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HAPPY NEW YEAR

El Cerrito Community Council Meeting
JANUARY 17, 2019 7:00PM
BLESSED SACRAMENT, PARISH HALL

**WE ARE VOTING ON A NEW CRAFT
BEER AND WINE BUSINESS AND
TALKING ABOUT THINGS WE WOULD
LIKE TO SEE IN OUR
EL CERRITO NEIGHBORHOOD**

At the ECCC January 17th meeting we want to know what our community members - you - would like to see in our El Cerrito neighborhood. We have heard that El Cerrito needs a dog park, community signs, a park for residents, street art, a beautification committee, a community garden for condo and apartment dwellers, traffic calming on our residential streets, walkable streets, what types of businesses you would like to see and more.

We want to start the year putting together a list of goals and follow up with finding out how we can get them done.

We are also going to be hearing from Angela Sandoval who has plans to open a craft beer and wine establishment offering a delicious appetizers and meals next to Scrimshaw Coffee at 5540 El Cajon Blvd where the furniture store used to be. She is hoping to open in June this summer.

We will be taking a community vote on whether we endorse her business and the beer and wine liquor license she is applying for.

FOND FAREWELLS

**to Denise Padilla, Vansessa Dangerfield,
Keryna Johnson and Allen Teng**

The end of 2018 brought some changes for our El Cerrito community that we want to update you on.

Denise Padilla and Vansessa Dangerfield have both resigned from the El Cerrito Board. The lives of both of these great women have gotten busy with other demands and something had to give. Unfortunately it was the ECCC Board that gave. Hopefully we will still see them at some of our meetings. Denise and Vanessa - we will miss you and wish you the best.

Keryna Johnson, who we first met when she was our representative for City Councilmember Georgette Gomez, has moved to Columbus, Ohio. Her farewell includes an invitation to stay in touch at her email address keryna@gmail.com. Good luck Keryna, we will miss you and are sending you wishes for the best in your endeavors.

It is with great sorrow that we say goodbye to Allen Teng, who was the principal at Horace Mann Middle School. Allen Teng died in an automobile accident on December 29, 2018. Those of us in El Cerrito who were lucky enough to get to know Mr. Teng during the meetings he attended and neighborhood matters are in shock. Allen was always so positive and upbeat. He is survived by a wife and two young children. The El Cerrito Community offers our condolences to his family.



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:
\$100 Miriam Hopfenblatt on Trojan
\$100 Anonymous
\$163 December meeting donations and raffles

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 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.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING ECCC EVENTS

THE FOLLOWING MEETING PROGRAMS ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGES

January 17th – Join us to discuss infrastructure, amenities and businesses we want in El Cerrito.

March 21st– ECCC Community Chili Contest. Back by popular demand! Cook up your favorite chili recipe and join us for taste testing and voting on the best!

Reminders

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.

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. He is helping the El Cerrito neighborhood track bad activity to help the schools keep control over their property and the neighborhood be better for all of us.

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 the 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

Many thanks to Patricia Burch on Adelaide recently donated a violin, guitar and accessories.

ENTER THE NEW YEAR WITH GOOD HOLIDAY CHEER

All of us have our favorite hot drinks which we roll out during those cold late fall an early winter nights. Some are designed to help us fight of the cold and winter "blahs", and others are for celebration with family and friends. Here are a few of my own personal holiday favorites:

Hot Toddy: Used to help fight of cold like symptoms.

Ingredients:

1 cup of hot tea

1 shot of Southern Comfort (or your personal favorite whiskey)

2 teaspoons of honey

1/8 teaspoon (or a dash) of cinnamon

Directions: mix the Southern Comfort with the cup of hot tea and add the honey and cinnamon. Serve hot.

Benefits: This drink helps sooth the throat and helps you sleep better.

Hot Apple Pie: This is a fun holiday drink for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah, and New Years

Ingredients: (Very similar to a Hot Toddy)

Hot Apple Cider Mix (Packages can be purchased at local grocery store)

1 cup of hot water

1 shot of Southern Comfort (or whatever your personal favorite whiskey is)

2 teaspoons of honey

1/8 teaspoon (or a dash) of cinnamon

Directions:

Mix the Apple Cider with the hot water, then add the Southern Comfort, honey and cinnamon/ Serve hot, but it is also good if cooled down.

Benefits: Makes your event a little more special and cheery.

Warm & Snuggly: Fun drink when entertaining friends or just having a quiet evening

Ingredients:

Hot Chocolate Drink Mix (Packages can be purchased at local grocery store)
1 cup of hot water
1 shot of Peppermint Schnapps
1 or 2 marshmallows; or, whipped cream topping

Directions:

Mix the hot chocolate with the hot water. Add the Peppermint Schnapps and top with marshmallow(s) or whipped cream. Serve Hot

Benefits: This drink helps sooth the throat and helps you sleep better.

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(Non-Emergency)619-516-3000

Eastern Division Officer - John Steffen
jmsteffen@pd.sandiego.gov
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(Non-Emergency).858-495-7900
Abandoned Vehicles.858-495-7556

Abandoned/Unattended Personal Belongings or Waste in Public.858-694-7000
Balboa Park Information619-239-0512
Beach & Bay Advisory619-239-0512
Bicycle License - Call Local Bike Shop
Construction/Building Permits619-446-5000
Buses/MTS Access619-233-3004
City Council Docket Info619-533-4000
Crimestoppers888-580-8477
Curb Maintenance619-527-7500
Dead Animal Removal (City Property).858-694-7000
Dog License619-767-2675
Feral Cat Coalition619-758-9194
Spay/Neuter.619-544-1222
Fire Station Headquarters619-533-4300
Graffiti Hotline.619-525-8522

GRAFFITI REMOVAL
Urban Corps Graffiti Hotline800-829-6884
Graffiti Reporting (Strike Force).619-531-2948
Officer Lori Black-lablack@pd.sandiego.gov
Cal Trans.858-467-4042
City Traffic Signs619-525-8522 or 619-527-7500
Traffic Signal Control Boxes619-527-7500
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THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

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.

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.

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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
January 17, 2019
7:00pm to 8:30pm

**WHAT DO WE NEED IN EL CERRITO TO
MAKE IT A BETTER COMMUNITY**

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