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# District Five Community News June 2017

## Be Prepared- Create Defensible Space



San Diego has experienced record-breaking rainfall over the last year. Unfortunately, much of the grass that has sprout up from the rain has already dried out and poses a very large fire hazard. San Diego County, state and local fire officials are advising residents to obey the law and create 100 feet of defensible space for the safety of their homes and for firefighters.

Defensible space is 30 feet of lean, clean and green zone and 70 feet of reduced fuel zone. Learn [how to create defensible space](#) around your home, and prepare for wildfires with CAL FIRE'S '[Ready for Wildfire](#)' app. Download the app for access to checklists, wildfire alerts and fire incident pages.

## Share Your Love of Reading



Studies show that reading aloud to young children can help them become motivated, strong readers, so I was excited to share my love for reading with kindergartners from Walker Child Development Center. Who wouldn't want to read 'The Pout Pout Fish Far, Far From Home' to these kids!? Learn

how you can [volunteer with Words Alive](#) to read aloud to children at schools around the city.

## District Five Business Profile: Wine and Canvas San Diego

Sabre Springs couple, Carolyn and Marcus, own Wine and Canvas San Diego, a mobile art entertainment company. Wine and Canvas provides all the materials you need to "unleash your inner Picasso" while you bring and sip on the cocktail of your choice. They specialize in corporate and private events of all sizes as they can travel to office settings, hotels, wineries/breweries and private homes. [Check out their](#)

## Community Calendar

June 16, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
[Family Game Night](#)

June 17, 12-4 p.m.  
[Barks & Brews](#)

June 21, All Day  
[Red Cross Blood Drive](#)

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
[Scripps Ranch Farmer's Market](#)

Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
[PO Farmer's Market](#)

## Get It Done San Diego



Report potholes, graffiti, broken streetlamps and more with '[Get It Done](#)' [San Diego](#).

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## Get Connected





[website](#) to see how they can create a fun painting experience for you and your next gathering.

Do you know of a District Five business that should be highlighted? Nominate them today! [Email Nikki Jimenez](#) with the name of the business, the community they're

located in, and no more than 150 words on why you think they're a spotlight business in the Fifth District.

### Get Involved- PQ Planning Board

Do you live in Black Mountain Ranch? Are you interested in shaping development decisions in your community? Then apply to fill the vacant BMR seat on the Rancho Penasquitos Planning Board. Community Planning Groups provide official recommendations to the City on community goals and land development proposals. Learn more about the PQ Planning Board [here](#).

### Veterans Entrepreneurial Jumpstart Program



The Veterans Entrepreneurial Jumpstart (VEJ) Program is now accepting applications for its Cohort III, September-October 2017. VEJ provides veterans with the training, skills and service necessary to start their own small business. This program is offered at no charge to eligible veterans, including travel and living expenses. Applications are due July 1. Learn more about [enrollment here](#) and [watch an overview of the program](#).

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