

Fox Canyon VOICE

We're Just Wild
About Our Neighborhood!

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All **RESIDENTS & 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**.

POTLUCK DINNER

(December's Meeting)

Plenty of our neighbors and friends attended the traditional community Potluck Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2008 to celebrate the End-of-year Holidays, including Christmas, Hanukkah, Ramadan and Kwanza. As you can imagine, plenty of favorite and ethnic foods also adorned the long buffet tables and provided a plethora of different experiences to the palate. At this meeting, the community held a fundraiser to benefit Christie's Place. The highlight of the evening was when all attendees were pleasantly surprised by the unexpected, excellent, fantastic, awesome and so incredibly cool visit from Councilmember TODD GLORIA (CD-3). As representative to Congresswoman Susan Davis, the Honorable Todd Gloria rarely missed this community building neighborhood event. But this time, all jaws dropped when he just walked into the room with a great smile and without pomp and circumstance, as when visiting old friends. Equally grateful, the community extends a vote of thanks to Kim Nguyen and Detective Anthony Bryant for the time expend in attending the event.



Starting at your left, we find: The Honorable Todd Gloria
Kim Nguyen (Community Rep to Marti Emerald, CD-7); Detective
Anthony Bryant (assisting Captain McKinney with community
related concerns) and Police Officer

Weeks in advance, neighbors began planning their dishes and coordinating the event. At a Board planning meeting a charity was selected.

See **POTLUCK**, page 3

COMMUNITY DIALOG

All residents are asked to gather and discuss all the issues that are important to Fox Canyon including the Ontario Avenue street connection, neighborhood parks, Euclid Avenue, affordable housing, traffic (*the conversion of several street loops to one-way streets*) and other important needs and issues needing our immediate and long-range attention. At this meeting, the community will hold an honest discussion to find and prioritize all liable solutions to pressing issues, to make Fox Canyon a Community of Choice.

Please, make plans to attend this important
meeting on **Tuesday, February 10 @ 6:15 PM**
5123 University Avenue
(Community Room at Auburn Park)

See **DIALOG**, page 2

HONORABLE VISITOR

The Office of Councilmember **MARTI EMERALD**
announced the CD-7,
Councilwoman's visit to the
Fox Canyon Neighborhood
Association's meeting of
APRIL 14, 2009 @ 6:15 PM.

Please save the date and make
plans for you, your family,
friends and neighbors to attend
this meeting. The Honorable
Councilwoman and her Staff will
be on hand to deal with our
community's issues, matters of
representation and just to meet
and greet you, personally!
Remember, this is a highly
privileged opportunity that you



should not miss at all. **Come and Join us!**

IN URGENT NEED OF FOOD?

Read **PAGE 3** to learn how to get relief

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 10, 2009 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue *

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

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

Proposed Agenda:

Community Dialog

COME and JOIN US!

The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Will meet **FEBRUARY 24, 2009**, same room @ **6:30 PM**

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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At the meeting of November 11, 2008, all those attending submitted their neighborhood issues and priorities for the next District Administration. Based on all these, the Neighborhood Association, at the January 13, 2009, made the decision to call a meeting of the Fox Canyon community to afford all residents the opportunity, right and privilege to express their opinion, pick priorities and put forth SOLUTIONS to all these issues. The list that follows is in no priority order:

- Continue to push and support 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.
- The Lantana One-way Loop was added at the January 13 meeting.

Based on the previous list and the meetings dedicated to refine the issues, the Honorable Marti Emerald (CD-7) sent the Association a formal letter asking for the priorities to be narrowed down.



Jose Lopez
President
Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association
4916 Lantana Drive
San Diego, CA 92105

December 15, 2008

Dear Mr. Lopez:

As I begin the transition to representing the 7th District on the San Diego City Council, I believe it is important to receive input from the communities; your needs and priorities. Who better than you and the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association to make the needed assessment for your community and identify your most important issues.

I would greatly appreciate it if you and the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association would give me your top three priorities for your community. I will use this information as we proceed through the budget process and also to assist you in addressing these concerns.

Once we have received your response, you will be contacted by Marisa Berumen or Kim Nguyen, the Field Representatives assigned to your area.

I will also be attending your meetings. As you know, there are many community meetings on the same evening, so I plan to rotate my visits so that I attend as many as possible.

Thank you for sharing your three priorities and vision for your community. Your Seventh District Council staff looks forward to working with you.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact my office at 619-236-6677.

