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‘Love Our City’ Campaign Embraces District Four

More than 700 volunteers from the Rock Church gathered at the Jackie Robinson YMCA in late March to beautify and restore parts of the local community. Council President Young joined Pastor Miles McPherson and YMCA Executive Director Michael Brunker to check out several of the landscaping projects that included weeding shrubbery, cleaning litter from the creek and painting weathered walls and buildings.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

SMALL BUSINESS BOOT CAMP

Local micro-lender Accion San Diego is offering a free Small Business Boot Camp on Saturday, April 14 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center, Celebration Hall, 404 Euclid Ave.

The Boot Camp is hosted and supported by Torrey Pines Bank, Accion San Diego and Market Creek Events & Venues. Presenters will include experts from the City of San Diego, Better San Diego, CHE, Union Bank and US Bank. For more information on Accion’s small business loans and entrepreneurial resources, please call: (619) 795-7250 or online visit: accionsandiego.org.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, April 9 the San Diego City Council unanimously voted to issue \$75 million in bonds for street resurfacing and a long list of other vital infrastructure projects from sewers to seawalls. Roughly \$30 million of the newly approved bond money will go toward streets, and the rest will be used for more than 50 other projects citywide – including \$5 million for the long-awaited new Skyline Hills Library in District 4. The bond investment plan calls for \$15.5 million for storm-drain repairs; \$16.3 million for fire-house, library and other facilities improvements; \$2.6 million for street-light enhancements; \$1.5 million for park and recreation projects; and \$8.2 million for Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades.



To better prepare San Diego’s workforce now and in the future, Council President Tony Young joined Councilmember Sherri Lightner, Councilmember Lorie Zapf and other stakeholders in launching “Connecting to Careers,” an initiative designed to bring the public, training providers, educational institutions and local businesses together to address the city’s workforce training needs. The Council President, who sits on the Workforce Partnership Board, says the city should focus on all aspects of workforce development from improving K-12 education to retraining unemployed or underemployed workers for jobs in growing industries.



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Once-drab utility boxes along bustling thoroughfares in the Redwood Village neighborhood are now showing off colorful plants, splashy flowers and zany wildlife created by local art students. Members of the Grossmont College Art and Design Club partnered with the Redwood Village Community Council during the recent spring break to artistically adorn 10 utility boxes and 4 trash cans with vibrant visuals depicting native San Diego flora and fauna. Council President Tony Young commended residents and student artists for initiating the utility box beautification project. Support also came from local business owners Barbara Belcher of Century 21 Realty, RJC Architects and the nonprofit group Blanchard for Others.



YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

LOMITA VILLAGE LOOKING GOOD

Each year the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department conducts special community cleanup events in neighborhoods throughout the City. Areas are selected for these events based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. **On March 17, this department along with Richard Lujan conducted a community cleanup in the Lomita Village area.** This successful cleanup removed a total of 29.48 tons of waste (23.85 tons of non-recyclables and 5.63 tons of recyclables) consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. Mr. Lujan and his group are to be commended for their assistance and support. If there are any questions regarding this cleanup event, please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Michael Flores at: (858) 627-3314.

BELL CANYON CLEANUP

Help make Bell Canyon a safe and beautiful place by joining San Diego Canyonlands Tour and Cleanup event on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. Plan to meet at Bell Middle School (620 Briarwood Road) and join this group of southeastern San Diego residents who are volunteering to make Bell Canyon a safer and more enjoyable place for our children. Tools and gloves will be provided. Please bring your own drinking water, and wear sun protection and sturdy closed-toed shoes. For more information, contact Will Anderson at: (619) 518-6535 or go online: sdcanyonlands.org.



SENIORS ON THE GO

Volunteer drivers are needed for “On the Go,” a transportation solution program for older adults who need rides to everyday activities such as religious services, medical appointments, grocery shopping and pharmacy pick-ups. Learn how easy it is to become a volunteer driver by attending one of the upcoming training sessions at the Turk Family Center, 8804 Balboa Avenue: **Friday, April 20 at 9 a.m.; Monday, May 7 at 3 p.m.; and Friday, May, 18 at 9 a.m.** On the Go provides low and no-cost transportation services to older adults, age 60 and over. For more information about the volunteer driver program or to enroll for transportation services, please call toll-free: 1-877-634-6537 or online: jfsd.org/onthego.

