



EL CERRITO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

**El Cerrito Community Council Meeting
DECEMBER 16, 2021, 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**IF YOU VALUE NEIGHBORHOODS AND
WANT TO STOP SINGLE RESIDENTIAL
LOTS FROM BECOMING 2+STORY
MULTIFAMILY HOUSING LOTS**

**BILL BRAND, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
REDONDO BEACH**

&

**LESA HEEBNER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
SOLANA BEACH & SANDAG BOARD
MEMBER**

**will join ECCC to explain the SB-9 impacts to
all neighborhoods in California, including El
Cerrito, and how we can help with recall
efforts of this bill.**

VIA ZOOM AT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6192863890>

Meeting ID: 619 286 3890

By Phone & One tap mobile

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose);

Meeting ID 6192863890#

**Livable California is also a great resource for info
- <https://www.livablecalifornia.org/>**

SAN DIEGO HOUSING ACTION PACKAGE ADOPTION PROCESS

Neighbors For A Better San Diego are presenting information on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) at the Thursday, December 16, 2021, Planning Commission Meeting at 9:00 am and will give us an update at the ECCC meeting that evening.

REDISTRICTING NEW DISTRICT 9 BOUNDARIES

The San Diego Redistricting Commission is winding up its business of creating new district boundaries for the nine Council Districts for the City of San Diego that have approximately equal population numbers and provide a vote for each citizen. The Commission members have listened to hours of comments and reviewed numerous maps submitted by residents advocating for boundaries that include communities of interest of many types. The current map is number 92973 and appears to be almost finalized. District 9 (D-9) boundaries have changed with some areas lost and other gained. El Cerrito is still in D-9, which is similar to the D-9 of the last 10 years and now includes Stockton from District 8, Normal Heights from District 3, Redwood Village & Rolando Park from District 4 and SDSU campus in Mission Valley from District 7. The Commission finishes its job this month and the new boundaries will be approved by the City Council in 2022, completed in time for the City Council elections next November.

DECEMBER & JANUARY – A GREAT TIME TO EXPLORE THE NEIGHBORHOOD

SDSU students are on winter break during most of December and January, so it is a great time to get out to the restaurants and shopping in the neighborhood. There are many new eating and drinking locations and old favorites, all getting rave reviews.

With all the hustle and bustle of the season, you probably do not want to cook as much, so come back to our neighborhood to eat and support our local businesses at the same time.

With less traffic in the area, now is a great time if you have been thinking you would like to shop at Trader Joe's and try the restaurants in the complex on College Avenue. There is a parking garage behind the building, free for the time you will spend shopping and dining. The parking garage is a multi-level structure with elevators big enough for you and your cart plus another, so it really is an easy trip.

There are many businesses you really should try on the El Cerrito Corridor of El Cajon Blvd. We recommend all of the eateries: The Alcove, Smashburger, Pesto Italian Craft Kitchen, Tea Station, Crab Pub, RB Sushi, The Living Room, Scrimshaw Coffee, Crispy Donuts, Sang Dao and all of the rest. Hope we see you out and about indulging in the neighborhood soon!

ECCC HAS A NEW BOARD MEMBER - WELCOME MICHAEL DEW!!

Michael Dew has joined the ECCC Board. Some of you know Michael from El Cerrito Happy Hour. Michael grew up in Oak Park, left the area for several years and when he returned to San Diego, chose El Cerrito to put down his roots.

If you are interested in being on our ECCC Board, we still have one vacant seat.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

• Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by almost half.

- Place Christmas trees and holiday decorations at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, portable heaters, radiators, heat vents candles.

- If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is flame retardant. Make sure real trees have fresh, green needles that aren't easily broken. Keep live trees as moist as possible by using the new additive that prevents the tree from forming a sap plug, allowing the trees to absorb water and stay fresh and green.

- Make sure that light strings and other holiday decorations are in good condition. Do not use anything with frayed electrical cords and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

- Always unplug tree and holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed.

- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree. Always extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to bed.

- Use only sturdy tree stands designed not to tip over. Keep curious pets and children away from Christmas trees.

- Keep anything that can catch on fire, potholders, oven mitts, utensils, bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains—away from your stove top.

- Designate one person to walk around the home to ensure all candles and smoking materials are properly extinguished each night and when leaving home

- Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm near your kitchen, on each level of your home, near sleeping areas, and inside and outside bedrooms if you sleep with doors closed. Test it each month. Replace all batteries at least once a year.

- Visit www.redcross.org/homefires for more information on how to keep your home fire safe during the holidays.



RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Curbside collection (For residents with yard waste collection only).

Manual container - customers using their own bins should place trees on the curb for collection on your regular greenery recycling pickup day. **Trees over four feet in length should be cut in half.**

Automated container - customers using the large, green 96-gallon bin provided by the City should cut their trees to fit into the automated container for pickup on collection day.

Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-off – Oak Park
Address: 6350 College Grove Drive, Chollas Lake Park, Gloria's Mesa Parking Lot;
Link: <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/events/christmas>

Landfill: Self-dumping vehicles until 4:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays, most holidays: 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
The Landfill is closed on New Year's Day, Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

JOIN THE REGIONAL TASK FORCE TO COUNT THE HOMELESS POPULATION FOR WEALLCOUNT, JANUARY 27, 2022

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless conducts an annual count and survey of homeless individuals throughout San Diego County called *WeAllCount* for a one day snapshot of where the homeless population are living in San Diego.

San Diego County's annual Point-in-Time Count campaign that helps the Regional Task Force to better understand the state of homelessness in our region in order to help individuals, veterans, and families leave the streets. Next year that day is Thursday,

January 27, 2022. Volunteers meet starting at 5:30 am and head out for counting 6:00 - 9:00 am.

This effort has involved 1,600 volunteers countywide in the past, but this year more volunteers are being requested for a thorough count. This is a great way to serve the community as it gives a voice to the homeless and helps direct critical funding for housing and services.

Volunteers will be assigned to a team to help count and interview homeless persons to produce an estimate of the total number of individuals living unsheltered and in shelters in San Diego County.

Data from the WeAllCount is used to help inform decision making at both regional and national levels and helps our community to create solutions for homelessness.

We will post contact information for interested volunteers as soon as we get it so you can sign up.

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