



OFFICE OF
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DISTRICT FOUR
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CITY OF SAN DIEGO



The City of San Diego and San Diego Coastkeeper launched the Project SWELL 1st grade curriculum for San Diego Unified School District on July 15 at Audubon K-8 School in District 4's Jamacha neighborhood. San Diego City Council President Tony Young, SDUSD Board of Education President Richard Barrera and San Diego Coastkeeper Interim Executive Director Gabe Solmer joined 1st grade teacher Jane Sanchez as she led students in a Project SWELL demonstration called "Habitat Match," where students match wildlife to the appropriate local aquatic environments, including wetlands, kelp forest, and tide pools.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:
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 early 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.

CDBG FUNDS AT WORK

With the support of a San Diego City Council sponsored Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), four residents in our district have received major home renovations provided by Rebuilding Together San Diego. This nonprofit organization restores and preserves affordable housing for low-income homeowners by providing free or greatly-reduced repair and revitalization efforts such as roof replacement, mold remediation, and window and heater replacement. For more information about the program and eligibility, contact Rebuilding Together San Diego at: (619) 231-7873.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, July 18 the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to send \$69.8 million in redevelopment funds to the state to ensure that some form of redevelopment can continue in blighted areas throughout the region. Redevelopment agencies like our Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) were drastically altered in the recently passed state budget and can only continue to operate if they pay a bigger share of revenues to local schools. This clearly couldn't come at a worse time for District 4 as we try to build more resources and do more things to revitalize low-income neighborhoods. The city council will hold meetings in neighborhoods where redevelopment now exists to determine what projects should be delayed or cancelled until lawsuits filed by the League of California Cities and California Redevelopment Association hopefully will restore full funding.

On Monday, July 25 the San Diego City Council voted to repeal an ordinance it passed in spring regulating medical marijuana collectives in San Diego rather than pay as much as \$1 million for a public vote. The council approved rules on medical marijuana businesses in March that would have forced the city's roughly 160 dispensaries to shut down and then apply for operating permits that require a 600-foot buffer zone between on another, as well as from schools, playgrounds, libraries, childcare and youth facilities, parks and churches. Unless another ordinance is approved by the city council, medical marijuana collectives in San Diego are illegal.

On Tuesday, July 26 the San Diego City Council approved a joint application with the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to secure funding for up to \$700,000 for park and recreation improvements at The Village at Market Creek in the Encanto neighborhood of District 4.



Council President Young joined Tauren Clark and Willie Manley on July 15 to kick off a Greater Life Experience weekend fair in Emerald Hills focusing on youth, family and community.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS

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 July 16 this department, along with Mr. and Mrs. White, conducted a community clean up in the Mountain View area, resulting in the removal of 11.83 tons of waste from the neighborhood. On July 21, the Environmental Services Department along with Ms. Kim West, conducted a mini community cleanup in the Mount Hope area that successfully removed a total of 35.84 tons of waste from the neighborhood. Thanks to our local residents for supporting these community cleanup efforts. For more information, please call the city's Environmental Services division at: (858) 492-5045.

SAN DIEGO REDISTRICTING HEARINGS

The city's redistricting panel will hold hearings on the preliminary map that will add a ninth council district and realign all district boundaries based on once-a-decade census data. Upcoming meetings to review the proposed map will be:

- Thursday, July 28, 6 p.m., Thurgood Marshall Middle School Theater, 9700 Avenue of Nations
- Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m., Balboa Park Palisades Recital Hall, 2130 Pan American Road West
- Monday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m., University Towne Center Forum Hall, 4545 La Jolla Village Drive
- Wednesday, Aug. 3, 6 p.m., Salvation Army Joan Kroc Center, 6845 University Avenue

MUSIC AND THE MIND

Listen to performances by San Diego Youth Symphony groups and hear expert panelists explore the physiological and psychological benefits of music on mental health and cognitive development at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 28 at the Lincoln High School Theatre, 4777 Imperial Ave. Admission is free and childcare will be provided at this public event presented by Lincoln High School Youth Health Council and UCSD Center for Community Well Being.

LOCAL ACTORS TAKE STAGE

Local 4th District thespians Lilith King-Smithson and Mashun Tucker have been cast in San Diego Junior Theatre's production of Hairspray, which opens Friday, July 29 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 14. Show times are 7 p.m. Fridays, and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$8 to \$14 and can be purchased at the San Diego Junior Theatre's box office, 1650 El Prado in Balboa Park, by calling:(619) 239-8355 or online: juniortheatre.com.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

The first of the Euclid + Market Land Use and Mobility Plan community workshops will be held Saturday, July 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Ave. The public is invited to participate in this event and share ideas on making this community better. Coffee and pastries will be served. For more information, please contact City of San Diego Community Planner Karen Bucey at: 619) 533-6404.

