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About Our Neighborhood!

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All RESIDENTS and BUSINESSES of: all of LANTANA, RENO, AUBURN (4758-5096) 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!



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Ciud Wanaagsan!



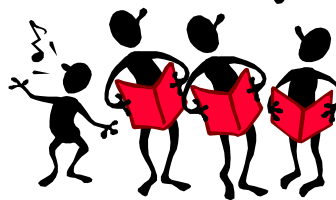
Happy Hanukkah!



Ramadan Kareem!



FELIZ AÑO NUEVO!



NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, DECEMBER 09, 2008 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue *

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

**Please NOTE: This is a NEW meeting location.*

Proposed Agenda:

End-of-year Celebration

COME and JOIN US!

The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Is enjoying a sabbatical and will not meet this month.

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POTLUCK CELEBRATION!



You're cordially invited to join the association and help CELEBRATE the HOLIDAY Season enjoying the company and pleasure of your neighbors. Bring to this meeting your favorite dish, some nonperishables, happiness and the great desire to have a wonderful time with your neighbors. The Association has organized a POTLUCK Celebration and a FOOD, DRIVE [baby products/diapers and personal hygiene products are also welcome and highly appreciated] benefiting CHRISTIE'S PLACE to share our blessings. NO corporation business or neighborhood concerns will be transacted during this meeting.

Come, join us and help us celebrate!

ASOCIACION DE VECINOS

LA BARRANGA DEL
Fox Canyon Zorro

En Español

AYUDENOS a celebrar nuestra unidad comunitaria, en la junta de Diciembre! Como tradición, en esta época, celebramos a nuestros vecinos y su esfuerzo por trabajar en la mejora de nuestro barrio, compartiendo nuestro esfuerzo mutuo. La Asociación de Vecinos le

invita a que participe en una reunión POTLUCK [traiga un platillo típico de su lugar de origen, si desea], y enlatados para donarlos a CHRISTIES HOUSE. ¡Usted es parte integral é importante de nuestra comunidad!

¡La Barranca Del Zorro

Le invita a que nos acompañe y socialize con sus vecinos!

Le Esperamos!

About Christie's Place

Christie's Place is a comprehensive drop-in support center for families living with HIV/AIDS. Clients can access a substantial range of services, provided by a network of collaborative partners, who empower women and families to help themselves and each other. Our services include peer advocacy, childcare, case management, Complimentary (Holistic) Therapies, a computer lab, resource library, diapers & baby products, educational workshops & trainings, emergency food, HIV treatment education & adherence counseling, mental health counseling, information and referrals, outreach, parenting resources & support, personal hygiene products and support groups. We are the only organization in San Diego dedicated to serving women, children and families infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Christie's Place began providing services in 1996. The center is dedicated to the memory of Christie Milton-Torres, who passed away from AIDS complications in June of 1994. A loving and caring wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend; without her vision, perseverance and courage, this haven would not exist. At age 20, Christie was diagnosed with HIV and her husband, Angel, was diagnosed two months later with AIDS. During the late 1980's and early 1990's, Christie was a tireless advocate for the needs of women, children and families living with HIV/AIDS. As we carry on her work, lives continue to be touched by her hope.

Christie's Place Mission Statement

Christie's Place is a nonprofit social service organization in San Diego County that provides HIV/AIDS education, support and advocacy. Our mission is to empower women, children, families and individuals whose lives have been impacted by HIV/AIDS to take charge of their health and well-being.

BEST WISHES

FRATERNALY, the Neighborhood Association encourages residents and visitors to have a harmonious, peaceful, and safe Holiday Season filled with good neighborly feelings, LOVE, and MUTUAL RESPECT. In addition, to present a well decorated, clean neighborhood with lots of Christmas lights!

FRATERNALMENTE!

