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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 UNI-VERSITY (4749-4849), East side of EUCLID (3611-3889), ESTRELLA (3803-3857) AVENUES; DWIGHT (4759-4792), WIGHTMAN (4750-4871) STREETS.



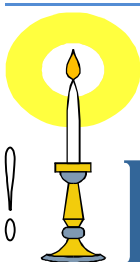
Happy Holidays!



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!



GIANG SINGH VUI VE



Ciud Wanaagsan!



Happy Hanukkah!



Ramadan Kareem!

FELIZ AÑO NUEVO!



NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING
Tuesday, DECEMBER 08, 2009 @ 6:15 PM
5123 University Avenue
(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

Proposed Agenda:

End-of-year Potluck 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 are cordially invited to join the association and help CELEBRATE the HOLIDAY Season enjoying the company and pleasure of your neighbors and friends. Bring to this meeting your favorite dish, the spirit of sharing, happiness and the great desire to have a wonderful time visiting with your neighbors. The Association has organized, the now,

traditional yearly POTLUCK. This gathering celebrates one more year of togetherness in bringing improvements to the neighborhood and as a commitment to bond and plan for one more successful year ahead. Keep in mind, NO corporation business or neighborhood concerns will be transacted during this meeting. This yearly celebratory potluck is an opportunity to bring all members of your family and friends to meet the neighbors. A word of advice: if you are a single person or are unable to bring a dish, attend anyway. Your neighbors will make sure to serve you with a loving smile.

Come, join us and help us celebrate a Holidays' tradition!

Love and share with your neighbors as you wish love and happiness be shared with you!

ASOCIACION DE VECINOS
LA BARRANCA DEL
Fox Canyon Zorro

En Español

AYUDENOS a celebrar nuestra unidad communitaria, en la junta de Diciembre! Como tradición, en esta epoca, celebramos a nuestros vecinos y sú esfuerzo por trabajar en la mejora de nuestro barrio, compartiéndo 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], ¡Usted és parte integral é importante de nuestra comunidad!

La Barranca Del Zorro

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

Le Esperamos!

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 á su honorable familia lo mayor de las fiestas Navideñas y de Fin de Año. Conjuntamente exhortamos a todos nuestros vecinos a que celebren esta epoca 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 mayor de todos, teniendo el proposito de decorar y limpiar nuestro barrio y poner muchas lucitas de navidad.

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 or spouse are NOT drunk, drugged, in gangs, in jail and/ or painting graffiti.
- Remember to be humble and to always THANK GOD often for your blessings, your daily bread and shelter.
- To work with dedication and great enthusiasm, it provides for all your needs.
- 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, or share it with a hungry and homeless person.
- To smile and show how happy you are within, even on a bad day, so you can uplift the spirit of others and provide hope.
- To be honest, in all your dealings with your fellow men, it is a horrible feeling when someone cheats you out of your money, property and/or love and self esteem.

- NOT to shoot your guns up in the air to celebrate the holidays. The bullets cause damage to property and might injure an innocent person.
- NOT to play or allow your children to play with FIRECRACKERS during the holidays. Firecrackers are totally ILLEGAL, dangerous and might injure a child and/or a beloved pet.



- Make it a point to say "hello" to a total stranger during this season. Especially if this person is a member of a minority and limited in English skills.
- That Muslims are our brothers and sisters too.
- The best gift –always– is the gift of you, your time, loyalty and your kindness.
- To celebrate the holidays in peace and quiet and within the PRIVACY of your home without intruding in the peace, quiet and traditions of your neighbors.

- *To attend the Neighborhood Association's Potluck Celebration!*

JULIA ABIGAIL LOPEZ

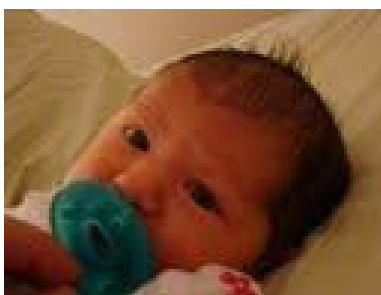
The Association welcomes JULIA to the world and as a wonderful and proud addition to our neighborhood. We congratulate first-time parents Saul and Rebecca Lopez.



Our wonderful little addition to our family is truly a miracle. Julia, is our sweet-heart. She is learning something new every day, and as I watch her entertain herself and listen to her coos, I just couldn't imagine my world without her. Her father and I

are truly happy and lucky to have such a wonderful daughter. She luckily sleeps most of the night. Throughout the day she is up with me. She is amazing. We see the changes in her daily, not only emotionally and mentally but physically. She surprises us by how smart she is, and she is already trying to get away with stuff. Again she is our little precious angel and we are very blessed to have her in our lives.

