City Manager Scott Hanin Retiring after 17 Years with the City of El Cerrito

Scott Hanin, long time City Manager, will be retiring from the City of El Cerrito at the end of this year. He has been City Manager since March 2001, when he came to El Cerrito after serving successfully as a City Manager for several New York and California cities for 30 years. Just prior to coming to El Cerrito, Scott served as the Executive Director of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS

In El Cerrito, Scott focused his efforts on improving the City’s budget and financial reporting, as well as upgrading the City’s technology, public information, and infrastructure. Under Scott’s leadership, the City built a new City Hall, the first permanent structure to house the City’s employees in over twenty years; restored the Cerrito Theater, winning several historic preservation awards; built the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center; and has invested significantly in improvements along San Pablo Avenue, the City’s main commercial route. Not only has San Pablo Avenue received new signage, streetlights, pedestrian improvements, street trees, and medians, but under his administration, so have streets throughout the City. As a result, El Cerrito’s streets have gone from being some of the worst in the Bay Area to among the top three best. Scott is also responsible for the hiring or promotion of the current senior staff of the City.

“I am very proud of Scott’s many years as City Manager in El Cerrito. Scott’s leadership and vision have created a culture of trust and cooperation with the City Council, City staff, and the public,” said El Cerrito Mayor Gabriel Quinto. “He has had many accomplishments over 17 years, and I consider the building of our City Hall to be one of the highlights of his career. He has worked to provide financial sustainability for the City, increased engagement with the community, helped create a sense of place, and made the health and safety of our residents his highest priority. We will miss him, and we wish him the very best for the next chapter in his life.”

Scott, his wife Laurel, and their two children, Sophie and Eli, have lived in El Cerrito for ten years. He has coached youth sports for the Spurs, El Cerrito Youth baseball, and Tehiyah Day School. Scott plans to spend more time coaching and volunteering for the Milo Foundation, where he serves as a Board Member.

“A GREAT RUN”

“It has been a great run here in El Cerrito. It just seemed like the right time to step down and take a break to spend more time with my family,” Scott said. “I have been fortunate to have dedicated City Councils to work with and an amazing City staff that continually raises the bar for public service.”

The City Council has appointed Karen Pinkos, the current Assistant City Manager, as Scott’s successor.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 13, Wednesday and Thursday, September 19–20, & Thursday, October 11
DISCUSS TRANSPORTATION ON SAN PABLO AVENUE
Business owners, residential parking permit holders, and other El Cerrito community members are invited to discuss parking patterns and help to design access and mobility improvements on San Pablo Avenue. The meetings are aimed at increasing safety, accessibility, and connectivity for all users. Meeting times and locations at www.el-cerrito.org/parking.

Saturday, September 15
COASTAL CLEANUP
EL CERRITO GREEN TEAMS
On Coastal Cleanup Day, join the El Cerrito Green Teams to remove trash along Cerrito Creek. Meet at El Cerrito’s Creekside Park, at the south end of Santa Clara Ave. All ages welcome; there’s a play structure for very young children. Tools, gloves, bags, snacks, and water supplied. For more info, contact City staff at green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us, visit www.coastal.ca.gov, or call 215-4350.
When: 10 a.m.–12 noon
Where: 3499 Santa Clara Avenue

Saturday, September 15
SECOND ANNUAL DRIVE ELECTRIC EVENT
Join the City of El Cerrito, the City of Berkeley, and the Ecology Center for a National Drive Electric Week event at the Berkeley Farmers’ Market. Discover the latest electric cars, bikes, and scooters; talk to a local EV owner; and find resources for purchasing, leasing, and rebates. Bring the kids for a bounce house, crafts, and more. Register at: www.el-cerrito.org/electric.
When: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Where: Berkeley Civic Center Park, 1940 Allston Way, Berkeley

Tuesday, September 18
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON
Special Guest: Scott Hanin, El Cerrito City Manager, will provide a citywide update. Tickets are available at www.elcerritochamber.org/events.
When: 12 noon–1:30 p.m.
Where: Berkeley Country Club 7901 Cutting Blvd.

