



# Spring Cleanups and Community Celebrations



Council President Young celebrated the spring season at Dennis Allen Park in Mt. Hope. Children and adults alike enjoyed the Order of the Eastern Star Easter Egg Hunt as well as music, games and prizes.

Community leaders, elected officials and students at Bell Middle School in Paradise Hills kicked off a canyon cleanup project and celebrated progress of the Safe Passage program. Enlisting the Urban Corps and using San Diego Workforce Partnership youth job training funds, the April 18 event helped restore the canyon and create a safer path for students on the way to and from school.

## **COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

### *NEW CITY BUDGET*

**San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders presented his proposed FY2012 Budget to the City Council.** The preliminary budget for the fiscal year that begins July includes the restoration of idled fire engines, but calls for deep cuts to parks and libraries to close the \$56.7 million deficit in the city's \$1.1 billion operating budget. The City Council, which has the final budget approval, will consider the Mayor's plan at public hearings over the next few weeks. Council President Young and other council members have vowed to look for more cost-savings and revenue-generating ideas to minimize cuts to our local libraries, community parks and recreation programs.

### *PUBLIC BUDGET BRIEFINGS*

**Mayor Jerry Sanders and city staff will preview the city's proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget** at two upcoming community meetings: 6 to 7 p.m. on **Thursday, April 21** at Kearny High School Auditorium, 7651 Wellington Way; and 6 to 7 p.m. on **Thursday, April 28 at Joe and Vi Jacobs Center**, 404 Euclid Avenue. For more information, please contact: (619)236-6330.



## *GOOD NEIGHBOR*

The San Diego City Council approved a 25-year lease with the Neighborhood House Association allowing the nonprofit organization to continue to operate a senior nutrition and community center in District 4's Mountain View neighborhood. A true asset in our district, the NHA facility provides vital social services to seniors and youth, such as the recently opened a state-of-the-art homework lab for middle and high school students.

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

### *SAFE PASSAGE CANYON CLEANUP*

**Urban Corps crews kicked off a canyon cleanup project in District 4's Paradise Hills community near Bell Middle School on April 18 as part of Safe Passage,** a multi-agency program designed to protect students from gangs, harassment and other criminal activity as they walk to and from the school campus. San Diego County Supervisor Ron Roberts, San Diego Unified Superintendent Bill Kowba, Bell Middle School Principal Michael Dodson, Urban Corps' CEO Sam Lopez and San Diego Police Department Captain Tony McElroy joined my office, students and residents to begin clearing thick brush from the canyon path to make it safer for students and beautify the community.

### *LOOKING GOOD PARADISE HILLS*

**City of San Diego's Environment Services Department conducted a mini community cleanup on March 23 in the Paradise Hills area.** This successful cleanup removed a total of 2 tons of waste (1.4 tons of non-recyclables and .58 tons of recyclables such as metals and appliances) from the neighborhood. Each year the city's Environmental Services Department conducts special community cleanup events in neighborhoods throughout the city. Feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Michael Flores regarding cleanup events at: (858) 627-3314.

### *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).

### *EARTH DAY DIALOG*

**Earth Day presentation and discussion at People's Produce Market on Friday, April 22 at 5 p.m.** "The Story of Vacant Lots: Opportunities for a Healthier Food System & Community" will feature A.L. Anderson-Lazo, Ph.D. UCSD postdoctoral research fellow on minority health and health disparities with the Center for Global California Studies. For more information: (619) 262-2022.



### ***SUBS FOR SUBS REGISTRATION STARTS***

**Registration opens Friday, April 22 for the annual Subs for Subs networking/outreach business opportunity fair sponsored by the Centre City Development Corporation and 11 local public agencies.** The event will bring small and prime business together focusing on construction and construction-related industries, architecture and engineering, professional and technical services as well as consultant and vendor services. The free event will be held June 16 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 N. Harbor Drive. For more information and registration, please email: [subsforsubs@ccdc.com](mailto:subsforsubs@ccdc.com).

### ***GROWERS GROUP***

**The newly established People's Produce Growers Group will feature special guest Mark Lyles,** Agricultural/Standards Inspector with San Diego County Agriculture, Weights and Measures at its monthly meeting on **Monday, April 25 at 6 p.m.,** at the Project New Village Office, 5106 Federal Blvd. He will discuss how backyard growers can become certified to sell produce at farmers markets and elsewhere. For more information: (619) 262-2022.

### ***MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC***

**Mobile Medical Clinic will be at Morse High School on Tuesday, April 26 from 1 to 5 p.m.** Provided by Family Health Centers of San Diego, the mobile clinic provides low cost services such as immunizations, school/sports physicals, sick visits and family planning. Bring your child's immunization card and health insurance card, as appropriate. (Medi-Cal participants receive services at no cost.) No appointment needed, however you can reserve a spot by calling the Health Access Partnership at: (619) 263-3009, ext. 2234.

### ***FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS***

**Free new books for kids at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Book Party on Saturday, April 30** from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. Entertainment and refreshments also will be served at the Reading Literacy Learning's free community event that has donated more than a million books to help children build their own home library. For more information: (619) 266-4118.

### ***GIRLS GOING FOR CAREERS IN MATH & SCIENCE***

**Free workshop for girls in 5<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grades 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 of 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).

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### ***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 Omeara 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 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 and reservations required. Please RSVP by April 28 to: (619) 263-2302, or email: [cfields@eisca.org](mailto:cfields@eisca.org).

### ***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)

### ***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 about upcoming classes and exhibit opportunities, call: (619) 262-2022 or visit: [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.

## 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.

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. To learn more about the opportunity to serve please visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/>. If you are interested in serving as a 4<sup>th</sup> District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission, please call Breanna Zwart at: (619) 236-6644.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS:**

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Wednesday April 20	Mountain View Community Meeting (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Mt. View Park & Recreation Center 641 S. Boundary Street
Wednesday April 20	Paradise Hills Village Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	Lee Elementary 6169 Childs Avenue
Wednesday April 20	Webster Community Council (Breanna Zwart)	7:00 p.m.	Webster Elementary School 4801 Elm Street
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
Monday April 25	Southeastern Planning Committee (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41 <sup>st</sup> Street
Monday April 25	Coalition of Neighborhood Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue
Tuesday April 26	Chollas View Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue
Wednesday April 27	Encanto Community/Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Encanto Recreation Center 6508 Wunderlin Drive
Thursday April 28	Alta Vista Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	Nye Elementary 921 S. Valencia Parkway
Thursday April 28	Broadway Heights Community Council (Breanna Zwart)	7:00 p.m.	Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue

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