



Back to school season . . . !

Nothing gives me more joy than hearing happy kids heading off to school again -- minding the crossing guards and navigating the lighter fall traffic.

As many of you know, I run the Solana Beach Community Theater -- another non-profit pursuit. I don't take a salary, but get "paid" with the satisfaction of watching



my acting students learn, laugh and grow. Their parents often ask "How do I get involved?" It's not hard to find opportunities. My theater is currently looking for adult actors to be in a production of *Oliver* -- no pay, but lots of fun. And if you like theater, North Coast Repertory Theater is always looking for volunteer ushers.

We are always looking for volunteers, too! You can help us serve nachos at the September 19 Movie in the Park evening at La Colonia, and with our booth at the Dia de los Muertos festival in October. The SeaWeeders can use a hand tending their Coastal Rail Trail garden.

Perhaps tutoring young students at Casa De Amistad would fuel your soul. Society Vice President Michele Stribling and I recently met with Nicole Mione-Greene, Executive Director, and Kate Kousser, Development Director, at Casa. That organization has provided free tutoring, mentoring and other educational services to area students for two decades. Casa annually serves 250 students in grades kindergarten through 12 with the help of some 240 regular volunteers. In addition, Casa has distributed more than \$300,000 through its Future Leaders Scholarship Program. Next year, the organization will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding in 1997. We'll share the celebration plans as they unfold.

Many of my actors have been assisted at Casa, and many of you may have volunteered as tutors. Please let us know: *What other organizations do you support? What would you like to learn more about? For example: animal welfare, the environment, technology, politics, arts and culture, others?* Your interests help us develop the monthly programs we offer and select the topics we cover in this newsletter and on our website. So, please [email](mailto:solanabeachhistory@gmail.com) us at solanabeachhistory@gmail.com and let us know!

Solana Beach owes *so* much of its success as a thriving community to the many, many hard-working volunteer organizations that contribute to the quality of life here. **Not to mention our hard-working elected officials -- learn more about their unpaid, extra job duties on the next page and at our September 17 meeting, 5 p.m. at Fletcher Cove Community Center.**

Over the summer, the SBC&HS Board also met with representatives of Friends of the Solana Beach Library and Solana Beach Community Connections to brainstorm about programs to offer our members and programs to collaborate on. As a result, several September and October meetings are co-sponsored events. (See following pages)

One final note: I live on the east side of Solana Beach and am bracing for what I hope won't be *too* much more traffic during the East Lomas Santa Fe corridor improvement project. The new sidewalks and landscaping will be wonderful, so I'm signing up for the City's ongoing updates -- see page 3 -- and hope to time my comings and goings to traffic-light hours. Hope you can too!

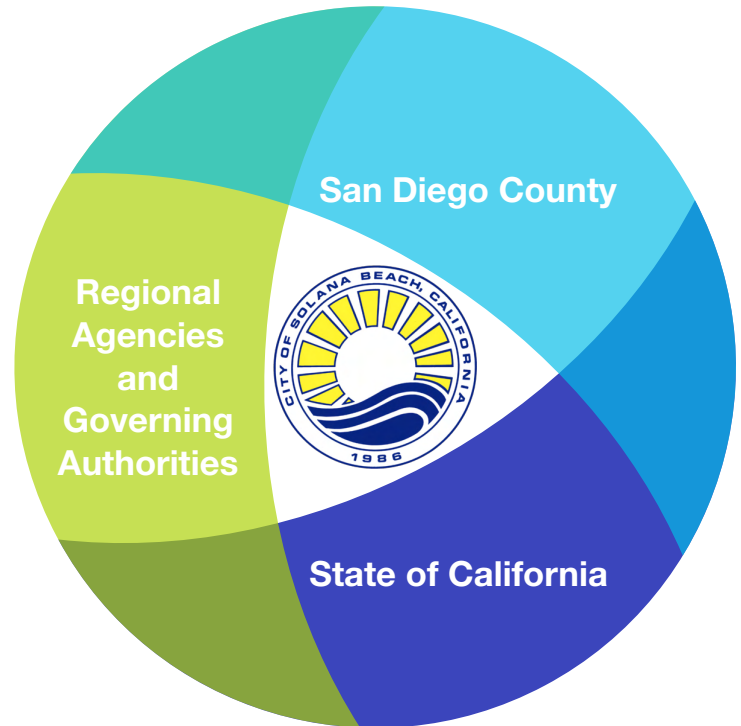
Jolene Dodson Bogard

Triple+ Duties . . .***The Extra Jobs Councilmembers Take On for our Community***

When residents voted to incorporate as a City in 1986, they accepted responsibility for directing their future. Many decisions affecting community growth, environmental protection, transportation, neighborhood character and public investment would now be made by people elected by and accountable to the citizens of Solana Beach.