La Asociación de Vecinos le desea a Usted y a su honorable familia lo mejor de las fiestas Navideñas y de Fin de Año. Conjuntamente exhortamos a todos nuestros vecinos a que celebren esta época en paz, amor, tranquilidad y armonía, con respeto mutuo hacia las diferentes tradiciones religiosas y culturales que existen en nuestro barrio, con la firmeza de continuar trabajando para hacer de nuestro barrio el mejor de todos, teniendo el proposito de decorar y limpiar nuestro barrio y poner muchas lucitas de navidad.

JIM MADAFFER'S DAY



Tuesday, November 18, 2008 was declared "Jim Madaffer's Day" in the Fox Canyon neighborhood of San Diego to honor our champion in City Hall the "World's Greatest Councilmember!" Secretary, Mercedes Martinez Shetter and Jose Lopez attended the public comment section of the City Council's agenda to present Mr. Madaffer with a crystal *[purchased with neighbor's contributions]* award on behalf of our community. Doris Pierson has the tape.



MY
SINCERE
THANKS

JIM MADAFFER
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM
SEVENTH DISTRICT

18 Nov. 2008

Jose -

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the wonderful surprise during the Council meeting. I loved the award and yes, I will proudly display it at home. I have been so honored to be your Councilmember. Best,
Jim.

ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

At the meeting of November 11, all those gathered submitted their neighborhood issues and priority for the next District Administration. The list follows in no priority order:

- Continue to push for the FOX CANYON PARK SYSTEM
- The ONTARIO AVENUE STREET CONNECTION *[from Winona to lower Auburn]*, the street is already there and dedicated 80 years ago.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING around the canyon rim.
- WIDEN EUCLID Avenue alley while we can, using the parkway's 8-foot wide at NO cost to anybody when utilities go underground.
- Repave the Auburn Drive and Wightman Street loop.
- Sidewalks and Street on Wightman Street
- Beautification projects to benefit our neighborhood
- Clean up Fox, finger, canyons and the Auburn Creek, all of which are a mess.
- Street lights on Winona Avenue -South of University to Landis Street- in particular and in general, throughout the neighborhood.
- Graffiti cleanups
- Street litter cleanups
- More POLICE patrols
- Turn 50th Street and Winona into a one-way loop going south on 50th and north on Winona.
- Slow down traffic on Winona Avenue south of University Avenue.
- Street/sidewalk Repairs
- Speed bumps in the middle of Castle Avenue and Auburn/Wightman loop.
- 52nd and Landis Streets need a sidewalk, east side
- Pothole at 47th and Myrtle, SE corner where stop sign is.
- "NO littering" signs needed at Winona/Landis and at Ontario/Auburn.
- "NO Parking, Street Sweeping" needed, many are missing, knocked-down or painted over with graffiti.

SHOPPING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Avoid Online Scams When You're Shopping for the Holidays

Posted: 21 Nov 2008 08:06 AM CST

From [Trend Micro TrendSetter](#)

Every year we see staggering new statistics about how many people are buying gifts online instead of braving traffic, long lines, and parking nightmares at brick-and-mortar stores. During the holidays, many online retailers will also offer breaks on shipping costs—so the advantages of less physical hassle, no sales tax, and potentially free or cheap shipping make online shopping pretty appealing. However, the risk involved in online shopping is persistent as ever. Here are a few key ways you can protect yourself.

1. Use a virtual account number. This is a service that most credit cards now offer. Here's how it works: Log onto your credit card account and with one click you can generate a random credit card number that makes it virtually impossible for anyone to steal your account number while shopping online. When your virtual number is generated, simply enter it into the merchant's form and complete your purchase without revealing your actual card number. This virtual credit card number is only valid for a short period of time—long enough for the retailer to process your transaction, which will be charged to your real credit card account. But if a retailer stores that number and a hacker later breaks into their system, the number will

be useless. Please note: Virtual account numbers cannot be used for purchases that require you to show your credit card at time of pick-up (e.g., movie tickets, etc.), because the account numbers will not match.

2. Make sure you're shopping on a secure site. Look for the padlock icon or a URL that starts with <https://>. That means your transaction is encrypted.

