



POTLUCK DINNER

**ECCC's Annual Summer Pot Luck & Silent
Auction – Thursday, August 16, 2012
7:00 pm – Parish Hall**

It's summer party time at the ECCC with our Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Silent Auction. Load up grandma, the kids, a neighbor or two and come and join us. At least you won't have to cook! As always, just bring a dish to share – salads, pastas, bread, veggies, and desserts. It doesn't matter if you made it or it comes from your favorite restaurant or fast food place – so long as it tastes great! We'd like to have a really good turnout. ECCC will provide a couple of cooked chickens from Costco, soft drinks and a dessert.

We would also ask you to bring anything gently used you've been meaning to donate – books, lamps, CD's, DVD's, kitchen stuff, etc. If you have unwanted gifts, we'll take them. Just nothing too large. If you can't make the meeting and would like to donate items, just call **Jan Riley at 619-287-2460** and she'll come by and pick your donations. The money collected from the silent auction is used to help pay for the printing of the newsletter. Please note - if an item is not bid on, it has to return with the person who brought it, as the ECCC has no way to dispose of the items.

We will also have our very popular **split-the-pot raffle**. However many raffle tickets are purchased – the pot is split 50-50 with the lucky ticket holder!

**The ECCC Needs Your Opinion –
Important - Please Vote at ECCC@cox.net**

In order to secure a more stable flow of funds for the functions of the ECCC, the board of the ECCC is considering selling coupon advertising space in the digital communications of the ECCC. The funds would be used to pay for the monthly newsletter and reduce our need to rely solely on the generosity of the community. This would also provide an avenue for local businesses to reach out to our community. The email program we currently use to communicate would provide this functionality with no additional cost to the community.

We need your opinion and approval on the matter to move forward. We'd like to have a vote at our September 20th Community Meeting. Mark your calendars to attend and weigh in on this issue! ***If you cannot make the meeting, you can vote online at ECCC@cox.net. – please give you name and street address. This information remains strictly confidential.***



**San Diego Padres vs. San Francisco Giants
Saturday, August 18th
5:05 PM
Petco Park**



An anonymous donor has given the ECCC 4 tickets to a San Diego Padres game, to be auctioned off, with the proceeds benefiting the El Cerrito Community Council. Game details are:

Section 113, Seats 12-15

(Field box level - listed price per seat \$64)

Bids may be placed at eccc@cox.net. We ask a minimum bid per ticket be \$35. All proceeds will go to the ECCC. Bids must be in by Monday, August 13th at 6:00pm. Bids may be placed for 2 of the tickets, or all 4 together. The tickets will be delivered to the winner by Jan Riley, chair of the ECCC. Please include your name, address, bid per ticket, and amount of tickets being bid on in your email.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR

COMMUNITY OF EL CERRITO!!

Newsletter Donations

Thank you all so very much for responding to our SOS for funds. We'd like to start off by thanking those who so generously gave us \$175 total: A.U. Delucchi on Austin \$20; Elissa Ellis-MacLeod on El Cerrito \$15 and the anonymous donations of \$50 from Adelaide, \$40 from 59th, \$25 each from Trojan and 55th Street.

We also received in June and July \$180 to our PayPal account. If you would like your name printed in the newsletter for donations to the PayPal account, would you please email ECCC@cox.net with your name and street as there is no way for us to identify you from the account except by name only and we will not do this without your permission.

As always, 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://elcerritocommunitycouncil.blogspot.com/>

ECCC ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Saturday, September 22, 2012

The ECCC is holding its annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday, September 22nd, 2012. If you haven't done so, we suggest you sign-up now for this annual event. Over 45 households participated in last year's Community Garage Sale. We ask that your items for sale are ready by 8:00 AM and you can go as long as you like – although most buyers taper off by 12 noon.

At the ECCC meeting on Thursday, September 20, maps and a list of items for sale will be available for attendees. Also 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. You will receive directional signs, for the side streets, and ask that you place them from the Blvd to your property.

The cost of participation is \$10.00 per household. The deadline for entries is Monday, **September 17, 2012**. Just mail your checks for \$10.00 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.

In Memorandum

We are very sorry to announce that Julian Llerandi, an active, long-time resident of El Cerrito has passed away. The ECCC sends its condolences to the family.

Update on Installation of Traffic Signals – Adams/Arosa & College Avenue

Have you noticed that the poles have been installed (the manufacturer had to backorder new poles). Please expect an approximate 2-week period to test the signals with the signals scheduled to be officially turned on by mid-September.

College Area Community Council Launches New Web Site

By Doug Case, President, CACC

We are excited to announce that our new CACC website has launched. You can find meeting announcements, calendars, minutes, resources, frequently asked questions and more on the new site. Thanks to the Community Outreach Committee and to our Website developer, Marie Myers, for their efforts on this project.

www.collegearea.org

Appliance, Electricals & Universal Waste Recycling Guide.

The ECCC received the following e-mail from Julie Sands Tyne, Environmental Specialist, and City of San Diego:

"I really enjoyed the meeting last week. Some community groups are just more fun than others and El Cerrito's already knows a lot regarding solid waste issues I was bringing up, as well as they had a great sense of humor. (It's very refreshing!)"

Just wanted to send you the e-waste information I had mentioned in the meeting.

<http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/pdf/ep/hhwbrochure.pdf>

I also mentioned to Chris the concern all residents had regarding the issue of **scavenging**, which is definitely not just limited to the El Cerrito Community. Unfortunately it is a problem city-wide and one we are constantly trying to address. Chris is the officer who should be contacted directly regarding any **scavenging issues: 858.492.6027.** cpenman@sandiego.gov."