Warm Regards,

Marti Emerald
Councilmember
7th District, San Diego City Council

ME:kn

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To best serve our community and service area, we made the commitment to ask all our neighbors to attend the next association meeting to help us do as we are asked. For better representation, your attendance to the Community Dialog meeting is of prime importance, due to the fact that all neighborhood needs are to be listed. We are adamant, this needs to be done, with everyone's help and input with the best of your solutions and support! In addition, to be successful, we need to pick priorities to make a schedule of work for us to work on and for the Councilmember to follow and champion at City Hall, on our behalf. If you have an issue or idea that you think the community needs to develop, or resolve, attend! You will have the opportunity to add more issues to the list. With everyone's participation, we need to improve and launch our community out of blight, out of the ghetto and into a brighter and sustainable 21st Century.

**Don't miss the meeting of
February 10, 2009 @ 6:15 PM**

FOX CANYON VOICE 2

IN URGENT NEED OF FOOD?

In these hard economic times, we are all hurting and trying to the best of our abilities to make ends meet. If your food budget is dwindling down to a near trickle or nothing at all, there is a place and time in which you can get relief. Vanessa Franco from the San Diego Food Bank announced a food distribution drive for this coming Monday starting at 7:00 AM (Please, be mindful of the schedule) at the following place:

Teen Challenge
5450 Lea Street
(Off 54th Street)
San Diego, Ca 92105

- **Food Stamp prescreening** will begin at **7:00am**
 - **Food Distribution** will start at **9:00am**
 - Prescreening for utilities discounts
- 2nd Monday February 9, 2009

Please Note:

There is NO documentation required to receive food.

Also, help by passing this notice around to everyone in need, and offering to drive your elderly, disable and carless neighbors.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you have questions or want to help, please contact the San Diego Food Bank, THANKS!

Vanessa Franco, Programs Director
San Diego Food Bank
9850 Distribution Ave
San Diego, Ca 92121
858-527-1419 Ext. 14 (Direct)

Hunger knows no season

www.sandiegofoodbank.org



Neighbors enjoying the potluck



CHRISTIE'S PLACE FUNDRAISE

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 and 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.



This issue is so important to Marti Emerald that the Honorable Councilwoman and her Staff will be on hand to lend a hand and help with the food distribution, this coming Monday. **THANKS, MARISA!**

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Attendees to the potluck have always looked forward to this meeting as the opportunity to have a grand time just visiting with neighbors and to get to know and bond with all those who put the extra time and effort to help improve our communal quality of life, and as a chance to shine and share with all those less fortunate.



December 10, 2008

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.
Attn: Jose Lopez
4916 Lantana Dr.
San Diego, CA 92105

Dear Mr. Lopez,

Christie's Place would like to express our sincere gratitude for your organization's donation of food and hygiene products for our clients. Your support helps us to continue to give hope to the families we serve. It was fun hanging out with the neighbors and eating the wonderful potluck food!

Your contribution will benefit our support center for women, children and families living with HIV/AIDS. We provide an array of services in a safe, home-like environment. Services include: weekly support groups, educational and empowerment workshops, mental health counseling, family advocacy, hygiene products, diapers, complementary (holistic) therapies, food bags, outreach, childcare and more. We are committed to serving with integrity, respect and dignity. 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. We are the only organization in San Diego County dedicated to serving women, children and families infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Thank you for helping us serve the community. For your records, our Federal Tax ID # is: 91-1878632. Your support is truly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Woodhouse
Operations Manager



Elizabeth Woodhouse, Christie's Place Operations Manager, thanked all association members for their generous donations, and wished everyone Happy Holidays



MARISA BERUMEN – Council Representative

Marisa Berumen serves as Council Representative for Councilmember Emerald.

Marisa worked as a legal secretary while attending SDSU where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. As part of her course work, she interned with Councilmember Emerald's office.

Marisa's focus consists of constituent needs and policy issues including airport, environment, library system, telecommunications, development services, and land use. She also works on City Heights Project Area Committee, Alvarado Estates Associates, and Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association.

A native San Diegan, Marisa enjoys spending time with her family including her nieces and nephew. Her hobbies include running marathons, watching football and hanging out with friends.

Contact Marisa at 619-236-6435 or via e-mail at mberumen@sandiego.gov.

MAYOR'S REP

Dear District 7 Community Leaders,

I am happy to announce that Denice Garcia will now be the liaison of Mayor Jerry Sanders to all communities in District 7 (*Fox Canyon included*). In addition to working with District 7, Denice will continue to work with the communities in District 6 and 8; as well as handle a variety of city-wide issues. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Denice at 619-236-7056 or DeniceG@sandiego.gov. Please join me in welcoming her into your district as an exemplary representative of Mayor Jerry Sanders. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Stephen

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Please sign up for the Mayor's E-Updates by submitting your e-mail address at www.sandiego.gov/mayor.

