

COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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Rancho Peñasquitos Library Gets New Roof, HVAC

I am happy to report that the Rancho Peñasquitos Library now has a new roof and heating and air conditioning system. The project had been listed as a top priority by the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board. Construction was completed on May 4-5 and the library reopened on May 6. The renovations cost approximately \$1.4 million.

Our public libraries are a valuable community asset, providing learning opportunities for our youth and a gathering place for all citizens. I am so glad to see the library finally getting the attention it deserves so our residents will have a more comfortable environment for learning and reading.

Thank you to the community for your patience during the brief closure for construction and I look forward to seeing everyone enjoy the more comfortable library.



Bernardo Fire Anniversary Reminder to Prepare



Last May, our region was struck by major wildfires including the Bernardo Fire in Black Mountain Ranch. As we approach the one year anniversary of the fire, I ask that you take stock of your emergency preparations. If you don't have an emergency kit and evacuation plan, I urge you to look to the Scripps Ranch Fire Safe Council at www.srfiresafecouncil.org. They recently released an emergency evacuation plan for the Scripps Ranch community but it contains really helpful information for all communities as well. Additionally, please reevaluate your property to ensure your home has the required 100 foot buffer zone of defensible space.

Also, the American Red Cross released a new smart phone app which provides real time weather alerts and safety information. The Red Cross Emergency App is available on the iTunes App Store and Google Play.



Poway Road Bike Path Complete

Construction on the Poway Road Bike Path is now complete. The new path just east of I-15 connects the existing bike path to the west, along the southeast intersection of I-15 and Poway Road, to the bike route on Poway Road east of Sabre Springs Parkway. The new 1,800 foot Class I bike path is protected by a barrier separating it from vehicles on the road.

While more people have the chance to use this alternative form of transportation, vehicle drivers must be more vigilante and drive with care. Bicycles in the roadways are considered vehicles, only they are much more vulnerable in an accident. SDPD Northeastern Division Capt. Dawn Summers provided the following tips for drivers about how to safely coexist with bicycles on the road:



- Always use your turn signal
- Exercise the same caution as you would for an approaching vehicle
- California law requires all vehicles give bicycles three feet of space when passing a cyclist on the road
- Yield to cyclists at intersections

May is Bike Month: Bike to Work May 15

GO byBIKE
BIKE MONTH 2015
 Bike to Work Day
 is Friday, May 15
Pledge to GO by BIKE!

iCommuteSD.com SANDAG 511 iCommute

Join thousands of San Diegans and “GO by BIKE” for National Bike Month in May. With an average temperature of 71 degrees and more than 1,340 miles of bikeways, the San Diego region is one of the best places in the country for people to commute on two wheels.

Throughout the month of May, every time you “GO by BIKE” and log your trips in the SANDAG TripTracker at 511sd.com/iCommute, you will be entered to win prizes, including a new bike.

Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 15. The goal is for the San Diego region to log 25,000 miles—the equivalent of one trip around the world and one million calories burned.

There are more than 100 pit stops throughout the region, including several in the Fifth District, where riders can pick up a free Bike to Work Day t-shirt and snacks. Pit stops will be open from 6-9 a.m. Those in District Five include:

- Intuit—Camino del Sur off the 56
- Sony Electronics & Northrop Grumman—Corner of W Bernardo Dr & Via Del Campo
- Air Pollution Control District—Pomerado Rd. and Willow Creek Rd, Scripps Ranch

For more information on Bike Month 2015 activities, visit the [Bike Month web page](#), or call 511 and say “iCommute.”

Community Calendar

**Kid's Floral Wagon Parade
Garden Party of the Century
2015 Balboa Park Centennial Celebration
Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m.**

Balboa Park

celebratebalboapark.org

**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
scrippsranch.org

**Are You Really Covered?
Home & Rental Insurance workshop
Peñasquitos Emergency Response Council
Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.**
Rancho Peñasquitos Library
13330 Salmon River Rd, San Diego, CA 92129
www.perc4pq.org/community-classes/

**Rancho Bernardo Historical Society
10th Annual Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, May 23, 8 a.m.-Noon**
Bernardo Winery
13330 Paseo Del Verano Norte
www.rbhistoricalsociety.org

