

## Be Ready for Winter Weather!

ANOTHER RAINY SEASON has arrived. The City needs your help to make sure our storm drain system functions properly and to minimize the risk of flooding.

### KEEP DRAINS AND GUTTERS CLEAR

If there is a storm drain grate in the street near your home or business, check it frequently during heavy rain to make sure it is not blocked by trash or leaves. Keep it clear of anything that could restrict the flow of stormwater. Cut back vegetation that spills over the edge of the curb, clean out drainpipes underneath driveway approaches, and do not allow soil, loose material, or debris to get into the gutter area.

If you have a drainage system on your property, make sure it is functioning

properly so that surface runoff and roof downspouts are not directed onto your neighbor's yard, which could cause flooding on their property.

### REPORT STORM DRAIN PROBLEMS

If you observe any blockages of storm drain grates or places where a creek flows into an underground pipe, or if you are experiencing flooding on your property because of water entering from the street, call the City's Maintenance Division at **510-215-4369** during business hours or **510-237-1214** after hours. When there are citywide flooding events, requests will be prioritized, and Maintenance Division staff will do their best to respond promptly.



### MAINTAIN YOUR CREEKS

If you have a creek or open watercourse on your property, it is your responsibility to maintain the creek within your property boundaries. If it contains debris or has become overgrown, it poses a threat of flooding for you, your neighbors, and those living downstream from you. In addition to making sure that debris and vegetation do not block the flow of water during the rainy season, it is important to maintain urban streams to avoid flooding, erosion, and bank failure. The California Urban Streams Partnership (CUSP) is an organization funded by the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to help protect and restore urban streams and teach homeowners how to care for creeks. For more information or to set up a site visit, contact CUSP at [custreams@gmail.com](mailto:custreams@gmail.com) or **510-932-2370**.

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### PROTECT WITH SANDBAGS

If you need sandbags to prevent flooding from the street into your driveway, garage, or home (before or after a storm has arrived), the City will provide up to 10 bags to each El Cerrito household. To pick up your sandbags, bring proof of residency to the El Cerrito Recycling and Environmental Resource Center at 7501 Schmidt Lane during regular business hours.

## El Cerrito Minimum Wage Increases

EL CERRITO'S MINIMUM wage will increase from \$15 to \$15.37 per hour on January 1, 2020. The City's Minimum Wage Standards, established in November 2015, require all employers to pay no less than the new minimum wage for work done in the City, regardless of where their business is headquartered. (Employees who work less than two hours a week in El Cerrito are exempt.)

The wage will increase each year, based on changes in the local Consumer Price Index (CPI). Employers and workers with questions about the El Cerrito Minimum Wage Ordinance can visit [www.el-cerrito.org/wages](http://www.el-cerrito.org/wages) or contact Maya Williams, Assistant to the City Manager, at [mwilliams@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:mwilliams@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us) or **510-215-4318**.

THE CITY OF EL CERRITO serves, leads and supports our diverse and transit-rich community by providing exemplary and innovative services, public places and infrastructure, ensuring public safety and creating an economically and environmentally sustainable future.

# CALENDAR

November 1 through February 1

## El Cerrito Recycling Center Winter Hours

**Drop off your recyclables**  
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.  
(closed for lunch, noon–12:30 p.m.)

**Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays,  
December 23, 26, 27, and 30  
and January 2 and 3**

## Holiday Break Camp

El Cerrito Community Center  
7007 Moeser Lane, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

Give your child a delightful winter camp experience while WCCUSD schools are on break! This camp is for kids in grades K–6; enrollment is by the day only. Each day will be filled with art, science, outdoor games (weather permitting), songs, and much more. Depending on enrollment, children may be separated by grade level to enjoy the most age-appropriate activities. Enroll by December 18 and receive a camp newsletter with detailed information via email. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 510-559-7000 or go to [www.el-cerrito.org/Recreation](http://www.el-cerrito.org/Recreation).

