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El Cerrito Community Council Meeting JUNE 20, 2019 7:00PM PARISH HALL

JOIN US TO HEAR FROM SAN DIEGO POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS ON KEEPING EL CERRITO SAFE

Please join us to hear from San Diego Police Community Relations Officers, Terry Hoskins and John Steffen to find out up-to-date information on crime in our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods.

Recent newspaper articles reported some big increases in crime rates in the area, so we decided to hear from the source.

Terry Hoskins is with the Mid-City Division, which includes both sides of El Cajon Blvd and El Cerrito south of the Blvd. John Steffen is with the Eastern Division which includes El Cerrito north of the Blvd.

Officer Steffen also covers College Area East and Officer Hoskins covers Talmadge, neighboring communities with reported significant crime increases.

These officers will provide us with good information on the crime in our area, the increases reported in neighboring areas and what we can do to help with crime in El Cerrito.

John Royal and Brian Helmich with Talmadge Neighborhood watch will tell us what their group is doing to fight crime.

A lot of keeping El Cerrito the great place that it is depends on us being aware and proactive. Join us to hear the latest and learn what we can do.

EL CERRITO RESTAURANT NIGHT OUT AT THE LIVING ROOM CAFE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH

We are going to have an El Cerrito Restaurant Night out on Wednesday, June 26th at the Living Room Cafe, 59th and El Cajon Blvd. We will have the back area to ourselves from 5:00 - 9:00 pm, so come join your neighbors for dinner!

We know not everyone can get there at 5:00, so come when you can - we have the space until 9:00 and expect ebb & flow of new diners on these nights.

The El Cerrito restaurant nights are a lot of fun for all. We each pay for what we order and get a chance to meet neighbors we do not know yet and catch up with those we do. Those who came to Pesto last month sure had a good time.

All ages are welcome, so please bring your whole family for this fun night. The Living Room Cafe's menu can be viewed at www.livingroomcafe.org/menu. We sure hope to see you there!

TOWNHALL MEETING ON DISTRICT 9 STORAGE FACILITIES FOR THE HOMELESS THURSDAY JULY 11th, 6:30-8:00pm

Representatives from Mayor Faulconer's office, Georgette Gomez's office, City Council, City Environmental Services and San Diego Police Department are holding a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at the Teen Challenge Center at 5450 Lea Street, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

This meeting is an opportunity to discuss and hear from leaders, agencies and communities on selecting a site in District 9 for a storage facility for the homeless.

Please plan on attending this meeting. It is important to provide facilities for the homeless population to be able to store their possessions and for neighborhood safety to have these facilities placed at well thought out locations.

IT'S FIRE SEASON - READY SET GO, WITH SD FIRE-RESCUE'S ADVICE

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department is getting out the word on fire prevention and safety. The vegetation went wild in the open areas, canyons and hillside with the extra rainfall this year. As it dries out with the hot summer weather, it becomes fuel for fires.

The Fire-Rescue Department is reminding us to prepare our homes and families for the possibility of a major fire with the Personal Wildland Fire Action Guide available at www.sandiego.gov/fire/safety and hope you read the guide and follow its advice.

It is important to know this information for the safety and well being of you and your loved ones.

EL CERRITO BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The El Cerrito Beautification Committee is recruiting new members to help clean up the community. Our goal is to meet once a month to pick-up litter and clean-up over grown weeds on sidewalks. This is a fun way to meet neighbors and do something great for your community.

Our next work party is on Saturday June 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. It is always the Saturday after the community meeting. We will meet at the corner of 58th and Trojan Ave.

We work for no more than two hours. We can grab coffee or a bite to eat afterwards at Scrimshaw Coffee, 5542 El Cajon Blvd., 92115. The clean-up crew gets a 10% discount.

If you'd like more information or would like to join us please call Lorna Zukas at 619-538-9689. If you can't make it this month but want to join in the future or if you have areas that you feel need clean-up, please email elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com.



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

**June 22nd - El Cerrito
Beautification Cleanup** - Meet
at 8:30 am at 58th & Trojan.

June 26th - El Cerrito Restaurant Night Out - at the
Living Room Cafe 5:00 - 9:00 pm.

**July 11th - Townhall Meeting, Teen Challenge,
5450 Lea Street - regarding Homeless storage
facilities in District 9.**

July 18th - Family Movie Night. We will have a great family movie and great snacks, so mark your calendar for family fun.

SUMMER IS BARBEQUE & FIRE TIME BE SAFE WITH YOUR FIRES

NEVER LEAVE YOUR FIRE UNATTENDED

GRILL SAFETY - Place your grill as far from the house, other structures and trees as possible to avoid any potential damage caused by the heat. Never just fire up your grill. First check the connection between the propane tank and fuel line and make sure there's nothing flammable on the burners. Keep the flames under control. Have a water-filled squirt bottle on hand to spray flames threatening to get out of control or close the lid of the barbeque to cut the oxygen and put the fire out. Before disposing of coals, pour water over them until the fire is out.

