

Events Honor 10th Anniversary of the Cedar Fire in Scripps Ranch

Ten years ago, the Scripps Ranch community was devastated by the Cedar Fire which burned 280,000 acres and more than 2,800 structures.

Within the City, 335 structures were lost and another 71 damaged. It's still considered the largest wildland fire in California history. Since 2003, the City developed a fire safety and brush management guide, adopted new roof covering requirements and established a new

community based program called Community Emergency Response Team, which trains citizen volunteers to become a vital link to safety in a disaster. Each of these actions has helped to make all of San Diego more prepared for fires and other major emergencies. And as a commu-

nity, we are stronger and more united after pulling together to recover and rebuild. This month, we'll recognize the Cedar Fire anniversary

through a number of public events including a **"A Day of Community Service"** hosted by the Scripps Ranch Civic Association. I'll join volunteers on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 9 a.m. to go door-to-door throughout Scripps Ranch dropping off fire prevention and emergency preparedness materials to residents. I also want to invite everyone to attend the **Cedar Fire Anniversary Luncheon** at Scripps Ranch Recreation Center on Sunday, Oct. 27. As we recognize this anniversary, let's reflect on what we've learned over the past decade and commit to making our community safer, stronger and even more resilient.



Community Spotlight: Bob Ilko

With Scripps Ranch in the spotlight this month, I thought it was appropriate to recognize Bob Ilko, a member of the Scripps Ranch Civic Association and Scripps Ranch Planning Board. The 22-year Scripps Ranch resident saw the flames in his backyard that fateful day in 2003. Thankfully his home was spared but after the Cedar Fire swept through, Ilko went to work for his neighborhood, helping victims navigate the recovery and rebuilding process. Today, Ilko serves as president of SRCA, a position he's held since 2011. When I asked him what keeps him involved he told me: "The constant in my life has been my family and Scripps Ranch. I am trying to make things better by making sure that we make informed decisions and learn from past mistakes." Thank you Bob for all you do!



From left: Councilman Kersey, Gloria Tran, Bob Ilko and Tiffany Vinson.

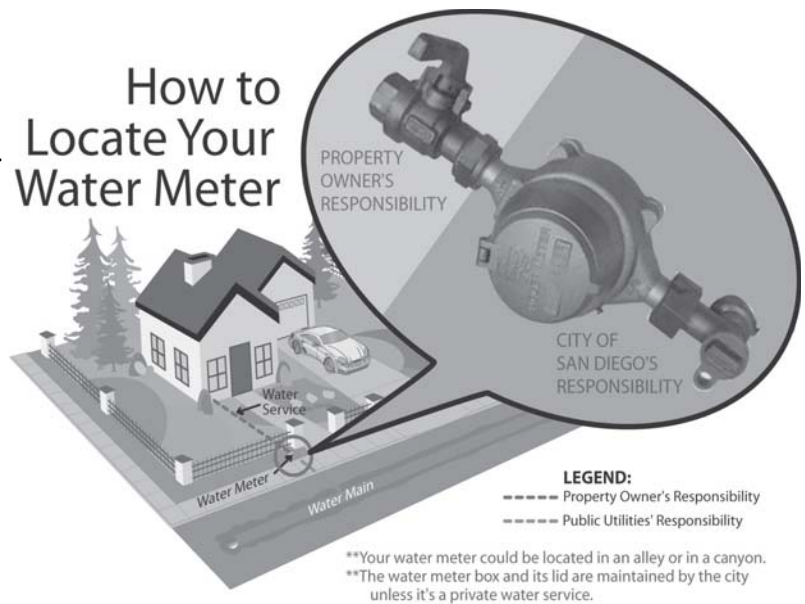
Did you know: Service Line Warranty Program

I've heard from many constituents about letters they've recently received regarding a Service Line Warranty Program. I want to assure you that the letter from Service Line Warranties of America is legitimate. SLWA is a City partner and private company that provides optional water and/or sewer service line warranties for homeowners for their portion of their water/sewer lines. Did you know the pipe that connects the City's water main to your home is the responsibility of the homeowner? Many residents find this out the hard way when a leak is identified or worse, if the pipe, known as a "service line," suddenly breaks.

