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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)



## The Honorable DAN McALLISTER



### San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector

All the communities of City Heights and Fox Canyon are cordially invited to attend and help welcome Mr. McAllister to the next association meeting. The County Treasurer will be speaking on issues pertinent and directed related to our property tax liability, billing and other related issues. How to lower the tax assessment in hard economic times is an issue in the minds of all property owners. In addition, our community has been considering the implementation of a Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) to pay for enhancing services and parks/parkways maintenance. This will be a wonderful opportunity to ask Mr. McAllister how the collection of the assessment is handled by the County and what is the trail that the collected money follows to find its direct way to the giving community.

Make the time and effort to attend (*for meeting time and location, turn to page 2*), and bring all your written questions for Mr. McAllister to the meeting.

## COME and JOIN US!



### NO TIME TO WASTE, NO WATER TO WASTE

San Diego City Council has declared a Level 2 Drought Alert to address our City's increasingly strained water supply. Water use restrictions will be effective June 1.

You can help conserve water by following these guidelines:

- Landscape irrigation is limited no more than three assigned days per week. Your watering schedule will depend on whether your address ends in an even or odd number. Homeowners associations and commercial businesses will be permitted to irrigate on a Mon-Wed-Fri schedule. Landscape irrigation will be limited to once a week from November through May.
- Lawn watering and landscape irrigation using sprinklers is limited to ten minutes per assigned day. This does not apply to landscape irrigation systems using water efficient devices, including drip/micro-irrigation systems and stream rotor sprinklers.
- Lawn watering and landscape irrigation using sprinklers is limited to the hours before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- Landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system, shall be watered no more than three assigned days per week using a hand-held container, hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, or low-volume non-spray irrigation (soaker hose).
- All leaks must be repaired within seventy-two hours of notification.
- Stop operating ornamental fountains except to the extent needed for maintenance.
- The washing of cars and other mobile equipment is permitted only before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. with a hand-held container or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle for quick rinses.
- Commercial car washes without re-circulating water systems will be required to reduce water usage by an amount equivalent to the reduction imposed on the City by its water wholesaler.
- A variance process will be established for residents who cannot limit their water usage within these parameters. For example, disabled individuals who require assistance in irrigating their landscape may require a different watering schedule.

#### What about water rationing?

The City's wholesaler is cutting San Diego supply by less than originally anticipated and the Water Department expects that the Level 2 water restrictions will result in sufficient reductions. The Water Department continues to refine its water rationing proposal as a contingency.

#### What about long-term conservation?

The Water Department will be working over the next several months on a Cost of Service study, and this will result in a new rate structure aimed at rewarding those who conserve. We are also exploring alternate water supplies so that San Diego need not be as dependent on imported water.

More information can be found at the Level 2 Drought Alert Website (<http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/drought/index.shtml>) or by contacting the Water Department at (619) 515-3500.

Thank you for helping conserve our precious water supply!

## NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Tuesday, MAY 12, 2009 @ 6:15 PM**

**5123 University Avenue \***

**(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)**

**Proposed Agenda:**

**Mr. Dan McAllister**

**San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector**

**COME and JOIN US!**

**The BOARD of DIRECTORS**

**Will meet MAY 26, 2009, same room @ 6:30 PM**

**Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.**

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## Biography of Dan McAllister



### San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector



Dan McAllister was elected San Diego County's Treasurer-Tax Collector in November 2002 and re-elected for a second term in June 2006. Not only is he responsible for the collection of more than \$4.6 billion in property taxes each year, but his office also manages the investment of approximately \$6.2 billion in the County's Investment Pool, ensuring that these funds are wisely invested and safeguarded for entities such as the school districts and cities in the County. Since assuming office, he has worked extensively to improve customer service, enhance communications and outreach initiatives, and has made numerous operational improvements. He is also a strong advocate for diversity. This is reflected in his staff, which encompasses professionals from all walks of life and backgrounds.

Dan also serves as a member of the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association, which manages an investment pool of approximately \$8.4 billion. Additionally, he is a former chairman of the Board of Directors of the internationally recognized San Diego Convention Center Corporation. Prior to his election as San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Dan was a successful financial consultant and investment broker.

*Dan contributes considerable time and resources to community service, such as serving as Chair of the San Diego Unified School District's Special Audit and Finance Committee and is a participating member of the Board of Directors of the Jackie Robinson YMCA and*

*Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County. He is also on the Board of Directors of the San Diego State University Diversity and Equity Council. McAllister's service commitment dates back to his Peace Corps stint in the Western Pacific Country of Micronesia.*

A second-generation San Diegan, Dan holds a Bachelor's degree (BA) from California State University, Fresno, and a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from United States International University. He has also completed executive education programs in portfolio concepts and management at Stanford University and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

## LETTER OF SUPPORT WHIGHTMAN STREET PARK

Councilmember Marti Emerald:

Hello Marti,

Please see the attached letter in support of the Wightman Street Park. I encourage you to do all you can to make this park a reality for our Fox Canyon neighbors. The park would improve the quality of life for the men, women and children who live in the Fox Canyon community.