CAMP AND BEACH FIRES - Let's keep camp and beach fires safe. Build a camp or beach fire only in the designated places, away from dry shrubs and grass, dry leaves or low branches that can catch fire. It is best to use existing fire pits. Keep an eye on the fire and don't let it get out of control. Always have something you can use to douse out a fire within reach. Always put out the fire when you are leaving by pouring water over it and spreading some dirt on top. Never leave the fire unattended. Someone should always be watching the fire.

FIRE PITS. Gathering around the outdoor fire pit is great. Keep it fun and safe. When setting up a fire pit, make sure it is at least 10 feet away from any structure or combustible surface. Before you light the fire be sure to check the weather forecast. If it is windy, do not fire up the pit.



BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING! GET YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN IN ORDER

The chance of wildfires are making many people feel vulnerable again. The best solution is to be prepared to survive.

Get your family or household members together to discuss how to prepare and respond to the types of emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play. Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and how you will work together as a team. Practice as many elements of your plan as possible. Have a communication plan.

One of the tips that is stressed each and every time for preparedness is to be sure every person in the house has a pair of sturdy, comfortable emergency shoes and socks ready to be put on. This means that everyone should have a pair by the bed, a pair in the car, a pair at work and school. Socks will help prevent getting blisters if walking much.

1 - Get a Kit - Learn the essential supplies to put in your family's first aid and survival kits. Be sure to plan for pets.

*******Do not forget a plan to have your medications.

2 - Make a Plan - Plan effectively for you and your family in case of an emergency.

3 - Be Informed - Understand which disasters are likely in our area and what to know to stay safe.

Visit the following site for getting ready with a plan - WWW.REDCROSS.ORG/GET-HELP/HOW-TO-PREPARE-FOR-EMERGENCIES/MAKE-A-PLAN

BE PET PREPARED FOR NATURAL DIASTERS



A big part of being ready for an emergency for many us requires including our pets in our disaster planning.

The County of San Diego Department of Animal Services recommends that we prepare, practice and update a disaster plan with the following considerations to help reduce the risk of harm to pets and livestock:

- Maintain a pet emergency kit with sufficient supplies for each pet. (The following recommended items are typically available at pet supply stores or from your veterinarian.)
- A leash, harness, or pet carrier (large enough for your pet to stand and turn around in), and a muzzle for any dog known to be aggressive or defensive around people or other animals. Also include a stake and tie-out for each dog.
- A properly fitting leather or nylon collar with a securely affixed license tag (for dogs) & ID tag (listing your address and phone number).
- Dogs and cats should wear a collar & tag at all times, whether or not they normally go outdoors, and all animals should have some type of identification.
- Microchip your pet for permanent identification, and keep your information current with the microchip company and your local animal shelter database.
- Transportable containers with at least a week's supply of water and (preferably dry) pet food, and a stable, unbreakable water bowl or dispenser and sturdy food bowl or feeder.

- Include a manually operated can opener & plastic can lid for canned food.

- A copy of current veterinary records, including rabies & wellness vaccination certificates, and at least a week's worth of any needed medicines & supplies - in a waterproof container. (Proof of current vaccinations may be required by boarding facilities).

- A pet first aid guide and supplies, including wound cleaning, dressing, and bandaging material.

- Supplies to collect and dispose of pet wastes, e.g., plastic bags, scooper, cat litter, etc.

- Several recent photographs of your pet kept in a waterproof container in case your animal gets lost.

- Be prepared to quickly evacuate your home if you become aware of any unreasonable risk of harm that is likely to endanger your neighborhood; don't wait until the "last minute".

NEVER leave your pet chained outside and, if you evacuate your home, **DON'T LEAVE YOUR PETS**, you may not be able to return to care for them for an extended period time.

Structural damage to your home or animal enclosure may could enable your pet to escape, or permit other animals, pests, or the elements to enter and endanger the pet.

Start a buddy system with people in your neighborhood who will check on your animals in case you're away from home during an emergency. Consider including authorization in your veterinarian's file for your "buddy" to request emergency veterinary treatment for your animal(s) in your absence.

JUNE IS A GREAT MONTH FOR:

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR - JUNE 1 – JULY 4
[HTTPS://SDFAIR.COM/](https://SDFAIR.COM/)

NIGHT TIME AT THE ZOO – JUNE 16 - SEPT 2
[HTTP://ZOO.SANDIEGOZOO.ORG/NIGHTTIMEZOO](http://ZOO.SANDIEGOZOO.ORG/NIGHTTIMEZOO)

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**NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
Thursday, June 20, 2019
7:00pm to 8:30pm**

**KEEPING OUR
EL CERRITO COMMUNITY SAFE**

**The ECCC Monthly Meeting
Is Every 3rd Thursday
Blessed Sacrament Parish Church
4540 El Cerrito Drive
El Cajon Boulevard at El Cerrito Drive**

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