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Signature Event: State of our Public Safety *Thursday, November 14, 6 p.m.*

What are the current issues facing our police and fire departments? What can you do to help protect your community and home from criminals? Join me to discuss the State of our Public Safety on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Scripps Ranch Civic Association Community Center 11885 Cypress Canyon Rd., San Diego, CA 92131.

Special guests include:

Chief Javier Mainar, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department
Asst. Chief Shelley Zimmerman, San Diego Police Department
President Bob Ilko, Scripps Ranch Civic Association



City Expresses Interest in Water Tower Site

As you may have heard, Poway Unified School District has a 10-acre piece of land for sale in the Rancho Bernardo area, known as the “water tower site.” Earlier this year, I expressed the City’s interest in using that land to develop a community park.

Last month, the City of San Diego repeated that interest in a formal letter to Poway Unified School District.

As you know, Rancho Bernardo is substantially park deficient and I’ve heard from many residents about their desire to have a new community park.

Expressing interest is only one part of the process. The City has also taken concrete steps toward gathering the funds to acquire the property.

The recent update of the Rancho Bernardo Public Facilities Financing Plan included parkland acquisition. The Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Group and the City’s Infrastructure Committee, which I chair, both approved the update.

These approvals could allow future Development Impact Fees to be used to purchase the Property.

However, the City’s budget is such that it is sig-

nificantly short of what the school district is asking for the property.

As a result, we’ve asked the school district to hold off on selling the property until the City can make a competitive offer.

There are no guarantees when it comes to this sort of thing but I am committed making sure the community’s needs are considered and addressed.



Need Input

Do you want to see this land used to build a park? What kind of park would you like to see? I would love to get your input.

Please send me an email at markkersey@sandiego.gov.

District Five Residents Volunteer for RSVP

Five residents from District 5 graduated from training for the Retired Service Volunteer Patrol program. They join more than a dozen other volunteers City-wide who will also participate in the program.

Congratulations to our new RSVP officers:

Scripps Mesa:

Marcelino Romero, Gerry Plotkin, Mary Thornton

Arthur Ansert, Ruben Ruiz,
Rancho Bernardo:

Shelby Long, Charles Riemer, Delton Zais



RSVP officers commit three eight-hour shifts each month to assist area police stations in providing an increased level of crime prevention programs within specific geographic boundaries by providing additional resources to Department. They perform vacation house checks, You Are Not Alone checks, and promote community awareness and acceptance of R.S.V.P. program.

If you're interested in volunteering or to learn more about the qualifications, call (619) 446-1016.

Public Hearing on Proposed Water Rate Increase *November 21 at 10 a.m.*

I've heard from many of you about the proposed water rate increases coming before council this month. I value your input and take all of it into consideration when making my decisions. If you would like all of Council to hear your concerns, I invite you to attend a special public hearing on November 21 to discuss the proposed rate increase. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. in the City Administration Building, 202 C Street, 12th floor, Council Chambers.

The proposed water rate increase is a result of an increase by the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) for the wholesale cost of water. During each of the past two years the San Diego CWA has increased several of the rates it charges for imported water. These rates apply to all water agencies in the county, including the City. The City's

Public Utilities Department, through efficiencies and cost-saving efforts was able to temporarily offset these CWA rate increases and not raise water rates for City customers in 2011 or 2012. To date, the Public Utilities Department has absorbed \$35 million in increased water costs. However, with the CWA once again raising rates, the department is proposing a rate increase of approximately 7.5 percent.

Now, I don't like being handcuffed to the water rate roller coaster that keeps on climbing.

Our region has to become more water independent including using desalination, potable reuse, and conservation. Before I approve any increase, I will need to be convinced we're being

as efficient as we can be in delivering water and I want solutions for reigning in MWD's out of control pricing.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Candy Buy Back

Benefiting our troops overseas
Bring your leftover candy to the nearest
Real Living Lifestyles Real Estate Office.
16789 Bernardo Center Dr. 92128
Collecting through November 8.

Don't forget to vote! Special mayoral election Tuesday, Nov. 19

For questions about where to vote call
(858) 565-5800 or visit

Events in District Five

The "Mo You Know" Men's Health Expo

Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
USC School of Social Work
16870 West Bernardo Dr.
<http://us.movember.com/team/962733>

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents "The Gift Teller"

Saturday Nov. 9 – Sunday, Dec. 8
www.scrippsranctheatre.org

Community CPR/AED Training Nov. 23

The American Red Cross of San Diego is challenging one million San Diegans to become better prepared for emergencies by getting an emergency kit, making a family evacuation plan and getting trained for emergencies. Join us for a District Five CPR training event as part of the Prepare San Diego challenge.

Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center
18448 West Bernardo Drive

PrepareSanDiego

To sign up or get more information, contact Tiffany Vinson at tvinson@sandiego.gov.

Support the We Care Bears Project

Jessica Carscadden is one amazing little girl. Adopted at the age of five from China, Jessica now lives in 4S Ranch with her family. One day when she was cleaning her room, she found some stuffed animals and decided to donate them to the police and fire department to give to kids who might be scared or hurt. And so the We Care Bears Project was created. Fast forward to last month, Jessica held a huge stuffed animal drive and collected enough bears to stock every San Diego Police patrol car with a bag of stuffed animals. I was proud to join Jessica and SDPD Chief William Lansdowne at her event where she had drafted dozens of friends to help clean, tag and bag the stuffed animals to be do-

nated. In honor of her great work, we'll be honoring Jessica at an upcoming City Council meeting. If you are interested in contributing to the We Care Bears Project, visit her website wecarebears.webs.com/.





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Camino del Norte Paving Complete



Local DC Robotic Force Team Competes for Regional Prize



Scripps Ranch Community Gets Out Fire Prep Message



Recognizing the Cedar Fire 10th Anniversary