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El Cerrito Community Council Meeting SEPTEMBER 17TH - 7:00 – 8:30 PM ECCC MEETING VIA ZOOM WITH DISTRICT 9 CANDIDATES KELVIN BARRIOS & SEAN ELO-RIVERA

Kelvin Barrios and Sean Elo-Rivera are the two candidates who received the most votes during the primary election to fill Georgette Gomez’s City of San Diego Council District 9 seat.

Both men are going to attend our Sept 17th ECCC **Zoom** meeting so you can get to know them as they tell us their interests and goals for our District, the City and answer our questions.

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

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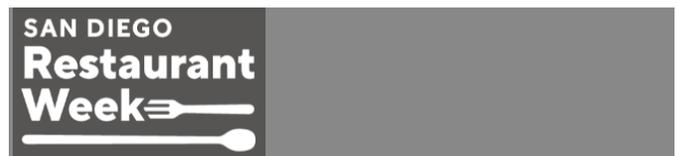
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Join by Skype for Business videoconference

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NO ECCC ANNUAL SEPTEMBER GARAGE SALE THIS YEAR

Based on the low number of responses, ECCC will not have its annual garage sale this year.



A NEW TWIST TO SAN DIEGO RESTAURANT WEEK IT'S A MONTH LONG THIS YEAR, September 15 - October 15

With COVID-19, San Diego Restaurant Week (SDRW) will take place for a month this year, featuring a diverse lineup of San Diego’s top restaurants showcasing their great menus and safe dining options, including in-house, al fresco, and to-go offerings.

Search <https://www.sandiegorestaurantweek.com/restaurants/> for more than 300 participating restaurants from South Bay to Oceanside and the beach communities to East County by neighborhood, dining options or cuisine for your old favorites or a new hotspot. To add some extra fun, SDRW is hosting an interactive bingo-style game with the chance to win a luxurious San Diego Staycation package. You can also Instagram your Dine Diego experience for a chance to win A Year of Dining - 52 gift certificates to San Diego restaurants for you to enjoy all year.

Social media contest details can be found [at https://www.sandiegorestaurantweek.com/social-media-contests/](https://www.sandiegorestaurantweek.com/social-media-contests/)

STAY CURRENT ON NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020

PRESIDENTIAL & GENERAL ELECTION

San Diego County has all a lot of information on the upcoming elections on its website <https://www.sdvote.com/>

In response to COVID-19, the Governor's Executive Orders (N-64-20 and N-67-20) provide measures to ensure that we all can exercise our right to vote in a safe, secure and accessible manner during the 2020 Presidential General Election. All active registered voters in California will receive a ballot in the mail.

If you want to vote in-person, polling places will be open for **four (4) days, Saturday, Oct. 31 through Tuesday, Nov. 3.**

Give yourself time to wait in line, as 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 scheduled to be finalized by September 16, 2020. **You will be required to wear a mask when in line and voting.**

You will also be able to drop off ballots in the 92115 zip code at the College-Rolando Library located at 660 Montezuma Road, next to Ralph's.

You can also find information on the following topics and more:

Local Measures

Vote Safer San Diego

Know the Facts

List of Proposed Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations

Interactive Map of Proposed Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations

The U. S. Postal Service recommends you mail your ballot at least 7 days before election day, November 3, 2020.

ECCC BOARD CHANGES - GOOD-BYE TO EVA YAKUTIS & WELCOME TO MELISSA STEELE

The El Cerrito Board currently has less than the maximum number of Board Members that is allowed by our Bylaws, so when someone is interested in being on the Board, the Board members are able to vote that person to the Board during a regular Board meeting.

Eva Yakutis has resigned from the ECCC Board due to being over booked with a new job and other interests. Eva brought us great ideas, including making our ECCC monthly meetings more friendly with table arrangements and introductions. Eva is a wonderful baker and cook. If you were at a meeting and enjoyed delicious home-made cookies or breads, those were most likely brought by Eva. Eva - We will miss you - hope to see you at some meetings - Best Wishes!

We are happy to announce that Melissa Steele was interested and has been elected to join the ECCC Board. Melissa is part of Team Steele Realtors with her husband, John. You may have already met her and John at one of our ECCC meetings or at an El Cerrito Community Clean up. Team Steele is also one of our advertisers.

The ECCC Board has one more vacant seat, so please let us know if you are interested in joining the Board.



BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING! GET YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN IN ORDER

The recent wild fires throughout Washington, Oregon and California are making many people feel vulnerable again. The best solution is to be prepared to survive.

Get your family or household members together to discuss how to prepare and respond to the types of emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.

Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and how to work together as a team. Practice as many elements of your plan as possible. Have a communication plan. Choose a person outside of your area who all can call to check in with updates.

One of the tips that is stressed each and every time is in preparedness is to be sure every person in the house has a pair of sturdy, comfortable emergency shoes and socks ready to be put on. This means you have a pair by your bed, a pair in the car, a pair at work.

