



## New NHA Center Helping Students Succeed

### *Free homework center now open in Mountain View*



Congratulations to the Neighborhood House Association for opening a new homework center in the 4<sup>th</sup> District neighborhood of Mountain View. The free facility, at 841 South 41<sup>st</sup> St., will provide much-needed services to middle and high-school students, including homework assistance as well as free access to computers, printers, internet, school supplies and after-school snack. Hours of operation are 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Free transportation to the center is being provided from three locations: Lincoln High School, St. Stephen's Church and Millennial Tech Middle School. Students interested in participating need to fill out an enrollment application, available online at: [www.neighborhoodhouse.org/homework\\_center/](http://www.neighborhoodhouse.org/homework_center/) or by calling the organization at: (619) 252-5240.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS:

### *TACKLING THE CITY BUDGET*

On April 12, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved a **Budget Resolution that outlines nearly \$40 million in cost-savings that will help erase the city's projected deficit without cutting vital public services.** This historic resolution completes a lengthy process that sought input on ways to fix the city's budget problems from citizens, business leaders, labor organizations as well as elected officials. This year, the Council has taken a more proactive approach to tackling the city budget by working together to craft a Budget Resolution that now will be sent to the Mayor for consideration in his proposed FY2012 budget plan. We are proud of what has been accomplished so far, and the City Council will continue to maintain this sense of openness and collaboration throughout the upcoming budget process.



## **YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:**

### *PUBLIC HEALTH CHAMP*

We are proud of District 4's N. Diane Moss, Director of Project New Village, who was recently named one of this year's "Public Health Champions." The award was presented on April 8 by the County of San Diego Health and Human Service Agency in recognition of Moss' efforts promoting health and wellbeing for our local residents, including establishment of the People's Produce Project to improve access to affordable health food options in southeastern San Diego.

### *FOUNDATION FOR OUR YOUTH*

The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA works hard to offer a helping hand and establish a critical foundation for our young people through sports and character development programs. From its recent spring camps to the Healthy Kids Day on April 16, our local Y serves an ethnically diverse community of over 250,000 people. The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Tribute & Scholarship Gala will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel & Marina. For more information, call: (619) 264-0144 or visit online: [www.jackierobinson.ymca.org](http://www.jackierobinson.ymca.org)

### *WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD*

A ribbon cutting and other grand opening ceremonies for the new Popeyes Chicken Restaurant will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The public is invited to join the free festivities at the Louisiana-themed eatery located at Euclid and Federal in the community of Webster.

### *REDISTRICTING COMMISSION DRAWS PRELIMINARY MAP*

The 2010 Redistricting Commission needs your testimony to help determine how district boundaries will be drawn. Nine pre-map public hearings will be held in San Diego City Council Districts throughout April and May, including one in District 4 at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. A special weekend hearing also is set for 10 a.m., Saturday, April 30 at the Balboa Park Club, 2144 Pan American Road. For more information and listing of other upcoming public hearings, call: (619) 533-3060, or visit the commission's website: [www.sandiego.gov/redistricting](http://www.sandiego.gov/redistricting).

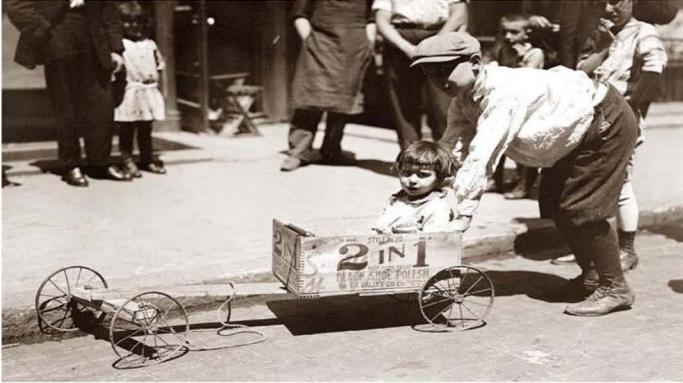
### *CURTAIN GOES UP ON COMEDY*

Season finale comedy "Octette Bridge Club" will be staged through April 24 at the Community Actors Theatre, 2957 54<sup>th</sup> Street in Oak Park. Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. on Sundays. More info: (619) 264-3391.



