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MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY IS PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

A recent survey of San Diego County residents showed only seven percent of households reported having a

“very comprehensive” emergency plan and were prepared for a disaster. That’s something I want to work to change this fall in coordination with Prepare San Diego, a public-private coalition including the American Red Cross.

I see no better way to recognize the 10 year anniversary of the Cedar Fire, than by making sure you and your family are prepared for the next fire or major emergency. Prepare San Diego gives you three easy steps: get a kit, make a plan and be informed.

Here are a few other things you can do:

Sign up for the countywide Alert San Diego notification system. Alert San Diego allows the

City to send telephone notifications to residents and businesses within an area impacted or

threatened by an emergency. Landlines, even those unlisted, are already in the Alert San Diego system. Register a cell phone online at www.ready.sandiego.org/alertsandiego.

Create defensible space between your home and potential

fuel sources. A 100 foot buffer around your home is the minimum.

Attend the special council meeting on September 24 at 6 p.m. where we’ll discuss disaster preparedness.

Disaster preparedness is a community effort—it can only be effective if it has the full backing and power of the entire San Diego region.



SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES



San Diego North Chamber of Commerce has launched the Think Local First initiative to help spur job growth in our community and keep commerce and tax revenue here at home. Many studies have shown that money spent in local business stays in the community. According to Think Local First, every \$100 spent at a locally-owned business, \$45 – \$68 goes back into the community and our tax base. You can learn more about the initiative at www.thinklocalfirstsd.com.

CAMINO DEL NORTE FIXES COMING

Our efforts to get Camino del Norte repaired have succeeded. We just received news that work will begin later this month on a one-mile stretch of the road from the eastern city limits to approximately 150 feet east of I-15. This is great news since it is rated “poor” and is one of the most complained about streets in District Five. It is riddled with potholes and in some places, even worn down to gravel. The most recent repairs were made in 2001 but most of it hasn’t seen any overlay since its original construction in the 1980s.

As a main thoroughfare into the community, it’s been frustrating to know that the rundown condition of Camino del Norte, was often the first impression visitors got when they drove into the District.



Repaving is set to begin in the next several weeks. As part of the repairs, the curbs will also be brought up to ADA compliance, making the street more walkable and drive-able.

The timeline for completion of the work is still being determined as Caltrans permits are necessary to work near the freeway.

I am so pleased that Camino del Norte will finally get the attention it has long needed and that residents of Rancho Bernardo and Carmel Mountain Ranch will have the streets they deserve.

This work is part of a larger project in which several City streets will get much needed repairs.

I am committed to repairing roads throughout the district so if you know of roads in your neighborhood that need to be fixed, please contact my office.

MCAS MIRAMAR NOISE COMPLAINTS

I’ve heard from many residents recently about the noise from MCAS Miramar Airfield and I am working with the base to find ways to reduce the noise while ensuring military preparedness.

If you have an issue, please contact the MCAS Miramar noise complaint hotline at (858) 577-4277.

Also, as a head’s up, please know we expect there will be an increase in noise this month leading up to the Miramar Air Show in October. The Air Show has always been a highlight for our community even though it comes with some additional issues so your patience during this time is greatly appreciated.



Photo courtesy of MCAS Miramar

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Manufacturing Day

Tour D&K Engineering in Rancho Bernardo

October 4, 2013, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Register online: www.mfgday.com

Recycling Event

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department is hosting a community cleanup and recycling event on **Saturday, Sept. 28** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Los Penasquitos Elementary School. Difficult-to-recycle items like electronics, batteries and fluorescent lights will all be accepted.

Meet Mark

Office hours are available by appointment to all District Five constituents. For availability and to set an appointment, please contact Mayra Vazquez at 619-236-6655.

Activate Your Energy & Water Solutions Fair

Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

SRCA Community Center

11885 Cypress Canyon Road

Hosted by Sustainable Scripps Ranch, get your energy and water questions answered by experts.

D5 LEARNS TO BE WATER WISE



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Water Wise Workshop in August. We all learned about the importance of conservation and some new ways to reduce our water usage and bills. We also heard from District Five Customer Advocate David Akin. He is your representative in the Water Department. If you have any issues, you can contact him directly at 619-533-4275 or by email at DAkin@sanidiego.gov.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: JILL DREXLER SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE

Jill Drexler is the artistic director for Scripps Ranch Theatre, which is celebrating its 35th season this year.

Since 2002, Drexler has been leading the theatre's creative vision, but she'll show off her talents as a performer when she plays the leading role in the 2013-14 season opener *Lettice and Lovage*, beginning Sept. 7. A long time San Diegan, Drexler has also per-



formed in shows at the North Coast Repertory Theatre, *Moonlight* at the Avo and *Diversionary Theatre*. She has a master's degree in theatre from San Diego State University.

Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through October 6.

Tickets are available by calling the SRT Box Office at (858) 578-7728 or online at www.scrippsranthetre.org.



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VIEWS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD PARK GETS MAKEOVER, ADA UPGRADES

Newly renovated Views West Neighborhood Park in Rancho Penasquitos opened to the public last month.

We held a ribbon cutting on August 29 with our friends from Bright Beginnings Preschool and from what I can tell, the park is a hit!

The upgrades include brand new play structures with sun shades, renovated bathrooms and picnic areas, and ADA upgrades throughout the park.

This is the kind of work I hope we can do more of as I focus my office and the City on improving our infrastructure and rebuilding San Diego.

On behalf of the community, thank you to San Diego Parks and Recreation and the Rancho Penasquitos Recreation Council for all their hard work.

The park is located at 12958 La Tortola. If you haven't checked it out yet, go for visit!



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