

# 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.



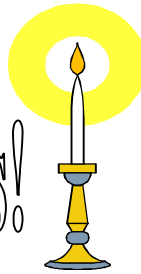
# Happy Holidays!



ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OUR MEMBERS, AND THE RESIDENTS OF FOX CANYON, WE WISH YOU, AND YOUR FAMILY, THE BEST OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, AND A PROSPEROUS, HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## Merry Christmas!



## Feliz Navidad!



## GIANG SINGH VUI VE



## Ciid Wanaagsan!

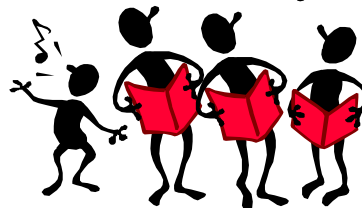


## Happy Hanukkan!

## Ramadan Kareem!



## FELIZ AÑO NUEVO!



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## NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Tuesday, JANUARY 08, 2008 @ 6:15 PM**

**5123 University Avenue \***

**(AUBURN PARK Community Room)**

**\*Please notice: This is a NEW meeting location.**

**Proposed Agenda:**  
***Neighborhood Concerns***

**COME and JOIN US!**

### BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board will **MEET** Tuesday, **January 22, 2008 @ 6:30 PM.**

**5123 University Avenue, AUBURN PARK Community Room**

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### HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Crossroads Housing Committee will meet

**Thursday, January 10, 2008 @ 6:30 PM**

**5123 University Avenue, 92105**

**[AUBURN PARK Community Room]**

**Proposed Agenda:**

The **H.E.L.P** Program Guidelines

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<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/sandiego/chh/>

### SEASON GREETINGS!

The association conveys to all Fox Canyon residents the positive and well deserved Season Greetings received in stunning, elegant and colorful Christmas cards sent to our office by Mr. President and Mrs. George W. Bush; US Senators: Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Alexander Lamar (R-TN) and Barack Obama (D-IL), Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (Cal-47<sup>th</sup>), Congressmen Xavier Becerra (Cal-31<sup>st</sup>) and Joseph (Joe) Baca (Cal-43<sup>rd</sup>), The San Diego City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecution Unit (Paige, KRISTIN, Nicole, Janet, Teresa, Barbara and Teresa); community partners: Ginger Hitzke (Community Collective Development Partners), Jay Powel (City Heights CDC), Pamela Thorsch (Rebuilding Together San Diego), ACCION San Diego (Maria, Patti, Valery, Cary, Elizabeth, Iliana, Robyn, Mike, Miguel Daniela & Logan), the LAO Family (Jaime, Nedy, Charmaine, Bridget & Audrey); Sherry Robinet-Coloso (former of Christmas in April) and association members: Doris Pierson, Bob & Marilyn Kingsley, Martin Seabass, Carolina Fernandez, Jose & Irene Galindo, former of Wightman Street, now of Pico Rivera and many other friends & neighbors who kindly and patiently took the time and resources to mail, email, their best wishes sharing with us an advocacy for peace, personal responsibility, well being and a collective communion with strong feelings of love, togetherness and good wishes for the New Year.

## PLEASE, HELP US!

Join us to celebrate and help us INAGURATE the AUBURN PARK Community Room by attending the first-ever meeting of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association at this new location, 5123 University Avenue. Our community members lobbied, labored and advocated so intensely, to include a meeting room among all the amenities of this magnificent housing project, just to have the privilege to possess a home based meeting room.



The community room at Auburn Park is located in this corner of the ground floor and it is the same room in which lunch was served during the Grand Opening. This meeting room has the particularity that it was asked-for, located, designed and furnished following the guidelines and equipment list provided by our own neighbors. The meeting room is stunningly beautiful, and it includes a fully equipped kitchen with lots of storage, microwave and refrigerator, bathrooms and all the modern and latest technology to provide for comfort [ergonomic chairs and folding tables] while conducting a sophisticated meeting with computerized equipment, Power Point presentations, TV/VCR/DVD and projector/screen technology. In addition, the design includes the bar that George so ever wanted! There's NO telling that the community needs to give and does express a very LOUD thanks to Affirmed Housing Group for listening, building and making this jewel of a community room available. Come, meet with US, check this room out, and learn the power of constant and POSITIVE community involvement!



To **ACCESS** the community room: enter through this door, on University Avenue, reach the court yard, turn right, walk west, toward the building's end; pass the restrooms, the last two glass doors. **PARKING:** Sufficient parking is readily available on the streets around the building. Please, remember to carpool. **Come and Join Us!**

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## DECEMBER'S POTLUCK!