Thank you, Anna

**Redwood Village Community Council**

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April 11, 2009

Councilmember Marti Emerald, District 7

202 C Street, MS-10A

San Diego, CA 92101

**Re: Wightman Street Park in Fox Canyon**

Dear Marti,

As you know, City Heights and Eastern Area are severely deficient in park space. We desperately need more parks, playgrounds, pocket parks and greener spaces in District 7 communities.

I am writing in support of the Wightman Street Park for our community neighbor Fox Canyon. An improvement in any area of District 7, improves the whole area of the district. The designs are done and the funding is in place, few City of San Diego projects are this far along. It is sad that the lot remains vacant, a crime magnet and an eyesore for the Fox Canyon community. It's distressing as well to think that the designated funding, plans and construction of the park can be stopped by one individual's frivolous law suit. I encourage you to do all that you can to make it possible for Fox Canyon to have the Wightman Street Park.

**The Wightman Street Park will improve the community of Fox Canyon and the quality of life for the men, women and children who live there.**

Sincerely,

Anna Orzel-Arnita

Redwood Village Community Council -President

## ELECTION



### CROSSROADS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE (PAC) 2009 ANNUAL ELECTION June 25, 2009

On Thursday, June 25, 2009, the 15-member Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC) will hold its annual election at College Avenue Baptist Church, Visitor Center Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, located at 4747 College Avenue. The election will be from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Interested members of the community are urged to participate as voters and as candidates. The PAC is the official community organization comprised of elected community representatives who advise and consult with the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency and also provide community input and recommendations regarding redevelopment projects within the project area, particularly those projects that affect residential uses. The PAC is structured to have representatives from local renters, home owners, businesses, property owners, and community organizations. Candidates and voters must be at least 18 years of age and must reside in the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area, or own a business or property located in the Project Area, or have representation status from a community organization serving the Project Area. Candidate information must be submitted by 5:00pm on Monday, June 22, 2009, to be eligible to run for a seat. Voters should bring the proper documentation with valid photo identification to the election to vote. Eight seats are open for election: one (1) residential tenant; three (3) residential owner-occupant; three (3) business/property owners; and one (1) at-large community organization representative. For more information, to access candidate eligibility requirements, or to submit candidate applications, contact Ulysses Panganiban at (619) 236-6261 or [UPanganiban@sandiego.gov](mailto:UPanganiban@sandiego.gov). Additional information is available on the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area website at [www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/crossroads.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/crossroads.shtml).



## WHANTED

The individual sketched below is the suspect in attacking **Asian women**, only, while they are busy in their homes. The suspect is known to enter the homes of his victims through open back or garage doors. If this picture rings a bell or you think that you might have seen or know this person, please call the police at (619) **531-2000**, or Crime Stoppers (see below). The suspect is known to carry a knife, be careful, he is armed and dangerous.



The suspect does not limit himself to one area of town. He has attacked women in Tierra Santa, Carmel Valley, Mission Valley, UCSD area and SDSU area.

**Contact Information:** Contact Robert Sutton, Esq. at (858) 292-1473

*From Kim Tran (President of the Vietnamese American Memorial Association)*

## CRIME STOPPERS

2009 is Crime Stoppers 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in San Diego. Our anniversary slogan is 25 years helping cops catch crooks!

So far, in 2009, tips to Crime Stoppers anonymous tip lines have led to 31 arrests. These include identity theft, 6 robberies, 7 fugitives, and 10 narcotics cases.

Here are some of the highlights of those cases:

A tip to our tip line revealed the identity and address of an individual wanted to financial crimes, including 14 cases of identity theft. The suspect was apprehended.

One bank robbery tip closed 10 different cases, other robbery tips helped to solve robberies at a gas station and a strip club. One tip led to the arrest of a street robber who had needlessly beaten a victim with brass knuckles. Another tip led to the arrest of a suspect who committed a carjacking.

Several burglaries were solved. Two cases took place at shoe stores, in one case the suspect was in possession of methamphetamines and pills when he was arrested. Another burglary took place at a gym. A tip revealed the identity of a juvenile suspect who stole a \$20,000 vehicle. A caller identified a graffiti vandal who had defaced a public library.