Saturday and Sunday, September 29 & 30, & Saturday, October 6
FALL BOOK SALE
Come to the Friends of the El Cerrito Library’s annual fall sale featuring books, DVDs, CDs, and other items for children and adults. For more info, visit the Friends website at friendselcerritolibrary.wordpress.com/.
When: Saturday, September 29 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday, September 30 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Saturday, October 6 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: El Cerrito Library 6510 Stockton Ave

Wednesday, October 3
FOURTH ANNUAL EL CERRITO SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR
This free event will focus on transportation, with an emphasis on seniors and the disabled. Get information on education, health, public services, and volunteer opportunities. Door prizes included! The first 100 people to sign up will receive a free lunch from Beacon Home Care. For a lunch reservation, call 559-7677. This event is sponsored by St. John’s Senior Center, the El Cerrito Committee on Aging, and Christ Lutheran Senior Center. Email mdeleon@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call 559-7677.
When: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Where: El Cerrito Community Center 7007 Moeser Lane

Week of October 11–17
EL CERRITO RESTAURANT WEEK
Restaurant Week is an annual event designed to showcase the wide variety of cuisines available in El Cerrito. Did you know that there are more than 60 restaurants in our City? What a great excuse to eat out and explore untried restaurants. For a list of participating restaurants, visit www.el-cerrito.org/RestaurantWeek.

Saturday, October 13
FALL CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE
Keep waste out of the landfill, discover your community, and find great deals. For more information and to download a map, visit www.el-cerrito.org/GarageSale. Or pick up a hardcopy map at the Recycling Center, the Community Center, or City Hall.
When: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Saturday, October 13
EL CERRITO/KENSINGTON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEET & GREET
Learn how to stay safe in an emergency. Take a free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) class, and prepare for the first 72 hours after a disaster. More info at www.el-cerrito.org/CERT.
When: 10 a.m.–12 noon
Where: CERT staging locations (pick one near you)
El Cerrito Area 2 (Marlene Keller)
Outside Madera Clubhouse
1500 Devonshire Dr.
El Cerrito Area 9 (Mike Stuart)
Tassajara Park Playground
2575 Tassajara Ave.
Kensington Area 2 (Larry Nagel)
251 Stanford Ave.
236 Cambridge Ave.
244 Amherst Ave.
Kensington
Kensington Area 6 (Hal Graboske)
Colusa Circle and Oakview Ave.
Kensington

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**Saturday, October 20 and Saturday, November 17**

**CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES**

Do you know that the El Cerrito Fire Department offers CPR and first aid classes? Classes include adult CPR with AED plus child and infant CPR, through the American Heart Association. Basic first aid (must be CPR-certified first) is also offered through Kaiser Permanente School of Allied Health Sciences. Fall classes will take place on Saturday, October 20 and Saturday, November 17. Priority registration and discount given to El Cerrito residents. Contact the Fire Department at fire@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 215-4450 for full details and to register.

When: CPR, 8:30 a.m.–12 noon
First Aid, 1–4:30 pm.
Where: El Cerrito Community Center
7007 Moeser Lane

**Saturday, October 27**

**HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE**

Join us if you dare for a Halloween scare! Goblins and ghosts will enjoy carnival games, bounce houses, and our infamous Haunted House. Admission is $5 per person, those under 2 years old are free.

Since the haunted house can frighten young children, bring them instead to the Lights-On Haunted House program for toddlers and preschoolers. This mid-day carnival includes games and a bounce house. Snacks, cookie decorating, and face painting are available for a nominal fee. Ticket sales for each event will end 30 minutes before the program ends.

If you or your group would like to volunteer for the Halloween Carnival and Haunted House, please call 559-7008.

When: Carnival, 1–5 p.m.
Lights-On Haunted House, 1–2:30 p.m.
Where: El Cerrito Community Center
7007 Moeser Lane

**Monday, November 12**

**VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY**

All City offices will be closed for the Veterans Day holiday.

