



OFFICE OF
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANTHONY YOUNG
 DISTRICT FOUR
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CITY OF SAN DIEGO



Soap Box Derby Races Roll into Town

San Diego All-American Soap Box Derby races rolled on Skyline Drive in District 4 on April 30. Boys and girls ages 8 through 17 (in three racing divisions) competed in simplified cars built from kits. Another race will staged on **Saturday, May 28** in Sherman Heights. For information, call the Derby Director: (619) 286-0913.

Photos: Kids and adults alike enjoyed last year's rally and races.



Cinco de Mayo is just around the corner, and one tidbit of information always bears repeating: This is not Mexican Independence Day, That would September 16, commemorating the day Mexico gained independence from Spain in 1821.

Instead, May 5 marks the 1862 triumph by the Mexican militia over the French army, a battle which took place in the state of Puebla. In San Diego, being the border town that it is, it's not surprising Cinco de Mayo doesn't go unnoticed.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo



COUNCIL ACTIONS:

DOG PARK RULES UNLEASHED

On May 2, the San Diego City Council unanimously adopted a pair of ordinances limiting the number of canines allowed per person at each of San Diego's 15 off-leash park areas.

The first limits three dogs per owner except on the 94-acre Fiesta Island, where the number is six. The second ordinance bans dogs from the vicinity of the Children's Pool in La Jolla, a beach that draws crowds to watch harbor seals. The need for the new rules arose after an increase of complaints from residents about ill-behaved dogs and their owners/handlers who couldn't keep them under control.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

BUDGET HEARINGS UNDERWAY

The City Council will consider the Mayor's proposed FY 2012 budget plan at public hearings over the next few weeks, including a special evening meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 9 at City Hall.

I have vowed to work with my fellow councilmembers to look for more cost-savings and revenue-generating ideas to restore fire engine brownouts as well as minimize proposed cuts to our local libraries, community parks and recreation programs. Maintaining public safety and core city services are top priorities as we look for ways to close a \$56.7 million budget gap.

In addition to the **May 9 public hearing**, please join me for other important departmental budget review committee meetings being held throughout the month at City Hall, 202 'C' Street, or view live streamline on city website: www.sandiego.gov.

Thursday, May 5

- 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Parks and Recreation
- 10:30 a.m. – noon Library
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Streets & Storm Water

Friday, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. – noon Public Utilities & Real Estate Assets

Wednesday, May 11

- 10:30 a.m. – noon Arts & Culture/Special Promotions

YOUTH FISHING PIER LAUNCHES

The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department is sponsoring its Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 14 at Chollas Lake. Also on that day, I will join city and community leaders to dedicate its new fishing pier for the late Joe Bain, the man who poured his heart and soul into the lake to help inner city kids discover the wonders of fishing. The Kiosk and Lend-A-Rod Station are just a few of the improvements he made at the lake for our community's young fishing enthusiasts. Please join me for the Joe Bain Youth Fishing Pier dedication at 10 a.m. For more information about the Chollas Lake fishing programs and pier festivities, please call Keith Selby: (619) 235-1145.



COUNCIL ACTIONS:

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS PUT ON HOLD

On May 3, the City Council voted 6-1 to suspend approximately \$630,000 in public arts projects, a cost-cutting proposal from Mayor Jerry Sanders as the city tries to close a \$56.7 million deficit in its \$1.1 billion operating budget. The decision puts a complete halt to seven art projects set for city libraries, fire stations and other public areas, and puts three other projects at risk of being stopped before completion. The council can reinstate the art projects or reallocate those dollars to other needed services before the next fiscal year ends in June 2012.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

SMALL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Join me on Tuesday, May 17 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. for my next Small Business Solutions workshop focusing on “Doing Business with Wal-Mart.” Representatives from the national retail company will be on hand to tell small businesses in District 4 about the process for pitching products, landing construction or maintenance jobs, as well as other ways to do business with Wal-Mart. For more information, contact my staff at (619) 236-6644.

COMMUNITY SPRING CLEANING

On April 30, workers from the City of San Diego’s Environmental Services Department, along with the Oak Park Community Council, Redwood Village Community Council, Rolando Park Community Council and Rolando Community Council, conducted a community cleanup at Gloria’s Mesa. This successful cleanup removed a total of 32.84 tons of waste (22.68 tons of non-recyclables and 10.16 tons of recyclables) consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. 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. The Oak Park Community Council, Redwood Village Community Council, Rolando Park Community Council and Rolando Community Council 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 Stacy Workman at: (858) 492-5084.