Rebecca Lopez




HAPPY 55th ANNIVERSARY

The Association congratulates Margaret (Margo) and Ted Leimbach of Oak Park on their 55th Wedding Anniversary, this last November 7, 2009

THANK YOU

The Association wants to express its deepest thanks to Fox Canyon Boardmember DORIS PIERSON for her effort to prepare the gift bags to recognize all Elected Representatives Community and Field Reps assigned to our community. In addition, Doris's donation of refreshments and baked goods keep our neighborhood meetings going.



Please Join

The Kassab Family and Staff

in celebrating the Grand Opening of

MURPHY'S MARKET

On: December 4th, 2009

10am – 11am

At: 3596 Fairmount Ave

City Heights, CA 92105

Our Honored Guests:

Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders

Honorable Councilmember Todd Gloria

San Diego Police Captain Lawrence McKinney

Chairman, Area Planning Committee, Jim Varnadore

Chairman, Neighborhood National Bank, Robert McGill

and for the blessing

Father Duong Nguyen, SVD Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart

Entertainment will be provided by The Children of the Cherokee

Point Elementary School

Also join us on Saturday & Sunday December 5th and 6th for a community fun day!

WHO NEEDS A BABY SITTER...



WHEN YOU HAVE FRIENDS LIKE THESE?



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Within the Heart of Every Stray Lies the Singular Desire to be LOVED



So many thanks, LAURIE MOE!

A BURNING CAR



Look at the car owner (the young guy in dark shorts) checking his vehicle as the Firefighters work on putting out the fire.



Lots of commotion was created in Fox Canyon, corner Euclid/Wightman Street at the Bravo's Taco Shop strip mall; when the car pictured above, caught fire the evening of Monday, November 30, 2009, around 6:30pm. Thanks to the Fire Department's quick response, the incident was contained on time and did not represent a widespread danger to other automobiles in the parking lot, other business or other nearby habitable structures.

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday November 10, 2009]

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

Meeting attendance was thirty-one [31] adults including Don Mullin, Marisa Berumen (Office of Councilmember MARTI EMERALD, CD7), CRO, Police Officer Luis Roman and one infant child, Julia Abigail Lopez.



Don Mullin Presenting the "City Budget" to all attendees.

Update(s) Announcements:

- POTLUCK, December's meeting.
- Elections results.
- 4790 & 4802 Lantana Drive was declared a "Nuisance Property" by a motion of the Board.
- Neighborhood Safety Committee.

Off-Agenda Public Comment: NONE

Neighborhood Concerns:

(1) Stolen Cars around the neighborhood, (2) lots of complaints about Leo's Auto Body, (3) Neighbors want to close the automobile services shops along Euclid and Dwight, (4) Street lights are out on Euclid/Lantana/Dwight/Castle, (5) Council Office dump pass to help discard junk, (6) The building of the clinic at Dwight/Euclid.

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports: NONE

CRO, Police Officer Luis Roman Report: Various City and Fox Canyon Crime Issues.

Presentation:

Mr. Don Mullin, Council District Seven
CITY BUDGET

Refreshments:

A kind donation from Doris Pierson and PBMS

Adjournment: At 7:40 PM, to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Meeting of December 08, 2009 at 6:15 pm.

Jose Lopez, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, November 24, 2008]

The Board is enjoying a well deserved Sabbatical and did not meet Mercedes Martinez-Shetter, Interim Secretary

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Tuesday, JANUARY 12, 2010 @ 6:15 PM:

- Diane Silva-Martinez, *Chief Deputy of the City Attorney's Code Enforcement Unit* will be presenting on how code enforcement cases are addressed and prosecuted. The Code Enforcement Unit (CEU) works in partnership with City code enforcement personnel, the Police Department, and the community in addressing code violations, including public nuisances and problem properties with drug activity
- The Talmadge Watch Patrol will be presenting their neighborhood watch structure, courtesy of Officer Roman.

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 08, 2010 @ 6:15 PM:

- Ms. Kristin Beattie, Mid-City neighborhood prosecutor will be presenting the DART Team.

FROM THE EmailBox

Jose- These three incidents have me very angry and uncomfortable:

1. The day of the car fire (*Monday, 11/30/09*), as I was driving on Lantana Drive, I turned my head to see some children playing by the side of the street and was yelled at by a thin female who along with two males were smoking and drinking while seated on a car hood parked at 4802 Lantana. Not to mention the "lady's" mouth at full blast and full of obscenities and right in front of the "innocent" children, that started with "*what the F*%# are you looking at, you #\$\$*^#...*" as our eyes made contact.
2. Wednesday of the same week, my eldest son (17) physically big for his years, came home upset. He was solicited for sex by a female at the same spot.
3. While telling me this, latest incident, he also mentioned that few days earlier, one of four males blew some marijuana smoke on his face while walking from his friend's house. According to my son, this happened at 4790 Lantana.

