



CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE
DISTRICT FOUR

MARCH 26, 2009 WEEKLY UPDATE



*Councilmember Tony Young presenting a Resloution to
"Project Safe Way Day", March 24, 2009*

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

The Council approved my motion to move forward with the San Diego Housing Commission’s proposal to purchase the incomplete housing project on the 4800 block of Castana Street (soon to be renamed Charles Lewis Way) Due to the current downturn in the economy, the homes currently under construction would have been abandoned and not completely built out. The funding approved at Council will complete this construction and prevent a blighted eyesore in the community. When finished the \$8.6 million project will cover 1.55 acres and have 31 units – 27 row homes and 4 conventional homes with living space ranging from 1600 to 2000 square feet respectively. Because the Housing Commission will own the units, the rents for the three and four bedroom homes will be restricted to households earning 80% or less of average median income. I am looking forward to new additional affordable housing in our district on a street named after my friend and former City Councilman Charles Lewis.

The Council also agreed with my recommendation to have the City co-sign onto grant applications submitted to the State for \$8 million to enhance areas in and around Chollas Creek. If successful, the funds will be used on segments of the creek near the Jackie Robinson’s YMCA, and Market and Euclid, including, planting trees, stabilizing creek slopes, improving drainage, building a retaining wall, installing public signage and an observation deck and public art

for the community's enjoyment. These well thought out projects will bring much needed creek improvements to our urban district and future beautify our community.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Smart Women Smart Money Small Business Workshop 2009 presented by the City/County Reinvestment Task Force, City Council member Tony Young, County Supervisor Ron Roberts, Wells Fargo and ACCION San Diego Thursday, March 26, 2009 at Market Creek Plaza (346 Euclid Ave. Suite 401) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tips on how to prepare and apply for a business loan and what type of business loans are available. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited; RSVP (858) 694-8773 for more information.

Monthly Community Business Breakfast Friday, March 27, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Magnolias (342 Euclid Avenue). Networking event for breakfast and a conversation about the stimulus funds and their impact on San Diego with Dr. Willie Blair, Special Assistant to U.S. Congressman Bob Filner. For more information please contact (619) 527-6161.

The Friends of Malcolm X Library present Women's History Month Celebration Honoring "Women Serving Our Library" Saturday, March 28, 2009, at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street) from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Featured Keynote Speaker will be Hon. Betty Yee, Chair CA State Board of Equalization. Please RSVP with a donation check in the amount of \$10.00 (ten dollars) by March 20, 2009, mail to: Friends of the Malcolm X Library, Attn. Celina Brown, 5148 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114. All proceeds benefit the Malcolm X Library.

The Sierra Club San Diego Canyons Campaign and Friends of Chollas Creek present a Chollas Creek Event in the Chollas Canyon area (Webster) to be held on Saturday, March 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Ranger Jason Allen will be there to organize the removal of invasive non-native plants including Arundo, Castor Bean, Ice Plant and possibly Pepper Trees. There may be some trash clean up or trail maintenance. Come rain or shine unless heavy rain. For more information please contact Bill at (619) 264-1299 or visit www.chollascreek.org.

All libraries will be closed in Cesar Chavez Day, Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

Participate in the 2009 Cesar E. Chavez Parade & Community Celebration Saturday, March 28, 2009 Parade: 10:00am-12:00pm - Community Celebration: 12:00pm-4:00pm, The Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration Committee presents the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial March/Parade & Community Celebration and invites organizations and community groups, to sign up to participate. The parade will be held at Logan Avenue, at the heart of Historic Downtown Logan Heights. For parade entry form or booth registration visit www.sdchavezcommittee.info

Dolores Huerta Keynotes Cesar E. Chavez Breakfast, Monday, March 30, 2009, 7:30am, San Diego Convention Center, Join us at the 11th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Breakfast. This year's keynote address will be delivered by UFW co-founder and labor leader Dolores Huerta. Registration is currently underway for the annual Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Breakfast in honor of late United Farm Workers founder and civil rights hero. Once again thousands will gather to pay tribute to the revered leader. The breakfast will continue its yearly tradition of honoring the winners of its annual Cesar E. Chavez high school (9-12) essay contest and presenting the Cesar E. Chavez Visionary Award. For registration or sponsorship information visit www.sdchavezcommittee.info

“La Mujer” The Obstacles Affecting Women In our Community Wednesday, April 1, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln High School, Parent Room, 601. There will be free food and drinks. Topics to be discussed include health and sex education, historical and contemporary oppression, healthy relationships, the role of woman today, enact change through education, and organizing and activism.

