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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**.

STATE OF THE COUNTY



With the ceremonious Moorish style Shiley Theatre [University of San Diego] providing the elegant stage, the San Diego County Board of supervisors, dignitaries and the community-at-large gathered to hear and witness Chairman Ron Roberts deliver the State of the County Address this last sixth of February of the current year. Mayor Jerry Sanders and Councilmember Tony Young [CD-4], City of San Diego, also attended the solemn event.



Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association President Jose Lopez and Secretary Susan Gloudeman had the once in a life time opportunity to be invited to attend, to have a moment with Mayor Sanders and to have Chairman Ron Roberts in this picture. The party, after, was a blast! We truly enjoyed visiting with Chairman Roberts, Ms. Bonnie Dumanis, Mr. Jesse Navarro, Mr. Rotto and Rebecca, and with old friends and neighbors as well. We really appreciate the deference, Mr. Chairman.

THE T.P. ORGANIZING GROUP

The Tree Planting Organizing Group will meet the afternoons of Thursday, March 15 and Saturday, March 17, 2007, both @ 2:00 PM, on the front porch of 4916 Lantana Drive, 92105 [these are out-of-door meetings]

One of these two meetings was scheduled to occur during the work week to allow STAFF to attend. The Organizing Group will be responsible to produce a successful tree planting event [on SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007, starting at 9:00 AM] throughout Fox Canyon and neighboring communities within the Seventh Council District. Companies and business are needed and highly encouraged to sponsor the event and volunteers are solicited to attend the organizing group meetings and the tree planting event. In addition, neighbors please make plans to attend the meetings noticed above and get your family [specially your children] ready to participate in the Tree Planting. Please remember that all meetings organized by the association are totally OPEN to members of the PUBLIC and everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Your input and hard work are needed. To get a FREE TREE for the front of your house [parkway] all you need to do is sign a "Tree Watering Agreement" available by calling Claudia Gutierrez, the Urban Corps of San Diego, (619) 235-6884, or the Association at (619) 282-2788.

V-PAC

The Fox Canyon Vision Plan Advisory Committee [V-PAC] will have the duties to review and advise all Fox Canyon proposed projects resulting from the Vision Plan. In addition, this committee will be very involved in planning the Vision Plan Workshop. Two Association Members are needed to staff and to be voting members of the V-PAC. The Board of Directors chose to staff the committee with three members of the Board and two association members. All meetings of the V-PAC will be on the fourth Wednesday of each month @ the City Heights Park and Recreation Center [4380 Landis Street, room 1&2] starting with the meeting of March 28, 2007, at 6:30 PM. If you feel the burning desire to volunteer, and be a member of the V-PAC, please attend the next association meeting [March 13, 2007, 6:15 PM] and commit your time, willingness to serve and to help your community be the best. In turn, the association will vote to appoint you.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

GREEN clothing and living TREES are the order of this day.

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, MARCH 13, 2007 @ 6:15 PM
4380 Landis Street, Room 1&2
(City Heights Park & Recreation Center)

Proposed Agenda:

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS

AUBURN PARK, Affirmed Housing Group; V-PAC and TREE PLANTING

COME and JOIN US!

The BOARD of DIRECTORS meets
Tuesday, MARCH 27, 2007 @ 6:30 PM
4380 Landis Street, Room 2

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NEW CONDOS IN FOX CANYON

(Article dropped down from Councilmember **Jim Madaffer's** e-Newsletter)



At the December 5, 2006 City Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously in support of converting an old rundown apartment building on Auburn Drive into new condominiums that will provide for homeownership in an area that desperately needs it.

By going above and beyond the minimum requirements, the project will transform this ugly old boxy apartment building inside and out and will help to bring pride of ownership to this older urban neighborhood.

The Fox Canyon community is certainly deserving of more redevelopment projects like this. The developer will make total improvements such as

new roofing, plumbing, electrical, insulation, windows, doors, drywall, stucco, flooring, kitchens, bathrooms and appliances.

Years ago, when I initiated the creation of the Crossroads Redevelopment Area, we included the Fox Canyon neighborhood in hopes that future developers would see the incredible potential for affordable housing, market-rate housing and urban renewal. The domino effect has obviously started for this area and we know more improvements will continue for this area.

I remain committed to building a system of parks for the Fox Canyon neighborhood despite some incredible challenges. The residents of this area want, need and deserve parks.

To read the entire e-Newsletter, visit <http://www.jimmadaffer.com/>



KEHOE EARNS 100% RATING

CALPIRG honors Kehoe for votes on universal health coverage, public interest bills



SACRAMENTO – Senator Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego) earned a perfect rating today from a California consumer protection group for her voting record on health care, consumer interest, and government reform issues. Kehoe is one of only 10 state senators to receive a 100 percent

score in the organization's legislative scorecard. "I'm honored to be recognized as standing up for California taxpayers, and reforming government so that it serves the public interest," said Kehoe. "Providing health care coverage for all state residents is just one of the many things we as legislators can do to make our state a better place for families." The California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG) announced its report today, which is based on nine votes held during the 2006 legislative session, including bills to offer universal health insurance for California residents, protect cell phone calling records, and allow an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative boundaries rather than elected officials.

