



El Cerrito Community Newsletter

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We received the following donations last month: Anonymous on Corinth gave us \$100 and we received \$25 each from residents on Adelaide, Alcorn, Adelaide, Madison and Redland. "Miss Addie" on Alice also donated \$25. As always, a special "thank you" to each of you.

The ECCC is unique in that every month a newsletter is delivered to your door step. You can keep abreast with what is going on in the community and if you have a need or a question, the ECCC is here to help. Just e-mail us at: ECCCC@cox.net or call Jan Riley at **619-287-2460**. We will do our best to help you find an answer or solution to your issue.

Speaker to Address Concerns around the Implementation of the Public Safety Realignment Act (AB109) in the College Area.

By: Mitch Younker

On April 4, 2011, Governor Jerry Brown signed the Public Safety Realignment Act. The legislation took effect on October 1, 2011.

The law specifies 500 crimes punishable by county jail terms. These crimes are considered non-violent, non-serious, and non-sexual, and the offenders are referred to as "non-non-nons" – N3s for short. Additionally, responsibility for supervising most felons released from state prison was moved to the counties. These include N3s, as well as low to mid-risk sex offenders and those who had one prior conviction for a serious or violent offense. These felons, referred to as Post Release Offenders (PROs), are now supervised by the County Probation Department instead of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Division of Adult Parole.

Parolees will typically be those of higher risk, those who have been convicted of serious, violent cases and those who are impacted by the "3 Strikes" laws. They will continue to be supervised by State Parole.

A companion law to Public Safety Realignment gives judges the option of splitting N3 sentencing between county jail and probation.

Locally-supervised offenders may have substance



40th Anniversary of Apollo 11 Landing on the Moon – July 20th

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Our second guest speaker is Ms. Karna Lau, Supervising Probation Officer, Hall of Justice, Post Release Offender Division. Ms. Lau will give an overview of the program and answer your questions. See Mitch Younker's article below on AB109 – Implementation of the Public Safety Realignment Act in the College Area.

Help is still needed!

Donations to the ECCC & Newsletter

We'd like to start off by thanking those who so generously gave us \$225 last month. We appreciate that funds are tight. We have enough to pay for July's printing of the newsletter. We hate to keep asking, but we will again need funds for the August issue and onwards. Any donation, large or small would be greatly appreciated. You can make your donation to the P.O. Box # or use our Pay Pal link on the ECCC Blog at: <http://>

abuse and/or mental health needs. In September 2011, the State estimated that 85 percent of the N3s and PROs would need substance abuse treatment and 30 percent require mental health treatment. Additional needs may include employment, vocational training and transitional housing. To address these needs existing County mental health/substance abuse treatment services contractors will be expanded and new licensed and certified contractors will be used.

The Probation Department will also work with community providers to obtain services related to employment, behavioral treatment, family counseling, and housing.

Concerns in the College Area might be an increased number of N3 probationers found in the larger community. This might be due to a move towards splitting N3 sentencing between county jail and probation. Another concern might be an increase in the number of offenders in the residential family neighborhoods. This would be due to an increase in need for substance abuse/mental health treatment housing as well as unlicensed sober living/mental health transitional housing. The latter would be the greater threat as the profitable development of unlicensed sober living/mental health housing could easily utilize the overly developed houses in the College Area left vacant by "mini-dorm/rooming house" failures.

San Diego Police Air Support Unit

By Acting Lieutenant Paul Connolly, San Diego Police Department, Traffic Enforcement Division

I am the supervisor for the San Diego Police Air Support Unit. We receive many inquiries about helicopter activities, their mission and the safety benefit the helicopter provides to police officers and citizens on the ground. The San Diego Police helicopter is in operation seven days a week from the hours of 7:30 am to 3:00 am. During this time period the helicopter is airborne approximately eight hours (usually the flights are broken up into four 2-hour flights). The helicopter primarily responds to calls within the City limits from Del Mar down to the Mexican border. However, the helicopter spends most of the time responding to calls between I-8 and SR-54. Unfortunately a lot of neighborhoods in this area experience the highest crime rates in the City.

