



EL CERRITO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Happy

Thanksgiving



**El Cerrito Community Council Meeting
NOVEMBER 21, 2019 7:00PM
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
PARISH HALL**

**JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT THE
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater San Diego is celebrating its 75 year anniversary. William J. Oakes is the founder of the Boys & Girls Club, founded in 1941 as the Boys Club in Logan Heights. In 1960 the Soroptimist Club opened the Escondido Girls Club to serve the need of the community's girls.

In the 1980's both organizations started serving Boys and Girls together. Through the years many branch locations have opened throughout San Diego County. They have a large variety of programs from after school care to teaching Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) classes and volunteers make these programs work.

IT'S EL CERRITO SEE'S CANDY TIME

What a great deal! Order See's Candy with ECCC and cross it off your list. Order forms accompany the newsletter or can be found online at our website, elcerritocommunitycouncil.org.

You can save a lot of Money and have your See's Candy Order delivered to your door while helping the ECCC Raise Money. ECCC is taking See's Candy orders NOW.

Not only do you save on every pound you buy, purchasing your See's candy through our program helps the ECCC to raise money PLUS you get it delivered to your door-step! No fighting crowds or trying to find a parking spot and standing in long lines! Look for your order form with this month's newsletter. The deadline for getting your order to us is Tuesday, December 3, 2019. We will deliver the candy to your door on Saturday December 7th.

People really do love to get See's Candy for the Holidays and ECCC makes it easy. The parking lots are full and lines at See's stores are so long this time of year, so let us help. Just fill out your order form and mail it with payment to our P.O. Box 151268.



**DECEMBER HOLIDAY POTLUCK &
RAFFLE WILL BE ON DECEMBER 12th
ONE WEEK EARLY**

Our December meeting is going to be on the Second (2nd) Thursday this year, so mark your calendars for December 12th.

We provide a turkey main dish, beverages and water, plates and utensils – you bring your favorite holiday dish - from your kitchen or favorite pick-up/takeout and we all have a great time. Then join in the always fun gift raffle and the split-the-pot raffle.

MEET SUSIE WITTBRODT ECCC'S NEW WEBSITE MASTER

Susie was born and raised in San Diego and recently purchased a condo in El Cerrito. She is overjoyed to be a member of this local community. She was inspired by the work the ECCC is doing and one of the first things she did as a new resident was to volunteer to help with our website administration.

Susie is a freelance copywriter by trade, helping small businesses draft websites and become more involved in social media. Her work can be found at <https://www.writewithsusie.com>. In her free time Susie enjoys reading (she is a member of two book clubs), traveling and attending concerts.



The Airport Authority is working to minimize the noise and has created a system for flight tracking and submitting noise complaints called WebTrak TM. This tracking system allows you to watch the movement of flights and air traffic patterns within San Diego to identify and report specific aircraft creating the noise. Data is processed within 24 hours. You can find information on this tracking system, launch WebTrak Flight Tracking and submitting a noise complaint at <https://www.san.org/airport-noise/flight-tracking>.

There is also an Airport Noise Advisory Committee which meets every other month. The next meeting is on December 18th at 4:00 pm at the San Diego Bayside Holiday Inn - 4875 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106 (that is in Pt. Loma off Nimitz). There is a free parking lot on site. More information is available at <https://www.san.org>. There are seats on ANAC for specifically for Community Planning Group Members such as Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee (EACPC).

EL CERRITO SEAT OPEN ON EACPC

El Cerrito has two City of San Diego planning groups in our boundaries, Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee (EACPC) and College Area Community Planning Board (CACPB). These planning groups provide the City with community input on a variety of citywide issues, as well as on planning and development in the area. The input of these groups has been invaluable in creating better development projects throughout the communities.

The Planning Groups meet once a month. EACPC meets on the second Tuesday of each month and CACPB meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Both are usually off in August and December.

EACPC's boundaries are the South side of El Cajon Blvd, then South to Highway 94; 54th Street, East to the La Mesa boundary. CACPB's boundaries are the north side of El Cajon Blvd then north to Highway 8; 54th Street/Collwood Blvd, East to La Mesa boundary.

One of El Cerrito's seats on the EACPC is vacant. Residents, owners and renters and business owners within the planning group's boundaries are eligible.

El Cerrito has designated seats on each of the EACPC and CACPB. El Cerrito is allowed two seats on the EACPC. There is a 3 meetings in twelve months requirement to be able to be elected to the EACPC. This requirement allows a prospective member to attend meetings, learn what the planning process and advice input is about and be certain that they are interested.

