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Nov. 16, 2011 WEEKLY UPDATE

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RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, Nov. 14 -- for the first time in over a decade -- local small business owners, industry leaders, community members and jobs advocates participated in a Regulatory Relief workshop to tell the City Council how it can cut regulatory red tape to spur economic growth and encourage employee hiring.

Led by City Council President Tony Young and Councilmembers Lorie Zapf and Kevin Faulconer, the special evening meeting drew an audience of more than 100 and elicited dozens of recommendations for modifying City regulations and streamlining permitting processes. Specific suggestions presented at the public forum will be addressed in the upcoming months and year ahead by the Council and its Committees. For those unable to attend the meeting, please submit your ideas online at Twitter (@RegReliefSD), Facebook (Regulatory Relief San Diego), or email Council District 4 at: VictorB@san Diego.gov.



The City Council on Monday, Nov. 14 took several steps to streamline our local parks permitting processes. A key change was altering city code to clarify that the vast majority of park-use permits for fireworks shows and other big events are routine and therefore don't need review under the California Environmental Quality Act. The council also codified the way the City handles permit requests for large events at area parks during the peak summer season.

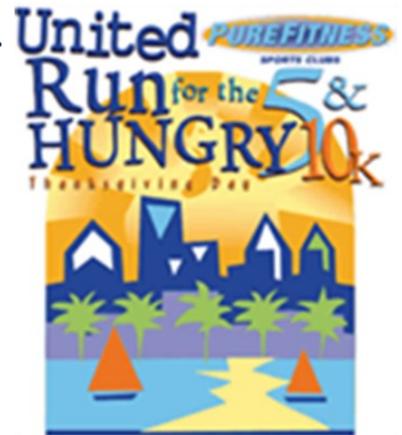
HOLIDAY MESSAGE:

Thanksgiving is the season for sharing and caring. Council President Young and the entire District 4 staff wish you and your family a blessed and safe holiday celebration. Join us for the final City Council meetings of the year to be held on Dec. 6 and 7 at City Hall. **Make a difference and give back to the local community. You can help hungry San Diego families by volunteering at the San Diego Food Bank.** If you are an individual, you can join a fun group project. If you are looking to sign up a large group, we can work with you to get everything set up. To help hundreds of families in need by processing and packaging food for distribution, please call to volunteer at: (858) 527-1416.



Get your running shoes ready and sign up for the 10th annual Thanksgiving Day United Run for the Hungry 5K & 10K, supporting the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank and the Jewish Family Service Foodmobile.

The run/walk starts and finishes at Petco Park with both courses running throughout the Gaslamp and East Village districts in downtown San Diego. The early start times (10K at 7:10 a.m. and the 5K at 8:15 a.m.) ensure that participants finish with plenty of time to return home for Thanksgiving dinner. For more information: sandiegofoodbank.org/events/united-run.



RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Tuesday, Nov. 15 the City Council confirmed the Mayor's appointments to the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention of new members, **including Pastor Archie Robinson of District 4's Valencia Park, Nicole Murray Ramirez and Dana Brown.**

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

THANKSGIVING TURKEY TROT

Help Father Joe's Village provide more than 1.7 million meals to needy and homeless San Diegans by participating in the **10th annual Father Joe's Thanksgiving Day 5K Turkey Trot**. You can help change the lives of your neighbors in need. Run or walk on a course winding through beautiful Balboa Park on Thursday, Nov. 24 at 8 a.m. Start and finish line at the San Diego Museum of Man in Balboa Park. For more information, call (619) 446-2100 or to register online: thanksgivingrun.org.

GRANT WORKSHOP

The City of San Diego's 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications are now available. The deadline for application submittal is Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. The City's CDBG program is designed to help revitalize neighborhoods and assist residents with life's basic necessities, including decent housing and expanded economic opportunities. The application form and important information about the process and description of the three available grant categories are available online: www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/apps/index.shtml. A hard copy of the application can be obtained by calling the CDBG Office at (619) 236-6476, or can be picked up at 1200 Third Ave., Suite 1400.

