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)

### 2010 SURVEY

Issues for the 2010 Survey will be finalized during this meeting. Bring your suggestions and issues that need our immediate attention during this year.

ASSOCIATION MEETING
Tuesday, MAY 11, 2010 @ 6:15 PM
5123 University Avenue

(Auburn Park Community Room)

**GET INVOLVED:**ATTEND THE MEETING

### **CELEBRATE**

Help commemorate the battle of Puebla in which the Mexican Army kicked the French army's butt under the Presidency of Benito Juarez, the native from Oaxaca.

"The Respect for Everyone's Rights is Peace."

(Benito Juarez)

Celebra la Batalla de Puebla en la que el hejército Mexicano vencio al Frances bajo la Presidencia de Benito Juarez, el nativo de Oaxaca.

"El Respeto al Derecho Ageno es la Paz"
(Benito Juarez)



History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

### CDBG PRESENTATION

The City of San Diego's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Office is currently preparing its Fiscal Year 2011 CD-BG Annual Action Plan. Part of the preparation process for the CDBG Annual Action Plan is a 30-day public comment period on the draft. Vickie White of the CDBG Office will invite community members to comment on the draft Action Plan.

http://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/general/index.shtml



Vickie White during her presentation of the Fiscal Year 2011 CD-BG Annual Action Plan to the association membership.

If you have any questions, comments and suggestions please contact:

#### Vickie White,

Stimulus Program Specialist, City of San Diego, City Planning & Community Investment Department, Economic Development Division

1200 Third Ave., 14th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101 (MS 56D) T: 619-236-6607

vwhite@sandiego.gov



### NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, MAY 11, 2010 @ 6:15 PM 5123 University Avenue

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

Proposed Agenda: ISSUES FOR THE 2010 SURVEY

### **COME** and **JOIN** US!

### The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Will meet MAY 25, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

### Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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### RON ROBERTS' REP

Mr. Gabriel Gutierrez, Community Representative to County Supervisor **RON ROBERTS**, Fourth District, called to express the need to skip the next association meeting. We will miss him but understand the reason which will preclude his attendance.

### **CANYON FIRE**

First there was the 7.2 Baja earthquake, Easter Sunday at 3:40 pm, then comes the canyon fire exactly one week after, at 4:30 pm, the following Sunday, which caused great excitement. Something that worked for the benefit of the residents, this time, was the clearing done to the defensible space, the weekend before. As you may see, the defensible space localized the fire to the back of the properties, in the picture, and Marshall Elementary School in the background providing a buffer zone for the firefighters to contain the fire with ease.





Firefighters attacked the fire from the top and bottom of the canyon poised to keep the flames from residential structures. It seems that Mother Nature is really pushing us to join CERTS.



### **CORNER DWIGHT/EUCLID**



The consequences of a business poorlly runned endangangers the life and safety of the community of residents behind it.



On a busy Friday evening (4:35 PM) during rush hour, the operators of **LEO'S Autobody**, made the decision to tow a car. Instead of having the towtruck come into the lot to load the car, the car was taken to the parked towtruck, across the street. The situation was that bothsides of the street had "NO Parking" signs, due to the curb work done on the east of Euclid. So, what necessitated the towtruck to park against the way to load the car? The white pickup truck in the picture above was double parked (emergency lights flushing) to allert motorists, approching from the east on Dwight, of the plug ahead. But what about traffic approching from the south of Euclid and those making a right turn into Dwight? Those motorists had to swing wide and snake against traffic to enter the street.



These types of brainy, surpriced actions and wonderful business decisions are the ones that have the neighbors fumming and wanting to close the shop for good as it endangers the life and safety of all residents and motorists at the corner of Dwight and Euclid.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH**

ASSAULT	04/24/2010	2140-2150	5000 AUBURN
DRUNK_IN_PUBLIC	04/24/2010	2150	5000 AUBURN
RES_BURGLARY	04/23/2010	1153-1257	3800 WINONA
ASSAULT	04/15/2010	1300	<b>4700 WIGHTMAN</b>
ASSAULT	04/11/2010	0003	4800 AUBURN
DUI	04/10/2010	0127	4900 AUBURN
DRUNK_IN_PUBLIC	04/10/2010	0250	4700 WIGHTMAN
ASSAULT	04/03/2010	0150	<b>4700 LANTANA</b>
ASSAULT	04/01/2010	2340	4700 AUBURN

### FROM THE eMailBox

Hi Jose,

This is Mike Stirewalt, the cat trapper who cleaned up the feral cat situation around Mort's house a few years ago. By "cleaned up" I mean I trapped them, got them fixed, and returned them if they were too feral to find homes for. I live in Santee and continue to do this work in East County.

