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DISTRICT FOUR

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Council President Young joined FilAm Fest volunteers Virgil Yalong, left, and J.R. Melchor at a community clean up event in preparation of this year's event.

CELEBRATE FILIPINO ARTS & CULTURE

The 7th Annual FilAm Fest is set for Saturday, Oct. 1 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Paradise

Valley Road (Woodman Street and Gilmartin Drive) in D4's Paradise Hills neighborhood. This free citywide event will feature two stages with various performances throughout the day, as well as ethnic cuisine, informational and commercial vendor booths, a children's play area and an art exhibit.



Please join us for a day of family fun and cultural celebration. For more information, call: (619) 621-8323, or online: filamfest.org.

WALK TO SCHOOL

Mark your calendar for International Walk to School

Day on Wednesday, Oct. 5. For more information about this event that encourages safe passage for children who walk or bike to school, call the local Safe Routes to School at: (858) 576-1700 ext. 7278 or online: walktoschool.org.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

GARDEN GROWS

People's Produce Project is hosting a ground breaking ceremony for its new Mt. Hope Community Garden on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 4 p.m., at 4261 Market. The garden is on SEDC property and made possible by funding from the City and County of San Diego, as well as donations by Neighborhood Unity Foundation and other community members.

HOUSING MAKEOVER

A Grand Re-Opening of Vista Grande Apartments will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 5391 Santa Margarita St. The newly remodeled 48-unit affordable housing project is partnership between the San Diego Housing Commission, SEDC and Wakeland Housing and Development Corp.

PRAISING LOCAL HEROES

Seven local community leaders received the "Unsung Hero Award" at the 4th Annual San Diego Praise Fest. Council President Young and Praise Fest organizer Leonard Thompson III congratulate winners: *Danny Gutierrez, Project Safe Way; Dajahn Blevins, Urban Warriors; Millie J. Wilkes, Webster Community Council; Milton Martin, Oak Park Elementary; N. Diane Moss, Project New Village; Sherehe Hollins and Hundred STRONG.*





Council President Young, Councilmember Sherri Lightner (left) and Cheli Mohamed, director of volunteer and community resources at San Diego Pride, were among the thousands of participants at the 2011 AIDS Walk & Run held in Balboa Park on Sept. 25.



Kearny High School's Construction Tech Academy is the next stop on Council President Young and Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher's seven-month Education Listening Tour. Join us on Sept. 29 at 3 p.m. to hear about what's working in our local schools.

FREE FINANCIAL PLANNING DAY

Join me and Mayor Sanders for the free San Diego Financial Planning Day on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Ave. Participants can meet one-on-one with dozens of professional financial planners to discuss personal finance questions, concerns and interests, as well as attend a series of classroom-style 50-minute educational workshops on topics ranging from budgeting, managing credit, getting out of debt, income taxes, homeownership, dealing with mortgage foreclosures, planning and paying for college, estate planning and insurance. For more information call toll-free at: (877) 861-7826 or online: financialplanningdays.org.

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.

FOOD EQUITY AWARD

Project New Village invites the community to its annual Fannie Lou Hamer Legacy Luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church Campus, 1744 Euclid Ave. In tribute to Ms. Hamer's legacy and leadership in civil rights and food justice, 2011 honorees are Dr. Nora Faine, Greg Knoll, Charles Robinson and the Matthews Family. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$250 per table of eight with guests enjoying tasteful, healthy season food, cultural expressions by local artists and a program about the People's Produce Project. For information, call: (619) 262-2022 or online: projectnewvillage.org.

SOUTHEASTERN X-FEST

The 1st annual Southeastern X-Fest will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Charles L. Lewis III Skate Park, 6610 Potomac Street. Sponsored by the San Diego Police Department (Southeastern Division's Juvenile Service Team), San Diego Parks and Recreation, San Diego City Attorney's Office and Off the Streets, this free event will showcase local high school dance teams, sports, activities, community resources and live music. Organizers hope to promote safety by exposing youth to safe, healthy and legal activities. For more information, call: (619) 527-3518.

POLICE REVIEW

The City of San Diego's Citizens' Review on Police Practices (CRB) is seeking San Diegans to serve a one-year term on this important board. Nominations are due by Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. The 23-member CRB is responsible for reviewing serious citizen complaints against San Diego police officers, officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths. It also oversees the administration of discipline in some officer disobedience cases, and makes policy and procedure recommendations to the Chief of Police. For information about the CRB and nomination requirements, visit the city's website at: sandiego.gov/citizensreviewboard. Nominees can provide a letter of interest and resume to Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices, 202 C Street, MS 9A, San Diego, CA 92101 or email: dscarborough@sandiego.gov.

