



# EL CERRITO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Red Cross Emergency Preparedness and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. The Fair has something for everyone with over 100 vendor booths offering unique shopping, culinary experiences, beer tastings, award-winning bands and rides for the kids! Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 18th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A good time will be had by all.



## El Cerrito Community Council Meeting MARCH 15, 2018 7:00PM PARISH HALL

### FARMER BILL OF CITY FARMERS NURSERY TALKS URBAN AGRICULTURE

#### KEEP CHICKENS & GOATS & BEES, OH MY!

In 2012, the City of San Diego amended Chapter 4 of its Municipal Code to now allow residents of single family homes to keep and maintain two miniature goats for their milk and milk products for personal consumption. The Amendment also allows single family homes, community gardens and retail farms to keep and maintain chickens and to keep and maintain up to two beehives. Several El Cerrito residents are now raising and caring for these critters.

Last month many of those at our landscape planning presentation said their favorite nursery in San Diego is City Farmer Nursery, but it is so much more than a nursery. Along with plants, soil, fertilizers and tools, City Farmers Nursery is a source for feed and care products for chickens, rabbits and goats, bee supplies, ponds and fish supplies and canning and preserving supplies and Farmer Bill has a vast knowledge about all of them.

If you are interested in any of these pursuits, just considering them, want information, are already involved want a new a supplier or want to find a great new nursery, this meeting is for you.

## EL CERRITO AT THE ROLANDO FAIR STOP BY AND SAY HI – MARCH 18TH!

The El Cerrito Board is going to have a booth at the Rolando Street Fair this year. We will have information and handouts on our great El Cerrito Community,



## IT'S TIME FOR THE ECCC BOARD ELECTIONS

At our March meeting, the Board Members will be asking for your vote to continue working for the community. A new community member is on the ballot, and we are ready for last minute changes if anyone wants to add their name at the meeting.

Membership in the ECCC is open to any active member, at least 18 years of age residing or owning property within the El Cerrito community or any business owner whose place of business is within the El Cerrito community. Membership shall be granted upon receipt of an application verifying qualification.

You must have attended at least one meeting in the last year can run for the ECCC Board. The Board of Directors sets up the ECCC meetings, maintains membership rolls and attendance, and any other vote eligibility records. The Board organizes community events including the September Garage Sale, Pot Luck Dinners and the See's Candy event.

We will be recommending a slate consisting of all of the seven current board members seeking re-election listed below as well as new candidate.

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| Mark Deadrick (new) | Vanessa Dangerfield |
| B.J. Nystrom        | Denise Padilla      |
| Laura Riebau        | Tom Silva           |
| Jim Westheimer      | Alex Zukas          |

There can be up to nine Board members so we will still have a vacancy to be filled if all eight candidates are

elected. You can nominate yourself or someone else at the meeting. If there are more than nine candidates, the nine receiving the most votes will win.

To vote, you must have attended at least one meeting within the previous 12 months and be in attendance at the upcoming March meeting. No absentee or proxy voting is allowed.

The geographic area of the ECCC, within the City of San Diego, is bordered by 54th/Collwood Street (West side); University Avenue (South side); College Avenue (East side); the canyon South of Baja Drive to the North.



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

**March 15th – Farmer Bill from City Farmer’s Nursery** talks goats, chickens, bees and gardening.

**April 19th and May 17th** – we are working on getting San Diego State University and SoccerCity to present their plans for Mission Valley for our consideration for the upcoming June elections.

**June 21st** – Home security, including new, interactive systems.



**EL CERRITIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL T-SHIRTS FOR SALE-\$17.00**

The ECCC Board wanted to have matching T-Shirts for our booth at the upcoming Rolando Street Fair, so we had some made. The minimum order is 25, so we have about a dozen extras and will be selling them on a first-come, first-sold basis. The available shirts are black with a two-color logo in our website colors.

We are planning to make more runs, so if we do not have your size or you prefer a different shirt color, we will take orders based on community interest. The shirts may be available at the March meeting.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A SWEARING-IN CELEBRATION FOR NEW STATE SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, TONI ATKINS**

Swearing-in Celebration of the 48th President Pro Tempore of the California State Senate, The Honorable Toni G. Atkins

When: Friday, April 13th, 2:00 pm

Where: Jacobs Center Celebration Hall, 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA

Reception Upon Conclusion

**PLEASE RSVP BY SATURDAY, MARCH 31** to [tinyurl.com/sdprotemcelebration](http://tinyurl.com/sdprotemcelebration) or call (619) 645-3133.