What can we do to correct these situations? It is not fair that we cannot have shelter, peace and civility in this neighborhood. What can the association do to help?

Maria, Euclid

Dear Maria-

Thanks for your e-mail, it makes us very aware of all the wrong behaviors that unfortunately some of our neighbors have and plague the entrance to Lantana Drive.

- a. Soliciting a minor for sex is a great criminal offense, especially in the PROW. If you and your son could ID the female, it could be great and help a lot. Although, by now it will be his word against hers. I sincerely hope that there will NOT be a next time. But if so, call the police immediately at (619) 531-2000.
- b. Through a long and arduous process the Association has done its best and has declared the property in question a nuisance property. It is just a matter of time until you will see a remarkable change and the stoppage of all this derogatory and stupid behavior.
- c. Attend the Association meetings and get involved in the cleaning-up of the neighborhood. We need everyone to support the neighbors in the long struggle against these type of nuisances. As you can see, there is no emergency when it happens to others, but a terrible deed when it happens to us. In addition, volunteer to sign the petition related to the nuisance property that is circulating. Jose



NEWS RELEASE

COUNCILMEMBER

MARTI EMERALD

Seventh District

Date: October 8, 2009

Contact: Geni Cavitt

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For Immediate Release

E-mail: gcavitt@sanidiego.gov

Councilmember Emerald to Help Kickoff Lake Murray Playground Project

Neighborhood Shows What Can Be Done, Even In Tough Economy

WHAT: The Lake Murray Playground Project (LMPP) is holding a Kickoff Celebration to unveil the playground design for Lake Murray Community Park. Because of lack of funding, what little equipment left at this popular park has deteriorated, is outdated, and holds little appeal for children. The LMPP is a group of local residents who have launched an effort to rebuild the playground at Lake Murray Community Park – also home of the annual 4th of July Music Fest and Fireworks. The LMPP is raising 100% of the funds required to rebuild the playground – and reclaim the park for the community's children.

This FREE community event will feature:

- Musical appearance by Hullabaloo
- Free Hot Dogs and Fruit
- Kids Activities including:
 - San Diego City Fire Truck
 - Hula-Hoop Games, Parachute Exercise, Fun-Phonics Assessment
 - Arts & Crafts
 - Temporary Tattoos with LMPP Logo

WHO:

Marti Emerald, City Councilmember, District 7

Tracy Dahlkamp, Co-Chair, Lake Murray Playground Project

Marilyn Olson, Co-Chair, Lake Murray Playground Project

David Reed, Landscape Architect
Mike Eisert, Landscape Structures (playground equipment manufacturer)

WHEN: Saturday, December 5, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
News conference begins 11:30 am

WHERE: Lake Murray Community Park 7001 Murray Park Drive, San Diego, CA 92119, (North side of Lake Murray, near the San Carlos Little League/Navajo Girls Softball fields).

MATERIALS:

Press release, quote sheet and high-resolution art-work of the playground's conceptual design will be available at www.lakemurrayplaygroundproject.org Click **MEDIA**.

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DONATIONS

It's the end of the year and the perfect time to send/mail in your tax deductible donations for your 2009 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

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

THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

I want to thank my neighbors who once again voted for me to continue as the Association's President. It is comforting to know and experience the trust that my neighbors have upon my ability to lead our community into a better and blessed future. As we approach and go into the next year, I have a couple of ideas that I want to communicate and acerbate your support.

First, by now everyone knows that the City Budget in going downhill which make us face a bleak future, experience the increased possibility of new TAXES and fees, and see city services go downhill as well. Our security and those of our families and home are at stake. To fend the best we can, we need to support each other in helping by VOLUNTEERING to staff the Neighborhood Safety Committee and the different programs that will be instituted under its umbrella. The Neighborhood

Watch Program needs active Block Captains, sign in to help. The third week of January I will call a Block Captain meeting, please attend. The neighborhood CERT will need to be staffed as well. More news about this program will follow. The Neighborhood Patrol needs volunteers to sign-up and to go on patrol.

Second, for many long years we discussed the possibility of implementing a Maintenance Assessment District (MAD). If we were to have had implemented the MAD at least three years ago, we will be way ahead of the curb because the MAD would be in place by now producing the services that will be cut by the City, in our hour of need. Now facing the possibility of new taxes, it will be a little bit harder, but still possible and achievable with your support.

