dulzura, CA 91917, Pastor Howard Kischassey (619) 440-7396, Sunday, 10 AM Non-denominational Christian Church.

Foothills United Methodist Church, 4031 Avocado Blvd., La Mesa, CA 91941, North of Hwy 94, 619-670-4009, Sun. 8:30am traditional, 10:30am contemporary services.

The Way Lutheran Church, Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, CA 92019 Sunday 10:30 am. Pastor Aaron Boehm. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 9191 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, (619-469-4197) Sunday 9 am. Pastor Aaron Boehm..

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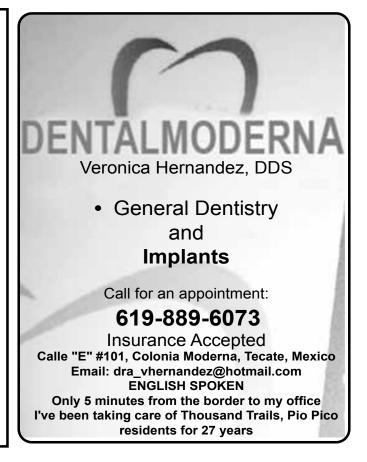
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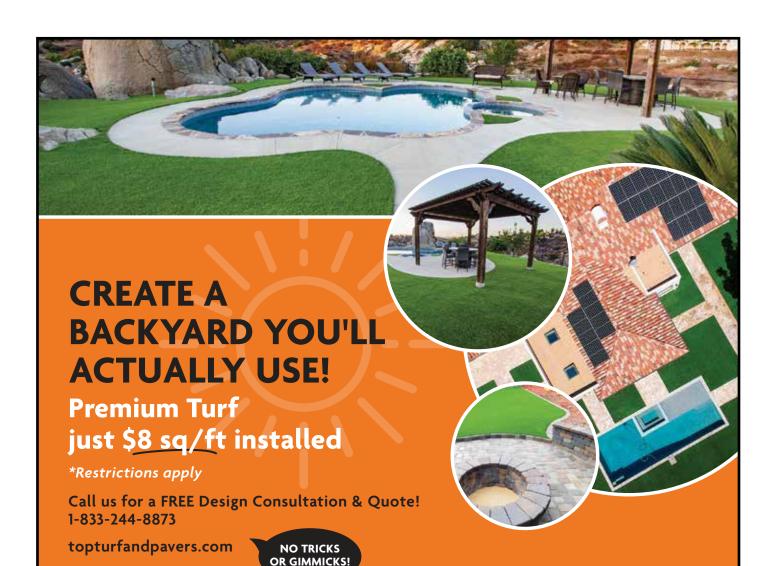
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Jamul-Dulzura Union School District, Elizabeth Bystedt

Happy Holiday Season to everyone! No matter what and how you choose to celebrate the holidays in December, I wish you love and joy with your family and friends.

I have a couple of announcements to make before turning this month's article over to a special guest contributor. First, the JDUSD Board of Trustees voted unanimously on November 9th to pass a resolution to allow family choice for COVID vaccinations to continue. The resolution is posted on www.jdusd.net if you are interested in seeing it in its entirety. The short version is that our Board of Trustees wanted to be sure that Sacramento and San Diego County knew that they want families to be able to choose whether to have their children vaccinated or whether to "opt out" by stating a medical or personal belief exemption.

Second, thank you to Ariel Romero-Mendivil for becoming our newest Board Member. He is from District 5 and will represent the greater Dulzura area.

And now for our special guest contributor, Jim Dowling, a long time Board Member wanted to help families know more about how school board meetings are run and what to expect when attending one either in person or online. Please take a moment to read what he says and if you have any questions, you are more than welcome to reach out to any of the board members or to me for clarification. Happy Holidays!!!

Demystifying the JDUSD Board of Trustees By Jim Dowling, Board of Trustees, Area 3

As I enter my twelfth year of serving as a board member for the Jamul Dulzura Union School District (JDUSD), I realize it is a mystery to the typical parent of our district, (or any district), on what a school board member does. As school board meetings across the country, especially in Virginia, are attended by concerned and frustrated parents, I would like to demystify what is the role of a school board, (for California, at least). I would like to start with a little information about our current Board of Trustees. We currently have four members, following a recent resignation. Marcia Spurgeon, is our Board President with almost 40 years on the Board. Myself, Jim Dowling, Board Vice President with 12 years on the Board. Pete Reichert and Greg Wall are in their first term. Our Board is a voluntary position and we do not receive any financial compensation for our time. We all care deeply about education and we always put the students' needs first.

When I first was elected, I really had no idea what a school board member's responsibilities are. I had been elected as the newest member to a group of seasoned veterans with a collective tenure of more than 50 years! Well, I watched, listened and asked questions, lots of questions. Most importantly I attended the Master of Governance program put on by the California School Board Association (CSBA) and completed the entire program. This is a five course program which can give you the basis on how school board governance works. It includes five (5) courses effective governance, policy review, student learning and achievement, school finance, human resource, collective bargaining, community relations and advocacy and governance integration. In this next section I will go through a typical board meeting:

- We start out in Closed Session. There is very little school district business we can discuss in the closed section portion. Typically, only personnel issues, which are confidential by law, are discussed. We may also discuss specific student issues, name withheld, from time to time. Resolutions to bring to the open session can be discussed, voted on to bring to open session, but not voted on for approval. Any action taken during closed session will be reported out in open session.
- We than move forward to open session, starting out with Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of Agenda and Report Out Action in Closed Session (if any).
- Next is the Public Hearing. This is when the public gets to comment on different items. Some items
 for public hearing include contract negotiations with the two different unions representing our
 employees.
- This is followed by Communications. The first item under Communication is <u>Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Item</u>. This is when the public may fill out a blue slip and comment on an <u>agenda item</u>. Most parents are confused during this portion of the meeting. They want to get off their chest what has been bothering them and they can't understand the limitations per the Brown Act. I will go over this in more detail later on. The rest of the communication portion is Staff Reports, Superintendent's Report, General Information, and Board Comments.
- Next is the Consent Agenda. These require votes from the board on items like previous meeting minutes, Personnel Orders, Purchase Orders, etc. The Consent Agenda is voted on as a whole, not the individual items.

