

Fox Canyon VOICE

We're Just Wild
About Our Neighborhood!

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All **RESIDENTS** and **BUSINESSES** of: all of **LANTANA, RENO, AUBURN** (4758-5160) **DRIVES**; all of **ONTARIO, CASTLE**, South side of **UNIVERSITY** (4749-4849), East side of **EUCLID** (3611-3889), **ESTRELLA** (3803-3857) **AVENUES**; **DWIGHT** (4759-4792), **WIGHTMAN** (4750-4871) **STREETS**.

POTLUCK SUCCESS!

Fifty-two members of the Fox Canyon community, including guests, gathered to celebrate the "End-of-year" holidays, this last December 13. In addition, applications for a rehab to **Rebuilding Together** were made available. The attendee's generosity filtered through the gifts distributed to children and in the abundance of dishes available. The party started with Doris Pierson's tradition to celebrate and honor our field/community Reps with



holiday baskets and continued with a wonderful feast of traditional and ethnic dishes, including: chiles rellenos, dobladitas de carne y pupusas; also pizzas, fried chicken and potato salad, along with other types of cuisine, paraded across the table, to everyone's delight. **Todd Gloria** [Congresswoman **Susan Davis**], **Jason Weisz** [Senator **Christine Kehoe**], **Fernando Reyes** [Assemblywoman **Shirley Horton**], **Elyse Lowe** [Councilmember **Jim Madaffer, CD7**],



Police Captain Bob Kanaski, [Mid-City], **Ms. Kristin Beattie [Deputy City Attorney]**; Thanks for the festive and beautiful Poinsettia; **George Andrade [NCCD]**, Thanks for the children gifts; **Officer Pat Norris [CRO]**, **Officer Jim Tulumello [CRO]**; **Katt Eaton and Katei [City Heights Canyons]** attended the potluck as well. The carrot cake was exquisite and it disappeared in no time at all without any opportunity for seconds. In all, we had a precious, grand old-happy time and bonded well with each other while mingling with our neighbors and friends. To everyone in attendance who



brought their best dishes and gifts for the children; especially to Doris Pierson, we want to thank with great neighborly love. Your willing participation and your kindness is what makes our neighborhood great. Happy New Year to all!

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at 6:30 PM

4380 Landis Street.

(City Heights Park & Rec. Center)

[Please, notice change of meeting place]

This is YOUR community, the neighborhood where your children live. Bring any questions, ideas and concerns you may have to improve the quality of life in Fox Canyon. All property/homeowners and renters are welcome.

Proposed Agenda:

Neighborhood Concerns

Join Us!

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- **Euclid Avenue Improvement meets Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30 PM. 4380 Landis St. [City Heights Park & Rec. Center].**
- **Fire Safety meets Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30 PM. 4940 Auburn Drive.**

ABOUT the ROAD and the PARK

Once again, the GRINCH that stole Christmas has filed an appeal to our Fox Canyon Park bundle *[the street extension, the creek, and the park]*, this last December 15, 2005, just fourteen days before Christmas. Yes, a SAD and SOUR Christmas gift *[to spoil our happiness]* from those who want to continue the oppression of our community with their stale planning and misguided control. This is a typical case of outsiders NOT having the capacity *[as intellectual as they may seem/sound]* to understand that the Ontario Avenue extension is a street that OUR own communities of Fox Canyon need, want and have planned for a long time to be, with solid consensus. A project born at our own "grass-roots" level and there is NO more grass-roots level than us. Our residents are extremely aware that they need to stop wasting gas *[time and money]*, polluting the air *[through long periods of idling]* and maximizing their transportation safety and security. Since the appellants do NOT live in Fox Canyon, at all, they just can't see and will never see our urgent need for providing more avenues to move traffic quickly and efficiently in/out of the area in case of a natural or manmade disaster *[they will not be the ones trapped at the bottom of the canyon, in case of a fire, either]*. New and clear evacuation routes are now more than ever extremely necessary and they need to be clearly designated and designed, especially when people are naturally trapped at the bottom of a canyon with insufficient emergency exits. The latest real life and vivid examples to our own predicament are the fires on Altadena Avenue *[12/21/05]*

and Wightman Street *[two weeks later]*. The 3874-82 Altadena Avenue fire was a reality check and wake-up call to the residents. If the Ontario Avenue connection were to be in existence now, the residents would have NOT jumped for their lives from windows on the third floor to safely escape the fire; as firemen could have reached them quickly through the back of the complex facing the future park site. The Wightman fire, you be the judge.



