



OFFICE OF  
**COUNCILMAN ANTHONY YOUNG**  
**CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**  
**DISTRICT FOUR**

**MARCH 12, 2008 WEEKLY UPDATE**



*Councilman Young declares "Consumer Fraud Week" in the City of San Diego and presents the resolution to Eva Casey of the Better Business Bureau of San Diego and Tricia Pummill with the District Attorney's office.*

## COUNCIL ACTIONS:

**On Monday, March 10, 2008 the San Diego City Council approved the City's General Plan. The General Plan is a strategy and policy guide to manage the current and future growth of the City and helps ensure the quality of life of residents in our neighborhoods and communities is enhanced through intelligent developments and employment that provides for self sufficiency. The most controversial aspect of the general plan was the disagreement between employers and the groups and organizations that advocate for self sufficient wages for employees. I commend and thank Council President Scott Peters for joining with me in working out compromise language for the General Plan that ended the controversy and was approved by the Council. I thank my fellow Council members for supporting our recommendations.**



**Development of the General Plan was a (5) year process and over 250 meetings were held with community groups throughout the city to receive their input and recommendations. This was the first comprehensive update of the General Plan in (29) years and it will help guide the growth and development of San Diego for the next (20) years.**

**On Tuesday, March 11, 2008 the San Diego City Council approved an ordinance which further regulates the prevention and abatement of lead hazards in homes.** Lead poisoning has been identified by the Federal Government as the number one preventable environmental health problem affecting our children. Exposure to lead can result in permanent health problems for children, including learning and behavior problems, stunted growth, and hearing problems. Children under the age of six are most vulnerable to the harmful effects. A lead hazard is defined as peeling or deteriorating paint in/on all homes and buildings built before 1979. The Ordinance includes requiring property owners to correct all lead hazards in their homes or buildings, having home improvement stores display lead education materials, and requiring owners of rental housing to look for peeling paint when a renter moves out and repairing it with non-lead based paint prior to a new renter moving in. This is an important step for the City to take in addressing this health threat to our children. **However, I strongly urge all parents and property owners to not wait for City government to tell you that you have a lead hazard. Make your home and business safe for your children now! Please contact the City's Environmental Services Department Lead Safe Neighborhood Program at (858) 694-7000 and or visit their web site at [www.sandiego.gov /environmental-services/ep/leadsafe.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/ep/leadsafe.shtml).**

**On Thursday, March 13, 2008 the Committee On Public Safety and Neighborhood Services will meet at 2:30 p.m. to hear and discuss the following agenda items:** 1. Report from Customer Services on how the City is responding to citizen complaints; 2. Report on the San Diego Police Department's Critical Incident Management; 3. Report from the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention's strategic plans; and 4. Report from the City Attorney regarding the feasibility of giving communities an option to establish Youth Improvement Districts. **As Chairman of the Committee I invite you to join me and my fellow Council members at the meeting. If you need additional information, please contact Lea Fields, Committee Consultant at (619) 236-7180**



## YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

**The San Diego Unified School District and the San Diego Community College District is offering Community-Based English Tutoring on Tuesday and Wednesdays from 9:00am-11:00am and Thursdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Webster Elementary School (4801 Elm Street, Room B17).** Free English classes for adults with free babysitting provided. For more information contact Antionette Aliotto at (619) 263-6628. 3016.

**The San Diego Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Committee & Alliant International University present: The First Annual Cesar E. Chavez Community College Essay Contest.** The first place winner will receive \$5,000 and the second place winner, \$2,500. For more information please call Guadalupe Corona at (858) 635-4435 or email [cesarchavez@alliant.edu](mailto:cesarchavez@alliant.edu) or visit <http://cesarchavez.alliant.edu>. Deadline for postmarked entries is Friday March 14, 2008.

**Apply Now! San Diego Chapter Buffalo Soldiers College Scholarship** For High School seniors only. Applications may be picked up and returned to the Malcolm X Library and Performing Arts Center c/o Marc Chery (5148 Market St. San Diego, CA 92114). The deadline for returning the scholarship is June 14th. For additional information contact Trooper Octavia Marshall at (619) 292-3863.

**Apply Now! San Diego Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation 2008 Scholarships** for graduating high school seniors in the San Diego City Schools/San Diego Unified School District. Four Scholarships available; two for \$7,500.00 each and two for \$5,000.00 each. Application deadline is March 28, 2008. Application available online at: [www.carterreese.com](http://www.carterreese.com), click on community service or see your high school counselor. If you have any questions please contact Mary Hubbard at (619) 463-1702.

**Encanto Little League Baseball** Opening Day will be on Saturday March 15, 2008 at 10:00am at Verna Quinn Field, 6550 Broadway. Please join me and the hundreds of youth and their families as they begin the little league baseball season.

**Sunshine Little League Baseball** Opening Day will be Saturday March 15, 2008 at 10:00am at Sunshine Berardini Little League fields, 4402 Federal Blvd. Please join me and the hundreds of youth and their families as they begin the little league baseball season.



