



# EL CERRITO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## CELEBRATE

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## YOU'VE GOT THE POWER



### THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

At our meetings there are often questions about how to take care of a problem like getting pot holes filled, a boat or trailer moved, get street trees trimmed, painting over grafitti and more. As part an effort to make the City departments more efficient and accessible for all San Diego residents, the *Get It Done San Diego* app is here. This app that lets you report problems and request improvements in the neighborhood with your phone.

The City does not know about our problems until we report them. With *Get It Done*, we can now take and upload photos related to over 20 nonemergency problems with roads, street lights, traffic signals and more. The *Get It Done* app uses GPS information embedded within photos to automatically update the address and location of problems. After uploading the photo, one simply has to identify a few details about the problem and click Submit.

The app allows the City to process information faster because it links the user to City crews. Your report creates a work order through a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software system. The system connects all reports about the same problem into one group and creates a single report so that every individual is notified about the progress of an issue.

Visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>.

Download from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

**El Cerrito Community Meeting  
Thursday, February 21, 2019 – 7 p.m.  
Parish Hall, Blessed Sacrament Church**

### CRAWFORD HIGH SCHOOL FIELD USE POLICY REVIEW & COMMUNITY VOTE

Please join us for an update on the Field Use Policy presentation by Alex and Lorna Zukas, provide your input and vote on supporting the latest version.

When Crawford High School started its athletic field improvements many years ago, a group of concerned El Cerrito residents organized a coalition to work on field use scheduling and a field use policy so the residents would not be overly impacted by lights, noise, trash and parking issues that other San Diego neighborhoods were fighting. The field use documents were based on some established by Hoover High School residents when their neighborhood was impacted by too much noise, bright lighting and parking during school events. The El Cerrito coalition has worked for many years with Crawford principal, the sports director, San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) Board, SDUSD personnel and the school improvement bond oversight committee. They have done a truly wonderful job and negotiations on the Field Use Policy are nearly done.

The coalition has gathered community input, kept the El Cerrito community updated with presentations and we have voted to support the policies worked out for the benefit of our residents. We are almost done!

### CONGRATULATIONS GEORGETTE GOMEZ, NEW PRESIDENT OF SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL

In December our City Councilperson, Georgette Gomez was voted to the position of Council President. She states that she takes this new position seriously and her goals include equitable neighborhoods, inclusiveness, transparency, accountability and investment of time and resources in the City's communities. As Council President, she will set the agendas for the City Council meetings.

## **LOTS OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR NEW WINE AND CRAFT BEER RESTAURANT IN EL CERRITO**

At our January meeting we met Angela Sandoval who has plans to open a craft beer and wine establishment offering a menu of delicious appetizers and meals next to Scrimshaw Coffee at 5540 El Cajon Blvd this June.

Not only did we vote our support, many residents asked Angela to also consider serving weekend breakfasts. The name she likes for the restaurant is The Alcove.

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## **WHAT WE WANT TO SEE IN EL CERRITO**

At the ECCC January meeting community members discussed what we would like to see in our El Cerrito neighborhood. We got a lot of great ideas, some we have been hearing about for a while and new ones:

- Parks - possible temporary;
- Dog parks;
- El Cerrito community gateway signs;
- El Cerrito community boundaries recognition;
- A beautification committee that includes a program with school students getting community service credit to regularly clean up the street and sidewalks around the schools and athletic fields;
- Traffic safety features & devices around the schools;
- Traffic calming on our neighborhood streets;
- No Trucks over 5,000 On residential streets-signs up;
- Roundabouts on El Cajon Blvd;
- Dedication by community members to keep storm drains clear of debris;
- Trash cans on residential streets;
- Utility undergrounding

Christopher Vallejo (fondly known as Stopher by many of us), our community representative for our City Councilmember, Georgette Gomez, is going to help us get information on the processes for the items on the list - some are easy, but some are involved and costly and some we have little say in. He will also help us explore funding sources for the costly ones.

For instance, if we can get engineering for community signs and projects, they are less costly and can shorten processing time. We will be having follow-up meetings soon to learn more about how we can achieve the items on our list.

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## **CITY UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM**

If you want to know when your street is scheduled for utility undergrounding, the City of San Diego has an interactive map you can use at

[www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/](http://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/)



## **IN MARCH WE ARE HAVING A CHILI CONTEST!**

Back by popular demand - for our ECCC March meeting we are having a chili contest.

Cook up a pot of your favorite chili recipe and see how it matches up to other community favorites. We will have a vegetarian category and a meat category.

Everyone in attendance gets to taste and vote on the chilis. Those not cooking chili can bring cheese, bread, sour cream and other chili sides.

We will have a nice prize for the winners!

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## **MARCH MEETING 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 member, at least 18 years of age residing or owning property within the El Cerrito community or any business owner in the El Cerrito community.

To be on the Board, 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 our monthly meetings, community events including the September Garage Sale, Pot Luck Dinners and the See's Candy event.

There can be up to nine Board members so we will still have vacancies that can be filled if all 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, 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.

**COLLEGE AREA PUBLIC SAFETY  
(CARPUS) MEETING**

**College Ave. Baptist Church  
CEC Bldg. Third Floor Room 302  
(4747 College Avenue)  
Third Tuesday of each month - 6:30 p.m.**

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**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER  
619-531-2000**

**CALL this number to complain about noise, mini-dorm parties, or any other police non-emergency. To formalize the complaint, give your name to the dispatcher on the phone. All names are confidential and will not be released to the offending party.**



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**DONATE SPORTS EQUIPMENT.** If you have unused sports equipment sitting around your home, please contact neighbor, Lorna Zukas, to help you donate it to Crawford High School - give her a call at 619-286-3890 with questions and to make arrangements.

**HAVE A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TO DONATE?**

Crawford High School continues to need instruments for music classes. Many students at Horace Mann Middle School are taking music classes and to be able to continue to learn to play their instruments in high school the students will have to transfer to a different high school if Crawford cannot provide instruments.

The school has a teacher who can teach the music classes at Crawford and with instruments, the children in the area will be able to continue with their musical education and go to their neighborhood school.

If you have an instrument that you would be willing to donate to a very worthy cause, please consider giving it to Crawford. Many instruments can be refurbished, new mouth pieces purchased, etc., so don't let a little wear and tear stop you. Call Lorna at 619-286-3890 with questions and to make arrangements



**JOIN THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
ONCE A MONTH & MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

We are looking for community members who are willing to spend an hour or two one Saturday morning per month cleaning up the streets and sidewalks in El Cerrito. We hope to be working side by side with students from Crawford High School and Mann Middle School.

The plan is to have four groups of volunteers getting together one Saturday per month to be able to cover each weekend. Most volunteers have suggested early start time so the rest of the day is free, but we can leave that up to each group.

The task will be to clean up trash and debris. If there is an area in the community you know of that needs our help, please let us know about it. To sign up or report an area, please call Lorna at 619-286-3890.

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**Thursday, February 21, 2018**  
**7:00pm to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall**  
**(El Cajon Boulevard at**  
**El Cerrito Drive)**







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