

THE CONNECTOR

Kearney Lodge Community Connector

May 2026



A BIG THANK YOU to Kearny Lodge Management for hosting the Dumpster Day event on April 18th! There were 5 large dumpsters filled with resident waste that was towed, weighed and taken to the Miramar Landfill off Convoy St./52 fwy. This event was not cheap and we much appreciate the push for Spring cleaning, not to mention saving us \$60 dump fee per load, at the landfill. Management and staff were working overtime several days prior, picking up piles of trash, waste and stuff from outside our homes. Thank you to everyone who took advantage of this service, being that we want to keep our homes, spaces and community decluttered, neat and appealing. In conjunction with KLM Dumpster Day, KLCC resident group scheduled a pick up for electronic waste that cannot be dumped into the landfill. It is the participation of our KL residents that keep these services going year after year, WELL DONE!

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Being a green state, Californians are known for their conservation care of the environment through recyclable and reusable endeavors, so it was no surprise that a neighbor friend invited me on a Miramar Landfill guided bus tour in early April, hosted by “I Love A Clean San Diego” which is a non-profit aimed to educate on disposing waste responsibly and the benefits of recycling. Up until 1950, trash was disposed of by burning; between 1951 and 1983, 28 landfills opened around S.D. County. The 1,500 Miramar Landfill was divided into quadrants and opened on Dec. 7, 1959, and has since operated in three areas: south (1959-1973), north (1973-1983), west phase 1 (1983-1993) west phase 2 (1993-2008). Another horizontal quadrant expansion began in 2008 but when it is full, the landfill must close and as of now, there is no foreseeable new dump site within San Diego city limits. Because of the landfill capacity crisis and financial challenges, the city of San Diego is working on a strategic plan for 2030. In the meantime, the city is focused on how to manage disposable waste responsibly and efficiently—this is a shared responsibility because we all create the waste and it needs to go somewhere (hopefully not our back yards!).

These are the operations at the landfill: Miramar Greenery, Biowaste Recycle Facility, Bird Control Program , Clean Fill Dirt Program, Hazardous Substances Enforcement Team (free disposal of batteries, paints, cleaning chemicals, etc) , Miramar Recycling Center, Mattress Recycling, find more details at: www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/miramar#operations

GENERAL INFORMATION

Almost 910,000 tons of trash is disposed of yearly at the Miramar Landfill.

90% of what gets dumped in the landfill is plastic

Methane, a greenhouse gas produced as a byproduct of the landfill, is captured and used to provide 90% of the fuel to power electrical generators at the Metropolitan Biosolids Center.

Organic materials, including vegetative and food wastes, are diverted from the landfill and processed to become high-quality mulch, compost and wood chips and are available to the public. See free compost info & remaining bus tour dates www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/composting-events

FACTS

Approximately 275,000 vehicles bring trash to the Miramar Landfill each year.

About 1,050-1,100 customers bring materials to the landfill each day.

The landfill is open 306 days a year, rain or shine.

About 3,900 tons of trash are accepted on weekdays and lesser amounts on Saturdays.

Customers' vehicles are randomly checked for hazardous materials.

Approximately 44,000 pounds of hazardous substances are discovered and diverted for proper disposal each year.

San Diego, with a population of over 1.4 million, disposes of approximately 1.58 million tons of trash per year, with approximately 870,000 tons going to the Miramar Landfill per year. This means the average waste per person, per day is 4.9lbs; the average San Diegan throwing away approximately 5.9lbs per day

The City's recycling programs help reduce the amount of materials sent to the landfill which helps extend the life of the landfill and reduces methane emissions by diverting organic materials to the Greenery for composting.

All cities in California are required to reduce, reuse or recycle half of their trash or face a \$10,000 per-day fine. In 2004, the City of San Diego met this requirement with a 52% diversion rate. Today, we are at a 66% diversion rate.

Trash composition studies indicate that 76% of San Diego's trash can be recycled.