**The Grandparent's Connection Walk-A-Thon and Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on Saturday, March 15, 2008 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Chollas Lake (6350 College Grove Dr.) Lend your support by collecting pledges and walking, pledge to support other walkers or stop by and drop off donations. For more information contact Shearl Lambert at (619) 931-9548.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Council is hosting their annual Spring Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 15, 2007 from 11:30am to 2:00pm at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center (6401 Skyline Dr.) Bring your basket and enjoy the annual Spring Egg Hunt. For more information, please call (619) 527-3415.

**Explore the Possibilities for San Diego's Civic Center Complex** Public Discussion Sessions: Saturday, March 15, at the Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114. This is your opportunity to provide input on proposed plans to build a new city hall and other office complexes on the downtown civic center plaza site. For more information visit [www.ccdc.com](http://www.ccdc.com) and click on the Civic Center Complex link.

**The Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College will be hosting the "California Friendly Plant Sale"** on Saturday, March 15, 2008 starting at 9 am-3pm at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon, CA. This is a free admission event. There will be activities for kids, conservation tips, garden lectures and tours, compost demonstrations and bin sale, for more information call (619) 660-0614 ext. 10

**Teachers Use Art to Educate Children on Water Conservation**

The City of San Diego Water Department's Eighth Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest will be accepting entries through Wednesday, March 26, 2008. All public, private, and home-school teachers can use art to teach their students about the benefits of water conservation, and enter the Water Conservation Poster Contest. Additional information about the contest and entry form is available online at [www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation](http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation). For more information, call The City of San Diego Water Department at (619) 533-5312.

**San Diego County will be hosting its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual California Friendly Landscape Contest**, for more information on the contest, go to [www.landscapecontest.com](http://www.landscapecontest.com) or call (619) 660-0614. Contestants can win up to \$500 gift certificate to an area nursery, an honorary paver at the Water Conserva-

tion Garden, just fill in your entry form, the deadline is April 7, 2008.

**Beginning March 1, 2008 the City of San Diego Water and Wastewater Departments will be returning to billing water and sewer customers every two months.** The Departments had been billing customers on a monthly basis since 2003; however that practice resulted in numerous complaints of inaccurate water and sewer bills due to estimating usage. Billing every two months will allow for accurate meter reading reflected on your bills. Customers receiving bills in March will not receive their next bill until May. Customers who received their bills in February will receive their next bill in April. If your next water bill seems high, please be sure to check that it is covering a two month period before you call for an explanation.

**Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.** I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services 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. Special community cleanup events areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

## 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:

**O'Farrell Park Town Council** will meet Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 6:00p.m at MLK Park and Rec. Center, 6401 Skyline Dr. (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

**Skyline Hills Community Association** will meet Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:00p.m at Morse High School, 6905 Skyline Dr. (Derrick White staffs this



meeting)

**Ridgeview** will meet Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 4432 Joselyn Street at 6:00p.m (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

**Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group** will meet Monday, March 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Malcolm X Library (Petrina Brach staffs this meeting.)

**Webster Community Council** will meet Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Webster Elementary School, 4801 Elm Street (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

**Mountain View Community Meeting** will meet Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the Mt. View Park, 551 S. 40th Street (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)

**Paradise Hills Village Council** will meet on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Lee Elementary, 6196 Childs Avenue (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

## **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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.



## SAVE THIS DATE:

**The City of San Diego, Engineering and Capital Projects Department and Architectural Engineering and Parks Division will be hosting a public meeting to discuss the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Park Play Area Upgrades**, on March 20, 2008 at 12:00pm at Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center (6401 Skyline Dr.) For more information please contact Debbie Van Martin at (619) 533-5414 or [dvanmartin@sandiego.gov](mailto:dvanmartin@sandiego.gov).

**Join UC San Diego Extension**, where there's always something new, as they celebrate and educate the community at their **Spring 2008 Open House** event on Thursday, March 20, 2008 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Price Center Ballroom, UC San Diego Campus. Get involved and informed with local and international non-profits, network with cause-oriented companies, discover new career paths! For more information call (858) 534-3400.

**Broadway Heights Community Council Annual Pancake Breakfast** will be held on March 29, 2008 from 7:00am-11:00am at the Mountain View Community Center 641 S. Boundary St. \$5 Bring the whole family!

**Southeastern Little League Baseball** Opening Day will be Saturday April 5 at 10:00am. 4200 Keeler Ave. San Diego, CA 92113. Registration Dates: Saturday, February 23, March 1 & 8, 2008 from 11:00am-2:00pm at Southcrest Park.

**The National Black Contractors Association's National Summit and 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala** "Beyond Civil Rights and Affirmative Action" will be held on April 18, 2008 at the National Headquarters of BCA in the City of San Diego, located at 6125 Imperial Ave. For more information please contact, Abdur-Rahim Hameed (619) 865-9057 or Janiece of the Black Contractors Association of California, RSVP at (619) 263-9791 or (619) 723-4885.

**The Coalition for Neighborhood Councils will be hosting a Residential Care Facilities Forum on** April 26, 2008 at 11:00am at 415 S. Euclid Ave. Please RSVP Bruce Williams at [bruce@cncsandiego.org](mailto:bruce@cncsandiego.org) or Franco Garcia at (619) 325-3580 x403.

**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](mailto:anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov).

