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DISTRICT FOUR

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Education Listening Tour Wraps Up
San Diego Council President Tony Young and
Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher made the final
stop of their education listening tour on Nov. 30
at the San Diego County Office of Education.

Over the past seven months, they have visited schools from San Ysidro to Rancho Penasquitos, including our local Gompers Prep Academy and Crawford High, hearing from hundreds of educators, parents, business leaders and community members on how our schools can best



prepare San Diego students to compete in the changing global economy. While the Education Listening Tour has reached its end, the Council President has committed to working in the year ahead to explore moving ahead with some of what was learned. In particular, he's

focused on furthering a culture of education excellence in San Diego, as well as bringing more innovation into the classroom, bridging the digital divide, closing the achievement gap, promoting career technical education and achieving academic success for all K-12 students. He's suggesting the establishment of a local education foundation, review of the City Charter and City Hall's role in schools, and greater parent participation in reforming the education system.



Rebuilding Together San Diego Exec. Dir. Pamela Thorsch and Council President Young provide solar lights to local residents.

Bright Idea for Safe Neighborhoods

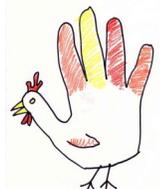
Council President Young joined San Diego City Councilmember Marti Emerald on Nov. 22 to launch the Safe Street Project in the Mt. Hope and Mountain View neighborhoods.

The councilmembers teamed up with San Diego Police, Rebuilding Together San Diego and volunteers from the International Brotherhood of Electricians to install residential solar lights on local streets that lack adequate lighting. Some 80 property owners signed up for the free solar lights with the goal of cutting crime and reducing accidents in our community.

Season for Sharing

Council President Young and his wife, Jacque, donated 25 Thanksgiving turkeys to members of The Grandparent's Connection, a local support group for people raising their grand children.

In these tough economic times, many grandparents and relatives raising younger family members need help with care giving expenses, resources and services. To find out how you can join, or provide donations to this valuable organization, please contact Grandparent's Connection organizer Shearl Lambert at: (619) 931-9548.



YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

AWARD WINNING SCHOOLS

Congratulations to Chollas-Mead Elementary School for winning the grand prize of \$1,000 during a month-long “Walk, Ride & Roll to School” challenge sponsored by the SANDAG School Pool. Neighboring school Knox Middle School came in 2nd with \$750 prize, and Horton Elementary got 3rd place receiving \$500. Parents, students, teachers and community officials will gather at school assemblies on Dec. 9 to celebrate accomplishments and encourage safe walking and biking to school.



HOLIDAY MUSIC

CCT Musical Theater presents the 19th Annual Traditions of Christmas Musical Spectacular.

The show runs Dec. 9 to 22 at the Lincoln Performing Arts Center, 4777 Imperial Ave. The musical journey of holiday traditions around the world includes numbers ranging from Rockette-style kick-line dancers to favorite ensembles like Feliz Navidad, Hanukkah and Melekalikimaka. More than 100 San Diego performers, a 25-piece orchestra band, live animals and a variety of dance, drama and color will come to the world-class arts center in District 4. For tickets or more information, call: (619) 588-0206 or online: traditions2011.com.



FOOTBALL CHAMPS

On Thanksgiving weekend youth and coaches from Southeast San Diego were in Las Vegas playing for the youth football National Championship. Congratulations to all participating 4th District teams, and particularly to the victorious Balboa Raiders and Skyline Tigers who both won top titles in competitions. Council President Young along with Leaders of Change would like to commend these youth athletes, coaches and parents for another season of excellence.

GIVING BACK

Make a difference and give back to the community this holiday season. 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. The average volunteer visit is three hours, and in that time you will help hundreds of families in need by processing and packaging food for distribution. For questions or to volunteer, call: (858) 527-1416.

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 the San Diego Canyonlands at: (619) 518-6535.

GRANT WORKSHOP

The City of San Diego's 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications are now available. The deadline for application submittal is Monday, 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.

BOOK THIS WINTER PARTY

Join the winter holiday festivities at Paradise Hills Library on Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and enjoy cookies, egg nog and a musical concert with the ever-popular Raggle Taggle. Come celebrate the holiday with our book-loving community at the local library, 7922 Rancho Hills Drive. For more on seasonal reading events and the upcoming holiday party, please call: (619) 527-3461.

YMCA ANNOUNCES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now being accepted through Jan. 31 for the 16th Annual Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Scholarship Awards for high school seniors. The scholarships are given to local students to support and encourage their pursuit of higher education in an effort to create avenues of opportunity for academic, social and career success. Ten scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded to graduating high school seniors from Alta Vista, Barrio Logan, Bay Terraces, Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Encanto, Gateway, Golden Hill, Grant Hill, Jamacha-Lomita, Lincoln Park, Logan Heights, Memorial, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Oak Park, Paradise Hills, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, Skyline, Southcrest, Stockton, Valencia Park and Webster. For information, call the Jackie Robinson YMCA's Megan Blanek at: (619) 264-0144. Applications also are available onsite at 151 YMCA Way, or online at: www.jackierobinson.ymca.org/events/tribute-scholarship.html.



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 (SDFP), or visit our SDFP 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>.

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, please call Bob Stewart at: (858) 740-7351.

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.

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 want to be a referral source, please contact SBLC at: (619) 961-4382, or download the request for service forms at online: tjssl.edu/clinics.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
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
Monday December 5	Greater Skyline Hills Town Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park Rec Center 8282 Skyline Drive
Monday December 5	City Heights Area Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	San Diego Workforce Partnership 3910 University Ave.

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