For complete legislative scorecard results, visit www.calpirg.org

**Love your neighbor as you
LOVE yourself.**

HILLCREST NEIGHBORHOOD DAY



Listening to and helping community members solve problems is an important part of representing you. Please join Congresswoman Susan Davis at her next Neighborhood Day to discuss local and national policy or to get help with a federal agency.

HILLCREST NEIGHBORHOOD DAY

Saturday, March 17, 2007, 9:00-10:30 AM

Eagles Lodge, 3848 Centre Street, 92103

Just south of the intersection of University Ave and Centre Street One block west of Park Boulevard.

SMART WOMEN, SMART MONEY

Thanks, Rebecca

Wednesday, March 7, 2007 6pm-8pm

Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young, Chairman of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Ron Robert & The Reinvestment Task Force proudly invites you to the

Smart Women Smart Money

Special Features: *Speaker Series*

- Financial Experts
- Food
- Prizes
- Meet & Greet

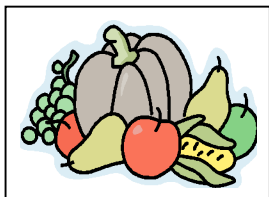
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www.smartmoneysummit.com

Elementary Institute of Science
Community Lecture Theater
608 51st Street
San Diego, CA 92114
619) 263-2302

Mark your calendar for the next speaker series on March 22, 2007 at the Museum of Art

More Info, contact Mario Lopez
2700 Adams Ave. Suite 203, San Diego, CA 92116
619.284.2600, lopez@toltecinc.com

SAN DIEGO HUNGER COALITION



Currently, San Diego ranks LAST among all metropolitan areas with regards to Food Stamp participation -- only 27% of those who are eligible for the program are actually enrolled. This means a lot of families are not accessing a resource that can help them fight off hunger. Additionally, our low participation

rate means that our county is missing out on \$144 million in federal funds. The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) is the leading national organization working for more effective public and private policies to eradicate domestic hunger and undernutrition. A recently commissioned report has the following findings about hunger in major urban areas, San Diego included:

- Among the 24 urban areas featured in the report, all but four had a poverty rate higher than the national rate of 13.1 percent in 2004.
- In most of the urban areas, at least one child in four lived below the poverty line in 2004, and in combination the 24 were home to more than two and a quarter million poor children.
- In 2004, 15.4 percent of households in principal (not necessarily inner) cities nationally experienced food insecurity, as compared with 11.9 percent of households in the entire US population.

- A recent USDA study shows that the costs to families to purchase enough food generally were higher in cities than in their immediate surroundings or in non-metropolitan areas of the same state.
- These poverty, food insecurity, and food cost data show just how important federal nutrition programs like food stamps are to low-income people in urban America.

For more information about the Food Stamp Program, visit FRAC's Web site (www.frac.org). If you have further questions about food stamps, please contact Ellen Vollinger at (202) 986-2200, ext. 3016 or at evollinger@frac.org

To see FRAC's Guide to Food Stamp Outreach Collaborations (www.frac.org/html/news/fsp_guide2006.html).

Clearly there is a lot of work to be done, so I hope that we can work together to make a difference.

To schedule a presentation to your community group, please contact:
Tia Anzellotti, Executive Director, San Diego Hunger Coalition
PO Box 83037, San Diego, CA 92138 or call (619) 813-3490

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, February 27, 2007]

Meeting called to order, by Lopez, at 6:35 PM.

Meeting attendance: Five [5] Board Members [including: Davis, Diaz, Du, Torgerson and Shetter; Chavez excused, Gloudeman not excused, NO visitors and/or public] present.

Public Comment: NONE

Board Members' Comment:

- Mercedes – it would be beneficial to ask Affirmed Housing Group to come in for an update on Auburn Park and explain "affordability" to the membership.

President's Report:

- Interim [acting] Secretary
- San Diego Park and Recreation Board
- Tree Planting Organizing Group, update
- The V-PAC to meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month [March 28].
- MAD Questionnaire, SECOND reading

Leading Motions:

- Motion to appoint Vice-Chair Mercedes Martinez Shetter to be the interim [acting] Secretary, Du/Shetter, passed 5/0/1 [Shetter abstaining]
- Motion to approve agenda as proposed, Davis/Torgerson, passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to approve January's minutes [as published], and January's monthly accounting report, Diaz/Davis, passed 6/0/0.