Elections for both EACPC and CACPB are coming up in March 2020, January will be the time to start attending meetings to be on these Planning Committees.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

November 23 Saturday– El Cerrito Beautification Cleanup - Meet at 8:30 am at 58th & Trojan.

Dec 3 - See's Candy Order In - Dec 7th Delivery

Dec 12 - El Cerrito Community Holiday Potluck & Raffle Meeting

January 16, 2020 - ECCC hosts I Love A Clean San Diego.

TRACK & REPORT AIRPORT NOISE IN OUR EL CERRITO SKIES WITH San Diego AIRPORT HELP

San Diego International Airport changed its flight pattern about 5 years ago and El Cerrito's once aircraft free skies became a main flight landing route with planes flying overhead every 2 - 3 minutes. These planes are now flying lower to save fuel and increasing the noise level in the community.

NOVEMBER EVENTS IN SAN DIEGO

The Thanksgiving holiday traditionally revolves around a feast with family and friends, but you can add some activity to your November celebration. Some ideas are:

Ice Skating by the Sea -The Hotel del Coronado also offers an outdoor ice skating. The hotel's oceanfront Windsor Lawn is transformed into an ice rink with skating sessions offered daily starting on Thanksgiving Day through New Years' weekend. Reservations are recommended.

Mother Goose Parade, Nov 24th, 12:00 - 3:00 PM

The 73rd Annual Mother Goose Parade along the Magnolia and Main Streets of El Cajon always on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Includes equestrians, bands, floats, Queen's contest. More info at <https://www.downtownelcajon.com>

Thanksgiving Turkey Trots - 5K, 10K and 15K's
You can find a Turkey trot event in several of the cities in San Diego County - 5K, 10K & 15K's. a list is available at <https://www.sandiegofamily.com>.

Visit the Zoo, SeaWorld, Legoland

The San Diego Zoo and Legoland are all open on Thanksgiving Day.

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERING IN SAN DIEGO

If you want to volunteer time this holiday season there are many opportunities in San Diego County for you and your family. A long list of opportunities, including Father Joe's Villages, Salvation Army, Helen Woodward Animal Center, and many more is at <https://www.sandiegofamily.com>.

MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE IN EL CERRITO TERRY HOSKINS, SDPD MID-CITY COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER

El Cerrito is one of the lucky communities to have Terry Hoskins as its Community Relations Officer. Not only does Officer Hoskins attend our ECCC meetings with updates and perspective on in crime our area, he goes to coffee shops to meet with community members to discuss topics of interest and has formed a Homeless Coalition that meets at the MidCity Division Office, 4310 Landis, 8:00 am, the last Tuesday of each month.

I attended my first Homeless Coalition meeting last month after a neighbor told me about the group.

Boy, was I impressed. There were many community members, all from of Terry's areas, Kensington, Talmadge, Oak Park, Redwood Village, Rolando Park and El Cerrito. Also in attendance was an impressive group of police officers, EMT's, Open Space and Parks personnel. This group is very considerate of the problems being created by the homeless situation and at the same time are respectful of the homeless population and helping with solutions.

The main topic at this meeting was the fire in the Fairmont Avenue canyon in mid-October, the cause being a homeless person's fire and the storage facility at Chollas Triangle, but also included news of cleanups and brush clearing organized by the communities.

This week I got to see some of the group in action. I sent a message to Terry last week asking who to contact when a camper setup house on our street for over a week and a shelter was put together behind a large shrub. I sent photos, including one of a growing pile of trash and debris.

This week police officers have been talking with the camper's resident and a crew from Alpha Project came out with a City trash truck to clean up the trash and debris. Others may also be working this. I can only say THANK YOU to Terry and these people.

If you have any homeless issues on your street or canyons, in the neighborhood or want to know more, you need to attend these Homeless Coalition meetings - MidCity Division Office, 4310 Landis, 8:00am, the last Tuesday of each month - next meeting November 26th.

EL CERRITO BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE - YOU CAN HELP BY NOT LITTERING

The ECCC Beautification Committee has done it again. Last month they cleaned up both sides El Cajon Blvd from 54th Street to about 56th Street. Again one really feels the difference when passing areas they have cleaned up.

The goal is to meet once a month for not more than two hours to clean up litter and over grown weeds in areas. This is a fun way to meet neighbors and do something great for your community.

The next work party is Saturday, November 23rd, 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. Join the crew after the cleanup at Scrimshaw Coffee at 5542 El Cajon Blvd for a bite to eat and get a 10% discount.

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.

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**NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
Thursday, November 21, 2019
7:00pm to 8:30pm**

LEARN ABOUT THE SD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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

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