



Office of
Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young
District four
JUNE 6, 2007 Weekly Update



Don't drink and drive — BE SAFE!

City Council Actions:

On Monday June 4, we approved regulations which prohibit ‘Superstores.’ These stores are larger than 90,000 square feet and can be the size of 6-9 football fields. This decision was no different than the decisions the Council makes on a regular basis regarding land use matters. For some reason media outlets were saying the Council was voting to ban Wal-Mart stores. This can not be further from the truth. We made a land use decision that prohibit ‘superstores’ from being built in communities and destroying the quality of life of community residents through massive removal of homes to clear the land for building, tremendous traffic congestion, and various other community problems associated with huge commercial developments that do not fit the community. Wal-Mart, Target, and other large stores that are not “superstores” will still be a viable and valuable part of our communities. I have had talks with Wal-Mart representatives and they will be joining me in looking at possible sites in the 4th District to open a store.

The Council unanimously approved over \$4 million to pave various streets throughout the city. I am pleased that we are continuing our efforts to improve the condition of our streets. Communities in all Council Districts will have various streets paved with this funding. Additional funds for street improvement contracts will be coming before the Council for our approval throughout the year.



You May Want to Know:

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Board would like to invite the youth of the community to participate in the “Day in the Fourth” which will be held on June 9, 2007 at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The “Day in the Fourth” is a community festival event being coordinated by youth for the youth of our community. It is a day to build peace and unity; and to show the diversity of talents that youth of this community possess. Special guest “Tommy the Clown” will be the featured performer. I look forward to seeing all of you and your children and families at this exciting event. For more information please contact Derrick White of my staff at (619)236-6644.

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.

- **Wednesday, June 6, 2007, a community cleanup and recycling event will be held in the 4th District community of Valencia Park. Please separate waste and metals and place at point of regular trash collection by 8:00 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, June 13, 2007, a community clean-up and recycling event will be held in the 4th District community of Encanto. Please separate waste and metals and place at point of regular trash collection by 8:00 a.m.**

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers and city staff that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Please contact Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 for cleanup event information.

Morse High School Community Festival Saturday, June 16, 2007 9AM-5 PM Morse High School Football Field 6905 Skyline Dr., San Diego, CA 92114. This is a fundraiser for the football turf and all weather track and field, donations at the gate will be gladly accepted.

Hats Off to Older Americans. “A Juneteenth Day Celebration and Resource Fair”. **Tuesday, June 19, 2007. This event honoring our elders 90 years plus will be held at the George L. Stevens Senior Community Center 570 South 65th Street (off Skyline Drive) San Diego, CA 92114 For additional information call (619) 266-2066.** This event will showcase Blood Pressure Checks and Health Screenings as well as Information and Resource Table Displays, Black History Exhibit, Raffle and Prizes, Great Music along with a Hat Contest.

Webster Community Heights Summer Fest 2007. Scheduled for Saturday June 9, 2007, on Euclid and Federal Boulevard toward 49th Street at 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Webster Community Heights Summer Fest is a food and music festival that showcases the cultural diversity of the Webster community featuring entertainment from, Mexico Brazil, Africa, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. (Reggae, Jazz, Blues, Salsa, Samba, Norteno, Gospel and R&B. For additional information call Patrick De Shields at (619) 847-3611



Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District. On May 19, 2007, this department, along with Community volunteer John Stewart, conducted a community cleanup in the Emerald Hills area. This successful cleanup removed a total of 39.60 tons of waste (29.70 tons of non-recyclables and 9.90 tons of recyclables consisting of metals and appliances) from the neighborhood. Mr. Stewart and the Johnson Elementary School staff are to be commended for their assistance and support. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Christopher Penman at (858) 492-6027 if there are any questions regarding this cleanup event.

The California Optometric Association is providing free comprehensive eye exams and eye glasses for qualified patients. To qualify: there must be at least one adult in the household that is employed at least part-time; the person(s) seeking an eye exam must have no public or private insurance that covers eye care; applicants must not have had an eye exam in the past 2 years; and applicants must be low-income and unable to pay for eye care. To apply, receive an application in English or Spanish on-line (www.californiavision.org) or call to request one by fax or mail. Qualified applicants are matched to an optometrist, and will receive a letter with the name, address and telephone number of the optometrist that they can call to schedule an appointment. For additional information please call Sean South, Sr. Health Community and Regulatory Advocate at (916) 441-3990 (800) 877-5738 Fax: (916) 448-1423

The Broadway Heights Community Council needs your help! The Council is hosting a 16 day Civil Rights tour for youth and mentors from the 4th District. The Youth Leadership Team will get firsthand information of the civil rights movement, American history, via visits to the White House, Congress, MLK Center in Atlanta, Lorraine Motel Civil Rights Museum in Memphis (where Dr. King was murdered), and the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Montgomery, Alabama (site of the famous march from Selma to Montgomery by Dr. King in 1965). This life experience for our 4th District youth will begin in July of 2007. Please call (619) 993-7612 for information on how you can contribute to this highly commendable effort by the Broadway Heights Community Council. Your help in this effort is greatly appreciated.

The 3rd Annual Filipino-American Arts and Culture Festival will be held on Paradise Valley Road on October 6, 2007. This event will showcase the great diversity that is found in our wonderful District through cultural performances, educational booths, ethnic foods and art displays. In order to ensure a successful event, the Filipino-American Arts and Culture Committee is now currently in the planning stage and would like to extend the invitation to any interested members of the community who would like to help plan and organize for this grand festival. This would be a great opportunity to meet new neighbors in the Fourth District and to bring the community together for a day of fun. If interested, please contact Liezl Mangonon from my staff for more information at 619-236-6644.



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Community Council Meetings:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

- George Bernard Shaw

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

- **The Mount Hope Community Council** will meet on Thursday June 7, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Macedonia Baptist Church, 625 Quail Street (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)
- **The Oak Park Community Council will** meet on Thursday June 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Oak Park School, 2606 54th Street (Jimmie Slack staffs this meeting)
- **Paradise Hills Recreation Council** will meet on Thursday June 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Penn Athletic Field, 6610 Potomac Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)
- **Valencia Park Town Council** will meet on Thursday June 7, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Valencia Park Elementary School, 5880 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)
- **The Grand Mother's Connection meets every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at Tubman/Chavez Center, 415 North Euclid.** This exemplary group of 4th District grand mothers provides support and assistance to grandparents or relatives who are raising children under the age of 18. We all know how unfortunate it is when a child has to be raised by his/her grandparent or a relative. I commend and congratulate this group of grandmothers who are doing what they can to raise their children's children and assist others who are experiencing the same. Any assistance or resources you can provide to them will be very helpful. Thank you for your help and support. For additional information, please contact Sheryl Lambert at (619) 931-9548.



Boards & Commissions:

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve.

You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions.

Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

Save this Date:

Saturday, June 23, 2007 for the Soul of San Diego Gospel Fest and Juneteenth Celebration at Market Street Plaza. Call (619) 527-1246 for more information.

Thank You.....

for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov.

