

COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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SDPD Northeastern Division Fully Equipped with Life-Saving AED Technology

Every single patrol car in San Diego Police Department's Northeastern Division is now equipped with a life-saving Automated External Defibrillator (AED) from San Diego Fire-Rescue's Project Heartbeat. I was proud to authorize funding for 32 AEDs through the District Five Community Programs, Projects and Services (CPPS) fund. Because our police officers are often first on the scene of an emergency, it only makes sense they should always have access to the technology needed to save a life. Especially when it comes to sudden cardiac arrest, every minute counts. In fact, each minute that goes by without intervention decreases a person's survival rate by 10 percent. Last month, I joined Fire Chief Javier Mainar and SDPD Northeastern Division Captain Dawn Summers to present the new AEDs to the department. I've encouraged my Council colleagues to follow suit and make sure more AEDs are available throughout our City.



New Trails Open in Black Mountain Open Space Park

New hiking and mountain biking trails at Black Mountain Open Space Park are officially open thanks to the hard work of hundreds of volunteers and our San Diego Park Rangers. The mile and a half of new trails connect both sides of Black Mountain Open Space Park on either side of Carmel Valley Road. They also connect two well-used trailheads (Glider Port Trailhead and Miner's Ridge Trailhead) with Black Mountain Ranch Community Park. Thanks to the hard work of our park rangers and community volunteers, many more San Diegans will be able to explore this beautiful open space. By connecting both sides of the park via trail, hikers and bikers will no longer have to contend with high-speed traffic on the very busy Carmel Valley Road. Community volunteers, including members of the San Diego Mountain Biking Association, contributed approximately 1,200 hours of work to build the trails. This is the first phase of trails built as part of the Black Mountain Natural Resources Management Plan, approved in April 2014 to protect and maintain the natural resources of the park.





April is Earth Month



Become a Master Composter

If you are passionate about recycling, consider taking the next step and becoming a composter. City of San Diego residents have access to free classes to learn how to turn garbage into gold for your garden. In their backyard composting workshop, you'll discover the different methods of backyard composting, how composting conditions the soil for healthy plants, and how you can save money and water.

You can even go a step further and become a Master Composter. A five-week workshop for City of San Diego residents provides training in the art and science of composting, soil management and how to teach it to others. The Master Composter course is on Tuesday evenings at 5:30-8:30 p.m. from April 7- May 5th. Classes are held in the Auditorium of the Environmental Services Department's Ridgehaven "Green Building" at 9601 Ridgehaven Ct., San Diego, CA 92123. Visit the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation for workshop locations and to make a reservation <http://www.solanacenter.org/master-composters> or call the Rotline at 760-436-7986, extension 222.

You can also download the Guide to Backyard Composting http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/pdf/recycling/0404backyard_composting.pdf.

Side note, all City residents are entitled to two cubic yards of compost mulch from the Miramar Greenery for free with proof of residency—great for planting your spring garden!

San Diego Seeking More Water Independence

“We’ve entered uncharted territory” - that is what California Governor Jerry Brown said April 1 in response to a report showing the lowest snow level in the Sierra Nevada snowpack in 65 years of record-keeping. He also called for mandatory water use restrictions statewide for the first time in State history. As you know, here in San Diego, we’ve already implemented many mandatory conservation measures and you have been incredibly successful in reducing your water usage. That’s why the Mayor and City Council are looking even further so we can be more water independent.



Here at the policy level, the City is moving forward with the cutting-edge Pure Water program, which would purify enough wastewater to provide one-third of San Diego’s water supply by 2035. It calls for the construction of nearly \$2.8 billion in water-purification plants that would eventually produce 83 million gallons of drinking water per

day. You can learn more about the Pure Water program online:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/water/purewater/purewatersd/index.shtml>

Community Calendar

Intergenerational Earth Day

Thursday, April 9, 9:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Innovations Academy Charter School
10380 Spring Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92131
www.tinyurl.com/ScrippsRanchIG

Free Recycle Event

Saturday, April 11

Mission Bay South Shores Park

Recycle hazardous materials and chemicals including used oil, batteries and CFL bulbs.

<http://www.sandiego.gov/esd/recycling/events/usedoil.shtml>

Scripps Ranch Theatre Presents "Sunset Park"

Runs through April 21

9783 Avenue of Nations, San Diego, CA 92131
<http://www.scrippsranchtheatre.org/>

IT Vendor Outreach Event

Wednesday, April 22 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Balboa Park Club
2144 Pan American Rd W San Diego, CA 92101
Connect your San Diego-certified Small/Emerging Local Business Enterprise Business with local (IT) opportunities

Save the Date: Scripps Ranch Civic Association

16th Annual Community Fair

Saturday, May 17 12-7:30 p.m.

Scripps Ranch Community Park
11454 Blue Cypress Drive, San Diego, CA 92131

\$120 Million Bond to Fund Infrastructure Upgrades

Last month, my City Council colleagues and I took a final vote to approve the issuance of \$120 million in infrastructure investment bonds. The financing plan will improve streets, fire stations, libraries and infrastructure in neighborhoods throughout the city. It focuses heavily on street repairs with \$49 million going toward repaving approximately 100 miles of city streets.

Rebuilding San Diego is the most important issue facing our City so the injection of this much needed funding will have a noticeable impact in our neighborhoods. These improvements will help make San Diego more economically competitive, increase safety and provide residents with the communities they deserve.

The \$120 million infrastructure bond includes:

- \$49.2 million for street repairs, equivalent to roughly 100 miles of roads
- \$26.3 million for design work and construction of five fire stations
- \$22 million for storm drain improvements.
- \$10.8 million for design work and construction of four libraries
- \$4.3 million for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements
- \$1 million for sidewalk improvements

The bonds should be available for capital projects next month according to the report by the City's debt management department. These funds are part of the Mayor and City Council's commitment to increase the City's investment in infrastructure. The City's first-ever multi-year infrastructure plan released earlier this year identified a \$3.8 billion backlog of projects and a \$1.7 billion gap in available funding.



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Development Permit Payments Now Accepted Online

Local businesses seeking San Diego permits can now use *OpenDSD* to pay and schedule inspections online. In addition to OpenDSD's online services, DSD extended business hours for plan check and permit issuance of single-family duplex, additions and remodels. Counters are now open by appointment for plan check services on Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and every second Saturday a month from 8 a.m to 12 p.m. This will allow the City's builder-owners, who live and work on their own homes, to get permits without having to take time off work. This will also shorten lines and speed up processing times at DSD during the week. <http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/opensds/> Is there something else you think we can do to improve services for development? Let me know via email at markkersey@sandiego.gov.

District Five Business Profile: Latitude 33

Join me in welcoming engineering firm Latitude 33 to San Diego's Fifth District. While new to the Scripps Ranch area, they are not new to San Diego. I was on hand for their grand opening in February. Here's a little more information about Latitude 33:

Latitude 33 is a planning and engineering firm that has been operating since the early 1990s. The innovative company focuses on sustainable design and recently designed the County of San Diego Operations Center which has applied for LEED Gold certification. Currently they are designing Fire Station 47 in Pacific Highlands Ranch, which is aiming for LEED Silver certification.

Latitude 33 also developed a software database program that helped the County and UCSD understand their underground infrastructure layouts like sewer, water, electrical, natural gas and communications.

They take myriads of paper plans, make sense of them and put them into software to be used on laptops/tablets. You can learn more about Latitude 33 at <http://www.latitude33.com>.



With Latitude 33's Randi Coopersmith and John Eardenson

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