



CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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DISTRICT FOUR

JULY 30, 2009 WEEKLY UPDATE



Councilman Young joins attendees at the 6th Annual Asian Heritage Awards Gala on board the USS Midway.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Tuesday, July 28, 2009 the San Diego City Council approved my recommendation to fund street realignment and road way improvements in the Southcrest Community of the 4th District. This major \$10 million project will improve pedestrian access, traffic flow, landscaping, and other infrastructure improvements along the streets of 43rd, Logan, San Pasqual, and National Avenue. I commend and thank the members of the Southeastern San Diego Planning Group and the many residents of the 4th District who helped coordinate and support this project for years. I thank my fellow Council members for supporting my efforts to get it funded.

On Tuesday, July 28, 2009 the San Diego City Council confirmed the appointment and re-appointment of several members to the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention. I commend and thank 4th District members Reverend Harry Cooper Jr. and Eugene Johnson, as well as Jose Cervantes, Alicia DeLeon-Torres, Scott Silverman, Fred Sotello and Christopher Yanov for their outstanding commitment to dedicate their time and efforts to help improve the quality of life of youth and families impacted by gangs.



On Tuesday, July 28, 2009 the San Diego City Council approved my recommendation to fund the installation of a multiple-purpose building at the 4th District's North Chollas Community Park. This \$2.9 million project, funded with redevelopment money from the Crossroads Redevelopment Project, will enhance use of the park by adding concession stands for the little league organizations using the field, meeting space for organizations, needed men's/women's and family rest rooms, and other amenities.

The Crossroads Redevelopment Plan which covers both District 4 and District 7, identifies various redevelopment priorities including providing funding for improvements at North Chollas Community Park. Neighboring community groups including Chollas Lake Recreation Council, Oak Park Community Council and Oak Park Little League identified the construction of a Multi-Purpose Building as a priority.

I commend and thank the members of the community and the community organizations of the 4th and 7th Districts who helped coordinate and support this project. I thank my fellow Council members, especially Councilwoman Marti Emerald for supporting my efforts to get this project funded.

On Tuesday, July 28, 2009 in response to numerous complaints and concerns from the public about the Pedicab industry and its operations in San Diego, the Council also unanimously approved tightening Pedicab regulations to encourage safer operations and improve accountability. As a result of this action, Pedicab drivers must now post fares along with the company name and phone number, and carry proof of insurance. They must also ensure their passengers are wearing the required seat belts. Operators are prohibited from driving on streets with speed limits greater than 25 mph, and will be cited for parking on sidewalks and in metered spaces.

On Tuesday, July 28, 2009 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a State Budget that will take away over \$90 million from the City's budget. This take-away includes over \$60 million in redevelopment monies used to fund community projects and affordable housing in low and moderate income communities of the City. It also includes taking away over \$30 million in property taxes used to fund parks, libraries, public safety and street improvements.

My fellow Councilmember's and I have joined the Mayor and local elected officials from throughout the State in protesting this ill-conceived budget that takes funds from local government. As Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, I requested the Mayor to coordinate strategies in response to this approved State budget proposal with the Council (through this Budget Committee), City Attorney, County of San Diego, and Mayors of other cities in San Diego and through the League of Cities.



We are working with the League of Cities to clarify just what the Governor has done and ensuring that cities have a way of recovering as much as possible, the funds the State is taking away. Again, as we were last year, we are facing extraordinary budget problems caused by economic conditions and now a State budget that is taking hundreds of millions of dollars from our City and County. We must take extraordinary steps to address this problem and we will do so in a manner that minimizes as much as possible, the impact on City services and programs.

**The City Council will be in recess for the summer.
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the San Diego City Council will be
Monday, August 31, 2009.
*Continue having a great and safe summer!***

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH! The New ERRA Back to School Conference, Rally For Education & Festival is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2009 at Lincoln Senior High School from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. I am pleased to join Pazzaz and the Center for Parent Involvement in Education for this annual event dedicated to achieving academic excellence in our youth and promoting strong parental involvement in helping achieve this goal. Please call (619) 264-6870 for additional information and ways you can support this excellent effort.

