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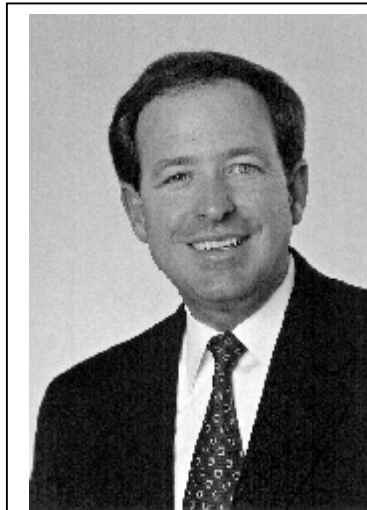
We're Just Wild  
About Our Neighborhood!

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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.

## WORKING MEETING



JIM MADAFFER

With great energy and enthusiasm, Fox Canyon residents are cleaning house sprucing front yards, sweeping streets, washing cars, painting over graffiti and dusting-off the red carpet in preparation to welcome, Fox Canyon's Champion, the Honorable JIM MADAFFER Council Member, CD-7, to the association meeting of

**Tuesday,  
October 10,  
2006, 6:15 PM**

As expressed before, it's strongly recommended that you bring your questions/issues written on 3X5 cards. To help, such cards will be provided at the meeting. Take the lead to print "Fox Canyon" on the upper left-hand-side of the card. So, council office Staff is aware of the origin of the issues/cards. In addition, please be mindful, respectful and considerate of your neighbors and **DON'T** monopolize the meeting by griping, or engage in long private conversations with the Honorable Madaffer to the expense and detriment of your neighbors' opportunity and time. Let us all conduct our meeting **without** personal issues, negative editorials, epitaphs and rude interruptions, vesting ourselves with politeness, business-like decorum and properly seasoned etiquette. The association knows perfectly well that there's a strong accumulation of anger and frustration about the **Fox Canyon Park**. But the Council Member is **NOT** at fault! In all, everyone is cordially invited to participate with the correct attitude, and we will have a wonderful productive, bonding and **SOLUTION** oriented meeting. Please, **DON'T** celebrate the arrival of the Council Member with firecrackers, or by shooting your guns up in the air! Refreshments will be provided by "Cookie Lady", Doris Pierson, Jose [Jesse] Chavez and Gretchen Torgerson. In addition, you are highly encouraged, and are welcome to contribute by bringing finger-foods especially if they're ethnic, if you want.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTIONS



"The quality of decision making, in a governing body, is directly related to the quantity of educated voters and the diversity and quantity of candidates, j.l." As a neighbor, this is your great opportunity to voice your opinion!

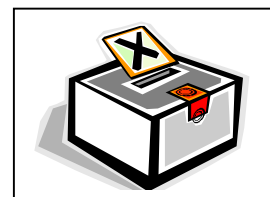
Show-up to vote and elect your **Block Representatives** to the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Board of Directors.

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Running for:

- **Election:** Rosilyn Davis;
  - **Reelection:** Thomas Du, Mercedes Martinez Shetter and Jose [Jesse] Chavez;
  - **Reappoint:** Mauro Diaz.
  - City Heights Town Council seat: Gretchen Torgerson
- Candidates, invite all neighbors in your block, to come and vote for you!

**SHOW-UP TO VOTE, IT'S YOUR RIGHT!**



## GREAT OPPORTUNITY

In very few societies and political systems, around the world, not many neighborhood organizations have the privilege and honor to host their Council Member in a one-to-one meeting and face-to-face. This is a great opportunity that you should **NOT** miss. Take advantage, attend this meeting and ask your questions, express your suggestions and actively participate in the planning and improvement of our neighborhood to increase the peace, quiet, beauty and quality-of-life for us all. **PARKING** is much contested around the Recreation Center. Be kind and offer your neighbors a ride. If parking is available, you may use the Mid-City Police Substation, the Wightman Street and Albertson's parking lots.

