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DISTRICT FOUR

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Lifeguards “Fill the Fin” for Youth Swim Lessons

Teams of San Diego lifeguards are hitting the beaches with fins in hand as they launch a weeklong “Fill the Fin” campaign to raise money for much-needed swim lessons for inner city kids and to spread the message of water safety. From Aug. 12 to Aug. 19, lifeguards are volunteering at city beaches to collect coins and dollars in their bright-colored rubber footwear to fund aquatic programs at District 4’s Jackie Robinson Family YMCA.

It is estimated that 33,000 children ages 5 to 13, who live in the service area of the Jackie Robinson YMCA, have never taken swimming lessons to develop a healthy respect for water, and most do not even have proper swimwear.

With the help of elected officials, including District 1 Councilmember Sherri Lightner, and members of the San Diego Lifesaving Association, underserved kids from Skyline to City Heights may soon be better equipped with swimwear, aquatic safety training and swimming lessons — as well as a more memorable summer.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION:

The San Diego City Council meetings have adjourned for summer legislative recess and will resume with the next regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 9 a.m.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

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: (619) 262-2002; 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.



City Council President Young joins San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and Thomas Bennett, a Helix Charter High School senior, for the opening of the Broadway Heights Community Council’s new multi-generational Technology Center Cyber Café.



YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

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.



Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher &
Council President Tony Young

The Importance & Benefits of Early Education

Wednesday, August 17
10:00 – 11:30am

Chicano Federation Child
Development Center at Casa Familiar
1901 Del Sur Boulevard
San Ysidro, CA 92173

Council President Tony Young and Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher launched a seven-month education listening tour to learn more about San Diego's educational system and to focus on what's working in our schools. Join them for their fourth tour stop to discuss and highlight the importance and benefits of early education. The pair will visit the center and engage in conversation with teachers, parents, and community leaders.

To RSVP, please contact Council President Young's office at
(619) 236-6644 or jesterbrooks@sandiego.gov



Council President Young, Nancy Flores at Project HOPE (above);
Checking out job postings at the South Metro Career Center.



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.

THANK YOU...for reading the weekly e-newsletter. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis or be removed from the mailing list, please e-mail anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov.

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