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WEEKLY UPDATE DECEMBER 29, 2008

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

*Have a safe and blessed Holiday season.*

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

**San Diego police have arrested one person and the District Attorney has charged him with the tragic murders of Monique Ashley Palmer and Michael Taylor Jr. on December 6, 2008.** Our thoughts and prayers are going out to their families regarding these tragedies.

Unfortunately, there may still be murderers running loose in our community who were involved in Monique and Michael's deaths. With the help of the community and the police they will be caught!

**Anyone with information about the shootings is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.**

Please contact my office at 619-236-6644 for additional information on assisting the families. Your continued thoughts and prayers for the families are appreciated.

**Health Care Community Forum hosted by: Neighborhood House Association! President-Elect Barack Obama wants to hear from you!** Come share your health care stories and solutions that will be communicated to President-elect Obama's transition team. The Health Care Community Forum will be held Tuesday, December 30, 2008 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Neighborhood House Association (5660 Copley Drive). Help support President-elect Obama's efforts to hear from communities and make a positive change in our country's health care

policies and practices! Please RSVP by December 29 at 619-684-6680 or email [communityforum@neighborhoodhouse.org](mailto:communityforum@neighborhoodhouse.org).

**The UJIMA Institute for Civic Responsibility, a non-profit, social justice organization, is pleased to invite you to their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “International Day of Peace”** held on Saturday, January 3, 2009 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Malcolm X Library and Performing Arts Center (5148 Market St.). As one of city’s first community events of a historic new year, this event seeks to serve as a catalyst in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to commit San Diegans to do what they can to consistently advocate for peace, promote non-violence, provide conflict resolution resources and remember ultimate victims of violence and their families. For more information please contact (619) 866-7996 or visit [www.ujimainstitute.org](http://www.ujimainstitute.org).

**The San Diego Food Bank is hosting its annual Holiday Food Drive to provide food for those less fortunate this holiday season.** The 2008 Holiday Food Drive will run from November 1 to December 31. Please drop-off non-perishable food items in the Food Bank’s famous red collection barrels at VONS, Trader Joe’s and Stater Brothers grocery stores throughout the county, or food can be delivered directly to the San Diego Food Bank warehouse: 9850 Distribution Avenue, San Diego 92121. The San Diego Food Bank needs food that will provide nutritious meals for people in need. Our most needed items include: canned meat & tuna; canned soups; canned fruits and vegetables; peanut butter; canned beans; spaghetti; dry cereal; rice and mac & cheese. Important note: the Food Bank cannot accept perishable items or items in glass jars due to food safety regulations.

**Bridge Builders Mentoring Program; Become a Mentor!** Receive community service hours! Get the chance to mentor children and youth in elementary and middle school. Contribute your time and make a difference in a child’s life. If you are interested in mentoring, contact Janaha Ransome at (619) 264-3971.

**YCHANGE: Youth Choosing A New Generation of Excellence** Change Your Life! We offer: job readiness training, paid internships, job placement, high school diploma/GED, college preparation, activities, mentoring, and transportation assistance. For more information please call YCHANGE at (619) 285-5556.

**The United States Census Bureau is now hiring for the 2010 U.S. Census!** Exam required-Now testing-Please Call (866) 861-2010. Practice test available online at [www.census.gov/2010census/](http://www.census.gov/2010census/).

**Special Schedule in Effect for City Libraries During Holiday Season, December 24 through January 1 All Libraries will be Closed on December 25 and New Year’s Day. A special schedule for the City of San Diego Public**

**Library will be in effect from Wednesday, December 24, 2008 through Thursday, January 1, 2009.** The schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23 2008

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- All libraries will be open regular hours

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

- All libraries will be open 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 25, 2008

- All libraries closed

Friday, December 26, 2008

Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800
- Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405

Saturday, December 27, 2008

Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800
- Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405

Sunday, December 28, 2008

Open 1 to 5 p.m.

- Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405

Monday, December 29, 2008

Open 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800
- Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405

Tuesday, December 30, 2008 and Wednesday, December 31, 2008

Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405

Thursday, January 1, 2009

- All libraries closed

Friday, January 2, 2009

- All libraries will be open regular hours

For more information, contact your local library or visit the Library's web site at

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org/>

**The Grand Parent's Connection!** Grand Parent's Connection is a group of grand parent's, offering support for grandparents or relatives, who are raising children under the age of 18. The group offers open discussion, and guest speakers who focus on issues affection grandparents of other relatives who are raising children with information on resources available on their communities. They meet Thursday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 N Euclid Avenue). For more information please call Shearl Lambert at (619) 931-9548 or email her at [shearl2530@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shearl2530@sbcglobal.net).

**San Diego Home Loan Counseling and Education Center Home Buying Counseling Services** Counselors are ready to assist you in Budget Counseling, Reviewing the home buying process, Explaining various loan programs, Pre-

qualification services, Referral, Development of a written home buying plan of action. For more information contact (619) 624-2330 or [www.sdhome loan.org](http://www.sdhome loan.org).

**GET INVOLVED! Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Group needs you!** If you are interested in recommending and advising the San Diego City Planning Commission and the City Council on changes regarding zoning (building and property improvements), zoning violations, street conditions, traffic signals, speed bumps and conditional-use permits, etc. the Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Group would like to invite you and other residents and neighbor volunteers from the Skyline and Paradise Hills community to attend every Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Paradise Hills Recreation Center, 6610 Potomac St. 92139.

### **STREET SWEEPING INFORMATION**

Street Sweeping provides two primary benefits to the City. The more obvious benefit is the collection and removal of paper, leaves, and other visible debris that collect in the gutters. This debris can block storm water facilities, causing localized flooding during heavy rains. An equally important, but less visible benefit is the removal of metal particles and other hazardous waste products left by passing vehicles. For more information regarding Street Sweeping please call (619) 527-3482 or visit [www.sandiego.gov/street-div/strsweep.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/street-div/strsweep.shtml).

### **GRAFFITI INFORMATION**

#### **ONE-STOP**

- City of San Diego Graffiti Control Hotline: (619) 525-8522

#### **GRAFFITI REPORTING**

- San Diego Police Department: (619) 531-2000
  - Graffiti Strike Force: (619) 515-2754

Email Pictures to Police Officer Oscar Amado: [oamado@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:oamado@pd.sandiego.gov)

- Online Reporting Form: [www.sandiego.gov/graffiti](http://www.sandiego.gov/graffiti)

#### **GRAFFITI REMOVAL CONTACTS-*Know the exact location of the graffiti!***

- Urban Corps Graffiti Hotline: (800) 829-6884
- Cal-Trans (graffiti along state highways/freeways): (858) 467-4042
- If graffiti is not removed within 48 hours call Diane Valdez: (858) 467-4009
  - Online Reporting Form: [www.dot.ca.gov/maintform](http://www.dot.ca.gov/maintform)
- SDG&E: (800) 411-7343
- Cox Cable: (619) 263-9251
- U.S. Postal Service: (800) 275-8777
- City Traffic Signs: (619) 527-7500
- Traffic Signal Control Boxes: (619) 527-7500

#### **GRAFFITI REMOVAL SUPPLIES**

- “Paint Bank”- Free recycled paint and supplies: (619) 527-5419
  - Appointments Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 9:30-1:30 p.m.
- Project CLEAN- Linda Pennington (City Heights only): (619) 563-4014
- Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association-Jose Lopez: (619) 282-2788
  - Paint, rollers, brushes, 4 basic paint colors

#### **CITY RESPONSE TIMES FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL**

- Public right-of-way/City-owned property: 4 days

- Private property-responsibility of owner: depends on owner
- OTHER CITY RESOURCES**

- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal: (858) 694-7000

**4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP INFORMATION ONLY:  
PLEASE CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
OFFICERS FOR LOCATIONS!!!**

