



EL CERRITO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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El Cerrito Community Council Meeting JULY 18, 2019 7:00PM PARISH HALL



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

Please join us for a family fun night to watch The Secret Life of Pets. This is a PG animation movie that kids and adults will all enjoy. There will be a variety of seating options, including space on the floor upfront for mats and blankets – anywhere you are comfortable.

We will have popcorn and movie snack favorites for everyone to enjoy.

Bring the kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and other kids you know and be the coolest adults they know. Adults are welcome too.

EL CERRITO RESTAURANT NIGHT OUT AT BLACK MARKET BREWING CO. TUESDAY, JULY 23rd

We are going to have an El Cerrito Restaurant Night out a little outside of El Cerrito boundaries on Tuesday, July 23th at Black Market Brewing Co. This restaurant is located at Art Street & El Cajon Blvd, near 63rd St.

In addition to great beer, we hear the pizza here is great. This is a family friendly place, so feel free to bring the whole family. We will have an area set aside to ourselves from 5:00 - 9:00 pm, so come join us for dinner!

We know not everyone can get there at 5:00, so come when you can - we have the space until 9:00 and expect ebb & flow cycles on these nights.

The El Cerrito restaurant nights are a lot of fun for all. We each pay for what we order and get a chance to meet neighbors we do not know yet and catch up with those we do. We sure hope to see you there!

REVIEW OF TOWNHALL MEETING ON DISTRICT 9 STORAGE FACILITIES FOR THE HOMELESS

Representatives from Mayor Faulkner’s office, City Environmental Services and San Diego Police Department held a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at the Teen Challenge Center at 5450 Lea Street, to hear from the community residents and discuss a temporary storage facility for the homeless is proposed for the Chollas Triangle area near Lea Street and Chollas Parkway.

Several residents of the surrounding neighborhoods attended to express concerns and support for the project. Many want the area to be developed with a park, housing and commercial as planned. It stressed that the storage facility being planned is temporary.

The Mayor is working on a variety of projects to address the homeless population throughout the City. One aspect of homelessness is not having a place to keep possessions safe, which many solve by using shopping carts to store, transport and keep their possessions with them.

EL CERRITO BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Storage facilities for the homeless have been found to provide a safe accessible place to store their possessions. The Mayor's office and Georgette Gomez wanted a City owned property for placement of the storage facility and selected the site off Chollas Parkway as the best location in District 9.

There currently are several homeless people who sleep near this location, as well as several parked RV's and other vehicles housing that people are living in, so it is hoped that the storage facility will assist those already in the area.

The storage bins are similar to the large trash bins that we use for trash collection. They are designed to keep water out and to be locked for security.

The site is planned to initially hold 100 bins but could be expanded for 500 bins. There will be cloth-covered chain link fencing enclosing the bins. Hours are expected to be in the range of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. There will also be out-reach personnel at the site to offer various services and housing opportunities.

The plan for Chollas Triangle can be viewed at www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/easternarea.

RECAP ON POLICE REPORT ON CRIME IN EL CERRITO AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS

At our last ECCC meeting San Diego Police Community Relations Officers, Terry Hoskins and John Steffen gave us information on crime in El Cerrito and surrounding neighborhoods.

Terry Hoskins provided current crime statistics as well as some insight in the numbers. One important fact he told us is that some crimes such as assault and rape unfortunately often occur at home by acquaintances and family, so chances of being assaulted on our streets is not as high as it may seem.

Brian Helmich with Talmadge Neighborhood Watch told us about how their neighborhood patrol, which includes citizen's car patrol and reports to the polices are helping their area fight crime.

One of best things we can do when crime incidents occur is to be sure to report them. If a crime is taking place, call 911. There are a number of ways to report non-emergency crimes, including calling 619-531-2000, reporting online at www.sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/staraccess.

There is a great crime maps and incidents report site you should check out at www.argis.org. This site allows you to select types of crime, an area, time frames, etc. For instance, you can look at all types of crime in El Cerrito for the last month or car incidents for all of El Cajon Blvd for the last year.

The El Cerrito Beautification Committee is recruiting new members to help clean up the community. Our goal is to meet once a month to pick-up litter and clean-up overgrown weeds on sidewalks. This is a fun way to meet neighbors and do something great for your community.

Our next work party is on Saturday July 20, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. It is always the Saturday after the community meeting. We will meet at the corner of 58th and Trojan Ave.

