



CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF
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**CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**
DISTRICT FOUR

DECEMBER 16, 2008 WEEKLY UPDATE



COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG AT MT. ERIE BAPTIST CHURCH/SICKLE CELL HOLIDAY TOY DISTRIBUTION AND CELEBRATION.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Tuesday, December 16, 2008 Council Member Young was appointed to serve as Chairman of the City’s Committee on Budget and Finance. Council President Ben Hueso will Chair the Rules Committee. Council Member Todd Gloria will Chair the Land Use and Housing Committee. Council Member Donna Frye will Chair the Natural Resources and Culture Committee. Council Member Marti Emerald will Chair the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. Council Member Kevin Faulconer will Chair the Audit Committee. I look forward to working with all Council members, Mayor Sanders, and the Independent Budget Analyst to balance the city’s budget, successfully address our budget crisis, and continue to provide quality basic city services such as library, park and recreation, police, fire, and infrastructure improvements.

The San Diego City council will be in recess until Monday January 5, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Have a safe and blessed Holiday season.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

San Diego police have arrested one person and the District Attorney has charged him with the tragic murders of Monique Ashley Palmer and Michael Taylor Jr. on December 6, 2008. Our thoughts and prayers are going out to their families regarding these tragedies.

Unfortunately, there may still be murderers running loose in our community who were involved in Monique and Michael's deaths. With the help of the community and the police they will be caught!

Please join me, the United African American Ministerial Action Council, Police Chief Lansdowne, clergy and community members at a community update and outreach meeting held today at 6:00 p.m. at O'Farrell Community School, 6130 Skyline Drive.

Anyone with information about the shootings is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

Please contact my office at 619-236-6644 for additional information on assisting the families. Your continued thoughts and prayers for the families are appreciated.

Councilman Young's 2nd Annual Holiday Travelers Entertainment Program 2008 with support from the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, Commission for Arts and Culture, Coca-Cola, and MTS begins Friday, December 12, 2008. I commend and thank all those who are participating in this wonderful holiday event for the community. I hope this music will make this holiday season more enjoyable for the community.

This program provides holiday entertainment for community members along with visitors to our city who ride the trolley in District 4, along Euclid and Market Trolley Station, and 62nd Street Trolley Station.

Where: Market and Euclid Trolley Station, and 62nd Street Trolley Station.

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| Friday December 12 th | Lincoln String Ensemble San Diego Afternoon Strings | 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Euclid Avenue Station |
| Monday December 15 th | Lincoln String Ensemble San Diego Afternoon Strings | 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm 62 nd Street Station |
| Wednesday December 17 th | Prince Habib | 6:30 am – 8:30 am 62 nd Street |



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| Wednesday December 17 th | Alesia Rhodes | 4.30 pm -6.30pm— Euclid Avenue Station |
| Friday December 19 | Prince Habib | 6:30 am – 8:30 am |
| Friday December 19 th | Willie Green | 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm 62nd Street |
| Saturday December 20 | Cheetah w/Keyboards | 12 noon – 2:00 pm |
| Saturday December 20 th | Cheetah w/Keyboards | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm 62 nd Street |
| Monday December 22 | Alesia Rhodes | 6:30 am – 8:30 am 62 nd Street |
| Monday December 22 nd | Willie Green | 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Euclid Avenue Station |
| Tuesday December 23 rd | Terry Spears | 6:30 am – 8:30 am Euclid Avenue Station |
| Tuesday December 23 rd | Terry Spears | 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm 62 nd Street Station |
| Wednesday December 24 th | Prince Habib | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Euclid Avenue Station |

Lincoln High School presents the Black Nativity Program! The play will be held on December 18 and 19 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at Lincoln High School (4777 Imperial Avenue) The Nativity seen from a Black Gospel church prospective. The play includes dance and song using traditional seasonal music. This is the first musical to be produced in the new 750 performing arts theater. For more information please call (619) 266-6540)

The Gaslamp Quarter Association invites you to celebrate the holiday season on Sunday, December 21, 2008 beginning at 6:00pm the Poinsettia Bowl Battle of the Bands will showcase the marching bands from each of the Poinsettia Bowl teams in a parade through our historic district. Excitement will rise as the bands face off for a musical battle royal at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Market Street. Come join us for this free, family-friendly event and experience the Gaslamp Quarter’s spin on the traditional pep rally. For more info please visit www.gaslamp.org.



The San Diego Food Bank is hosting its annual Holiday Food Drive to provide food for those less fortunate this holiday season. The 2008 Holiday Food Drive will run from November 1 to December 31. Please drop-off non-perishable food items in the Food Bank's famous red collection barrels at VONS, Trader Joe's and Stater Brothers grocery stores throughout the county, or food can be delivered directly to the San Diego Food Bank warehouse: 9850 Distribution Avenue, San Diego 92121. The San Diego Food Bank needs food that will provide nutritious meals for people in need. Our most needed items include: canned meat & tuna; canned soups; canned fruits and vegetables; peanut butter; canned beans; spaghetti; dry cereal; rice and mac & cheese. Important note: the Food Bank cannot accept perishable items or items in glass jars due to food safety regulations.

Bridge Builders Mentoring Program; Become a Mentor! Receive community service hours! Get the chance to mentor children and youth in elementary and middle school. Contribute your time and make a difference in a child's life. If you are interested in mentoring, contact Janaha Ransome at (619) 264-3971.

YCHANGE: Youth Choosing A New Generation of Excellence Change Your Life! We offer: job readiness training, paid internships, job placement, high school diploma/GED, college preparation, activities, mentoring, and transportation assistance. For more information please call YCHANGE at (619) 285-5556.

The United States Census Bureau is now hiring for the 2010 U.S. Census! Exam required-Now testing-Please Call (866) 861-2010. Practice test available online at www.census.gov/2010census/.

