

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTIONS



"For a Democracy to work correctly it has the urgent need for people to exercise their right to VOTE in every election." Do YOUR civic duty and show up to the meeting of October 09, 2007, and VOTE to elect YOUR neighborhood representatives to the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Board of Directors.

Tuesday, October 9, at 6:15 PM
4380 Landis Street.

RUNNING for **ELECTION** ARE:

1. TED KOSMINISKI
2. DORIS PIERSON
3. ALFRED ILGINIS

RUNNING for **RE-ELECTION**:

1. GRETCHEN TORGERTSON.
2. **City Heights Town Council seat:** Gretchen Torgerson

RUNNING for **ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**:

1. JOSE LOPEZ

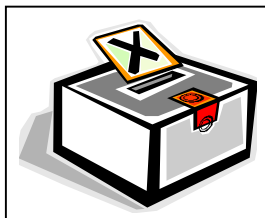
Your Supervisors of Election are Mercedes Shetter, Vice-Chair (also in Spanish) and Thomas Du, Secretary (also in Vietnamese). Elections will run concurrent with the Association Meeting.

Candidates, invite all neighbors living in your block to come and vote for you!

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

ELECCIONES DE VECINDARIO

Ejercite su derecho comunal a VOTAR para elegir a sus representantes de cuadra. Estas elecciones son importantes, debido a que su calidad de vida, paz y tranquilidad dependen de ello. NO necesita ser ciudadano para votar en estas elecciones, solo traiga una identificación.



PARK PLANNING WORKSHOP

[Fox Canyon/Wightman Street Neighborhood Park]



A quick head-count produced thirty-six people [including the Colina Del Sol Recreation Council, consultants and City Officials] attending the scheduled second Park Planning Workshop for the Wightman Street park-site. The task was accomplished when park model 3 was successfully selected from the three models presented. The chosen model still needs more refining done, by the community, to select final and specific amenities and enhancements. The park name monument proposed was quite interesting, sporting, "Auburn Creek Park". Short, sassy and it makes a lot of cense since the park is bordered by the creek in two sides. YOU are cordially invited to attend and participate in these planning workshops and to express your ideas and desires as good and involved residents should do. JL



NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, OCTOBER 09, 2007 @ 6:15 PM

**4380 Landis Street, Rooms 1&2
(City Heights Park & Recreation Center)**

Proposed Agenda:

Elections and Neighborhood Concerns

COME and JOIN US!

BOARD of DIRECTORS SABBATICAL

The Board and all its committees will **NOT MEET** during **October, November and December**, due to an executive order.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Crossroads Housing Committee will meet

Thursday, November 15, 2007 @ 6:30 PM

5319 Orange Avenue

[Colina Del Sol Recreation Center]

Proposed Agenda:

The H.E.L.P Program Guidelines

AUBURN PARK

Please save the date of Wednesday, December 5, 2007, 11:30 – 1:30 to join us in celebrating the Grand Opening of Auburn Park Apartments. Attendance is by invitation only. Formal invitations will be sent out as the date approaches. There is still time to be placed on the rental waiting list for the Auburn Park Apartments, please call 1 (714) 363-4090 X 7332.

CRIME STOPPERS

Greetings Crime Stoppers Supporters!

This month, Crime Stoppers rewarded 5 tipsters for their calls to Crime Stoppers' anonymous tip line—7 arrests were made in connection to these cases. One tip led to the arrest of a suspect for an armed robbery of a North County gas station. The suspect has pled guilty. Channel 8 worked with us to profile a fugitive in violation of probation for a domestic violence charge. This dangerous individual was known to carry a gun. With the help of our tipster, the suspect was arrested for the probation violation and also charged with possession of ecstasy, marijuana, and a firearm. An anonymous tipster called in to report the sale of drugs out of a home in Chula Vista. While the Chula Vista Police Department did not find drugs at the house, the suspects were in possession of several stolen vehicles, tools, and other valuables. To date, these arrests closed three

burglaries and most cases are expected. We also had cases that led to arrests for possession of a controlled substance and a fugitive wanted on an assault with a deadly weapon case. KUSI, our media sponsor for our upcoming 5K race, will be featuring Crime Stoppers related stories for the next three Tuesday mornings. Be sure to tune in! And don't forget to sign up for Light the Night Against Crime on October 27 at Balboa Park. I have attached an entry form for your convenience. Your support of Crime Stoppers helps us to fund our tip line and reward program that truly help law enforcement solve crime.