3. Don't trust emails from "retailers" claiming you need to verify your credit card information. This is almost certainly a scam. Every year millions of emails go out from hackers pretending to be eBay or PayPal customer service and asking consumers to provide information that the actual service already possesses. If you're worried that a retailer really has failed to process your order, go to the site and look up your account or contact their customer service center—don't click on a link in email that could redirect to a dummy site.

Kristin Beattie

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Deputy City Attorney,
Neighborhood Prosecutor and SDPD Vice Liaison
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LAST NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

October 24, 2008

Mr. Jose Lopez
4916 Lantana Street
San Diego, CA 92105

Dear Mr. Lopez:

On behalf of the City of San Diego, I would like to express our appreciation for your efforts in making the October 18, 2008, Fox Canyon Community Cleanup successful. A total of 29.03 tons of waste was removed from the neighborhood, consisting of 24.39 tons of non-recyclables and 4.64 tons of recyclables. Recyclables collected were metals and appliances.

Please express our gratitude to all the volunteers with the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association that helped distribute the fliers.

It was a pleasure working with you and your group.

Sincerely,

Stacy Workman

Stacy Workman
Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer

SW/jd

Environmental Services Department
Waste Reduction and Disposal Division
9601 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 320 • San Diego, CA 92123
Tel (858) 492-5010 • Fax 492-5089



MY SINCERE THANKS

JIM MADAFFER
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM
SEVENTH DISTRICT

November 7, 2008

Mr. Lopez,

I want to personally thank you for your assistance in the October 18th clean up in the Fox Canyon Neighborhood. You are an asset to our City. And on behalf of the residents of District 7, thank you very much.

Jim

Jim Madaffer, Council President Pro Tem

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday November 11, 2008]

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

Meeting attendance was eighteen [18] adults including Fernando Reyes (Assemblywoman Shirley Horton's Office, 78th District), with CRO Tony Bryant excused.

Update(s) Announcements:

- Please RSVP to Lynn Schmidt at (760) 476-6000 x 133 to attend the Dowson Avenue Senior Apartment Groundbreaking Ceremony, see Flyer on information table.
- Learn how to Garden Water Smart, FREE classes, see flyer on information table.
- Wightman Street Park lawsuit
- Please, make time to attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 @ 10:00 am, Public comment, thanks.

Off-Agenda Public Comment:

- Bushes on 52nd Street were trimmed and dirt walkway was cleared.
- Good experience following up with the Urban Corps with graffiti paint-over.

Neighborhood Concerns:

We need to know who the neighborhood patrol/bit officer is.
We need to call the office of the Councilmember or the Streets Department to get a CIP for sidewalks on 52nd and Landis Streets.
Crossroads loans seem to have an unreasonable ownership percentage. Call Lyle Knudson to clarify 80% ownership rule. Many neighbors want and need this help and it needs to be available without strings attached or great red tape.
Community Garden, we need the status of the City Heights one and also make the effort to get vacant land in Fox Canyon to found one.

City Heights Farmers Market needs our support.
Reduction in Property Taxes needed. Also be careful of scammer taking advantage of your needs and present economic situation.
Euclid/Landis musicians are getting out of hand, drinking and making lots of noise.

Drinking in Public View is prevalent in the neighborhood, again.

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports: NONE

- Fernando Reyes (Assemblywoman Shirley Horton's Office, 78th District): Governor to convene a special meeting of the Legislation to deal with huge budget deficit. If you have questions or issues, please call @ 462-7878.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION PLANNING: Potluck and food drive to benefit Christie's Place.

Presentation:

Issues and Priorities for the Next District Administration

Refreshments:

A kind donation from Doris Pierson and Jose (Jesse) Chavez and

Adjournment: At 7:50 PM, to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Meeting of December 09, 2008 at 6:15 pm.

Jose Lopez, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, November 11, 2008]

Meeting called to order, by President Lopez, at 6:31 PM.

