



Education Listening Tour Hits the Road

Seven-month tour focuses on ways to maximize student achievement

Council President Young and Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher held a kick off event at Crawford High School. Teachers, parents, students and other community leaders joined in the conversation on the best ways to prepare students for the demands of college and the 21st century workforce.



YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

On Tuesday, May 24, I teamed up with State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher to kick off a seven-month “Education Listening Tour” focusing on ways to maximize student achievement. Our goal is to engage everyone in the education dialog so we can better help all of our students reach their full potential by acquiring the knowledge and skill sets need for the workforce or post-secondary education. The inaugural meeting, held at Crawford High School, offered parents, teachers, students and community leaders a chance to tell us what’s really going on in education and how we can help make it a better system. Upcoming “Education Listening Tour” meetings will explore topics such as Innovation in Our Schools, The Achievement Gap, Early Childhood Education, Career Technical Education and College Readiness. Follow the tour by reading my blog at: www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Tuesday, May 24, I adjourned the City Council meeting in memory of long-time community and civic leader Debra Ann (Jackson) Stephens who recently passed away. She truly loved our community and devoted much of her life to its prosperity. In addition to her tireless volunteer work with students at Lincoln High, she served on the boards of the San Diego County Urban League and the Catfish Club, and was active with the NAACP San Diego chapter; the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation; and The Grandparents Connection. A celebration of her life, held May 25 at Lincoln High School, was attended by hundreds of her friends, family members and admirers. While she will be greatly missed, the positive impact she had on area youth and our community will never be forgotten.

On Tuesday, May 24, I joined the City Council in voting to lift some water restriction rules that took effect in 2009. Residents no longer have to follow an even-odd landscape watering schedule implemented several years ago to reduce irrigation during the drought. Seasonal limits on the duration of outdoor watering also have been eliminated, as well as some restrictions on fountains. City rules continue to prohibit several actions deemed to be irresponsible, such as failing to repair leaks, washing down paved areas, using non-recirculating fountains and watering during the heat of the day.



YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

COMMUNITY CLEANUP IN PARADISE HILLS

On May 14, a community cleanup was held in the Paradise Hills neighborhood (from Childs to Parkside Avenue and Boria Way to Landscape Drive). The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department, along with Mr. Michael Brown, conducted the successful cleanup that removed a total of 11.95 tons of waste (9.98 tons of non-recyclables and 1.97 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. Mr. Brown is to be commended for his assistance and support. For more information about the cleanup, please call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Michael Flores at: (858) 627-3314.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION

Please join students, parents, team leaders and community partners for the annual 10-to-Succeed End-of-School Year Celebration on Friday, May 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Balboa Park War Memorial Building. Co-sponsored by the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, City of San Diego and San Diego Unified School District, the event will include special student and staff recognitions and a barbecue lunch will be served. RSVP to: (619) 725-7145 or email: gwiliams2@sandi.net.

MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

Family Health Centers of San Diego's Mobile Medical Clinic will be at Morse High School on Tuesday, May 31 from 1 to 5 p.m. Tdap shots, required for all high school students next fall, will be available for \$10. Other low cost services offered include: school/sports physical, sick visits, family planning and immunizations. Always bring your child's immunization card and health insurance information. If your Medi-Cal provider is Family Health Centers, all services are at no cost. Walk in visits are welcome, or reserve an appointment by calling Health Access Partnership at: (619) 263-3309 ext. 4613.

"CELEBRATING AUTHORS" DINNER CRUISE

The Diamond Literary Festival Association is marking its 7th anniversary with a Celebrating Authors Dinner Cruise on Friday, June 3 from 6:30 p.m. until midnight aboard the historic William D. Evans, departing from the Bahia Hotel on Mission Bay. Guests will enjoy good food and live music performed by Men 4 Christ, and also the opportunity to meet some of San Diego's finest writers. Tickets are \$50 each. For more information, call Alice Jefferson at: (619) 913-0626 or online visit: www.diamondliteraryfestival.org.