Mainly: Mozart and the George L. Stevens Senior Center cordially invite you to a Musical Performance by the 2nd and 3rd Grade Students and Faculty of Freese Elementary School Wednesday, April 1, 2009, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the George L. Stevens Senior Center (570 S. 65th St.) For more information please call (619) 239-0100, ext. 304.

MARTIN BAYLESS/LAROI GLOVER 19TH ANNUAL FREE FOOTBALL CAMP FOR KIDS April 4-5, 2009 – Lincoln High School, San Diego, CA on Saturday and Sunday, April 4-5, 2009, St. Louis Rams' Six Time Pro Bowler La'Roi Glover and retired NFL pro and assistant coach with the Houston Texans, Martin Bayless will host a free football camp for 2,500 kids grades 3-12 at Lincoln High School in San Diego, CA. Over 20 NFL athletes will join La'Roi and Martin in support of their mission to improve the quality of life for the youth in of San Diego. For additional information, please visit www.LaRoiGlover.com or camp hotline at (619) 299-6646.

Come Celebrate Lao New Year Saturday and Sunday, April 4-5, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Market Creek Plaza (310 Euclid Avenue). For more information please call (619) 527-6161 or visit www.shopmcp.com.

LEARN TO SWIM FOR FREE

The City of San Diego City Council funds this program to reduce the incidence of drowning and encourage youth to learn the life-saving skill of swimming. The lessons are taught by Park and Recreation Department Aquatics District Pool Guards, who are American Red Cross, certified Water Safety Instructors. Classes are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Call pool for class times. Due to the high demand for these classes, participants may register for only one session at a

time.

Martin Luther King Jr. Pool - 6401 Skyline Drive (619) 527-3451

Colina Del Sol Pool - 4190 54th Place (619) 235-1147

City Heights Pool - 4380 Landis Street (619) 641-6126

Registration: Saturday March 14, 10:00am - 12:00noon

Session I: March 23rd – April 10th

Session II: April 13th – May 1st

Session III: May 4th – May 22nd

Session IV: May 27th – June 12th (No class May 25th)

<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/pdf/programguide/martinlutherkingpool.pdf>

<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/pdf/programguide/cityheightsswimcenter.pdf>

<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/pdf/programguide/colinadelsolpool.pdf>

Apply now for the San Diego Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation 2009 Scholarships for graduating high school seniors in the San Diego Unified School District. Three Scholarships Available! **Two scholarships for \$7,500.00 each. One scholarship for \$5,000.00.** Scholarships can be used at any four-year, fully accredited college of recipient's choice. **Application deadline: March 31, 2009.** Over \$280,000 in scholarships awarded, to date! Application available online at: www.Carterreese.com; click on community service or, see your high school counselor. For further questions please call Mary Hubbard at (619) 463-1702.

2009 Cox Communications Innovation in Education offered by the Cox Kids for public, charter and private middle and junior high schools (grade six through eight) and the dedicated teachers at those schools. Cox Kids Foundation will be awarding grants up to \$5,000 to schools in the communities Cox Communities San Diego serves. Applications and guidelines for the Innovation in Education Program, as well as information on the Cox Kids Foundation, can be found at www.coxkidsfoundation.org. All applications must be postmarked, faxed or emailed by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2009. For additional information or questions about the Cox Kids Foundation Innovation in Education Program, please contact Cox Communications at (619) 266-5286.

