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47TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE GRAND MARSHAL ANNOUNCED!

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: 16th Street & West Grand Avenue in Grover Beach

Grover Beach – Grover Beach Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission Chair, former Mayor, and current Lucia Mar Unified School District Board (LMUSD) Trustee **Dee Santos**, has been chosen as the Grand Marshal of the 47th Annual Holiday Parade to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 in Grover Beach. This year's theme is "Under the Sea".

Dee Santos, originally a native of Riverdale, California, has been a very active and integral member of the Grover Beach and South County community for over 45 years.

Serving on the Grover Beach City Council for three four-year terms of office (from 1986-1991, 1996-2000, and from 2000-2004, serving in the office of Mayor in 1998 and 2004).

In addition to her amazing public service commitments, Dee has also been a very successful business owner, operating Salon Dee for 46 years, and is currently providing hair services at A Better Hair Day. She has also worked over 36 years at Marshall Spoo.

"I felt happily surprised and was expecting to be the one to nominate someone. I'm usually the voice of people who won't speak for themselves" said Dee, after being notified by Parks and Recreation Program Director Kathy Petker. Once nominations were received, the Holiday Parade Planning Committee met and determined the final winner.

Dee is always willing to volunteer her time to make sure things get done. She will bake cookies for special events and meetings, purchase supplies, provide historical information regarding the community, open her home for special occasions, and do it all with a smile. Dee was instrumental in the major fundraising effort to ensure the South County Skate Park was built in Grover Beach in 1999. She also initiated the popular Plant Exchange as part of the annual Spring Garden Tour.



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Regarding her work on the school board, she is currently serving her fourth term and shared that she is proud of, and a strong believer in, the Regional Occupational Program (ROP). Her efforts as a school board member helped to get the school's culinary program established.

When her children were younger, Dee was involved with Beach Cities Little League and was a charter member that started our local AYSO program that now serves over 1,000 children. She also was a coach, referee, and played competitive soccer for 10 years. She was also known to have "a mean kick" while playing in the City's very own Adult Kickball League!

The City of Grover Beach is very proud that Dee Santos will be presiding as the 47th Grand Marshall of the Annual Holiday Parade, and encourages everyone to find a spot along the parade sidelines to cheer her on as she makes her way down West Grand Avenue on **Saturday, December 7th**.

Parade Entries Wanted -- There is still time to submit an entry form and be a part of this year's parade! The parade begins at **10 a.m.** sharp at the corner of 16th Street and W. Grand Avenue, heads west to 9th Street, with parade participants disbursing at the Santa's Workshop Fine Art and Craft Faire - at the Ramona Garden Park Center, 993 Ramona Avenue. Santa's Workshop will include a Craft Faire, snow, live performances, and more! Get your entire holiday gift shopping done in one stop!

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