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**Your Fall Yard & Garden
 WITH**

FARMER BILL

OF CITY FARMERS NURSERY

OCTOBER 15TH - 7:00 – 8:30 PM

VIA ZOOM

Join us to talk with Farmer Bill of City Farmers Nursery, 3110 Euclid Avenue, about Fall garden and yard activities for a beautiful garden all year long. Fall is a great time for pruning plants, planting and dividing spring bulbs and general yard work in the cooler weather. Find out what to concentrate on and gardening how-to's from one of our City's experts

This will be a **Zoom** meeting, while we wait for things to reopen.

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**EL CERRITO KIDS ANNUAL
 HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE
 CANCELED THIS YEAR**

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest of keeping our neighborhood residents safe and healthy, the El Cerrito Kids Pre-Halloween Costume Parade is canceled this year. Please spread the word. We look forward to resuming this community tradition next year. Have a safe and happy Halloween.

GO TO THE ZOO!

KIDS GET IN FREE FOR OCTOBER

Kids 11 and younger will be admitted for free when accompanied by an adult with a valid form of admission. Up to 5 children can accompany an adult.

**CENSUS INFORMATION COLLECTION IS
 CONTINUING THROUGH OCTOBER 31ST**

We hear that most El Cerrito residents have responded to the Census, but if you have not found time to do so yet, you have until Oct. 31, 2020, to get your information in. You can return the mailed questionnaire or file online at 2020Census.gov.

**STAY CURRENT ON NEWS FOR
NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

PRESIDENTIAL & GENERAL ELECTION



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**VOTING AT THE POLLS - FOUR (4) DAYS
OCT 31ST - NOV 3RD - BE READY TO WAIT
IN LONG LINES, WEAR YOUR MASK,
BRING YOUR MAIL-IN BALLOT**

If you want to vote in-person, polling places will be open for **four (4) days, Oct. 31 through Nov. 3., from 7:00m to 8:00 pm.** There will be fewer locations than in prior elections, so the location of your assigned poll has most likely changed. The Official Polls List is finalized. Your voting location is listed on your Sample Ballot, or look it up on the California Secretary of State website at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place>. **You will be required to turn in your mail-in ballot at the polls or will have to use a provisional ballot, so be sure to take your mail-in ballot with you to turn it when going to vote at the polls.**

Find information on the following topics and more at <https://www.sdvote.com>.

Local Measures

Vote Safer San Diego

Know the Facts

WHERE'S MY BALLOT

List of Proposed Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations

Interactive Map of Proposed Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations

The US Postal Service recommends you mail your ballot at least 7 days before election day.

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
OCTOBER 19th**

You must register online or have your registration post marked by Monday, October, 19, 2020 for regular registration. You can "conditionally" register and vote after the deadline.

CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION

Eligible San Diego County residents who miss the voter registration deadline still have an option to vote. Under California Election Law, [Conditional Voter Registration \(CVR\)](#) allows a prospective voter to register conditionally and cast a provisional ballot.

Conditional Voter Registration is only available **in person** and you will need to allow for the extra time it will take you to fill out additional forms before voting.

- If you miss the registration deadline for an upcoming election, you can still vote by visiting:

- The [Registrar of Voters office at 5600 Overland Ave., San Diego, CA 92123](#), during the 14 days prior to and including Election Day.

- Any of the Registrar's satellite offices during the three days prior to and including Election Day, or
- Your assigned polling place on Election Day.

- You will complete a conditional voter registration form.

- You will get a ballot and a green CVR provisional envelope.

- Mark your choices on the ballot and place it inside the CVR provisional envelope and seal it. Print and sign your name, and date the envelope.

- Once your conditional voter registration form is verified, and it is confirmed that you did not vote elsewhere in the state for the current election, your registration will become active.

- Your ballot will be removed from the CVR provisional envelope and counted.

- You will be considered registered for any future election if you are eligible to participate.

LOCATIONS FOR BALLOT DROP OFF

You can mail your ballot by placing it in any official blue US Postal Service Mail Box or drop it off at any City public library.

All 36 San Diego Public Library branches will serve as official Mail Ballot Drop-Off locations for the 2020 Presidential General Election through Tuesday, November 3rd.

Your **signed, sealed and dated voted mail ballot envelope** can be dropped off at a San Diego City library during these hours:

- Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **On Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd, hours for dropping off voted mail ballots will be 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Questions – please call (858) 565-5800.

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT KNOW AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE



MESSAGE FROM Jim Schneider Executive Director College Area Business District

There are a number of sources available to review when you are deciding what the ballot measures are about, what the impacts will be, if taxes will be increased for the payment of a measure, who supports and opposes the measures and who is funding them.

The following links are to fairly balanced compilations of information. The information for some of these links are available in multiple languages and as blogs:

<https://votersedge.org/ca/en/election/2020-11-03/san-diego-county>

https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page

VOTERS' GUIDES – GOOGLE TO FIND:

Each of the Democratic and Republican political parties has a voter's guide.

Taxpayer's Associations;

Voice of San Diego;

KPBS;

Carl DeMaio, Newsradio 600 KOGO;

KFI (an LA Station with info on state measures);

At the request of the business owners and commercial property owners along El Cajon Boulevard we have begun a new project to help reduce visibility of homeless persons and other potentially criminal behavior along the commercial corridor. These efforts include hired security patrols which focus on specific hotspot locations where activity has increased since March 2020. We have also been working closely with the police and these additional security patrols can help to make a noticeable difference. After one week, I see a significant difference that others may not yet be able to notice.

This coincides with our "Locate Here" campaign to attract new viable businesses and development investment to the El Cajon Boulevard commercial corridor. With reduced visibility of unacceptable activity, we will be able to improve the existing business and living conditions by attracting these investors. However, we also need everyone's assistance and additional efforts to truly make a big difference for all who live, work and invest in the neighborhood.

I am asking you to rally the community to report to the City ANY unacceptable activity that they see. The City has made it easy with the [Get It Done app](#). We hope to instill the "good enough is not good enough any longer" attitude throughout the College Area. This can only be accomplished if we all do our part in reporting any unacceptable behavior or activity. Our staff will also be reporting any repairs that are needed by the City such as the faded street-name signs, traffic lights, street repairs etc. We ask you to do the same as well.

Hopefully we can take these last 3 months of 2020 to actively take part in improving the living conditions for us all. Together, each of us doing a small thing can add up to a big difference.

Please find ways through the end of this year to pass this message on to all who live, work and invest here.

Thank you!

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DISTRICT 9 CANDIDATE CONFUSION

The two City of San Diego District 9 candidates who won the March primary and are on our ballots are Kelvin Barrios and Sean Elo-Rivera

You have probably heard about allegations against Kelvin Barrios, and his subsequent announcements regarding his campaign.

After many groups and representative withdrew their endorsements, it was reported that Kelvin was withdrawing from the election, but it turns out that "withdrawing" was a misprint.

Kelvin has **suspended** his campaign - meaning he is not actively campaigning, though his website is still up it is reported that his campaign is still accepting money.

Because the ballots have already been printed, Kelvin's name is still on the ballots.

Kelvin has announced that a suspended campaign does not mean that he is not still running to be the City of San Diego District 9 representative.

There was information being passed around that if Kelvin received more votes than Sean Elo- Rivera, due to the suspended campaign there would be a special election for this seat. This is not true.

In the event Kelvin gets the most votes, he said he will consider the results to be the voice of the District 9 voters and may decide to serve as our representative.

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