Meeting attendance: Six [6] Board Members [including: Lopez, Pierson, Ilginis, Kozminski, Davis and Lopez] with Shetter, Chavez and Diaz absent, No staff and/or public present.

Public Comment: NONE

Board Members' Comment: NONE

President's Report:

- o Dawson Avenue Senior Apartments Invitation.
- o Explanation/Discussion of the Vision Plan Scope of Work.
- o Donations and receipts to the end of the year.

Leading Motions:

- Motion to approve agenda as amended including Item-A, Ilginis/ Lopez, passed 6/0/0.
- Item-A on the Secretary's (Shetter) absence: Alfred Ilginis to act as Interim Secretary, Lopez/Davis, 5/0/1 (Ilginis abstained).
- Motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2008, as published: Pierson/Lopez passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to trail accounting reports to January 27, 2009 meeting Davis /Kozminski, passed 6/0/0.

Action Items:

1. Motion to vacate the Board and seat the new Board Kozminski/ Ilginis, passed 6/0/0.
2. Motion to elect and appoint new Board Officers [Ilginis = *vice president*, Davis = *vice chair*, Lopez = *treasurer* (secretary will be postponed for appointment at a later meeting to give Shetter the opportunity upon her absence)], Ilginis/Davis, passed 6/0/0.
3. Motion to authorized the President, Treasurer and Secretary to take all the necessary steps needed to open a checking account at former WaMu (with a \$100 discretionary spending limit for the president and a petty cash account (the president is to present a BUDGET to the Board at the meeting of 01/27/09), Pierson/Davis, passed 6/0/0.
4. Motion to accept the Vision Plan Scope of Work as written, and to authorize the president to take all necessary steps to implement it, Davis/Kozminski, passed 6/0/0.
5. Motion to revive and stand the dormant VPAC Committee with

Jose as Chair, Rebecca, Rosilyn and Doris as voting members, Lopez/ Ilginis, passed 6/0/0.

6. Motion to approve the Board's Sabbatical (Oct/Nov) and to recon-vene back to the meeting of 01/27/09, Lopez/Ilginis, passed 6/0/0.
 7. Motion to approve the Members, meeting agenda for December 08; *End of Year Celebration* and transact NO Corporation business during this meeting, Kozminski/Ilginis, passed 6/0/0.
 8. Motion to approve Member's meeting agenda for the meeting of November 08 as presented (Neighborhood Concerns) with Jose conducting: Lopez/Davis, passed 6/0/0.
 9. New Items or Issues: *NONE*
- Closing Comment: *NONE*
Adjournment at 7:33 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association to November 11th Association meeting, at 6:15 pm

Ilfred Ilginis, Interim Secretary

FROM THE EmailBox

Jose, whom do you call to have a "No parking, street sweeping day" replaced? The one by my house was knocked down and dragged by a hit-&-run driver, Cuspide, Euclid Avenue.

Cuspide, I don't know. I will find out, I need an address thanks, Jose.

Jose, please reprint the "Washing Cars" article, printed in the last newsletter, so I can share it with my water-wasting neighbors. I will print copies and will deliver them around my block. I enjoy the newsletter and thanks for sending it, Steven, Landis Street.

NO, thank you Steve! Here it is:

WASHING CARS

Several neighbors, from around the association service area, have called to explore the possibilities of enforcing the guidelines on saving water. About a year ago, the City sent us guidelines -for publication- on water conservation and discharged -without treatment- into the storm drains which flows directly into Auburn Creek and then pollutes the Bay. One of the guidelines clearly said: **NO WASHING CARS on the street!** The neighbors calling, all informed us of the fact that some neighbors wash their cars on the street and driveways in front of their rental properties. Adding pain to injury, they do not only wash their long line of cars, but also invite their friends -every weekend- to have a "car washing party" at the landlord's expense and our water. Nothing that matters to us, except the fact that every Saturday morning the water pressure gets significantly low and the senseless WASTE of a valuable resource is shameless. Now we get to the juicy part, even if is on a weekend or a holiday, call and leave a **CONFIDENTIAL** message at (619) 515-3500 (press # 5) to complain and denounce the water-wasters. Also call (619) 533-7485, or email water@sandiego.gov.
Thanks, Ellen!