**November 19 through 21**

**THANKSGIVING WEEK CAMP**

**Grades K–6**

Beginning this fall, WCCUSD will be closed for all of Thanksgiving week. To fill this gap, the Recreation Department will host a three-day, fun-filled camp at the Harding Clubhouse for families needing childcare for children in grades K–6. Contact the Recreation Department at 559-7000 or email recreation@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us for details.

**Thursday and Friday**

**November 22 and 23**

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

All City offices will be closed. Curbside collection of garbage, recycling, and green waste continue on their usual schedule.

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**Go Gas-free with SunShares in 2018!**

El Cerrito is teaming up with other Bay Area cities and the San Francisco-based Business Council on Climate Change (BC3) to provide a solar and electric vehicle (EV) group-buying program. SunShares makes it easier and more affordable for Bay Area residents to go solar or drive an electric vehicle by vetting contractors, offering discounts, hosting free workshops, and helping renters learn about options. Participants can still take advantage of the 30% Federal Tax Credit on clean energy upgrades.

Register between August 15 and November 15 to receive a no-cost, no-obligation solar proposal, EV discount code, and financing options. Workshop dates to be determined in the fall. For info, contact sunshares@bc3sfbay.org or Will Provost, El Cerrito Environmental Analyst, at 525-7622. Register for workshops at www.bayareasunshares.org.

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**RECYCLING + ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER FREE TOURS**

Tour our LEED Platinum Certified Recycling Center at 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. (Tours at other times available for a fee.) For info, call City staff at 559-7686.

When: First Wednesdays, 3 p.m.
Where: El Cerrito Recycling Center
7501 Schmidt Lane

**SPRING/SUMMER HOURS**

MONDAY–FRIDAY, 8 a.m.–5:45 p.m.
WEEKENDS, 9 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

**WINTER HOURS**

Starting November 1, the Recycling Center will return to winter hours.

MONDAY–FRIDAY, 8 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
WEEKENDS
9 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

TUESDAYS
9 a.m.–4 p.m.
October Arts Month Events

NATIONAL ARTS & HUMANITIES
Month was launched by Americans for the Arts 30 years ago as National Arts Week in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Here in El Cerrito, led by our Arts and Culture Commission, we celebrate the arts year-round and focus on promoting special events during the month of October. Go to www.el-cerrito.org/ArtsMonth for updates and additions to the El Cerrito Arts Month calendar.

September 21 through October 21
BAY AREA PREMIERE
OF ALLEGIANCE
A new musical inspired by a true story, Allegiance follows the Kimura family, whose lives are upended after the attack on Pearl Harbor, when they and 120,000 other Japanese-Americans are forced to abandon their homes and settle in war relocation camps. Caught between duty and defiance, the Kimuras discover it is never too late to recognize the redemptive power of love. For more information, go to www.ccct.org.

When: Check with theatre for times
Where: Contra Costa Civic Theatre
951 Pomona Ave.

October 1 through October 25
GALLERY SPACE EXHIBIT
El Cerrito artist Amei Papitto will exhibit her Plein Air landscapes painted in El Cerrito and the Bay Area. An artist’s reception will be held on Thursday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.el-cerrito.org/GallerySpace.

When: Exhibit open daily
Reception, Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m.
Where: El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Ave

October 3, November 7, December 5
EL CERRITO OUT LOUD
AT OFF THE GRID
Join new City Poet Laureate, Dani Gabriel, for El Cerrito Out Loud at Off The Grid. Hear featured poets and participate in an open mic and writing activities. All ages encouraged to participate! No experience necessary. For more information, visit offthegrid.com/event/el-cerrito.

When: 5–9 p.m. (Oct. 3)
5–8 p.m. (Nov. 7 & Dec. 5)
Where: 6159 Fairmont Ave.