But those decisions still are influenced -- sometimes profoundly -- by County, Regional and State authorities. That's why our Mayor and City Councilmembers also play active and, in some cases, key leadership roles on more than a dozen organizations that impact everything from how we get around the region, to the cost and source of renewable energy, to the health of our wetlands.

On Thursday, September 17, 5 p.m. at Fletcher Cove Community Center, Mayor Lesa Heebner, Deputy Mayor Jill MacDonald and Councilmembers Kristi Becker, Jewel Edson and David Zito will participate in a panel discussion about the additional roles they have in organizations ranging from the California League of Cities to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the North County Transit District (NCTD), to the Clean Energy Alliance (CEA), Regional Solid Waste Association and the Joint Powers Authorities for both the San Dieguito River Valley and San Elijo Lagoon.



This event offers a rare opportunity to gain insights from our elected officials about the purpose of each of these (and more) organizations and *why* they take on their extra jobs. Each Councilmember serves in *at least* three additional roles to represent our voices in state, regional and county planning and policy-making.

One recent example of the importance of these investments of time and talent involves the LOSSAN project to double-track the railroad through Solana Beach to the Del Mar Fairgrounds, where a new bridge and passenger platform is planned. The proposal, initially dubbed "Proposal A," would have started construction at the Lomas Santa Fe Drive bridge and entailed extensive disruption to business on South Cedros Avenue, as well as the removal of some homes closer to Via de la Valle. Mayor Lesa Heebner, now the Chair of SANDAG, Councilmember Jewel Edson, who serves on the boards of SANDAG, NCTD and LOSSAN, and fellow Councilmembers not only rallied public opposition to Proposal A, but also successfully argued against it in some of their board positions. Proposal A was formally dropped from consideration in February 2025.

This September 17 meeting is co-sponsored by the SBC&HS with Solana Beach Senior Connections and Friends of the Solana Beach Library and is among several planned collaborations among the groups in coming months.



Who Designed our Elegant City Seal?

Carol Peek is the artist who created the Solana Beach City seal. "It makes me very happy to see it on our street signs," she said, smiling, during a recent conversation at the home she and her husband, Jack, designed and built in Holmwood Canyon in 1979.

Carol and Jack were instrumental in founding and leading the Friends of Holmwood Canyon organization, which rallied area residents during the early 1980s to oppose proposed residential and commercial development in the San Elijo Lagoon. The success of those campaigns led to the creation of the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (now the Nature Collective) and galvanized support for efforts to incorporate Solana Beach as a city.

Carol and Jack became active in the CITIhood (Citizens Intending to Incorporate) campaigns; she designed the CITI logo, as well. Jack served as president of the Solana Beach Town Council, a volunteer group that monitored County of San Diego meddling in community affairs. Town Council members also included many of our first City Council members, after voters approved Proposition N to incorporate Solana Beach in 1986.

Carol had designed the Town Council logo, which first-Mayor Margaret Schlesinger, Councilmembers Jack Moore, Celine Olson and others favored as a design for the new City's seal. So, she tweaked the colors and added State-required elements of the city name and incorporation date and . . . voila! The seal was ready for the podium on swearing-in day, July 1, 1986. The Council formally approved it shortly after.

Carol's launched her design career after working for a year as a Delta Airlines flight attendant. Already a painter and illustrator by talent, she did some drafting work for the architecture firm her husband and a friend had founded, then joined a small advertising agency in Atlanta, where the young couple had settled. Carol later started her own graphic design business, developing logos, letterheads and the like. Jack's architectural career eventually brought them to San Diego, where the pair worked for JRB Associates. They later founded their own firm, Peek and Peek, where Carol was a full partner and architectural space planner focused on residential design.



Lomas Santa Fe East Improvements Start This Month

Efforts to improve Lomas Santa Fe drive from the I-5 Freeway east to Highland Drive start this month with staging of machines and supplies. Construction is scheduled to begin in October.

City staff will report on the project schedule and outreach plans at the City Council meeting starting at **6 p.m. on September 9th**. This will be the first of on-going public meetings and updates on the project. For more information, you are encouraged not only to attend or watch the upcoming Council meeting, but also to [sign up here](#) or at the City's website to be added to the email list for project updates.