**Saturday, December 14,  
through Thursday, December 26**  
**Shadi Holiday Display**

7501 Moeser Lane,  
Nightly, 5–10 p.m.

The Shadi Holiday Display is a beloved tradition in El Cerrito. See the elaborate handmade pieces that have been delighting generations for more than 65 years! The Display is hosted by the Shadi Display Committee and the El Cerrito Community Foundation.



**Monday, December 23,  
through January 1**

## Winter Holidays

City Hall and Fire Department administrative offices will be closed from Monday, December 23, through Wednesday, January 1, reopening Thursday, January 2. Hours at the Community Center, ECMAC, Swim Center, Recycling Center Office, and administrative offices for the Police Department will be modified. There will be no curbside collection of recycling, green waste, or garbage on December 25 or January 1. For the rest of the week after those dates, service will take place one day later than normally scheduled, with Friday's normal pickup happening on Saturday.

**Friday, January 10**

## Last Day for Free Christmas Tree Pickup

East Bay Sanitary will pick up Christmas trees free of charge; there is a \$20 fee for flocked trees. For more information or to schedule a pickup, call 510-237-4321.



**Thursday,  
January 16,  
through Sunday,  
January 26**

## Restaurant Week

Restaurant Week is an invitation to explore the wonderful variety of cuisines available in El Cerrito. With special offers at many local restaurants, it's a great excuse to eat out. For a list of participating restaurants, visit [www.el-cerrito.org/RestaurantWeek](http://www.el-cerrito.org/RestaurantWeek).

**Sunday, January 19**

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Event

El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theater,  
540 Ashbury Ave., doors open 4:30 p.m.

Begin the 2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration with a community program at El Cerrito HS.

**Monday, January 20**

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

**RALLY:** El Cerrito City Hall,  
10890 San Pablo Ave., 9 a.m.

**PARADE:** El Cerrito City Hall  
to El Cerrito High School, 10 a.m.

**PROGRAM:** ECHS Performing Arts Theater,  
540 Ashbury Ave., 11 a.m.

Join the 31st Annual El Cerrito Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration. For more information, visit [www.el-cerrito.org/MLK](http://www.el-cerrito.org/MLK).

**Monday, January 20**

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

City offices, including the Recreation Department and the Recycling Center, will be closed. Curbside collection of recycling, green waste, and garbage will take place as regularly scheduled.

**Friday, January 24**

## Crab Feed

El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane,  
doors open at 6 p.m.; dinner served at 7 p.m.

Join friends and family for generous servings of fresh crab with salad, bread, pasta, and dessert. Early Bird tickets are \$50 until December 20; \$60 thereafter. Kids Club (ages 3–10), \$15. Proceeds benefit the David Hunter Memorial Scholarship Fund. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 510-559-7000.



**Sunday, January 26**

## Talk on Pumpsie Green

El Cerrito Community Center  
7007 Moeser Lane, 3 p.m.

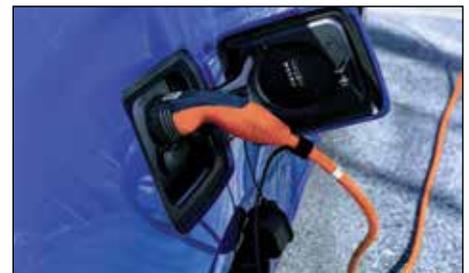
The El Cerrito Historical Society presents a free talk by Peter Elman on El Cerrito High School graduate Pumpsie Green, who became the first Black player for the Boston Red Sox in 1959. Read more about Pumpsie Green on page 7.

**Wednesday, January 29**

## Electric Cars 101

El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.,  
6:30–8 p.m.

Thinking about buying an electric car? Speakers from the climate nonprofit group 350 Bay Area and the City of Berkeley will discuss vehicles on the market today, how to find and purchase or lease the right car, and how to charge it once you've got it. For more information, email [wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us). To register, go to [www.elcerritoev101.eventbrite.com](http://www.elcerritoev101.eventbrite.com).



**Saturday, February 1**

**Family Sweetheart Dance**

El Cerrito Community Center  
7007 Moeser Lane, 6–8 p.m.

Put on your dancing shoes and bring your little someone special to the Family Sweetheart Dance! Open to all ages. Tickets are \$20 for a family of four or \$7 per person—dancing, refreshments, and photo booth included. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to [www.el-cerrito.org/Recreation](http://www.el-cerrito.org/Recreation) or contact the Recreation Department at 510-559-7000.



**Monday, February 3**

**Summer Camp Showcase**

El Cerrito Community Center  
7007 Moeser Lane, 6–8 p.m.

Want a chance to win a free week of summer camp, VIP early registration, or swim passes? Don't miss the Summer Camp Showcase! Get a sneak peek at the 2020 summer camps offered by the El Cerrito Recreation Department. Camp counselors and instructors will be on hand to share what their camps have to offer.

**Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,  
February 3 through April 13**

**Income Tax Preparation  
for Seniors**

Hana Gardens Senior Center  
10870 San Pablo Ave.

Trained volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide will help low- and moderate-income seniors with their state and federal tax forms. The service is free; donations to the Midtown Activity Center are appreciated. By appointment only. To make an appointment, call 510-559-7677, email [midtown@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:midtown@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us), or visit the Midtown Activity Center, 10940 San Pablo Ave.

**Wednesday, February 5**

**Summer Camp Discount Day**

Plan your summer early and save! For one day only, save 10 percent when you register for summer camp online at [www.el-cerrito.org/OnlineReg](http://www.el-cerrito.org/OnlineReg) between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**Monday, February 17**

**Presidents Day Holiday**

City offices, including the Recreation Department and the Recycling Center, will be closed. Curbside collection of recycling, green waste, and garbage will take place as regularly scheduled.

**Tuesday through Friday,  
February 18 through 21**

**Presidents Week Break Camp**

Harding Clubhouse, 7115 C St. and  
Fairmont Clubhouse, 715 Lexington Ave.,  
7a.m.–6 p.m.

These four-day camps led by Recreation Department staff will entertain and enrich kids with art, science, outdoor games (weather permitting), songs, and special activities. Camp for kindergarten and first graders will be based at Harding Clubhouse and second through sixth graders will meet at Fairmont Clubhouse. Families needing care for the entire four days are prioritized for enrollment. Enroll by February 12 and receive a camp newsletter with detailed information via email. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 510-559-7000 or go online to [www.el-cerrito.org/Recreation](http://www.el-cerrito.org/Recreation).



**Saturday, March 14,  
through Friday, March 20**

**Compost Giveaway**

El Cerrito Recycling Center  
7501 Schmidt Lane

Give your garden a boost with free compost made from your yard waste and food scraps. Available to El Cerrito residents and businesses only, while supplies last. Bring proof of residency and containers. Limit of 5 cubic feet per household. Questions? Call 510-215-4350.

# Protections for Tenants

## TENANT PROTECTION ACT OF 2019

ON OCTOBER 8, Governor Gavin Newsom signed California Assembly Bill 1482, the Tenant Protection Act of 2019. The bill takes effect January 1, 2020, and sunsets on January 1, 2030. AB 1482 includes annual rent increase caps of 5 percent plus inflation or 10 percent, whichever is lower; protections for just cause and no-fault evictions; relocation assistance; and revised tenant noticing requirements. Most multifamily rental properties that are at least 15 years old are subject to this law.

AB 1482 will support strategies identified in the El Cerrito Affordable Housing Strategy, adopted in 2017 for the purpose of furthering housing at all income levels. For more information, including the full text of the legislation, please visit [www.el-cerrito.org/HousingUpdates](http://www.el-cerrito.org/HousingUpdates).

## TENANT PROTECTIONS TASK FORCE

The newly formed El Cerrito Tenant Protections Task Force held its first two meetings in September and October. The group discussed tenant protection policy options it might recommend to the City Council.

The task force is made up of equal numbers of El Cerrito landlords and tenants, appointed by the City Council in August. It must meet at least three times in a 12-month term. Working with a professional mediator, the group is charged with developing policy recommendations for the Council's consideration.