Sally Cox, Executive Director,

San Diego County Crime Stoppers, (619) 275-8240

www.sdcrimestoppers.com

5014 AUBURN DRIVE

Graffiti, drunks, drug, and gang-member infested "Auburn Arms", an apartment building infamous for originating people always shouting and fighting, indecent loud parties, herds of children/adults running amuck and constantly playing on the street, shootings, and a couple of suicides within, is finally an empty shell! Gone are all the resident tenants, the burn/abandoned cars with windows broken, the loitering, the outdoorsmen camping in the parking lot; the trash scavengers, residents walking in/out through broken windows, the trash/litter and the drug dealers. Eight [8] long years of constant pressure from Code Enforcement, the Police, Child Protective Services and many other agencies and city departments, due to the relentless push from the Neighborhood Association and a really willing, valiant and risk taking investor have finally begin to produced the marvelous change and catalyst for change anticipated on Auburn Drive.



Now the place is swarming with incredible activity produced by all kind of



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workers, and soon the site will be left as envisioned in the proposal shown in page 2. As usual, major accomplishments require lots of hard work and the close collaboration and partnership of lots of people and agencies working together for a long time. We start with our great many THANKS to the City of San Diego City Council for providing a unanimous vote [yes, even the Honorable Donna Frey voted for this one] approving the plan and map amend-ments for the conversion under the able leadership of OUR Councilmember JIM MADAFFER and then Fox Canyon Rep Elyse Lowe. Many great THANKS go to Police Chief William Lansdowne for walking into the building in one really needed occasion; to former Mid-City Captain Bob Kanaski and CRO's Ricky Castro and David Tos. Our special great many THANKS go to George Andrade, Code Enforcement, for working the building very conscientiously until he achieved tangible results. Many THANKS are given to the owner/investor for risking his hard earned capital and for trusting that Fox Canyon will give him a handsome return for his work. Many THANKS are given to the relentless neighbor who used to chase the "alleged" gang-members down the empty lots [the water box] from Lantana down to lower Auburn, risking her own skin, bone and life. And many thanks go to the Association president for the countless 'Hood TOURS given to countless developers, Elected Officials, prospective candidates, our Board, residents and to members of the public in general for them to see the great potential hidden in Fox Canyon, and the need to redevelop lower Auburn with a brand-new housing stock. Here is the perfect example and vivid testimony of a community working together in an organized way to bring needed changes to remove blight, crime and increase peace & quiet and promote a better quality of life for US all within the bosom of the Neighborhood Association.

Jose Lopez

UNDERGROUNDING

Fox Canyon Block 7-A

Our neighbors continue to inquire about the utility undergrounding status, and here it is folks: Fox Canyon Residential Block 7-A has left the Hearing status, and it is now in the "DESIGN" phase. To learn more visit: <http://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/>, then click on: "Master Plan", then click on: "Utilities Undergrounding Mapping Application", Click on: "List of Projects by Council District Priorities". Find "Project Block 7-A" and on the right, click on: "MAP". Also remember that all of the Fox Canyon rim: the entire community of Islanair and Euclid Avenue 4J [from University to Altadena], Altadena [from Euclid to Wightman], Wightman Street [from Altadena to Winona] and Winona Avenue [from Ontario to University] are within the Fox Canyon Residential Block 7-A. The entire Block 7-A is scheduled to leave the design phase and start construction on June 29, 2009, and the entire canyon rim project is schedule to be completed on June 29, 2012. This is a huge project.

NEED TO DO HOME REPAIRS?

HELP and PITCH are ON THE WAY!

Fixing an older and deteriorating home doesn't have to be a traumatic and lonely endeavor; as there's HELP available with NO need to hustle and Price Charities is willing to PITCH - in. The Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area [PAC] provides tax increment dollars to fund its FORGIVABLE loans Housing Enhancement Loan Program [HELP] focusing on residences in the Fox Canyon Communities within the PAC map [excluding properties fronting the south of University, east of Euclid, All of Dwight and Castle]. A one-time only HELP loan up to \$15,000, at an annual simple interest rate of 3% which is forgivable over twelve (12) years shall be available to single family and one-unit and two-unit owner-occupants of residential properties located in the target area indicated above those gross household income do not exceed certain income limits

[check those at www.FoxCanyon.Org click on Community Pages, then H.E.L.P-4-Fox Canyon – También en Español. Presently, there are funds available to assist a good number of homeowners, and there is NO waiting list for Crossroads/Fox Canyon applicants. To apply, for the HELP and/or for information, call Lyle Knudson at [619] 578-7521, or by email at lyle@sdhc.org Neighbors if your house is in urgent need of repairs, in addition, to the Crossroads HELP and the Price Charities PITCH programs, the San Diego Housing Commission has a website with a summary chart of rehab programs available, including Crossroads: <http://sdhc.net/hahelpfix1.shtml> And other, which include: (a) Loans and grants for owner-occupied homes, including mobile homes, (b) Programs to help with [lead paint removal](#) on owner-occupied and [rental](#) properties and (c) Grants to tenants with disabilities to make accessibility improvements in rental properties.

