



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



YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

GRANTS AID SUMMER PROGRAMS

More than \$1.77 million in grants from Walmart designed to help families when school is out for the summer are going to support a free meals program offered by San Diego Park and Recreation Department and San Diego Unified School District, as well as provide summer school for 1,000 middle-school students, including those at Bell Middle School in Paradise Hills. The grants were announced at a BBQ at Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center in the Skyline neighborhood, which will serve free and nutritious lunches to children 18 and under from June 21 to August 26 (Monday -Friday, 12 to 1 p.m.).

SDSU TRANSIT CENTER HONORS LEON WILLIAMS

The Metropolitan Transit System and District 4 invite you to join us on Wednesday, June 29 at 11 a.m. on the Aztec Green for the dedication of the San Diego State University Transit Center in honor of MTS Board Chair Emeritus and distinguished SDSU alumnus Leon Williams.

A special “Leon Williams Dedication Trolley” will depart the 12th & Imperial Transit Center at 10:05 a.m. and make stops at Santa Fe Depot (10:10 a.m.), Old Town (10:20 a.m.), Qualcomm Stadium (10:35 a.m.) arriving at SDSU Transit Center at 10:50 a.m. Please join me to honor this trailblazer for equality in local government institutions who was San Diego’s first African-American and first African-American elected to the County Board of Supervisors.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, June 20 the City Council received a comprehensive Information Technology (IT) Program update from city staff. I requested this review of the City’s IT Program in response to last year’s findings by the Commission on Revenue Review and Economic Competitiveness. In the commission’s final report, it noted that a skilled workforce is the single most important factor to attract, retain and grow businesses. Further, it said if the City wants to promote competitiveness, it should seek ways to help schools develop a qualified workforce by ensuring affordable broadband Internet access for the estimated 42 percent of San Diego students – including many in our 4th District – who now have no such access. Through its relationships with cable and wireless providers, the City should encourage close cooperation with schools to ensure that we bridge this “digital divide” so all of our students can tap into online learning tools.

The City Council endorsed my plan to create a new tech-focused subcommittee. The goal of the panel will be to find new and better ways to connect San Diegans with information and services using the latest infrastructure and technologies – from increasing bandwidth to cloud computing. The subcommittee, when formed later this year, will be comprised of 2-3 Council members and subject matter experts, who will provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Council as we continue streamlining core services to residents and businesses such as implementing recommendations to make all forms, permit applications, license and fee payments automated on an Interactive website that is available to users 24/7.



On Tuesday, June 21 San Diego Housing Commission Board Chair Gary Gramling and CEO Rick Gentry presented Council President Tony Young with the “In Appreciation” Award of Excellence from the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials. In nominating Council President Young for the award, the San Diego Housing Commission noted “his progressive leadership on local housing issues as well as his strong commitment and support of affordable housing programs and services.”

FREE SUMMER LUNCHES FOR KIDS

San Diego Park & Recreation Department and San Diego Unified School District will provide thousands of free and nutritious lunches and snacks to children 18 and under through its 2011 Summer Fun Café program. Kids in District 4 can receive free lunches June 21 to August 26 (Monday through Friday, 12 to 1 p.m.) at the following locations:

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Park & Recreation Center**, 6401 Skyline Drive
- **Skyline Hills Park & Recreation Center**, 8285 Skyline Drive
- **Jackie Robinson YMCA**, 151 YMCA Way
- **St. Stephens Church**, 5825 Imperial Ave.

In addition, lunches will be provided July 25 to August 26 (Monday through Friday) at:

- **Paradise Hills Park & Creation Center**, 6610 Potomac Street (12 to 1 p.m.)
- **Mountain View Park & Recreation Center**, 641 S. Boundary St. (1 to 2 p.m.)

Bayview Terrace, Bell Middle School, Gompers and O'Farrell also will offer free lunch (and breakfast) during the two summer school sessions June 27 – July 22 and July 25 – August 19. For detailed information about the citywide Summer Fun Café, call the 211 InfoLine or go to: www.sandi.net.

BLOOD BANK HAS NEW HOME

District 4 is proud to welcome the San Diego Blood Bank to its new home at 3636 Gateway Center Ave. Opened earlier this month, the new location has easier freeway access, which allows the blood bank to reach hospitals and off-site collection locations more efficiently. The \$20 million facility brings all supplies and equipment under one roof, including donation processing, inbound collection, testing and processing, and storage.

