



OFFICE OF  
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**DISTRICT FOUR**

**AUGUST 17, 2011 WEEKLY UPDATE**

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**BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY**

**Come and join us at the *New ERAA annual Back to School Conference, Rally & Festival for Education on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.* at Lincoln High School (4777 Imperial Ave). This free event for District 4 parents and students grades K-12, includes informative workshops, a spirit rally and lively festival where all students attending receive backpacks and school supplies. Information is available by contacting event sponsor Pazzaz at: (619) 264-6870 or online: [www.pazzaz.org](http://www.pazzaz.org).**



Students enjoy activities and new backpacks at last year's event.

**YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:**



*Council President Young is interviewed by KUSI reporter Brad Perry earlier this week at a press conference at Office Depot to announce the company's donation of backpacks filled with school supplies for students attending New ERAA's 2011 Back to School Conference, Rally & Festival for Education on Aug. 20.*

**TECH CAREERS**

**San Diego Futures Foundation's is offering free IT training, certification and job assistance for young adults ages 18 to 24 through its N.E.O (Network of Emerging Opportunities) program.** Applications are now being accepted for classes beginning in September. For information, call Daniel Romero at: (619) 269-1684. Online applications available at: [sdbroadband.org](http://sdbroadband.org).

**COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR**

**Join us at the free community health fair on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bayview Baptist Church, 6134 Benson Ave.** Health information and screenings will be available as well as fun activities, such as line dancing, fitness demonstrations and healthy cooking demonstrations. For more information, call: (619) 266-3621.

**RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

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





## **YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:**

### ***FILL THE FIN CAMPAIGN RAISES FUNDS FOR YOUTH SWIM LESSONS***

**Teams of San Diego lifeguards are hitting the beaches Aug. 12 - 19 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. 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. For information or to make a donation to Fill the Fin, call the San Diego Lifesaving Association President Jeffrey Hatfield at: (619) 944-4289 or Jackie Robinson YMCA at: (619) 264-0144.

### ***FREE SMOKE ALARMS FOR D4 SENIORS***

**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 a free inspection by the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department 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 and to schedule a visit by San Diego Fire-Rescue volunteers, please call the San Diego Burn Institute at: (858) 541-2277 or online: [burninstitute.org](http://burninstitute.org).

### ***CLEANING UP OUR COMMUNITIES***

**Each year the City of San Diego’s Environmental Services Department conducts special community clean up 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 Aug. 6, this department, along with community volunteers Ms. Gail Read and Ms. Cathy Potter, conducted a community in the Emerald Hills area. This successful effort removed a total of 27.99 tons of waste consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. For more information, please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Christopher Penman at: (858) 492-6027.

On Aug. 10, the Environmental Services Department conducted a mini community cleanup in the South Bay Terraces area. This mini cleanup removed a total of 10.60 tons of waste from the neighborhood. For more information about this cleanup event, please call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Michael Flores at: (858) 627-3314.



### ***HEALTH HAPPENING***

**San Diego County Health & Resource Fair will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, 12 to 5 p.m. at the Salvation Army Kroc Center, 6753 University Ave.** The free event, sponsored by UDW, will offer free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, Zumba instruction, massages and kids activities. More information at: 1-800-621-5016.

### ***TV 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 51<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:alicebenjamin@hotmail.com)

### ***LAUGH IT UP AT 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. 41<sup>st</sup> 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 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, to volunteer to help with the event or to make a donation, please contact Meals4Hunger at: (800) 916-0954.

### ***EDUCATING ELDERS***

**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.

### ***YOUTH SUMMIT 1.0***

**Reach One Teach One will present "Life is a Competition" youth summit for kids 14 to 18 on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 8 a.m. at the Educational Cultural Complex, 4343 Ocean View Blvd.** Come with an open mind, positive attitude and be ready to network and learn how to compete in life. For more information, call Rama Harvey at: (619) 328-837 ([facebook.com/ROTOSD](https://www.facebook.com/ROTOSD)).

### ***FREE FIESTA***

**Come and celebrate Mexican Independence at Fiestas Patrias 2011 on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 12 to 6 p.m. at Market Creek Plaza, 310 Euclid Ave.** There will be live music, Mexican food and fun for the whole family. For more information about this free event, please call: (619) 527-6161.

### ***RAISING THE GOOD IN OUR COMMUNITIES***

**The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 48<sup>th</sup> 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 the Webster community of District 4. Presented by Cox Communications and TVOne, this year's Praise Fest will feature three live music stages, a food court, mentorship recruitment zone, health pavilion and free carnival rides for kids. For information on sponsorship and vendor opportunities, call: (858) 650-3190 or online: [sandiegopraisefest.com](http://sandiegopraisefest.com).



### ***HONORING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS***

**National Council of Negro Women will hold its 45<sup>th</sup> 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 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual King Day Parade on January 14, 2012. For more information about the application process and required essay, please call: (619) 263-6683.

### ***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](http://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 please call my office at: (619) 236-6644. We'll help find the nearest food pantries and meal distribution sites in your neighborhood.

### ***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) 236-6644.

### ***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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission, please call our offices at: (619) 236-6644.



## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS:**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>
Thursday September 8	O'Farrell Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	MLK Park & Rec Center 6401 Skyline Drive
Monday September 12	Southeastern Planning Committee (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41 <sup>st</sup> Street
Monday September 12	Jamacha Community Council (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran Church 7210 Lisbon Street
Tuesday September 13	Emerald Hills Neighborhood Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Johnson Elementary 1355 Kelton Road
Tuesday September 13	Knox Town Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Knox Elementary 1098 S. 49 <sup>th</sup> Street
Tuesday September 13	Eastern Area Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2755 55 <sup>th</sup> Street
Tuesday September 13	Skyline/Paradise Hill Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Recreation Center 6610 Potomac Street

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