**RB Alive! Street Fair
Sunday, June 7 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**
Bernardo Center Drive
Between Lomica Drive and Bernardo Plaza Court
www.sdbusinesschamber.com

**Scripps Ranch Symphony in the Park
June 14 at 6-7:30 p.m.**
Hoyt Park
10158 Aviary Dr, San Diego, CA 92131
www.symphonyinthepark.org/schedule.html

Del Norte High Student Named to Youth Commission

Congratulations are in order for Elena Crespo, a student at Del Norte High School. She has been selected to serve as the District Five representative to the San Diego Youth Commission. Elena maintains an impressive resume of volunteer activities specializing in commitment to youth, making her the ideal liaison between the Youth Commission and residents. Elena voluntarily interns at Sabin Children's Foundation, where she worked with organizations like Mothers Without Borders, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and The Pathway Center for Children to help meet the basic needs of children around the world. Additionally, she works with Let Children Learn to provide educational tools to children throughout Latin America.

Elena Crespo's strong record of altruism will provide the Youth Commission with a unique perspective and will be invaluable in advising the Mayor and Council.

Congratulations again to Elena. I look forward to seeing her flourish in this role.



ATTENTION PARENTS AND EDUCATORS: The City of San Diego is now accepting applications for the Summer Mentoring Program. Youth ages 15-24 who are currently enrolled in an academic program are eligible. If you know a student who is open to a new adventure, interested in exploring an exciting career field or learning new skills then consider applying for the program. Email PatRose Dewar for more information pdewar@sandiego.gov.

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Proposed FY16 Budget Good for District Five

During the first week of May, the City Council reviewed the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget. There are a lot of positive things for District Five can look forward to when the budget goes into effect on July 1. I've highlighted a few below:

Increased Recreation Center Hours

Scripps Ranch Recreation Center and Rancho Bernardo Glassman Recreation Center will both have hours extended from the current 45 hours per week to 60 hours per week.

Repairs to Carmel Mountain Ranch Community Park

The playground at Carmel Mountain Ranch Community Park is slated for repairs.

Library Internet Speeds Tripling

All branch libraries will be getting upgraded internet service, tripling the current internet speed including Scripps Miramar Ranch, Rancho Peñasquitos, Rancho Bernardo and Carmel Mountain Ranch.

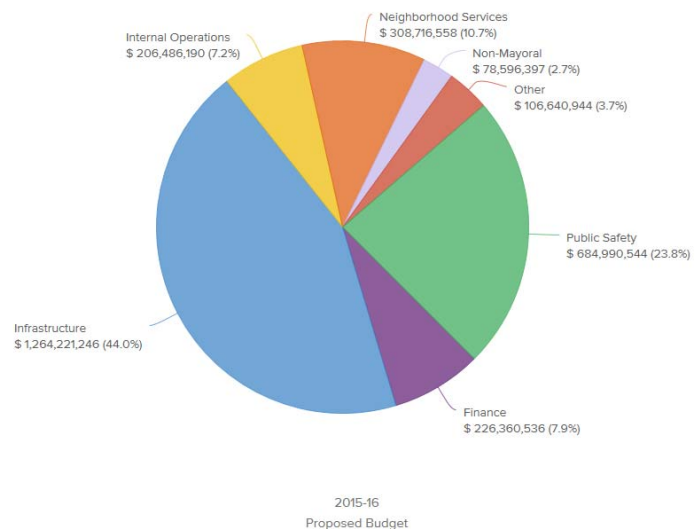
Do Your Homework at the Library Program Expansion

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library will see an expansion of the "Do Your Homework at the Library" program. The program is set to be extended through the summer to accommodate year-round schools and better serve students and parents.

300 Miles of Street Repairs Slated Citywide

Streets citywide will be getting major repairs in fiscal year 2016. The list of streets won't be available until after the construction contracts are completed but we will keep you apprised of exact streets in our District Five communities.

You can examine the entire FY16 budget thanks to a new online tool that allows you to analyze it department by department. Find the online budget analysis tool at <https://sandiegoca.opengov.com>. A public budget hearing will take place at Council on Monday, May 11 at 6 p.m.



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