CROSSROADS PAC ELECTIONS

Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC) will hold its annual elections on June 23, 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) 236-6261, or visit the website: sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/crossroads.shtml.

FREE COMMUNITY BOOK GIVEAWAY

A free community book giveaway will be held Saturday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Family Resource Center/On Your Feet, Inc., 1727 Euclid Ave. Low- to moderate-income families from across the county are invited to receive donated reading materials at no cost. A valid for of I.D. is required and children must be present to receive their free book. Studies suggest that children who read as few as six books over the summer maintain the level of reading and comprehension skills they achieved during the school year. So kids, pick up some books and read!



KIDS FIRST IN EDUCATION

Voice For Our Kids & Parents For Quality Education (POE) is hosting a Parent Empowerment Summit on Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Recital Hall in Balboa Park, 2125 Park Blvd. Keynote speaker State Senator Gloria Romero will host a panel including Assemblyman Marty Block, Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher, United African American Ministerial Action Council's Reverend Gerald Brown, Latino Advisory Committee Chairperson Dr. Alberto Ochoa and others. Admission is \$10 (including lunch), plus free raffle for a copy of "Waiting for Superman" for the first 100 to register online at: parentsforqualityed.org.

CA HONORS LIVING LEGENDS PIONEERS & TRAILBLAZERS

The National Black Contractors Association will honor Living Legends Pioneers & Trailblazers on Saturday, June 25 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the George L. Stevens Hall, 6125 Imperial Ave. For more information, contact Abdur-Rahim Hameed at: (619) 263-9791 or online: national-baca@aol.com.

FAMILY COOKING NIGHT

Bring your family and friends for a free cooking night on Tuesday, June 28, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at O'Farrell Community School, 6130 Skyline Dr. Sponsored by the Health Access Partnership and Ms. Julia Leblanc, your family will learn how to cook delicious and nutritious meals. RSVP to Kimmie at: (619) 263-3009, ext. 2280.

SMART MONEY

The San Diego City-County Reinvestment Task Force will host a free "Smart Money" financial resources summit on Saturday, July 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Joe & Vie Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Ave. Join me and County Supervisor Ron Roberts for this annual event that provides educational information on financial literacy and home and business ownership. To RSVP, call: (619) 578-7538 or email: rtf@sdhc.org.

SEND A KID TO CAMP

Day camps for kids will be offered throughout the summer at the Jackie Robinson YMCA. More information and registration is available online at jackierobinson.ymca.org/programs/day-camp.html. The Y is also looking to the community to "Volunteer, Connect & Donate." Dedicated volunteers are needed to support the camp program --from working the sign out table and making phone calls to participating in the parent council. Your connections to businesses, schools and organizations also can be tapped to help the Y partner with others to provide support for the camp program. And finally, you can make a donation online that will directly benefit a family who needs help sending a kid to camp. Over \$100,000 in financial aid was distributed this year for kids to attend day camp. For more information on how you can help fund that aid and create new opportunities for future campers, call Kathy Wilder, Youth Program Director at the Jackie Robinson YMCA at: (619) 264-0144 or email: kwilder@ymca.org.

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.



SUITS FOR SUITS

The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA is encouraging business professionals (aka “suits”) to participate in “Suits From Suits” by either donating swimsuits or making a \$50 contribution that will provide a child with swimwear, aquatic safety training, swimming lessons and a memorable summer. It is estimated that 33,000 children ages 5-12 who live in the YMCA’s service area have never taken swimming lessons to develop a healthy respect for the water. And most do not have proper swimwear. Donated suits are being collected throughout the summer at the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA. Financial donations can be sent to nonprofit organization at: 151 YMCA Way, San Diego, CA 92102. For more information, call: (619) 264-0144.

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: 100strong.com or send an email to: info@100StrongSD.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 online, visit the website : 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, 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.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Thursday June 23	Broadway Heights Community Council	7:00 p.m.	6721 Tiffin Avenue
Monday June 27	Coalition of Neighborhood Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue
Monday June 27	Southeastern Planning Committee (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41 st Street

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