New Senior Shuttle Service in the Fourth District Provides Point-To-Point Transportation Services provided by All Congregations Together (ACT). Fourth District community members age 55 and over will have access to the pilot shuttle service that runs Monday thru Friday from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.; weekend service available only through special request. Points of service in the district are:

Fourth District Senior Resource Center, 570 S. 65th St.

St. Stephens Retirement Center Tenant Association, 5625 Imperial Ave.

Jean C. McKinney Manor, 5641 Imperial Ave.

The cost is \$4 per person, each way. There will be designated youth riders to help assist seniors with their shopping trips, doctor's visits and other needs. For more information call 619-527-6315

Attention Valencia Park residents your input is needed on the proposed pocket parks being considered for the Valencia Park area. This is your community and your advice is needed. Come hear what City department heads are proposing at the next **Valencia Park Town Council meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at Tubman Chavez Center located at 415 Euclid Drive.



As you are aware, the City of San Diego is experiencing a severe water crisis. I want to thank you all for complying with the water conservation information I have been sharing with you for the past several months. I, along with my colleagues will be further addressing this crisis as well as setting goals to obtain and use more affordable water.

The Council will be holding a series of “Water Action Days’ docketed by Council President Ben Hueso in the near future. This will provide an opportunity for you to provide input on the city’s water crisis and strategies to address it. Cost of water is a main concern of constituents in District Four as well as the City of San Diego, therefore the City needs to explore alternative methods to help meet the needs of San Diegans when it comes to the necessary resource of water.

I look forward to residents of the 4th District’s valuable and wise input on this matter that is affecting the quality of life of all San Diegans. Please contact my office with your ideas and suggestions at (619) 236-6644.

Faith Chapel Church of God in Christ and St. Paul United Methodist Church proudly presents The 3rd Annual Community Barbeque & Health Fair on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Kennedy Park (4801 Ocean View Blvd). Health screenings will be offered including blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease and cholesterol testing.

Summer Fun at Market Creek Plaza! Each Friday through August 30th is *Family Movie Night*. Pre-show activities begin at 7:00 p.m. and movies begin at dusk. You can also help feed our community by bringing a non-perishable food item. Sundays are *Gospel Concerts Day*. Enjoy live inspirational music from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Spend a relaxing afternoon of faith and fun featuring local community choirs and gospel artists.

Free Foreclosure Intervention Services, First Time Home Buyer Education and Financial Literacy Classes and Services are being offered by the Urban League of San Diego County. For more information please call Henry Miles at (619) 266-6251 or email henry.miles@sdul.org.

Read of Succeed Book Club and Writing Workshop with Ms. B. Renee Williams. This program is designed to help children ages 12-16 learn skills and experience the joys of reading. Benefits include tips to pass high school exams, write competitive college application essays and more. All supplies are free and will be held at the Coalition for Neighborhood Councils Offices (415 Euclid Avenue). For more information please call (619) 325-3580.

The Old Globe Technical Center in District Four is offering paid internships. The Old Globe is seeking applicants for paid internships in the Scenic Department for the end of the summer and fall. Internships are designed as an introduction to theatrical carpentry and scenic arts for residents in southeastern San Diego. Applicants must be: residents of southeastern San Diego; high school graduates or equivalent; have interest and experience in carpentry, painting or metalworking; and have an interest in theatre. Applicants must also be available to work 28-40 hours per week, Monday through Friday beginning at 8:00 a.m. each day for a 10-week commitment. For more information email: HR@TheOldGlobe.org.

