



El Cerrito Community Council Meeting
OCTOBER 17, 2019 7:00PM
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
PARISH HALL

YOUR PORCH NEEDS A JACK-O-LANTERN!

At our October meeting we are carving pumpkins and sipping cider!. Please come join us to catch up on all of the information from representatives, including Shirley Weber, Georgette Gomez, College and Eastern Area Planning Committees and have some fun carving pumpkins.

There will be three categories for the contest- scary, funny and cute. If you already have a pumpkin with a shape that you love, please bring it along. We will have some pumpkin carving tools, but if you have favorites, please bring them along.

We'll have fun prizes for the winners!

EL CERRITO'S DECEMBER MEETING
WILL BE ONE WEEK EARLY

Due to Blessed Sacrament's Holiday schedule the El Cerrito Holiday Potluck Meeting is going to be one week early this year.

Please mark your calendars for December 12th for the ECCC Holiday Meeting.

EL CERRITO KIDS 15TH ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is the time for the 15th Annual El Cerrito Kids Halloween Costume Parade. Please invite your friends and family! As in years past, Kevin Delgado will be parade marshal and will lead the parade on drum.

- We will be meeting in front of Blessed Sacrament Church at **4:00 pm on Halloween Day (Thursday, October 31st)**.
- The Parade will start promptly at 4:15 p.m. Typically the parade lasts about a half (1/2) hour.
- Children (and adults if they wish) should come dressed in costume (strollers and wagons are welcome). We welcome children of all ages.
- Bring a musical instrument or noise maker.
- The parade route will start at Blessed Sacrament, north on El Cerrito, west on Madison, north on 55th Street, east and then south on Redland Drive, end at the corner of Redland and Adams. Feel free to join and/or leave the parade at any point.
- If you do not plan to march, please plan to watch.
- The whole community is invited to see all of the El Cerrito Kids in their costumes! Spectators are welcome to watch from their homes and along the parade route.

Questions or suggestions, contact hfeldman@cox.net.





FLAG RETIREMENT BOXES AT A LIBRARY NEAR YOU

Boxes to dispose of United States Flags which need to be retired are at our City and County Library branches.

Flag retirement boxes provide residents with a way to honorably dispose of United States Flags that are old, worn, tattered, frayed, faded or no longer in suitable condition to be displayed.

The County Board of Supervisors has created a regional flag retirement program which has placed flag retirement boxes in eleven cities in San Diego County.

The National Association of Counties has a flag etiquette program including flag retirement boxes.

This is a fairly new program in the City of San Diego, but the City of Carlsbad has had flag retirement boxes at its libraries since 2013 and has collected more than 1,200 flags.

The regional flag retirement program is funded by Supervisor Greg Cox's donation for boxes and covers the seven city library systems and also the San Diego Law Library and will allow for the purchase of 100 flag retirement boxes.

Flag retirement box maintenance and flag retrieval are provided by the San Diego-Imperial Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The actual flag retirement activities are performed by the American Legion and the Us4Warriors Foundation.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS



PROGRAMS ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

October 19 Saturday – El Cerrito Beautification Cleanup - Meet at 8:30 am at 58th & Trojan.

Nov 21 - El Cerrito Community Meeting

Dec 12 - El Cerrito Community Meeting – Holiday Potluck

MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE IN EL CERRITO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The El Cerrito Beautification Committee is doing a great job cleaning up the community. One really feels the difference when passing areas they have cleaned up, which include 54th Street, El Cajon Blvd to Adams, College Ave, Adelaide to View Place. A million thanks to all who have participated in this group. Everyone in El Cerrito really should join in, our neighborhood is worth it. This can be a great adventure an eye-opening experience for the entire family.

The goal is to meet once a month for an hour & a half to two hours to clean up litter and overgrown weeds in areas. This is a fun way to meet neighbors and do something great for your community.

Our next work party is Saturday, October 19th, 8:30 a.m. Clean-up days are the Saturday after the community meeting. The group meets at the corner of 58th and Trojan Ave and work for no more than two hours.

Join the crew after the clean-up at Scrimshaw Coffee at 5542 El Cajon Blvd for a bite to eat and get a 10% discount.

If you'd like more information or would like to join in 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.