# ASSOCIATION MEETING

**OCTOBER 10, 2006 @ 6:15 PM**

**4380 Landis Street**

(City Heights Park & Recreation Center)

## Proposed Agenda:

Working Meeting with the Honorable Councilmember  
**JIM MADAFFER**

**JOIN US!**

**The Board meets Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 PM**

**5319 Orange Avenue [92115]**

(Colina del Sol Park & Rec Center)

**Euclid Avenue Improvement Subcommittee [EIS]**

meets Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30 PM

**4380 Landis Street**

(City Heights Park & Rec Center)

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Web-site

## LET'S HELP CLEAN FOX CANYON

**A BIG BUNCH OF VOLUNTEERS ARE  
WANTED/needed, FROM EVERYWHERE!!!**

Please join Assemblywoman Shirley Horton and the  
**Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association**  
in cleaning up our neighborhood!

Assemblywoman Horton is calling on Community  
Volunteers to help paint over graffiti, pick litter and  
generally clean Fox Canyon and enjoy a

**FREE LUNCH with BBQ PIT!**

**Saturday, October 14, 2006, 9:00 AM to Noon**  
with lunch to follow [lunch location to be announced]  
Volunteer Central:

**Ontario Avenue and Auburn Drive [92105]**

Volunteer Sign-in at **9:00 AM**

**CHILDREN [over 8] ARE DEFINITELY WELCOME.**

We're looking for a bunch of well conditioned individuals to  
help us drag mattresses and other debris out of the canyon.

Please: long sleeves, hats, sturdy shoes and sun protection

For directions or information call (619) 282-2788

## WEBSITE:

Although, the website Hit Report varies cyclically or by  
issues from month-to-month, the hit report, to our  
standards, is very impressive. This report brings to light  
the need to continue providing high quality of communica-  
ting via the Internet with our neighbors and all visitors.

	Sep 06	Aug 2006	Jul 2006	Jun 2006	May 2006	Apr 2006
Entire Site	561	191	333	397	287	608
Home Page	135	69	96	56	59	89
Community Calendar	8	3	7	3	3	5
Discussion Area	9	6	8	5	1	12
Newsletter	22	9	18	33	8	58

Few changes – We're happy to announce that the News-  
letter PDF has been moved to the front page: *Neighbor-  
hood Information*, "Fox Canyon Voice Newsletter" away  
from the community pages. Old issues will continue to  
appear at the old location. All association structural  
matters, and information on how to organize a neighbor-  
hood association are now under "Resource Guide", click:  
more... We're soliciting Elected Representatives, other  
community organizations and public interest organizations  
to stock the **Community LINKS** section, email the link to  
us. For a direct access to **City Dockets** and all pertinent  
*civic information*, go to **Community Links [click]**,  
"Civic Resources". You will love this section! And  
please, continue to click us on!

## LOW INCOME DRIVERS



*Shirley Horton*

In a slum and blighted neigh-  
borhood, in which **87.40%** of  
its residents are low to medi-  
um wage earners, earning  
**\$26,531** as median income,  
and the rest are **overnight**  
Americans; Fox Canyon is the  
host to plenty **uninsured**  
drivers. To bring a new per-  
spective and a solid solution  
to this issue, Assemblywoman  
**Shirley Horton** hosted a  
community coffee last week  
and a representative from the  
State of California Low

Cost Auto Insurance Program was invited as a special  
guest. This State program basically provides good drivers  
with an **affordable** insurance option. Let us remember: it  
is **illegal** for drivers to be on the road without insurance  
and people who are struggling paycheck to paycheck may

want to look into this program. There are a few hurdles to jump, like having a good driving record, being licensed to drive for the past three years, and the vehicle valued at less than \$20,000. A toll free telephone number is available to get **FREE** quotes at 1-866-60-AUTO-1. This makes me wonder what other useful programs are out there *[that could impact directly and help our impoverished neighbors]*, that I don't know about. I appreciate **Assemblywoman Horton** for bringing this program to our attention helping us learn how our tax dollars can work for us, and for the benefit of our community. **Jose Lopez, President**

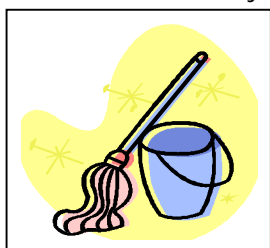
## WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

On Saturday October 7, 2006, from 9:00 AM to NOON, Assemblywoman Shirley Horton will join Retired Congressman Jim Bates and Rev. Clyde Gaines in restoring the playground at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park. The project will include repainting the equipment, weeding the sandbox and giving our children a safe and beautiful area to play. If you are interested in volunteering and need directions, please contact Ben at (619) 470-3644.