Rebuilding Together San Diego (RTSD) announces the "Pass Along Program". This program works with other non-profit organizations to distribute building materials such as windows, doors, door knobs/locks, shelving, tile flooring, etc. These items are for use in the organization's offices or to be provided to low-income and/or out of work families who have the capability of fixing their home, but do not have funds to purchase the materials. The RTSD receives these new donations of home improvement materials, supplies, and equipment from various sources, including substantial donations from the Home Depot Framing Hope Program. For more details or to register in this program contact Trisha Phillips at (619) 231-7873 or email rtsd@rebuildingtogethersd.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 event 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.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

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. Councilman Young is seeking qualified individuals to nominate for service on the following Boards and/or Commissions. Nominations will be submitted to the Mayor's office for consideration.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Date	Community Meeting	Time	Location	Staff
August 3	Greater Skyline Hills Town Council	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park Rec. Center 8285 Skyline Drive	Liezl Mangonon
August 3	City Heights Area Planning Committee	6:30 p.m.	SD Workforce Partnership Offices 3910 University Ave	Bruce Williams
August 3	Paradise Hills Neighborhood Watch Council	7:00 p.m.	United Church of Christ 5810 Alleghany Street	Liezl Mangonon
August 4	Jamacha Neighborhood Council	6:00 p.m.	Church of Christ 580 69th Street	Liezl Mangonon
August 6	Mount Hope Community Council	6:30 p.m.	Macedonia Baptist Church 625 Quail	Venus Molina
August 6	Valencia Park Council	6:30 p.m.	Valencia Park Elementary 5880 Skyline Drive	Bruce Williams

SAVE THIS DATE:

Community Love Day will be held August 8, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Skyline Hills Park (8285 Skyline Drive). Enjoy a BBQ cook off, Best Pie Contest, arts & crafts workshops, cultural performances and information/resource booths.

2009 Fiesta del SOL – San Diego will be held August 8 – 9, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Historic Logan Avenue between 26th and Evans Streets. Enjoy great family entertainment and resources including children’s activities and resources, college workshops, scholarship contest, business opportunity fair, green jobs, an Arts and Culture Pavilion, YAB Youth Zone and health fair. For more information visit www.fiestadelsandiego.org

Coalition of Neighborhood Council's (CNC) Board Of Directors Announces Two Important Meetings that will be held on Monday August 10, 2009 at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 Euclid Avenue). The first meeting will be from 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. and will focus on embracing and enhancing the community’s cultural richness with the CNC’s programs and services. The second meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and will focus on what it takes to be a CNC Board Member.

United African American Ministerial Action Council's (UAAMAC) Educational Breakfast Series Breakfast on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 9:00 am at the UAAMAC offices (4981 Market Street.) Topic featured for the breakfast is *Homelessness and Human Trafficking* presented by Evelyn Irving-Jackson, Founder and CEO of The Trinity House, Inc. There will be limited seating. To RSVP and for more information contact Robert Tambuzi at (619) 954-0567 or tambuzi@uaamac.com.



Come participate in the Chollas Lake Walk the Park Clean Up on August 15, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. All supplies for the clean-up will be provided. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring your own drinking water in a re-useable bottle. Chollas Lake is located on College Grove Drive off the Martin Luther King/94 freeway, west of the College Grove Shopping Center. For more information please contact Braulio at (619) 708-6222 or Michelle at (619) 829-8837.

Youth On The Move Banquet will be held August 15, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The San Diego Youth Action Board will be presenting students from throughout the 4th District with scholarships and awards for the commendable strides that they have made in the community as well as individuals and organizations who will be recognized for their continued support for our youth. For more information email: info@sandiegoyab.org.

Bethel Baptist Church is hosting their Annual Outreach Summer Festival & Health Fair on Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the church parking lot located at 1962 N. Euclid Avenue. For more information, contact the church office at (619) 266-2411 or visit www.behtelbc.com

Samoan Festival at Market Creek Plaza on Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Enjoy Samoan games, cultural competitions, live music, dance, a fashion show and kids zone. Market Creek Plaza is located at 310 Euclid Avenue. For more information call (619) 527-6161.

Counting all Californians in 2010 – a kickoff event for the upcoming 2010 census will be held on August 19, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Avenue.) The Office of the Governor in conjunction with the San Diego Regional U.S. Census Office invites you to learn about the Complete Count for our community. For more information email: rborboa5@cox.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 or be removed from the mailing list, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov.