

# Happy Spring



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

## **ECCC BOARD ELECTIONS & CHILI COOKOFF**

At our March meeting, the El Cerrito Community Council Board Members will be asking for your vote to continue working for the community. There are three open seats on the Board for those interested in joining the Board. If you are interested in being on the Board, please let us know and we will add your name to the ballot. We will also be happy to add the name of anyone who decides to add their name at the meeting. Board meets the first Thursday each month

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 are a business owner in the El Cerrito community.

To be on the Board, you must have attended at least one meeting in the last year. 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.

The current board members are: Alex Zukas, Lorna Zukas, Jim Westheimrer, Tom Silva, Laura Riebau and Bj Nystrom. 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.



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

To enter, cook a pot of your favorite chili recipe and bring it in a crock pot or other serving pot and see how it matches up to other community favorites..

We ask all the chili cooks be at the hall about 6:30. Each chili will be assigned a number. Then everyone in attendance gets to taste all of the chilis and vote for their favorite. We will have a vegetarian category and a meat category.

Those not cooking chili can bring dessert or chili accompaniments like tortilla chips, grated cheese, bread, sour cream onions and other chili sides. Please feel free to bring your own alcoholic beverage to enjoy with the meal, if you are be 21 or over. All alcohol must be consumed inside the hall. We will have a nice prize for the winners!

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## **CRAWFORD HIGH STADIUM EVENT POLICY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

At the February meeting Alex and Lorna Zukas of the El Cerrito Coalition for Livable Neighborhoods and Quality Schools (Coalition), which formulated a Field Use Policy adopted by the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), reviewed the current Stadium Event Policy which they have worked on with Crawford High and SDUSD personnel. The Stadium Event Policy sets forth guidelines for security, supervision, communication of personnel, maintenance, clean up, traffic, parking and medical emergencies for each of the stadium's events and was unanimously approved at the meeting.

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## **HELP CRAWFORD HIGH STUDENTS WITH FORMAL ATTIRE DONATIONS FOR**



Prom night at Crawford High Schools is coming soon and the students will be wanting to look their best. If you have any formal or dressy wear you would like to donate to the students, we will be happy to pick up the items and deliver them to the school. We are looking for more current fashion items such as dresses, shawls, shoes, jewelry for young women and slacks, jackets shirts and shoes for the young men. Fo pickup please call Lorna Zukas at 619-286-3890 or contact us at [elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com).

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## **ECCC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE CLEAN-UP**

On Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, about ten ECCC neighbors gathered to clean up 55<sup>th</sup> Street and El Cajon Blvd from Iftin Charter School to the Casino. We cleaned trash out of the streets, the school

parking lot, and the areas around Paykan Auto on El Cajon Blvd. We also pulled weeds, cut down over grown grass and generally made the neighborhood look clean and more pedestrian friendly. We had all ages volunteer, the youngest was three and the oldest 70ish. We had trash bags, a few tools and a lot of heart. If we lacked something people just went home and got what was needed. One volunteer went home and came back with a weed-whacker with an operator who knocked down a particular heavy patch of overgrown grass and weeds (a huge thank you). My little weed-whacker could not handle the job. Our clean-up took about 2.5 hours. We filled my car with stuffed trash and lawn bags and others took home more. The result was beautiful and it really was fun working with people and getting to know neighbors. Afterwards a few of us went to Scrimshaw for breakfast.

***Our next clean-up will be on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>*** (8:30-10:30). Let's gather, all ages welcome, to clean up our neighborhood. Wear your cape and don your favorite superhero T-shirt if you dare! Let's inspire everyone to take charge and make a difference for our community. Please join us in this collaboration, which will be a monthly event, and tell your neighbors. This month we are going to clean-up around Crawford High School. We will meet up in the parking lot on 56<sup>th</sup> and Trojan so it will be safer for the littles who join in. We have gloves and trash bags.

The photo below shows the pristine street and sidewalk along the casino after the crew cleaned up - it looks great!



If you'd like more information about the community beautification project, please call Lorna Zukas at 619-286-3890. If you can't join us but want to suggest an area that needs clean-up, please email us at [elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com). To request email information about clean-up days send your first and last name and an email address to the email above and we will keep you up to date on cleanups.



## DONATIONS DONATIONS DONATIONS

A Big **THANK YOU** to all of you who donated to the El Cerrito Community the last few months.

And Thank You to all who contribute at the monthly meetings. We received the following in December:

\$500	Anonymous	Berting Street
\$100	Steve Seuss	Redlands Drive
\$ 50	Anonymous	Alcorn Place

We do 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 want to remain anonymous.

for those 14 and older. It also has many tables and benches, grills for get togethers.

New studies are again showing that getting into nature improves your health and spirit, so we recommend a visit to Chollas Lake for a boost of happiness. You can view some great photos by fans of Chollas Lake at <https://www.yelp.com/biz/chollas-lake-park-san-diego>.



## ROUTES AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER ECC NEWSLETTERS

We have a few newsletter delivery routes available for volunteers. Each route will have approximately 40 homes to delivery to and will take about 20 minutes once a month. Our block captains tell us it really is pretty fun to get out and walk in the neighborhood delivering the newsletters and greeting neighbors and we agree.

These delivery routes can easily fit this into a morning walk and give you a little variety to your routine. The routes available are Austin Drive, 60th Street-south of Estelle and the 60th Street, Carol, Bradford, College Way loop. Please contact us at [elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.org](mailto:elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.org).



## GET ACQUAINTED WITH CHOLLAS LAKE PARK

Chollas Lake Community Park is one of our area's great resources. About 1 1/2 miles south on College Avenue or 54th Street, to College Grove Drive. There are several entrances along College Grove Way, the main gate about a block west from Sam's Club's parking lot. The Park was recently renovated and is now pretty amazing. It has ample parking, walking trails, including one around the lake, a lot of play structures for kids, and all sorts of exercise machines

## 22ND ANNUAL ROLANDO STREET FAIR IS SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2018

Mark your calendars for the 23rd Annual Rolando Street Fair happening Sunday, March 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be over 100 vendor booths for unique shopping, culinary experiences, beer tastings, award-winning bands and rides for the kids!

The Rolando Street Fair is located between towering Silk Oak trees on Rolando Blvd. between El Cajon Blvd. and Solita Avenue. Organized by a team of selfless volunteers, the Rolando Street Fair attracts nearly 15,000 people and gets bigger and better every year! For more info: [www.rolandocc.org](http://www.rolandocc.org).

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**NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 21, 2019**  
**7:00pm to 8:30 p.m.**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall**  
**El Cajon Boulevard between**  
**58th Street & El Cerrito Drive**

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