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DISTRICT FOUR

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Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, Dec. 12 San Diego City Council President Tony Young announced 2012 committee and commission appointments as well as the creation of a new standing committee of the Council that will focus on creating jobs and improving the economy. The

Economic Development and Strategies Committee, to be chaired by Councilmember Sherri Lightner and vice-chaired by Councilmember Lorie Zapf, will be studying the state of the local economy and developing action plans to retain, attract and grow businesses, and promote prosperity for all San Diegans. According to the Council President, job growth and economic development go hand-in-hand with other core quality-of-life issues, including education and affordable housing.



The San Diego City Council will be on winter Legislative Recess until January 9, 2012.

DIAMOND BUSINESS MIXER

The newly formed Diamond Business Association held its first Meet-N-Greet mixed in early December at the



Center for Community and Cultural Arts at the Jacobs Center. Sponsored by Market Creek Events & Venues and Fleix BBQ with Soul, more than a hundred guests enjoyed a local

art exhibit and community relationship building. For more information about the Diamond Business Association and upcoming events, please call (619) 952-1479.



YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

BRIGHT LIGHTS IN DISTRICT 4

A mile-long stretch in Encanto just got a whole lot brighter thanks to the installation of 20 new streetlights on Imperial Avenue between 61st and 69th streets. The City of San Diego's Engineering & Capital Projects Department recently completed the estimated \$285,000 improvement project that enhances visibility and improves neighborhood safety. Funding was provided by the Southeastern Economic Development Corp. and TransNet. Another lighting project nearing completion is the \$600,000 Market Street Median & Lighting Improvement Project in the Mt. Hope neighborhood of District 4.



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The City of San Diego's Environmental Service Department is pleased to announce that this year's Christmas Tree Recycling Program will begin on Dec. 26 and run through Jan. 23. This program supplements the Curbside Greenery Collection Program by providing a Christmas Tree recycling drop off option at various locations throughout the city including libraries and park and recreation centers. Two local drop spots are at Cielo Drive and Woodman Street in Encanto; and at Chollas Lake in Gloria's Mesa parking lot (6350 College Grove Dr.). For information call: 858-492-5016 or visit: sandiego.gov/environmental-

HOLIDAY MUSICAL TROLLEY

The MTS Orange Line's fifth annual Holiday Entertainment Series is rolling through Dec. 24 at the 62nd and Encanto Trolley Stations. This annual

musical event -- spearheaded by Council President Tony Young and made possible through funding from the City of San Diego's Commission for Arts & Culture -- will make the season jolly and bright for trolley riders and community members alike with morning and afternoon performances at the two District 4 trolley stations. Hop on board the trolley or stop by the station to enjoy these holiday musical treats by local performers:



Date	Performer	Location & Time
Thurs 12/15	Rodney Hutsona	6:30-8:30 a.m. Euclid Avenue
Sat 12/17	Reggie Smith	10 a.m.-Noon Euclid Avenue
Mon 12/19	Lenny Rankins	6:30-8:30 a.m. 62 nd Street Station
	Sandra Foster-King and Dancers	4:30-6:30 p.m. Euclid Avenue
Wed 12/21	Lenny Rankins	6:30-8:30 a.m. 62 nd Street Station
	Sandra Foster-King and Dancers	4:30-6:30 p.m. Euclid Avenue
Sat 12/24	Reggie Smith	10 a.m.-Noon Euclid Avenue

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Shop and support local vendors this holiday season. Every Friday in December from 2 to 6 p.m., the Holiday Bazaar at the People's Produce Farmers Market will feature fresh produce and flowers, holiday cards, gift items, prepared foods and farmers market gift certificates. Local florist Leararina will host a Kid's Zone where children can make customized gifts for just \$5. Free gift wrapping and complimentary warm beverages also are available, and a drawing for a holiday gift will be held for customers every week. The market is located at 4981 Market Street (just west of the Euclid Trolley Station). EBT is accepted and many vendors accept credit cards. For information about volunteering or vending opportunities, please contact: [619-262-2022](tel:619-262-2022) or info@projectnewvillage.org



RADIO CANYON REPLANTING

A call for help is coming from a local non-profit organization planning to clear non-native species and replant 3,000 native plants in Southeastern San Diego's Radio Canyon on Saturday, Jan. 28. Located at Market Street just east of Euclid Avenue, a restored Radio Canyon will provide valuable open space and passive recreation for thousands of Encanto families. Groundwork San Diego was invited by the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department Open Space Division to help revive Radio Canyon. Funding is being provided by a grant from SANDAG Transnet. For more information or to volunteer in the planting effort, please contact: Leslie@groundworksandiego.org or call: (619) 543 0430.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP

Each year the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department conducts special community cleanup 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 Dec. 10, this department, along with Ms. Maxine Williamson, conducted a community cleanup in the Mountain View area. This cleanup removed a total of 9.31 tons of waste (8.23 tons of non-recyclables and 1.08 tons of recyclables consisting of metals and appliances) from the neighborhood. Community participation was much lower than anticipated. We will work with the community to increase participation in future cleanups. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Beth Riley at (858) 573-1260 if there are any questions or concerns regarding this cleanup event.

HOLIDAY MUSIC

CCT Musical Theater presents the 19th Annual "Traditions of Christmas – A Musical Spectacular." The show runs through Dec. 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 D4. For tickets or more information, please call: (619) 588-0206 or online: traditions2011.com.

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 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.

GIFTS FOR GUNS

The annual Gifts for Guns exchange program where individuals can bring in an operable firearm and receive a gift card in exchange (no questions asked) will be held Monday, Dec. 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at UAAMAC Building, 4981 Market Street. The community based gun exchange program is sponsored by the United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) in partnership with the 4th City Council District; San Diego Police Department, Southeastern Division; San Diego County District Attorney Office; San Diego County Sheriff Department; San Diego Police Officers Association and Seau Foundation. For more information or to assist with donations, contact UAAMAC's Robert Robinson or Gerald Brown at: (619) 264-1213.



SUPER SONIC SAMBA SCHOOL

Super Sonic Samba School organized by Skyline-Paradise Hills community member Wayne English, is seeking students for classes in the New Year. The group practices at the Centro Cultural de la Raza every Sunday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and at the World Beat Center in Balboa Park on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. For more information, contact Wayne at: (619) 267-6356.

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 Blank 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 (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>.

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.

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: tjsl.edu/clinics.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Wednesday December 21	Mountain View Community Meeting (Diana Juardo-Sainz)	6:30 p.m.	Macedonia Baptist Church 625 Quail
Thursday December 22	Skyline Hills Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Rec Center 8285 Skyline Drive

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