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DISTRICT FOUR

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4th Annual San Diego Praise Fest Takes Center Stage in Webster

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 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. Among the many performances scheduled are Lester Barrie, J. Pierre, Clay Davis, GLAAC, Stefanie Kelly, Sunday Night Heart, Georgina De La Mora, Blood Type G, iPraisem, Grace Covenant Church, Men 4 Christ, MLK Choir, Robynne French, Elvert Waltower Jr. and Nu Vizion. For a complete festival schedule or information on sponsorship and vendor opportunities, call: (858) 650-3190 or online: sandiegopraisefest.com.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Tuesday, September 13, the San Diego City Council allocated \$10.5 million in Proposition 42 funds for local street and road repairs and other improvements, and congestion relief efforts. Keeping the streets in good condition is one of the most fundamental jobs of city government. Slurry-sealing (a surface coating of asphalt) will be done on 20 streets in our communities. I am proud that this next phase of the city's ongoing paving program will benefit so many people in District 4.



Council President Tony Young, Fire Marshal Doug Perry and Burn Institute CEO Jim Floros commend District 4 resident Inez Aldridge for participating in a free smoke alarm program for older homeowners.

FREE SMOKE ALARMS FOR D4 SENIORS San Diego City Fire Department and the local 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, please call the Burn Institute at: (858) 541-2277 or online: burninstitute.org.

GIVE KIDS A BOOST

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



Upper left: State Superintendent of Public Education Tom Torlakson joins Council President Tony Young and thousands of students and parents at the New ERAA annual Back to School Conference, Rally & Festival for Education held at Lincoln High School in late August. The San Diego Press Club featured Council President Young and local news media at its September Headliner event hosted at KGTV.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, September 12, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to approve recommendations from the city auditor that could save more than \$700,000 in the City's take-home vehicle program by creating a more stringent review process of costs and reducing the number of vehicles used by nearly a third. Many of the audit committee's suggestions, including the use of less-expensive fuel cards, will be implemented early next year following negotiations with labor unions.

On Monday, September 13, the San Diego City Council tentatively approved a plan for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department to begin charging fees for false alarms. Under the proposal, fees would begin with the third false alarm, which would result in a \$110 assessment and increase with additional false alarms. Over the past three years, the City's fire department averaged 6,281 false alarms per year, resulting in 1,977 hours of effort at a cost of \$541,679.

On Tuesday, September 13, the San Diego City Council voted to accept an "Our Town" grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for \$150,000 to design an arts overlay for our 4th District's Village at Market Creek. Public artworks in open spaces and groomed walking trails are among the arts overlay projects proposed for the 60-acre Village at Market Creek, a community touchstone that is strongly committed to celebrating diverse cultures and bringing area residents together through arts-related events and activities.

On Tuesday, September 13, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved my request to secure \$731,000 in state funding from Caltrans for three planning projects, including the SR-94 Euclid to Market/Imperial Corridor Study. The Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), in partnership with the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, expects to begin the eight-month corridor study process early next year.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

BUYING YOUR FIRST HOME

A first time home buyer workshop will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 at 9 a.m. This workshop will provide you with vital information about the home buying process from credit ratings and loan applications to purchase contracts and closing costs. Cost is \$10. Reservations are required. Call Derrick Luckett at: (619) 825-9560.



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.

FREE RENTERS WORKSHOP

A free rental assistance workshop will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41st Street. Two sessions will be held (English 9-11 a.m. and Spanish 1 –3p.m.) to provide renters with their legal rights and offer general assistance on such issues as obtaining repairs, dealing with utility shut-offs, responding to eviction notices and getting your deposit returned. For more information or to RSVP, call NHA at: (619) 263-7761, ext. 139.

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, 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 information about the application process and required essay, call: (619) 263-6683.

WALK TO SCHOOL

Mark your calendar for International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 5. For information about this event that encourages safe passage for children who walk or bike to school call Safe Routes to School: (858) 576-1700 or online: walktoschool.org.

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.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Tuesday September 20	Webster Community Council	7:00 p.m.	Webster Elementary School 4801 Elm Street
Wednesday September 21	Mt. View Community Meeting (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Mt. View Park & Rec Center 641 S. Boundary Street
Wednesday September 21	Paradise Hills Village Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	St. Timothy Church 2602 Reo Drive
Thursday September 22	Alta Vista Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	Nye Elementary 921 S. Valencia Parkway
Thursday September 22	Broadway Heights Community Council	7:00 p.m.	6662 Tiffin Avenue
Monday September 26	Coalition of Neighborhood Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue
Monday September 26	Southeastern Planning Committee (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Assoc. 841 S. 41 st Street
Tuesday September 27	Chollas View Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Ave.
Wednesday September 28	Encanto Community/Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Encanto Recreation Center 6508 Wunderlin Drive

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