While the camper burned, the street was closed-off by the fire department, and the end result? We were all trapped-in without an alternative route to use and get in/out of the neighborhood. You judge, was that a nice, warm, fuzzy and easy feeling of safety and security? What did you feel when stuffed in your car and stacked-up on the long lines without anywhere to go, to turn too? If you think that we really need the Ontario Avenue connection built to provide this needed alternative escape route. Please do us a favor and contact Councilmember Jim Madaffer, CD-7 [\[236-6677\]](tel:236-6677), jmadaffer@sandiego.gov and ask him to support US with the street issue. Better yet, make plans well in advance to attend the City Council hearing *[we'll let the entire community know when that will be]* on this issue.



In the present climate of great uncertainty and mistrust in City Government, the "Conspiracy Theorist" appellants only acerbate the situation by thinking of developers lurking behind the bushes to explode our dilapidated housing stock into huge and dense affordable income

projects, or into **palaces**, for themselves, stately built near the park *[good proposal, we could do with a couple of **billionaires** living among the now-existing and litter filled crap of a dirt-road]*; Council Members and community leaders taking kick-backs and misappropriating public funds as servile caterers to developers and special interest groups, as the driving force behind the street connection *[simplistic]*. Therefore, they think that Fox Canyon is a misguided community needed to be enlightened to the fullest capacity of their physical, verbal and intellectual force. Such stand and scenarios are freely proposed to excuse not allowing us to build Ontario Avenue into a full-blown public street, even if they have to shield themselves as “**environmentalist**” to achieve the goal to stop us and to legitimize their opposition. Let it be known, we are not misguided. We’re not even confused. Boy, if they’re totally wrong! Here, there’s **NOT** even a conspiracy at all! But, what is here is the plain and simple desire of our entire community to take control of our own affairs, destiny and own decision making to improve our own neighborhood as we see the need fit. Which is our legitimate law given right! This popular movement and action from **FREE** people threatens and scares many tight “**control freaks**” in their efforts to centralize power in one City Heights’ location, only. The street connection is urgently needed and wanted by the consensus of all Fox Canyon residents. Residents who are willing to fight to uphold and defend their rights to have the street open to traffic as a frontage street to our future Fox Canyon Neighborhood Park. JI/mpm

NEIGHBORHOOD STREET LIGHTS

New street lights have been installed or will be installed near your residence in a very near future.

- With a generous CDBG grant from Councilmember **JIM MADAFFER**, CD-7, **SIX** new street lights were proposed, and are now working *[five for the neighborhood's residential streets and one for the commercial side]* as follow: **4911** and **5015 Auburn**; **4907 Lantana**, **4857 Castle** and the installation of a light at **3873 Euclid** *[at present, this light is **not** working. But it has been referred to the Street Div-Street Lights Section to make a service visit to this location and make the necessary repairs/connections to the new light]*. For the **SIX**-location that the grant listed, **4863 Auburn Drive**; one of the affected property owners objected to the installation of the new street light so the light was therefore canceled.
- On the west-side of Euclid Avenue, also with a generous CDBG grant from Councilmember **TONI ATKINS**, CD-3, **FIVE** lights were proposed from which **THREE** lights *[3630, 3656 and 3716 Euclid]* meet the City's criteria for additional lighting. Two locations *[3618 and 3844 Euclid]* have existing lights that do not work and were referred to Street Div-Street Lights Section to investigate the situation of these lights. Please, advise your Euclid Avenue neighbors **NOT** to return the letter sent by the City, as this means that the light is **NOT** wanted. The

mistake made by the resident near the **4863 Auburn**, a mistake that can't be remedied, now, at all. *Happy lighting!*

CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (CEU)

Neglected properties attract crime and directly affect public health and safety. You should immediately report code violations to the City's [Neighborhood Code Compliance Department](#) (NCCD), *[George Andrade, 533-6139]*. You should immediately report public nuisance activity in your neighborhood to the [San Diego Police Department](#) (SDPD). What is “**public nuisance**”? When continuous activities of people in neighborhoods **injure health**, are **indecent**, offend the senses, or obstruct the free use and comfortable enjoyment of life or property. If despite the intervention of NCCD and SDPD, the offending property owner *[renter]* does not comply with the law, the City Attorney's Code Enforcement Unit (CEU) steps in to prosecute.

How Can You Report Public Nuisance Activity in Your Neighborhood?