## FREE MINI-ROLLOVER CLEANUP

**Wednesday, October 18, 2006, at 8:00 AM**

Great News! Kindly, Councilmember JIM MADAFFER, CD-



7, and the city of San Diego Environmental Service Department allocated a **FREE** mini-rolover cleanup and Recycling Event to Fox Canyon *[curb pickup, limited to a few blocks]*. Separate waste and recyclables, into three different piles *[metal, debris and greens]*, and place them at the

point of regular trash collection by 8:00 AM *[do not use the automated refuse containers]*. Due to time constraints, city crews will **NOT** be able to return to collect items placed out after 8:00 AM. **This is serious!** Please, be aware that this mini-cleanup is **ONLY** limited to the Loop *[eastside of Euclid from Wightman to Auburn, Auburn from Euclid to Ontario and all of Wightman Street, again, residents from this area ONLY!]*. **City Crews will pick up:** appliances *[remove doors]*, computer monitors, metals, TV's, lawnmowers *[free of oil/gas]*, carpeting, junk furniture, mattresses, wood *[bundles up to 6' long]* yards trimmings *[6' long bundles]*, other non-recyclables. **City Crews will NOT PICK UP:** dirt, construction or demolition rubble, tires *[all types]*, hazardous waste *[paint, motor oils, batteries, etc.]*.

## BEAUTIFICATION DAY

The Beautification Day Planning Committee: Council Rep Elyse Lowe, Rolando resident Jerry Calderon and *[Fox Canyon]* community volunteer Gretchen Torgerson cordially invite **YOU** to join Councilmember JIM MADAFFER and volunteer to help put a new face to University Avenue, via a beautification day, through helping pick litter, paint over graffiti and generally cleanup the avenue. People

interested in volunteering should contact Jerry Calderon at [lesandjer@cox.net](mailto:lesandjer@cox.net) or call (619) 583-7123. **Target Area:** University Avenue, between 54<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> Streets. **Neighborhoods to benefit:** Darnall, El Cerrito, Rolando Park and Rolando Village.

### CHECK IN STATIONS:

- El Cerrito, Darnall and Eastern Committee - Meet in Sears Essentials Parking Lot (5500 block of University).
- Rolando, Rolando Park and Crossroads PAC- Meet in Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Parking Lot (6800 University)

**Date of Event: Saturday, October 21, 2006,  
8:00 AM 'till not later than 12:00 PM.**

Flyer at [www.FoxCanyon.Org](http://www.FoxCanyon.Org), click on [University Ave Beautification Day](#)

Thanks Elyse

## TASTE OF TECHNOLOGY EVENT

Join the San Diego Futures Foundation for, Taste of Technology – **CASINO NIGHT**, an exciting evening of entertainment, where guests will enjoy food, drink, their favorite casino games, and silent and live auctions to support the foundation's programs and service offerings and to improve opportunities for San Diego's residents to access technology.

**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2006, 5:30 to 8:30 PM

**Location:** Hotel Solamar, 435 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Diego, 92101

**Tickets:** \$25/person (one ticket) \$40/couple (two tickets)

**Check Flyer at** [www.FoxCanyon.Org](http://www.FoxCanyon.Org) click on [Taste of Technology Event](#)

Thanks Rebecca

## INFECTIOUS TUBERCULOSIS

San Diego State University (SDSU) and the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) are taking steps to notify classmates, faculty and staff of a 26-year-old international student who has been diagnosed with infectious TB. For contact information and complete text of the release, go to the following link:

<http://www2.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/documents/MR092806-TB.pdf>. Please note that all HHSA News Releases are

archived in the "Documents" section of the Agency's Web site: [www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa)

Leslie Ridgeway, Media Specialist, County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, (619) 685-2239

## CRIME WATCH

On Friday, September 15, 2006, a group of young-adult males walked southeast on Lantana Drive, talking about having a **22 handgun**. Panicking, for what she heard, the concerned Neighborhood Watch volunteer called the police at 4:30 PM.

Scrambling, as she could, a **95-year** old neighbor dives to lock her front door; at the same time, the Neighborhood Watch volunteer calls **911** again, to report **five shots** fired *[front of 4795 Lantana]*, from what sound like a **9mm handgun** and the same group of young-men running away west *[toward Euclid]* on Lantana at 5:30 PM.



