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 DISTRICT FOUR

FEBRUARY 1, 2012 WEEKLY UPDATE

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YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

HEAVY METAL AWARD

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) presented a national award to San Diego Council President Young, Councilmember David Alvarez and other members of San Diego’s Lead Poisoning Prevention Citizen’s Advisory Task Force for helping to control the heavy metal in local homes. Task force partners include Environmental Health Coalition, Lead Safe Neighborhoods Program, City of San Diego Lead Safe San Diego Program, San Diego Housing Commission and Western Center on Law & Poverty. The partnership has received more than \$18 million in funding to educate residents, train and certify area workers in lead remediation, and has made more than 1,000 San Diego homes lead-safe.

CASH FOR COLLEGE

A scholarship workshop for high school students and parents will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at Hoover High School, 4474 El Cajon Blvd. For more information about the event and helpful financial information needed to determine eligibility for college cash, call the high school counseling office: (619) 462-7878.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, Jan. 30 the San Diego City Council voted to place the Comprehensive Pension Reform initiative on the June 5 ballot. If approved by voters later this year, the initiative would freeze base pay for current city employees for five years and replace guaranteed pensions with 401k accounts for most new hires, excluding police officers.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31 the San Diego City Council, acting as the redevelopment agency, voted to have the newly created “Successor Agency” for Redevelopment continue \$6.5 billion in projects formerly managed by redevelopment agencies. Obligations include continuing bond and debt payments, paying consultants and moving forward with a long list of current and future projects such as revitalization efforts underway by Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) for many District 4 neighborhoods.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved Council President Tony Young’s request for \$15,000 to fund the Food 4 Kids Backpack program in District 4 elementary schools. The program, operated by the Jacobs & Cushman Food Bank, provides food to chronically hungry students from low-income households who are at risk of hunger over the weekend when free school meals are unavailable.



SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

We wanted to let you know about an amazing opportunity for small business owners in San Diego. The City of San Diego has developed a free Small Business Development Pilot Program designed to help you better position your business to pursue, bid on, and be awarded a contract with the City.

If you are a local small business vendor, or goods and service provider interested in doing business with the City of San Diego, and want to learn more about the products and services the City purchases, then this program is for you. The program will help you:

- Assess your bidding and contracting readiness level
- Identify growth opportunities to better position you as a potential bidder
- Understand the benefits of the City's Small Local Business Enterprise Program
- Identify technical assistance and training specifically tailored to your needs
- Get certified as a Small Local Business Enterprise to receive bid discounts or preference points when bidding on contracts
- Network with procurement staff who are responsible for purchasing the types of products or services that your company can provide

If you are interested, fill out and submit the form at: surveymonkey.com/s/KH6V8XP.

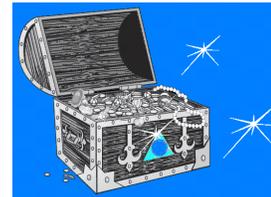
To find out more about the types of goods and services the City buys, visit our website: sandiego.gov/bids-contracts/cat_definitions.shtml.

O'FARRELL FUNDRAISING GALA

Please join Hands United for Children on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. to help provide much needed support to O'Farrell Community School's new high school campus and to build a preschool in Burkina Faso, West Africa. For information go online: handsunited4children.org or please call: (858) 876-7815.

DAZZLING EVENT HONORS COMMUNITY TREASURES

The 4th District Seniors Resource Center is hosting Gems & Jewels – a dazzling evening to honor community treasures on Friday, Feb. 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the George L. Stevens Senior Center, 570 South 65th Street. For ticket and sponsorship information, please call (619) 266-2066 or online at: fdsrc.org.



PASSPORT TO COLLEGE

The Afrikan Student Union will host its annual High School Conference to encourage local students to attend and graduate college on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at SDSU's The Arc. The day-long event "Passports to Our Futures" will feature free workshops, food, entertainment and talent show. Parents and chaperones also are welcome to participate. Online registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 3 at: asuatsdsu.weebly.com.