EUCLID & MARKET VILLAGE MASTER PLAN

As part of the Euclid & Market Village Master Plan process, the City has requested that the Encanto Planning Group convene special meetings and workshops to provide feedback that is representative of the diverse interests of the community. In addition, the City is forming a **“Working Group,”** comprised of 25 community members representing residents, community groups, businesses and non-profit organizations. The current Encanto Planning Group can provide up to five of its members to serve on the Working Group. The remaining spots are divided into four categories, with five seats assigned to: Residential property owners or tenants who reside onsite; Non-residential property owners; Commercial/Industrial business representative or property owners; and, Existing Non-Profit and Community organization representatives. To be considered, candidates 18-years-and-older must submit a signed stakeholder committee application form, (www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/encanto) and proof of eligibility to the City Planning & Community Investment Department. Mail applications to: Karen Bucey, 202 C Street MS 4A, San Diego, CA 9210. For more information about the selection criteria and application process, visit the city’s website (www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/encanto) or call: (619) 533-6404.



REDISTRICTING COMMISSION DRAWS PRELIMINARY MAP

The 2010 Redistricting Commission needs your testimony to help determine how San Diego City Council district boundaries will be drawn. Every 10 years following the U.S. census, San Diego City Council districts get redrawn. You can have input creating new political boundary lines – including the addition of a new 9th district – by attending and participating in one of several upcoming community forums. I encourage you to attend one of the pre-map public hearings listed below (held at 6 p.m.), call: (619) 533-3060, or visit the commission’s website: www.sandiego.gov/redistricting.

Wednesday, May 4

Point Loma/Hervey Library
3701 Voltaire St., San Diego
La Jolla

Monday, May 9

Bayside Community Center
2202 Comstock St., San Diego

Wednesday May 11

La Jolla Library
7555 Draper Ave.,

FREE TEEN NIGHT

Encanto Recreation Center will host Teen Night on Friday, May 6 from 6 – 9 p.m.

Area teens are invited to night of free food, kickball games, basketball and obstacle course competitions, art activities and a movie at the rec facility, 6508 Wunderlin Ave. Info: (619) 527-3411.

KUDUMU COMMEMORATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

High school seniors are invited to apply for \$1,000 Walter & Maisha Kudumu Commemorative Scholarship. Presented by Pazzaz Inc. and the New ERAA

(Everyone Recommitting to Academic Achievement) Planning Committee, **deadline for applying is Friday, May 6.** For an application or more information, call Pazzaz: (619) 264-6870 or email Barrie Owens: kudumu2010@gmail.com.

CARING FOR CAREGIVERS

Join other family caregivers at a free education event on Friday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at George L. Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street. Sponsored by the

Caregiver Coalition of San Diego, free diabetes and hypertension screenings will be offered, and a continental breakfast will be provided. Register at: www.sharp.com or call: (800) 827-4277.

BREAKFAST BOXES

Great Start! Breakfast Boxes filled with health foods will be distributed on Saturday, May 14 from 10 – 11 a.m. to residents of the Island Gardens apartment complex at 3545 Island Avenue. Research indicates that even mild under nutrition experienced by young children during critical periods of growth impacts their behavior, school performance and overall cognitive development. In an effort to address childhood hunger in our district, the Bayview Community Development Corp. (BCDC), Meals4Hunger and community volunteers will distribute breakfast boxes to low-income residents in local apartment homes. Participating families receive one box of nutritious and easy-to-prepare foods suitable for breakfast as well as free classes on nutrition and healthy food shopping and meal preparation. Donations of food items and/or money are needed and welcome. For more information, please contact Meals4Hunger at: (800) 916-0954 or Bayview Development Corp. at: (619) 582-8403.



DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Learn how to do business with the City of San Diego at the 3rd Annual Potential Bidders Conference on Wednesday, May 18 at the Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road. Space is limited for this free networking event. Registration required by May 16 at: (619) 236-6000.

OLDER AMERICANS LUNCHEON

Fourth District Seniors Resource Center is celebrating Older Americans Month on Wednesday, May 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the George L. Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street. For more information or reservations, please call: (619) 266-2066.

TRANSFORMING NEIGHBORHOODS

Applications are due Friday, June 3 for the 2011-2012 LISC AmeriCorps Host Organization service program. LISC invests in neighborhoods by providing grants, loans, equity investments and technical assistance to support neighborhood revitalization efforts. In the last three years, LISC AmeriCorps members have supported the creation of over 120 affordable housing units, provided programs serving 684 youth and offered financial services to more than 600 families. For more information, visit www.lisc.org/san_diego or call Jana Zawadzki at: (619) 528-9058.