October 5, 6, and 7
EL CERRITO ART ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL ART SHOW
This yearly show includes entries in oil painting, watercolor, acrylic, drawing, photography, digital, mixed media, sculpture, and more. Up to 300 entries will be on display, with a special sale of unframed work on Saturday and Sunday. Bay Area professional artists will select winners to receive cash and merchant awards! For more information, go to www.elcerritoart.org.

When: Check with theatre for times
Where: El Cerrito Community Center
7007 Moeser Lane

Tuesday, October 9
ONE CITY, ONE BOOK:
AUTHOR TALK!
Help kick off 2018’s One City, One Book program, featuring The 57 Bus, a riveting book about race, class, gender, crime, and punishment. It retells the true story of an agender teen set on fire by another teen while riding the 57 Bus in Oakland, California. Author Dashka Slater will read from and discuss her book and answer questions. For more information, go to www.ccclib.org.

When: 6–7:30 p.m.
Where: El Cerrito Library
6510 Stockton Avenue

Saturday, October 13
EL CERRITO FREE
FOLK FESTIVAL
The Arts and Culture Commission is proud to again co-sponsor this all-day Folk Festival presented by the San Francisco Folk Music Club. The festival presents two stages for music, performances, and workshops from world-renowned and local musicians, as well as dance workshops, a family program, and spaces for spontaneous jams.

The festival is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.elcerritofolkfest.org.

When: 12 noon–10 p.m.
Where: El Cerrito High School
540 Ashbury Ave.

October 14, 24, 29
and November 7
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE:
KING LEAR
Broadcast live from London’s West End, see Ian McKellen’s “extraordinarily moving portrayal” of King Lear from the comfort of the Cerrito theater. This contemporary retelling of Shakespeare’s tender, violent, moving, and shocking play, considered by many to be the greatest tragedy ever written, concerns two ageing fathers who reject the children who truly love them. For additional information, go online to www.rialtocinemas.com.

When: 7 p.m.
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PACE Financing for Energy Upgrades

El Cerrito is proud to be one of the many California cities to participate in the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. PACE is an agreement between our City government and private finance companies to provide property owners with upfront funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, earthquake readiness, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure for their homes or businesses. A unique characteristic of PACE is that the loan is attached to the property rather than to an individual, as with a home equity loan or mortgage. Loan repayment is added to the existing property tax remittance, payable monthly over 20 years.

This past February, a City Council resolution authorized YgreneWorks to join the finance companies permitted to make this special type of funding available to residents and businesses in El Cerrito. Other finance companies include CaliforniaFIRST, Open PACE, Figtree PACE Financing, and HERO. They offer a variety of financing options. As with all loans and mortgages, research what might be best for your individual needs and circumstances.

MARKETING ALERT AND CLARIFICATION

Though the City of El Cerrito has authorized implementation of PACE programs within its jurisdiction, the City has not appointed any finance provider to contact the public on its behalf. Moreover, the City of El Cerrito does not have a contract with, nor does it endorse, any service provider to implement the PACE programs. Recently, residents have received marketing material that suggested otherwise. These deceptive marketing pieces have been distributed in numerous jurisdictions, which is why the City of El Cerrito is providing this clarification. The City has also requested that these companies modify their marketing material to include the statement “Our Company is not affiliated with the City of El Cerrito.”

For more information on PACE programs or the recent deceptive marketing campaigns, please contact the City’s Planning and Building Division at 215-4360.

Donation Trailers for Housewares

Due to operational changes at Goodwill East Bay, donation trailers for housewares have been temporarily removed from the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center (RERC). Please take donations to nearby Goodwill stores, such as:

- Albany Goodwill
  San Pablo Avenue at Brighton Avenue
- Richmond Goodwill
  San Pablo Avenue at Barrett Avenue

The RERC still takes limited quantities of textiles in the green and white kiosks. Please bag all clothes. Do not leave bags, textiles, or other materials outside of the bins or in the RERC Exchange Zone.

Help keep the RERC a clean and inviting community resource.