The task force is focusing on the following policy areas:

1. Rent review programs
2. Assistance for tenant relocation due to demolition
3. Assistance for tenant relocation due to rent increase
4. Just cause for eviction

To learn more, visit [www.el-cerrito.org/AffordableHousing](http://www.el-cerrito.org/AffordableHousing) or contact Aissia Ashoori at [aashoori@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:aashoori@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us) or 510-215-4361.

# San Pablo Avenue Update

**NEW HOUSING UNITS** and commercial spaces envisioned under the 2014 San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan are taking shape along the Avenue. The projects will bring much-needed housing to a transit-rich corridor and create new pedestrian traffic to support local businesses. Two of the projects under construction will also include commercial spaces, public open space, and public art.

## UPTOWN

The Mayfair development at 11600 San Pablo Avenue has received building permits to break ground on the first of two buildings. This first phase will include 156 market-rate units, 145 parking spaces, 348 bicycle spaces, nearly 9,000 square feet of new ground-floor commercial space, 4,000 square feet of public open space, and public art. The project developer, Holliday Development, is using pre-assembled building technology known as modular construction to develop the long-underutilized site. The units, produced at Factory\_OS on Mare Island in Vallejo, will be transported to El Cerrito by truck and assembled on site. This technology will save on construction impacts, costs, and time, while creating much-needed housing. Now that construction is underway, the developers are in conversations with potential commercial tenants.

The former El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency purchased the site of the Mayfair Market in 1987 with the goal of furthering economic development and new housing. Due to its proximity to the Del Norte BART station, the site provides an opportunity for transit-oriented development, supporting

the City's Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Phase Two of the project will fulfill the goals of the City's 2017 Affordable Housing Strategy by providing 67 affordable units to very-low-income households.

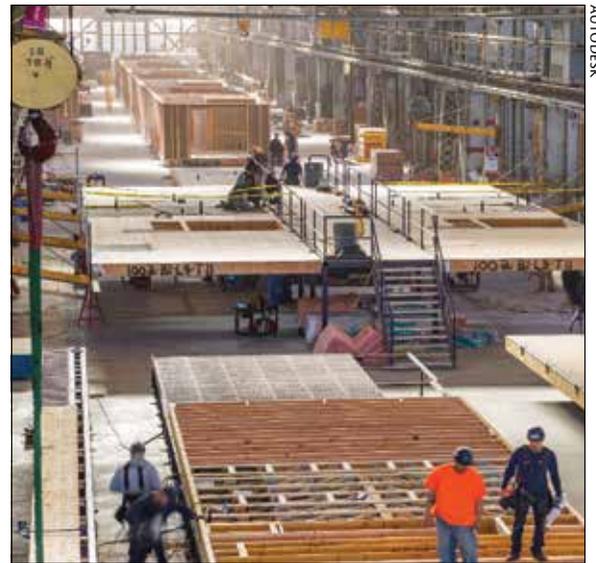
Phase One of the Mayfair project is slated for completion in winter 2021. Depending upon funding, Phase Two is projected to break ground in 2021.

## DOWNTOWN

At 10300 San Pablo Avenue, on a site that once was home to a Safeway and later the Guitar Center, a four-story building with 32 new condominiums, including two live-work units, is under construction. The project will feature two small plazas and 32 parking spaces, as well as 49 bicycle parking spaces. It is estimated to be complete in summer 2020.

## MIDTOWN

On a small site at 10963 San Pablo Avenue that was most recently Playland-Not-at-the-Beach, a single-story commercial building will be replaced by a five-story, mixed-use building with 50 residential units, 34 parking spaces, approximately 3,000 square feet of ground floor commercial space, a small



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Mayfair units under construction at Factory\_OS.

public plaza, and public art. It is anticipated that this project will be complete in summer 2020.

All these projects fulfill the direction provided by the 2006 and 2016 Economic Development Action Plans to focus on bringing high-quality, dynamic urban lifestyle development to El Cerrito to support existing and new commercial spaces. For more information on San Pablo Avenue projects, visit [www.el-cerrito.org/MajorProjects](http://www.el-cerrito.org/MajorProjects), call Community Development at 510-215-4330, or email [planning@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:planning@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).