CROSSROADS PAC ELECTIONS

Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC) will hold its annual elections on June 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at College Avenue Baptist Church, 4747 College Ave. There are seven open seats for election, including: two residential owner-occupant representatives; four business/property owner representatives; and one community organization representative at large. If you'd like to represent your community as a PAC member, submit a Candidate Registration Form by 5 p.m. on June 20. To vote in the election, fill out the Voter Registration Form no later than June 23 (election day). For more information, contact the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency at: (619) 533-3219, or visit the website: www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/crossroads.

100 STRONG COMMUNITY SURVEY

Residents in southeastern San Diego are being asked to voice their opinion on key issues in their neighborhood by completing a Community Survey sponsored by 100 Strong. This local group promotes positive change in the community and supports activities such as neighborhood safety patrols, job training, youth mentorships, and crime-stopping programs that inspire people to look out for their neighbors. Surveys are being distributed throughout District 4, and also can be picked up at Imperial Barber Shop, 6377 Imperial Avenue. For more information regarding the community survey or 100 Strong, call: (619) 366-9386, visit the website: www.100strong.com or send an email to: info@100StrongSD.com.

FREE SWIM LESSONS

In recognition of May as National Drowning Prevention Month, the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation will hold FREE swimming lessons throughout the



month at select pools, including District 4's Martin Luther King Jr. Pool. Lessons for children and adults will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Martin Luther King Jr. Pool, 6401 Skyline Drive; Memorial Park Pool, 2902 Marcy Avenue; City Heights Swim Center, 4380 Landis Street; Colina Del Sol Pool, 4150 54th Place; and Vista Terra Pool, 301 Athey Avenue (San Ysidro).

SUBS FOR SUBS REGISTRATION STARTS

Registration is open for the annual Subs for Subs networking/outreach business opportunity fair sponsored by the Centre City Development Corporation and 11 local public agencies. The event will bring small and prime businesses together focusing on construction and construction-related industries, architecture and engineering, professional and technical services as well as consultant and vendor services. The free event will be held **June 16 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 N. Harbor Drive. For more information and registration, please email: subsforsubs@ccdc.com.

DISTRICT RESIDENT TAKES CENTER STAGE

Local resident and talented young actor Ruby Ross is now performing in San Diego Junior Theatre's production of "Beauty and the Beast," showing through May 15 in historic Balboa Park. For show times and tickets, call the box office at: (619) 239-8355 or online: www.juniortheatre.com.

FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET

People's Produce Farmers Market is open Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m., 606 Euclid Avenue, in Chollas View. Local farmers offer a bounty of fresh produce, local artisans display handmade crafts, and gardening/growing enthusiasts gather to share tips and resources. For more information about upcoming classes and exhibit opportunities, call: (619) 262-2022 or visit: www.projectnewvillage.com.

FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO OUR RESIDENTS

Let's eliminate hunger in our community. We are working with faith-based groups and other local nonprofit organizations to help needy residents in District 4 put food on their tables. If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please call my office at: (619) 236-6644. We'll help find the nearest food pantries and meal distribution sites in your neighborhood.

GET INVOLVED WITH LOCAL PLANNING GROUPS

District 4 Planning Groups invite you to participate in making good things happen in our neighborhoods. Community planning groups provide a great opportunity for you to get involved in advising the City Council, the Planning Commission, and other decision-makers on development projects, general or community plan amendments, rezonings and public facilities. Recommendations from local planning groups are integral components of the planning process, and are highly regarded by the City Council and by staff. There are five Planning Groups that impact District Four: City Heights, Eastern Area, Encanto, Skyline Hills/Paradise Hills and Southeastern. If you live, or own a business or property in one of these areas and want more information on ways to get involved, please contact District 4 Representative Bruce Williams in my office: (619) 236-7175.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Thursday May 5	Mount Hope Community Meeting (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Macedonia Baptist Church 625 Quail
Thursday May 5	Paradise Hills Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Penn Athletic Field 6610 Potomac Street
Thursday May 5	Valencia Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Valencia Park Elementary 4801 Elm Street
Monday May 9	Southeast Planning Committee (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41 st Street
Monday May 9	Jamacha Community Council (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Luthern Church 7210 Lisbon Street
Tuesday May 10	Emerald Hills Neighborhood Council (Breanna Zwart)	6:00 p.m.	Johnson Elementary 1355 Kelton Road
Tuesday May 10	Knox Town Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Knox Elementary 1098 S. 49 th Street
Tuesday May 10	O'Farrell Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	MLK Park and Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Drive
Tuesday May 10	Mountain View Park Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:30 p.m.	Mountain View Park 641 Boundary Street
Tuesday May 10	Skyline /Paradise Hills Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Recreation Center 6610 Potomac Street

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