SUPPORTING SOMALI FAMILIES

The Somali Family Service of San Diego is hosting its first-ever fundraising event "OceanLeaf Awards Celebration" on Wed., Oct. 19 from 6 to 8:45 p.m. at the Jacobs Center in Market Creek Plaza. The dinner event will honor six outstanding individuals and organizations that have advanced opportunities for African immigrants and refugees. Tickets are \$75 each. For more information, call the Somali Family Service of San Diego at: (619) 265-5821.

125TH BIRTHDAY BASH

Christian Fellowship Congregational Church of San Diego is hosting a 125th birthday party and everyone is invited to attend the weekend festivities on November 4 – 6 at 1601 Kelton Road. For more information about the activities or to be part of the commemorative souvenir program, call Inez Thomas at: (619) 582-8336 or online: christianfellowshipcc.org.

SENIOR CRAFT SALE

The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department's Senior Citizen Services is hosting a Fall Craft Sale on Nov. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. Admission is free to the public and senior crafters (50 years and older) can display and sell their homemade crafts for a table fee of \$15 - \$25. For information, call: (619) 236-6905.

LEGAL SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS

The Small Business Law Center (SBLC) is now accepting small business and non-profit clients seeking legal assistance that don't have the means to hire an attorney to advise them. Thomas Jefferson School of Law students work under the direct supervision of California licensed attorneys to provide legal assistance to community entrepreneurs, small businesses and non profits in such areas as: contract review and negotiation; copyright and trademark registrations; permitting and licensing; and copyright and trademark registrations. To determine if you are eligible for assistance, or you are an organization who wishes to be a referral source, please contact SBLC at: (619) 961-4382 or download the request for service forms at online: tjssl.edu/clinics.

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.



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

Just a reminder that this is the peak of the 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.

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. Vacancies are listed below:

Name	Duties
Planning	The Planning Commission conducts hearings on all special use permits, all re-zonings, all community plans, the General Plan, considers land use ordinances and such other improvements as Council may, by ordinance, determine.
Senior Affairs Advisory Board	Serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council on policy and issues relating to transportation, security at home, improved intergenerational interaction, meal delivery, housing, improved City-County cooperation, and other issues as determined by the Chair. Make recommendations for improving communications between seniors and City government; review City employment policies for seniors; perform studies and surveys as requested by the Mayor and Council; advise on relevant issues and formation of laws, policies, or procedures which may affect seniors; and report annually to the Mayor and Council on the "State of the Seniors" within the City of San Diego.
Parking Advisory	Advise the Mayor, City Council and City Manager on policy issues relating to parking. The Board shall convey community concerns, advise the City Manager regarding parking control implementations decisions, provide support and input to Community Parking District advisory boards when requested, and address other parking related policy matters.
Small Business Advisory Board	Develop a cooperative and supportive atmosphere on behalf of the small business community in its relationship with the City of San Diego. Act as an ombudsman to open a channel of communication between the City of San Diego and its relationship with small business owners on specific problems or requests for information and assistance. Initiate a review of procedural requirements and existing laws to determine if they are conducive to a small business owner seeking to do business with the City. Review private sector performance ability and recommend potential transfer of functions performed by City forces to private enterprise. Serve as an advocate of the small business community and advise the Mayor, City Council and City Manager on relevant issues, and formulation of laws, policies, or procedures which may affect the management, operation or financial stability of the small business owner. Schedule at least one widely publicized meeting each year, wherein members of the small business community shall be invited to participate in Advisory Board discussions. Report annually to the Mayor and City Council on the "State of Small Business."



COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Wednesday September 28	Encanto Community/Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Encanto Recreation Center 6508 Wunderlin Drive
Monday October 3	Greater Skyline Hills Town Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park Recreation Center 8282 Skyline Drive
Monday October 3	City Heights Area Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	San Diego Workforce Partnership 3910 University Avenue
Thursday October 6	Paradise Hills Recreational Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Recreation Center 6610 Potomac Street
Thursday October 6	Mount Hope Community Meeting (Diana Juardo-Sainz)	6:30 p.m.	Macedonia Baptist Church 625 Quail Street
Thursday October 6	Valencia Park Town Council/O'Farrell Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Valencia Park Elementary 5880 Skyline Drive
Thursday October 6	Oak Park Community Council (Jimmie Slack)	7:00 p.m.	Oak Park Elementary 2606 54 th Street

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