In the quest of a long lasting tradition to celebrate our neighbors, each other and the unity of purpose that characterizes our community, the association gathered during December to celebrate all past and present accomplishments with a potluck. In all, 39 association members (one child) and guests attended the potluck. DORIS PIERSON joined to "THANK, honor and celebrate" the attendance, effort, time and patience that all Community/Field Reps invest in our community while doing a fantastic job for the office of all our Elected Representatives.



Doris presenting a Holiday "THANK YOU" gift bag to TODD GLORIA, Rep to Congresswoman Susan Davis.



Joyful FERNANDO REYES, Assemblywoman Shirley Horton's Office, is

holding a "THANK YOU" gift bag to be shared with Shirley and her staff



ELYSE LOWE, Councilmember Jim Madaffer's Office, former Rep to Fox Canyon, now LU&H Committee Consultant, received two Holiday "THANK YOU" gift bags: one for herself and one to be shared with Jim and his Office staff. For so many years of devoted attention to our neighborhood and the excellent job you do for JIM, Elyse, THANKS!



Police Officer PATRIC NORRIS, CRO, was a clear winner receiving three bags on behalf of the Police Department: one for Police Chief William Lansdowne and his staff, one for Officer Jim Tulumello and one for the Mid-City Police Substation. In addition, REBECCA LEISTER [the Rep with perfect attendance to our meetings during all of 2007] County Board of Supervisors Chair, Ron Roberts, kindly asked to be excused, and for matters out of their control JASON WEISZ, CA Senator Christine Kehoe's Office; the Reps for San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders and Councilwoman Toni Atkins, CD-3, were not able to attend the meeting and had their Holiday gift bags personally delivered to their offices by kind members. The association is extremely PROUD of Doris for her labor of love that makes our community group shine like no other in City Heights. By giving of herself and her time with a little token of her deep appreciation to all those Reps who meeting after meeting show up to take notes on issues concerning the governance of Fox Canyon and to legitimize and honor the activism of our residents, Doris achieves the recognition of all those who have the best opportunity to help us be. Get involved, your attendance to meetings solves problems in a true communal way and strengthens our renewal and neighborhood power!



## NEIGHBORS CELEBRATING



Susan and Rebecca while enjoying a bonding moment with Todd, Fernando and Officer Norris.



Bob Kingsley, Jesse Vizcaino, Doris, Alfred, Fernando and George



Thomas and Dewey



Lovely Mrs. Catherine P. Burger, founding member and Matriarch to the Neighborhood Association, at her best during her ten-year consecutive attendance to the yearly Holiday Potluck.



Travis and his mommy My



Max, Dekjo, Rosilyn and Mercedes







With tables covered with goodies like shown, our neighbors had lots to celebrate about. For your great effort and festive atmosphere, thanks to all!

## AUBURN PARK GRAND OPENING



Auburn Park is the brain and work child of this woman, GINGER HITZKE,

who here, in a moment of lonely reflection and internal satisfaction, contemplates the finished and tangible product of her extreme efforts to bring this project to fruition, and her visionary work. Auburn Park is the story, and now the reality, of a unique and majestic building of a Sixty-nine-unit work force housing development, a crown jewel shining in the middle of a blighted neighborhood. Auburn Park is the story of many partnerships working together toward beneficial banking, financial, labor, housing/social and community goals...a partnership that was determined to work against all incredible odds produced by a strong, blind and misguided opposition!



Auburn Park is the reality of a very successful and a determined working relationship between a receptive and benevolent Developer, a strongly responsive to his constituent needs Councilmember and a hard working community group that provided constant, responsible and exemplary community oversight for this project. Auburn Park is the involvement of many neighbors who spent long hours in meeting-after-meeting shaping, changing, expressing needs and vision of a housing development that is to anchored the neighborhood's efforts to revitalize the Fox Canyon rim, the northern most entrance to Auburn Creek [*a tributary to grater Chollas Creek*], and the beginning of the long time desired Fox Canyon Park System. Our neighbors were adamant and sure of all the amenities needed within this complex... A management office, along with the community room, built right over the creek and overlooking the park to help control crime, a tot-lot within the complex to provide those children under 12-year old with a separate playing area from those playing in the park below; a community room, with bathrooms within and available to neighborhood groups; a computer room separate from the community room and the jewel: a pocket PARK privately owned and maintained, but *"fully accessible to the public"*!



Tot lot for those under 12-year old resident children within Auburn Park.