## Adult Literacy Tutoring

**DO YOU KNOW** someone who wants to improve their reading, writing, or spelling? Project Second Chance, the Contra Costa County Library's adult literacy program, offers free, confidential, one-on-one basic literacy instruction to people who read or write English below the sixth grade level. Students must be over 16 years of age, be out of high school, and speak English well enough to communicate over the telephone and in person.

Project Second Chance serves El Cerrito and all communities in the Contra Costa County Library system. Tutoring is done by trained community volunteers who meet one-on-one with students for an hour and a half, twice a week, at times and public locations convenient to both. The program has helped more than 6,000 adults in Contra Costa County develop the skills to read to their children, advance at work, write to family and friends, follow directions, and engage in their communities.

For information about becoming a Second Chance student or volunteering as a tutor, please call 510-307-9937, email [pssc@ccclib.org](mailto:pssc@ccclib.org), or visit [www.ccclib.org/pssc](http://www.ccclib.org/pssc).

# Building Code Changes

**UPDATES TO THE** California Building Code will take effect on January 1, 2020. If you are currently planning a project, please be sure that your plans comply with these requirements. For more information, visit [www.el-cerrito.org/Building](http://www.el-cerrito.org/Building) or contact the Building Division at 510-215-4360.

# Recent Traffic Management and Safety Improvements across the City

IN SUMMER 2019 the City undertook a series of projects to address traffic management and safety in various locations throughout El Cerrito as described below.

## SAFE ROUTES TO KOREMATSU MIDDLE SCHOOL

The City completed traffic safety enhancements around Korematsu Middle School as part of the Safe Routes to School project. Designed to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, encourage walking and biking to school, and reduce neighborhood traffic congestion, the project included:

- installation of crosswalk improvements, including high-visibility striping and signs and red curb markings, at intersections along streets leading to the school: Richmond Street at Gladys and Donal Avenues; Norvell Street at Gladys Avenue and Schmidt Lane; Gayle Court at Donal Avenue; Lawrence Street at Gladys and Donal Avenues; and Navellier Street at Potrero and Gladys Avenues
- installation of stop signs on Gladys Avenue at Norvell Street (new all-way stop) and Norvell Street at Schmidt Lane (new one-way stop)
- implementation of a portion of the East Side Bicycle Boulevard, including shared roadway pavement markings, signs, and three new speed bumps on Norvell Street between Potrero Avenue and Schmidt Lane, as well as a new speed table (flat-topped speed bump) on Schmidt Lane west of Norvell Street

This project helps to fulfill goals of the City's Strategic Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Active Transportation Plan, all of which support biking and walking as practical, healthy, and environmentally sustainable modes of transportation. The project concept was developed based on a Contra Costa Transportation Authority Safe Routes to School technical assistance effort, the Active Transportation Plan adopted by the City Council in 2016, and public outreach to the school and surrounding community. The work was funded by a Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Project grant, SB 1 funds, and City Measure A street improvement funds.

## IMPROVEMENTS ON JUNCTION AVENUE

The City is finishing the installation of traffic improvements on Junction Avenue between Cutting Boulevard and Knott Avenue and between Hagen Boulevard and Morris Avenue as part of the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). The NTMP, adopted by the City Council in 2010, was developed to address residents' concerns about the speed and volume of traffic and to create a more livable and safer environment for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists in El Cerrito's residential neighborhoods. The NTMP measures on Junction Avenue were implemented after a series of neighborhood meetings and input from residents of the affected blocks, and will reduce vehicle speeds and enhance pedestrian crossings.

## CITYWIDE TRAFFIC STRIPING

The City has implemented enhanced traffic striping and pavement markings at 22 sites throughout El Cerrito. This is one way in which the City is addressing residents' concerns about pedestrian and bicycle safety and traffic in their neighborhoods. To select sites for improvement, Public Works staff evaluated requests from residents in addition to gathering information on existing traffic striping and pavement markings that were worn or damaged and needed to be replaced.