San Diegans throw away enough recyclables to

energize over 181,000 households for a year;

conserve 3,355,937 barrels of oil; fuel over 400 cars for a year (156,610,400 gallons/25 miles per gallon/15,000 miles/year)

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Get on board with recycling, y'all! You really will be surprised how much more room you have in your trash can! Did you know not ALL plastic is supposed to go in the recycle bin? If you can ball up a piece of plastic material the size of your fist, it goes in the trash. Heavier, larger plastics are to be recycled in the manner described on the item; or "when in doubt, throw it out!" (See the chart of recyclable items.) Additional waste vs. recycle examples or "what goes where" at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/residential/curbside/list> For types of recycling programs for schools, residential, commercial, construction & demolition, food waste and special events, Christmas tree & document recycling, Visit: [sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling](https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling).

Recycle/repurpose programs are available: WasteFreeSD is a regional directory to help residents find places that can repair broken items or accept donations of unwanted items. The directory also lists locations that accept bulky items and appliances for reuse, recycling or disposal. Visit WasteFreeSD.org for more information.

Reference: www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services

Why do we celebrate Memorial Day? (originally known as Decoration Day)

To honor and remember those who have served in the military, we celebrate Memorial Day for the following reasons:

- *Commemorates the sacrifices of fallen soldiers in service to the country.
- *Provides a day for reflection on the cost of freedom and peace.
- *Encourages community gatherings and remembrance ceremonies.
- *Marks the unofficial start of summer in the United States.
- *Promotes patriotism and national pride among citizens.
- *Supports veterans and their families through various events and initiatives

YARD OF THE MONTH

Space 159 has many mini palms (a favorite in this Park). There are also flowers, large and small stones, pedestals, and a variety of other plants in an interesting and pleasant combination.

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RECYCLING

RECOLECCIÓN DE RECICLAJE

All Recyclables Empty, Dry and Loose

Reciclables deberían estar limpios, secos, y vacíos



Aluminum and Steel Cans



Aluminum Foil and Trays



Glass Bottles and Jars



*Latas y botellas de acero y aluminio
Charolas y papel de aluminio • Botellas y frascos de vidrio*

Cardboard (empty and flatten)



Mixed Paper (shredded paper must be in a closed paper bag)



Paper Cartons



*Cajas y cartón (vacío y aplanado) • Papel mixto y papel triturado
(el papel triturado debe estar en una bolsa de papel cerrada)
Cartones de papel*

Plastic Bottles, Containers, Lids, Hard Plastics, Toys, and Styrofoam Packaging



Botellas, tazas, envases, frascos, tapaderas, charolas, cubetas, tinas y juguetes de plástico, bloques y envases de poliestireno

TRASH

BASURA

When in doubt, throw it out.

Si tiene duda, va a la basura.



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Dishes and Glassware



*Productos de higiene, pañales, excrementos de animales
Platos y cristalería*

Paper Plates, Cups and Takeout Boxes



Tissues and Disposable Wipes



Platos, vasos, y contenedores de comida desechables hechos de papel. Servilletas y toallitas desinfectantes

Plastic Bags, Wrappers and Film



Plastic Straws and Utensils, Products Labeled "Compostable" or "Biodegradable"



*Bolsas y envolturas de plástico
Popotes y utensilios desechables etiquetados como "biodegradables" o "compostables"*



plastic bags and wrap, clothes, hoses, wires, electronics, hazardous waste, batteries, paper napkins and towels, compostable and biodegradable plastics and diapers

Bolsas y envolturas de plástico, ropa, mangueras, alambres, electrónicos, desechos peligrosos y tóxicos, químicos, pilas, focos/tubos fluorescentes, servilletas y toallas de papel, plásticos biodegradables o compostables, y pañales.



food, yard waste, recyclables, electronics, hazardous waste, chemicals, batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs

Comida, recortes de jardín, artículos reciclables, electrónicos, desechos peligrosos y tóxicos, químicos, pilas y focos/tubos fluorescentes.

