

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANTHONY YOUNG

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WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

MANAGING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

On Monday, Feb. 7, Council President Young joined the San Diego City Council in approving a \$671,000 property management services contract for Mariners Village Apartments on Potomac Street in Paradise Hills. Property management costs will be covered by rental income from the 172-unit affordable housing complex purchased by the San Diego Housing Commission in November 2010.

STREET RESURFACING ROLLS

On Monday, Feb. 7, the San Diego City Council allotted \$2.46 million for street resurfacing to cover about 22 miles of asphalt streets and medians throughout San Diego. Another \$700,000 in slurry sealing was given council okay on Tuesday, Feb. 8. District 4 has benefitted from the city's ongoing \$60-million effort to renew the worst city streets with 147 miles of slurry seal and 134 miles of street overlay.

CITY HALL GETTING FIRE SPRINKLERS

On Monday, Feb. 7, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to move forward with a \$4.2 million plan to upgrade the 15-story downtown City Hall building with a complete fire sprinkler system. The first through 9th floors as well as the 12th do not have sprinklers. The vote extends the city's fire code exemption through January 2013, while city officials prepare to put the sprinkler project up for bid this summer. Construction is tentatively slated to begin in January.

DIGGING COMMUNITY GARDENS

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, the San Diego City Council agreed to apply for a \$50,000 SANDAG Healthy Community Planning Grant to revise community garden codes and streamline regulations. This would make it easier to create urban agriculture enterprises and community gardens, like the public plot planned in Mount Hope neighborhood by nonprofit Children Having Children.

REPAYING BALLPARK BONDS

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, the San Diego City Council voted to transfer approximately \$237 million in Petco Ballpark bonds debt from its day-to-day operating budget over to the city's redevelopment agency. This action extends CCDC's annual payment of \$11.3 million for another 21 years – from 2014 to 2032.

HONORING GRANDPARENTS CONNECTION

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, the San Diego City Council recognized February as Black History Month and honored the Grandparents Connection, a group formed six years ago by District 4 residents Shearl and Clifford Lambert, Jr. to assist “parenting” grandparents with care-giving needs such as food, clothing, counseling and other support services.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Southwestern College celebrates African American History Month on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the college amphitheatre, 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista. Featured events at the free public event include: Black storytelling, Afro-Cuban dancers, authentic African wares, African-American cuisine, and education/empowerment workshops. More information contact Steve Tadlock: stadlock@swccd.edu or (619)216-6631.

HEARTS & HERITAGE

Celebrate Black History & Valentine’s Day on Monday, Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., George L. Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street. The 4th District Seniors Resource Center hosted event includes food, music, opportunity drawings, Black History Artifacts Display and special recognition of “Golden Weds” married 50-plus years. Suggested price is \$12, and ethnic or red attire encouraged. RSVP by Feb. 7 to: (619) 266-2066.

DIVERSITY SOLUTIONS

Career Fair and Tribute to Black History Month on Thursday, Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Malcolm X Library and Performing Arts Center, 5148 Market Street. For more information, contact Diversity Solutions at (619) 277-9099 or www.diversitysolutions.us.

WALK FOR GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents Connection Walk-A-Thon fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 to 11 a.m., Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. Information on event and volunteer group that offers resources to parenting grandparents available at: (619) 931-9548; www.grandparentsconnection.org.

RESOURCE SUMMIT TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

Southeastern Safety Resource Team hosts a Resource Summit planning meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon, Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. Organizations that provide services to juveniles in the area and are committed to keeping children safe are encouraged to participate. RSVP by Feb. 11 to Jay Moser, jmoser@pd.sandiego.gov or (619) 527-3526.

MEAL PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

St. Stephen’s Cathedral and Meals4Hunger are joining forces to establish a weekly meal program for senior residents in Southeast San Diego, starting on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m., St. Stephen’s Cathedral, 5825 Imperial Ave. More information: (619) 262-2671.

COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP TRAINING

City of “San Diego’s Development Services Department presents an in-depth training session for elected members of community planning groups on Thursday, Feb. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m., Metropolitan Operations Center, 9192 Topaz Way in Kearny Mesa. RSVP by Feb. 22: Planning & Community Investment Dept. at (619) 235-5200 or SDPlanningGroups@sandiego.gov.

HOLLIS GENTRY DEDICATION CONCERT

Dedication and naming of O’Farrell School auditorium after musical legend Hollis Gentry on Thursday, Feb. 24 from 6 to 9 p.m., O’Farrell Community School Auditorium, 6130 Skyline Drive. Musical scholarship fund announcement and live performances by local jazz musicians. Tickets are \$15 (2 for \$25). More information: (619) 263-3009, ext. 2255.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS

Recovering Fathers, Inc. presents a Drug and Alcohol Awareness forum on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to noon, Cornerstone Community Market Place, 6125 Imperial Ave. Limited seating; reservations recommended: (858) 964-8590 or (619) 527-8580.

ALL THAT JAZZ, BLUES AND OLD SCHOOL

An African-American musical tribute featuring jazz, blues and old school tunes playing on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m., George L. Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street. Ticket and sponsorship information for fundraising event available at: (619) 266-2066 or www.fdsr.org.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

San Diego Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation college scholarship applications due March 4. Minimum of three scholarships (\$5,000 - \$7,500) are available for graduating high school seniors at San Diego City schools. Applications available from high school counselors or online: www.carterreese.com. More information: (619) 463-1702.

DRAWING NEW DISTRICT LINES

Get informed and share your opinions with the 2010 Redistricting Commission. The San Diego City Charter requires that the City be redistricted at least once every 10 years. This year, in response to a vote of the people, the Redistricting Commission will be adding a new Council district and be charged with dividing the City into nine Council districts. Public input and involvement is critical.

Upcoming 2010 Redistricting Committee Meetings:

| Date | Time | Location |
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| Thursday, February 17 | 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | City Administration Building, Committee Room – 12 th Floor |
| Thursday, March 3 | 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | City Administration Building, Committee Room – 12 th Floor |
| Thursday, March 24 | 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | City Administration Building, Committee Room – 12 th Floor |

For more information please visit: <http://www.sandiego.gov/redistricting> or email redistricting_2010@sandiego.gov.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Visit the City's web site (sandiego.gov) to view the many boards and commissions available to serve on. Please call District 4's Breanna Zwart at (619) 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as our representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

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| Monday February 14 | Southeastern Planning Committee (Venus Molina) | 6:00 p.m. | Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41 st Street |
| Monday February 14 | Jamacha Community Council (Bruce Williams) | 7:00 p.m. | Trinity Lutheran Church 7210 Lisbon Road |
| Tuesday February 15 | Webster Community Council (Breanna Zwart) | 7:00 p.m. | Webster Elementary School 4801 Elm Street |
| Wednesday February 16 | Mt. View Community Meeting (Venus Molina) | 6:00 p.m. | Mt. View Park & Recreation Center 641 S. Boundary Street |
| Wednesday February 16 | Paradise Hills Village Council (Liezl Mangonon) | 6:30 p.m. | Lee Elementary School 6169 Childs Avenue |
| Thursday February 17 | Lomita Village Town Council (Venus Molina) | 6:00 p.m. | Skyline Park & Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive |
| Thursday February 17 | Martin Luther King Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III) | 12 noon | MLK Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Drive |
| Tuesday February 22 | Chollas View Community Council (Liezl Mangonon) | 6:00 p.m. | Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue |
| Tuesday February 22 | Willie Henderson Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III) | 6:00 p.m. | Willie Henderson Rec Center 1034 S. 45 th Street |
| Tuesday February 22 | Chollas Lake Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III) | 7:00 p.m. | Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2755 55 th Street |
| Wednesday February 23 | Encanto Community/Rec Council (Roosevelt Williams III) | 6:30 p.m. | Encanto Recreation Center 6508 Wunderlin Drive |
| Monday February 28 | Coalition of Neighborhood Council (Bruce Williams) | 6:00 p.m. | Joe & Vi Jacobs Center 5160 Federal Blvd. |

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