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Cleaning Up Creek to Bay

It was a beautiful Saturday morning to volunteer throughout San Diego and throughout Council District 9!

The countywide Creek to Bay Cleanup on Saturday, April 27, 2013 had approximately 6,000 volunteers who removed more than 100,000 pounds of trash. The 11th Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup spanned 90 cleanup sites, with nine sites in City Heights.



That morning, I visited all nine sites, at which more over 400 volunteers participated and removed debris from our canyons, such as a water bed, couch, fencing, light fixtures and a toilet. Many of the volunteers were parents with their children, bonding behind the worthy cause of protecting the delicate balance between nature and urban living in their sprawling canyons, covering 4.75 miles.

Through this Creek to Bay event, whole neighborhoods turned out to ensure their canyon backyards are safe. I joined Ocean Discovery Institute and Stanford Alumnus at Swan Canyon as they persistently and arduously worked to restore the natural habitat.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this year's big cleanup a big success! You all have gone above and beyond, and we hope to see you at cleanups all year-round!

Thanks, Marti

Mission Statement

Empower constituents to improve their quality of life, economy, and neighborhoods through the effective use of a responsive, transparent, and trustworthy city government.

My Goals:

Provide Safe Neighborhoods, Empower People, Deliver Resources,
Create Economic Opportunity, Promote Trust In Government

District 9 Communities

- Alvarado Estates
- Azalea Park
- Castle
- Cherokee Point
- Chollas Creek
- Colina Park
- College Area
- Corridor
- El Cerrito
- Fairmount Park
- Fairmount Village
- Fox Canyon
- Hollywood Park
- Islenair
- Kensington
- Mountain View
- Mt Hope
- Ridgeview
- Rolando
- Southcrest
- Swan Canyon
- Talmadge
- Teralta-East & West
- Willie Henderson

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Safety Speaks

At the April Public Safety & Neighborhood Services (PSNS) Committee meeting, Chairwoman Emerald led the committee in demanding action to retain San Diego's trained police officers in the face of rising crime rates.

"Crime is back on the rise, and that's unacceptable," Emerald stated. "The number of police officers keeping our neighborhoods safe has dropped to 1,841, a deficit of nearly 130 officers as of today—including 84 officers who left this past fiscal year."

Emerald brought the issue before the Committee following an alarming report in 2012. The report, issued by the Police Chief, indicated that for the first time in several years, crime in San Diego is on the rise. The total number of crimes in San Diego increased nearly 7 percent in 2012 compared to 2011, the first increase in overall crime since 2005.

"Coupled with a significant shortage of officers, this issue needs to be a central focus of City government," added Chairwoman Emerald. "I commend our public safety officers, who are truly America's finest, but we cannot expect them to continue to do more with less."

The Department will provide the Committee with a regular monthly update. To share your ideas and concerns for improving public safety, please contact Committee Consultant Drew Ector by calling (619) 236-7038 or emailing Dector@sandiego.gov.

Your FY2014 Budget Priorities

What are YOUR priorities for the FY2014 budget? Where do you want to see taxpayer dollars invested? Mayor Filner released his Proposed Budget on **April 15** and presented it to me and my fellow Councilmembers on **April 16**.

From **May 6-10**, we will hold marathon hearings on the budget for each City department and agency, and make the final decision in **June**. These are public meetings, and I encourage you to participate, whether by coming to City Hall to listen and give feedback, or by contacting my office with your thoughts.

A complete schedule of upcoming hearings can be found online at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/councilcomm/fy14budget.pdf>

The proposed budget is posted online at: www.sandiego.gov/fm/proposed/index.shtml.

In District 9, Mayor Filner has proposed to fund parts of the El Cajon Boulevard Streetscape Improvements, Talmadge's Historic Gates, Talmadge Streetscape & Lighting Zone and the Tubman Charter School Joint Use Field.

His proposed budget also includes funding to complete the Central Avenue Mini Park, the City Heights Square Mini Park And Charles Lewis III Memorial Park which increases much needed park space in our communities.

Please attend the Council meeting on **May 22, 2013** at 6pm to show your support for our District 9 projects at the public hearing on the Mayor's Proposed FY14 Budget.

Coffee with your Councilmember

Saturday, May 11
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Bistro Sixty
(San Diego Desserts)

5987 El Cajon Blvd
(at 60th St.)
San Diego, CA 92115

Councilmember Marti Emerald invites all members of the College Area, El Cerrito and Rolando neighborhood for coffee. This is an opportunity to chat about the issues important to your community. Join Councilmember Emerald to share your feedback and ask your questions.