1 - Get a Kit - Learn the essential supplies to put in your family's first aid and survival kits. Do not forget your medications. Be sure to include a plan for pets.

2 - Make a Plan - Plan effectively for you and your family in case of an emergency. Be sure to include a plan for pets.

3 - Be Informed - Understand which disasters are likely in our area and what you must know to keep you and your family safe.

Visit the following site for getting ready with a plan - WWW.REDCROSS.ORG/.



Lorna and Alex Zukas -- both professors at National University in the Department of Social Sciences, and members of the El Cerrito Community Council -- received a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant to offer Discussion Leader Training and Reading Discussion Groups centered on veterans and civilians' experiences of war.

The project, '**A Soldier's Place: Veterans and Civilians Speaking about War,**' hosted at National University (NU) brings together history, sociology and psychology faculty from NU and San Diego State University (SDSU) with veterans and civilians who are interested in the study of war and its impacts. According to project co-director, Dr. Alex Zukas, studying war through the humanities accomplishes a number of goals: "First, it allows us to explore the effects of war on individuals and societies with attention to the project's key themes of loyalty, heroism, trauma, and homecoming, and, second, it creates a space for veterans and others to have meaningful and transformative conversations through facilitated discussions that focus on those themes."

Recruitment of Veterans for the NEH Discussion Leader Positions. We are recruiting veteran alumni leaders and veteran students with a demonstrated capacity to be leaders, who want to help others think more deeply about the issues raised by war and military service, to become Discussion Leaders. The NEH Discussion Leader Preparatory Workshop will help participants enhance existing skills in using historical and literary resources and perspectives to understand and process traumatic and life-changing experiences. Applicants to the NEH Discussion Leader Training Program must be veterans who hold or are completing a Master's Degree in the Humanities or an allied field (e.g., Literature, Creative Writing, History, Philosophy, Law, Politics, Religion, Art, Anthropology, Sociology, Human Behavior, Psychology, Sociology, Education, Leadership, etc.). An exceptional Bachelor's Degree holder may be considered. We are hoping to support National University and SDSU veteran alumni but all qualified veterans may apply. The training workshop will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. over two weekends in November two weeks apart (November 7-8 and 21-22). Due to COVID-19, the training workshop will take place virtually.

NEH Discussion Leaders receive all program materials free of charge and are paid a stipend. For information and application see, <https://nu.libguides.com/c.php?g=1057704&p=7694488>. The first deadline for applications for this position is September 30, 2020.

Veterans and Community Members - Dialogues on the Experience of War Discussion Groups. The program supports the idea that reading and discussing humanities texts about war in a supportive intellectual environment can help U.S. military veterans and civilians reflect more deeply about the issues raised by war and military service and compare their experiences and reactions to the experiences and reactions of people from other times and places.

Project readings focus on three wars: the Trojan War, the Vietnam War, and the Iraq War (Operation Iraqi Freedom). They highlight multiple branches of service and uncover men and women's experiences on the battlefield and the homefront. The battle arenas are completely different yet the impacts of the wars are significantly similar.

Participation in the program. Program participants have the opportunity to join a small group of people, veterans and civilians, share stories, expand networks, support one another, and use the humanities to open up dialogues on the experience of war. All materials are provided at no cost to participants.

Discussion groups will meet twice monthly for five months (January to May 2021) and will meet either on a weekday evening or on a Saturday during the day. National University currently plans to resume campus operations in January 2021. We are preparing to offer on campus and online discussion groups. Applications are available online at, <https://nu.libguides.com/nehvetproject>. Class size is limited and registration is first-come, first-served. Applications are due November 1, 2020, or until space fills.

For more information, contact Dr. Lorna Zukas at 619-538-9689 or lzukas@nu.edu. You can also follow us on Twitter @SoldierPlace.

SDSU ENTERTAINMENT SDSU SCHOOL OF THEATER, TELEVISION AND FILM (TTF)

Following is the schedule for SDSU's TTF Performances. Virtual Platforms are scheduled through the end of 2020

Sept. 3-5 & 9-12 *Two Lakes, Two Rivers*
Sept. 17-19 & 23-26 *Metamorphosis*
Oct. 31, 2020 *Howling Halloween Film Festival*
Dec. 3-5 *Chess in Concert*
Feb. 12-14 & 17-21 *Cloud 9*
Feb. 14, 2021 *Valentine's Day Film Festival*
Mar. 12-14 & 17-19 *She Kills Monsters*
Apr. 23-25 &
May 1-2 *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

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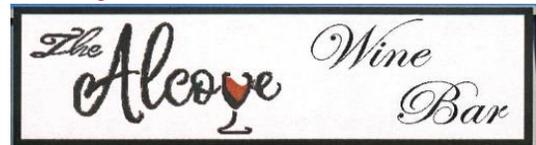


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