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Lake Hodges Reopens for Windsurfing

After more than 10 years, Lake Hodges Reservoir is once again open to the general public for windsurfing. After hearing complaints from the windsurfing community, I worked closely with the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department to help bring back this recreational activity to San Diego. It had previously been allowed but was stopped during the construction of a pump station in 2003.

Windsurfing, or boardsailing as it is also known, is now allowed on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. Lake Hodges is the only city reservoir to allow windsurfing. It is also available for fishing and other recreational activities.



Photo credit: Martin Alderton

The City worked with the State of California Department of Public Health to ensure all activities which may impact the reservoir's water quality are thoroughly evaluated and proper measures to protect it are in place. For safety and water quality protection purposes, certain new rules are in place that did not apply when it was previously allowed. Complete rules and regulations for recreational use of the reservoir are posted online at www.sandiego.gov/water.

Our reservoirs are an integral part of our water management system but I believe they should also serve as a recreational asset for our communities and the Mayor agrees.

Mayor Kevin Faulconer said "We commend Councilmember Kersey and city staff for their leadership on this issue. The new safety rules that are in place will allow for adequate protection of the public, wildlife and water quality at Lake Hodges Reservoir, while returning one of San Diego's most unique recreation activities."

I am so pleased we're able to bring windsurfing back and look forward to seeing the local enthusiasts enjoying Lake Hodges once again.

Next Twitter Q&A Scheduled for May 7



Ask questions and join the conversation as part of my **quarterly Twitter Q&A on Wednesday, May 7 at 1 p.m.** You can submit questions ahead of time by contacting me on Twitter [@markkersey](https://twitter.com/markkersey) and using #AskD5 or sending an email to my office markkersey@sandiego.gov.

Last quarter we took questions on a number of different topics ranging from infrastructure to open data to reducing our fire risk during our dry winter. My communications director Storified the Q&A if you are interested in reading through it to see what you missed <http://bit.ly/1h3DLy3>

Looking forward to hearing from you next time!

Padres Season Underway at Petco, on TV

Like most San Diegans, I'm a big Padres baseball fan so I couldn't be more excited for baseball season to finally be underway. I had the pleasure of meeting a few of the players recently including Padres starting pitcher Ian Kennedy. (see photo at right). I'm excited to see how he does this season.

In other good news: Time Warner Cable customers, many of whom live in District Five, will be able to watch Padres baseball on Fox Sports San Diego this season. After a long and frustrating negotiation, I am so happy Time Warner and Fox were able to come to an agreement for the sake of Padres fans everywhere. The games will be available to Time Warner customers in the San Diego area in high definition (HD) on channel 732 and in standard definition (SD) on channel 61.

I hope everyone will join me in rooting on our hometown team. Go Padres!



Photo credit: Ruben H Fleet Science Center

Balboa Park Explorer Passes On Sale

I'm happy to announce that residents of San Diego can purchase the first-ever annual pass for Balboa Park. The Balboa Park Explorer Pass provides general admission to 17 Balboa Park institutions for a full year. What's even better, if you sign up by April 17 you can lock in the first-year price for the next three years.

A family pass for two adults and up to four children is just \$199/year. It includes access to the Ruben H. Fleet Science Center, San Diego Air & Space Museum, Hall of Champions Sports Museum and many more. I've already bought one and I encourage every San Diegan to do the same so they can experience one of the real treasures of our region year-round.

For more information, visit <http://www.balboapark.org/explorer>

Free Teen Heart Screening at Scripps Ranch High



In recognition of National Youth Sports Safety Month, the Eric Paredes Save A Life Foundation is providing free heart screenings for teens ages 13-19 at Scripps Ranch High School on Saturday, April 27. The screenings are an easy way to identify heart abnormalities that could lead to sudden cardiac arrest, of which young athletes are at a 60 percent greater risk.

This is a simple test that has the potential to save lives. It takes less than 30 minutes, is painless and non-invasive. No needles or x-ray exposure. I encourage every teen—especially those who play sports to get screened.

For more information visit <http://www.EPSaveALife.org>.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Scripps Ranch Water-wise Garden Tour

Sunday, April 6th, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

9928 Tudor St. San Diego 92131

Learn to maintain appealing, useful outdoor spaces that are also drought-tolerant. See more than a dozen great examples of what your neighbors have already done.

<http://www.scrippsranch.org/ssr> for location meeting points

Spring Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19 10 a.m.-Noon

Carmel Mountain Ranch Recreation Center

10152 Rancho Carmel Dr. 92128

Please bring your own basket

Bunny Pictures, Crafts, Jumpers and Refreshments

<http://bit.ly/ObzPEu>

Out & About



Collecting the donations to We Care Bears from our stuffed animal drive at Fire Station 33.

I Love A Clean San Diego Annual Cleanup



I Love A Clean San Diego is hosting its 12th annual Creek to Bay Cleanup throughout the City on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m.-Noon. One of the locations is at Lake Hodges in Rancho Bernardo and they are currently recruiting volunteers to help.

In addition to Lake Hodges, there are more than 90 cleanup sites countywide for the San Diego beautification effort, which is one of the largest local environmental events of the year. They also accommodate groups if your company or scouting troop wants to participate together.

For more information and to register for the event visit <http://www.CreektToBay.org>.

Summer Film Internship for Local High School Students

The Pacific Arts Movement is accepting applications for its summer 2014 Reel Voices program. The 12-week summer internship helps students become socially-conscious storytellers, learn Final Cut Pro editing and experience all stages of production and post-production with professional mentors.



**PACIFIC ARTS
MOVEMENT**

Classes run twice a week from June 23-Aug 13 at the offices of the Pacific Arts Movement in Liberty Station, Point Loma. It is free and open to any high school student in San Diego. Applications are due April 27. For more information visit their website at <http://pac-arts.org/education/reel-voices>.



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San Diego Named Top City for Startups

A *Forbes* report out last month ranks the City of San Diego as the number one place in America to launch a startup in 2014. As someone who began a startup here in San Diego, I can say that this is incredible news because improving the city's business climate was one of the reasons I ran for office in the first place.

Since I was elected, I've been working hard to make the City more welcoming to small business owners and the City Council makes many decisions that affect the city's small businesses. This year I will continue to support initiatives that help make San Diego even better for our small businesses, which make up 90 percent of the companies in the region. These companies are our job creators and go a long way in building a stronger economic future for all San Diegans.

District Five Meet the Mayor Event April 9

Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer is hosting a series of "Meet the Mayor" neighborhood events. His first event with residents of District Five will be in Scripps Ranch on **Wednesday, April 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the SRCA Community Center** (11885 Cypress Canyon Rd.). He will speak with residents about his vision for the City and then listen to concerns and take questions from the audience. The event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to John Ly at jly@sandiego.gov

Faulconer will hold at least one "Meet the Mayor" event in each City Council district over the coming months. The series will then continue regularly in neighborhoods throughout the city.