Café con tu Miembro del Consejo de la Ciudad

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For more information, visit the District Nine website www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd9/, call (619) 236-6699 or email martiemerald@sandiego.gov. You can also like Councilmember Marti Emerald on Facebook at www.facebook.com/marti.emerald

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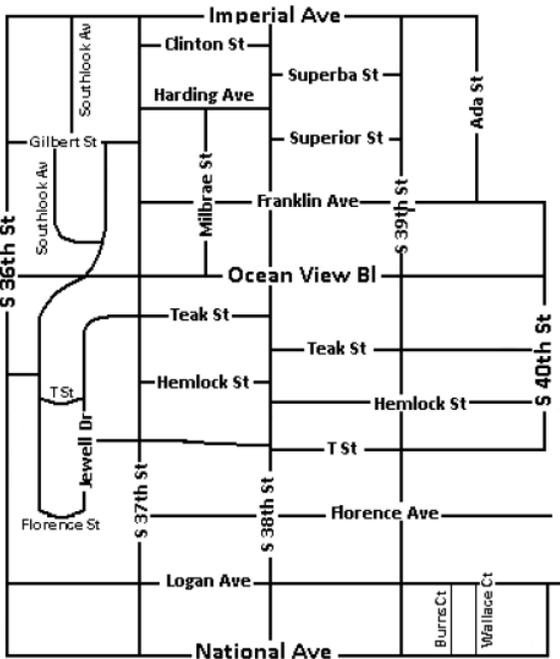
District 9 Environmental Services Curbside Clean-Ups

The Environmental Services Department **will pick up recyclables** (appliances, electronics, lawnmowers, metals, wood & yard trimmings) **and non-recyclables** (carpeting, junk furniture, mattresses, palm fronds).

Call ESD for information about proper disposal of “Not Accepted” waste items or other questions: (858) 694-7000.

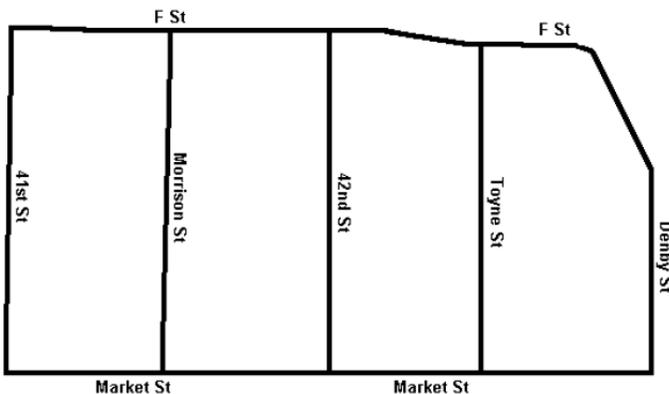
Place waste at point of regular trash collection by 8:00AM on day of pick up. Do not use automated refuse containers.

Saturday, May 11, 2013— Major Clean Up in Mountain View

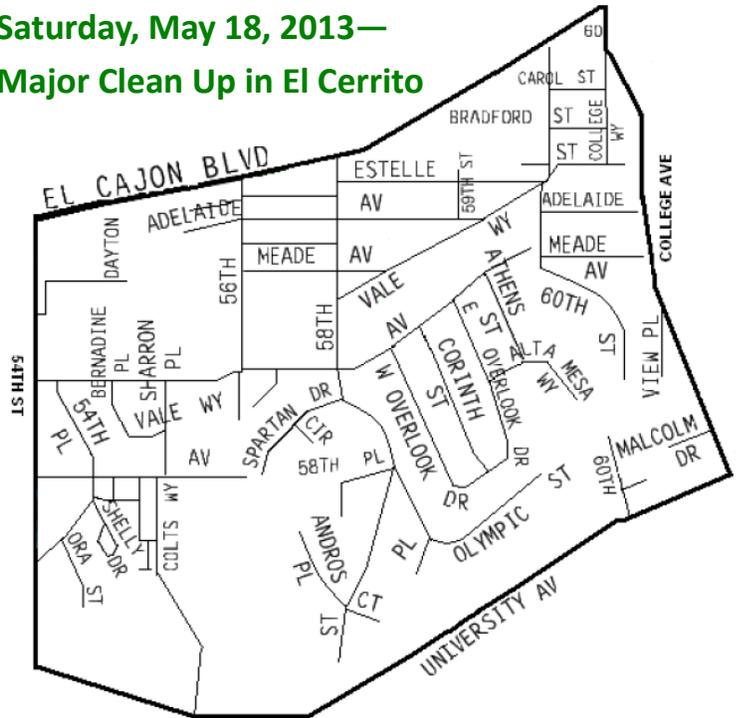


THIS AREA ONLY

Thursday, May 16, 2013— Mini Clean Up in Mt. Hope



Saturday, May 18, 2013— Major Clean Up in El Cerrito



Wednesday, May 22, 2013— Mini Clean Up in Catoctin Area



Up to but not including Montezuma Rd.

