



Office of
Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young
District four
July 10, 2007 Weekly Update



L-R: Derrick Howard, Alice Wynn and Diane Moss, 2007 Co-Chairs for the Southeastern San Diego Relay for Life join Councilman Young as he proudly proclaims, "American Cancer Society—Relay for Life, Southeastern San Diego Day" in San Diego.

City Council Actions:

On Tuesday July 17, my fellow Council members unanimously supported recommendations to the Human Relations Commission which included Lorraine Johnson of the 4th District. I commend and thank Ms. Johnson and the Commissioners for their willingness to volunteer their time and effort to help ensure our city and communities respect the rights of all citizens, provide fair and equitable treatment, and promote peace and harmony among all citizens.

On Tuesday July 17, the Council unanimously approved my resolution to declare American Cancer Society Relay For Life-Southeastern San Diego Day in San Diego. Millions of Americans are suffering and dying from Cancer each year. This horrible disease is now taking a very serious toll among African Americans and Hispanics. I commended and congratulated the American Cancer Society for having their annual event to raise awareness about Cancer, for the first time in history, in the Southeastern community of San Diego.

You May Want to Know:

On the 21st and 22nd of July from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day, the American Cancer Society is hosting the Relay for Life at the Jackie Robinson YMCA. This 24 hour event helps raise awareness about Cancer and ultimately finding a cure for cancer. Unfortunately there are very few of us who do not know of someone who has Cancer or has a relative or friend that has contracted this terrible disease. I ask you to support this worthwhile event being held in our Southeastern community for the first time, by contacting Diane Moss at (619) 262-2022, Alice Wynn or Derrick Howard at (619) 804-2465 and volunteering your time and effort in Relay for Life. I commend the American Cancer Society, Jackie Robinson YMCA and the many organizations and volunteers for their outstanding efforts to heighten Cancer awareness, prevention, and a cure for Cancer.

On Saturday, July 21, 2007 the Reverend Clyde Gaines and his beautiful wife Barbara Gaines will be celebrating 50 years of marriage. They will also be reaffirming their marriage vows in a joyful and blessed ceremony. I commend and congratulate them on their golden wedding anniversary and thank them both for the outstanding example they have set for the church community and families throughout San Diego.

On Sunday, July 22, 2007 Reverend Willie E. Manly will be honored by the church he has pastored for 34 years, Greater Life Baptist Church, and community members from throughout San Diego. The church and the community are very thankful for the over 49 years of spiritual guidance and leadership Pastor Manly has provided. This much deserved appreciation service will be held at 4:00 p.m. at Bayview Baptist Church, 6134 Benson Avenue. I commend and thank Reverend Manly for over 49 years of helping improve the spiritual and community quality of life in San Diego.

On Saturday, July 21, 2007 the NAACP, San Diego Chapter will be hosting its “Annual Membership Breakfast” at 8:00 a.m. at Hometown Buffet, 5881 University Avenue. Unfortunately, people of color in this nation and in our cities continue to face acts of racism and discrimination. Your support of the oldest civil rights organization in the nation is needed to help improve our communities and make them a place where people can live, work, play, and worship in peace and harmony.

On Tuesday, July 24, 2007 the City Charter Review Committee will be hosting a “Public Input Forum on Charter Reform” at 6:00 p.m. in Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. This Commission is charged with making recommendations to the Mayor and Council on suggested changes to the City Charter. Changing the City Charter is a very serious undertaking and requires as much public input as possible. I encourage you to come to this important forum in the 4th District and voice your thoughts on changing the City’s charter.



The Chollas Lake Park Summer Day Camp Program continues through August 31, 2007. Activities for the program include archery, games, arts and craft, nature walks, fishing, canoeing and field trips. The hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Chollas Lake Recreation Council is to be commended for their outstanding efforts to ensure summer is safe and fun for our youth. Please contact the Camp Director at (619) 427-2262 for information on signing your child up for Summer Day Camp at the 4th District's scenic Chollas Lake.

The Charles L. Lewis III Foundation has some exciting summer programs for our youth. Writing workshops which help youth to develop creative writing skills, book writing skills, and personal life experience writing will begin in July. The innovative "Camp Charles" mentorship program for young males between the ages of 7-15 will begin in August. Please call (619) 434-3454 for additional information on how your youth can participate in these and other programs offered by the Foundation.

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District. Clean-ups along Chollas Creek are held the 4th Saturday of each month, beginning at 9:30 a.m. I commend, thank and congratulate Bill Babcock, Sierra Club Canyon Campaign and the many community volunteers and city staff that assist in this effort. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort, which we all must continue to be involved in.

On Wednesday, July 25, 2007 a mini-community cleanup and recycling event will be held in the community of Valencia Park. Please contact Chris Penman at (858) 492-6027 for additional information on when and where to place your waste and recyclables for pick-up.

On Saturday, July 28, 2007 a mini-community cleanup and recycling event will be held in the community of Paradise Hills. Please contact Michael Flores at (858) 627-3314 for additional information on when and where to place your waste and recyclables for pick-up.

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 (800) 877-5738 to request one. 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 (916) 441-3990



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:

- **Webster Community Council** will meet on Tuesday July 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Webster Elementary School , 4801 Elm street (Derrick White staffs this meeting)
- **The Diamond Business Improvement District** will meet on Wednesday July 18, 2007 at 8:00 a.m., Tubman Chavez Center, 415 Euclid Avenue (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)
- **Mountain View Community Council** will meet on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Mountain View Rec. Center, 551 S. 40th Street (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)
- **Paradise Hills Village Council** will meet on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., St. Timothy Church, 2602 Reo Drive (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)
- **Lomita Village Town Council** will meet on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Skyline Park Rec. Center, 8285 Skyline Drive (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)
- **Martin Luther King Recreation Council** will meet on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 12:00 p.m., MLK Rec. Center, 6401 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)
- **Coalition of Neighborhood Councils** will meet on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Jacobs Center, 5160 Federal Blvd. (Jimmie Slack 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:

1st Annual Imperialfest hosted by the Imperialfest Association will be held on August 4, 2007. This free event for children youth and families will be held on Imperial Avenue between Woodman and 68th Street from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please contact Kathleen Harmon at (619) 264-3503 for additional information.

Back to School Conference, Walk, and Festival hosted by New ERAA, Pazzaz, CPIE and the offices of Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young, and San Diego School Board Vice President Sheila Jackson on Saturday, August 25, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please contact Derrick White at 236-6644 for information about this wonderful event for our youth and families.

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.

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.

