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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

DISTRICT FOUR

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 WEEKLY UPDATE



Councilman Young with community members at the New Eraa 2008 Back to School Conference and Festival

SEDC PERFORMANCE AUDITS

The SEDC Performance Audit I requested over a year ago was submitted to the City on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. A public hearing on the Performance Audit will be held at a Special Meeting of the City Council Audit Committee on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall. I made the audit requests to review the organizational structure and practices of SEDC to determine how to make it more efficient and effective in its mission to redevelop our area. Further, my desire was to have our City government carry out the successful private sector practice of regularly conducting departmental performance audits to ensure efficient and effective production and implement new procedures and strategies as appropriate.

The SEDC Performance Audit will assist the City, the SEDC Board of Directors, with its newly elected Chairman Cruz Gonzalez, and the communities of Districts 4 and 8 to build upon the corporation’s good and make it even more viable, efficient and effective. My vision for SEDC includes transparency, improved staffing levels, and improved public accessibility. With appropriate adjustments, in the reasonable future I expect to see more market rate and affordable housing, more commercial developments and more infrastructure improvements to the communities of



Southeastern San Diego.

Finally, I want to be clear. There is talk of merging SEDC into the City government structure or with the Centre City Development Corporation. I do not or will not support these efforts. I intend to work with the Board of Directors and my colleagues on the Council to implement recommendations for management restructuring, and tighter fiscal controls and reporting. However, I believe that the current independent, quasi-government agency status is best for our community.

SUMMER CURFEW SWEEPS NET SUCCESS

Summer is a time when many youth are out of school, looking for things to do, and unfortunately vulnerable to victimization. The Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention recommended increase use of curfew sweeps to reduce such victimization. This summer Southeastern Police Captain Tony McElroy and his division team implemented monthly curfew sweeps throughout the 4th District. According to program coordinator Officer Rudy Tia, for the months of May through August of this year, 132 curfew violators were picked up during the sweeps. Juveniles were arrested for narcotics, weapons and gang related violations. Many more of our youth were counseled by community volunteers and/or representatives from the Jackie Robinson YMCA or other agencies that serve youth and either driven home by police or had their parents pick them up. One purpose of the curfew sweeps is to prevent juveniles from becoming victims of crime. "When young people are out late at night there is a high propensity of them being crime victims," said Tia whose passion is to make the streets, parks and playgrounds safe for young people. I believe our community is benefiting from these aggressive measures to ensure our children's safety. Valuable efforts like this send a message to parents in our community and remind them to keep their kids safe. I want to extend special thanks to the officers involved in the curfew sweeps and to the responsible parents who work to ensure their children's safety around the clock. The curfew law within the City of San Diego is from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day for individuals under the age of 18. Exceptions to the curfew law include: if the juvenile is traveling to or from work; if the juvenile is attending an official school, religious or other recreational activity supervised by adults or if the juvenile is involved in an emergency. Should you have any questions regarding the curfew, please contact Officer Tia at 619-527-3511.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

The 1st Annual San Diego Praise Fest '08 sponsored by Councilman Tony Young



and other organizations including Pazzaz, Neighborhood House Association, Project New Village and the Diamond BID and Soul of San Diego 1240 will be held on September 20, 2008 from 11:00am to 6:00pm at Federal Blvd. from 48th St. to Euclid Ave. San Diego will experience the synergy of community, music, health information, educational resources, and an open-air marketplace in a fusion of inspiration, wellness, and cultural empowerment. The 1st Annual San Diego Praise Fest is designed to provide the San Diego community with an opportunity to come together in praise and worship through various forms of gospel music and a healthy cultural celebration. The San Diego Praise Festival will take place in the Webster Community of San Diego on Federal Blvd, between Euclid Ave. and 47th Street, in a traditional street festival setting.

Alternative Healing Network presents: Integrative Health Nights FREE massage, acupuncture, medical consultations, energy healing, yoga and more! Every 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 Euclid Ave.) For more information call (619) 325-3580 or visit www.althealnet.org.

San Diego Home Loan Counseling and Education Center Home Buying Counseling Services Counselors are ready to assist you in Budget Counseling, Reviewing the home buying process, Explaining various loan programs, Pre-qualification services, Referral, Development of a written home buying plan of action. For more information contact (619) 624-2330 or www.sdhomeloan.org.

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Special community cleanup events areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

The Bay Terrace Community Association in collaboration with Councilmember Young's Office and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services will be hosting a "Community Clean Up Day" on September 13, 2008 from 8:30am-1:30pm on Woodman Street between Alta View Drive and Paradise Valley Road. The meeting place for the clean up will be at the Ralph's parking lot. Come out and volunteer your time for a great cause! Please RSVP by phoning 619-251-6965 or if you have further questions please call Liezl Mangonon, on my staff at (619)236-6644.



Calling all interested volunteers in the Paradise Hills community! The FilAm Fest Committee along with Councilmember Young's Office will be hosting a "Community Clean Up Day" on September 20, 2008 from 9am- 12pm on Paradise Valley Road between Woodman Street and Gilmartin Drive, on Potomac Street and parts of Woodman Street. The meeting place for the clean up will be at the Paradise Hill Recreation Center, 6610 Potomac St. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and to help beautify your neighborhood. For additional information, please contact Liezl Mangonon, on my staff at (619)236-6644.

FREE Mini-Community Clean up and Recycling Event will be held on September 25, 2008 beginning at 8:00am. Separate waste and metals and place at point of regular trash collection by 8:00am. For more information call (858) 492-5045.

