



El Cerrito Community Council Meeting
MAY 21, 2018 7:00PM PARISH HALL

EL CERRITO FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Please join us for a family fun night to watch The Incredibles. This is a PG, animation movie about a family with super powers that kids and adults will all enjoy. The Incredibles 2 just came out at the theaters, so this is a good way to get reintroduced to the characters before you see the new movie, making it that much more fun. Bring the kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews and be the coolest adults they know.

There will be a variety of seating options, including space on the floor upfront for mats and blankets.

We will have popcorn and snacks for your enjoyment, donated by a business in the College Area Business District and arranged for with the assistance of the College Neighborhood Foundation – Many, Many Thanks to both of you.

RECAP OF THE MAY MEETING
HELP WITH HOMELESSNESS

Lt. Lara, with the new Neighborhood Policing Division of the San Diego Police Department was joined by Reverend Richard Freeman of the Interfaith Shelter Network to give us great information on the complex issue of homelessness, a number of reasons people are homeless in our community and our rights and the rights of the homeless. Both told us that there is help for those willing to accept it. There are opportunities for housing, shelter, food, drug or alcohol treatment

programs, help with obtaining identification and benefits, a ticket back home, etc.

A few things stressed at the meeting are that being homeless is not a crime and the hope that compassion is felt for those in a homeless situation.

There are a number of reasons people are homeless, some do not want to be homeless, some do not mind being homeless and a balance is being sought for the rights of people who have fallen on hard times versus the rights of people who want to live in a safe, clean community.

Depending on the situation, these are the phone numbers to call:

911 - If someone in the neighborhood has a weapon, i.e., a knife, large stick, bat or any other weapon or is acting in a way that makes you feel you are in danger. 911 calls are for situations taking place at that time in which people could be injured.

619-531-2000 - the non-emergency line, if you do not feel you are in immediate danger, someone appears to need shelter or is unable to take care of themselves, appear to be mentally ill, making threats, openly doing drugs or alcohol or urinating or defecating out in the open.

619-446-1010 for the H.O.T. team - That is the Homeless Outreach Team. They are uniquely equipped to be able to go out and offer resources to the homeless.

Lt. Lara also recommends the City's Get It Done website at www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done and/or app as a good way to send notification to the Neighborhood Policing Division. This lets you send a picture and it has a location feature. Be sure to take precautions and be safe when taking photos, try not to be seen. Photos help the department see the problem and know who to look for and where.

We were also told that while it may make you feel good in the moment, it is not advisable to give money to homeless people. Almost all money is spent on the vice of choice, it does not go to food, shelter, or necessities.

There are numerous organizations that do offer assistance and your donations to those groups will go a long way to offer real help, including Heartfelt Helping organized by El Cerrito residents – you can visit their website at www.heartfelthelpings.org.



BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING! GET YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN IN ORDER

The recent volcano activity in Hawaii and Guatemala, part of the ring of fire which California sits on, and wildfires 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 you will work together as a team. Practice as many elements of your plan as possible. Have a communication plan.

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 to plan for your pets.
- 2 - Make a Plan** - Plan effectively for you and your family in case of an emergency.
- 3 - Be Informed** - Understand which disasters are likely in our area and what you must know to stay safe.

Visit the following site for getting ready with a plan - WWW.REDCROSS.ORG/GET-HELP/HOW-TO-PREPARE-FOR-EMERGENCIES/MAKE-A-PLAN

JOIN CERT SAN DIEGO

San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel train and empower citizens to become effective neighborhood Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) teams to provide aid and help families, neighbors, businesses and communities get through the first few hours or days when emergency services are swamped.

The Fall 2018 CERT Academy will be held on the following days: November 17 and 18 and December 1 and 2. To participate, students must be 18 years and older, live in the city of San Diego and have registered through the site at <https://app.betterimpact.com/Application?OrganizationGuid=06a389bc-6497-4589-8324-aa51a3bbf8b8&ApplicationFormNumber=1>

You have to sign up in advance to join one of the CERT academies, held only one to two times per year. If you are interested, sign up early since seating is limited.

Seats are assigned on a first come, first served basis. If all the seats are not filled by City of San Diego residents, then applicants from other areas will be given available seats on the first day of the academy.

Visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/cert> for more information.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING ECCC EVENTS THE FOLLOWING MEETING PROGRAMS ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGES

June 21st - MOVIE NIGHT - Join us for the Family Friendly Movie, The Incredibles and Popcorn and Snacks.

July 21st - Home security systems, including new, interactive systems.

FUTURE DATE - we are working on getting SoccerCity to present its plans for Mission Valley for our consideration for the upcoming November elections.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY ROUTE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a few newsletter delivery routes available for volunteers on both sides of El Cajon Blvd. Each route will have approximately 40 homes to delivery to and will take about 20 minutes once a month. It really is pretty fun to get out and walk in the neighborhood delivering the newsletters, seeing the changes taking place on the street and greeting neighbors while getting a little exercise. These delivery routes can easily fit this into a morning walk and give you a little variety to your routine.

