

COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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City's First Wheelchair Accessible Trail Opens in District Five

I am so proud to have the new “Jas Arnold Trail for All People” in District Five. The new trail is a 1,100-foot flat loop in the Black Mountain Ranch Open Space Park that is accessible for the elderly, young children and people with mobility challenges.

The trail is named after Jas Arnold, a Rancho Peñasquitos resident who lost his battle with Multiple Sclerosis earlier this year. Arnold was a vocal advocate of the trail who was heavily involved with the Black Mountain Open Space Park Citizens Advisory Committee and spent eight years working on the Trail for All People.

Arnold never wanted to let his illness get in the way of his passion for enjoying the beautiful scenery our City has to offer. This trail honors his vision and inspires us to never let our challenges keep us from something we truly love. I joined the Arnold family, Mayor Faulconer and members of the City's Accessibility Advisory Board to celebrate the grand opening on September 7.

The trail features four shade structures, benches, a trail head sign and educational displays about local plant life. Improvements to make the trail accessible for people with visual impairments, such as braille interpretive signs, are planned for the coming months. It is located off of Carmel Valley Road at the Miner's Ridge Loop Trailhead.

I encourage you to head out to the trail with the whole family to enjoy the easy terrain and expansive views. It is truly a gem in the City's park system.



District Five Business Profile: Grub Burger

This popular Texan burger bar has finally claimed some prime Southern-Californian real estate right in District Five's Carmel Mountain Ranch neighborhood. Grub Burger Bar is uniquely known for their affordable menu of signature chuck and brisket burger patties (as well as non-beef options), spiked shakes, cocktail menu, and their extensive happy hours. They even have a shake named "The Kitchen Sink" that is said to be crafted with "extra love" (in addition to the pretzels, peanut butter, salt, butterscotch sauce, caramel sauce, chocolate chips, coffee grounds, and potato chips).

This location is locally-owned and operated by Passion Project Group. To see their delicious menu, visit their website at grubburgerbar.com.



Grub Burger Bar

12045 Carmel Mountain Rd, Suite 303 San Diego, CA 92128

Open: Sun-Thurs 11am-11pm | Fri & Sat 11am-12am

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

You never want to think about a child having to face cancer. That's probably why those seeking to gain awareness of childhood cancer have faced an uphill battle when it comes to research funding and attention.

In an effort to raise awareness, I will be proclaiming September "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of San Diego. In San Diego, we are lucky to have Rady Children's Hospital and a number of non-profit organizations working on this very issue. One of them is the Kylie Rowand Foundation which provides financial and emotional support for families whose children are going through treatments. The Dailey Method in San Diego's Fifth District community of Rancho Bernardo has partnered with the Kylie Rowand Foundation to raise funds for childhood cancer research. You can attend any class at The Dailey Method on September 16, 2016 and funds will go to support this great organization.



Other ways you can help: wear a gold ribbon during the month of September to raise awareness and participate in Rady Children's "Pedal the Cause" in November that raises money for the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego.

Maker Faire San Diego



Showcase your innovative and clever projects at Maker Faire San Diego 2016. Maker Faire San Diego is a hands-on festival of invention and creativity and a celebration of the Maker movement. With incredible displays of unique technology, interactive art and engineering, citizen science, and the do-it-yourself (DIY) mindset, it's a fantastic showcase for start-ups, tinkerers, and S.T.E.A.M. learning. The deadline to apply is September 15 and join in the fun at Balboa Park on October 1 and 2. More information is available at sdmakerfaire.org.

Community Calendar

Scripps Ranch Theatre:

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

Sept 9
Sept. 9 – Oct. 9 (various times)
Legler Benbough Theatre
9783 Avenue of Nations

www.scrippsranchtheatre.org

Symphony in the Park: DSB

Sept 11
Sunday, September 11 at 6 p.m.
Hoyt Park
10158 Aviary Dr.

www.symphonyinthepark.org

I Love A Clean San Diego Coastal Cleanup Day

Sept 17
Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m.-Noon
Lake Miramar
10710 Scripps Lake Drive

www.cleanupday.org

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Sept 23
Friday, September 23 at 8 p.m.
Rancho Bernardo Community Park
www.summermoviesinthepark.com

Feeding America San Diego Night at Petco Park

Sept 27
Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7:10 p.m.
On-field recognition at 5:15 p.m.
Help provide meals to those in need, all while enjoying a fun night out at the ballpark.
feedingamericasd.org

Maker Faire San Diego

October 1
October 1-2
Balboa Park
This multi-museum event showcases innovation in San Diego.
sdmakerfaire.org

Live Water Smart

Investments in drought-resilient water supplies mean the San Diego region has all of the water needed to sustain our \$222 billion economy and the quality of life for 3.3 million residents even after five years of drought, and we are no longer under emergency state mandates to reduce water use. But that doesn't mean we can waste water. In fact, making the most of every drop is always important in semi-arid San Diego County. That's why the San Diego County Water Authority and its 24 member agencies, including the City of San Diego, have launched the Live WaterSmart campaign just in time for the peak water-use months. The Water Authority offers plenty of resources to help, including free water-use checkups for homes and businesses that offer customized advice about actions that will yield water savings. Details about all of the water-saving resources are at WaterSmartSD.org.



Street Repairs in Rancho Peñasquitos

Repairs are currently being made by the City's Streets Division in Rancho Peñasquitos on Trail Dust Ave. and Roundup Ave. The limits of work will be Trail Dust Ave. from Old West Ave. to Roundup Ave. and Roundup Ave. from Trail Dust Ave. to Sidewinder Way. The asphalt on Trail Dust Ave. and Roundup Ave. will be resurfaced between these limits and curb ramps will be installed at the intersections of Roundup Ave. — Sidewinder Way and Trail Dust Ave — Old West Ave.

A portion of the road from approximately 13013 Trail Dust Ave. to 13030 Roundup Ave. will require more extensive road reconstruction, which is expected to be done later this month. This reconstruction work will impact access to residents' driveways/homes. Those who are affected have already been directly contacted. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during the construction of this important improvement project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at 619-236-6655.

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New Fire Crew in San Pasqual Speeds Up District Five Emergency Response Times



Great news for fire protection in our rural San Pasqual Valley. A brush fire engine with four firefighters began serving the area on July 1, providing the highest level of service the expansive rural area has ever received from the City. The crew is stationed at the County Fire Authority's San Pasqual Fire Station #93 – east of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park on San Pasqual Valley Road – at no land cost to the City. The crew is on duty 12 hours a day (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) as fire officials determined that is the busiest time period for emergency requests in the area.

The closest fire station to San Pasqual Valley is Rancho Bernardo's Fire Station #33 – which has the largest territory of any station in the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department – and the City often relies on mutual-aid agreements with other fire agencies to respond to calls in the valley. Long response times in the area represent an increased risk to residents and visitors of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park when they experience a life-threatening emergency or when a structure fire or wildfire ignites.

This new brush crew provides critical coverage during the summer and fall when the risk of wild fires spikes. It also helps provide relief to our fire crews in Rancho Bernardo who often travel 15 minutes or more to respond to calls in San Pasqual.

I am grateful to the County and Cal Fire for their cooperation and partnership in helping make San Diego and the Fifth District a safer place to live and work.