Action Items:

- Motion to accept and institute the IRS Political Campaign Guidelines, Shetter/Torgerson, passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to accept the Vision Plan contract tasks, Du/Diaz, passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to accept all grant applications submitted, Davis/Shetter, passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to approve Members meeting agenda: Neighborhood Concerns, Jose conducting, Davis/Du, passed 6/0/0.

Closing Comment: NONE

Adjournment to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, March 27, 2007, at 7:35 PM

Mercedes Martinez Shetter, Vice-Chair and Interim Secretary



TREE PLANTING EVENT
SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 07
Get ready to participate in this grand event!





New Volunteer Technical Assistance and Mentoring Program

We now have a group of dedicated volunteers who are eager to help our clients in many areas such as accounting, business management, financials, Microsoft Office and QuickBooks. Any Client who wishes to take advantage of these services can contact his or her loan officer for more information.

Located downtown at 1250 6th Avenue, ACCION San Diego is an independent, 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization that provides loans and business support to micro-entrepreneurs who are unable to qualify for credit from traditional sources. With loans ranging from \$300 to \$35,000, ACCION San Diego assists small and home-based business owners, many of which are run by minorities and people with low-to-moderate income levels. In operation since 1994, the organization has disbursed over 2,000 loans worth more than \$9 million.

For information, email or call:

Email: aescalante@accionsandiego.org

Phone: 1-800-967-4429

Web: <http://www.accionsandiego.org>



Dear Jose – I found this coupon in the Penney Saver. Our community can really benefit from getting rid of tripping and bothersome stumps, **Suzie**.

KEEP IT CLEAN

"If each of US sweeps in front of our own steps, the whole world will be clean," Goethe. **Thanks, Marilyn!**

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The Fox Canyon Voice

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Doris Pierson proofreader, we're grateful for the donation of her precious time.

"OLD" IS WHEN...

"OLD" IS WHEN... Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

"OLD" IS WHEN... Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.

"OLD" IS WHEN... "Getting a little action" means I don't need to take any fiber today.

"OLD" IS WHEN... "Getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.

"OLD" IS WHEN... An "all nighter" means not getting up to pee.

Thanks, Mercedes

LIFE IS Soooo BORING.

Two little old ladies were sitting on a park bench outside the local town hall where a flower show was in progress. The thin one leaned over and said, "Life is so darned boring. We never have any fun anymore. For \$5.00, I'd take my clothes off and streak through that stupid flower show!" You're on!" said the other old lady, holding up a \$5.00 bill.

The first little old lady slowly fumbled her way out of her clothes and, completely naked, streaked (as fast as an old lady can) through the front door of the flower show. Waiting outside, her friend soon heard a huge commotion inside the hall, followed by loud applause and shrill whistling. The smiling and naked old lady came through the exit door surrounded by a cheering crowd. "What happened?" asked her waiting friend. "I won 1st prize as Best Dried Arrangement"

Thanks, Mercedes.

PARTNERSHIP AWARDS APPLICATION

Let it be known that if we are invited or NOT to submit the long application, at the second round, the Neighborhood Association applied for one of this grants. Many residents have called inquiring about these. Let it be known that being so open with our disclosures could hurt us at the end with the success of our grant applications [like with the Fox Canyon Park State application], neighbors here is the official email response:

Hello,

We would like to thank you for submitting an RFP to the 2007 MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards. Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing all of your applications and look forward to selecting a smaller group to submit applications for our second round by the end of the month. We wish you the best and thank you again for your interest in this awards program. If you would like more information about LISC and the Community Safety Initiative (CSI) please visit us at www.lisc.org/csi.

Thank You,

Community Safety Initiative

Local Initiative Support Corporation

UNDERGROUNDING

Fox Canyon Block 7-A

Many of our neighbors continue to inquire about the utility undergrounding status, due to fact that the LOOP [Auburn/Wightman] needs resurfacing, urgently and Code is visiting to urge change of dangerous electrical hook-up. This project has been a priority [like many other Fox Canyon projects] of Councilmember JIM MADAFFER, in his quest to best serve his constituency. Upon his request and leadership, Residential Block 7-A has left the Hearing status and now is in the "DESIGN" phase. To learn more visit: <http://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/>, click on: "Master Plan", Click on: "Utilities Undergrounding Mapping Application", Click on: "List Projects by Council District Priorities". Find "Project Block 7-A" and click on: "MAP" [for the links] **Thanks, Elyse.**

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

Based on Eligibility

San Diego County Residents Take Your Money. You Earned It!



When you go to file your taxes and apply for your tax credits, bring the following:

- ☐ A Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for each family member
- ☐ A valid California ID
- ☐ All items listed that apply to your family
 - ☐ W-2 forms for all jobs worked in 2006
 - ☐ All 1099 forms for other income, if any
 - ☐ Child care provider name, address, and tax ID number
 - ☐ Any other tax-related documents you have received
 - ☐ Voided bank check for automatic deposit
 - ☐ A copy of last year's return
- ☐ All adults on your return need to be present to sign forms



Bank of America



Thanks, Rebecca

EARN IT!