Applicants also are required to attend one **Mandatory Workshop Session** for each application category. Seven workshops will be offered from Nov. 16 to Dec. 1 at the CDBG Program Office downtown and the War Memorial Auditorium in Balboa Park. Space may be limited and reservations are suggested. RSVP via email to CDBG@sandiego.gov or by phone: (619) 236-6476.

BROADWAY HEIGHTS ANNUAL MEETING

Broadway Heights Community Council Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m., at San Miguel Elementary School, 7079 San Miguel Ave. A free multi-cultural dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by key note speakers and annual business meeting, including community plan updates. For information, please call BHCC President Robert Robinson at: (619) 993-7612, or visit online: broadwayheightscommunitycouncil.org.

YEAR OF PEOPLE FROM AFRICAN DESCENT

The Friends of San Diego Public Library Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch will host an observation of the 2011 International Year for People of African Descent on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the library's performing arts center, 5148 Market St. This is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate the diversity of our society and to honor the contributions that our fellow citizens of African descent make every day to the economic, social and political fabrics of our communities. The event will include a panel discussion with community dialog on the United Nation's declaration of the global commemorative year, which aims to strengthen international cooperation to benefit people of African Descent. Traditional storytelling, poetry, art, music, cuisine and commerce will be included in the free local event. For more information, call: (619) 796-1801.



BAY TERRACE BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Bay Terrace Community Association's annual clean-up and beautification day will be held Saturday, Nov. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Woodman Street between Alta View and Skyline Drives. Meet at the Ralph's parking lot center. Tools and other supplies (as well as water, juice and snacks) will be provided. For more information, call: (619) 251-6965.

BELL CANYON CLEANUP

Let's make Bell Canyon clean and safe for our children. Join us on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon for a walkthrough and cleanup of the canyon (north of Bell Middle School) hosted by San Diego Canyonlands. For more information, call Will Anderson at: (619) 518-6535 or find out more online: sdcanyonlands.org.

POLICE REVIEW

City of San Diego's Citizen Review Board on Police Practices will meet Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. For more information about the board, please call Lucy Pearson: (619) 276-6125.

EDUCATION LISTENING TOUR

The last stop of an eight-month Education Listening Tour with Council President Tony Young and Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher will be a special one-hour forum on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the SDCOE Joe Rindone Tech Center, 6401 Linda Vista Road. The education tour wrap-up event will start with a short hosted reception followed by a formal briefing and news conference. We've heard from hundreds of educators, parents, business leaders and community members just like you from across the region on a variety of hot-button topics, and at the top of the list was clearly how we as a city and state must recommit energy and resources to our children's education. Upon completing the eight-stop tour, key findings, challenges and solutions have emerged, and we want to share these with the many individuals, organizations and education officials who took part in our tour that rolled into schools from San Ysidro to Kearny Mesa to Rancho Penasquitos. Please RSVP by Nov. 28 to Council District 4 offices at: (619) 236-6646.

BRIGHT LIGHTS

The Philippine Lantern Festival will shine bright on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center Celebration Hall. Experience a Philippine Christmas with Merienda, Parol Contest and Workshops, Philippine dance and musical performances. For ticket prices and other information, call PASACAT at: (619) 477-3383 or online: pasacat.org.

FRIENDS OF BELL CANYON

Save the date for the Bell Canyon December Cleanup Event on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteer with other Southeast San Diego residents to make the local canyon a safe and enjoyable place for our children. Tools and gloves will be provided. Please bring your own drinking water, wear sun protection and sturdy, closed-toed shoes. For more information about this cleanup event, please contact San Diego Canyonlands at: (619) 518-6535.