Shown here is OUR PRIDE, the first pocket PARK and the catalyst to the continued work needed to advocate for the building of the Fox Canyon Park System [our vision and our continued work to restore the Auburn Creek and attached to it, like: ribs to the spine, five more adjacent empty parcels as pocket parks, to form the totality of a linear park spanning from University to Euclid Avenue]. Following the VISION, the park at Auburn Park borders Auburn Creek's western bank. The creek at this location has been restored with native plants as well as the eastern bank which is an open space preserve. In addition this pocket park was designed to be a walking link between the old [on the lower plane of the park] and the new [18 feet higher-up] University Avenue, where the bus stop is and which is fitted with disabled access as well. In addition, our neighbors designed this park with an instructional gazebo were outdoor events, meetings and presentations will be held and neighborhood tours will be given by the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association. Stay tuned!



Surrounded by dignitaries, City Officials, our neighbors and invitees Mayor JERRY SANDERS and Councilmember JIM MADAFFER delivered inspiring speeches [among other] and expanded upon our vision and effort to mold our neighborhood into the "Community of Choice within City Heights" [pictured here: association member Julia Vizcaino, Jim Madaffer and Jerry Sanders].



Mayor Jerry Sander and PatRose Calloway [Price Charities] are among the distinguished crowd that attended the Auburn Park Grand Opening.



Some of our neighbors enjoying the luncheon held after the Auburn Park Grand Opening at the new community room [visible are: Rebecca, Ted, Helen, Thomas, George and to the right, the back of Alfred].



With the advent of Auburn Park, our neighbors finally see the fruit of their labor and long years of activism shaped in physical form, where this project is concerned. Remember, Auburn Park is only the beginning of a dream to redevelop our neighborhood to be the best with new housing stock, across the board, and with all kind of marketing venues and models available in a balanced formula. These models are to include affordable for SALE, also for RENT and all array of market prices as well, while preserving neighborhood cohesiveness and the now existing single family stock. The achievement of this goal will turn our neighborhood into a strong and sustainable community available to residents from all income levels. As our neighbors walk into Auburn

Park, they know it intimately as they do know their own homes. They find it eerily familiar and recognizable due to the fact that their vision and all of their suggestions, while expressing and reflecting neighborhood needs, are now, for ever, captured in Auburn Park, in a concrete form. An excellent design team of professional architects skillfully chosen by Affirmed Housing Group lent a big listening and emotional ear to the personal voices, community needs, goals and vision of the Fox Canyon people. In accepting this type of development in any particular neighborhood, around the city of San Diego, the leading factor is the strong need for the host community to always remain involved in project development, to be positive, visionary and to HELP the developer in every facet of the project, from the very beginning, until the very end. For community goal achievement, it's necessary to become the leading PARTNER while providing knowledgeable and un-obstructive community oversight. This is to make sure that improvements are up to community standards and wants. And also to help the developer save money in design, blue printing and building/development costs, as the savings can translate into neighborhood amenities, like: more pocket parks, green open spaces, water fountains, trails, walkways, computer/meeting rooms, etc. By the same token, ill conceived opposition and obstruction by myopic leaders only delivers mediocre and very expensive projects to an already victimized, oppressed and blighted community to the detriment of the low income people that these facilities are intended to benefit and serve. Auburn Park is the epitome and the beacon to what is now needed, highly expected and wanted in affordable housing projects, a standard to be compared against to provide much needed housing, parks, meeting places and residents amenities to a deprived and blighted community like Fox Canyon. Jose Lopez, President

## PHOTOGRAPER



Honor and great many THANKS to Association Treasurer GRETCHEN TORGERSON, our Official photographer; sometimes, to really see Gretchen at our events and meetings you have to closely look behind the camera. All pictures portrait in this issue of the Fox Canyon VOICE are Gretchen's excellent and constant work on behalf of her neighbors. THANK you Gretchen!

## MINI-DORMS

As students are pushed out of the College area, their second best choice has always been Fox Canyon and we have noticed their bunching up *[double up]* among our residential housing. Due to mounting complaints and questions as to "what to do" to get rid of this nuisance and to best recognize a mini-dorm house; read up: (a) description: a big *[three or more bedrooms]* single family house, in a residential neighborhood, rented to