TRASH TO CASH FOR A CAUSE

The Fourth District Seniors Resource Center is collecting recyclable cans and bottles in an effort to raise at least \$20,000 to bolster its required cash reserve funds. The center is requesting the community's help by donating recyclable items at its one-day “Trash to Cash for a Cause” event on **Saturday, April 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the George Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street. For more information on the event and how you can help in the fund-raising effort, please contact Jacqueline Jackson at: (619) 527-2776 or by email: trashtocash-foracause@gmail.com.

SOAP BOX DERBY ROLLING INTO D4

Pazzaz Inc. presents the San Diego All American Soap Box Derby Rally in District 4's Diamond Neighborhood on Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Youth ages 7 to 17 will race down Skyline Drive (between 61st and Omeara) in handcrafted vehicles during this exciting annual event. Come out and watch the fun, or become a part of the Derby Rally that is currently seeking racers, volunteers and sponsors. For more information, please call the event organizer at: (619) 264-6870.

TRIBUTE TO CESAR E. CHAVEZ

The 12th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Community Tribute will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Educational Cultural Complex, 4343 Ocean View Blvd.

The event will feature a “day of dialogue” focusing on the opportunities and benefits of urban agriculture in Southeastern San Diego. Organized under the auspices the ***People's Produce Project*** (the signature initiative of Project New Village), the day of dialogue will convene experts featuring members of academia, the county's Health and Human Services agency, the local economic development corporation, and a local food buyer, who will talk about the benefits of the production, selling and consuming of locally grown produce. There also will be cultural expressions, a healthy lunch and a community awards presentation. Some of the partners and exhibitors in this endeavor include: UCSD, Global ARC, San Diego Legal Aid Society, Slow Foods San Diego, Victory Gardens San Diego, American Cancer Society, Bay-view Charities, San Ysidro Health Center, the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation, Overcoming Gangs & Beyond, Jeanne's Garden Program for Children and Alchemy Restaurant. The event is free and open to the public. For information or to RSVP for the event, please call (619) 262-2022.



WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING

City of San Diego's Water Conservation Program and plant experts from local nurseries will be at area Home Depots from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 21 (Carmel Mountain Ranch) and Saturday, May 5 (Mission Valley) to explain ways to have a garden that is both beautiful and water-efficient. The workshop will include a review of resources and rebates available to assist with residential garden makeovers and all participants will receive "A Homeowner's Guide to a Water Smart Landscape." To register or more information, call: (619) 533-4126 or (619) 533-7548.

RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

A free conference for grandparents raising grand children will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. Geared for the more than 24,000 grandparents in San Diego County who have primary responsibility for their grandchildren, the event will offer workshops, resources and networking opportunities. Free lunch will be provided and childcare is available upon request. For registration, call (toll-free): 855-238-5978. Additional information is available online: 211sandiego.org/grandparents.

CARING HEARTS CLINIC

Caring Hearts Medical Clinic will provide free health screenings on Saturday, April 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2401 Reo Drive. On the third Saturday of every month the clinic offers free mammograms, cholesterol checks, and SDT screenings as well as other healthcare services. To participate, volunteer or support Caring Hearts, please call: (619) 479-6767.

SPRING GARDEN TOUR



Redwood Village Community Council is hosting a neighborhood Garden Tour & Art Walk on Sunday, April 29 from 1 – 5:30 p.m. Residents that have created ornamental, edible and water-wise gardens in Redwood Village will welcome visitors to their green spaces, offer planting tips and answer planning and maintenance questions. For information, visit the website: redwoodvillageecc.org.