DONATIONS

It's the end of the year and the perfect time to send/mail in your tax deductible donations for your 2008 tax report. We highly encourage you to donate to your favorite nonprofit including our own. You may send all donation checks payable to the **FOX CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** and mail/deliver it to 4916 Lantana Drive, San Diego, CA 92105, or hand it over to our Treasurer, Rebecca Lopez. Please, **NO** cash donations. Keep in mind that checks and money orders are highly welcome!
Jose Lopez, President

WELCOME

The association welcomed two new neighbors to our meetings, MANDY TWINING and DAWN DURLUP. Let us welcome our new neighbors on Wightman Street with open arms and warm hearts.

CAPTAINS' DAY

December 2, 2008, was declared by the City of San Diego to be Police Captains' Day. We congratulate Captain ROBERT KANASKI (former of City Heights) and Captain LAWRENCE MCKINNEY (present of City Heights) for receiving this prestigious, long due and deserved recognition for a job well done in serving the community of Fox Canyon.

Arroyo Paseo Charter High School
Redesigning Urban Education

Dear Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association,

Arroyo Paseo Charter High School is a free public charter school in City Heights just completing its first successful year. The school's focus is small personal learning groups with an emphasis on math, science and technology and we provide an excellent secondary education in a small school setting. We have a highly qualified staff that teaches California standards based curricula in small core classes of 18 students, and seminars and tutorials.

Arroyo Paseo is modeled after the very successful River Valley Charter that was developed and directed for ten years by the same development team that started and directs Arroyo Paseo. River Valley has been the highest scoring high school in San Diego County for the past four years.

We are currently registering for the fall 2008 semester. We have openings for freshmen and sophomores and a very few juniors. We also have openings for our summer activities, for recent 8th grade graduates, at the City Heights Science Center that Arroyo Paseo provides.

Enclosed are a brochure and fliers. If you would like more fliers or if your members would like to hear more about us let me know or have them contact me. Thank you very much.

Best regards,

Ann Marie Wellhouse
Arroyo Paseo Community Liaison

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No-cost energy-saving home improvements

Available to qualified renters and homeowners

You may receive these free home improvements:

- Attic insulation
- Door weather-stripping
- Caulking
- Low-flow showerheads
- Energy-efficient lighting
- Replacement of qualified appliances*
- Minor home repairs
- Water heater blankets

How do I qualify?

You may qualify for free improvements if your household currently receives benefits from any of the following public assistance programs: WIC, LIHEAP, Food Stamps, Medi-Cal, Healthy Families A & B, or TANF. You may also qualify if your household income falls within the guidelines listed below:

ENERGY TEAM INCOME GUIDELINES	
Number of Persons in Household	Maximum Yearly Gross Household Income
1 to 2	\$ 30,500
3	\$ 35,800
4	\$ 43,200
For each additional household member add	\$ 7,400

To schedule a short qualification appointment at a time that's convenient for you, contact SDGE's Energy Team at www.sdge.com/energyteam or 1-866-597-0597.



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REMEMBER

To say your prayers every night! Learn to appreciate how privileged you are, if you still have your home, your job and your children are not drugged, in gangs and/or in jail.

Remember to be humble and to always THANK God often for your daily bread.

To share a little of what you have today, one day, you might need others to share with you, in your hour of need.

To eat one less meal a day so you can donate it to a hungry man.

To smile and show how happy you are within, even on a bad day, so you can uplift others and provide hope.

To be honest, in all your dealings with your fellow man, it is a horrible feeling when someone cheats you out of your money, property and/or love.

To work with dedication and enthusiasm, it provides for all your needs.



The best gift -always- is the gift of you, your time, loyalty, kindness.

To attend the Neighborhood Association's Potluck Celebration and to bring with you something that you can donate for the Food -and other items- Drive.