Fugitives apprehended included one who had been hiding out in Mexico and was lured to the border by our tipster. Another tipster emailed a picture of a suspect wanted on felony DUI that matched the photo Crime Stoppers profiled on the news. We had many narcotics tips including tips that led to the recovery of heroin and cash; marijuana, packaging and a scale; and methamphetamine, 33 guns, and \$2,000 worth of ammunition.



Campus tips included theft, possession of a box cutter, and possession of marijuana and psychedelic mushrooms.

Mark your calendars!

Crime Stoppers 2009 Enough Is Enough Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel in Mission Valley. We will be honoring law enforcement officers from agencies across the county. Invitations will be going out in the next few days, let me know if you would like to be on the list. Our title sponsor is San Diego County Credit Union. US Attorney Karen Hewitt is our keynote speaker and Paul Bloom is the emcee.

The Crime Fighters Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club.

Our Light the Night Against Crime 5K will take place on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Balboa Park once again.

Thanks for all of your support!

Sally Cox, Executive Director  
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Ask me about becoming a member of Crime Stoppers!

[www.sdcrimestoppers.com](http://www.sdcrimestoppers.com)

## RECOGNITION

Jose Lopez great morning to you-

You have been nominated to be recognized at the Mid-City Community Recognition Ceremony to be held on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Price Charities building at 4305 University Avenue on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor in the large conference room. Dinner will be served. Jose, please bring friends and family, and as you are able e-mail me related to your attendance and the number of people that will accompany you. Your accomplishments warrant our congratulations.

## ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, APRIL 14, 2009]

Meeting called to order by President Lopez, at 6:20p.

Meeting attendance was seventeen [17] adults + one child (Isaiah Dickson) attended, including Denice Garcia, Community Rep to Mayor JERRY SANDERS, Marisa Berumen, Council Reps to Councilmember MARTI EMERALD, CD-7 and Detective Anthony Bryant, assisting Captain McKinney with community related concerns and Abdi Ikar from the Community of Auburn Park as guests.

Update(s) Announcements: Get ready; County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister will attend next month and Save our Parks Rally.

Off-Agenda Public Comment: NONE

Neighborhood Concerns: NONE

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports: Marisa Berumen (CD-7 Council Rep): reported back on CD-7, City and Fox Canyon issues. Officer Anthony Bryant reported on Fox Canyon/City Heights/City's Crime Issues.

Correspondence: NONE.

Neighborhood Concerns: NONE

Neighborhood Issues: review of the survey results.

Presentation(s): NONE

Refreshments: A kind donation from Doris Pierson, Rosilyn Davis and Prince Business Management Systems.

Adjournment: At 7:48 PM, to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association and to the Board Meeting of APRIL 28, at 6:30p.

Jose Lopez, President

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, APRIL 28, 2009]

Meeting called to order, by President Lopez, at 6:45 PM.

Meeting attendance: Five [5] Board Members [including: Pierson, Lopez, Shetter, Kozminski and Lopez] with Davis excused and Ilginis absent with No staff and/or public present.

Public Comment: NONE

Board Members' Comment: Lopez, Do you know if the dirt samples have returned from the lab?

President's Report: NONE

Leading Motions:

- Motion to modify the agenda and add Item 5a as proposed by Boardmember Pierson, Shetter/Lopez, passed, 4/0/1 (Pierson).
- Motion to approve agenda as modified, Kozminski/Shetter, passed, 5/0/0.
- Motion to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter, Pierson/Lopez, passed 5/0/0.
- Motion to review and accept the monthly accounting reports for the months of February, March and April, 2009, Shetter/Pierson, passed 4/0/1 (Lopez).

Action Items:

1. Motion to accept and publish the Survey Results Report, Shetter/Lopez, passed 5/0/0.
2. Motion to authorize correspondence from the president to Councilmember Emerald and Mayor Sanders, Pierson/ Kozminski, passed, 5/0/0.
3. Motion to accept the proposed 2009/10 BUDGET (to May 1, 2010), with no changes as proposed by the President, Shetter/Lopez, passed 5/0/0.
4. Motion to approve Member's meeting agenda for the meeting of May 12, 2009 as presented with the speaker first and all other issues to follow: San Diego Treasurer-Tax Collector, Mr Dan McAllister. Jose conducting: Lopez/Kozminski, passed 5/0/0.

5A Motion, as proposed by Boardmember Pierson, the president is authorized to write a letter to Michael Turko, KUSI Chanel 9 and copy the station's General Manager, Shetter/Lopez, passed, 5/0/0.

Closing Comment: NONE

Adjournment at 7:35 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association to the May 12, 2009 Association meeting at 6:15 pm

Mercedes Martinez Shetter, Secretary

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