### ***GIRLS EXPLORE CAREERS IN MATH & SCIENCE***

**Free workshop for girls in 5<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade interested in careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) will be held on Saturday, April 30** from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School, 6835 Benjamin Holt Road. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual STEM workshop, sponsored by the National Council on Negro Women (NCNW), Inc. San Diego Section, includes breakfast and lunch as well as career presentations by local professional women. For more information, contact NCNW at (619) 479-7375 or visit online: [www.sandiegocnww.org](http://www.sandiegocnww.org).



**The All-American Soap Box Derby is a youth racing program which has been run in the United States since 1934. The race is coming to our very own O'Farrell Park neighborhood this spring. Bring the family, have some fun and keep the tradition**

### ***DERBY ROLLS IN DISTRICT 4***

**San Diego All-American Soap Box Derby race will roll on Saturday, April 30**, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Skyline Drive between 61<sup>st</sup> and O'meara Streets. Dubbed the "Greatest Amateur Racing Event in the World," boys and girls ages 8 through 17 (in three racing divisions) compete in simplified cars built from kits. This spring, the Soap Box Derby will stage two races in Southeastern San Diego. In addition to April 30 event, another race will staged on Saturday, May 28 in nearby Sherman Heights. For additional information, call Derby Director James Justus: (619) 286-0913.

### ***CREEK TO BAY CLEAN-UP***

**Join 'I Love A Clean San Diego' for its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Creek to Bay Clean-Up on Saturday, April 30** 9 a.m. to noon at 70 different sites throughout the county. Let's all gather at the clean-up kick off site in our community at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 6401 Skyline Drive. For more information, call Morgan Justice-Black: (619) 704-2772.

### ***OUT OF THIS WORLD DOCUMENTARY***

**EIS will screen "Hubble's Diverse Universe" documentary on Saturday, April 30** at 12:30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre, 605 51<sup>st</sup> Street. The 40-minute film focuses on the research and science careers of nine African American and Hispanic American astronomers and astrophysicists. Space is limited at reservations required. RSVP by April 28 to (619) 263-2302 or email: [cfields@eisca.org](mailto:cfields@eisca.org).

### ***KUDUMU COMMEMORATIVE SCHOLARSHIP***

**High school seniors are invited to apply for \$1,000 Walter & Maisha Kudumu Commemorative Scholarship.** Presented by Pazzaz Inc. and the New ERAA (Everyone Recommitting to Academic Achievement) Planning Committee, **deadline for applying is Friday, May 6.** For an application or more information, call Pazzaz: (619) 264-6870 or email Barrie Owens: [kudumu2010@gmail.com](mailto:kudumu2010@gmail.com).

## FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET

**People's Produce Farmers Market is open Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m., 606 Euclid Avenue, in Chollas View.** Local farmers offer a bounty of fresh produce, local artisans display handmade crafts, and gardening/growing enthusiasts gather to share tips and resources. For more information call: (619) 262-2022 or visit online: [www.projectnewvillage.com](http://www.projectnewvillage.com).

## FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO OUR RESIDENTS

**Let's eliminate hunger in our community.** We are working with faith-based groups and other local nonprofit organizations to help needy residents in District 4 put food on their tables. If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance please call my office at: (619) 236-6644. We'll help find the nearest food pantries and meal distribution sites in your neighborhood.

## GET INVOLVED WITH LOCAL PLANNING GROUPS

**District 4 Planning Groups invite you to participate in making good things happen in our neighborhoods.** Community planning groups provide a great opportunity for you to get involved in advising the City Council, the Planning Commission, and other decision-makers on development projects, general or community plan amendments, re-zonings and public facilities. Recommendations from local 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, or own a business or property in one of these areas and want more information on ways to get involved, please contact District 4 Representative Bruce Williams in my office: (619) 236-7175.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Thursday April 14	O'Farrell Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	MLK Park and Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Drive
Monday April 18	Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Joe and Vi Jacobs Center 404 Euclid Avenue
Tuesday April 19	Webster Community Council (Breanna Zwart)	7:00 p.m.	Webster Elementary School 4801 Elm Street
Wednesday April 20	Mountain View Community Meeting (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Mt. View Park and Recreation Center 641 S. Boundary Street
Wednesday April 20	Paradise Hills Village Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	St. Timothy's Church 2602 Reo Drive
Thursday April 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	12:00 p.m.	MLK Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Drive
Thursday April 21	Lomita Village Town Council (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park and Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive

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