CONGRESSWOMAN'S REP

Fox Canyon Meetings,
I look forward to seeing you and working with you in the community soon.
Best,

Nicholaus Norvell
Office of Congresswoman Susan Davis
4305 University Avenue, Suite 515
San Diego, CA 92105
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***Learn to love and respect yourself and then
Love and respect your neighbors.***

MR. McALLISTER'S VISIT

(San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector)

Ms. Susan Norton-Clapham, Administrative Secretary, announces and confirms Mr. McAllister attendance to the neighborhood association meeting, to be the Keynote Speaker, on May 12, 2009. Due to falling property values because the foreclosure crisis and all the scams going around, on this topic, the office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector was approached for scheduling a speaking meeting. Many of our neighbors are confused and falling prey to dishonest consultants promising to fix mounting problems. For your own edification, please make plans to attend and pencil-in this date on your calendar. Be attentive, more information will follow when approaching May 12th.

DIGITAL CONVERSION

Being ready for the Digital Conversion does NOT only mean to make the best effort to stimulate the economy by purchasing the biggest flat digital television set that you can fit on the wall and can afford, but also knowing what to do and how to properly dispose of your old analog set without causing serious environmental damage. Please be prepared to fully convert by taking the hard steps to know where to take and dispose off your old and obsolete television set.



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January 28, 2009

LANDSLIDE OF OBSOLETE TELEVISIONS HEADING FOR LANDFILLS

Environmental groups throughout California are concerned that next month's switch from analog to digital broadcast signals may result in a landslide of abandoned and dumped televisions. "We are going to see a deluge of TV's," said Mark Murray, executive director of Californians Against Waste, an environmental group in Sacramento. "I believe we have a sufficient number of recycling centers to handle the load, but my concern is that the public is not aware of them."

The January, 2008 edition of National Geographic reported that "... well over 80 percent of televisions eventually end up in landfills which can leak lead, mercury, arsenic and other toxins into the ground." Many for-profit recycling businesses charge fees to recycle televisions because of the high cost to properly dismantle televisions, and little return for the salvage. Fees for recycling, lack of transportation to haul large appliances and lack of awareness of recycling programs can also result in illegal dumping. Illegal dumping begets more illegal dumping, creating neighborhood hazards and blight.

San Diego Futures Foundation, a non-profit technology organization located in City Heights is accepting obsolete televisions for salvage and recycling. San Diego Futures Foundation recycles ewaste in a responsible and environmentally friendly manner. SDF recycles the proceeds from ewaste and salvage into technical training and educational programs benefitting at risk youth throughout San Diego. For a list of materials accepted, please log on to:
<http://www.sdfutures.org/index.htm>

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Thanks, Marisa!

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, January 13, 2008]

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

Meeting attendance was fourteen [14] adults including Kim Nguyen and Marisa Berumen, Council Reps to Councilmember Marti Emerald, CD-7 and Detective Anthony Bryant (assisting Captain McKinney with community related concerns) as guests and resident Dr. Armando Abiña.

Update(s) Announcements: (a) no newsletter this month, (b) Board of Directors back from Sabbatical and will meet Tuesday, January 27, 2009 @ 6:30 PM, this room, (c) If you have not done so, please turn in all your tax exempt donation receipts, by Friday, January 19, 2009.

Off-Agenda Public Comment: NONE

Neighborhood Concerns: NONE

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports:

- Kim Nguyen (CD-7 Council Rep): Introduced Marisa Berumen to be the Community Rep to the association.
- Detective Anthony Bryant reported back on crime issues collected in previous meetings.

Correspondence: Councilmember Marti Emerald letter and other correspondence including several THANK YOU notes.

Neighborhood Concerns:

(1) Crime and graffiti issues, (2) Briefing/report on the status of the Wightman Street Neighborhood Park lawsuit from the City Attorney; (3) The status of the State Park grant to fund the construction of the park; (4) The name and number for the new Land Investigator (Code Enforcement) officer for the Fox Canyon area; micro-stores, yard and garage sales are propagating without abatement, (5) Dumping on the Auburn Creek area (lower Auburn/Ontario) is really getting out of hand, (6) we need "no dumping" signs at this location and also at the end of Winona/Landis, the north side of the creek; (7) City issue: the roll-over of the Crossroads/City Heights home improvement loans into new refinancing, to make it possible for stressed/upside-down homeowners to get out of ARM loans into lower interest rates; (8) Financial help for seniors who are facing repossession; (9) A brief article/information on the food stamps program, were to apply and the assurance that seniors can apply without messing up their social security benefits, (10) Feedback, as Animal Control does, when a report is filled with Code Compliance; (11) date to tour Fox Canyon and (12) help for the neighborhood due to a propagation of a disproportional number of foreclosures that are turning Fox Canyon into a ghost town.

