



OFFICE OF
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANTHONY YOUNG
DISTRICT FOUR
FEBRUARY 16, 2011 WEEKLY UPDATE

CITY OF SAN DIEGO



San Diego City Council President Tony Young joins Councilmember Carl DeMaio in proclaiming Feb. 15, 2011 as “Outdoor Outreach Day. The local organization has taken more than 5,400 underprivileged youth on over 1,700 outings such as surfing, snorkeling, snowboarding, hiking, rock climbing and backpacking.

COUNCIL ACTIONS ON FEB. 14-15:

LESS RED TAPE FOR URBAN GREEN SPACE

Council President Young joined the San Diego City Council in approving a law change that will make it easier to start community gardens on commercial land across San Diego. Under the new ordinance, commercial zoned sites are no longer off-limits to community gardens. Restrictions also are being eased in residential areas where fees and community planning reviews can come into play. This is good news for groups like Project New Village, which has been trying for more than a year to start a community garden in District 4’s Mt. Hope neighborhood.

TOUGH BUDGET TALKS

San Diego City Council began budget talks by considering Council President Young’s “menu of options” approach to solving the city’s current and structural deficit. By putting a menu of nearly 300 cost-savings and revenue-generating ideas on the table, President Young says “the Council can, in an open and transparent manner, explore all ideas and then better pick and chose until we get the deficit to zero.” He also encourages citizens to continue coming up with innovative ways to save money throughout the budget process, which will culminate with release of the Mayor’s proposed budget by April 15.



COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

City Councilmembers took the first step toward an updated Southeastern San Diego Community Plan by voting to approve a \$372,855 contract with urban and regional planning consultants. Dyett and Bhatia will provide land use and transportation planning services for the Commercial Street and Imperial Avenue Corridor Master Plan.

CONSOLIDATING REDEVELOPMENT AREAS

San Diego City Council unanimously agreed to merge the 4th and 8th Districts' Central Imperial, Gateway Center West, Mount Hope and Southcrest redevelopment project areas into one Southeastern Community Area. This will increase the group's bonding capacity to \$17 million and improve future redevelopment opportunities in the city's southeastern communities.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES CLEAN

Thanks and congratulations to the many community volunteers, exceptional staff of the Environmental Services Department (ESD), 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 (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a cleanup in your area and/or if you have questions.

SPRUCING UP NORTH BAY TERRACES

On February 2, 2011, a **community clean-up in North Bay Terraces** was held. A total of 9.83 tons of waste was successfully removed. This included almost a ton of recyclables, consisting of metals and appliances. Special thanks to the fine staff of ESD and Mr. Joseph Garcia of North Bay Terraces for their assistance with ensuring the success of this clean-up. For questions regarding this event, please contact Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Michael Flores at (858) 627-3314.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP IN ENCANTO/VALENCIA PARK

On February 9, 2011, a **community clean-up in the Encanto and Valencia Park** communities was held. A total of 6.18 tons of waste was successfully removed. This included over 5 tons of recyclables, consisting of metals and appliances. Special thanks to the fine staff of ESD and Mr. Samuel Alatorre of Valencia Park for their assistance with ensuring the success of this clean-up. For questions regarding this event, please contact Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Christopher Penman at (858) 492-6027.



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.

BLACK HISTORY THROUGH FILM

San Diego City College Diversity Committee is presenting black history through film Feb. 22 – 24 with three screenings: “Soundtrack for a Revolution” about civil rights movement and powerful freedom songs on Feb. 22 at 12:30 p.m. and Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.; “Two Nations of Black America” exploring gap between upper and lower classes on Feb. 23 at 11 a.m.; and “Good Hair” featuring comedian Chris Rock tackling social and economic issues surrounding ethnic hair on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All films showing at San Diego City College, Room D12. Information online: www.sdcity.edu.

RESOURCE SUMMIT TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

Southeastern Safety Resource Team hosts a Resource Summit planning meeting 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 Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m., St. Stephen’s Cathedral, 5825 Imperial Ave. More information: (619) 262-2671.



BUILDING SAN YSIDRO HEALTH CENTER

Council President Young hosts a “Smart Business Solutions” workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. Find out about construction bidding process for San Ysidro Health Center’s new 3-story, 25,000-square-foot primary health care clinic being built on Euclid Avenue in District 4. Consolidated Construction representatives will answer questions about insurance, bonding, second-tier subcontracting for small and emerging enterprises. Join President Young for the workshop at the Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid. RSVP by Feb. 22 to (949) 498-7500 or email: euclid@consolidatedconstruction.com.

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 SDPlanning-Groups@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.

EMPOWERING AND EDUCATING YOUTH

3rd Annual Cesar E. Chavez Service Learning Workshop on Friday, Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Health & Human Services Agency, 8965 Balboa Ave. Geared to middle/high school educators and after school staff to empower and educate youth about service learning. To register, call Xochitl Even: (858) 581-5887 or email: xeven@theci.org.

BOOK SALE BENEFITS YOUNG READERS

Malcolm X Library is holding a Heritage Month book sale on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds from sale benefit the Children’s Book Fund at the Valencia Park library, 5148 Market Street. Info at: (619) 527-3405.

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.



GROWING A BUSINESS AT LOCAL FARMERS MARKET

People's Produce Project is hosting a workshop on becoming a certified grower for local farmers market on Monday, Feb. 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., 5106 Federal Blvd., Suite 103. For more on growing and selling produce, call (619)262-2022 or send email: projectnewvillage@gmail.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.

FREE SERVICES AT WOMEN'S RESOURCE FAIR

22nd Annual Women's Resource Fair at downtown Golden Hall on Saturday, March 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., offers free women's services including: medical and dental; legal and financial assistance; job skills, education and employment counseling; mental health and spiritual counseling; and shelter referrals. Free child care and pet services also offered. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Early arrival is suggested to best access available services. More information: (619)338-6620 or online at www.wrfsandiego.org.

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
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:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
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.	St. Timothy Church 2602 Reo Drive
Thursday February 17	Martin Luther King Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	12 noon	MLK Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Drive
Thursday February 17	Lomita Village Town Council (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park & Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive
Tuesday February 22	Chollas View Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue
Thursday February 24	Alta Vista Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	Nye Elementary School 921 S. Valencia Parkway
Thursday February 24	Broadway Heights Community Council (Breanna Zwart)	7:00 p.m.	TBA

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