The types of calls the police helicopter responds to varies. Some of the calls are commercial or pedestrian robberies, assaults, residential or commercial burglaries, missing children or elders, etc. No matter what the call, the police helicopter provides a safer environment for the officers on the ground and increases the probability of apprehending suspects. Because of our limited ground resources, the helicopter is often the first police presence to arrive at a scene.

There are also other helicopters operating in the area such as fire, medical transport, and general aviation helicopters. Generally the police and medical transport

are the only helicopters operating late at night. We frequently see medical transport helicopters traveling from the east, south of I-8 into Mercy and UCSD hospitals during the evening and early morning hours.

As far as the police helicopter is concerned, we try and fly as high as possible (when we can.) We are very conscientious of our noise impact on the community and try to accomplish our mission without upsetting the citizens we are here to serve. If we are forced to fly low to accomplish the mission, we will climb to a higher altitude as soon as possible.

Please feel free to call me at 858-495-7819 or the Air Support Unit at 858-573-5079 if you have any questions.

How to Stop Telemarketing Phone Calls

By Kristin Beattie, Deputy City Attorney

If you want to stop telemarketing phone calls at home, to your cell or to your business, you can register your phone number(s) in the **National Do Not Call Registry**. This is a government-sponsored system (Federal Trade Commission). Go to **www.donotcall.gov**, then click on the "Register Now" button and follow the instructions. You can register up to 3 phone numbers each time. If you need to register more than 3 phone numbers, you can repeat the process. A valid email address is required to register online. You can also call **888-382-1222** from the phone you want to register. Telephone numbers placed on the National Do Not Call Registry will remain on it permanently due to the Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007.

New Solution to Limit Parking on Lawns

The community has not had much luck getting the City to enforce private property parking violations, such as parking on the grass, landscaping, off to the side of the driveway, etc. The Municipal Code states that you must park on the driveway, perpendicular to the garage door and may only have the number of cars matching the garage size (i.e., if you have a two-car garage you are allowed two cars in the driveway). Neighborhood Code Compliance is not handling these violations at this time due to staffing constraints. We have tried various solutions, including having the parking enforcement officers, who patrol Parking District B, issue citations and having San Diego Police issue citations as they are called into the dispatcher, but have had little success.

CACC Board member Jean Hoeger has worked out a plan with Lt. Mark Saunders with the Eastern Division of the SDPD. Community members need to email her a picture of any cars parked on the grass/landscaping (at the moment, we are not going to worry about cars parked on concrete). Jean's email address is neighborhoodcodevea@cox.net. She will forward them to Lt. Saunders and he will direct officers to make contact with the owner and/or ticket the vehicle. She will keep a record of the violations, with any actions taken by the officers, allowing her to track the

repeat offenders.

Help Wanted — CACC Clerical Assistant

The CACC is looking for someone who has experience in taking minutes. You would be paid a honorarium of \$50 per month. You would be required to attend the meeting – second Wednesday in the month for approximately 2 hours; take the minutes and transcribe them. If you are interested in this position, please contact: **Doug Case, CACC President, 619-286-5571** or cacc@collegeneighborhoods.com.

Light Up the Neighborhood, One House at a Time

Rebuilding Together San Diego is sponsoring the installation of an exterior solar light fixture *free of charge to low income home owners*. The fixture needs no wiring and is operated by a solar battery. Solar light fixtures help reduce criminal activity by lighting up dark streets one house at a time. Please contact Rebuilding Together at: www.rebuildingtogetherSD.org or call **619-231-7873** to determine your eligibility.

Update on Mesa Commons Project

The developers are moving forward with this affordable housing project between Catoctin and El Cajon Blvd., despite losing Redevelopment funding. The City Council will be considering (as the Housing Authority) a \$5 million loan from Housing Commission funds. No general fund money is involved. They need to secure other funding to move forward. If successful, they are projecting a start date of March 1, 2013.

