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## Shoal Creek Pedestrian Bridge Making Progress

Construction is coming along on the Shoal Creek Pedestrian Bridge in Carmel Mountain Ranch. The bridge will create a safe route for pedestrians travelling across busy Ted Williams Parkway, especially for students who attend Shoal Creek Elementary School.

Last month, the intersection of Ted Williams and Shoal Creek was closed over night to install major support beams for the new bridge. City engineering advises that additional closures should be expected over the course of the next several months. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of the summer.

If you ever have any questions or concerns during construction, please feel free to call the City of San Diego – Public Information Office at 619-533-4207. You can also contact my office at 619-236-6655.

Thank you for your patience during this time but I know the end result will be worth the wait for many District Five residents.



*Construction crews install girders for Shoal Creek Pedestrian Bridge.*

## Sycamore Canyon Park Opens in Stonebridge



*Chatting with community members and park staff at Sycamore Canyon Park opening.*

It's not everyday you get to open a brand new park but that's exactly what I got to do last month. On April 17<sup>th</sup> I had the pleasure of joining Mayor Kevin Faulconer, the City's Park Project Team, and District Five residents at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Sycamore Canyon Park in the Stonebridge community. This beautiful six-acre park has a playground, two lighted ball fields, picnic areas, a comfort station, a concrete walking path and parking lot.

A special thanks to Marc Sorenson, Bob Ilko, and all of those who worked extremely hard to make this park a reality for the community. Sycamore Canyon Park is a wonderful addition to the Stonebridge community and I look forward to working with the communities in my district to open more parks like this.

## Honoring Local Teachers on National Teacher Day

The fifth district is lucky to have so many great teachers helping to shape the future of our region. This year, several of them were recognized for their exceptional work. In Poway Unified, all three of the District's Teachers of the Year and the Classified Employee of the Year work at schools in District Five. San Diego Unified also named a teacher from Scripps Ranch as one of their District teachers of the year.

Please join me in congratulating the following educators for their commitment to our kids.

- Crystal Ochoa, K-5 Resource Specialist, Sunset Hills Elementary, Rancho Peñasquitos
- Michelle Testa, Health Technician, Sunset Hills Elementary, Rancho Peñasquitos
- Mike Bird, GeoScience & Physics, Mt. Carmel High School, Rancho Peñasquitos
- Stephanie Martin, Transitional Kindergarten, Willow Grove Elementary, Black Mountain Ranch
- Sarah Church, Third Grade, Dingeman Elementary, Scripps Ranch



*Crystal Ochoa, Sunset Hills Elementary School with PUSD superintendent John Collins.*

## Hats Off to Volunteers

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, I was proud to recognize 67 outstanding Rancho Bernardo community volunteers during the fifth annual Hats off to Volunteers celebration. This is a wonderful annual event where the commu-



*Photo: Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation*

nity has the opportunity to recognize outstanding volunteers for their many contributions to the Rancho Bernardo community. Though I am sure these volunteers have many other obligations, they are consistently working to better their community. These individuals are an asset to District Five and I hope others follow their example of hard work, follow-through and community involvement. A special thanks to the Hats off to Volunteers Committee and co-chairs Nick Anastasopoulos and Scott Lawn, Robin Kaufman and the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation for hosting.

## SD Chosen for Foreign Direct Investment Program

San Diego has been selected as one of six metropolitan areas to participate in the Global Cities Initiative, a partnership of the Brookings Institute and JP Morgan Chase. The initiative is a foreign direct investment pilot program meant to promote greater global trade and economic competitiveness. Foreign direct investment has long supported regional economies, not only by infusing capital but also by investing in workers, strengthening global connections and sharing best business practices. I'm proud to be part of the team of local leaders who will spearhead this effort. Focusing on long-term strategies to increase global trade and other international business opportunities in the region could be transformative for the local economy. As San Diego becomes start-up central, small/medium enterprises will benefit from a regional strategy for attracting foreign direct investment. Through this effort, I'd hope to see more San Diego companies attract international investment and compete in worldwide markets.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Fiesta de los Peñasquitos

**Sunday, May 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Black Mountain Road between Carmel Mountain Rd. & Twin Trails Dr.

Fun community event with more than 100 arts and crafts, business and service vendors, food vendors, live entertainment, carnival rides and booths.

<http://www.rpcouncil.com/fiesta2014/>

### 15th Annual SRCA Community Fair

**Sunday, May 18, Noon-5:30 p.m.**

Scripps Ranch Community Park

Experience all that Scripps Ranch has to offer including a fun Kids' Zone, Food Truck Court, Wine and Beer Garden and live music.

<https://www.scrippsranch.org/events/community-fair.html>

### Out & About



Kicking off the annual spring egg hunt at the Carmel Mountain Ranch/Sabre Springs Recreation Center with Recreation Council President Gwen Leslie, her family and Ester Berry.

## Honoring Ballast Point for American Craft Beer Week

Did you know that the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> is American Craft Beer Week? Well, anything that brings attention to this feature San Diego industry is good, which is why I will be proclaiming May 12<sup>th</sup>

2014 as "Ballast Point Day" in the City of San Diego. Ballast Point promotes San Diego's thriving craft beer culture and has become a staple brewery located in the District 5 community of Scripps Ranch. Ballast Point was founded in 1996 by Jack White and Yuseff Cherney who share a passion to the craft of brewing. Ballast Point collaborates with seasoned brewmasters to provide an outstanding selection of craft beers as well as distilled liquors. I'm working to make sure Ballast Point has a long and prosperous future in the City of San Diego. Just last month, I voted to allow the city to move forward on new economic development incentives that

will help Ballast Point grow and create more jobs within city boundaries. I encourage you to celebrate American Craft Beer Week by visiting Ballast Point or any of our local craft breweries.



## Pothole Repair Crew in District Five

You may have heard that the City has a new process in the way that it fills potholes. In the past, crews took a list of reported potholes throughout the City and tackled them one by one. Sometimes they'd spend part of the day in our coastal communities, then in downtown and then up in our north-eastern area of the City—not a very efficient way of getting things done. Now, the City is taking a regional approach I call the "Neighborhood Pothole Plan." That means they spend two full days a month in each Council district filling reported potholes as well as those identified by City engineers nearby. This month, pothole crews will be in District Five communities on May 12 and May 23. Our streets division has asked that we encourage our residents to report potholes they see because otherwise they may not get filled. If you have a pothole to report, please use the online form at

<http://apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/>.



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## Permanent Water Conservation Measures Still In Effect

Several years ago, the City Council voted on permanent water conservation measures for residents and businesses. I thought it would be good to remind you of these mandatory measures that remain in place to help the City in its efforts to conserve water and reduce our dependence on water imports.

- Customers must repair or stop all water leaks upon discovery within 72 hours.
- Watering is only allowed before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. from June to October and before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. from November to May.
- Excessive irrigation and leaks are prohibited. Customers shall not allow water to leave their property due to drainage onto adjacent properties or public or private roadways or streets or gutters.
- Customers cannot use a running hose to wash down sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other paved areas except to alleviate immediate safety or sanitization hazards, unless the hose is connected to a water-efficient device like a commercial water broom.
- Overfilling of swimming pools and spas is strictly prohibited.
- All decorative water fountains must use a recirculating pump.



The City Council Environment Committee recently proposed new voluntary conservation measures that when approved by the full Council will further help the City protect its limited water resources.

## Twitter Q&A: May 7 at 1 p.m.



Just a reminder that 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. Looking forward to hearing from you and answering your questions.