Completely surrounded by a large group of "not looking good guys holding beer cans", walking north on Lantana/Dwight, a couple of neighbors are blocked-off from continuing their car trip home, at 9:15 PM.

Awakened by the loud and angry voices from a group of men running down-hill, at the empty parcels that unite Lantana/Auburn [where the water box is], the neighbor [4990 Auburn] got up to close the window at 9:45 PM.



Six real loud gun shots resonated throughout the entire Fox Canyon system, and residents on Lantana were awakened to pin point the origin of the gun shots, and later to see the police cordoning-off lower Auburn at 10:20 PM.

Another neighbor on Lantana was awakened, by the soft spoken voices and the hushed commotion, to see a vehicle being wheeled off into another neighbor's driveway, and later the police holding a handcuffed person right across the street from his window, at 11:10 PM.



## NOW, WHAT HAVE WE LEARN?

- On Tuesday morning, 09/12/06 four neighbors called the association reporting a barrage of gun shots around mid-night, sounding like coming from Castle. Now we know, it was a "gang confrontation" at University/Euclid, the night of Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- That only one "crazy woman" will call the police [twice] and the other TEN [10] potential witnesses, probably took a drink or a pill, at mid-night, and went back to sleep. The association received 12 calls the day after. No wonder the police was annoyed, NO gossip!
- That James Varnadore was right, after all, when saying: "There's NO crime in Fox Canyon!" [City Council testimony] Yes, only in Oak Park and in City Heights.
- That we are either idiots or lunatics for believing that Ontario Avenue [the street we want to connect to Winona/Auburn] and Auburn Drive are in Fox Canyon.
- That the SDPD is NOT preventive but responsive.
- That we're all crazy. For years we have told the police: "there ARE [CRO instructions: 'alleged'] GANGS [MS-13, ESD and other] and gang-members in Fox Canyon". Now the newspaper tells us, "the police say shooting is GANG related, and having a GANG confrontation". Wow, we really didn't know that!!!
- That our [CRO is going to be proud] "alleged" gang members are real poor shots. Wonder if we need to give them scholarships to target practice at the police historical shooting facility down Federal Blvd., next to Vernardini Fields, some blocks south from Fox Canyon on Home, a short walking distance. Other than target shooting at the empty lot [proposed PARK] near Bandar Salaam.
- That 5014 Auburn [Auburn Arms going through a condo conversion] is a residence. Remember the "alleged" gang members [MS-13] in unit 2, and the pains the association went through to see them evicted? Now, we need to ask about unit 1.
- Dong! 10:00 PM. Time to don your bulletproof pajamas... And, by the way, do you know where your gang members are?

## THE WANTED FLYER!

Jose -- The wanted flyer is FANTASTIC! I will encourage all neighbors to display it on their street facing windows and cars. Also, I will volunteer to tack flyers on all community bulletin boards, telephone poles and distribute them at all meetings, and the media. If you approve of this being done let me know, I am so willing to help pay printing cost. The nicknames are so well and thoughtfully chosen, I think this is what you mean:

**The Spoiler** -- is the fallen-off FEMALE traitor from the Batman inner circle expelled by Batman himself.

**Mini Pearl** -- Google it, second entry.

**Quiznoz** -- The chain logo: Hot and Toasty?

**Barney** -- The blue dinosaur -- Why don't you print the "from the e-mail box" section anymore?

**Maurice**, lower Auburn.

Dear Maurice -- Thank you for your email and for the great suggestions [window/cars are OK]. Personally, and as the association's president, I will NOT approve of a mass blanketing/distribution of the flyer in such way. However, you as an individual can do with the flyer as you see fit, reproduce it and expend as much money as you have/want distributing it. That's your right! The cost of

publishing the newsletter is possible through neighbors' donations. Lately, the flow of donations forbids the printing of more pages.

Jose

## A LAWYER STORY

A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, and then insured them against fire, among other things. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost in a series of small fires. The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued ... and WON! In delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer "held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be "unacceptable fire" and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires." After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!! With the lawyer's own insurance claim and testimony, from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine. **Thanks Bob**

### *With Our Deepest Sympathy*

After a long and painful fight, community icon

**EUGENE GLOUDEMANN**

Passed away, only weeks after his **87** birthday, on  
Thursday, September 28, 2006, at 1:00 PM.