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Special Schedule in Effect for City Libraries During Holiday Season, December 24 through January 1 All Libraries will be Closed on December 25 and New Year's Day. A special schedule for the City of San Diego Public Library will be in effect from Wednesday, December 24, 2008 through Thursday, January 1, 2009. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23 2008
All libraries will be open regular hours
Wednesday, December 24, 2008
All libraries will be open 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 25, 2008
All libraries closed
Friday, December 26, 2008
Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 27, 2008

Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405

Sunday, December 28, 2008

Open 1 to 5 p.m.

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405

Monday, December 29, 2008

Open 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405

Tuesday, December 30, 2008 and Wednesday, December 31, 2008

Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405

Thursday, January 1, 2009

All libraries closed

Friday, January 2, 2009

All libraries will be open regular hours

For more information, contact your local library or visit the Library's web site at <http://www.sandiegolibrary.org/>.

The Grand Parent's Connection! Grand Parent's Connection is a group of grand parent's, offering support for grandparents or relatives, who are raising children under the age of 18. The group offers open discussion, and guest speakers who focus on issues affection grandparents of other relatives who are raising children with information on resources available on their communities. They meet Thursday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 N Euclid Avenue). For more information please call Shearl Lambert at (619) 931-9548 or email her at shearl2530@sbcglobal.net.

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.

GET INVOLVED! Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Group needs you! If you are interested in recommending and advising the San Diego City Planning Commission and the City Council on changes regarding zoning (building and property improvements), zoning violations, street conditions, traffic signals, speed bumps and conditional-use permits, etc. the Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Group would like to invite you and other residents and neighbor volunteers from the Skyline and Paradise Hills community to attend every Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Paradise Hills Recreation Center, 6610 Potomac St. 92139.



STREET SWEEPING INFORMATION

Street Sweeping provides two primary benefits to the City. The more obvious benefit is the collection and removal of paper, leaves, and other visible debris that collect in the gutters. This debris can block storm water facilities, causing localized flooding during heavy rains. An equally important, but less visible benefit is the removal of metal particles and other hazardous waste products left by passing vehicles. For more information regarding Street Sweeping please call (619) 527-3482 or visit www.sandiego.gov/street-div/strsweep.shtml.

GRAFFITI INFORMATION

ONE-STOP

City of San Diego Graffiti Control Hotline: (619) 525-8522

GRAFFITI REPORTING

San Diego Police Department: (619) 531-2000

Graffiti Strike Force: (619) 515-2754

Email Pictures to Police Officer Oscar Amado: oamado@pd.sandiego.gov

Online Reporting Form: www.sandiego.gov/graffiti

GRAFFITI REMOVAL CONTACTS-*Know the exact location of the graffiti!*

Urban Corps Graffiti Hotline: (800) 829-6884

Cal-Trans (graffiti along state highways/freeways): (858) 467-4042

If graffiti is not removed within 48 hours call Diane Valdez: (858) 467-4009

Online Reporting Form: www.dot.ca.gov/maintform

SDG&E: (800) 411-7343

Cox Cable: (619) 263-9251

U.S. Postal Service: (800) 275-8777

City Traffic Signs: (619) 527-7500

Traffic Signal Control Boxes: (619) 527-7500

4TH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP INFORMATION ONLY: PLEASE CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR LOCATIONS!!!

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.

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:

Mountain View Community Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 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, December 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Lee Elementary School, 6196 Childs Avenue (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Broadway Heights Community Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Robinson Residence, 2305 Laconia Street (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

Southeastern Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, December 22, 2008 at 7:00p.m at Neighborhood House Association, 41st Street (Bruce Williams 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.

The San Diego Youth Commission is searching for two District Four youth ages 14-22 to sit on their board as Commissioners! Commissioners advise and provide recommendations to the City Council on pertinent issues to youths. They meet monthly to work on common goals, devise plans, and create policies important to young San Diegans. In addition, the Youth Commission will have the opportunity to develop their own policy agenda and review issues sent to them by the City Council. The San Diego Youth Commission offers youths the opportunity to see first hand how government works and it allows youths to represent themselves and their peers in a positive manner. The Commission is also a fantastic opportunity to bring together young people from various ethnic, socio-economic, and geographic backgrounds to debate issues, create meaningful policies and learn more about other communities in San Diego. For more information or to apply as a Commissioner of the San Diego Youth Commission please contact Jasmine Holt at (619) 236-6644 or jdholt@sandiego.gov.

SAVE THIS DATE:

The 29th Annual 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Parade “Living the Dream” “Let Freedom Ring” presented by Zeta Sigma Lambda Chapter and Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship Fund, Inc. will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The staging area will be at Tailgate Park (13th and Imperial Ave.) The Parade route will be North on Park Blvd. to J St. West on J St. to 7th Ave. South on 7th Ave. back to Tailgate Park. For more information please contact the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Committee at (619) 264-0542.

UAAMAC’s 2009 Event Series: *Building the Beloved Community* *The 14th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast* will be held on January 19, 2009 from 7:30am to 10:00am and the *Summit: Building The Beloved Community* will be held on February 20-21, 2009 from 6:00am to 7:30pm at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Avenue). The Community Breakfast will include a presentation of Hero/Shero Awards and a reading of the winning essays from the MLKJ Youth Essay Contest. The Summit will focus on best practices, and the development of an action plan for implementing these practices in five areas: Economic Development, Public Education, Public Health, Judicial Reform, and Family Stability. For more information please call (619) 264-1213.



Water For Children Africa's 12th Africa Trade and Business Conference
Saturday, January 31, 2009: San Diego Super Run 2009 10K and 5K will benefit Water For Children Africa. For more information please contact www.kathylopererevents.com.

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