Did you earn less than \$39,000 last year? Do you have children? If so, you may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and could receive up to \$4,500 in tax refunds.

KEEP IT!

Call one of the numbers listed in your area to schedule an appointment to have your taxes done FREE of charge by trained volunteers. All taxes are filed electronically, which means you could get your refund in as little as two weeks! Ask about direct deposit to get your refund deposited directly into your bank account.

SAVE IT!

Ask the volunteers at your tax preparation site for information on how you can use your refund to reach your goals of buying a car, financing an education, or even buying a house.

CENTRAL

ACORN

619-235-9593

Alliance for African

Assistance

619-286-9052

Home Start/Mid City

619-283-3624

Home Start/Mt. View

619-283-3624

Home Start/Tubman

Chavez Center

619-283-3624

MAAC Mercado

Apartment

619-237-0661

MAAC President John

Adams Manor

619-262-1434

EAST

Bancroft Hope Center

619-589-1930

Home Start/EI Cajon

619-283-3624

Home Start/Lemon Grove

619-283-3624

MAAC San Martin de

Porres Apartments

619-589-1065

NORTH

CENTRAL

Bayside Community Ctr.

858-374-3603

Chinese Service Center

858-505-8806

COPAO Mira Mesa

858-405-8138

San Diego Youth &

Community - Coastal

858-974-3603

SAY San Diego-

Claremont

858-974-3603

NORTH

COASTAL

MAAC Laurel Tree

Apartment

760-929-9814

No. County Lifeline-

Oceanside

760-757-0118 ext. 305

No. County Lifeline-Vista

760-726-4900 ext. 225

NORTH INLAND

Interfaith Community

Services

760-489-6380

SOUTH

ACORN

619-235-9593

COPAO National City

619-507-5863

MAAC Chula Vista

619-409-1697

MAAC National City

619-472-2900

MAAC San Ysidro

619-428-1139

South Bay Community

Services

619-420-3620

THE WIGHTMAN STREET PARK

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

Talking about neighborhood name recognition, the world can never get enough with the verbal/radio, written, TV/video and electronic NEWS reporting machine, about OUR own Fox Canyon Park. For the last four months, The Reader, The Union/Tribune, The SDVoice&Viewpoint, Roger Hedgecock and others have created a media frenzy that has placed our neighborhood in everyone's eyes and ears from coast-to-coast; from San Diego's City Hall to Sacramento and all the way to Washington DC; from Assemblywoman Saldaña, to USA President Bush. Did you ever dream that our tiny community's name was going to be so well known? The regional impact of our neighborhood park needs have created a tsunami of curiosity, knowledge and support for our indigent community. Lately [everyday for the last two weeks] the Turko Files and KUSI commentary has made sure that everyone remembers all about US, our needs for parks and everything else! So far, what' have we learned?

- We've learned that all the money in the world could NOT bank-roll such gigantic publicity campaign in favor of our parks and name recognition.
- That we need to be united, now more than ever, to continue fighting to achieve the vision and goals imbedded in the locally produced [by our own neighbors] Fox Canyon Parks Subcommittee Report.
- That regardless of the sound bites, the bottom line is that Fox Canyon wants, needs and deserves to have a string of PARKS abutting Auburn Creek from University to Euclid, regardless of what everyone else say.
- That Turko needs our THANKS for showing and affirming to the entire world that Fox Canyon is a community of COLOR, recent immigrants and the denser, poorest community in the Country, home to many young kids in such dire need of appropriate parks to play.
- That the opposition is fighting tooth and nails NOT to shame a particular Councilmember, but to deprive a needful community and poor children of deserving parks. Otherwise, they would be strongly supportive of transferring the Fox Canyon State Parks GRANT to build the Wightman Street Park, which we so strongly support!

Jose Lopez, President

TREESMART PROGRAM

Urban Corps of San Diego
PO Box 80156
San Diego CA 92138-0156

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Fax: 619-235-5425
E-mail: cgutierrez@urbancorps.org

The mission of the Urban Corps of San Diego is to provide job training and educational opportunities to young adults, in the fields of conservation, recycling and community service which will assist youth in becoming more employable, while protecting San Diego's natural resources and instilling the importance of community involvement.



Dear Neighbors:

What goes into the storm drains is a matter that concerns everyone, but especially to US. Why, our proximity to Auburn Creek. All the streets in Fox Canyon [the canyon] empty the run-off to the creek and with it all our own generated pollution. Please:

- When walking your dog, always pickup the... waste.
- Don't wash your car while it's parked on the street.
- Don't discard your cigarette Butts in the street.

THINK BLUE
FOX CANYON