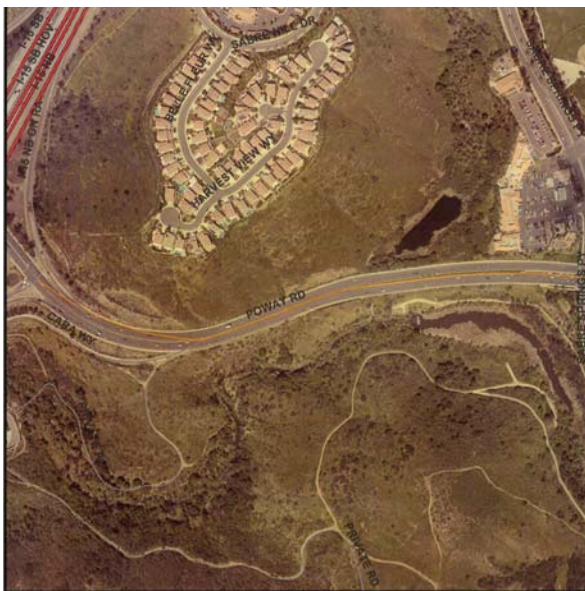
Homeowners wishing to learn more about SLWA are encouraged to visit the City's Corporate Partnership web-page at

www.sandiego.gov/corporatepartnership/existing.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office directly.



Construction to Begin on Poway Road Bike Path



By this time next year, bicyclists in District Five will have a new bike path to enjoy. Construction is set to begin this winter on a bicycle path in **Sabre Springs**. The path will run east along the south side of Poway Road from the I-15/Poway Road interchange to Sabre Springs Parkway. In total, it will be approximately 1,950 feet in length.

This path will enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project will also feature a new sidewalk, retaining wall, curb and gutter, metal beam guardrail, drainage facilities, landscape and irrigation and street striping/markings.

There will be temporary inconveniences during construction, but the completed project will provide a safer environment for all residents. If you have questions or concerns, please contact my office.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Second annual Art in the Park fundraiser

Saturday, Oct. 5, 6 p.m.

Support the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation

www.mtrp.org

More than 125 pieces of nature-related art will be on display and for sale benefiting the park.

San Diego Regional Walk Day

Saturday, Oct. 12

Volunteer to walk and rate San Diego sidewalks

www.walksandiego.org

Stay tuned for an event in our district this fall.

Events in District Five

Fire Station 33 Open House

Sun. Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

16966 Bernardo Center Dr.

Peñasquitos Emergency Response Council

Pet Safety and Evacuation During an Emergency, Tue. Oct. 8 6:30 p.m.

Peñasquitos Library

SRCA/Sustainable Scripps Ranch

Water-sensible Landscape Strategies

Wed. Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.

SRCA Community Center

New RB Historical Society Museum Opens



In September, I participated in the ribbon cutting of the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society's new history museum. My office provided a \$10,000 grant to help fund the museum, which gives the public a wonderful community resource and keeps the treasures of Rancho Bernardo safe for future generations to enjoy. Visit the museum at the Bernardo Winery. For hours visit:

www.rbhistoricalsociety.org

Miramar Water Treatment Plant Recognized

The City of San Diego Miramar Water Treatment Plant has received the prestigious Phase IV "Presidents Award" from the Partnership for Safe Water. The award recognizes the treatment plant for achieving very stringent individual filter performance goals for turbidity, a key test of water quality. Only five other treatment plants in the nation have received this award.

The Partnership for Safe Water is a voluntary self-assessment and optimization program for water treatment plants. The City of San Diego has been a participant since 2004.

I am especially proud to have the Miramar Water Treatment Plant in District Five and want to

congratulate the plant operators and city workers whose hard work ensures that our community gets the cleanest water possible each and every day.





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Community Input Leads to New Sidewalks in Rancho Bernardo

Earlier this year, residents in Rancho Bernardo requested new sidewalks for their community. I am happy to report we successfully secured funding for these priority projects and recently completed two projects. Approximately 3,000 feet of new sidewalks are on Rancho Bernardo Road between Via del Campo to Matinal Road and on the east side of Bernardo Center Drive between Fairhope Road and Bernardo Center Court.

The sidewalks were requested through Rancho Bernardo's annual planning process, something communities city-wide go through each year. Right now, community planning groups are meeting to develop their list of priority projects for the next fiscal year. Because of work that my office did, community input is now a permanent part of this process. The Neighborhood Input Policy makes certain that communities have their voices heard when it comes to infrastructure improvements and new construction in their area.

I urge you to get involved with the community planning group in your area and speak up about projects important to you.



District 5 Community Planning Group Meeting Information (all occur monthly):

Carmel Mountain Ranch/Sabre Springs: second Wed., 6 p.m.

Miramar Ranch North: first Tues., 7 p.m.

Rancho Bernardo: third Thurs., 7 p.m.

Rancho Penasquitos/Black Mountain Ranch/
Torrey Highlands: first Wed., 7 p.m.

San Pasqual Valley: first Thurs., 7 p.m.

Scripps Miramar Ranch: first Thurs., 7 p.m.

For locations visit the Planning Division website:
www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpg/agendas.shtml