Toxic Products, Electronic Waste, Paint, Bulbs, Motor Oil, Needles and Syringes, Propane and Helium Tanks and Cleaners.

These items in the trash, recycling, or organic waste recycling! Avoid fires by bringing hazardous waste to Miramar Household Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility for **only**. Call 858-694-7000 or visit sandiego.gov/hhw for more information.

Productos Tóxicos, Residuos Electrónicos, Pintura, Focos, Aceite de Motor, Agujas y Jeringuillas, Tanques de Gas y Limpiadores Químicos.

Estos artículos en la basura, el reciclaje o el reciclaje de residuos orgánicos! Evite incendios llevando los residuos peligrosos a la Instalación de Transferencia de Residuos Peligrosos de Miramar de forma gratuita, **sólo con cita previa**. Llame al 858-694-7000 o visite sandiego.gov/hhw para obtener más información.



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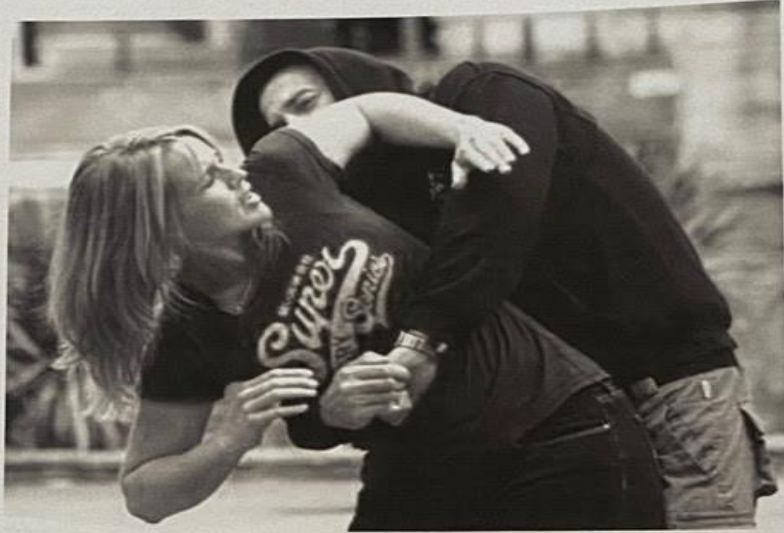
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Every 74 seconds, someone in America is sexually assaulted. Estimates are that 1 in 6 women will be raped in their lifetime. Last year, 335 rapes were reported to the San Diego Police Department, over 6 per week. 1,224 violent crimes were reported against seniors, an 8% increase over last year. Men too will find this presentation applicable, since they are more often the victims of violent crime and may feel the need to protect their families.

This **non hands on** presentation focuses on awareness and prevention and includes: the pros and cons of pepper spray, how to use household items as improvised weapons and how to defend yourself with a cane, called "Cane Fu." It includes a demonstration of techniques to defend against those attacks most likely to occur during an assault: wrist grabs, chokes, holds, bear hugs, hair pulls and how to fight from the ground. Whatever your age or physical ability, these techniques are simple to learn, easy to remember, yet effective enough to incapacitate an attacker.

Leave this class feeling empowered, knowing that your best weapon against assault is your own body.

FREE

Thursday May 14

6:00-7:30

Ages 11+

Kearney Lodge Mobile Home Park Clubhouse

To RSVP: Call (619) 251-7807

or email anoldakowski@gmail.com



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3	4 Painters 6 PM	5	6 Tech Class W/ Nick 6 PM	7	Bible Study 8 5:30 PM Space 131	KLCC 9 Meeting 11:00:am
10 Mothers Day	11 Painters 6 PM	12	13	Neighborhood Watch 14 6:00 pm Clubhouse	Bible Study 15 5:30 PM Space 131	16
17	18 Painters 6 PM	19	20 Tech Class W/ Nick 6 PM	21	Bible Study 22 5:30 PM Space 131	23
24	25 Painters 6 PM Memorial Day	26	27	28	Bible Study 29 5:30 PM Space 131	30
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