



CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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DISTRICT FOUR

JULY 23, 2009 WEEKLY UPDATE



Councilman Young proudly joins the community at the 49th Somali Independence Day celebration held at Market Creek Plaza.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Wednesday July 22, 2009, Mayor Sanders presented the Budget and Finance Committee with an update on the Governor’s proposal to balance the State budget. I am very concerned that the State is planning to balance its budget by taking approximately \$100 million from San Diego through a complicated scheme that takes a combination of redevelopment money from the City, SEDC, and CCDC; takes gas tax funds that are used for repairing our streets and sidewalks; and takes property tax funds that are used for parks, libraries, police and fire departments.

My fellow Councilmembers and I will join the Mayor and local elected officials from throughout the State in protesting this ill-conceived scheme to take funds from local government. As Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, I requested the Mayor to coordinate strategies in response to this latest State budget proposal with the Council (through this Budget and Finance Committee), City Attorney, County of San Diego, and Mayors of other cities in San Diego and through the League of Cities.

I will be calling special meetings of the Budget Committee, as necessary, to expedite any decisions that need Council support. If lawsuits are necessary to prevent this State action, we will seek support. If combining resources with other government agencies is a possible solution, we will seek support. If we have to re-open the City’s budget process to effect changes, we will unfortunately have to do so.

Again, as we were last year, we are facing extraordinary budget problems caused by economic conditions and now a proposed State budget that is threatening to take hundreds of millions of dollars from our City and County. We must take extraordinary steps to address this problem and we stand ready to do so.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

Attention Valencia Park residents your input is needed on the proposed pocket parks being considered for the Valencia Park area. This is your community and your advice is needed. Come hear what City department heads are proposing at the next **Valencia Park Town Council meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at Valencia Park Elementary School located at 5880 Skyline Drive.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH! The New ERRA Back to School Conference, Rally For Education & Festival is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2009 at Lincoln Senior High School from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. I am pleased to join Pazzaz and the Center for Parent Involvement in Education for this annual event dedicated to achieving academic excellence in our youth and promoting strong parental involvement in helping achieve this goal. Please call (619) 264-6870 for additional information and ways you can support this excellent effort.

As you are aware, the City of San Diego is experiencing a severe water crisis. I want to thank you all for complying with the water conservation information I have been sharing with you for the past several months. I, along with my colleagues will be further addressing this crisis as well as setting goals to obtain and use more affordable water.

The Council will be holding a series of "Water Action Days" docketed by Council President Ben Hueso in the near future. This will provide an opportunity for you to provide input on the city's water crisis and strategies to address it. Cost of water is a main concern of constituents in District Four as well as the City of San Diego, therefore the City needs to explore alternative methods to help meet the needs of San Diegans when it comes to the necessary resource of water.

I look forward to residents of the 4th District's valuable and wise input on this matter that is affecting the quality of life of all San Diegans. Please contact my office with your ideas and suggestions at (619) 236-6644.



Rebuilding Together San Diego (RTSD) announces the "Pass Along Program". This program works with other non-profit organizations to distribute building materials such as windows, doors, door knobs/locks, shelving, tile flooring, etc. These items are for use in the organization's offices or to be provided to low-income and/or out of work families who have the capability of fixing their home, but do not have funds to purchase the materials. The RTSD receives these new donations of home improvement materials, supplies, and equipment from various sources, including substantial donations from the Home Depot Framing Hope Program. For more details or to register in this program contact Trisha Phillips at (619) 231-7873 or email rtsd@rebuildingtogethersd.org.

Common Ground Theatre will be hosting sign-ups for their Summer Youth Academy on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Center (641 South Boundary Street). Spanish translation will be provided. The Academy will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:15 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. from July 23rd until August 27th; a free lunch will be provided from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. for participants. Come and learn about dance, fundamentals of acting, character development, stage movement, and much more. For more info call (619) 263-7911.

The Junior Theatre presents "Les Miserables" from July 24 thru August 9, 2009 at the Casa del Prado Theatre in Balboa Park. Performances are at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. There will be an ASL performance on Saturday, August 8th. For more ticket information contact the Junior Theatre's box office at (619) 239-8355 or purchase tickets online at www.juniortheatre.com.