**DONATIONS! DONATIONS! DONATIONS!**

A Big **THANK YOU** to all of you who donated to the El Cerrito Community the last month. And Thank You to all who contribute at the monthly meetings. We received the following since December 2017:

- \$100 Anonymous
- \$50 "Shadow Greybeard" Alma Place

We do continue to need donations - big or small -for publication of the newsletter. Donations can be made to the P.O. Box 15268 – there is an easy to use form on the last page of this newsletter - or you can go to our web page, [elcerritocommunitycouncil.org](http://elcerritocommunitycouncil.org) and use our PayPal account. The average monthly cost of printing 2200 copies is around \$250. Let us know if you would like your name published or if you would like to remain anonymous



- **USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR CRAWFORD** - If you have unused sports equipment sitting around your home and garage, neighbor, Lorna Zukas, would like to help you donate it to Crawford High School – give her a call at 619-286-3890 with questions and to make arrangements.
- **KEEP CRAWFORD SPORTS FIELDS SAFE** – If you notice activity at or around the new Crawford sports fields that does not seem right, lights on past 7:00 too many nights, people hanging around on the fields after organized games and events are over, etc., please contact Mark at [markesolo@hotmail.com](mailto:markesolo@hotmail.com).

He is helping the El Cerrito neighborhood track bad activity at these fields 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](mailto: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.



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To make arrangements, please contact us at [elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com). We require camera ready art in a jpeg format. If you are unsure about what you have, please contact and we will figure it out with you. We look forward to helping you broaden your exposure and expanding your business.

### **[ ✓ ] SURVEY SAYS . .**

#### **WOULD A DIFFERENT MEETING TIME MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO ATTEND ECCC MEETINGS?**

The ECCC Board wants to know if a different meeting time would fit into your schedule better and make it easier for you to attend our meetings. A survey has been created to assess your preferences. Please go to the link below to take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KPMVC76>

#### **THE TIME CHOICES ARE:**

- 7:00 P.M. – KEEP THE TIME THE SAME;**
- 6:45 P.M.**
- 6:30 P.M.**
- 6:00 P.M.**

#### **DAYS FOR CELEBRATION IN MARCH**

- **March 15 - Incredible Kid Day**
- **March 17 - St. Patrick's Day**
- **March 20 - International Earth Day**
- **March 20 - First Day of Spring and International Earth Day**
- **March 30 -Take a Walk in the Park Day**



The June 1st start date for the San Diego County Fair may be months away, but there are some fun contest deadline coming up soon. To read more details on the contests, please visit <https://sdfair.com>.

Apply By April 20  
**Best Dance Crew** - win cash prizes

Apply By April 20  
**Battle of the Bands** – Bands of 3 or more members can win the big \$5,000 first prize

Apply By April 20  
**In The Spotlight** - Singers aged 8-17 can win cash and a trophy

Apply By April 20  
**Singer / Songwriter** - Singers of original songs can win up to \$3,000 in this performance contest.

Enter by May 11  
**Speech Contest** -Student public speakers can win awards in the Fair's Speech Contest

Enter by May 25  
**Zucchini Race** - Kids: Make a zucchini into a snazzy and speedy race car, then race it at the Fair.

Enter by May 25  
**24-Hour Film Festival** -Groups of 3-10 people will have 24 hours to film at the Fair, edit and submit a short movie in this new contest.

Enter by June 9  
**Miniature Masterpiece** - Enter a small piece of art, either 2D or 3D, and win a ribbon for your masterpiece!

June 9  
**Home Harvested Honey** - Honey harvesters can win a ribbon at the San Diego County Fair in this contest.

#### **PLUS**

- Plein Air Painting**
- Homegrown Zucchini Contest**
- Homegrown Produce**
- Home & Hobby Contests**
- Summer of Robotics**
- Boomers and Beyond – Trivia Contest**
- Most Patriotic Costume on 4th of July**
- Baby Derby**
- Family Look Alike**
- Ballroom Dance Contest for Adults**
- Daily Pie Eating Contest**
- Bubble Gum Blowing Contest**
- Motorcycle Ride**
- Hometown Heroes**
- San Diego County Fair 5K**



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 better all of the time— give it a try  
 At [elcerritocommunitycouncil.org](http://elcerritocommunitycouncil.org)**

**NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING  
 Thursday, March 15, 2018  
 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

**URBAN AGRICULTURE –  
 Info on chicken, bees, goats and  
 gardening in your yard in the City  
 with Farmer Bill  
 of City Farmers Nursery**

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