West of the freeway, the City has completed upgrades to the 40-year-old signal system at all five intersections to improve traffic flow and signal coordination. Work continues with Caltrans on the last segment adjacent to the freeway to determine if additional adjustments are needed.

BULKY-ITEM CLEANUP DAY!**Dump your Junk: Saturday, October 3, 9 - noon
La Colonia Community Center**

The annual EDCO + City of Solana Beach event offers free mulch for self-load/self-haul and certified paper shredding trucks that will shred all items on site. Goodwill will collect reusable items. EDCO will collect electronic waste. To schedule free curbside pick-up of bulky items on Oct. 3, call (858)350-8544 starting Sept. 21. Set your items out for collection by 7 a.m. on Saturday, October 3.

SBC&HS 2026 Calendar of Events

Date Change! Tuesday, September 1, 10:30 a.m.

SeaWeeders meeting at the Center for a Healthy Lifestyle cottage at the Boys and Girls Club, Lomas Santa Fe Drive: We'll discuss fall happenings and volunteer opportunities! All are welcomed.

Tuesday, September 15, 5:30 -6:45 p.m. "A People's Guide to Immigration History in Solana Beach," at the Solana Beach Library: This discussion by Cal State Fullerton professor Elaine Lewinnek and Lisa Montes, a fourth-generation resident of La Colonia, is co-sponsored with Solana Beach Senior Connections and Friends of the Solana Beach Library

Thursday, September 17, 5 p.m. at Fletcher Cove Community Center: Panel presentation by the Mayor and Council members about the State, County and Regional boards and groups they serve on, and the purpose and importance of these organizations in our community. This event is co-sponsored with Solana Beach Senior Connections and Friends of the Solana Beach Library.

Thursday, September 24: Crafts Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m., La Colonia Community Center.

Tuesday, October 13, 6 p.m. at La Colonia Community Center: The League of Women Voters will provide information about State Propositions on the November election ballot. This event is co-sponsored with Solana Beach Community Connections.

Holiday Boutique! Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at La Colonia Community Center.

SOLANA BEACH SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROGRAM**"On the Go" Free Rides**

The City's new senior transportation program has been extended through Oct. 31. "On the Go" offers free rides for residents aged 65+ from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday. The program, offered in partnership with Jewish Family Service of San Diego, provides rides within Solana Beach for folks with varied mobility needs. Call (858) 923-1344 to schedule at least five days before you need the lift.

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SeaWeeders.....Kathleen Drummond

Tuesday,
September 8
6:00 p.m.

La Colonia
Community
Center,
715 Valley
Avenue

The talk is free
and open to the
public



Reimagining The World Order After Trump

Can The Liberal World be Remade and Should It?

No one can predict what will happen after the next presidential election. Join Solana Beach Community Connections and Professor David A. Lake for a stimulating talk about the United States under President Trump and the withdrawal from the liberal international order created after World War II. There is no historical precedent for the leading country to upend the world order it created. Populist pressures create a license for Trump to disrupt the international order but are not sufficient to explain the change in U.S. policy. Rather, Republicans are returning to a unilateralist, isolationist, and sovereigntist strategy that has always been part of the party but until recently had been relatively latent.



David A. Lake is an American political scientist and Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of California San Diego. He is known for his contributions to International Relations and International Political Economy. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Science in 2006 and has been President of the International Studies Association and the American Political Science Association. He has published widely in international relations theory and international political economy. He received his PhD from Cornell University in 1984.

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"A PEOPLE'S GUIDE TO IMMIGRATION HISTORY IN SOLANA BEACH"

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BROADER IMMIGRATION HISTORY

DISCUSSION LED BY:

ELAINE LEWINNEK (PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT CAL STATE FULLERTON)
LISA MONTES (4TH GENERATION LA COLONIA DE EDEN GARDENS)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
5:30PM - 6:45PM

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Free Event





**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NORTHWEST SAN DIEGO**

MOVIE IN THE PARK

**FREE COMMUNITY
EVENT!**

Featured Movie:
"The Book of Life"

Bring your family and friends, a
blanket, and lawn chairs for a fun,
free evening with music,
community booths, and food!

Saturday, September 19
@ La Colonia Park

715 Valley Ave Solana Beach, CA 92075

6:00-9:00PM

Movie starts at dusk (approx. 7:25pm)

Food provided by
Jake's Del Mar

Dessert provided by
Solana Frosty

One serving per person.
While supplies last.

