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Happy New Year! I look forward to making our District Five communities and the City of San Diego even better in 2014. A few updates as we go into the new year:

Christmas Tree Recycling through January 23

The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department is hosting its 40th annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program. By recycling trees, residents help reduce the amount of material in the landfill and give holiday trees a second life as compost, mulch or wood chips. Trees can be dropped off at 16 locations city-wide or can be picked up curbside for residents with curbside yard waste collection.

District Five drop off locations include:

- Rancho Bernardo: Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center 18448 W. Bernardo Dr.
- Rancho Penasquitos: Canyonside Recreation Center, 12350 Black Mountain Road
- Scripps Ranch: Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, 11454 Blue Cypress Dr.

[For a complete list of locations and instructions, visit the Environmental Services website.](#)

Donate Used Stuffed Animals to the We Care Bears Project

If like mine, your kids have more stuffed animals than they know what to do with, consider donating some to the We Care Bears Project. We've partnered with 11 year-old Jessica Carscadden to set up a collection point at Fire Station #33 in Rancho Bernardo. Jessica donates the stuffed animals to first responders who give them to scared or injured kids they meet.

Last month, I had the chance to honor Jessica and all of her hard work by proclaiming December 17, 2013 "Jessica Carscadden Day" in the City of San Diego. I challenge every District Five kid to donate at least one stuffed animal to her cause. Beginning today, you can drop off your donation at Fire Station #33 in Rancho Bernardo ([16966 Bernardo Center Drive San Diego, CA 92128](#)). To learn more about We Care Bears visit her blog <http://wecarebears.webs.com/>.

Save the Date: Twitter Q&A, January 16

My first Twitter Q&A of the year will be Thursday, January 16 at 1 p.m. If you have questions you'd like answered, tweet me at [@markkersey](#) with the hashtag #AskD5. You can also send me an email with your question at markkersey@sandiego.gov. Looking forward to the conversation.

As always, if you ever have a question or comment, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you all the very best in 2014!

Hon. Mark Kersey

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