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 DISTRICT FOUR
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SMART MONEY SUMMIT 2011

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 San Diego County Supervisor Ron Roberts for this annual event that provides educational workshops on: financial literacy (credit/debt counseling); community resources (eligibility for Food Stamp, CalWorks, Medi-Cal); legal aid and tax assistance; small business loans; and first-time homeownership. It will be a festive day with great education information, entertainment and free raffle prizes. Register on line at: sandiegoRTF.org. Or call to reserve your spot: (619) 578-7538.

EDUCATION LISTENING TOUR

The next stop on my seven-month Education Listening Tour will be Wednesday, July 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at District 4's Gompers Preparatory Academy, 1005 47th Street. In May, California State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher and I kicked off the tour to hear from educators, parents, business and community leaders on "what's working" in our schools and how we can better prepare all of our students for the 21st century. Please join us later this month for the free public forum that will discuss the achievement gap we face in our schools. For more information about this event, please call the District 4 office at: (619) 236-6644.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, July 11 the San Diego City Council voted to allocate an additional \$1.4 million in CDGB (Community Development Block Grant) funds for available brick-and-mortar and public services projects, including the San Diego Workforce Partnership's Hire-A-Youth Program. Since working with President Obama to bring this valuable youth program back to our city in 2009, I am proud to report more than 3,000 young people have received much-needed work experiences and assistance with work readiness. This summer, the popular program will provide approximately 300 jobs to area youth, including many from District 4 neighborhoods.



LIGHTING UP IMPERIAL AVENUE

The City broke ground this week on an estimated \$285,000 project that will bring 20 new streetlights to Imperial Avenue between 61st and 69th streets. The much-anticipated work is being done to create safer and more attractive pedestrian-friendly streetscape along this major commercial corridor near the trolley line in the revitalizing community of Encanto. The construction phase of the project, funded by the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) and TransNet, is expected to be completed in late September. For more information about this project or the City's Engineering & Capital Projects, please call the Public Information Line at: (619) 533-4207.

SENIOR SMOKE ALARMS

San Diego City Fire Department and the Burn Institute are teaming up to make our senior resident community safer during the upcoming wildfire season by providing free, high-tech smoke alarms. If you are 55 or older and own your home, you qualify for the smoke alarms program. This includes inspection of existing alarms and battery replacement as well as installation of new smoke alarms in sleeping areas and on each level of the home. Strobe light alarms for the hearing impaired are also available. To take advantage of this free offer, please call the San Diego Burn Institute at: (858) 541-2277.

WILDFIRE HAZARD

Summer marks the start of wildfire season in San Diego County. Protect your home or small business by removing volatile vegetation and brush debris in your neighborhood. Safety tips are available at the Fire Marshal's hotline at: (619) 533-4444. For brush abatement assistance in your District 4 neighborhood, call Roosevelt Williams III at (619) 236-6646.

PLANT A TREE

The San Diego Urban Tree Club wants to plant 300,000 trees by 2016 throughout the city to help beautify our city, protect wildlife, reduce water runoff to our ocean and absorb CO2 emission. You can be involved in the tree planting effort by: requesting that a tree be planted in front of your house; donating money, resources and services; or by joining the education and outreach volunteer program. For more information, log onto: missionhillsgardenclub.org.

STUDENT ADVENTURES

Fifth and sixth grade students in District 4 can participate in free field trips to science museums and aquariums, fun outdoor adventures and cool computer and math clubs at a "Summer Adventures Learning Program" at Bell Middle School. San Diego Unified School District in partnership with THINK Together is offering the no-cost program Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through July 22. The program includes a free meal. For more information or to register for the summer program, call THINK: (714) 543-3807.

FISH FRY

Support Pazzaz's after school academic and enrichment programs by attending the annual Fish Fry fundraiser on Saturday, July 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1913 Euclid Avenue. Sponsored by The Fish Market Restaurant, the event will include a variety of music and menu items ranging from fish dinners to hotlinks. For more information, contact Pazzaz, Inc. at: (619) 264-6870.

STRAIGHT TALK ON CANCER

UAAMAC and St. Stephen's Cathedral Church will present a straight talk for African-American Men and their families on "Living with Prostate Cancer" on Saturday, July 16 at 10 a.m., 5825 Imperial Avenue. The focus of this free public forum is a much-needed discussion of prostate cancer detection, treatment options, and stress factors on family and friends dealing with men living with the disease. Due to limited space, please RSVP ASAP to Rev. Gerald Brown at: (619) 264-1213, or by email: gbrown@uaamac.com.

SUMMER HEALTH EXPO

Southeast San Diego Health Access Partnership presents its free Summer Health Expo on Friday, July 29 from 3 to 7 p.m. at O'Farrell Community School, 6130 Skyline Drive. The day of healthy fun and activities includes San Diego Blood Bank blood drive, health screenings, healthy cooking demonstrations, acupuncture and massage, community health resources and games for families and kids.



FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS

Learn about first-time homebuyer government grants and other financial assistance at a HUD Housing counseling education class on Saturday, August 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 841 South 41st Street. Whether you're just thinking about buying a house or ready to make the purchase, this informative and interactive session prepares first-time homebuyers for the entire process. Reservations are required for the \$35 class. To RSVP, please contact LaMont Johnson, Housing Counselor at Neighborhood House Association: (619) 263-7761, ext. 182; or email questions and reservations to: lamontJ@neighborhoodhouse.org.

CAMP CHARLES

This year's free one-day Camp Charles will be held on Saturday, August 6 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the George L. Stevens Senior Community Center, 570 S. 65th St. Hosted by the Charles L. Lewis III Foundation (a non-profit organization that continues the legacy and vision of the late San Diego City Councilman), Camp Charles is a mentorship program designed to present at-risk and underserved males ages 7-15 with a fun and memorable day of recreation, teambuilding and spiritual enhancement. Space is limited and pre-registration is required for Camp Charles 2011, featuring fire safety and fitness. Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, please call: (619) 434-3454 or visit online: charlesllewis3.org.

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.

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.

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, gardening and growing enthusiasts gather to share tips and resources. For more information about up-coming classes and exhibit opportunities, call: (619) 262-2022 or visit: 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.

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) 655-11 98.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Thursday	O'Farrell Park Town Council	6:00 p.m.	MLK Park and Recreation Center
Monday July 18	Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Joe and Vi Jacobs Center 404 Euclid Avenue
Wednesday July 20	Mount View Community Meeting (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Mt. View Park & Rec Center 641 S. Boundary Street
Wednesday July 20	Paradise Hills Village Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	St. Timothy Church 2602 Reo Drive
Monday July 25	Coalition of Neighborhood Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue
Monday July 25	Southeastern Planning Committee (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Assoc. 841 S. 41 st Street
Wednesday July 27	Encanto Neighborhood/Rec Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:30 p.m.	Encanto Recreation Center 6508 Wunderlin Drive

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