

Celebrate Independence Day!

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY and diversity in El Cerrito with main stage entertainment, kids' rides, traditional carnival games, craft shopping, information about local organizations, and delicious food. Admission is free.

The celebration begins Monday, July 3, in Cerrito Vista Park at 5 p.m., ending at 7 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner or buy food at the park and enjoy free performances by Hawaiian musicians Kupaoa, San Jose-based dance group Halau Na Wai Ola, Circus Imagination, and Magical Nathaniel.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM

Main stage performers on July 4 will include:

- **Gamelan Sekar Jaya**, music and dance from Bali
- **Jiten Daiko**, Japanese drumming
- **Atash**, eclectic world music
- **Suhaila Salimpour International**, belly dancing
- **Melody Parker**, intricate chamber pop music
- **John Santos**, jazz/Latin roots

- **BrasArte**, Brazilian carnival
- **Taj Weekes and Adowa**, St. Lucian roots music
- **Dogon Lights**, Afro hip hop
- Plus DJs Gregg McVicar, Jose Ruiz, and worldOnelove



Jiten Daiko Drumming



John Santos

Join in a Sosakete Round Dance, visit the big top to check out the ever popular Circus Imagination, see Magical Nathaniel amaze with his tricks, and swirl your hips with Hoopin' Heather.

- Games and rides will close at 6 p.m., music at 6:30 p.m.

The annual 4th of July festival is produced by the City of El Cerrito and worldOne Radio KECG-88.1 FM, and made possible by our generous sponsors. Special thanks to 2016 sponsors: Honda of El Cerrito, Marin Clean Energy (MCE), The Mechanics Bank, East Bay Sanitary, Sierra Nevada, Maria-Tina Vision, WCCUSD, The Whole 9, RecycleMore, Olivero Plumbing, Safeway Bottling Company, Super 8, The Natural Grocery Company, B&T Bookkeeping Inc., Pastime Hardware, J C Armstrong, Doherty's Truck & Auto Rental, El Cerrito Heating and Sheet Metal, C.V.S., O'Reilly Auto Parts, J&P Properties.

For more information, visit the City of El Cerrito website at www.el-cerrito.org/july4festival.

THINGS TO KNOW

- There is limited street parking around Cerrito Vista Park.
- Portions of Pomona Avenue and Moeser Lane will be closed.
- There will be free, valet bike parking.
- Bring a picnic blanket or a low-back folding chair.
- Be sure to visit the food court in the Contra Costa Civic Theater parking lot and all the vendors along Pomona Avenue.
- *Compost that plate!* All food will be served with compostable dishes and utensils.
- Purchase a wristband to give your child unlimited rides and bounce house entries.
- Dogs are not allowed at the event (except service dogs and dogs in carriers).



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News AND Views

This is a special 4-page mini-issue of the El Cerrito newsletter. The standard 8-page newsletter will be back with the next issue!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CENTENNIAL PASSPORT ACTIVITIES

Get to know your City! See a full list of El Cerrito Centennial events at www.elcerrito100.org. Pick up your free keep-sake Centennial Passport at any centennial event. Then, get your passport stamped at each event you attend. At the end of the year, you can enter a contest to win prizes! For more details, call 215-4318.



Tuesday, August 1 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Contact the Police Department about hosting a block party in your neighborhood. See page 3 for details.



Thursday, August 17 HISTORICAL SOCIETY WORKSHOP & TOUR



Attend a workshop on curating and cataloging, followed by a tour of the El Cerrito Historical Society's Sundar Shadi History Room in City Hall. Details

will be available at www.elcerrito100.org.

When: Workshop, 3:30 p.m.
Tour, 4:30 p.m.

Where: City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave



Wednesday, August 23 CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE DEDICATION



Happy Birthday El Cerrito! Everyone is invited to attend a Time Capsule dedication, hosted by the Centennial Task Force, on the anniversary of El Cerrito's

incorporation in 1917. More details will be posted at www.elcerrito100.org.

