



December food drive surpasses goals

The Solana Beach Civic and Historical Society and the La Colonia Community Foundation would like to thank everyone in Solana Beach who made donations and volunteered to help with our food giveaway at La Colonia Community Center on December 19-20. It was extremely successful.



Food Drive leader Lisa Montes and other volunteers verified recipients' local addresses and asked for their number of family members to size donations to needs.

We were able to provide food for 193 Solana Beach families, impacting 955 individuals — more than double the goal for the event.

The Wounded Warrior Homes organization provided us with 2,000 pounds of non-perishables and 450 pounds of fresh vegetables picked up and delivered to us by several volunteers. The Community Resource Center in Encinitas and the Produce Good

organization donated additional food. On Saturday, Dec. 19, generous community members lined up for two hours giving us food, toiletries and more than \$2,000 in gift cards to local grocery stores. In all, an estimated three tons of food was collected, along with toys and clothes.

Volunteers from Teen Volunteers in Action and their parents helped sort food and move it to the distribution site. Thank you to CVS in Solana Beach who let use their shopping carts to help with the transfer of food. Thank you to Danny Hernandez for delivering the shopping carts.

President's Message



**Goodbye 2020 . . .
Hopes for a Better 2021!**

Thanks to all of you who joined us for our first and hopefully last Zoom Holiday Party!!

And huge thanks to all of you who donated food, time and your love to help with our very successful Holiday Food Drive.

Sadly, the need to combat food insecurity in our community continues. Planning is underway for another drive this month. Please watch the Solana Beach Sun and your email for additional information.

Michele Stribling

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Scenes from a successful food drive . . . Another planned for January

Jewel Edson and Dave Zito helped us from The Solana Beach City Council. Dan King from the City came on the weekend to lock and unlock the Community Center for us. Tina and Joe Zucker represented the Women’s March, Solana Beach and were generous with their time.

Thank you, too, to all of the others who helped us in some way; if you saw the continuous line of cars picking up food you would have been proud of your efforts. In addition to families who walked to get their food, cars were parked on the side of the road from Genevieve down Valley to the park entrance beginning at 3:30 for our event, which didn’t begin until 4:00.

Thank you Solana Beach for all of your care and love for members of our community. Solana Beach has heart!
Solana Beach tiene CORAZON!

Pat Coad, Communications Chair



Council-member Jewel Edson helped sort foods into nutritional categories and came up with bagging scheme to ensure each family received a balance of proteins, grains, legumes, vegetables and fruit, as well as snacks and sundries.



Donations were stored overnight in the Heritage Museum and adjacent shed.

All items were bagged and placed in cars or carts by masked, gloved volunteers. Donations included toys, clothing, shoes and more than \$2,000 in gift cards to area grocery stores and restaurants.



Thoughts on being the first Citywide elected Mayor

It is an honor to be your first Citywide Elected Mayor. My overarching priority remains the same as it did during my three terms as a Council-member and three turns as the annual Mayor. It will be, and always has been, to preserve the small town charm and beachside character of Solana Beach as we adapt to changing times.

I feel fortunate to have served on Council alongside many who also helped to create and protect this charm and character. Whether I agreed with them all the time or not, I learned from the expertise of Tom Campbell, Mike Nichols, Joe Kellejian and others. I spent hours learning of City history from Tom Golich and my mentor, our first Mayor and one of our City's founders, Margaret Schlesinger. All shared the same love of Solana Beach and each contributed in their own way to what has resulted in our recent recognition as one of the most desirable places to live in California.



Solana Beach
Mayor Lesa Heebner

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Enjoy a meal from Tony's Jacal and support your community

Like so many restaurants across San Diego County and the country, one of the oldest eateries in our community has been hard hit by restrictions intended to control the spread of Covid 19. Tony's Jacal



Restaurant, operating in La Colonia de Eden Gardens since 1947, has had to lay off nine kitchen staff members this year. (The SBC&HS and La Colonia Foundation donated grocery store gift cards to those families following our December food drive.)

Despite tight finances, Tony's continues providing free Monday meals to the Solana Beach Fire Department, health care workers and other first responders. "My parents taught us the importance of giving to others, even — maybe especially — in tough times," matriarch Teresa Rincon told me.

This month, you can help support the historic restaurant and our first responders simply by dining in, if permitted, or ordering take-out from Tony's for lunch or dinner on Wednesday, January 27.

When you order, please mention that you are a member of the Solana Beach Historical Society.

(Currently, lunch is served from 11 am to 2 pm and dinner is from 4:30 to 8 pm, however those hours could be extended if the county allows outdoor dining by January 27.)

Lisa Montes, SBC&HS Historian, Board member of the La Colonia Community Foundation

Thoughts on being Solana Beach’s first Citywide elected Mayor, cont.

The position of Citywide Elected Mayor came about through a legal requirement that we divide our City into Districts. I was not in favor of Districting for a number of reasons, but mostly because it threatens to pit neighborhood against neighborhood, putting interests unique to each part of our City into competition with those in others. To diminish this concern, the Council, with lots of public input, created Districts that share as many common interests as possible, and chose to also have a Citywide Elected Mayor. It is my goal to set a tone of unity among the Council so that we remain a body that is working for the good of the entire City. Additionally, I strongly support maintaining the same sense of equality on the Council that we have always enjoyed when we rotated the position of Mayor. After all, we each have just one vote and need to work together to accomplish anything!

Based on discussions with other elected officials, when the position of Mayor is a four-year elected position (versus our previous practice of rotating the position of Mayor annually), the perceived authority of that City is elevated in the eyes of Regional, State and Federal government officials. Whether that is true or not remains to be seen. But one clear advantage of having a four-year elected Mayor is the “face” of the City will remain consistent over that extended period, and the Mayor will be able to develop long-term working relationships to benefit the City and address ongoing issues.

It is my privilege to be the first to serve in this position in Solana Beach, and I pledge to bring the unifying voice of a Mayor with a proven commitment to *all* of Solana Beach to my work at every level of my representation.

Lesla Heebner, Solana Beach Mayor

Orphaned toys find new homes!



Eden Gardens resident Annslie Bigbee and her friends collect forgotten toys on their daily dog walks along the 29th Street beach in Del Mar. Annslie cleaned and disinfected the “orphans,” bagged them with a candy cane, and brought this bucket

(also a beach find) full of fun for distribution to children who came with their parents during our Food Drive.

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