Tubman Joint-use Park Funding Success

By: Gale Barlow, Saranac-Mohawk Park Advisory Committee

As part of the 2012-13 budget, the San Diego City Council established a Capital Improvement Project for a 1.2 acre joint-use park at the Harriet Tubman Charter School in the Saranac-Mohawk community. The project has now been funded and park design is proceeding. Please stay tuned for news as we await the start of community input into the design process.

The ECCC is now on.....



Just a reminder about ECCC's Facebook Page. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, you can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/ElCerritoCC>.

While the ECCC set up this page to better communicate news and information with the community, it can also function as a community forum. Know of a city or community meeting your neighbors might be interested in? Have a great picture of our neighborhood? Or did you have a contractor do some

work on your house and you'd like to share your positive reference to neighbors who might be looking for someone similar? All of these types of things can be posted to our page, and doing it couldn't be easier..

1. If you haven't already, sign up for a Facebook account at <http://www.facebook.com> (it's fast, free, and you can easily control how much personal information you'd like to share).

2. Find our page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ElCerritoCC> (or simply search for El Cerrito Community Council in the search bar at the top of the Facebook screen).

3. In the status box (located below the ECCC logo) simply type in your message or click on "photo/video" to upload media. Hit enter when you're done to post it for other ECCC members to see.

Reminder – the Next Farmers Markets are on Saturday, August 11, October 13 and December 8 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Glee and Leona's house - 4725 Atlanta Drive.

What we need:

***fresh fruit and vegetables**

***fresh squeezed juice (cups will be provided)**

***flowers**

***herbs**

***succulents (just clip them off your plants and bring them. They do not need to be in a pot, but that would be great too!)**

***baked goods (please make sure and label all ingredients on a card to ensure food allergies are addressed)**

***home made things like hummus, salsa, jellies, jams**

***anything garden related**

Everything is on a donation basis, people donate items for sale and people donate whatever they want for the items. If you have any questions or want to volunteer for any of the above you can contact either Claudia Rhodes at:

Claudia.LRhodes@gmail.com or at **619.248.2630** or Shauna Redenbo at shaunabobana@yahoo.com.

Thank you all in advance for helping out!!!



Community Walk

Ocean Beach

Meet: Foot of Ocean Beach Pier (end of Niagara St)

Date: Saturday, July 21, 2012; 9:00am. Come learn the fascinating and varied history of this beach community, including the Wonderland Amusement Park, the old fishing bridge across the Mission Bay Channel, and Albert Spaulding's Japanese Gardens at Sunset Cliffs. A three-mile walk with some hills. (this

is a repeat of a walk done in 2010)

**Community Walk
Downtown Gaslamp**

Meet: 5th and B St in front of the Wells Fargo Building fountain

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2012; 9:00am.

Come explore the rich history, architecture, and people of the Gaslamp historic district and surrounding area.

A three-mile walk on flat terrain.

Open to everyone; reservations not required. Contact Dave Schumacher dsc@sandag.org, with questions; Free for WalkSanDiego members, suggested \$5.00 Non-Member donation.





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Local Area Meetings & Committee Groups

ECCC Meeting - Third Thursday at 7:00 pm, Parish Hall, Blessed Sacrament Church, El Cajon Boulevard & El Cerrito Drive

ECCC Board Meeting - First Thursday at 7:00 pm, Library, Blessed Sacrament School, El Cajon Boulevard & El Cerrito Drive

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee - Second Tuesday 7:00 pm, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2725 55th St.

College Area Community Council - Second Wednesday at 7:00 pm, College/Rolando Library corner of Montezuma & Reservoir

College Area Project Review Committee - First Wednesday at 7:00 pm, College/Rolando Library - Corner of Montezuma & Reservoir

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Thursday, July 19, 2012
7:00pm to 8:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall
(El Cajon Boulevard at El Cerrito Drive)

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