unrelated *[by blood or marriage]* people *[usually single young adult students working]* stocked with six to eight and/or more unrelated tenants all with girl/boy *[+ regular]* friends if not a spouse, attached. (b) Detriment: The previous number of tenants accounts for a total, of a potentially low number, of 20 + people constantly coming and/or going and visiting at all hours, which translates into a horrible number of needed parking spaces that the rented house can not possibly provide. Therefore, the residential parking immediately surrounding the mini-dorm house gets severely affected, cramped and strongly competitive, resulting in the squeezing out and discomfort of long term established *[sometimes elderly, sick and/or disabled]* property owners. This discomfort coupled with the noise produced by all these new and transitory people while conducting normal life's business and their bad parking habits *[like parking on the curb and blocking driveways "just for a little minute" turning up to be thereon up to 12 hours]* also strangulates the superb quality-of-life in a peaceful and quiet neighborhood, like: our own, which already has a severe problem with parking. (c) Solutions: 1. Call the police *[531-2000]* parking enforcement, immediately with vehicle description, color, make, model and LICENCE PLATES at the first sight of parking on the curb, blocking an entrance *[driveway]* and/or parking over 72 hours. Even if the police don't show up, they will log the complaint and the vehicle description for later use. 2. Call the police and give them the exact address of the house from which you hear the first sounds of loud music, loud talking, large and loud partying and log in a noise complaint. Even if the police do not respond, they will CAPP the house based on the number of complaints produce by it. Also have all your neighbors bothered and disturbed by these nuisance activities call-in too. Remember: ZERO tolerance always works best! And this helps the police CAPP the offending house quicker. 3. Call the property owner/manager and complaint about the tenants; chances are that the owner/manager doesn't know about the tenants' detrimental behavior, and of the \$1,000 fine charged to the Landlord when dealing with these type of cases. 4. Lastly, call Code Enforcement *[George Andrade 533-6139]* with the proper property ADDRESS on code violations, vehicles parked on the lawn, excessive trash *[trash containers overflowing and with lids not properly/completely closed on trash day]* with a request for an administrative citation and for an investigation into a Mini-Dorm house.

## TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

To account for a 2007 tax deductible donation, you have up to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Soon we will be closing our accounting cycle and making our report to the IRS. But, if the end of the year finds you low of funds due to your Holidays expenditure, think of donating early next year and throughout. Remember the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association will give you a tax deductible receipt for all your donations of cash or otherwise. E-mail [FoxCanyonN@aol.com](mailto:FoxCanyonN@aol.com) to find out how.

## SECURITY

If you have an urgent need to provide security for your self, your family, your home, your construction project, your small business, like: super-market, liquor store, condominiums and/or apartment building, or your corporation contact SECURITY FIRST. They will provide you with bodyguards, patrol and event security, and from one to a small army of security guards in uniform or plain clothes, armed or unarmed. For a quote, call: Travis Taylor at 619-454-5398, [www.securityandpatrol.com](http://www.securityandpatrol.com)

***Don't forget! the next meeting is at AUBURN PARK.***



## GREAT MANY THANKS



Great many THANKS to JAMES SILVERHOOD, *Affirmed Housing Group*, for personally trusting that his company's hard earned money produces the best investment improving our community, helping the entirety of City Heights become a great place to live, work and play. Again, THANK YOU JIM for your commitment to the Neighborhood Association; for creating, with excellence, the entire new community of Auburn Park and for the magnificent delivery of this unique project which is a real jewel at the northern entrance to Fox Canyon. The building and all its amenities surpass all expectations and it enhances a blighted community beyond expectations. We are extremely **POUD** of you and **THANKFUL** to **Affirmed Housing Group**!

Great many THANKS to Councilmember JIM MADAFFER for his struggle and success over the "undertakers" to get this project off the ground and finished, and for standing by the Neighborhood Association every inch of the way to see Auburn Park a concrete and beautiful reality.



Equally the same, many THANKS to ROBERT (Bob) KENNEDY, SD Redevelopment Agency (picture here with Alfred Ilginis) for the shoulder lent to Auburn Park and for going out of his way to see the parcel to the south of it included in the project to build the a ½ acre park within this development. To JULIE, we give THANKS for putting together the

successful financial package that brought in the Redevelopment Agency, the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Union Bank of California and MMA Financial to make Auburn Park financially possible.

## AVAILABLE PEWS



All the homeless PEWS pictured (eight/two sizes) here are available for adoption by imaginative minds. The pews also speak **SPANISH** and will feel at home south of the border, if needed be. When presenting the next project, don't ask me which pews have gone south, please! These beautiful and useful pews can go back to a needful church, to decks, front porches or to any organization that might use, want or need them. But they need a house soon to get them out from weathering and the elements. To see the pews: stop by 5129 Landis Street (92105) and if you want one or all, call: Rene Rivera at 619-823-5763

**ASOCIACION DE VECINOS**  
**LA BARRANGA DEL**  
**Fox Canyon Zorro**  
En Español

La proxima junta de la Asociación de Vecinos sera El dia Martes 8 de Enero, 2008, a las 6:15 PM. En el nuevo edificio y cuarto para juntas comunitarias del complejo habitacional de Auburn Park, 5123 Avenida Universidad [esquina con la calle 52]. Venga y reúname con nosotros. Su vecindario se lo agradecera.

***Muchas Gracias!***

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