Third, we need to bond together as we are at the gates of several big fights. Pollution and blight increase as City services decrease. Nuisance properties are on the increase and the auto service businesses on Euclid Avenue need abating. For many years, the neighbors wanted to close these businesses at Euclid/Dwight. Especially after we were successful in closing Sosa's recycling, but when you waver and err on the side of goodness and the good heart of giving someone another chance, the problems compound and only grow bigger and uglier. Now we are faced with new challenges and we need everyone to support the fights ahead to fix it and make it right. Thank you for your support, and May you and your family enjoy warm & happy Holidays, Jose Lopez

If you're going to shop, shop smart!

(from Trend Micro TrendSetter)

Avoid Online Scams When You're Shopping for the Holidays

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 risks involved in online shopping are 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.

A Police Officer's Christmas Poem

'Twas the week before Christmas,
And all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring
Not even a mouse.

Under the tree
Lay the gifts piled high,
Temptation enough
To catch any thief's eye.

The windows and doors
Locked tight as a drum,
However the burglar
He was not so dumb.

Down at the door
With hardly a rattle,
The spring latch was slipped
With no sound to tattle.

Into the house
And away with the loot,
As fast as greased lightning
The burglar did scoot.

Finding it easy
And wanting some more,
He grabbed up his tools
And hurried next door.

Slipping and prying
He found in dismay,
A large, shiny deadbolt
Was barring his way!



This holiday season, make sure you are the second neighbor - with your house locked up!



Away to the window
He went on the sly,
Tore open the screen
And gave it a pry.

He pried and he pulled
'Til his knuckles were skinned,
But no progress was made
'Cause the windows were pinned.

In the window he noticed
A sign stating clear,
"NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
Has already been here."

All the shaking and knocking
The sleepers did waken,
Still safe in their home
By precautions they'd taken.

They ran to the phone
The police they did hearken,
Telling them where
The culprit was parkin'.

Delayed and dejected
By pickings so lean,
The crook was just leaving
When the cops made the scene.

As they carted him off
The crowd heard him say,
"By good locks I've been foiled,
Now they'll lock me away."



Holiday Safety Tips



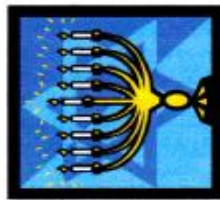
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HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY, AND A CRIME-FREE NEW YEAR!

SEASONS GREETINGS,
from Kristin Beattie, Dean Thomas,
Dave Tos and Luis Roman at
SDPD's Mid-City Division



HOME SAFETY TIPS

- ★ Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, *even if you will only be gone for a few minutes.*
- ★ Don't put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows or doors.
- ★ When going on trips or just out for the evening, use automatic timers to turn indoor lights on and off to make it appear you are home.
- ★ Consider informing your neighbors if you will be away from your house for an extended period of time; ask them to watch your house and to collect your mail and newspapers.
- ★ Immediately after Christmas, mark all new gifts with your California Driver's license or I.D. number.
- ★ If you have house guests, familiarize them with your security precautions and make sure they follow them.
- ★ Be sure any holiday decorations are child-proofed (secure trees, double check the safety of electrical decorations).
- ★ Don't advertise what you got for Christmas by putting the boxes out on trash day. Break the boxes down and put them in dark trash bags or take them to the dump yourself.

**REMEMBER THIS: UNLIKE US,
CRIMINALS DON'T TAKE A BREAK OVER THE HOLIDAYS.
IN FACT, THIS IS THEIR BUSY SEASON!
BE ALERT AND REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR.**



SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

- ❄️ ALWAYS BE AWARE OF WHO IS AROUND YOU.
KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED!
- ❄️ DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR.
- ❄️ Shop early in the day to avoid excessive crowds. If you must shop in the evenings, shop with a friend.
- ❄️ Keep your money safe.
 - Carry your purse in front of you, next to your body, with the purse flap against you.
 - Carry your wallet in your front pocket.
 - Carry only the charge cards you will need.
 - Do not carry large sums of cash.
- ❄️ When charging an item, ensure you get your credit card back.
- ❄️ Don't overload yourself with packages and don't allow your attention to be distracted from your purse or packages.
- ❄️ Park in well-lit areas, as close as possible to store entrances.
- ❄️ Be particularly aware of persons in the parking lot, especially anyone near your car.
- ❄️ Try not to park next to large vehicles (such as vans, trucks and SUVs) where people could surprise you.
- ❄️ Teach your children to go to a store clerk and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall.
- ❄️ Don't hesitate to notify store security if you see suspicious activity.
- ❄️ If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lit place.
- ❄️ If you are a victim of a crime, report it to the police immediately.