We also have a delivery route for businesses on El Boulevard which might be just the route for you.

Contact us at - elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com



DONATIONS! DONATIONS! DONATIONS!

Thank you all so very much for your donations! We received the following donations through the end of May 2018:

\$75	Jerry Pirak and Family	W. Overlook Drive
\$40	Lois Jenkins	60th St.
\$25	In Memoriam: Cathy Clark	

Thank you too to all who donate to the jars at the front table at the monthly meetings. Your continuing support means so much. We also take donations for Blessed Sacrament Parrish Church at our meetings. Big and small, the donation all add up to help keep the newsletter being published.

Donations can be made using the stub on the last page of this newsletter, mailing to the P.O. Box# or you can go to our web page, elcerritocommunitycouncil.org and use our PayPal account. The average monthly cost of printing 2200 copies is around \$280.



**CONGRATULATIONS AND
THANK YOU TO
EL CERRITO RESIDENTS
FOR THEIR WORK ON A
4-WAY STOP SIGN
INSTALLATION ON 58TH
STREET AT MEADE
AVENUE**

Anyone who travels in the vicinity of 58th Street on the south side of El Cajon Blvd knows that many of the cars using this rollercoaster like, home-lined street were going way too fast. A lot of the speeders are simply using the street as a cut through route between University and El Cajon Blvd, while we residents consider 58th Street as a regular neighborhood street and want traffic to slow down. The speed limit on our residential, neighborhood streets is 25 miles per hour Max. Max, because of the many reasons to go slower, like narrow, curvy streets, students and residents being out and about, recreating, exercising and walking dogs.

Some of our persistent neighbors requested a four way stop sign at 58th Street and Meade Avenue intersection and got it done. At first the residents were told the intersection did not qualify for a stop sign, so they took the alternate route offered by the City and gathered signatures, presented the need for the four way stop signs to the Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee and City Councilperson, Georgette Gómez. The stop signs are now up, slowing traffic down. Great Job Guys! Thank You!



KEEP CRAWFORD SPORTS FIELDS SAFE – If you notice activity at or around the new Crawford sports fields and parking lot that does not seem right, lights on past 7:00 too many nights, people hanging around on the fields and parking lot long after organized games and events are over, etc., please contact Mark at markesolo@hotmail.com. He is helping the El Cerrito neighborhood track bad activity to help the schools keep control over their property and the neighborhood be better for all of us.

OPT OUT - Just a reminder that if you would like to get your newsletter online only and opt out of a hard copy delivered to your door we are collecting information at elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com or fill out an Opt-out form at a meeting. Please note that you may still receive the newsletter for a few months while we get the Opt Outs processed.

ADVERTISE IN THE ECC NEWSLETTER

The ECC Newsletter is accepting advertising! Great news for businesses wanting to get the word out about your products and services to 2,000+ of your neighbors. The cost for advertising in our newsletter is very reasonable at \$60 per month (one month free if you pay for six months in advance).

To make arrangements, please contact us at elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com. We require camera ready art in a jpeg format. If you are unsure about what you have, please contact us. We look forward to helping you broaden your exposure and expanding your business.

**JOIN US IN JULY TO REVIEW AND
DISCUSS HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS**

Home security technology has evolved and now allows one to sign up for services that feature one or more of the following:

- * The ability to remotely arm and disarm your system from a PC, tablet, or even a smart phone using an app.
- * The ability to receive texts and/or email messages from your alarm system on multiple events happening in the home, such as doors opening, motions sensors being activated, loss of power, etc.
- * Intelligent home video services: real-time viewing, outside and in your house, plus motion activated clips sent to you *and* stored remotely.
- * Home automation functions, such as the ability to remotely control your lights, locks, and thermostats, even open and close curtains.

JUNE IS A GREAT MONTH FOR:

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR - JUNE 1 – JULY 4
[HTTPS://SDFAIR.COM/](https://sdfair.com/)

NIGHT TIME AT THE ZOO – JUNE 17 - SEPT 3
[HTTP://ZOO.SANDIEGOZOO.ORG/NIGHTTIMEZOO](http://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/nighttimezoo)

SEAWORLD SESAME PARTY PARADE – SEPT 2
[HTTPS://SEAWORLD.COM/SAN-DIEGO/EVENTS/SESAME-STREET-PARADE/](https://seaworld.com/san-diego/events/sesame-street-parade/)

CHOLLAS LAKE PARK NOW – AUGUST 24
[HTTPS://APM.ACTIVECOMMUNITIES.COM/SDPARKAN DREC/ACTIVITY_SEARCH](https://apm.activecommunities.com/sdparkan-drec/activity_search)
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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
Thursday, June 21, 2018, 7:00pm

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
POPCORN & SNACKS

Blessed Sacrament Parish Church
4540 El Cerrito Drive
El Cajon Boulevard at El Cerrito Drive