Julie Sands Tyne, Environmental Specialist, City of San Diego, Environmental Services Department, 9601 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 320, San Diego, CA 92123. p: 858.627.3303. f: 858.492.5089. jsands@sandiego.gov.

Center Point Property Purchased

The vacant property at 63rd Street and El Cajon Blvd., known in the College Area as CentrePoint, sold in February 2012 after years of being on the market. The buyers are Carmel Partners, a premier national full-service real estate company.

According to CoStarGroup.com, Carmel Partners, Inc. (taking title as CPIII CentrePoint LLC) purchased the 8.93-acre redevelopment site located at 6303-6363 El

Cajon Blvd. for \$14 million, or roughly \$1.6 million per acre.

This property is fully entitled and approved for a mixed-use development consisting of 312 apartment units with 4,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space. Designed by architect KTGy, this project will consist of 97 town-homes, 204 flats and 11 live/work lofts.

Victor Krebs and Rob Morgan of Colliers International represented the seller, Douglas Wilson Companies taking title as CentrePoint LLC. The buyer represented themselves in the deal.

The ECCC has invited the purchasers of this property come to the ECCC Meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2012. So far we have not received a response.

Day of Dialogue

By: Councilmember Marti Emerald, District 7, City of San Diego – Reprinted from "Emerald News"

"Violent crime is on the rise in San Diego - gang related shootings, domestic violence, etc. Our police chief says San Diego is reaching a tipping point. We must act quickly and decisively, or the violence will get worse.

As Chair of the City Council's Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, I am working with police and community volunteers to help restore safety and a sense of well-being to frightened neighborhoods and grieving families. The City Council has begun the process of rebuilding our understaffed and underfunded police department. The City is paying for more police academies, training, support services and equipment for our police officers.

We are also reaching out to grieving families to offer support and wrap-around services. San Diego's Compassion Project and other groups are working 24/7 with bereavement counseling and social services.

Despite all our best efforts, communities are still frightened and angry. Police are on high alert - investigating killings and aggressively following leads. Both sides are struggling with mistrust and friction, wondering who they can trust.

If we have indeed reached our tipping point in San Diego, let's tip the scales in the direction of peace, understanding and cooperation. This is our opportunity to make a difference.

Thanks, Marti"

Safety Speaks

Councilmember Emerald Calls For Restored Police Service Levels. Public safety is a core service of the City; we need to make sure we have the personnel and resources to keep people safe. Over the past several years, the San Diego Police Department has experienced budget cuts that have had substantial impacts on operations. As a result, the SDPD have experienced closed police storefronts, a drop in community policing and less officers on the beat in our

neighborhoods. Despite these significant cuts over the past several years, the Police Department should be recommended for their efforts. Previously, Councilmember Emerald tasked the San Diego Police Department to create a 5-year plan to restore police service levels. At the July 18th Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee meeting, the Police Department presented a comprehensive plan to rebuild our police department. Chief Lansdowne indicated, "It's my professional belief that the crime rate will continue to rise" if the City of San Diego doesn't take action.

Wasting little time the Committee voted unanimously to forward the 5-year plan to the full Council for adoption and will also have the City's Independent Budget Analyst begin a thorough review of the plan. For more details of the plan, please visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/committees/psns>.

Residential Rainwater Harvesting (Rain Barrel) Rebate Pilot Program.

Landscapes can **soak up more than 50% of the water used at a typical San Diego home.** Capturing rain from your roof is a quick way to conserve water and help prevent pollution by reducing the amount of runoff entering our storm drain system. City of San Diego (City) Public Utilities residential customers that are served by an individual water meter can receive a cash-back rebate when purchasing and installing a rain barrel and connecting it to the home's rain gutter downspout. Rebates will be distributed on a first-come, first served basis and funding is limited, so be sure to check this website regularly to determine funding availability. Read through the [guidelines](#) (PDF) prior to filling out an [application](#) (PDF). Details on this great program are at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/resrainwaterharvesting.shtml>

Gray water: Details for installation and requirements can found at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/water/recycled/graywater.shtml>

Traffic Engineering:

Residents can help improve driver and pedestrian safety in their neighborhood by submitting a **Traffic Service Request** by phone, e-mail, or online to **suggest a street or intersection be evaluated for new traffic controls.** This includes requesting **a stop sign, traffic signal, street striping, or curb color painting, as well as to report a faded, missing, or incorrect traffic sign.** The City's Transportation Engineering Division, which is responsible for transportation system forecasting and program management, maintaining the City's traffic signal systems, and providing traffic safety analysis, will respond to your traffic request.

Transportation Engineering Division Traffic Request:

Phone: (619) 533-3126
E-mail: trafficops@sandiego.gov
Online: <http://www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip/services/public/request.shtml>

File and track your request using the convenient online form.



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
Thursday, August 20th 2012
7:00pm to 8:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall
(El Cajon Boulevard at El Cerrito Drive)

ANNUAL POT LUCK DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

The ECCC would like to invite all residents and businesses to come along, meet old friends and make new ones
Everyone in the community is welcome

Bring a dish to share and something to auction off

Split the Pot Raffle

Jan Riley, Editor – 619-287-2460

Police Non Emergency
619-531-2000
(858) 484-3154

Abandoned Vehicles (Tow Request)
619.531.2844
www.sandiego.gov/police/services/units/traffic/abandonedvehicle/72hr.shtml

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