

COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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Upgrades Coming to Rancho Bernardo Rec Center

The gym at the Rancho Bernardo Glassman Recreation Center has long been in need of repairs, like so many of our community buildings throughout the City. I am happy to announce that I've authorized \$5,000 from the District Five Community Projects, Programs and Services Fund to be transferred to Parks and Recreation to make some critical repairs to the gym. The gym serves more than 250 people each day, hosting a youth basketball league, pickle ball (pictured) and hours of open gym time for the public.



The repairs include installing new cable and padding on all of the basketball backboards; installing new safety straps on all of the basketball structures; and repairing the hoop and its mechanical winching control in the side court. Repairs will also be made to the gym bleachers so they will finally be in good working condition for the many families who come to watch their children compete. Repairs are set to occur this spring. Center Director Berenice Mora says gym users will not be impacted when the repairs are made.

Street Repairs Ramping Up



You may have seen the City's Pothole Repair Crew working on both Poway Road and Rancho Penasquitos Blvd. last month. They'll be back in District Five again on February 11 and February 25 so please report any potholes you see to me or submit it online via the link on my City website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd5/>. Related to road repairs, in the State of the City address last month, Mayor Faulconer committed to repaving 1,000 miles of San Diego roads over the next five years. That's more than one third of all our streets. I will continue to advocate for additional funds and streets in District Five.



Volunteer for “JA Day” at Willow Grove Elementary



Junior Achievement is a wonderful organization that teaches financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness to youth throughout San Diego County. Their volunteer-based programs inspire kids in grades K-12 to “dream big and reach their full potential.” One way they do this is through their JA Day program at local elementary schools. On March 12, JA Day is coming to Willow Grove

Elementary School in Black Mountain Ranch and they are looking for volunteers from the community and local businesses. My staff and I will be there to help out and I hope you can join us! Volunteers will spend a half-day in one of Willow Grove’s kindergarten through 4th grade classes teaching Junior Achievement’s prepared lesson plan on topics like “Our Families”, “Our City” and “Our Nation.” You can be a solo teacher or better yet, grab a couple of co-workers or friends and volunteer as a team teaching group. It’s a four hour commitment on March 12, plus a training seminar leading up to the big event.

If you aren’t available on the 12th, they are also looking for volunteers for other JA Day events throughout the region. I encourage you to reach out to Jessica Saddler at Junior Achievement at jsaddler@jasandiego.org and learn more about JA Day on their website at <http://jasandiego.org/programs/elementary.html>.

STEP Up for Military Babies

Support the Enlisted Project (STEP) has started its spring donation drive for military babies. STEP helps support military and veteran families in financial crisis. The goal is to fill their warehouse with essential baby and new family items for distribution to military families through the rest of the year. With this helping hand they’ll be able take care of their families and get back on a path to self-sufficiency.

They are looking for donations of:

- Diapers and Wipes
- New and gently used baby clothes and toys
- Essential household & new family items
- New infant car seats
- New strollers, cribs, and high chairs
- Retail and grocery gift cards (any denomination)

*No donation is too small- every bit makes a difference to a family in need.



Collections are being accepted now through April 15. Contact STEP for drop-off information at info@stepsocal.org or (858) 695-6810.

Community Events

Peñasquitos Emergency Response Council: Project Heartbeat

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Rancho Peñasquitos Library

Bring your family and receive free instruction and hands on experience for CPR.

<http://www.perc4pq.org>

Sustainable Scripps Ranch: Landscaping Scripps Ranch and Moving Toward Zero Waste

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.

SRCA Community Center 11885 Cypress Canyon Road

<http://www.scrippsranch.org/>

San Diego Public Library: Evolution of a Genre Writer

Free Comprehensive Class on Writing Genre Fiction

Tuesday, Feb. 24 6-7:45 p.m.

Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library 10303 Scripps Lake Drive

More info: 858-538-8158

Finish Chelsea's Run 5K

Saturday, March 7, 7:30 a.m. start time

Balboa Park <http://www.chelsealight.org/programs/finish-chelseas-run/>

District Five Business Profile: Wayferry

I was pleased to have Chris and Bridgette Doig from Wayferry attend my Business Meet & Greet last month where I learned about the business-to-business technology support company. Here's more information on what they do: The San Diego technology sector is growing. Due to this growth many companies find they have exceeded the capabilities of their existing software. They face the problem of finding and selecting new solutions that matches their business needs. Wayferry was created to solve this problem.

Located in the District 5 community of Rancho Bernardo, Wayferry was founded in 2010 by CEO and Co-Founder Chris Doig. When faced with multiple software choices to solve specific business problems, Chris was frustrated with the lack of tools to pick the best option. Spotting a gap in the market Chris and his co-founder created Wayferry. Wayferry's software evaluation services help companies find the best fitting software solutions for their specific business requirements so they can buy enterprise software without remorse.

Wayferry's evaluation consulting services are the focus of the business. Working with clients in San Diego, California and the rest of the US, Wayferry strives to rid businesses of the struggle of selecting software and the risk of selecting the wrong package.

Wayferry is active in the community and is an annual sponsor of the San Diego Association of IT Professionals, the San Diego Cloud Conference, as well as the San Diego Top Tech Awards. You can learn more about the company at www.wayferry.com.



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Coyotes & How to Keep your Pets Safe

We all know District Five is home to a huge population of coyotes. Sometimes, they get a little too close for comfort and in extreme circumstances they have even gone after small pets. The Scripps Ranch Civic Association has invited Bob Gaskin, the Natural Resource Volunteer with the CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to speak about what can be done to keep your pets safe and protected. It is hosted by the SRCA PAWS Club which means you can also bring your well behaved dog along to enjoy a social hour with his/her furry friends. They always have a veterinarian on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Call of the Wild: Coyotes and How to Keep your Pets Safe
Saturday, February 7, 2015
4:00 pm
Lake View Park
10974 Mira Lago Terrace, San Diego, CA 92131

Crime Prevention Tips from SDPD

In January, we were informed of a string of burglaries in the Carmel Mountain/Sabre Springs area. According to Police, burglary is mostly a crime of opportunity. They've asked me to share a few crime prevention tips to keep in mind so you can prevent your home from becoming a target.

- Lock your doors, windows and close your garage when you are away from home
- When you are out of town, set a timer to turn on lights and even the television when you would normally have them on. Have outdoor lights set with a motion detector.
- Tell a trusted neighbor when you are out of town so they can keep an eye on your home for anything suspicious.
- Put a temporary hold on your newspaper and mail. Leaving those piled up is a tell tale sign that no one is home.

Don't forget about SDPD's Vacation Home Check program where police volunteers can conduct a security check on your home while you are on vacation. Contact SDPD Northeastern Division at (858) 538-8000 if you live in the communities of Carmel Mountain, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Encantada, Rancho Peñasquitos, Sabre Springs and Scripps Ranch. If you live in Black Mountain Ranch, Del Sur, Santa Luz or Torrey Highlands contact SDPD Northwestern Division at (858) 523-7000.

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