

COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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Lake Hodges Reservoir Now Open



Lake Hodges Reservoir spans 1,234 surface acres and 27 shoreline miles. In addition to serving as part of the City's municipal water supply system, it also offers a variety of traditional outdoor activities, including fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking and more. In fact, the City is widely recognized as a pioneer in recreational use of water supply reservoirs.

The 2019 recreation season is now open at Lake Hodges Reservoir, and for the first time, stand-up paddle boarding is permitted. The lake is open on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Learn more at <https://www.sandiego.gov/reservoirs-lakes/hodges-reservoir>.

'Spring into STEAM' at San Diego Public Libraries



San Diego Public Libraries are partnering with local science experts and organizations to present 'Spring into STEAM- Dive In!' – a hands-on, science-focused program for students 9-12 years old.

'Spring into STEAM' workshops explore oceanography and computer coding and will be held at all 36 libraries across the City during the months of March, April and May. Advanced registration is required at <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/spring-into-steam>. Youth not able to attend a workshop in person can complete a Dive into DIY! Project at home and earn a prize from their local library.

With my high-tech background, I know the importance of engaging our youth and introducing the possibilities of careers in science, technology, engineering and math at early ages. If your child attends a workshop, I am interested to hear your feedback and see your pictures. Share you and your child's experience with me on my Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CouncilmanMarkKersey/>.



San Diego Police Department and Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol New Recruits



San Diego Police Department recently welcomed 31 new recruits who started training at the Academy this month, and six new Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) graduates who are serving the Eastern and Northeastern communities.

SDPD offers several programs for civilian volunteers to support the work of law enforcement in our communities. Read more at <https://www.sandiego.gov/volunteer-program/opportunities/police>.

Learn about a career with SDPD at <https://www.sandiego.gov/join-san-diego-police-department>.

Community Spotlight: Eric Paredes Save a Life Foundation



Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is caused by a malfunction in the heart's electrical system that abruptly halts the heartbeat and unfortunately can happen at any age. More than 7,000 youth are affected annually, including sophomore athlete Eric Paredes from Steele Canyon High School, who died from SCA in 2009. His parents established the Eric Paredes Save a Life Foundation to honor him and help other families prevent this type of tragedy.

According to the Foundation, SCA often has no warning signs and is the leading cause of death on school campuses.

EP Save a Life Foundation recently held a free event for teens at Westview High School, and I took my son to get his heart checked. I appreciate the good work the foundation does for local families and encourage you to sign up for a future heart screening. Free screenings are held throughout the County. Learn more and register for one at <https://epsavealife.org/register/>.

In the Community



For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Competition has been inspiring young people around the world to pursue careers in science and technology for 30 years. Locally in San Diego, FIRST has a strong presence in our high schools through SDUSD and PUSD, and I was proud to recognize Team Spyder 1622 of Poway High School. Check out photos and competition winners at <https://www.facebook.com/SanDiegoFIRSTRobotics/>



The Veterans' Museum and Memorial Center in Balboa Park honors veterans from all branches of service. Executive Director Jack Harkins gave me a tour of their collections on San Diego's involvement in WWII and the Vietnam War and their tribute to San Diego's Medal of Honor Recipients. The Veterans' Museum is a part of Balboa Park's 'Residents Free Days.' Learn more at <https://www.balboapark.org/residents-free>



Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Marie Himchak

The Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame inducted three new community members this year, and I was proud to recognize the leadership of Don Glover, Debbie Kurth, and Don Schmidt. For their leadership roles in Rotary Clubs, the Rancho Bernardo Business Association, and the Major Abraham J. Baum Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7766, these honorees have made a positive impact in the community and on the lives of our neighbors. More about their achievements at rbhalloffame.org/

100-Years-Young: Living Life to the Fullest



Sidney Walton of Rancho Bernardo is one of America's oldest WWII veterans. At 100-years-young, he's learning from his mistakes and giving current generations the opportunity to meet a WWII veteran while they still can. As he and his family regroup for his "No Regrets Tour," with the mission to meet the governors of all 50 states, I was honored to recognize him for his service, and wish him the best in fulfilling his goal. Learn more about Sidney's incredible journey around the U.S. at <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2805600286331059>.

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Community Calendar

Japanese Painting Class

March 20, Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/japanese-painting-class-32>

Coding Club

March 22, Rancho Peñasquitos Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/coding-club-68>

Butterfly Jungle

March 23-May 12, San Diego Zoo Safari Park

<https://www.sdzsafari.org/butterflyjungle>

SDUSD Spring Break

March 25-29

San Diego Makers Guild

March 26, Rancho Bernardo Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/san-diego-makers-guild-8>

Padres Opening Day

March 28, Petco Park

Free Social Media Tips

March 29, Conference Call

<https://chamber.sdbusinesschamber.com/events/details/free-social-media-tips-conference-call-03-29-2019-21931>

Hands-On Kimchi Workshop + Beer Pairing

March 30, Second Chance Beer Co.

<https://www.secondchancebeer.com/hands-on-kimchi-workshop-beer-pairing/>

San Diego Women's Week

April 1-5

<https://sdwomensweek.com/>

Landscape Design for Homeowners Workshop

April 6, Rancho Peñasquitos Library

https://landscapemakeover.watersmartsd.org/design_workshop/

Spring Egg Hunt

April 13, CMR/Sabre Spring Rec Center

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/carmelmountaineegghunt.pdf>

Get It Done San Diego

Get It Done San Diego is the official app for reporting non-emergency problems to the City of San Diego. You can report problems like potholes, graffiti or illegal dumping and connect directly to the City's work tracking system. Download the mobile app at

<https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>



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