Join San Diego native author Mary E. Gilder's book signing event for A Misrepresentation of Myself on July 26, 2009, 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 at the Malcolm X Library located at 5148 Market Street.

Join the American Cancer Society's 24-hour Relay For Life which will be held July 25-26, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Lincoln Senior High School, 150 S. 49th Street. Join in the celebration of remembering loved ones and join the fight against cancer. For more information contact Diane Moss at: (619) 262-2022 or d.moss28@yahoo.com.

Neighborhood House Association is proudly hosting the 2009 NHA Mariners Cup Fishing Championships on Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The event will take place at Shelter Island (along Shelter Island Pier), 1776 Shelter Island Drive. For more information visit www.marinescup.com

SPONSOR A YOUNG MAN at the Camp Charles 2009 which will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the George L. Stevens Senior Community Center (570 S. 65th Street). This is a free, one-day summer camp for young men ages 7 thru 15, dedicated to the late San Diego City Councilmember Charles L. Lewis III. This innovative mentorship program is designed to present at-risk and underserved males between the ages of 7-15 with positive life experiences. For more information call (619) 434-3454, email charos@charlesllewis3.org or visit www.charlesllewis3.org.

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.

On July 22, 2009, the Oak Park community conducted a mini community cleanup. The cleanup removed a total of 2.30 tons of waste of which 1.83 tons were non-recyclables and .47 tons were recyclables consisting of metals and appliances. I want to thank the residents of Oak Park along with Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Stacy Workman for their assistance with this mini cleanup. For more information, please contact Officer Workman at (858) 492-5084.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

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. Councilman Young is seeking qualified individuals to nominate for service on the following Boards and/or Commissions. Nominations will be submitted to the Mayor's office for consideration.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Community Meeting</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Staff</u>
July 22	Encanto Neighborhood Recreation Council	6:30 p.m.	Encanto Rec. Center 6508 Wunderlin Drive	Roosevelt Williams III
July 23	Skyline Hills Recreation Council	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Rec. Center 8285 Skyline Drive	Roosevelt Williams III
July 23	Alta Vista Community Council	6:30 p.m.	House of David Church 5930 Division St	Liezl Mangonon
July 23	Broadway Heights Community Council	7:00 p.m.	6721 Tiffin Ave.	Jimmie Slack
July 27	Coalition of Neighborhood Councils	6:00 p.m.	Tubman Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue	Jimmie Slack
July 27	Southeastern Planning Committee	7:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41 st Street	Bruce Williams
July 28	Willie Henderson Recreation Council	6:00 p.m.	Willie Henderson Rec. Center 1035 S. 45th Street	Roosevelt Williams III
July 28	Chollas Lake Recreation Council	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2755 55th Street	Roosevelt Williams III

SAVE THIS DATE:

Faith Chapel Church of God in Christ and St. Paul United Methodist Church proudly presents The 3rd Annual Community Barbeque & Health Fair on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Kennedy Park (4801 Ocean View Blvd). Health screenings will be offered including blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease and cholesterol testing.

Community Love Day will be held August 8, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Skyline Hills Park (8285 Skyline Drive). Enjoy a BBQ cook off, Best Pie Contest, arts & crafts workshops, cultural performances and information/resource booths.

2009 Fiesta del SOL – San Diego will be held August 8 – 9, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Historic Logan Avenue between 26th and Evans Streets. Enjoy great family entertainment and resources including children's activities and resources, college workshops, scholarship contest, business opportunity fair, green jobs, an Arts and Culture Pavilion, YAB Youth Zone and health fair. For more information visit www.fiestadelsolsandiego.org

Come participate in the Chollas Lake Walk the Park Clean Up on August 15, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. All supplies for the clean-up will be provided. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring your own drinking water in a re-useable bottle. Chollas Lake is located on College Grove Drive off the Martin Luther King/94 freeway, west of the College Grove Shopping Center. For more information please contact Braulio at (619) 708-6222 or Michelle at (619) 829-8837.



Bethel Baptist Church is hosting their Annual Outreach Summer Festival & Health Fair on Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the church parking lot located at 1962 N. Euclid Avenue. For more information, contact the church office at (619) 266-2411 or visit www.bethelbc.com

A Samoan Festival will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Market Creek Plaza. Call (619) 527-6161 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 or be removed from the mailing list, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov.