When: 6 p.m.

Where: City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.



Saturday, August 26 CENTENNIAL AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL EVENT

Learn about and celebrate African American History in El Cerrito. Event hosted by the El Cerrito NAACP and St. Peter CME Church.

When: 1 to 4 p.m.

Where: El Cerrito Community Center
7007 Moeser Lane



Sunday, August 27 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

AT ST. PETER CME

The community is invited to an open service followed by a talk about St. Peter CME's history.

When: 11 a.m.

Where: St. Peter CME Church
5324 Cypress St.



Tuesday, August 29 FAIRMONT SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The Fairmont School PTA invites the community to a school open house and ice cream social.

When: 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Fairmont Elementary School
724 Kearney



Saturday and Sunday September 9 and 10 1917'S HAMILTON



Step back in time to 1917! For just \$2.50 per person, the price of a theater ticket in 1917, Contra Costa Civic Theatre invites you to see community members in a staged reading of Hamilton, the 1917 Broadway hit by Mary P. Hamlin and George Arliss.

When: September 9, 8 p.m.
September 10, 2 p.m.

Where: Contra Costa Civic Theatre
951 Pomona St.



Thursday, September 14 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

AT THE CERRITO THEATER

Friends of the Cerrito Theater and the El Cerrito Historical Society are hosting a talk and classic film. Ticket information is at www.cerritotheater.org.

When: 7 p.m.

Where: Rialto Cinemas Cerrito
10070 San Pablo Ave.



Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4



CENTENNIAL 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Details on page 1 and online at www.el-cerrito.org/ July4Festival.

When: July 3—music, 5 to 7 p.m.

July 4—rides, games, and food, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., music continues to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Cerrito Vista Park
950 Pomona Ave.



Saturday, July 19 CENTENNIAL TALK



Hear David Weinstein talk about the history and evolution of our popular Recycling Center. Hosted by the El Cerrito Historical Society and Environmental Quality Committee.

When: 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Recycling + Environmental Resource Center
7501 Schmidt Lane

HISTORICAL SOCIETY WORKSHOP & TOUR PHOTO: EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, COURTESY OF THE ST. JOHN FAMILY



The volunteer-managed Community Garden, created in 2013, is one of the park elements that will be incorporated into the redesign.

Fairmont Park Improvements

FAIRMONT PARK, located on the Ohlone Greenway south of Stockton Avenue (behind Fairmont School, the library, and the Open House Senior Center), will be receiving improvements in the near future. The City plans the following upgrades:

- Improved children's play area
- New entry plaza with welcome kiosk, seating, gateway signage, and group exercise area
- Enhanced gathering spaces for both active and passive forms of recreation, with new amenities
- New ADA-compliant, emergency and maintenance vehicles path network
- Improved landscaping and lighting
- Locations for on-site art, such as murals

Phase 1 improvements are scheduled for spring of 2018. They will be funded in part by East Bay Regional Parks Measure WW funds and a grant from the state Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Park & Recreation Commission welcomes community input on this project. It is expected to approve the design in July. To receive email updates, including notice of community meetings, sign up online at www.el-cerrito.org/FairmontPark.

You're Invited to the Celebration of the Century!

ONE HUNDRED YEARS ago, residents of this area voted to incorporate, establishing the City of El Cerrito. To mark this anniversary, the Centennial Celebration Planning Task Force is planning several centennial events in the fall. Clip this list and post it on your fridge or wall calendar!



Saturday, September 16 El Cerrito Showcase Parade

This citywide parade will honor outstanding citizens, businesses, clubs, organizations, schools, and pioneer families. The parade will start at the north end of town and end at Cerrito Vista Park where there will be food (including birthday cupcakes!), live music, and chalk art.

Saturday, September 16 Youth Dance the Night Away

Middle school students (grades 6–8) are invited to an all-school mixer at the Community Center for games and dancing from 6 to 9 p.m. Free admission. Pre-registration required.