Your very well-done newsletter just now reminds me to check in and ask if Mort (which I doubt) or anyone else in your neighborhood is working with the homeless cats or other animals in your area?

As you probably know, usually several times a month the SNAP Neuter Scooter is parked on Orange Avenue on that recreation area over the Interstate 15. The park has a name but I can't remember it. People need to call for an appointment and then take their animals over to the Neuter Scooter on the day it is parked there.

http://www.snap-sandiego.org/ns schedule.php

Please let me know how the feral animal population is going in your Lantana Street area.

Thanks, Mike (619) 449-5145 Laser147@Juno.com

Dear Mike-

Thank you for your email and your kind reminder. The feral cat population on this side of the canyon seems to have stabilized and as of right now, it seems, it's no longer a problem. But, your contact and other information is precious, just in case a neighbor or anyone else needs to know and pursue the SNAP Neuter Scooter option to solve a problem.

Hi Jose.

Supervisor Roberts is pleased announce his 11th Annual Lawnmower Trade-In Event this Saturday. Attached is the PDF with all the information. If you have any questions feel free to reach out me or go to <a href="https://www.RonRoberts.com">www.RonRoberts.com</a>.

Best regards,

Gabriel Gutierrez, Community Representative Supervisor Ron Roberts, Fourth District, County of San Diego, Office - 619.531.5544 e-mail: Gabriel.Gutierrez@sdcounty.ca.gov

Thank you Gabriel-

Please, find copy of the flyer, page 7

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUE:**

At the last association meeting, a resident reported that the street lights were out on University Avenue from  $52^{nd}$  to  $50^{th}$  street on the south side of the street. The Resident Manager at Auburn Park and Council Rep Marisa Berumen reported the incident and below the response:

From: street\_service@sandiego.gov [mailto:street\_service@sandiego.gov] Sent: Friday, April 23, 2010 11:07 AM

To: Berumen, Marisa

**Subject:** Street Response - **500000065031** A service notification has been created for:

UNIVERSITY & WINONA - ALL LIGHTS OUT -Light Out-

This email is to confirm that your Street Service Request has been received and is being processed. You will have the ability to view the

status of your Service Request online after one business day of receipt of this email. Your Notification number is: 500000065031.

To view the status of your Service Request, please visit the <u>Street Division Service Request web page</u> and click the link to 'Check Status of Service Request'.

Thank you for taking the time to notify us of your concern. We look forward to meeting your service needs.

Street Division Customer Service

619-527-7500

### SURVEY'S 1st WAVE OF ISSUES:

- Need Code Enforcement
- 3-way full stop sign at Euclid/Dwight
- Stop dumping in canyons
- Deal with poorly managed apartment buildings with loud and profane tenants.
- No more big-sewer line going through Castle Avenue.
- Deal with speeding cars on the 4800 block of Wightman Street.
- Resurface Euclid Avenue potholes all over the neighborhood.
- Control speeding cars by placing speed bumps or dots to slow cars on Castle Avenue.
- Organize a tree planting all over Fox Canyon
- Continue the push for get the FC Park System done
- Clean up around Big City Liquor (loitering, underage)
- Light up the Tower (corner University/Reno)
- · Get participation of refugee, immigrant reps at FCNA
- Beautification in general
- Revive the maintenance assessment district issue
- Facelifts on Wightman & Lantana near Euclid Avenue
- Fox Canyon Neighborhood Watch
- PARKS in Fox Canyon
- Undergrounding
- Repave Auburn/Wightman including speed bumps
- Trashcans on Auburn/Wightman
- Nuisance Properties, take force: "full Court process".
- Stop sign northbound Euclid at Auburn
- Sidewalk repairs everywhere, especially Wightman
- Make Euclid more pedestrian friendly with historical/educational markers, trashcans, benches and plant threes.
- · Attract a sidewalk café to Euclid
- Get residents of Reno to participate more
- Turn pavement in front of Big City Liquor into a mini-corner park/plaza with benches, newsstand, etc.
- Build a park, empty parcel, at entrance of Euclid/Auburn.
- What happen to the one way on Lantana/Dwight?

### ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, April 13, 2010]

The meeting was called to order by President Lopez, at 6:30 PM <a href="Meeting attendance">Meeting attendance</a> was eighteen (18) adults, 1 child (Ellinor Sofia Selchau) including Gabriel Gutierrez (Office of County Supervisor RON ROBERTS), Marisa Berumen (Office of Councilmember MARTI EMERALD), and Police Officer Luis Roman (CRO).

#### **Update(s)** Announcements:

- Sign up to be a Block Captain
- Wightman Street Park

Off-Agenda Public Comment: NONE

#### **Neighborhood Concerns:**

(1) Leo's (corner Dwight/Euclid) continues to be a big problem and a public nuisance, (2) Native Plants Society, (3) Barking dogs, (4) Building without permits, (5) Arts in the Garden at City Farmer's. (6) May 12, ends Public Comment. (7) Street Lights out on University Avenue from 50<sup>th</sup> to 52<sup>nd</sup> St.

#### Field/Comm. Rep's Reports:



 Gabriel Gutierrez: (1) invitation from Supervisor Roberts to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lawnmower Trade-in Event on Saturday, May 1, 2010. (2) Lincoln School is being honored today. (3) Circulated flyers.



- Marisa Berumen: (1) Marti's newsletter: on information table. (2)
   Neighborhood Watch ride along (March 27), (3) Wightman Street
   Park, (4) Code Compliance update, (5) Safety Issues: Auburn/Wightman, (6) Forms available on the info table: Code Compliance form
   and Request for Investigation form. (7) Tickets available by
   nomination. (8) Will request issue of the street lights on University.
- CRO, Police Officer Luis Roman: (1) Crime Stats, (2) Police Department Website.

#### Refreshments:

A kind donation from **Doris Pierson** and **PBMS** 

<u>Adjournment:</u> At **7:35 PM**, to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Board Meeting of March 23, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Jose Lopez, President

### **BOARD MINUTES**

[Tuesday, March 27, 2010]
The Board did not meet due to guorum

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



### **NEWS RELEASE**

# COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD

Seventh District

Date: April 29, 2010 Contact: **Geni Cavitt** Phone: 619-236-6677 E-mail: <u>gcavitt@sandiego.gov</u>

## EMERALD CALLS ETHICS RULING A VICTORY

San Diego City Councilmember Marti Emerald is pleased with the unanimous decision by the San Diego Ethics Commission clearing her on charges that she deliberately violated the city's Ethics code.

The Ethics Commission staff accused Councilmember Emerald of deliberately concealing two campaign debts after her November 2008 election win. The bills totaled \$50,000.

"this was the whole reason for out Ethics Commission hearing," said Emerald. "We reported to the Ethics Commission more than a year ago that we made two accounting errors and worked with staff to correct them. But the staff later claimed the mistakes were deliberate and refused to negotiate with us. We had no choice but to take our case directly to the Commission for an Administrative hearing."

After two days and 10 hours of testimony, the five Ethics Commissioners agreed with Councilmember Emerald. During televised deliberations, see live on City-TV, all five Commissioners spoke directly to the issue of concealment, with each one stating that there was no evidence of intent to conceal. Instead, the Commissioners concluded that violations were inadvertent errors. The commissioners also said that Emerald Campaign Committee cooperated fully with the investigation.

The Councilmember will pay a \$3,000 fine for the inadvertent violations. Emerald said, "The fine is fair, I'm just glad this matter is resolved."

### **MARTI BLOCK**

### Assemblymember Marty Block to Participate in Community Town Hall on SDSU Admissions Policy

Forum to Focus on Policy that Rejected Admission to 1,740 Qualified Local Students

**SAN DIEGO-** Assemblymember Marty Block (AD-78) will join local education and community leaders at a community town hall forum tomorrow to update, discuss and offer proposed solutions to the recent decision by San Diego State University (SDSU) to deny admission to 1,740 local students who met admissions criteria established by the university. The forum is sponsored by the United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC), an organization focused on the development of public policy initiatives that are crucial to the African American community.