CURTAIN RISES ON COMMUNITY THEATRE SEASON

Community Actors Theatre is launching its 2011-12 season with the production of "That Night School," running June 3 – 26 at the newly renovated building at the corner of 54th & College Grove Drive. Auditions for the August show "Come Back Little Sheba," will be held Saturday, June 4 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For tickets and more information about the upcoming season and other special community and fundraising events, call CAT: (619) 264-3391 or visit the website: www.communityactorstheatre.com



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TRANSFORMING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Applications are due Friday, June 3 for the 2011-12 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.

BOYS TO MEN

The 3rd Annual African American Male Intergenerational Conference from Boys to Men (Understanding Our Legacy & Responsibility) will be held Friday, June 3, 6 p.m., at the Educational Cultural Complex, 4343 Oceanview Blvd. For more information about this free event, call: (619) 665-2595.

DIAMOND DISTRICT BUSINESS OWNERS MEETING

Business owners in the Diamond Business Improvement District (BID) are invited to join me and the Advisory Board at a community meeting on Thursday, June 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Tubman Chavez Center, 415 Euclid Avenue. We are looking forward to updating business owners on the newly formed Diamond BID and hearing what direction you think this organization should take to best promote and support businesses in our community. For more information, please call District 4 office at: (619) 236-6644.



LINCOLN HIGH DISPLAYS SCHOOL SPIRIT

Lincoln High School is seeking donations to fund new Hornets signs displaying school spirit on the outside of two buildings and the inside of the new gymnasium. Your tax deductible donation will help jazz up campus facilities and create even more student pride. Please send a check payable to Lincoln High School, 4777 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA 92113, or contact Principal Mel Collins for information: (619) 266-6515.

FREE 'KIN' BRUNCH

The John Brockington Foundation presents its 4th Annual KIN Breakfast on Saturday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Ave. The free brunch program promotes KIN (Keeping Inside the Numbers) with health screenings and guest speakers on preventing chronic disease in at-risk males in our community. Free admission by reservation only, so please call: (619) 299-4426. For information on sponsorships, please contact Diane Brockington at: info@johnbrockingtonfoundation.org.

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.

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.



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, visit: www.projectnewvillage.com.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

San Diego Show All Stars will be hosting a summer day camp offering swimming, tumbling, library visits, arts & crafts, and more. Cost is \$50 per week. For information: www.sandiegoshowallstars.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, re-zonings 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 the District 4 office: (619) 236-7175.

VETERAN CEMETERY OPENS AT MIRAMAR

A new veteran cemetery is now open at Miramar. Burial is free for veterans (and their spouses) who have been honorably discharged. For more information, call Janice Coleman: (619) 929-9916.

EMBRACING THE DREAM

San Diego Youth Action Board will host its first Annual Black Tie Gala fundraiser "Embracing the Dream" on Friday, October 21 at the Town & Country Resort. The event will raise money and awareness for youth programs and activities that enrich the lives of struggling urban youth. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available. For more information, contact Derrick White at: (619) 655-1198.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. If you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission, please call our offices at: (619) 236-6644.



COMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Tuesday May 31	Willie Henderson Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Willie Henderson Recreation Center 1035 S. 45 th Street
Thursday June 2	Oak Park Community Council (Jimmie Slack)	7:00 p.m.	Oak Park Elementary 2606 54 th Street
Monday June 6	City Heights Area Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	San Diego Workforce Partnership 3910 University Avenue
Monday June 6	Skyline/Greater Skyline Hills Community Council	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park and Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive
Thursday June 9	Paradise Hills Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Penn Athletic Field 6610 Potomac Street
Thursday June 9	O'Farrell Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	MLK Park and Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Drive
Thursday June 9	Valencia Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Valencia Park Elementary 4801 Elm Street

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