



El Cerrito Community Newsletter

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El Cerrito Community Council Meeting JULY 19, 2018 - 7:00PM

AT THE SAN DIEGO POLICE MUSEUM 4710 College Avenue

This month ECCC is going to have its meeting at the San Diego Police Museum to learn the history of the Police Department in the City of San Diego and get to tour the Museum.

The Police Museum is located right here in our El Cerrito neighborhood at 4710 College Avenue. We are lucky to have San Diego Police Officer's Association Historian, Steve Willard, as our host for this meeting.

In addition to being on the board of the Museum, Retired Detective Willard has a long list of expertise, including, forensics and investigation, is an author and has been featured on the CBS news show, "48 Hours", the BBC documentary, "Past Lives" and the A&E show, "New Detectives."

The Police Museum is open to the public Wednesdays – Fridays from noon to 4:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Museum has a website at <http://www.sdpolicemuseum.com/index.html> and a more complete bio on Steve Willard is at <http://www.sdpolicemuseum.com/Steve-VP.html>.

RECAP OF JUNE'S MEETING

For our June Meeting we had a Family Movie Night and had a lot of fun – you should have been there! We got to meet great, new members of the community, relax, enjoy popcorn, ice-cream, other great snacks and watch a very entertaining movie. A good time was had by all.

AUGUST BARBEQUE POTLUCK, MEET NEW NEIGHBORS & SILENT AUCTION

Our August meeting is going to be another fun one – a Barbeque Potluck, a silent auction and an invitation to those new to the El Cerrito neighborhood. Our ECCC Board members are going to be cooking up something for everyone - hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, Morning Star patties, tofu burgers and tofu hotdogs, so you will be able to choose your favorite. We want you to bring your favorite summer dishes, salads, desserts, etc. and we will all enjoy a great meal together.

Realtors in our area have told us that homes are really selling so there are a lot of new neighbors in El Cerrito. If you have a new neighbor, be sure to say hi and invite them to the August meeting.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR AUGUST'S SILENT AUCTION

ECCC is looking for items for our August Potluck Silent Auction. If you have something new or in very good condition that you just have not used and would like to donate, please consider the ECCC. If you are not going to attend the meeting, we will pick it up - Please email Jim at jacobw@cox.net.

HOW THE SILENT AUCTION WORKS

- All of the auction items will be placed on tables for viewing; each item will have a bid sheet in front of it.
- Everyone gets to walk around to check out the items and if there is something you want, you write how much you will pay for the item on the bid sheet;
- If there is already a bid written on a bid sheet and you want the item, you write down a higher bid.
- There is no limit to how many times one can bid on an item.
- Bidding ends at about 8:00 – a warning will be given. When time is called, the items are won by the highest Bidder.

All proceeds from the Auction will go to the ECCC.

If you would like to donate something for our silent auction, please email Jim at jacobw@cox.net to make arrangements.

DISTRICT 9 STORAGE FACILITY FOR HOMELESS

A number of articles by local news agencies were written on July 10th regarding each council district in the City being tasked with selecting potential sites for storage facilities for people in the homeless community. There are currently two such facilities in the City, one at 252 16th St. in the downtown area and one in Sherman Heights at 116 S. 20th Street and it is felt that more may be required. The bins provide a way for the homeless population to store belongings safely and allow the users freedom to do activities without worrying about the safety of their belongings. The Articles are at the following links:

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2018/jul/10/san-diego-city-council-debate-additional-storage-c/>

<https://fox5sandiego.com/2018/07/10/city-council-receives-potential-homeless-storage-center-locations/>

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/homeless/sd-me-storage-sites-20180710-story.html>

According to the Fox 5 News report, "Georgette Gomez recommended the Wesley United Methodist Church parking lot at 5380 El Cajon Blvd. Another location, less ideal — according to her office — could be the Mid-City Gym parking lot at 43rd and Landis streets."

Given the problems at Wesley Church with the services already provided that impact our neighborhood, as well as the Talmadge neighborhood, this could be a concern for El Cerrito.

We requested information that we could pass on from Christopher Vallejo (fondly known as "Stopher"), our representative from Georgette's office, and were provided with the following:

"Councilmember Ward, who chairs the Select Committee on Homelessness, issued a call to action for every Council Office to provide potential locations in each respective district where additional homeless storage facilities could potentially be implemented. This is related to each district doing their share in addressing homeless needs and services. In response to Councilmember Ward's memo, Councilmember Gómez provided two locations she believed could provide an accessible location for a temporary homeless storage facility in District 9.

The two Locations the Wesley United Methodist Church and the Mid-City Gym Parking Lot, were chosen because of the services that are already provided onsite and accessibility via transit.

Please note that there are currently no plans for the implementation of any additional storage facilities in the City. If any of the potential sites were selected, our Office is committed to ensuring that there is extensive community outreach and site analysis.

Specifics regarding the site, including size, security, and other logistics, are not available because no potential sites have been selected or analyzed.

Thank you for your understanding and commitment to the El Cerrito neighborhood. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any questions or concerns you may have." Stopher's (Christopher Vallejo) contact information is Telephone: (619) 236-6725 and email: CVallejo@sandiego.gov.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING ECC EVENTS

**THE FOLLOWING MEETING
PROGRAMS ARE TENTATIVE AND
SUBJECT TO CHANGES.**

July 19th – Join us for history and a tour of the San Diego Police Museum.

August 16th – AUGUST BBQ POTLUCK - Our August Potluck with a twist – We will cook burgers, hot dogs (vegetarian included), chicken and you bring your favorite summer dishes – YUM!

Future Date 1 - Home security, including new, interactive systems.

Future Date 2 - A meeting with SoccerCity presenting plans for the old Qualcomm Stadium site in Mission Valley – to be on the ballot in November.




A FOND FAREWELL TO bistro SIXTY

If you were one of the people on the Bistro 60 emailing list, you heard that the restaurant was closing its doors after a final celebration on Monday, July 9th – a sad day for those of us that enjoyed the cozy restaurant, its patio entertainment and wine bar.

Bistro Sixty opened in El Cerrito on El Cajon Boulevard at 60th Street, 19 years ago as San Diego Desserts, a wholesale bakery which sold desserts to local restaurants, hotels and to those of us in the neighborhood who knew to go to the location and buy their great desserts. It later became the bistro and wine bar with live entertainment, serving creative, daily meals and Saturday and Sunday brunches, and always showcasing its great desserts.

Bistro Sixty's owner, Mark Leisman, said he loves the El Cerrito community and is looking at the possibility of opening in a new location in our neighborhood in the future. The community will be happy to see that happen and are looking forward to attending the grand opening of a new venture.



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