WHO: Assemblymember Marty Block, Chair, Assembly Higher Education Committee

Other panelists include:

- Richard Barrera, President, San Diego Unified School District Board of Education
- Sheila Jackson, Immediate Past President and Member, SDUSD Board of Education
- Dr. Patricia Washington
- Dr. Isidro Ortiz
- Leaders of UAAMAC

WHAT: Community town hall forum to discuss the SDSU policy that rejected admission to 1,740 qualified local students and potential solutions including Assemblymember Block's proposed legislation; AB 2400 to allow a bachelor's degree pilot program at community colleges; AB 2401 to reinstate local student admissions preference for universities; and AB 2402 to call for transparency in admissions for any policy changes

affecting local students.

WHERE: Tubman/Chavez Multicultural Center

415 Euclid Avenue San Diego, CA 92114

**WHEN:** April 29, 2010

6:00-8:30 PM

NOTE: Assemblymember Block will be available to address the

media following his participation in the forum.



# \$3 MILLION UPGRADE FOR SAN DIEGO STREET LIGHTS

SAN DIEGO - Senator Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego) announced today a \$3 million state loan to the City of San Diego for purchasing energy-efficient street lights.

"The loan from the State Energy Commission will allow the city to convert 5,700 sodium vapor street lights to induction lights, which last four times longer, use 50 percent less energy, and better illuminate roads and street signs," Kehoe said. "The project is estimated to save the city \$350,000 in

energy and maintenance costs each year while removing the equivalent of 860 tons of greenhouse gas emissions. This benefits the environment, the city, and taxpayers."

The California Energy Commission issued the loan, and San Diego Gas and Electric will provide an additional \$129,000 in cash incentives. The city must repay the loan with interest, and expects to do so in about eight and a half years.

The state loan program was established in 1978 and has provided more than \$250 million to 750 recipients, including local governments, school districts, hospitals, community colleges, and public universities.

### EFFECTS OF THE OIL SPILL

(April 29) -- With oil from a destroyed rig gushing into the Gulf of Mexico at an estimated rate of 210,000 gallons per day, the effects on wildlife will almost certainly be profound.

The April 20 explosion of a BP rig killed 11 people and eventually led to the platform's sinking about 50 miles off the Louisiana coast. But now the ensuing spill threatens 445 species of fish, 45 species of mammals, 32 species of amphibians and reptiles, and 134 species of birds, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries told AOL News. And when the massive oil slick makes landfall in Louisiana on Friday, it will hit 10 wildlife refuges or management areas, such as the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

"The challenge with this type of oil is it's going to float, and, depending on what the wind and waves do, it may stick around for a while," National Oceanic Atmospheric Association spokesman Tom Brosnan said at a news conference today. "And as you get closer to the shorelines, you tend to find richer life." (Picture by Getty Images)



Bottlenose dolphins may come into contact with floating oil from the Gulf spill when they surface for air. Here then, is a small sampling of animals that will be affected as the oil continues to spread.

#### **Sea Creatures**

Already a critically endangered species, the **bluefin tuna** comes

to the Gulf of Mexico between April and June in order to spawn. Its eggs' viability would be plummet upon coming into contact with oil. Mammals that must surface for air, such as the **bottlenose dolphin** and the **sperm whale**, are likely to encounter patches of floating oil in the process.

Bivalves like **oysters** will be especially sensitive to the spill. "Mainly that's because they can't move," Karen Foote, a marine biologist at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, told AOL News.

Known as a "sea cow," the endangered **West Indian manatee** migrates along the Gulf Coast in search of warm water. Eating sea grass and other plants it finds in the shallows, the mammal may find its food sources contaminated when oil reaches the shoreline. (Ernest Coleman, AP)

Like other endangered species, the West Indian Manatee may see its food supply dwindle when the spill reaches the Gulf shoreline.

The **Gulf manhaden** represents the third largest fishery in the United States. Because it is a filter



feeder -- meaning it circulates water through its system in order to strain out food -- the oil poses a severe threat to its health, and also to the fish oil business it supports, the <a href="Telegraph">Telegraph</a> reported.