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- Action Items are next. Each Action Item is brought forth on a motion, discussed and then voted on. Action Items vary in numbers and topics from meeting to meeting, but this is probably the most consequential portion of the Board Meeting.
- The next to last portion of the meeting is Board Agenda Items for Future Meetings. This is when the administration gives a heads up to the Board Members on items that will be coming up in future meetings. This is also the time that Board Members can request Future Meeting Agenda Items.
- At the close of the meetings, we have an Additional Opportunity for Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda items. This is officially the time that the public can comment on any item they wish. There is typically a three minute limit for time.

In addition to the rigorous agenda, we typically have a special presentation from students, vendors, teachers, or other entities that have a topic they would like to share with the Board. That in a nut shell is a typical Board of Trustee Meeting for almost any school district in California, however, we are a small school district, with a board (typical in Jamul), that is non-political. We have some flexibility to move our agenda around to accommodate differing needs.

Public Comments in most districts is what makes the news across the nation. We have all seen what has happened in Virginia and other states when parents get fed up and want to get their point across. I have a couple observations and recommendations to share with the parents of our district's students:

- 1. It has saddened me over the last twelve years and especially during the pandemic, the apparent lack of parental involvement in our District's meetings. When we have presentations from students to the board, the parents of the students typically show up to watch the presentation and leave once it is over. I can probably count on my two hands and feet the number of parents who have come to our board meetings in my tenure. In my opinion, this can only be attributed to possibly three things: 1) we are doing such a great job, the parents do not have any suggestions for improvement. 2) Parental apathy. 3) Our society has put such a strain on parents, making a school board meeting is just impossible. There could be more or a combination of many, however, you get my point, parents do not come to our meetings. During this pandemic, the officials in Sacramento have trampled on all our rights, but have hurt our students the most. Every lockdown decision they made was wrong, every mandate, a mistake. They can't see the forest for the trees. They can't see how their authoritarian policies have hurt our students, our teachers, and public education in general. What I don't understand is why we did not have a large amount of our parents at school board meetings to see what we are doing about it. Which brings me to my next observation.
- 2. Our local district has very little say in how we guide our school district. We had to do distance learning, wear a mask and now take a shot, no matter what the science indicated for our small rural district or if our board wanted to go in a different direction. As I indicated earlier, changing the direction of a district is like turning the Titanic with a spoon, but it would be a lot easier if Sacramento would get out of the way.

Now for a few recommendation:

- 1. Show up at a Board Meeting! I know it can be frustrating to voice your opinion and not have dialogue with the Board Members, but, if we do not hear from you, we do not know what is important to you.
- 2. Show up in numbers. The more people that speak gives us more ammunition against Sacramento.
- 3. Be prepared. Write out what you are going to say. It would be great if you make copies and left your remarks with the board.
- 4. Follow up. See if the school district is heading in the direction you want it to go and if not, vote the Board Members out or better yet, declare your candidacy.

I am proud of what we have accomplished for our district and at the same time frustrated by the massive bureaucracy that Sacramento rains down on us. I see so much wasted time and money that feeds the bureaucracy rather than serving our students. I see corrupt lawyers get away with preying on small school districts. I see a totalitarian state government that made educating our students during the pandemic impossible, with disastrous results, which effects will be felt for years. I see unscientific mandates being sent down that will drive many parents and students from our district into home schooling.

I believe in School Choice and that the tax dollars should follow the student. It would be wonderful if our local public schools could be a robust choice for our students. It can be, but it has to start with the parents.

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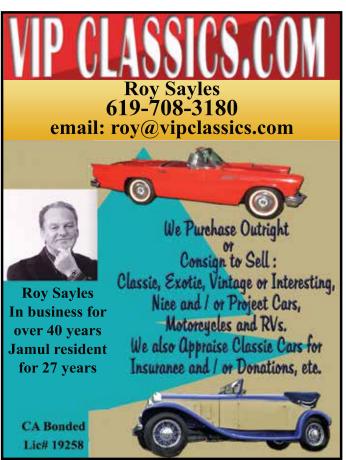
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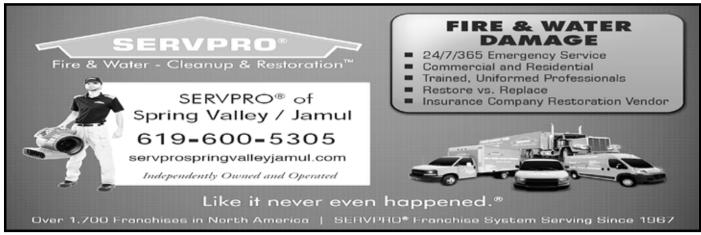






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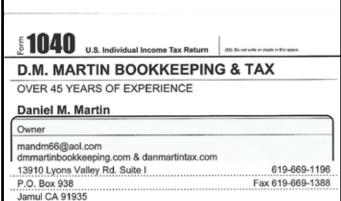
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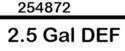


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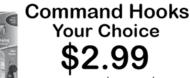
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