



# EL CERRITO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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**El Cerrito Community Council Meeting  
CALLING ALL OF THOSE  
INTERESTED IN PARKS FOR ECCC  
A member of PARC, a citizens' group for  
improving the City's current park plan,  
will be our guest speaker.  
MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> - 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
VIA ZOOM**

PARC, Park And Recreation Coalition, includes city planners, landscape architects, architects, and community planners. This presentation, **Parks for All**, acknowledges the work that has been done on the Parks Master Plan, General Plan Recreation Element, and Citywide Park Development Impact Fee (which make up the Parks component of Complete Communities) and describes the improvements that PARC is requesting be made before the proposals are brought back to City Council for Adoption.

Many of us have been talking about more pocket parks, a dog park and possible acreage for park opportunities in the neighborhood. As noted at a recent meeting, we walk our dogs and children on our sidewalks and children are playing in the streets, so we are looking at opportunities for areas for recreation and gathering outdoors.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://nu.zoom.us/j/8586428437>

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## **UPDATE ON CHOLLAS TRIANGLE PARK MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 pm via Zoom**

Another park topic - on March 17th the City Planning Dept. is presenting an update and asking for your ideas to the Chollas Triangle Park Plan. The meeting is with the Colina del Sol Park & Rec Council which the public can attend via Zoom. The new Chollas Triangle Park project will provide new recreational facilities based on the feedback received from the community - so attend the meeting and provide your ideas. The meeting link and agenda will be posted at the Parks and Recreation department website one week before the meeting.

<https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/general-info/boards/crg>.

For more information, call (619) 533-4207 or email [engineering@sandiego.gov](mailto:engineering@sandiego.gov).

There is also work underway to include the Chollas Creek portion of the park in the Creek to Bay projects.

the current Chollas Triangle Park Plan is available for viewing at

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/easternarea>



## **HELP AVAILABLE TO PAY PAST-DUE RENT AND UTILITIES DUE TO COVID-19 HARDSHIP**

A new program will help pay past-due, unpaid rent and utilities for qualifying City of San Diego (City) residents with low income who experience financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The application for help from the City of San Diego COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program will be available starting on March 15, 2021, at [covidassistance.sdhc.org](http://covidassistance.sdhc.org).

Until then, those who are interested in the program can sign up to be notified when the application is available.

To sign up for this interest list, [click here](#) (Please use Chrome, Safari, Firefox or Microsoft Edge web browsers to access the interest list or program application.)

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For questions or help with the application, call 619-535-6921 or contact one of these community-based organizations:

Casa Familiar  
<https://www.casafamiliar.org/>  
(619) 333-6824

Chicano Federation  
<https://www.chicanofederation.org/>  
(619) 285-5600 x 802

ElderHelp of San Diego  
<https://www.elderhelpofsandiego.org/>  
(858) 380-5341

Logan Heights Community Development Corporation  
<https://www.loganheightscdc.org/>  
(619) 858-0563

The San Diego LGBT Community Center  
<https://thecentersd.org/>  
(619) 692-2077

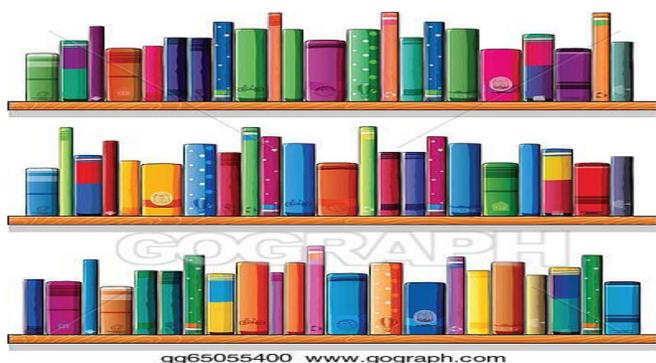
Serving Seniors  
<https://servingseniors.org/>  
(619) 235-6572

Union of Pan Asian Communities  
<http://www.upacsd.com/>  
(619) 255-7644

Urban League of San Diego County  
<https://www.sdul.org/>  
(619) 266-6256

For more information about the program, please see the informational flyer available in [English](#) & [Spanish](#).

The [San Diego Housing Commission](#) administers the COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program for the City of San Diego.



## SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY

The San Diego Public Library and San Diego Public Library Foundation are developing a new master

plan and they have a survey to collect feedback from community. I wanted to make sure you all received it. **The survey is open through April 17** and is available in Chinese, Arabic, Farsi, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Spanish, and English.

**[Click here to view the survey.](#)** If people want a paper survey or need help completing the survey, they can contact [office@supportmylibrary.org](mailto:office@supportmylibrary.org) or call 619-236-5849

You can also sign up for updates on the master plan process [here](#). The site has additional background information as well. In addition to the survey, they want to hold community meetings as well. The master plan hasn't been updated since 2002 so they want to get as much feedback as possible! Feel free to share it with all.

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## ADD A SEPARATE UNIT TO YOUR HOME - ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), detached or attached, living structures built on residential lots that provide independent living space for family members or renters was the topic of last month's meeting, presented by Sean Canning owner and principal architect of TEN SEVENTY ARCHITECTURE, <https://www.tenseventyarchitecture.com/>. These units shall not be used for rental terms less than 31 consecutive days, so not for short term rentals.

If you would like to listen to the meeting, please go to <https://www.elcerritocommunitycouncil.org> - the link information is on the front page.

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## ECCC PROBLEMS WITH HOMELESS CAMPING ON EL CAJON BLVD

Union Bank has moved out of its building at 6010 El Cajon Blvd and a struggle to keep the property from becoming a homeless encampment, along with a vacant building across the street at 5987 is taking place. Resident neighbors to the sites have been vigilant for about 2 weeks now with the help of College Area Business District, the SDPD Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and Terry Hoskins, ECCC Community Relations Officer.

Unfortunately, each time the Police visit, get people to vacate the lot and leave, the homeless return. It's a loop-around problem.

According to a community member, one moves in, then others join, and then it becomes a community growth with transients living in vehicles like some that wanted to take over the 5987 El Cajon Blvd property. The owners of that lot are also making calls to get those individuals removed. They do not want the homeless taking over their vacant property, they are hoping to rent it out soon.

In what has become a cycle for the past two weeks, SDPD clears the lot, but the homeless return later or the next day.

Union Bank has been contacted about posting No Trespassing Signs and having a letter of agency with SDPD to allow them to take action on the property.

The homeless are leaving behind belongings and carts each time they clear out.

Neighbors' suggestions to secure the site include:

- 1) Fence off the property completely, to avoid invaders
- 2) Block the parking lot entrances with chains to avoid vehicles driving in
- 3) A letter of agency with the SDPD so these people can be evicted with just a phone call from nearby residents
- 4) The Union Bank needs to hire a Security Patrolling agency to monitor and patrol the lot until they decide what to do with it.

There is also a suggestion for Environmental Services to clean up the junk and trash from the location because so much is left behind after every eviction.

During our January meeting, there were comments regarding homeless encampments in the area. If you are noticing problems, the list above could work. At the very least have the property owner get a Letter of Agency with the SDPD.

The Letter of Agency and other documents are available online at

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/police/pdf/letterofagency.pdf>  
and  
[https://www.sandiego.gov/police/forms/forms\\_help](https://www.sandiego.gov/police/forms/forms_help).

If you do not have a Get It Done App on your phone, you can report a **non-emergency** situation online at <https://www.sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/startaccess> or call 619-531-2000.

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