#### **Land Creatures**

Several bird species frequent the gulf region, some stopping to lay eggs and others simply to feed. Along the Louisiana shoreline, for instance, 5 million migratory birds stop and nest in the network of coastal marshes each year. According to <a href="LiveScience">LiveScience</a>, when oil coats a bird's feathers it is no longer able to repel water or trap air, resulting in the bird's death by hypothermia. Louisiana's state bird, the **brown pelican**, is no longer on the endangered species list but has just begun its nesting season on the barrier islands. As many as 96 species of migratory songbirds, such as **warblers**, **buntings** and **swallows**, make stops along the gulf shore on their annual journey from the United States to Central and South America, CBS News reported. **David Knowles** Writer

### HALTING OFFSHORE DRILLING

BATON ROUGE, La. (April 30) -- The White House said today it is halting all new offshore drilling in U.S. waters until there's an "adequate review" of a massive 600-mile-wide oil slick that has begun to drift into Louisiana's wetlands. Florida's governor declared an emergency in six Pandhandle counties, and BP pledged to reimburse people whose property is



damaged by the spill.
Winds, high tides and waves through the weekend were forecast by the National Weather Service, forces that could push oil into lakes and inlets around

southeast Louisiana. Thunderstorms are expected today, along with seas of 6 to 7 feet that pushed tides several feet above normal.

Forecasters say the spill could reach Mississippi within a day, Alabama in two and Florida by early next week. "The oil slick is generally moving in a northerly direction and threatens Florida's coast," Gov. Charlie Crist said in his <a href="mailto:emergency declaration">emergency declaration</a> that seeks to ensure a fast response in his state to the spill. The federal government is defending its response to the spill, which began with an April 20 blast on one of BP's offshore rigs that burned for two days before sinking. Rescuers saved 115 workers, but 11 are presumed dead. It wasn't until Thursday -- nine days after the explosion -- that the White House declared it "a leak of national significance." White House senior adviser David Axelrod told ABC's "Good Morning America" today that President Barack Obama has decided there will be no new domestic offshore drilling until an investigation of the Gulf of Mexico



oil spill is complete.

### California Native Plant Society April & May Free Walks



### MAY 1, 47<sup>TH</sup> STREET CANYON (CITY HEIGHTS)

From the I-94 (MLK) freeway head north on Euclid Avenue, in about three miles Euclid bears left. Meet at the intersection of Home and Euclid, park on street near City Farmers and Nate's Café. Have brunch at Nate's after the walk (Thomas Guide 1269-J7), info (619) 297-2957.

### ARTS IN THE GARDEN

Crafts Fair at City Farmers May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00pm.

Doris and Nacha will be there, ATTEND and SUPPORT!

# Help make the decisions that shape your community!

Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area Committee Election

The City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency invites eligible voters and candidates to participate.

When: June 24, 2010, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Candidate Forum from 6:30pm to 7:00pm

Where: College Avenue Baptist Church

Visitor Center Building, Third Floor

4747 College Avenue

To get involved in the Crossroads Redevelopment PAC election or to learn more about the PAC, contact the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency at (619) 236-6700 or visit the Agency's website at www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/crossroads.shtml.



1200 Third Ave., Ste. 1400 San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 236-6700 www.sandiego.gov/ redevelopment-agency

On Thursday, June 24, 2010, the 15-member Crossroads Redevelop-ment 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, homeowners, 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 21, 2010, to be eligible to run for a seat. Voters should bring the proper documentation with a valid photo identification to the election to vote.

Seven (7) seats are open for election: two (2) residential tenants; one (1) 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 <a href="mailto:UPanganiban@sandiego.gov">UPanganiban@sandiego.gov</a>, City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1400, San Diego, CA 92101. Additional information is available on the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area website at <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/crossroads.shtml">www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/crossroads.shtml</a>.

City of San Diego

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARKING STUDY PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1





The City of San Diego is examining parking standards for affordable housing development projects. Come share your perspectives on parking supplies, transit ridership, and affordable housing needs. The workshop will be held in City Heights:

May 18, 2010, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

City Heights Urban Village Office and Townhomes 4305 University Avenue

Suite 640 (Large Community Room) San Diego, CA 92105

Visit our website for more information: http://www.sandiego.gov/affordpark/ Opening Remarks by District 3 City Councilmember Todd Gloria



### County Supervisor Ron Roberts

and the Air Pollution Control District invite you to

Save Green...Be Green...while Cutting Green



For more information, please visit www.ronroberts.com or call (619)531-5544.



### Please join us at Mama's Day 2010 - A Tradition of Taste!

Friday, May 7th, Hyatt Regency La Jolla Aventine

Support Mama's Kitchen and enjoy the signature dishes of now more than 70 of San Diego's most acclaimed restaurants and chefs.

Emcee Vic Salazar Culinary Host Sam "The Cooking Guy" Zien

Tickets are available at <u>www.mamaskitchen.org</u> or call 619-233-6262