Presentation(s): NONE

Refreshments:

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

Adjournment: At 8:00 PM, to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association and to the Board Meeting of January 27, at 6:30p.

Jose Lopez, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, January 27, 2008]

Meeting called to order, by President Lopez, at 6:33 PM.

Meeting attendance: Four [4] Board Members [including: Lopez, Pierson, Shetter and Lopez] with, Davis excused and Iginis & Kozminski absent with No staff and/or public present.

Public Comment: NONE

Board Members' Comment:

Doris: (a) Very good response from Detective Anthony Bryant about graffiti, (b) very loud music coming from Euclid, last Sunday.

President's Report:

(a) Neighborhood tour with Council Reps, (b) New Mayor's Rep., Denise Garcia; (c) Donations and receipts to the end of the year; (d) End-of-year Fiscal Reports (tax returns); (e) will present the Board with a Budget at the February, 2009, meeting and (f) Checking Account Status.

Leading Motions:

- Motion to approve agenda as proposed, the minutes and the monthly accounting reports to January, 2009. Pierson/Lopez, passed 3/0/1p.

Action Items:

1. Motion to appoint Mercedes M. Shetter as Secretary. Lopez/Pierson, passed 3/0/1m.
2. Motion to authorize the Treasurer to sign and the President to distribute (mail out) the Tax Exempt receipts. Shetter/Pierson, passed 3/0/1p.
3. Motion to approve Member's meeting agenda for the meeting of February 10, 2009 as presented (Neighborhood Issues and Concerns) "A Community Dialog" with Jose conducting: Lopez/Shetter, passed 3/0/1p.
4. New Items or Issues: **NONE**

Closing Comment: **NONE**

Adjournment at 7:19 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association to the February 10, 2009 Association meeting, at 6:15 pm

Mercedes Martinez Shetter, Secretary

FROM THE EmailBox

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As many of you know, after 8 years of serving the City of San Diego as Councilmember from the Seventh District, my former boss, Jim Madaffer, was termed out. We had a long and successful run and truly made a difference in the communities we represented. I am proud of all that we accomplished and cannot thank Jim enough for his dedication to the people of this great City and for the numerous things I learned while working with him - first as an intern, then as a Community Representative, Campaign Manager and finally his Scheduling Director.

I have now moved on to new adventures and I am genuinely energized about the opportunities that lie ahead for me at Pierce Education Properties. Fred Pierce is an innovator and a leader in the realm of real estate development, and I am honored to be a part of his team.

Please find below my new contact information should you need to reach me - I look forward to continued partnerships with each of you.

Best Regards,

Ellen L. Agey

(Ellen L. Agey)

Jose, please reprint the "washing Cars" article, thanks, Marvin.
Sure:

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 shameful. Now we get to the juicy part, even if it 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!

Hi Jose,

I live in Mira Mesa and would like to suggest a travel web site I just launched for San Diego County as a resource for those living in your community: <http://thebestplacesinsandiego.com/> it provides details on over 200 attractions in the area, including information on when certain attractions allow either free or reduced cost admission. Also, as an FYI, I see that former councilman Jim Madaffer is still noted on your web site instead of Marti Emerald.

Best wishes, -Tim

Timothy Schenck

Cell: 858-395-3122

The Best Places In San Diego

"The Best Theme Based Travel" Web Site & Escorted Tour Company in San Diego"

Hi Tim,

Thanks for your email and for noticing that no volunteers have stepped-up to refresh the website, and that I am a bit occupied with work and other issues and things, to do so. I will find a minute...or two to afford the change as quickly as I can find that minute or two, Jose.

Dear Jose:

An ounce of prevention is worth tons of lamentations. Why can the police step up to prevent bigger issues and crimes before they start? Some neighbors gather in groups and begin drinking beers in their front lawns. The scene soon escalates to loud talking and shouting, then comes the BBQ (front lawn too) and more beer drinking, smoking (with the group getting larger), this is followed by loud music, drunks fighting, vandalizing and trashing while the group's children "play" and run amuck all over the street without effective supervision. I tried to call the police at the beginning stage to save some suffering and the operator refused to take a report. I was told to wait until the music gets loud, etc, etc. Case in point: the entrance of Lantana Drive at Euclid Avenue.

Thanks, Rosie

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