The RERC is working to find another charitable organization to provide a similar donation drop-off and pick-up. Please stay tuned. For more information, email green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call 215-4350.

Dani Gabriel Named New City Poet Laureate

In October 2015, the City’s Arts and Culture Commission (ACC) established the Poet Laureate Program with funding from the City’s Arts in Public Places Program. The purpose of the poet laureate role is to encourage the poetic energy of the El Cerrito community and further the ACC’s goal of supporting arts, music, and culture in the city.

We are excited to introduce Dani Gabriel as El Cerrito’s second poet laureate! Her term will run from 2018 to 2020 and she will be presenting workshops, community events, and readings through the duration of her term.

Dani Gabriel is a poet and writer, author of The Woman You Write Poems About (Civil Defense Press) and a manuscript in progress, entitled Low Rent Prophet, as well as coauthor of Molotov Mouths (Manic D Press). Her work centers on the idea of possibility: the possibility that we can heal the world, the possibility that we can heal ourselves. She looks at themes of queerness, faith, trauma, justice, and family with curiosity and depth. Gabriel is a postulant for the Diaconate in the Episcopal Diocese of California, aspiring to ordination and service in the church and community. She also works as a grant writer and writing teacher throughout the Bay Area; is the parent of two amazing pre-teens and the partner of a fantastic cook, electrician, and human being; and is currently writing and organizing for radical change, both large and small.

To learn more about Gabriel’s work, visit her website at www.allthepossible.com. For information about the Poet Laureate Program, visit the City’s website at www.el-cerrito.org/poets.
El Cerrito STARS Learn About Local Government

My name is Vincent Nguyen, and I go to El Cerrito High School. I am part of the EC STARS Program. The EC STARS program is partnered with the West Contra Costa Unified School District. They provide opportunities to students who are enrolled at El Cerrito High School. Through the EC STARS program five students, including me, were able to receive an internship offer to learn and work for the City of El Cerrito. During my time working for the City, I’ve been learning a lot about local government. I learned about the cycle of local government, and how connected the City is with its residents. I was placed in City Management Department, working with Maya Williams, and in the Finance Department, working with Andrea Arriaga in City Hall. Through the City Management Department, I’ve been able to learn about how they manage the businesses set up in El Cerrito, as well as the various things businesses have to go through to be able to set up. I also learned about the fees and taxes that are assessed by the City, and how businesses set up a relationship with City Hall. This internship has really opened up a lot of connections and opportunities for me, and I feel that the EC STARS program has been really beneficial. The people I’ve met and the connections I’ve made are truly precious and I’m very thankful to have experienced this opportunity.

Community Police Academy

The 6-Week Community Police Academy program is designed to help community members understand the El Cerrito Police Department’s functions, capabilities, and limitations. Its goal is to increase trust, respect, understanding, and awareness between the department and the community. Participants will go on two field trips with police officers and learn about topics that include: patrol operations, communications, evidence collection, hiring and recruitment, traffic, laws of arrest, search and seizure, use of force, investigations, crime analysis, police procedures, and ethical issues.

The Academy includes six Wednesday evening sessions and two Saturday sessions, starting Wednesday, September 19. It is an accelerated program with a full agenda for each session and participants missing more than two days will not receive a graduation certificate. If you have questions, email Officer Sarah Perez at ecpdp@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call 820-3115. To fill out an interest form, go online to www.el-cerrito.org/communityacademy.

Council Adopts New Budget

El Cerrito’s biennial budget for Fiscal Years 2018–19 and 2019–20 provides funding for City services, including police, fire, recreation, community development, public works, building, planning, environmental services, and city management. The City Council adopted the new budget in June.

The budget addresses several goals, including:

- Expanding programming and services to meet community needs
- Developing new amenities & attracting businesses
- Identifying additional funding for fire services & engine replacement
- Implementing the Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- Increasing vegetation management in the hillside natural area

The public is invited to participate in this process by attending City Council and Financial Advisory Board meetings. For details on the budget and the budget process, visit www.el-cerrito.org/Budget.
Centennial Park Improvements Project Progress Report

Construction of the Centennial Park Phase I Improvements Project began on June 18. Centennial Park, located along the Ohlone Greenway, at Eureka Avenue and Liberty Street, is just east of Fairmont Elementary School and south of the El Cerrito Library.

