



Thursday, August 20, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

Like to Party? Like to Find a Real Bargain? Come join us for ECCC's Annual Pot Luck and Silent Auction on Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Have you seen or spoken to your neighbors lately? Why not invite them to join at ECCC's Summer Get-Together. Bring Grandma, the kids, friends – old and young and have a good time.

Just bring along your favorite dish (enough to share) and stuff you can now live without. ECCC will supply coffee, water and sodas.

This is a popular community event where family, neighbors & friends get together to share good company, a few laughs, and bid on those items you can't live without. Our Silent Auction is a "hoot" so please mark your calendars for this fun event.

ECCC'S Annual Community Garage Sale

The ECCC will be holding its Community Garage Sale on Saturday, September 19th, 2009. If you haven't done so, we suggest you sign-up now for this annual event. There were about 45+ households participating in last year's Community Garage Sale. We ask that your items for sale are placed out by 8:00 am and you

can go as long as you like – although most buyers taper off by 12 noon.

A large ad will be placed in the San Diego Union on the Friday before and the day of the sale. We will have maps available with a list of items you have for sale, together with your house # and street. These will be available at several locations on both sides of the Boulevard. Laura Riebau will be organizing the event and we will place garage sale signs on both sides of the Boulevard together with directional signs to the side streets.

The cost of participation is \$8.00 per household. The deadline for entries is **Friday, September 11, 2009**. Just mail your checks for \$8.00 to P.O. Box 151268, San Diego, CA 92175-1268, with your name, address and a list of items for sale. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept applications after this deadline, as it takes time to organize the event.

We Want Your Input on the ECCC E-mail List

The ECCC uses its e-mail list to notify members, residents, and other interested parties of ECCC meetings. People on the e-mail list also receive announcements for community events, i.e., meetings of planning groups, opportunities to meet political candidates, government representatives, and special events like the Boo! Parade. **We would like to hear from you if you have any questions or comments about the e-mail list and its use.**

- Would you like to receive ECCC e-mail announcements even though you don't attend meetings & aren't a current member of the ECCC? Please, send a message including the address where you want to receive ECCC announcements.
- Have you filled out a member form, but you're still not receiving e-mail announcements? Check your e-mail filter or spam file. If messages from ECCC show up there, include ECCC as a "trusted" sender or maybe you just need to include ECCC@cox.net in your address book. If your spam filter isn't blocking messages from ECCC, please, send a message including the address where you want to receive ECCC announcements.

- In the future, would you like ECCC e-mail messages to include announcements for things like charity fundraisers or for special services or sales events at local businesses?
- Is there some kind of information about our community that you would like to receive by e-mail from the ECCC but that you're not receiving now?

Please, send your answers to these questions and send any other questions or comments to ECCC@cox.net.

Members of Board of Directors Meeting With Councilmember Marti Emerald

Members of the Board of Directors met with Councilmember Marti Emerald, 7th District, City of San Diego to discuss items of concern to community members within the ECCC's boundaries. The following items were brought to Councilmember Emerald's attention:

- The Gilbert Drive/El Cerrito Enclave project, \
- Traffic circles on the south side & the sewer project on the north side of 60th Street
- The community's three priorities: street repairs/infrastructure, public safety, and mini-dorms.
- A traffic/mobility study for El Cajon Boulevard
- Traffic on residential streets
- The effect multi-story, multi-family, mixed-use development will have on the quality of life for residents in adjacent single-family homes.
- The concentration of subsidized affordable housing south of Interstate 8
- Revision to the College Area Community Plan

The El Cerrito Community Council expresses its gratitude to Councilmember Emerald and her Representative, Cynthia Harris for their responsiveness to the community on its concerns with the 60th Street Sewer Project and the Traffic Circles.

Traffic Circles Being Considered for 60th Street and Vale Way

For years, the residents of 60th Street & Vale Way, south of El Cajon Boulevard have put up with street racing and other forms of reckless driving, with cars running out of control onto lawns & into fences & crashing into parked cars. Now, residents are hoping to enjoy a quieter neighborhood, as installation of traffic circles is making its way through the city's approval process.

After accepting petitions from nearby residents supporting this traffic calming measure, the Traffic

Engineering Department has submitted the project for a cost estimate analysis. The basic design is for stamped concrete, but options are also being considered for landscaping. The project will be presented to the Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee before final approval.

With the work of residents to collect signatures, co-operation from city traffic engineers, and support from Councilmember Marti Emerald, 7th District, this project is moving steadily through the city's approval process. Keep watching this newsletter for up-dates on this project and look for an e-mail announcement of the Eastern Area Planning Committee meeting where residents of El Cerrito will have a chance to express their support for traffic calming measures on their streets.

El Cerrito Enclave Project

The owner/developer has requested to be on the **September 2 and 9** agenda for the Project Review and the College Area Community Council. We urge anyone interested in this project to attend the CACC meetings and voice their opinions concerning this project. **Remember, there is strength in organized numbers.**

Fire Station #10 in Rolando to a Training Station.