We work for no more than two hours. We can grab coffee or a bite to eat afterwards at Scrimshaw Coffee, 5542 El Cajon Blvd., 92115. The clean-up crew gets a 10% discount.

If you'd like more information or would like to join us, please call Lorna Zukas at 619-538-9689. If you can't make it this month but want to join in the future or if you have areas that you feel need clean-up, please email elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
FOLLOWING EVENTS**
PROGRAMS ARE TENTATIVE AND
SUBJECT TO CHANGES

July 18th – Family Movie Night Returns. Join us for The Secret Life of Pets - and great snacks for family fun.

July 20, Saturday - El Cerrito Beautification Cleanup - Meet at 8:30 am at 58th & Trojan.

July 23rd - El Cerrito Restaurant Night Out - at the Black Market Brewing Co. - 4800 Art Street on El Cajon Blvd. 5:00 - 9:00 pm.

August ECCC Meeting - Potluck BBQ!



AUGUST BBQ POTLUCK & SILENT AUCTION

Our August meeting is going to be another fun Barbeque Potluck, a silent auction and invitation to all in the El Cerrito neighborhood. Our ECCC Board members are going to be cooking up something for everyone - hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, Morning Star patties, tofu burgers and tofu hotdogs, so you will be able to choose your favorite. We want you to bring

your favorite summer dishes, salads, desserts, etc. and we will all enjoy a great meal together.

Realtors in our area have told us that homes are really selling so there are a lot of new neighbors in El Cerrito. If you have a new neighbor, be sure to say hi and invite them to the August meeting.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR AUGUST'S SILENT AUCTION

ECCC is looking for items for our August Potluck Silent Auction. If you have something new or in very good condition that you just have not used and would like to donate, please consider the ECCC. If you are not going to attend the meeting, we will pick it up - Please email Jim at jacobw@cox.net.

HOW THE SILENT AUCTION WORKS

- All of the auction items will be placed on tables for viewing; each item will have a bid sheet in front of it.
- Everyone gets to walk around to check out the items and if there is something you want; you write how much you will pay for the item on the bid sheet;
- If there is already a bid written on a bid sheet and you want the item, you write down a higher bid.
- There is no limit to how many times one can bid on an item.
- Bidding ends at about 8:00 – a warning will be given. When time is called, the items are won by the highest Bidder.

All proceeds from the Auction will go to the ECCC.

If you would like to donate something for our silent auction, please email Jim at jacobw@cox.net to make arrangements.

DONATIONS! DONATIONS! DONATIONS!



Thank you all so very much for your donations! We received the following donations through the end of June:

- \$ 50 Anonymous on Ashby Street
- \$ 40 Anonymous on Alcorn Place
- \$ 25 Little Flower Florist - 5547 El Cajon Blvd

Thank you too to all who add to the jars at the front table at the monthly meetings. Your continuing support helps us pay.

We also take donations for Blessed Sacrament Parrish Church at our meetings.

We do need the donations. Big and small – they all add up to help keep the newsletter being published.

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To make arrangements, please contact us at elcerritocomunitycouncil@gmail.com. We require camera ready art in a jpeg format. If you are unsure about what you have, please contact us. We look forward to helping you broaden your exposure and expanding your business.

SUMMER IN THE COLLEGE AREA TIME TO GET OUT AND ABOUT

SDSU students are on summer break until August, so now it the time to try the restaurants and shops in the area. There are many eating and drinking locations in College, Rolando and El Cerrito neighborhoods getting rave reviews.

With less traffic in our area, it's a great time to start shopping at Trader Joe's location on College Avenue. The parking is free, located in a parking garage with elevators big enough for you and your cart. It really is an easy trip. Make your first few visits now, and you will barely notice the extra traffic when the students are back.

We recommend all of the eateries in the El Cerrito Corridor of El Cajon Blvd. Hope we see you out and about in the neighborhood soon!

And be sure to join us at Black Market Brewing Co. for El Cerrito Dine Out on July 23rd!



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**JOIN US TO FOR
THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS,
POPCORN AND MOVIE SNACKS**

**The ECCC Monthly Meeting
Is Every 3rd Thursday
Blessed Sacrament Parish Church

4540 El Cerrito Drive
El Cajon Boulevard at El Cerrito Drive**

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