In September of 2017, the City Council renamed the City-owned portion of the Park to Centennial Park as a permanent dedication to the City’s 100th Anniversary and to separate it from the original Fairmont Park, giving each of the recreation areas a distinct identity.

Proposed improvements for Phase I include a new entry plaza, seating, and a group exercise area; a new path network with accessible paths; enhanced gathering spaces, including passive and active recreational areas with new site amenities; an improved children’s play area; improved landscaping; and an irrigated area for future community garden development.

The well-known turtle play structure has been protected during the construction and will be featured in the new sand play area.

Completion of Phase I is scheduled for late fall. During construction, if you have issues that need immediate attention or questions regarding the overall project, contact the City’s Public Works Department at 215-4382. For updates on the ribbon-cutting ceremony, visit www.el-cerrito.org/centennialpark.

Midtown Activity Center Opens

On July 9, the new and temporary El Cerrito Midtown Activity Center (ECMAC) opened its doors. Located at 10940 San Pablo Avenue, just north of City Hall and the Public Safety Building, ECMAC represents a new era in programming and services for older adults in El Cerrito and nearby communities. The center is housed in two buildings that feature a large lunch and activities room, a computer and technology lab, four classrooms, and a spacious lobby that includes the City’s Cyber Café with free internet access.

ECMAC is open Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All activities at the old Senior Center, which closed on June 22 after fifty years of service to the community, have been moved to the Midtown Activity Center. In addition, new programs and services are planned for the Senior Center at Hana Gardens, expected to open this fall when Hana Gardens Senior Apartments are completed. Eden Housing has generously provided this space to the City for $1 per year. With this extra space, the City can preserve the essential services and programs housed at the Open House Senior Center and provide additional programming for the Baby Boomer Generation.

Though a more permanent solution is needed, this combination of temporary portables and the space at Hana Gardens will help to meet the recreation needs of our older adult population.

Come see us today or visit us online at www.el-cerrito.org/recreation for more information. The Recreation Department publishes two guides: the 50+ Bulletin, a monthly newsletter detailing programs and activities offered by the Adult Programs and Services Division, and the Fall 2018 rECguide, a seasonal publication featuring class descriptions and program details. And remember, you can always call us at 559-7677.

Fire Prevention Week

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, scheduled for the first full week of October, commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of October 1871. In recognition, fire departments all over the country, in partnership with the National Fire Protection Association, sponsor yearly fire prevention campaigns.

The El Cerrito Fire Department takes this opportunity to spread the message about fire safety throughout the community, focusing on the schools. During Fire Prevention Week, Station 72, at 1520 Arlington Boulevard, will also hold its annual Open House on Saturday, October 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Sit in a fire engine, talk to your firefighters, and ask those fire safety questions you always wanted to ask.

See us where we live and learn how we keep you safe. Refreshments served, too. For questions about Fire Prevention Week or the Open House, call the El Cerrito Fire Department at 215-4450.
Preschool and Afterschool Program News

CASA CERRITO PRESCHOOL and the Teeter Tots program will offer expanded hours beginning in September. Casa Cerrito Preschool will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Parents can register for full day or half day. The Teeter Tots Program will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (3-day maximum enrollment).

Grades TK–6 have access to licensed childcare and afterschool recreation programs at all three El Cerrito public elementary schools: Fairmont, Harding, and Madera. Exciting enrichment activities, including STEM projects, organized outdoor games, art, and music are provided by licensed and trained staff. Time is set aside for homework or quiet reading each day and children are given an afternoon snack. These childcare programs provide a safe, challenging, and creative before- and after-school option.

For more information, contact Susan Ortega at sortega@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 559-7006.