United Italian American Association, Inc. (UIAA) presents the 2009 Columbus Day Celebration Essay Contest Your essay must be typed and be about 200 words in length. All essays will be acknowledged. The 2009 Essay Contest Committee will award grants of \$750 for 1st Place, \$500 for 2nd Place and \$250 for 3rd Place. The decision of the Committee is final. Award winners must be currently attending high school or college. The 2009 Awards will be presented at the Annual Columbus Day Ball on October 10, 2009 at the Holiday Inn on The Bay. Winners will be the guests of the UIAA. For more information please call (619) 469-0795 or email vicrose1@cox.net.

Teachers Use Art to Educate Children on Water Conservation The City of San Diego Water Department presents the Ninth Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. The contest is designed to help all public, private, and home-school teachers in using art to teach their students about the benefits of water conservation. The Water Department will accept contest entries through Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Additional information about the Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest, entry form and free activity book are available online at www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation. For more information, call the City of San Diego Water Department at (619) 533-5312.

Be the Change we wish to see in the World Terra Nova Academy is a three year college and career preparation program at Morse High School. Lend a Hand! Be a guest speaker, share your contacts, become a mentor, volunteer, assist or donate. For more information please call (619) 262-0763 x2509 or email bmacconnel@sandi.net.

HOMEOWNERS! Councilman Tony Young's Neighborhood Fight Against Crime in conjunction with CDBG and HUD has funded a project in which you may qualify for the inspection and installation of security devices such as: security screen doors, motion sensor lights, wide angle viewers, minor repairs, deadbolt locks, dusk to dawn lights, sliding door locks, window locks, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide/smoke detectors FREE OF CHARGE. All interested homeowners living in the 4th City Council District should contact The San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at (619) 283-5411 ext. 109.

Comprehensive Health Center provides high quality and affordable health care services. Their locations are 3177 Ocean View Blvd., 286 Euclid Ave, Suite 302, and 120 Elm Street, Suite 100. For more information please call (619) 662-4100.

Family Health Centers of San Diego's Diamond Neighborhoods Family Health Center offers caring and affordable health services for uninsured, Medi-Cal and underserved families. Comprehensive services include pediatrics, adult medicine, HIV testing and family planning. They are located at 220 Euclid Ave., Suite 40, San Diego, CA 92114. For more information, please call 619-515-2560 or go to www.fhcsd.org.

Family Health Centers of San Diego's Mobile Medical Unit will be at Allen Park (686 Gateway Center Way) every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Services provided include: immunizations, family planning, school and sport physicals, sick visits and health education. For more information please call (619) 515-2357.

Free Tax Assistance! Get Cash at tax time! It's Free! Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Located at Home Start/Tubman Chavez Center. For more information, please contact (619) 283-3624.

The Public Art Program for the Port of San Diego is seeking artists to participate in its Sixth “Urban Trees” temporary sculpture exhibit. The exhibit offers participating artists a unique opportunity to showcase their original sculptural work adjacent to the unparalleled beauty of San Diego Bay. For more information please call (619) 686-7246 or visit portofsandiego.org/public-art.

The San Diego Food Bank commodities supplemental food program for low income Children under six years of age not receiving WIC and for low income Seniors over 60 years old are invited every 3rd Monday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Iglesia Puerta del Cielo (8450 Jamacha Road). Please bring a photo I.D., proof of income, proof of address, and child’s birth certificate.

LISC MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards The awards provide grants and recognition to exemplary partnerships between police agencies, CDCs and other community organizations to reduce crime and strengthen neighborhoods. The 2009 MetLife Awards RFP is due February 27, 2009. Please note this is a highly competitive application process, applicants from previous rounds are encouraged to re-apply for the 2009 round. If you have any questions and for more information please visit www.lisc.org/metlife or csi@lisc.org.

The Grand Parent’s Connection is a group of grandparents 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 affecting grandparents of other relatives who are raising children with information on resources available in 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.

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, and development of a written home buying plan of action. For more information contact (619) 624-2330 or www.sdhomeloan.org.

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 street 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.

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

Online Reporting Form: 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

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

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 event 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.

4TH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP INFORMATION ONLY: PLEASE CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR LOCATIONS!