BLACK COVENANT

The 20th Annual San Diego Kuumba Fest will be held Feb. 24-27 at the San Diego Repertory Theatre at Horton Plaza in downtown. For more information about the many events and activities being held during the three-day festival honoring Black History Month, please visit the website at: sdukuumbafest.com.



HOMWORK HELP

The Neighborhood House Association Homework Center will host an open house on Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 841 S. 41st Street. Parents, students, teachers and community members are invited to attend this event to learn more about the free Homework Center and its many programs and services that help area youth improve test scores and earn better grades. For information or to RSVP for the upcoming event, please call: (858) 244-8210 or online: neighborhoodhouse.org.

FAMILY FUN RUN

The 1st annual Urban 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held Saturday, March 3 in Southeastern San Diego. This family-oriented event will be used to support the American Cancer Society, Mama's kitchen, ARC of San Diego, Meals for Hunger. In addition to helping these nonprofit organizations, this family 5K run/walk event is designed to positively affect the awareness of health and well-being of all our communities by educating and heightening healthy eating and healthy lifestyles of ourselves, our families, friends and neighbors. The 5K starts at Chollas Lake and finishes at the Jacobs Center, 415 Euclid Ave. For more information, go online at: sd5kurbanwalk-run.org, or please contact the race administrator: bpollard@peoplesolutions-sd.com or (619) 392-0203.

MLK BLASTERS ON THE RUN

The MLK Blasters, a nonprofit youth track and field team based at Morse High School, is gearing up to compete at the 2012 USA Track & Field National Youth Indoor Track & Field Championships on March 10-12 at Illinois State University. The 24-year-old program offers healthy, positive alternatives for local student-athletes, who must maintain good academic and citizenship grades to participate. The MLK Blasters are seeking donations to sponsor youth participation and underwrite costs of competing at the national event. For more information about the track and field club, and ways to help, call Coach Mark Blackshear: (619) 206-2438 or visit the group's website: mlkblasters.org.



LANDSCAPE CONTEST

April 6 is the deadline to enter the California-Friendly Landscape Contest sponsored by The City of San Diego Water Conservation Program along with other local water agencies. The contest is designed to recognize homeowners who have landscaped with water conserving plants and technologies, and raise general public awareness of the need to save water. For information, including eligibility requirements and application procedures, visit the website: landscapecontest.com.

SUPERHEROES FOR YOUTH

The 12th Annual STAR/PAL Superheroes for Youth Celebrity Waiter luncheon will be held on Friday, May 4 at the Jacobs Center. All proceeds from this popular event benefit youth programs in underserved and inner-city neighborhoods. For sponsorships and ticket information, contact Natalie Bradely at: (619)531-2559 or email: nbradley@starpal.org.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Thursday February 2	Paradise Hills Recreation (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Rec Center 6610 Potomac Street
Thursday February 2	Mt. Hope Community Meeting (Diana Juardo-Sainz)	6:30 p.m.	Macedonia Baptist Church 625 Quail Street
Thursday February 2	Oak Park Community Council (Jimmie Slack)	7:00 p.m.	Oak Park Elementary School 2606 54 th Street
Monday February 6	Greater Skyline Hills Town Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive
Monday February 6	City Heights Area Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Workforce Partnership 3910 University Avenue
Thursday February 9	Valencia Park Town Council/ O'Farrell Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	Valencia Park Elementary 5880 Skyline Drive
Thursday February 9	Rolando Park Community Council (Jill Esterbrooks)	7:00 p.m.	Rolando Elementary School 6620 Marlowe Drive

IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS:

Non-Emergency Police

San Diego Police Department
619-531-2000

Graffiti Removal

Graffiti Control Hotline
619-525-8522

Street Light Repair

Transportation Department
619-527-8000

Missed Trash Pick Up

Environmental Services
858-694-7000

Pot Holes

Streets Division
619-527-7500

Abandoned Trash/Debris

Environmental Services
858-694-7000

Dead Animal Pick Up

Environmental Services (streets, alley, sidewalks)
858-694-7000
Cal Trans (freeways and off- ramps)
619-688-6670

Abandoned Shopping Carts

Environmental Services
858-694-7000

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