Sunday, September 17 Gala Dinner

Tickets will go on sale July 3 for an elegant dinner at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club. Take in the views, enjoy a great meal, listen to keynote speaker and NYU law professor Tony Thompson and dance to the music. Spaces are limited for this event.

For more information, to volunteer, or to sponsor an event, call **215-4318** or go online to www.elcerrito100.org.

Wednesday, August 23 Time Capsule Dedication

Attend the dedication of a time capsule filled with items reflecting life in El Cerrito today. Residents are welcome to add a note or drawing to a community journal to be included in the capsule. All journal entries must be made by August 1. Check the website for journal locations and details.

Friday, September 15 Family Fun Night

Did you know that Pixar animators used neighborhoods in El Cerrito and Berkeley as inspiration when creating Andy's neighborhood in *Toy Story*? Watch it again on an outdoor screen in Cerrito Vista Park, followed by the 1917 silent film *The Immigrant*, starring Charlie Chaplin.

Host a National Night Out Block Party

HOST A National Night Out (NNO) block party on Tuesday, August 1, and help make your community safer by getting to know your neighbors, meeting first responders, and learning crime prevention tips. NNO is the City's largest annual crime prevention and awareness event, with over 30 block parties a year.

The size and style of the party is up to you. Host a potluck in the street, or in your front yard, or perhaps host a potluck BBQ at a nearby park.

To register as a host, call Detective Brian Elder at **215-4421** or visit the ECPD's National Night Out webpage at www.el-cerrito.org/nightout.



McGruff the Crime Dog and friends

City of El Cerrito
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10890 San Pablo Ave.
El Cerrito, CA 94530

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City Hall Holidays (office closed):
Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, September 4

City Council regular meetings:
July 18
August 15
September 19
October 3 and 17

Regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. Schedules are subject to change; check the website for updates. Regular Council meetings are broadcast live on Comcast Cable channel 28 and KECG, 88.1 FM radio.

To watch meetings online, go online to www.el-cerrito.org and click on the "Streaming Media" link.

The City Council meeting agenda packet is available at least three days prior to each City Council meeting at: <http://www.el-cerrito.org/archive>.

CITY HALL (All area codes 510)
10890 San Pablo Ave.
City Management
City Clerk 215-4305
City Council 215-4305
City Manager 215-4300
Human Resources 215-4315

Community Development Department
Building 215-4360
Code Enforcement 215-4363
Planning 215-4362
Economic Development 215-4361
Housing 215-4362
Finance 215-4310

Public Works
After-Hours Emergency 233-1214, then 2
Corporation Yard 215-4369
Engineering 215-4382
Maintenance 215-4369
Recycling & Waste Management 215-4350
Recycling + Environmental Resource Center
7501 Schmidt Lane

Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane
Recreation Department 559-7000
Park/Facility Rentals 559-7004
Swim Center 559-7011

The Open House Senior Center
6500 Stockton Ave.
Senior Services 559-7677

Public Safety Building
10900 San Pablo Ave.
Emergency 911
Police/ Fire/Medical Dispatch 233-1214, then 2
Fire Administration 215-4450
Police Administration 215-4400



Renew Your Business License

DO YOU operate a business or rent out property in El Cerrito? If so, your annual business license expires on June 30. You will need to complete a renewal form and pay the required business license tax by July 31 to avoid a late fee.

The City of El Cerrito requires anyone who engages in business within city limits to obtain a business license and pay the license tax. This includes anyone who owns commercial or residential rental property. Quarterly and semiannual licenses are available for some business categories.

To operate your business legally in El Cerrito, you may also need a City-issued use or building permit. Some types of businesses also need licenses or permits from the State of California or Contra Costa County. For more information about business licenses, call **215-4335** or visit the City Finance Department's webpage at www.el-cerrito.org/bl.