**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:

**Paradise Hills Recreation Council Meeting** will be held on Thursday, January 1, 2009 at 6:00p.m at Penn Athletic Field, 6610 Potomac Street (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

**Mt. Hope Community Council Meeting** will be held on Thursday, January 1, 2009 at 6:30p.m at Macedonia Baptist Church, 625 Quail St. (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

**Valencia Park Town Council Meeting** will be held on Thursday, January 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Valencia Park Elementary, 5880 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

**Oak Park Community Council Meeting** will be held on Thursday, January 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Oak Park School-auditorium, 2606 54<sup>th</sup> Street (Jimmie Slack 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.

**The San Diego Youth Commission is searching for two District Four youth ages 14-22 to sit on their board as Commissioners!** Commissioners advise and provide recommendations to the City Council on pertinent issues to youths. They meet monthly to work on common goals, devise plans, and create policies important to young San Diegans. In addition, the Youth Commission will have the opportunity to develop their own policy agenda and review issues sent to them by the City Council. The San Diego Youth Commission offers youths the opportunity to see first hand how government works and it allows youths to represent themselves and their peers in a positive manner. The Commission is also a fantastic opportunity to bring together young people from various ethnic, socio-economic, and geographic backgrounds to debate issues, create meaningful policies and learn more about other communities in San Diego. For more information or to apply as a Commissioner of the San Diego Youth Commission please contact Jasmine Holt at (619) 236-6644 or [jdholt@sandiego.gov](mailto:jdholt@sandiego.gov).

## SAVE THIS DATE:

**Come celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual YMCA of San Diego County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Dignity Award Breakfast.** Friday, January 16, 2009 at the Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino Del Rio South) Registration/Breakfast begins at 6:30 am and the Program is from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Special Guest Speaker will be Father Henry Rodriguez, San Diego Hospice. For more information please contact [mblanek@ymca.org](mailto:mblanek@ymca.org) or call (619) 264-0144 ex104.

**The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Parade “Living the Dream” “Let Freedom Ring” presented by Zeta Sigma Lambda Chapter and Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship Fund, Inc.** will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009

from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The staging area will be at Tailgate Park (13<sup>th</sup> and Imperial Ave.) The Parade route will be North on Park Blvd. to J St. West on J St. to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. South on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. back to Tailgate Park. For more information please contact the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Committee at (619) 264-0542.

**The 2009 San Diego Multicultural Festival!** Celebrate cultures from around the world at the free 11th annual San Diego Multicultural Festival on Saturday, January 17, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown San Diego. Attendees will enjoy storytellers, musicians, activity booths and a variety of food, merchant, informational and educational booths representing local to international organizations. Students from three local schools will construct Global Villages, which display international customs and cultures they have studied in depth. A new addition to the festival is the Downtown Education Fair, a special section of booths showcasing many of downtown's unique learning opportunities. This family-friendly free festival will take place along the Martin Luther King Jr, Promenade (between Fourth Ave. and Market St. on Harbor Dr.). For more information about the festival, visit [www.ccdc.com](http://www.ccdc.com) and click on Special Events.

**UAAMAC's 2009 Event Series: Building the Beloved Community** *The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast* will be held on January 19, 2009 from 7:30am to 10:00am and the *Summit: Building The Beloved Community* will be held on February 20-21, 2009 from 6:00am to 7:30pm at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Avenue). The Community Breakfast will include a presentation of Hero/Shero Awards and a reading of the winning essays from the MLKJ Youth Essay Contest. The Summit will focus on best practices, and the development of an action plan for implementing these practices in five areas: Economic Development, Public Education, Public Health, Judicial Reform, and Family Stability. For more information please call (619) 264-1213.

**Water For Children Africa's 12<sup>th</sup> Africa Trade and Business Conference** **Saturday, January 31, 2009:** San Diego Super Run 2009 10K and 5K will benefit Water For Children Africa. For more information please contact [www.kathylopererevents.com](http://www.kathylopererevents.com).

**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).