FREE HOMEOWNERS COUNSELING

A free educational and counseling workshop for distressed homeowners in District 4 will be held Saturday, July 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at New Creation Church, 3115 Altadena Ave. The San Diego Association of REALTORS is partnering with community organizations such as Neighborhood House Association, the Urban League and the Housing Opportunities Collaborative to offer a "one stop shop" to help guide homeowners through the legal and financial options available to save homes from foreclosure. For information or to register in advance, call: (619) 283-2200.



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 educational 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.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join with neighbors and local law enforcement agencies to learn how to keep our communities safe at the National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Skyview Park, 7222 Skyline Drive. The purpose of the free family event is to inform area residents about various police and community programs such as drug prevention and neighborhood watch organizations that exist to keep people safe and fight crime. Please come and enjoy food, games and family movie at the park.

FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS

Learn about first-time homebuyer government grants and other financial assistance at a HUD housing counseling education class on Saturday, Aug. 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, Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the George L. Stevens Senior Community Center, 570 S. 65th Street. 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: charleslewis3.org.

CYBER CAFÉ COMES ONLINE

Broadway Heights Community Council will host a ribbon cutting event for its new multi-generational Technology Center Cyber Café at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 2305 Laconia Street. Come out and support the BHCC Youth Leadership Team and Thomas Bennett's Helix Charter High School Senior Project. RSVP to Thomas Bennett at: 619-229-8906.

BACK TO SCHOOL

New ERAA's 2011 Back to School Conference, Rally & Festival for Education will be held Saturday, Aug. 20 at Lincoln High School from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exhibitor registration and information is available by contacting Pazzaz Inc. at: (619) 264-6870.

FREE COMEDY SHOW

Young Adult Committee of GLBC will stage the free comedy show "Exposure" on Friday, Aug. 26 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Neighborhood House Association, 841 S. 41st Street. Exposure is a first-time program that is geared to giving 18 to 35 year-olds an alternative to going out to the clubs and keeping them off the streets. For more information, call: (619) 263-8101.



FREE KIDS BREAKFAST

Free backpacks and Great Start! Breakfast Boxes filled with healthy foods will be distributed on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Island Gardens Apartments, 3545 Island Ave., to families with school-aged children who reside in apartment complexes owned/managed by the Bayview Community Development Corp. For more information, volunteer to help with the event or make a donation, contact Meals4Hunger at: (800) 916-0954.

SAN DIEGO SENIORS

A free educational conference for San Diego seniors will be held Thursday, Sept. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the War Memorial Building in Balboa Park, 3325 Zoo Drive. Presented by the San Diego County Council on Aging, the event will include continental breakfast and presentations by experts from the VA Aid & Attendance, Consumer Center for Health Education and Advocacy as well as other leading senior and health care agencies. To RSVP, please call: (619) 236-6905.

PRAISING THE GOOD IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The 4th Annual San Diego Praise Fest will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Federal Boulevard (between Euclid Avenue and 48th Street). All San Diegans are invited to experience the synergy of community, music, health information, educational resources and open-air marketplace at this popular annual event held in District 4. For more information on sponsorship and vendor opportunities, please call: (858) 650-3190 or email: contact@sandiegopraisefest.org.

HONORING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

National Council of Negro Women will hold its 45th Annual Community Service Luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 24 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Ave. This year's honorees include such community organizations as: Black Infants Health Program, Children Having Children, My Community Huddle, San Diego Black Nurses Association, San Diego CARES, Sickle Cell Association of San Diego, The Trinity House and Voices for Children. For more information on donations, sponsorship and advertising opportunities, please contact Gloria Baker at: (619) 770-7753.

EMBRACING THE DREAM

San Diego Youth Action Board will host its first Annual Black Tie Gala fundraiser "Embracing the Dream" on Friday, Oct. 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.

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.

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) 2366646.

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.

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 July 28	Broadway Heights Community Council	7:00 p.m.	6784 Pilot Way
Monday August 1	Skyline/Greater Skyline Hills Community Council	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park & Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive
Thursday August 4	Mount Hope Community Meeting (Venus Molina)	6:30 p.m.	Macedonia Baptist Church 625 Quail
Thursday August 4	Valencia Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Valencia Park Elementary School 5880 Skyline Drive

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