Report public nuisance activity *[loud music, talking, partying, fighting, domestic violence, etc]* in your neighborhood to the [San Diego Police Department](#) (619) 531-2000, you are also encouraged to contact local community service officers or attend *community meetings* to report nuisance activity. Failure by the property owner to abate the nuisance will result in a referral to CEU prosecutors. Prosecutors work proactively with police and local citizens to abate the nuisance activity. For more information, visit the following web-site:

http://genesis.sannet.gov/infospc/templates/attorney/code_enforcement.jsp

HOW TO CONTACT CEU & DART:

reception@sanidiego.gov

Attention: CEU or DART

Office of the San Diego City Attorney

1200 Third Avenue, Suite 700, San Diego, CA 92101

619-533-5655

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

New Laws for 2006

By Senator Christine Kehoe



My first year serving as your State Senator for the **39th** District was quite a year! It is an honor to serve you, and I am privileged to be part of the team working on long-term solutions to some of California's biggest challenges.

As Chair of both the Senate Local Government Committee and the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Services and Homeland Security, I have held a series of workshops this year which have focused on two important issues: the use of eminent domain and our state's emergency response capabilities. During these legislative hearings I heard from industry experts, as well many

constituents who testified before the committees. I always appreciate hearing from you and look forward to working together in the coming year on viable solutions.

In addition to these two important matters, this year I remained committed to proposing legislation to benefit you and all Californians. I am pleased to report that Governor Schwarzenegger signed several of my bills into law. Here are a few:

Ü **Disaster Relief** - Provides financial relief to the counties of San Diego, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino for the costs incurred in dealing with this past winter's storms (SB 457)

Ü **Weed and Vegetation Management** - Clarifies the brush reduction exemption that requires landowners to remove certain vegetation that may be a fire hazard to their homes and defines "weeds" in order to encompass all vegetation that may pose a fire hazard (SB 502).

Ü **Homeowners insurance** - Protects California's insured homeowners in the event of a state of emergency in which their home is damaged or destroyed, by granting them up to 24 months of living expenses (the money used to pay for temporary housing) while their homes are being repaired or rebuilt (SB 518).

Ü **Before and After School Programs** - Allows the state-funded After School Education and Safety Programs, also known as "6-to-6" programs, to run more efficiently and better serve the community by giving the program greater flexibility on attendance-based funding requirements (SB 707).

Ü **San Diego Net Metering** - Increases the net metering cap for the SDG&E service area, enabling residents, businesses, and governments to sell their excess energy produced back to SDG&E (SB 816).

Ü **Animal Cruelty** - Bans the sale of puppies younger than 8 weeks unless the seller is an animal shelter or a veterinarian approves the sale (SB 914)

Ü **Energy Efficiency** - Will protect California's environment by ensuring that the state meets its future energy needs with a particular emphasis on promoting energy efficiency (SB 1037).

In addition to these bills, over 700 new laws will go into effect in 2006. Here are some you may be interested in:

- **Battery recycling:** Requires stores that sell rechargeable batteries to accept those batteries for recycling, reuse or proper disposal starting in July 2006. The law exempts grocery stores and stores with sales of less than \$1 million a year (AB 1125).
- **Domestic partners:** Allows life partners to transfer private property to each other without triggering a reassessment and taxation at current market value (SB 565).
- **Junk faxes:** Bans the sending of unsolicited advertising faxes from CA and allows people who receive "junk" faxes to sue for at least \$500 per violation (SB 833).
- **"Phishing":** Imposes penalties of up to \$2,500 per violation for using e-mail to deceive consumers into releasing private information, such as credit card numbers, that can be used to defraud consumers (SB 355).

- **Police pursuits:** Increases penalties for people who flee a police officer to include up to one year in jail for evasion and up to 10 years in prison for a chase that causes death (SB 719).

- **School junk food:** Bans the sale of sodas in high schools and sets fat, sugar and calorie standards for all food, outside of cafeteria

For information, email me at senator.kehoe@sen.ca.gov.

JUNK FAXES



SHIRLEY HORTON
78th Assembly District

With the valuable and committed help from our Assemblywoman, as stated above, the **junk faxes** proposal is now the **LAW!** It seems like yesterday, when we showed up to the association meeting with a bundle of junk faxes to show **Fernando Reyes** the 100 or so sheets of unsolicited faxes received in one week. This is the value that we deliver to our community, just by attending the neighborhood associ-

ation meetings to express our concerns and to resolve our problems; with the kind ear of our Elected Representatives. **Thank you Shirley!** For more information, call (619) 462-7878.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:

- To stop the burning HATE in our hearts, to be kind to each other and to truly LOVE our neighbors [*enemies as well*] as we LOVE our selves.
- To preserve and conserve the neighborhood's harmony, peace/quiet and tranquility, as well as its beauty.
- To attend the Neighborhood Association Meetings
- To labor until we can all drive through the Ontario/Winona Street connection and play in our own park with the disabled, elderly and our children as well.
- To keep the front of all properties immaculately clean.
- To sweep the street in front of our homes
- Not to block driveways & park all vehicles off the street

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