

COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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Meet San Diego's New Fire Chief: January 20



I'm excited to have San Diego's new fire chief join me at our first District event of 2016. San Diego Fire-Rescue Chief Brian Fennessy takes on this critical leadership role after more than three decades with the department. He is a natural leader with big ideas who will lead our Fire-Rescue Department into the next generation.

Chief Fennessy will be on hand to discuss his priorities for the department and emergency response in District Five. The American Red Cross San Diego chapter will also be there to answer questions about emergency preparedness.

Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Ashford University—Carmel Mountain campus
(Leadership Room, First Floor)
13500 Evening Creek Dr. N, San Diego, CA 92128

The event is free and open to the public. RSVP at markkersey@sandiego.gov or 619-236-6655.

Playground Improvements at Carmel Mountain/Sabre Springs Recreation Center



In the 2016 fiscal year budget, \$600,000 was dedicated to the improvement of children's playground equipment at our local parks. It was part of the Mayor and City Council's commitment to improving our infrastructure and investing in our neighborhoods. The improvements included the playground at the Carmel Mountain Ranch/Sabre Springs Recreation Center. The new rubber playground surface is clean, safe and ready for use by our District Five families. Check it out next time you are looking for a fun place for the kids to play.



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District Five Business Profile: Mostra Coffee

Did you know District Five is home to one of San Diego's great coffee roasters? Started in 2013, Mostra Coffee is located in the Rancho Bernardo/Carmel Mountain Ranch area. While serving primarily as their main roasting warehouse, Mostra Coffee turns into a mini-coffee house on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. They serve everything from single-origin pour overs, specialty and traditional espresso drinks to an array of cold brew coffee drinks.

Mostra Coffee also hosts regular cupping sessions where customers can learn about the roasting and brewing processes, while tasting many of their offerings.

You can learn more about this San Diego District Five small business by visiting www.mostracoffee.com.



Learn How to “Fix It,” Don’t “Pitch It”

The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department (ESD) and San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common are hosting a series of Fixit Clinics to help you repair or rehab anything you own that needs some fixing up. The events are a great way to teach the practical skill of fixing broken items instead of throwing them in our landfills. Residents of all ages can learn the value of tinkering and becoming Do-It-Yourselfers while learning the importance of recycling.

Register to participate at <https://sdfixitclinic.eventbrite.com>. Then bring your broken, non-functioning item for assessment, disassembly and possible repair. Possible items include electronics, appliances, computers, toys, bicycles or clothes. The library will provide a workspace, specialty tools and guidance to help you disassemble and troubleshoot your item. Whether it gets fixed or not, you'll learn more about how it was manufactured and how it worked.

For more information about the Fixit Clinics please contact fixit@sandiego.gov. If you like to repair things and are interested in volunteering as a Fixit Clinic Tinkerer, please contact them as well.

Free Gas Appliance Safety Checks



The chill is in the air which means many are turning on their heaters to stay warm. With increased use of natural gas appliances, comes an increased risk for carbon monoxide poisoning. San Diego Gas & Electric recommends gas appliances are checked annually to ensure they are in safe working condition. SDG&E offers free safety checkups to all customers. You can schedule your appointment online at <http://www.sdge.com/residential/serviceorders> or by calling 1-800-411-7343. For more winter safety tips from SDG&E, visit www.sdge.com/winter/winter-savings.

Community Calendar

State of the City Address
Thursday, January 14 at 6 p.m.
Balboa Theatre
 868 Fourth Ave. San Diego 92101

San Diego Restaurant Week
January 17-24
 Avant at Rancho Bernardo Inn
For a full list of restaurants:
www.sandiegorestaurantweek.com

The Dark at the Top of the Stairs
at Scripps Ranch Theatre
January 22-February 21
 Legler Benbough Theatre
 Alliant International University
 9783 Avenue of Nations
www.scrippsrantheatre.org

Used Oil & Oil Filter Recycling Event
Saturday, January 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Public Utilities Operations Center
 5571 Kearny Villa Road San Diego, CA 92123

Also accepting all batteries, CFL bulbs and tubes, and anti-freeze

www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/

Fun on the Bus & Trolley
hosted by Sustainable Scripps Ranch
Saturday, January 23, 10 a.m.

Learn how to ride the Bus Rapid Transit and the Trolley while having fun with your Scripps Ranch neighbors. For detailed itinerary and meeting arrangement, contact Lynn Owens at 858 566-7717 or email sustainable@scrippsrantheatre.org.

Pure Water Launches Girl Scout Patch Program

One of the main components of the Pure Water San Diego education and outreach program is tours of the Advanced Water Purification (AWP) Facility. To date, more than 8,500 people have toured, and attendees have included students of all ages, from grade school through medical school. Younger Girl Scout troops (Brownies) are some of the most frequent youth visitors. Brownies participate in the AWP Facility tours to fulfill part of the requirements for their Wonders of Water Journey patch, which tasks them with learning about water's importance in the world.



Now, to build upon the City's partnership with the Girl Scouts, the Pure Water program is excited to offer a unique Pure Water patch that can be earned by Girl Scouts of all ages. Scouts fulfill the requirements for the patch by participating in an interactive presentation about the Pure Water program and then touring the AWP Facility to see the water purification technology up close. Troop leaders can call (619) 533-4631 or email purewatersd@sandiego.gov to schedule a tour for their scouts.



The general public is also able to tour the facility. More information is available at www.purewatersd.org/tours or email purewatersd@sandiego.gov.

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Prevent El Niño Storm Damage: Free Filled Sandbags

We've already begun to see the effects of the El Niño storm system expected for this winter. The City is continuing its efforts to prevent and mitigate flooding and storm damage as a result of increased rainfall. With the preemptive declaration of a state of emergency, city crews are already working hard to prepare storm drains, roadways and City facilities. The City created an information page to provide helpful advice for protecting your family and property as storm activity increases. Visit www.sandiego.gov/el-nino to:

- Find out where to get free sandbags
- Learn ways to prepare your home and neighborhood before rains arrive
- Find out how to report flooding and storm damage
- Sign up for emergency notifications

On Saturday, January 16, I will join my council colleague Chris Cate at the Home Depot in Mira Mesa to provide pre-filled sandbags to San Diego residents at no cost. Please join us to make sure you are prepared for the next big storm.

Saturday, January 16, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mira Mesa Home Depot

10604 Westview Parkway, San Diego, CA 92126

If you have any questions or concerns, you can always call my office at 619-236-6655.

Photo Gallery



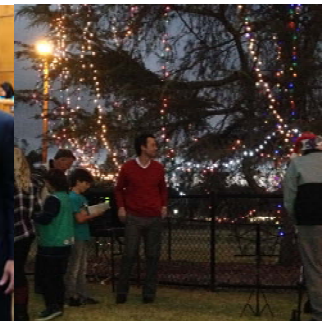
Presenting a proclamation to Deer Canyon Elementary for being named a National Blue Ribbon School. (with Principal Terry Worthington)



Attending a ground breaking for Maranatha Christian Schools new high school campus in the Del Sur/4S Ranch area.



Honoring Larry Blumberg, retiring executive director of the San Diego Military Advisory Council.



Ring in the holidays at the Scripps Ranch Civic Association Tree Lighting.



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