JOBS READINESS CLASS

A hospitality and ship building industry Jobs Readiness Orientation Class will be held Monday, April 30 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center, 415 N. Euclid Ave. Pre-registration for the class will be held the week of April 17 – 20. For more information about the event sponsored by San Diego Future for Tomorrow Collaborative, please call: (619) 264-1213 or (619) 238-0283.



DIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

San Diego Regional Minority Supplier Development Council is celebrating Supplier Diversity Achievement Week April 30 to May 4. This week-long event features daily educational and networking seminars as well as its one-day MBD Trade Show on Thursday, May 3 where corporations and minority business can learn how to partner for success. For information or to register, please call: (858) 537-2281 or online: supplierdiversitysd.org.

STEM WORKSHOP FOR GIRLS

National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) will present its 11th annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Workshop for girls on Saturday, May 5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bethune Elementary School, 6835 Benjamin Holt Road. This free workshop is geared to girls in grades 4th through 10th to introduce them to exciting careers in STEM. For more information and applications, please call: (619) 479-7375 or online: sandiegoncnw.org.

KEEPING OUR YOUTH SAFE

Safety and fun come together at the free San Diego Safety Fair on Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. Project Safe Way is hosting the event that will include: skateboard and driving demonstrations; bicycle obstacle courses; low-riders and special law enforcement vehicle displays. For more information and free booth registration, please contact Danny Gutierrez at: (619) 527-6161, ext. 174.

GREENING-UP SAN DIEGO

Urban Corps of San Diego County is committed to planting 500 street trees by the end of June in an effort to beat the heat of summer and revitalize interest in supporting the local urban forestry movement. It plans to give priority to areas most in need of trees and where children play – surrounding schools, libraries, parks, or multi-family residential areas. The nonprofit group has been planting trees for the City of San Diego along public right-of-ways since 2002. Through this program and others, the organization has populated San Diego's public spaces with more than 13,000 street trees, providing shade, clean air and aesthetic value to the city. In the process, youth participating in the Urban Corps job training and education program have been given the opportunity to earn a high school diploma while gaining valuable vocation skills such as proper tree planting methods, care and maintenance. If you would like to nominate a planting location, please complete the No-Fee Street Tree City Permit and Watering Agreement online at: urbancorpsd.org/FreeTree.pdf. For more information, contact Ty Sterns at: (619) 235-6884, ext. 2212.

HEALTH CARE CAREERS

San Ysidro Health Center (SYHC) is seeking personnel for its new Euclid Family Health Center opening in July at 950 S. Euclid Avenue. Job openings include: Patient Access Representatives; Lab Assistants, X-Ray Technicians; Referrals Specialists; Social Worker; Dental Clinic Supervisor; Registered Dental Assistants; Instrument Sterilization Technicians; WIC Supervisor, Registered Dietician; Nutrition Assistants; Housekeeper and Clinic Manager. SYHC has been a leader in the delivery of low-cost, high-quality comprehensive primary care services to the most vulnerable patient populations in the South Bay and Southeastern communities of San Diego. To review the job openings, skill requirements and to download an application for employment, visit the website at: syhc.org or contact the employment coordinator at: (619) 428-1330.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Thursday April 12	Rolando Park Community Council (Jill Esterbrooks)	7:00 p.m.	Rolando Park Elementary 6620 Marlowe Drive
Monday April 16	Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Jacobs Center 404 Euclid Avenue
Tuesday April 17	Webster Community Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	7:00 p.m.	Webster Elementary School 4801 Elm Street
Wednesday April 18	Mountain View Community Meeting (Diana Juardo-Sainz)	6:00 p.m.	Mt. View Park & Rec 641 S. Boundary Street
Wednesday April 18	Paradise Hills Village Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	St. Timothy Church 2602 Reo Drive
Thursday April 19	Martin Luther King Rec Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	12:00 p.m.	MLK Rec Center 6401 Skyline Drive
Thursday April 19	Lomita Village Town Council (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park & Rec Center 8285 Skyline Drive
Monday April 23	Coalition of Neighborhood Councils (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue
Tuesday April 24	Chollas View Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue
Tuesday April 24	Willie Henderson Rec Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Willie Henderson Rec 1034 S. 45 th Street

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