## STREET NAME SIGN REPLACEMENT

Over the last two years, with the support of Senate Bill 1 funding, the City has been replacing damaged and faded street name signs. Roadside mounted signs have been replaced on arterial and collector streets as well as in response to specific requests from the public. Richmond Street was completed in early 2019 and San Pablo Avenue will be completed this winter; you will also see new signs in selected locations on Arlington Boulevard, Terrace Drive, and other streets based on requests.

The design for the new street name signs was developed in conjunction with the Ohlone Greenway Wayfinding Project, completed in 2018, which installed new signs where the Ohlone Greenway intersects with cross streets. These signs were designed to help residents and visitors find their way while contributing to a sense of place and civic identity. The new street name signage carries the City of El Cerrito logo and block numbering in addition to the street name. These signs comply with the most recent state standards for street name signs and were designed to follow the color scheme found on other signs throughout the city.

For more information on any of these projects, contact Engineering Manager Ana Bernardes at **510-215-4385** or email [abernardes@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:abernardes@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).



*New speed bumps on the 2000 block of Junction Avenue*

# Community Action on Environmental Goals

ON AUGUST 20, 2019, the El Cerrito City Council approved a resolution declaring a climate emergency, joining hundreds of jurisdictions across the globe. Among other commitments, the resolution calls for the City to strive for zero greenhouse gas emissions citywide in the forthcoming update to its Climate Action Plan. On September 17, the City Council voted to form an ad-hoc committee on climate action, underscoring the urgent need for initiatives to face the climate crisis.

The City has been actively working to address climate change for more than a decade and has already achieved substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. For this and other achievements, the City received a prestigious Beacon Award from the Institute for Local Government in 2019. But there is more to do to achieve the City's ambitious environmental goals, and you are an essential part of the effort.

There are many actions, large and small, that you can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. You can drive less and use alternative modes of transit. At home, you can upgrade to more energy-efficient appliances and adjust your thermostat to use less energy. And you can use electricity derived from renewable sources instead of fossil fuels for water heaters, stoves, and vehicles. Get information on these and

other green alternatives at [www.cleanercontracosta.org/](http://www.cleanercontracosta.org/).

Improving stormwater quality and reducing the risk of flooding are also key environmental priorities, and they start in your own backyard. Incorporating green infrastructure can be as simple as planting drought-tolerant native vegetation.

Learn more by downloading *A Homeowner's & Landowner's Guide to Beneficial Stormwater Management*, created by the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program, at [www.el-cerrito.org/HelpStormwater](http://www.el-cerrito.org/HelpStormwater).

While encouraging residents to make their homes greener, the City is also creating greener public infrastructure. On September 17, the City Council approved the Green Infrastructure Plan, which prioritizes projects to improve stormwater quality and provide multiple benefits to the community. The City has already built several green infrastructure projects, including rain gardens at the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center, City Hall, the Public Safety Building, on the Ohlone Greenway, and on San Pablo Avenue at Eureka Avenue and Madison Avenue. The Green Infrastructure Plan prioritizes additional projects and sets targets for the City through 2040. The plan is available at [www.el-cerrito.org/GIPlan](http://www.el-cerrito.org/GIPlan).



Rain gardens on San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito

For more information on the City's environmental efforts and how you can help, contact the Operations + Environmental Services Division at [wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us) or call 510-525-7622.

## Transit-Oriented Development

**BART IS CURRENTLY** exploring plans for transit-oriented development (TOD) at the El Cerrito Plaza Station and expects to release a Request for Qualifications in late 2019. Once a development team is selected, BART, City staff, and the developer will undertake a community engagement process to work through such issues as access and parking. The goal is to create new housing (at least 20 percent will be affordable), build out Fairmount Avenue as a commercial street, and provide new public improvements and amenities.

The project will align with El Cerrito's San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan and California Assembly Bill 2923, signed by former Governor Jerry Brown in 2018 as a way to address the state's housing shortage. AB 2923 allows for streamlined development processes and TOD zoning standards for BART property within one-half mile of stations. The bill requires BART to adopt TOD standards for developable properties and for cities and counties to rezone such properties by July 1, 2020.

