

EL CERRITO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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SEASONS GREETINGS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR WISHES

**El Cerrito Community Council Meeting
 DECEMBER 20, 2018 7:00PM PARISH HALL**

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK, SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLES

Please join us on Thursday, December 20th for our fun filled Holiday Potluck! The Board will bring Turkey and Ham. You bring your favorite holiday dishes, salads, desserts, etc. and we will all enjoy a wonderful holiday feast, have a lot of fun catching up with neighbors and get presents! This is a fun event for the entire family, so feel free to bring children and join in the fun.

We are going to try this out as a Bring Your Own Bottle event. All alcohol has to be consumed in the dining room-it cannot leave the indoors premises. All those partaking in adult beverages must be 21 or older. The Board will also supply sodas, water and coffee.

We have some fun auction and raffle items, but can use more. If you have something new or in very good condition that you just have not used and would like to donate, we will help find it a new home. If you are not going to attend the meeting, we will pick it up.

Businesses, we would love to be able to auction off a gift certificate to your business. Contact us for pickup.

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 look at all of 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.



Thank you, Thank You, Thank You for your donations! We received the following donations through the first week of December 2018:

\$250	Tom Silva	View Place
\$200	Anonymous	Corinth St.
\$100	Del & Kay Haselhorst	59 th Street
\$ 40	Lois Jenkins	60 th Street.
\$ 10	Anonymous	Vale Way

Thank you to all who donate money in the jars at the front table at the monthly meetings. Your continuing support is great. We also take donations for Blessed Sacrament Parrish Church at our meetings.

Big and small the donations all add up to help keep the newsletter being published.

Donations can be made using the stub in the lower right corner of this page, mailing to the P.O. Box 151268 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.

BE EXTRA CAREFUL OF SCOOTERS AND BIKES - RECAP OF NOVEMBER MEETING

We asked representatives from some of the scooter and bike businesses in town to come to our November

meeting, but none of them attended. Christopher Vallejo, our representative from Georgette Gomez's office did attend and helped answer some questions.

The main thing we learned is that every one of us must be very careful and watch out for people on scooters and bikes. Many of the riders of these vehicles are children, riding without helmets, with little regard to any rules and the very last thing any of us wants to do is be involved in an accident that hurts someone.

Riders of the new scooters do seem to have fun riding them, but so many of them are reckless. The cost to ride is \$0.50 - \$1.00 for 30 minutes. It appears that the riders are not required to have any insurance and no one is sure who is accountable for accidents and "misuse" of these vehicles. New rules for scooters and bikes are coming in January, some of which are more lax. The topics of what ages can ride, where they allowed to ride, where scooters and bikes can be parked all seem to be in flux. Enforcement is difficult. The two main companies we found information on are Bird and Lime. Bird says it has an app that can be downloaded to report bad riders to them.

Our discussion included problems with bikes and scooters blocking sidewalks and being left in our yards. One idea to come out of the meeting is to have some sort of marked parking spaces for the vehicles. We also recommend that the bike and scooter companies go to middle and high schools and provide training on the rules of the road and regulations. Lime says riders are to be at least 18 and have a driver's license, but young kids are riding the scooters.

We checked San Diego City regulations, scooter and bike websites' rules and what one reads and what one sees are very different. If you would like more information you can visit Lime's website at <https://www.li.me/electric-scooter>. Bird's information appears to be on facebook. City of San Diego regulations are at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/bicycling/bicycle-and-scooter-sharing/rules>



ECCC NEWSLETTER ROUTES

We have a few newsletter delivery routes available for volunteers. Each route has approximately 30 homes to delivery to, taking about 20 minutes once a month.

Our block captains tell us they really do enjoy getting out and walking in the neighborhood delivering the newsletters and greeting neighbors.

The routes are the Bradford, Carol and 60th Street loop and 60th south of Trojan. If you can help, please contact Jim at jacobw@cox.net.

The ECCC Monthly Meeting Is Every 3rd Thursday Blessed Sacrament Parish Church

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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

December 20, 2018

7:00pm to 8:30pm

**Holiday Potluck FUN
with Silent Auction & Raffle**

**4540 El Cerrito Drive
El Cajon Boulevard at El Cerrito Drive**