FREE Community Clean up and Recycling Event will be held on October 2, 2008 beginning at 8:00am. Separate waste and metals and place at point of regular trash collection by 8:00am. For more information call (858) 492-5084.

FREE Mini-Community Clean up and Recycling Event will be held on October 18, 2008 beginning at 8:00am. Separate waste and metals and place at point of regular trash collection by 8:00am. For more information call (858) 492-5084.

At the August 13, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of Alta Vista, a total of 10.80 tons of waste was collected, 9.08 tons were non-recyclables and 1.72 tons were recyclables consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. Donna Grant, from Alta Vista, community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department, are commended for their assistance and support.

At the August 23, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of Skyline, a total of 14.35 tons of waste was collected, 13.33 tons were non-recyclables and 1.02 were recyclables consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. Community members from Skyline are to be commended for their assistance and support.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

- George Bernard Shaw

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of



my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group Meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

Webster Community Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:00p.m at Webster Elementary School, 4801 Elm Street (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

Mountain View Community Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Mountain View Rec. Center, 641 Boundary Street (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)

Paradise Hills Village Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Lee Elementary School, 6196 Childs Avenue (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Diamond Business Improvement District Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center, 415 Euclid Avenue (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

Martin Luther King Rec. Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. at MLK Rec. Center, 6401 Skyline Drive (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

Lomita Village Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 6:00p.m at Skyline Park Rec. Center, 8285 Skyline Drive (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is



responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

Nominations of candidates to serve on the Historical Resource Board! The Board consists of eleven members, and currently, there are two vacancies. At this time, we are seeking candidates to fulfill the “At-Large” category on the Board. For more information contact Lisa Gordon at (619) 236-7740.

Nomination for the City’s International Affairs Board The Mayor’s office is soliciting nominations of a Council District 4 resident to sit on the City’s International Affairs Board. A couple of the requirements of the nominee are an elector (registered voter) in the County of San Diego at the time of appointment and for the entire term of the appointment and interest and/or experience in international affairs. Please provide any prospects to Mr. Jimmie Slack at (619) 236-6644 or jslack@sandiego.gov. If prospects need more information, please direct them to the City’s website under the Board & Commissions information.

SAVE THIS DATE:

Gangs Be Gone Sponsors Workshop #2 will be held on September 20, 2008 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at Phillips Temple CME Church (5333 Geneva Ave.) Gang Prevention and Intervention Workshop #2 ages 6-17, adult (parent) classes will also be available. For more information please contact (619) 262-2505 or (619) 857-3297.

The San Diego Garden Club presents Greg Rubin of California’s Own Landscape Design: California Natives and Xeriscape will be held on September 20, 2008 at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market St.) beginning at 10:00am. Learn to use less water and still have a beautiful landscape which will increase the value of your home by using California Native Plants. FREE! PUBLIC WELCOME! For more information call (619) 269-6184.

Shop the World at the 3rd Saturday International Marketplace! Check it out! A new and different open-air shopping experience for all of San Diego. Monthly, every third Saturday from 12:00pm to 6:00m on Sept. 20th, Oct. 18th, Nov. 15th, and Dec. 20th at *Where the World Meets* inside Market Creek Plaza (336 Euclid



Ave.)

The Diamond Business Improvement District present, “A Day in the Diamond” on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Cultural art, music and entertainment take center stage as three exciting, free-admission events come together to create “A Day in the Diamond,” in the Diamond Neighborhoods of San Diego’s 4th District, the city’s new magnet for cultural arts and entertainment. “International Marketplace” will be held from 12:00pm to 6:00pm at Market Creek Plaza (336 Euclid Ave.), “Jazz in the Park” will be held from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at Market Creek Plaza (346 Euclid Ave.), and the “San Diego Praise Fest ‘08” will be held from 11:00am to 6:00pm on Federal Blvd. from 48th Street to Euclid Ave. To learn more, visit www.dayinthediamond.com or contact the Diamond Business Improvement District at (619) 527-0710.

California Black Health Network invites you to attend the 30th Anniversary Celebration Symposium & Dinner “Revitalizing The Black Health Agenda” on September 25, 2008 at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel (711 West Century Blvd.) from 2:00pm to 9:30pm. CBHN will recognize and honor the organization’s achievements over the span of 30 years, as well as focus on “Revitalizing the Black Health Agenda” for the future. For additional information, visit www.cbhn.org or call (619) 295-5413.

The San Diego Organizing Project Year of Our Youth, Faith Chapel Organizing Ministry and Second and Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions of Southern California present a Community Action Meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 beginning at 6:00pm at Faith Chapel Church of God in Christ (4999 Holly Drive). Is our public education system broken? Well, so is our City Parks & Recreation system. Come help fix our most important structures for Youth in San Diego.

The 4th Annual Filipino-American Arts and Culture Festival will take place on October 4, 2008 from 11am-6pm on Paradise Valley Road between Woodman Street and Gilmartin Drive in the beautiful community of Paradise Hills. This event will showcase two stages with various performances throughout the day, delicious cuisine, vendor booths both informational and commercial, a children’s area and an art exhibit. The festival is a free event and is open to the general public. Please join us for a fun filled day for the whole family to enjoy! For additional information, visit www.filamfest.com or call (619) 236-6701.



The San Diego Organizing Project presents Year of Our Youth Community Convention on Sunday, October 12, 2008 beginning at 2:30pm at the San Diego Convention Center. City, County, School Officials, State Legislators, and Congress members will join the San Diego Organizing Project's Faith Communities to create a vision of Hope and Opportunity for our Youth. For more information call (619) 285-0797 or visit www.sdop.net

THANK YOU.....for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov.