For more information on transit-oriented development in El Cerrito, visit [www.el-cerrito.org/TOD](http://www.el-cerrito.org/TOD).



## Sustainable Food Ware

THE CITY OF El Cerrito's Environmental Quality Committee has made the reduction of single-use plastics a priority for 2019. Looking ahead, the City has been exploring the possibility of expanding the existing Food Ware Ordinance to prohibit plastic straws and require disposable food ware to be compostable.

Public meetings to discuss a draft ordinance and proposed changes will be held in the coming months. The City has also engaged a consultant to develop educational materials for the restaurants and businesses that would be impacted. For more information about the proposed Expanded Food Ware Ordinance or to submit comments, contact Will Provost at 510-525-7622 or [wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us). Learn more and find updates at [www.el-cerrito.org/FoodWare](http://www.el-cerrito.org/FoodWare).

# Be Sure El Cerrito Counts: 2020 Census Begins in March

CENSUS 2020 will be online for the first time in March 2020. Responding by mail will still be an option. In May, Census workers will begin going door-to-door to count everyone living in the United States and the five US territories. Money from the government can only come to communities based on the numbers provided during this count, so make sure your household is counted!

## WHO COUNTS AS PART OF YOUR HOME?

If you are filling out the census for your home, count everyone living there as of April 1, 2020. This includes anyone who lives and sleeps there most of the time. Count anyone staying in your home on April 1 who has no usual home elsewhere.

## YOUNG CHILDREN

It is important to remember to count any children who are living with you.

This includes:

- all children who live in your home, including foster children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and the children of friends, even if they are only living with you temporarily.
- children who split their time between homes, if they are living with you on April 1, 2020.
- newborn babies, including those who are born on April 1, 2020, and those who are still in the hospital on this date.

## CITIZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES

- Citizens of foreign countries who are living in the United States, including members of the diplomatic community, should be counted at the US residence where they live and sleep most of time.



- Citizens of foreign countries who are visiting the United States on vacation or business on April 1, 2020, should not be counted.

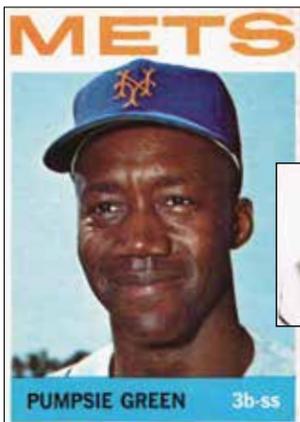
## THE 2020 CENSUS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics; *they cannot be used against you in any way.* By law, all responses to the US Census Bureau survey are kept completely confidential. *Don't worry, be counted!*

# Remembering El Cerrito Baseball Greats

EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL graduates Elijah "Pumpsie" Green and Ernie Broglio, who both had careers in Major League Baseball, died within 24 hours of each other in July.

Both were teammates on the El Cerrito High Gaucho baseball team—Broglio as pitcher and Green as catcher. Both played in the Pacific Coast League before advancing to the majors. And the professional careers of both are remembered for circumstances outside their control.



Green gained fame as the first Black player on



the Boston Red Sox team in 1959, 12 years after Jackie Robinson broke the major league color barrier. Boston was the last team to integrate.

Green, who grew up in Richmond, graduated from El Cerrito High in 1952 and played at Contra Costa College before signing a minor league contract with the Red Sox in 1953. He toiled in the minors for six seasons, then played four seasons with the Red Sox. Green was traded for the 1963 season to the New York Mets. He went on to a career working for Berkeley schools, including coaching and mentoring athletes.

Broglio is remembered as a pitcher who was traded by the St. Louis Cardinals to the Chicago Cubs for Lou Brock in 1964. Broglio won 21 games in 1960, but was later hampered by a sore pitching arm and only lasted three seasons with the Cubs before retiring. Brock, meanwhile, became baseball's leader in stolen bases and was elected to the Hall of Fame. The trade has been ranked

among the most lopsided in history.