Neighborhood Focus: Fairmount Park

Fairmount Park was first established in 1953 and has over 500 single family homes. In the 1980s, construction filled in most of the remaining real estate, making the neighborhood almost totally developed. When the neighborhood was originally established, there were no highways; now it is surrounded on all three sides by major freeways. You might say that Fairmount Park is the other "Golden Triangle"! Home Avenue is the main thoroughfare of the area and serves as the neighborhood's "business district."

Each April, the neighborhood holds a **Whole Neighborhood Yard Sale** that brings together neighbors for a little fun and the thrill of finding bargains. **In June**, the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association, in association with Councilmember Emerald's office, coordinates a **neighborhood cleanup** that allows for residents to bring items for disposal that otherwise would have to be hauled to the Miramar Landfill or remain an eyesore on local properties. **June** also features the annual **Fairmount Park Block Party** held on the grounds of the First Church of the Brethren & The San Diego Peace Center.

Fairmount Park is unique due to its distinction of having the highest owner-occupancy rate in City Heights. Even though the neighborhood is over 50 years old, several of the original residents still reside here. Currently, several homes in the area are owned by different generations and extensions of the same families.



May Community Events

Saturday, May 11, 2013 – City Heights Urban Greening Workshop #2 from 10am to 1pm at the Metro Career Center, 3910 University Avenue. Help identify key talking and biking streets, which will receive special attention to address the need for street trees and other greening methods. Contact Jenny An for more information at jenny@ktua.com.

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 – Tubman Charter Schools Joint Use Improvements Workshop

This project will consist of 1.2 acre joint use facilities at Tubman Charter school. Come express your ideas at a second public workshop, which will start at 6:30pm and will be located at the Colina Del Sol Recreation Center Gym, 5319 Orange Avenue. For questions about the project, contact Alexandra Corsi at acorsimorgan@sandiego.gov.

Friday, May 17, 2013 – Bike To Work Day

Stop by the City Heights CDC's Bike To Work Day Pit Stop from 6am to 10am for free snacks and giveaways. The pit stop will be located at the north-west corner island of the 54th St & University Ave. Come by and learn why the City Heights Built Environment Team has made safety a top priority at this intersection—City Heights' most under-served multi-modal gateway.

Saturday, May 25, 2013 – AjA Project's story+LINES Exhibit will feature an interactive, multi-sensory, art exhibit like you've never experienced before. The AjA Project is located at 4089 Fairmount Avenue. Come enjoy this event from 11am to 6pm. For more information, please visit www.ajaproject.org.

Friday, May 31, 2013 – Remember Your Roots Art & Culture Gala will feature a silent auction of art made by youth members and local artists, lively entertainment and cultural performances from 6pm to 9pm at Teen Challenge International, 5450 Lea Street. San Diego Asian Youth Organization's (SDAYO) aims to promote youth involvement in the community. A minimum donation of \$5 is encouraged. For more info, please visit: sdayoartgala.weebly.com.

Marti In The District



U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack visits City Heights to highlight the summer lunch program and the importance of exercise and nutritional education. Councilmember Emerald and SDUSD Superintendent-Designate Marten welcomed him to Colina del Sol Park to discuss healthy habits and community needs.



Councilmember Emerald took the SDSU 360 Tour which included a visit to the “Viz” Center, BioScience Center, the SDSU Police Dept and the Zahn Center for Engineering Innovation.



The Southeastern Wrap Around Community Effort works towards improving the community. Councilmember Emerald visited the group and thanked them for their persistence and dedication to safe neighborhoods, community empowerment, and helping deliver resources.



Councilmember at the Youth Resource & Job Fair held at the Mid City Gym. Many employers like UPS and Sea World came prepared with summer jobs for young employment seekers.

INTERNSHIPS

San Diego City Councilmember Emerald’s office is currently accepting applications from motivated high school and college students looking to gain experience interning for an elected official.

Interested applicants should e-mail Councilmember Marti Emerald a cover letter, résumé and at least one letter of recommendation, along with a brief writing sample, to martiemerald@sandiego.gov. Please feel free to call (619) 236-6699 with any questions.