PRICE CHARITIES PITCH IN!

In addition and in conjunction with the Crossroads HELP forgivable loans, Price Charities has initiated a homeowner rehabilitation program for residents of City Heights [ALL of Fox Canyon included] who own and occupy single family and condominium homes. The Participate in Transforming City Heights [PITCH] rehabilitation loan program provides up to \$25,000 to owners who earn no more than 100% of the Area Medium Income (\$64,000 for a family of four). Owners who want to make repairs and improvements to their homes are provided assistance in identifying and specifying a scope of work which is performed by a private contractor of the homeowner's choice. Eligible work includes roofs, kitchens, windows, plumbing, electric, exterior and interior improvements. Loans are made for a period of 15 years with current interest rate. This unique program allows eligible borrowers and household members age 14 and older to "pay" interest owing on this loan in full by performing qualified community service hours at specified City Heights based non-profit organizations and other agencies, like: local schools, YMCA, Park & Rec Programs and Neighborhood Associations. The PITCH rehabilitation loan program offers flexible underwriting criteria to assist those with housing repair needs. The program may also be combined with other housing rehabilitation loan programs such as those offered by the San Diego Housing Commission [Crossroads/Fox Canyon H.E.L.P.] to increase the overall amount of funding. Please, remember that the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association is a Price Charities registered Community Service Organization [CSO] giving service hours credits to PITCH participants when volunteer-working in anyone of our programs and/or community events. To learn more about greatly beneficial program, log on to www.pricecharities.com or contact Pat Rose Calloway at (619) 795-2018. And let us all improve Fox Canyon!

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water in your yard:
 - old tires
 - plant saucers
 - bird baths
 - play equipment
-  Stock decorative
pools and ponds
with Mosquito Fish
– Call for a location near you
-  Report mosquito
breeding areas or
dead birds

- Marisa Luque, Councilmember JIM MADAFFER's Office: Invited attendees to the Wightman Street Park Planning Workshop and placed flyers about it and other City issues on the information table. To contact Marisa, call (619) 236-6677 or leave a message.
- George Andrade, Land Use Investigator, NCCD, "here to hear your Reports".
- Police Officer Pat Norris, CRO, City Heights East: Absent
- Kristin Beattie, DCA, SDPD Vice Liaison: Emailed to be excused and sent in the "Graffiti Information" flyers for the info table, Thanks Kristin!

Off-Agenda Public Comment: None

Neighborhood Concerns: NONE

Presentation(s):

- Sally Cox, Executive Director, CRIME STOPPERS.

Discussion Item: One-way Loop [Lantana/Dwight]; after a lengthy, healthy and fruitful discussion, the community reached consensus and voted with ONE NO vote to refer the item to Traffic Engineering for evaluation and proper recommendation.

Adjournment: at 7:45 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meeting of October 09, 2007, meeting @ 6:15p.

Refreshments: Kindly donated by Jose Chavez.

Jose Lopez, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, September 25, 2007]

Meeting called to order by President Lopez with NO Quorum at 6:30 PM.

Meeting attendance: Three [3] Board Members [including: Torgerson Shetter and Lopez, with Du, Chavez excused and Davis, Diaz absent].

Discussion:

- Board Sabbatical
- Monthly accounting: January to September 2007.

Action Items and Motions: NONE

Adjournment: at 6:55 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meeting of January 22, 2007 at 6:30p.

Jose Lopez, President.

FREE Mosquito eating FISH, 1-858-694-2888

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday September 11, 2007]

Meeting called to order by President Lopez, at 6:15 PM.

Meeting attendance: Twenty-two [22] adults including guests.

Update(s): Street light at 4863 Auburn, Red Curbing/handicapped Forms.

Announcements: Elections next month [think of volunteering for the available seats] Localized cleanup [Auburn/Wightman] 09/19/07, Auburn Park, Park Design Workshop [09/11/07], Crossroads forgivable Loans, call Lyle @ 578-7521, NO V-PAC meetings until January 2008.

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports:

- Fernando Reyes, Assemblywoman SHIRLEY HORTON's Office: distributed copies of the Horton Update Newsletter and highlighted the package of bills signed by the Governor to give municipalities more tools to fight gangs and its members. For info, call Fernando [619] 462-7878,
- Rebecca Leister, County Supervisor, D-4, Chairman RON ROBERTS Office: "Ron was pleased with his visit to Fox Canyon" and staffed the information table with pertinent County information.

VOTERS DRIVE



SHOW UP TO VOTE!

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