Broglio was born in Berkeley in 1935, grew up on Elm Street in El Cerrito, and was a standout athlete at El Cerrito High before joining the Oakland Oaks in 1953. He had a 21–9 record for the Cardinals in 1960, and won 18 games in 1963. He later devoted many years to coaching young pitchers. In 2017, Broglio was a featured guest at El Cerrito's centennial celebration.

The El Cerrito Historical Society will present a free talk on Pumpsie Green by Peter Elman at 3 p.m. on January 26 at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

—Chris Treadway  
El Cerrito Historical Society



**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL:**  
**PLEASE DELIVER BY DECEMBER 24, 2019**

POSTAL CUSTOMER



## DIRECTORY

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[www.el-cerrito.org](http://www.el-cerrito.org)

### CITY COUNCIL WINTER MEETINGS

*December 3 and 17*  
*January 7 and 21*  
*February 4 and 18*  
*March 3 and 17*

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

To watch meetings online, go to [www.el-cerrito.org](http://www.el-cerrito.org) and click on **City Council**.

The City Council meeting agenda packets are available online, five days prior to City Council meetings, at [www.el-cerrito.org/Archive](http://www.el-cerrito.org/Archive).

### CITY HALL WINTER HOLIDAYS

*(offices closed)*

*Winter Break*  
*December 23–January 1*  
*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*  
*January 20*  
*Presidents' Day, February 17*

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

(Area codes 510, unless otherwise listed)

#### CITY HALL

10890 San Pablo Ave.

City Clerk  
 Passport Services ... 215-4371  
 M–Th, 9 a.m.–noon

#### City Management

City Clerk ..... 215-4305  
 City Council ..... 215-4305  
 City Manager ..... 215-4300  
 Human Resources .... 215-4315

#### Community Development

Building ..... 215-4360  
 Code Enforcement .... 215-4363  
 Economic  
 Development ..... 215-4362  
 Housing ..... 215-4361  
 Planning ..... 215-4359

#### Finance

Finance Office ..... 215-4323

#### Public Works

After-hours/  
 Emergency ..... 215-4369  
 Engineering ..... 215-4382  
 Maintenance/  
 Corporation Yard.... 215-4369  
 Recycling + Environmental  
 Resource Center  
 7501 Schmidt Lane.... 215-4350

### COMMUNITY CENTER

7007 Moeser Lane

Recreation  
 Department ..... 559-7000  
 Swim Center ..... 559-7011

### MIDTOWN ACTIVITY CENTER

10940 San Pablo Ave.

Adult Programs  
 & Services ..... 559-7677

### PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

10900 San Pablo Ave.

Emergency ..... 911  
 Police Dispatch  
 (non-emergency).... 237-3233  
 Fire/Medical  
 Dispatch ..... 925-951-3330  
 Fire Administration ... 215-4450  
 Police Administration 215-4400

### CALLING 9-1-1

**CALL 911** only for time sensitive emergencies requiring immediate response of police, fire, or emergency medical personnel.

You can also reach the Police Dispatch Center directly by calling **510-237-3233**. To be connected directly, press '0' once the prompts begin.

The phone number to directly reach the dispatch center for El Cerrito Fire or Medical has changed to **925-941-3330**. Please note the **925** area code for this number.

## Pull Out and Save Guide to Recycling

AT THE CENTER of this newsletter you'll find the brochure *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Recycling, Green Waste & Garbage Services in El Cerrito*. Pull it out and keep it for reference—this is one brochure you won't want to recycle! It's a comprehensive, up-to-date guide to:



- what is and isn't accepted in your curbside recycling, green waste, and garbage carts
- what is and isn't accepted at the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center at 7501 Schmidt Lane
- services available to El Cerrito households, such as free annual bulky waste pickup and household hazardous waste disposal
- other local resources for disposing of garbage and green waste

For more info on recycling, green waste, and garbage services in El Cerrito, go to [www.el-cerrito.org/CurbsideProgram](http://www.el-cerrito.org/CurbsideProgram) or call the city's Recycling Center at **510-215-4350**.