We convey our condolences to his surviving wife Jean;  
and daughters **Susan**, Sandra and Tracy.

## DEAR FRIENDS of CITY HEIGHTS,

Let us never forget that City Heights is the conglomeration of 17 different independent and charming sub-neighborhoods, all with different habitats, grid, architectural features, character and leadership. All these diverse communities are desperately fighting decay, blight, litter, graffiti, crime condition, and striving to improve the quality of life in their own areas to the benefit of City Heights. Not all is well in our separate 'Hoods especially since a small group of individuals are strongly negative and predatory to our yearning for progress, and to our partnerships to secure project funding. Wolves in sheep's clothing, these people are the strong reason why our entire set of neighborhood associations is wilting away quickly. Please, let's be honest and face the truth, if you don't pay homage to the king and his cronies, your sub-'Hoods' projects don't get recommended. If you fight hard to bust the bubble, like: Fox Canyon has done, you get sued, and in deed stopped. It's demeaning to imitate puppies in the kissing of their sorry behinds just to see thoughtful and excellent projects like the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Park *bundle* be strongly opposed and finally killed, just because we didn't lick well enough. Some of us have forgotten that we have an army in Iraq defending our own God given right to be FREE! Yet, we are not vigilant enough against the tyranny at

home and in the midst of our own community. I agree REGIME change begins here, in City Heights! All our 17 sub-neighborhoods need to be left alone, and set FREE to improve their particular communities as they see fit, at their own pace and as the need arises; to the best of their own God given abilities.

I also agree that City Heights DESERVES the best in quality of project delivery, yet this is NOT shown in the quality of design and implementation at the, now, infamous Gateway Project [Euclid/Home], which has NO irrigation, landscaping, dedicated bike lanes or trees as planned - whatsoever! What a shock it was to see the tree-holders filled with cement, early one morning. My heart goes out to poor pedestrians walking [under extreme heat/rain] up/down a steep hill without the benefit of shelter from a single puny tree. Let's remember, this project was micromanaged by the Gang of Four to a colossal waste of a MILLION dollars. All of City Heights deserves better quality of developments other than a lump of cement, all over.

I strongly agree, when we make the extraordinary effort to improve one particular sub-neighborhood, we have accomplished the improvement of the whole, and this is our determined AGENDA. The leadership in Fox Canyon has worked with constant diligence to improve our 'Hood to the tune of FIVE MILLION+ dollars, now laid to waste. Let us see: Parkland = \$935,000 + PARK grant = \$2,363 MILLION + STREET design = \$260,000 + the Environmental Justice Grant = \$187,000 + Gateway = 1 MILLION + Euclid pop-outs = 300,000, restored CREEK [priceless] all these equal \$5,045 MILLION! This is the amount in dollars that these people and their "irresponsible planning" have cost us! Not mentioning the effort and long years spent in bring these projects home, now, all gone to waste. Again, wasted money to improve Fox Canyon and ultimately all the rest of City Heights! How many times will I need to repeat it so?

Witnessing our revolt, looking out from her palace balcony, beheaded French queen Marie Antoinette would have said: "let them eat cake!" But it's NOT cake that we want! We want and still need the Ontario Avenue street connection, a park in the valley of the canyon and the creek to benefit us, here, in Fox Canyon and the entire City Heights.

I agree in Fox Canyon, WE are working very hard to make ours a nicer community, a more attractive and better place to live. It really would help if the empirical mayor of City Heights, also chair to too many phantom committees, would have not sued. When is he going to come clean with all of City Heights and tell us the entire truth? His signature is on the certification of the lawsuit filed against the Fox Canyon Park by Attorney John Stump. Be aware! Today, it's hunting season in Fox Canyon. Tomorrow, it will be your neighborhood! Jose Lopez, President



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# WANTED

## The Gang of Four



**The King**



**Lucrezia Borgia**



**Marie Antoinette**

**FOR**



**The Mayor**

# KILLING

## THE FOX CANYON PARK

And

## INJURING A DISPOSSESSED COMMUNITY

### Disclaimer:

Resemblance to real people is purely **coincidental**, and the names have been changed to **protect the innocent**.  
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