On July 11, 2009, Fire Station 10 in Rolando transitioned to a training station. Most of the crews on all three divisions that staff the engine & truck will be assigned to other stations, but each division will still retain an experienced battalion chief, (2) captains and (2) experienced engineers. For more information, please contact Maurice Luque with the Fire-Rescue Department at (619) 533-4418.

There will be a presentation on the transition of Fire Station #10 at the Eastern Area Planning Committee on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 pm, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2725 55th Street

Update on 60th Street Sewer Canyon Project

Rich Ingardia at ringardi@yahoo.com or call 619-286-1744 has been watching this project for himself and his neighbors. Their areas of concern are:

1. What will the canyon look like when the project is done?
2. How will we access the canyon from our backyards? Large drop-off with soil removed
3. What and how will removed-trees/shrubs/ground cover be replaced?
4. What will be the final slope/grading from our backyards?
5. When will the project be completed?

6. How do we know that the project is within the agreed upon boundaries?
7. What materials will be used on the canyon path?
8. How big will the path be when you are complete?
9. What maintenance will be provided on this pathway following the project?
10. What guarantees do the home owners have regarding the near-term and long term Integrity of the canyon walls and retaining walls with all the soils removed

City representatives for this project are:

- City's Project Manager Joe Myers
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- City's Engineer/Surveyor Bella Fridman
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- Cass Construction Co TBD
- Council Woman Marty Emerald's representative, Cynthia Harris crharris@sandiego.gov
619-533-5897

If you would like to be informed of future updates on the Canyon/Sewer project forward e-mail:

Rich Ingardia at ringardi@yahoo.com or call 619-286-1744.

El Cerrito Neighborhood Patrol

Helping to Keep Our Streets Safe & Clean

Volunteers welcome: Please contact Patti Saraniero at (619) 286-9529, e-mail: patti.saraniero@gmail.com Training will include ride-a-long patrols with our experienced volunteers and training in the use of the El Cerrito Neighborhood Patrol secure web site, which is being used to coordinate and schedule patrols. Volunteers will be asked to patrol approximately once every six weeks.

Alvarado Apartments Project

The Alvarado Apartments Project was approved last Tuesday (July 28) by the City Council, on a 6-2 vote (Lightner and Frye in opposition), with 10 conditions stipulated in the motion by Marti Emerald. The ECCC would like to add their "thank you" to Rob Nelson, Chairman of the College Area Project Review Committee, and Charles Maze who represented the CACPB at the marathon Council meeting which adjourned around 10:00 pm!

ITEM 341 – ALVARADO APARTMENTS PROJECT

Accept the proposed development with the following conditions:

1. Utilizing \$153,600 of the fair share payment required by Transportation/Circulation Mitigation Measures 3 and 4 for Phase I of the project and \$415,000 in transportation DIF payments required for Phase I of the project, the City Engineer may require the applicant to modify the Alvarado/70th Street intersection to include a triple-left, widen south bound 70th street by 3-feet for approximately 450 feet to improve transition from three lanes to

two lanes as traffic moves up the hill. Reset the traffic signals to synchronize the freeway off-ramp, install two Sentry signs flashing the speed of vehicles along Alvarado Road between Reservoir and 70th, and provide paint edging/stripping on Alvarado Road, Reservoir and 70th, provided that the cost of the total improvements does not exceed \$568,000. If the cost of the improvement is less than that, the remaining amount shall be paid to the City as a transportation DIF payment. City Staff has asked to meet with the project applicant and applicant agrees to determine if improvements at Alvarado/70th Street intersection can be subject to a reimbursement agreement.

2. Utilize \$235,200 of the fair share payment required by Transportation/Circulation Mitigation Measures 2 and 5 for Phase I of the project to go toward PEER Reports for the I-8 and College Avenue Study that is needed on that on ramp.
3. The developer will circulate petitions in the Reservoir area to measure the interest in the community for having restricted parking hours, possibly including 2 hour parking signs. The developer will also install two Sentry signs flashing speeds for vehicles on Reservoir.
4. The developer shall install 550 lineal feet of 12-foot fencing to the rear of the project adjacent to the channel there to keep individuals off the slope and that would also offer some noise abatement.
5. Developer shall provide an extra 30 rental bicycles for the residents to ride and return to the site.
6. The Heart Park would be built and maintained in perpetuity including a community room, bathrooms, parking spaces and tot lots. These parks and facilities would be available to the general public and the park would close at dark.
7. \$3.4 million to be invested in parks and include 1.13 acres of natural turf at Tubman Elementary. The turf to be drought tolerant and in the amount of \$280,000 not to exceed \$400,000. \$1.6 million is being credited towards the onsite park improvements.
8. Install lighting at Hardy Elementary in the amount not to exceed \$320,000. Planning to work with the Park and Recreation department operation staff to see if this is a site that would warrant these improvements. If not, the funding would go into the pot to be used on other improvements.
9. Developer is to make a cash payment to the City in the amount of \$1.18 million to be used to fund additional park improvements in the College area.
10. The development is to be sub-metered for water consumption. Fees would be collected at the building permit issuance stage.

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