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DISTRICT FOUR

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Council President Young talks to participants at a green jobs training program about learning the skills needed to meet the state's environmental and economic goals.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

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.

Gompers Preparatory Academy hosted last month's Education Listening Tour focusing on closing the achievement gap. Students greet Council President Young, State Assemblyman Fletcher.



RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, August 1 the San Diego City Council approved allocating up to \$2 million for much needed improvements to the 4th District's North Chollas Community Park. This clears the way for construction of a new 1,800-square-foot multi-purpose building that will include restrooms, concession stand, utility room and field equipment storage area. This is great news for area residents who enjoy the many park facilities as well as players and fans of the Oak Park Little League teams who use adjacent baseball fields.

On Monday, August 1 the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to approve changes in the handling of assessment funds for the city's 17 Business Improvement Districts that will streamline the reimbursement system and make monies available earlier to these nonprofit small groups. This reform is vital to ensuring that San Diego's Business Improvement Districts, including District 4's newly re-

formed Diamond BID, can receive disbursements within 30 days for use in promoting, serving and advocating for their small business members. Our local Diamond BID is working diligently to strengthen the 340 small businesses in the area, create much-needed new jobs and spruce up the commercial corridor – making it safer, cleaner and more vibrant for our residents and businesses alike.



Council President Young at press conference with city officials and BID representatives to announce streamlining reimbursement plan.

On Tuesday, August 2 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved \$4.3 million for the long-awaited Charles Lewis III Home Avenue Park in District 4. The much-anticipated community park will include a half-court basketball court, several children's play structures, shaded picnic areas with barbeques, comfort station and off-leash dog area.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:



Basketball was just one of the many free activities offered to area residents at the National Night Out event held Aug. 2 at Skyview Park. Various law enforcement and community programs such as drug prevention and neighborhood watch organizations participated to help promote safe and crime free neighborhoods in our District 4.

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 30 this department, along with Mr. Fred Bates, Ms. Wilhelmina Winston, Ms. Benita Weatherford, Ms. Brenda Blake Cooper, Ms. Rosie Fuller and Mr. Ed Bontty, conducted a community cleanup in the O'Farrell Park area. The cleanup removed 42.64 tons of waste (35.36 tons of non-recyclables and 7.28 tons of recyclables) such as metals and appliances from the neighborhood. Thanks to our local residents for supporting these community cleanup efforts. For information, call Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado: (858) 627-3317.

DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR

Polish up your resume, dress for success and plan to participate in the 2011 San Diego Diversity Career Fair on Thursday, Aug. 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. Companies invited to participate in this year's event include General Atomics, California Highway Patrol, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego Zoo, National University, University of Phoenix and AFLAC. For information, call: (619) 277-9099 or: diversitysolutions.us.

HAVE POWER OVER DIABETES

Project Power is hosting a diabetes awareness workshop on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Tubman/Chavez Multicultural Complex. The cost is \$5 and includes cost of health education materials. For more information or to request a workshop for your church or group, please call the American Diabetes Association's Project Power at: (619) 471-5001.

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 the camp, featuring fire safety and fitness. For information, call: (619) 434-3454 or visit online: charlesllewis3.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 at: (619) 229-8906.

COMMUNITY GARDEN CELEBRATION

Project New Village will host a fundraiser to celebrate its new community garden at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13 at 6255 Radio Drive in Encanto. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. followed by the outdoor movie screening of "What's on Your Plate," a documentary about kids, food and health. Suggested donation is \$5 to \$10. For more information about the People's Produce Project or to RSVP for the fundraiser, call Diane Moss at: (619) 262-2002 or online: info@projectnewvillage.org.

FREE FAMILY STREET FESTIVAL

Justice Overcoming Boundaries presents its annual Fiesta del Sol free family street festival from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 13 & 14 at the Cesar Chavez Park on the Bayfront, 1449 Cesar Chavez Parkway. For more information about the music and entertainment schedule, children's activities, arts and culture exhibit and health and wellness workshops, go online to: fiestadelsolsandiego.org.

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.

HEALTH TALK

A health television talk show focusing on minority health issues will held on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Elementary Institute of Science, 608 51st Street. A project of the San Diego County Urban League, the Urban Health Today program will feature Dr. Rodney Hood. If you'd like to be part of the live TV audience, please contact Alice Benjamin by email at: alicebenjamin@hotmail.com

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 health foods will be distributed on Saturday, Aug. 27, 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, to volunteer to help with the event or to make a donation, please contact Meals4Hunger at: (800) 916-0954.

SAN DIEGO SENIORS

A free educational conference for San Diego seniors will be held Thursday, Sept. 1, 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 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. More information at: (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 at this year's event, call: (858) 650-3190 or email: contact@sandiegoprαιsefest.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.

CROWNING NEW KING & QUEEN

Applications for the 2011 Martin Luther King Jr. King and Queen Pageant are due Friday, Sept. 30. All area high school juniors are encouraged to participate in the pageant that will culminate with the 32nd Annual King Day Parade on January 14, 2012. For more information about the application process and required essay, please call: (619) 263-6683.

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) 655-11 98.

FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET

The People's Produce Farmers Market is open Fridays from 2 to 7 p.m. at 606 Euclid Ave. in Chollas View. Local farmers offer a bounty of fresh produce, local artisans display hand-made crafts, and gardening/growing enthusiasts gather to share tips and resources. For more information or to learn about classes and booth opportunities, call: (619) 262-2022 or online visit: projectnewvillage.org.

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, 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 now 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) 236-6644.

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 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
Monday August 8	Southeastern Planning Committee (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Assoc. 841 S. 41 st Street
Monday August 8	Jamacha Community Council (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran Church 7210 Lisbon Street
Tuesday August 9	Emerald Hills Neighborhood Council	6:00 p.m.	Johnson Elementary 1355 Kelton Road
Tuesday August 9	Knox Town Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Knox Elementary 1098 S. 49 th Street
Tuesday August 9	Eastern Area Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2755 55 th Street
Tuesday August 9	Skyline/Paradise Hills Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Recreation Center 6610 Potomac Street
Thursday August 11	O'Farrell Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	MLK Park & Rec Center 6401 Skyline Drive

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