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:

Skyline Hills Rec. Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Skyline Rec., 8285 Skyline Drive (Roosevelt Williams III staffs this meeting)

Alta Vista Community Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Nye Elementary, 981 S. Valencia Parkway (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Broadway Heights Community Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Vance residence, 6805 Panocha Ct. (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

Willie Henderson Rec. Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 6:00 pm at Willie Henderson Rec. Center, 1035 S. 45th Street (Roosevelt Williams III 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 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.

Nominations to the Horton Plaza Theatres Foundation There are currently 4 vacancies existing on the Horton Plaza Theatres Foundation due to term expirations and/or resignations. Pursuant to Council Policy 000-13 and the Bylaws of the Foundation, this is a board in which the City Council has the authority of appointment. Consistent with the provisions of the Council Policy, please submit your nominations within 30 days so that Council President Ben Hueso can docket this for Council consideration. For further information, please contact (619) 236-6644.

District Four Planning Groups need your participation

Community planning groups provide citizens with an opportunity for involvement in advising the

City Council, the Planning Commission, and other decision-makers on development projects, general or community plan amendments, rezonings and public facilities. The recommendations of the planning groups are integral components of the planning process, and are highly regarded by the City Council and by staff. There are five Planning Groups that impact District Four; City Heights, Eastern Area, Encanto, Skyline Hills/Paradise Hills and Southeastern. If you live, own a business or property in one of these areas and want to get involved, contact Bruce Williams in my office at 619-236-7175 for more information.

SAVE THIS DATE:

The 51st Annual Ebony Fashion Fair presents The Runway Report 2009! Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Ave.) Social hour: 11:00 a.m., Luncheon: 12:00 p.m. and the Fashion show begins at 1:30 p.m. San Diego is about to get fierce! The world's largest traveling fashion show is back, featuring the hottest looks from the top designers on the industry. Don't miss this high-energy production filled with memorable special effects, hip-hop and R&B music, and all the entertainment of a Broadway show. For more information about the Ebony Fashion Fair, visit www.ebonyfashionfair.com or call (619) 263-2302.

Meet the Pharmacist Day Wednesday, April 15, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the George L. Stevens Senior Center (570 S. 65th St.). Do you have questions about your medications? Are you concerned about negative drug interactions? Attend this free event and talk to a pharmacist. Bring all of your medications (including prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins, supplements, and herbal remedies). Refreshments will be provided. Call (877) 926-8300 to RSVP by April 8th.

Come out to the 3rd Saturday International Marketplace Saturday, April 18, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Market Creek Plaza (310 Euclid Avenue). For more information please call (619) 527-6161 or visit www.shopmcp.com.

Join us for the Filipina Fiesta Saturday, April 18, 2009, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Market Creek Plaza (310 Euclid Avenue). For more information please call (619) 527-6161 or visit www.shopmcp.com.

Intergenerational Games Wednesday, April 22, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at O'Farrell Community School (6130 Skyline Drive). Active older adults (age 55+) and middle school students of Project Live at O'Farrell Community School join together in a day of educational and physical activities including basketball shoot, dance station, trivia and more. For more information please contact Diane Hunter at (858) 495-5769 or diane.hunter@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Your help is needed! The 25th Annual Children's Book Party will be held on Saturday April 25, 2009 at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. Thousands of youth from throughout San Diego

will receive free books and participate in various activities designed to encourage and improve their reading skills. **Your support and help in making this 25th annual event a success is appreciated. Please contact Roosevelt Brown at 266-4118 for additional information on how you can help or you can e-mail: Read4thefuture@aol.com.**

Fiesta de Libros para niños 2009! Atención padres y niños de Kinder al Doceavo Año, estan invitados a la celebración annual de “Children’s Book Party!” Este divertido y popular evento es GRATIS y abierto para el publico. Este evento se llevara a cabo el Sabado 25 de Abril desde las 8:30 a.m. a las 10:30 a.m. en el Organ Pavilion de Balboa Park. Para mas información o para ser voluntario llame al (619) 266-4118.

Family Day in the Village Saturday, April 25, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Market Creek Plaza (310 Euclid Avenue). For more information please call (619) 527-6161 or visit www.shopmcp.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@san Diego.gov.