EYE PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Pledge to help an Encanto Boys & Girls Club child with vision care. VSP Vision Care, the largest not-for-profit vision benefits and services company in the U.S., has launched an online Eye Pledge Campaign. For every person who visits the website (www.seemuchmore.com/eyepledge) and promises to take care of their own eyes, VSP will donate a comprehensive eye exam and, if needed, a new pair of prescription glasses to a member a local Boys & Girls Club. VSP has pledged to donate up to 50,000 vouchers for youth eye exams worth more than \$19 million to the 4,000 clubs across the country, including the 17 clubs in San Diego County. Let's support our local Encanto Boys & Girls Club. When pledging to take care of your vision, just fill in the **92114** ZIP code and a needy child in our club will receive an eye exam voucher. Thanks for supporting eye exams, and our Club kids can now see graduation in their future.

DIGITAL DIVIDE

The San Diego Broadband Initiative provides discounted laptops and desktops to those in need of a computer. Why? So we can bridge, what's known as, the "digital divide" or the gap between people who have access to the internet and those who don't. Low-cost computers, technical support, internet discount options, plus computer and internet trainings are also offered. For more information, please call: 1-855-800-7333 (SDFF) or visit our SDFF Community Technology Center located at 4305 University Avenue, Suite 130 in City Heights open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3p.m. To find out if you or someone you know qualifies visit online: www.sdbroadband.org. The San Diego Broadband Initiative is brought to you by San Diego Futures Foundation.

READY FOR COLLEGE

The Urban League of San Diego County is now enrolling students 11 to 17 who like technology, have plans for college or career, and want to make a difference in the community in its winter Project Ready Program. The program provides enhanced academic and social support to middle and high school students. For more information, contact Kea Hagan at (619) 266-6265, or complete the online student application: <http://fs16.formsite.com/ULSDC/form1/index.html>.

FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET

The People's Produce Farmers Market is open at its new location on Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m. at 4981 Market St. (just west of the Euclid Trolley Station). The outdoor marketplace features local farmers offering a bounty of fresh produce, local artisans displaying handmade crafts, and prepared food vendors showcasing their favorite recipes. The success of our neighborhood market depends on local support, so please check-out the healthy goods and produce. For more information or to learn more about workshops and booth opportunities call: (619) 262-2022, or visit: projectnewvillage.org.



RSVP

San Diego Police Department Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) traffic

division needs you. This volunteer group helps with traffic control at accident scenes, assists police with citing improperly parked vehicles and hit and run vehicle recoveries, among other duties. If you are over 50, reasonably healthy and fit, have a valid California driver's license and available for a minimum of three patrols and one training meeting a month, call Bob Stewart at: (858) 740-7351.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. There currently is an opening on the **Parking Advisory Board** that conveys community concerns, advises the Mayor, City Council and City Manager regarding parking control implementations decisions, provides support and input to Community Parking District advisory boards and addresses other parking related policy matters. If you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on the Parking Advisory Board, please call our offices at: (619) 236-6644.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Wednesday November 16	Mountain View Community Meeting (Diana Juardo Sainz)	6:00 p.m.	Mt. View Park 641 S. Boundary Street
Wednesday November 16	Paradise Hills Village Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	St. Timothy Church 2106 Reo Drive
Thursday November 17	Broadway Heights Annual Meeting (Lea Fields Bernard)	6:30 p.m.	San Miguel Elementary School 7079 San Miguel Avenue
Monday November 21	Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Malcolm X Library 5148 Market Street
Tuesday November 22	Chollas View Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue
Monday November 28	Coalition of Neighborhood Councils (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	Joe & Vi Jacobs Center 5160 Federal Blvd.
Monday November 28	Southeastern Planning Committee (Venus Molina)	7:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Assoc. 841 S. 41st Street
Thursday December 1	Mount Hope Community Meeting (Diana Juardo Sainz)	6:30 p.m.	Macedonia Baptist Church 625 Quail Street
Thursday December 1	Oak Park Community Council (Jimmie Slack)	7:00 p.m.	Oak Park Elementary 2606 54 th Street

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