OCTOBER IN SAN DIEGO IS FOR KIDS

San Diego Zoo: The [San Diego Zoo](http://www.sandiegozoo.org) and the Safari Park offers free admission to children during the entire month of October. Up to 10 kids, under age 11, will be admitted FREE with the purchase of 1 or 2-Day Adult General Admission ticket. Activities at the Park include sessions featuring giraffe feeding, close encounters with the meerkats and maned wolves and elephant training.

Balboa Park Museums: Fourteen museums in Balboa Park offer free admission to children under 12 years old all October long.

CHOLLAS TRIANGLE HOMELESS STORAGE FACILITY UPDATE

MEMORANDUM FROM THE MAYOR

Following are excerpts from a Memorandum to City Council President and our District 9 City Councilmember, Georgette Gomez, on the storage facility at the Chollas Triangle site. This includes an extensive list of commitments and \$400,000 funding for the park.

"This facility is essential for homeless individuals and families to have a secure place to store their belongings while they seek employment, take classes, meet with medical professionals, or attend to other needs. It affords peace of mind that their limited possessions are safeguarded from theft, loss, and damage.

I have allocated \$400,000 for the Chollas Triangle Park General Development Plan, which is a priority project for the community and stakeholders in Chollas Triangle. This allocation was approved by the Budget & Government Efficiency Committee on September 11 and will be heard by the City Council in October.

Storage Facility Community Commitments

The City of San Diego is committed to addressing community feedback as it moves forward with opening the planned citywide transitional storage center on 54th Street and Lea Street.

Ensuring neighborhood safety and security is a priority. Our commitments include:

1. Outreach:
 - a. Prioritizing initial outreach efforts in a way that serves the homeless individuals in the surrounding community.
 - b. Conducting outreach aid to individuals experiencing homelessness in parks on Chollas Lake, Rolando Park, Colina Del Sol, and Charles Lewis Park, including the adjacent Auburn Creek and North Chollas Parks
2. Cleanliness and Character:
 - a. Transportation and Stormwater Department will help control the cleanliness and character of the community by:
 - i. Addressing weed abatement along:
 1. Chollas Parkway
 2. Streamview Drive
 3. 54th Street
 4. University Ave. from Aragon Street to College Ave.
 - ii. Providing annual pruning of greenery along hillsides near 54th Street and University Ave. to improve line-of-sight and deter recurring encampments.
 - iii. Considering options for additional street lighting further east along Lea Street, extending the existing overhead light by approximately 100 to 150 feet.
 - iv. Coordinating the design process of Streamview Drive Phase 2 1 for which the City has provided funding.
 - v. Adding additional traffic speed signage off Chollas Parkway.
 - b. The Environmental Services Department will help control the cleanliness and character of the community by:
 - i. Addressing instances of trash and abandoned items through means such as daily trash cleanup along both

sides of Lea Street and streets bounding the Chollas Triangle.

ii. Assisting Priority Service Area residents in cleanup of curbside bulky items pick-up on a scheduled basis in collaboration with the Environmental Services Department, as needed.

iii. Regulating and maintaining the canyons and creeks in surrounding area as resources allow.

3. Public Safety and Client Security

a. The Neighborhood Policing Division of the San Diego Police Department will lead the effort to provide a level of police presence to enforce, discourage, and reduce nuisance behavior and criminal activity in the vicinity of the temporary facility, providing regular enforcement of vehicle habitation and overnight parking laws.


b. Adding security cameras around the Storage Facility Honorable Council.


IT IS FIRE SEASON BE READY TO GO EMERGENCY PLANNING

No one knows when or where the next major wildfire will occur in our region. But it is a question of when -- not if -- it will happen.

That's why San Diego Fire-Rescue has partnered with the International Association of Fire Chiefs to create the Ready, Set, Go! Wildland Fire Action Guide.

We hope you will read the guide, and follow its advice.

 [Ready, Set, Go! English version](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/rsg-english.pdf)
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Ready -- Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire, so your home is ready in case of a fire. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home. Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures. Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place. Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing within the home know the plan of action.

Set -- Pack your emergency items. Stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media, your local fire department and public safety.

Go -- Follow your personal wildland fire action plan. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire.

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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
Thursday, October 17, 2019
7:00pm to 8:30pm

PUMPKIN CARVING

The ECCC Monthly Meeting
Is the 3rd Thursday each month
Blessed Sacrament Parish Church

4540 El Cerrito Drive
El Cajon Boulevard at El Cerrito Drive