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DISTRICT FOUR

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Event organizer Leonard Thompson, far right, joins Council President Young and other community leaders for taping of Cox Channel 4 show 'Shades of San Diego.'

San Diego Praise Fest Brings Community Together for Music & Family Fun

The annual Praise Fest is fast becoming an event many San Diegans are putting on their summer family must do list. This **free event** will take place on **Saturday, Sept. 17** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Webster community (on Federal between Euclid Avenue and 48th Street). Styled after a traditional street fair, San Diego Praise Fest provides the community with an opportunity to come together for fun, food, music, community information and much more.

Last year's event attracted more than 6,000 festival goers and organizers are hoping to attract 15,000 people to the upcoming event. Through the attraction of great gospel music, the Praise Fest plans to spread the word about resources on education and mentorships, healthy cooking and eating, and fitness and health awareness.

Praise Fest, presented by Cox Communications and TVOne, will feature an Open-Air Marketplace, three music stages with local and international talent, a Mentorship Recruitment Zone, Food Court, Health Pavilion and Kids Zone - complete with free carnival rides.

The theme of the San Diego Praise Fest is "Praising The Good Within Our Communities" and an awards ceremony will honor seven unsung heroes who make our communities better places to live. Vendors and volunteers are needed.

For information call: 858-650-3190 or online: sandiegopraisefest.com.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

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 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 smoke alarm offer, or to volunteer to work with teams from the San Diego Fire-Rescue to help seniors in our community, call the Burn Institute: (858) 541-2277 or online: burninstitute.org.

HOME ENERGY SAVINGS

The City of San Diego Home Energy Upgrade program provides eligible participants with free comprehensive energy retrofits of their homes. The goal is to conduct 2,000 residential energy efficiency upgrades in homes of mostly low and moderate-income residents, that will produce average home energy and cost savings of 15 to 20 percent. The free energy audit and upgrades (valued at approx. \$1,000), include attic insulation, extensive air sealing, air infiltration testing and mechanical ventilation. For information on the no cost home-energy makeovers being provided by the City in partnership with SDG&E, Environmental Health Coalition and California Center for Sustainable Energy, please call: (858) 244-1187, or online: EnergyUpgradeCA.org.

Council President Young joins District 4 residents Dale and Lena Kimmey and other local energy leaders at Aug. 31 home make-over event in Bay Terrace.



YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

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. 17, this department, along with community volunteers Ms. Ruth Acevdo and Mr. Estevan Xavier Barrios, conducted a mini community clean up in the Encanto area. This successful event removed a total of 12.34 tons of waste from the neighborhood. For information, please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Chris Penman at: (848) 492-6027.

ARTS & CULTURE WORKSHOPS

The City of San Diego Commission for Arts & Culture is convening fall workshops to provide proposal writing tips and information regarding funding applications for 2013 grants. "Intent to Apply" forms deadline is Sept. 30, and application preparation workshops will be held:

Monday, Sept. 12, 2 to 4 p.m.

City of San Diego Ridgehaven Training Facility
9601 Ridgehaven Court

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2 to 4 p.m.

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library
5148 Market Street

For information about the application process and required workshops, contact City of San Diego Commission for Arts & Culture at: (619) 236-6770, or online: VibrantCultureVibrantCity.com.

COMMUNITY FOOD FORUM

Project New Village is hosting a roundtable discussion on "Food Justice and Social Wellness" on Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 6 to 7 p.m. at 5106 Federal Blvd., Suite #103. This free public event will explore the connection between social wellness and the absence of healthy food choices in our neighborhoods. For more information, call Diane Moss at: (619) 262-2022.

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.

HEADLINE NEWS

San Diego City Council President Tony Young will be featured at the San Diego Press Club's "Morning Headliner" event on Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at KGTV Channel 10. He will update the audience on current and long-range city affairs as well as field questions from local journalists Katie Orr of KPBS Radio, Liam Dillon from voiceofsandiego.org and Craig Gustafson with the San Diego Union-Tribune. Continental breakfast will be served and the cost is free to members and \$10 for guests. RSVP by email: sdpressclub@cox.net, or call: (619)231-4340.

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).



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 information about this free event, please call: 619-527-6161.

GIVE KIDS A BOOST

Rady Children's Hospital will provide free booster seats to parents of children 5 to 8 who attend a southeastern San Diego elementary school on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Southeastern Division Police Department, 7222 Skyline Drive. For an appointment, call: (858) 576-1700, ext. 5096.

REVUE BENEFIT CONCERT

Fourth District Senior Resource Center proudly presents "A Vitality on Revue Benefit Concert on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the George Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street. A donation of \$15 is requested for an evening of great food, music and dancing showcasing San Diego's finest talent. For more information, call: (619) 266-2066.

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.

TRAINING FOR 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, contact Daniel Romero at: (619) 269-1684, ext. 217. Online applications available: sdbroadband.org/training.

FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET

The People's Produce Farmers Market is open Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m. at 606 Euclid Ave. in Chollas View. Local farmers offer a bounty of fresh produce, local artisans display handmade 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.



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.

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: 236-6644. We'll help you 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.

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

| Meeting Date | Community Meeting (District 4 Staff) | Meeting Time | Meeting Location |
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| Thursday September 8 | O'Farrell Town Council (Bruce Williams) | 6:00 p.m. | MLK Park & Rec Center 6401 Skyline Drive |
| Thursday September 8 | Oak Park Community Council (Jimmy Slack) | 7:00 p.m. | Oak Park Elementary 2606 54 th Street |
| Monday September 12 | Southeastern Planning Committee (Venus Molina) | 6:00 p.m. | Neighborhood House Association |
| 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 th Street |
| Tuesday September 13 | Eastern Area Planning Committee (Bruce Williams) | 7:00 p.m. | Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2755 55 th Street |
| Tuesday | Skyline/Paradise Hill Planning Commit- | 7:00 p.m. | Paradise Hills Recreation Center |

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