

Looking Ahead: Our Goals for El Cerrito

THE CITY OF EL CERRITO is setting guidelines for the future: What can we do over the next five years to enhance our City? What goals should we set? The answers will go toward developing an updated Strategic Plan. As residents, this shared vision will help determine your future, too.

The El Cerrito City Council adopted the City's first Strategic Plan in 2013, after a year-long effort to engage the community in creating a shared vision for our future. In 2015, the City Council updated the Strategic Plan by incorporating changes to the City's mission, vision, values, goals, and strategies.



The goals for 2015–2020 were to (1) deliver exemplary government services; (2) achieve long-term financial sustainability; (3) deepen a sense of place and community identity; (4) develop and rehabilitate public facilities as community focal points; (5) ensure the public's health and safety; and (6) foster environmental sustainability citywide. Although the goals are somewhat broad, new programs and services were measured against those expectations.

As the City looks to expand the strategic plan into the future, we heard from many residents this winter about what they think is important and what actions they believe would make El Cerrito an even better place. Four focus groups of community stakeholders were held to solicit input and ideas about what makes the City of El Cerrito special. Participants were asked for their perspectives on the strengths, limitations, opportunities, and threats in El Cerrito.

In February, the City held an open house to solicit ideas about what makes El Cerrito unique, and it launched an online public survey. These efforts help to create a vision for the City's future, prioritizing goals and strategies. Thank you to all residents and stakeholders who provided input at an event or meeting, completed the online survey, or provided written comments to the City.

In March, the City Council will hold a public strategic plan workshop to review the findings of the community input and make decisions about El Cerrito's direction.

WHAT IS A STRATEGIC PLAN ANYWAY?

A strategic plan articulates the direction we are headed and identifies strategies to achieve specific goals. The strategic plan for El Cerrito creates a shared vision of our future among community members, elected officials, and City staff.

A strategic plan creates consensus about expectations and provides guidelines for the use of resources. It serves as a roadmap and will guide much of what we do.

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What's the City Council Doing?

THE CITY COUNCIL meets regularly to discuss city business, establish policy, make appropriations, and promote the overall vision for El Cerrito. Meetings are open to the public, and attendance is welcome and encouraged. Meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue. The schedule can be viewed on the city's calendar at www.el-cerrito.org. If you're unable to attend, you can watch on cable television channel 28 or listen on 88.1 KECG. Meetings are also streamed live at www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials, which also archives past meeting videos. You can review agendas, staff reports, and meeting minutes before and after each meeting at www.el-cerrito.org/Agendas-Minutes. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 510-215-4305.

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

Monday, March 2

Spring Swim Lessons Begin

Swim Lessons run on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays for 5 weeks.

Each lesson is one day per week so you can choose the day you want. The more lessons per week you sign up for, the more your child will learn. We recommend at least two days per week to maximize learning. Register now at www.el-cerrito.org/onlinereg to get your child swimming for the summer!

Weekends, March 13–29

The Waverly Gallery

Contra Costa Civic Theatre 951 Pomona Ave., Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.

This play tells the story of Gladys, the elderly matriarch of the Green family, who has run an art gallery in a small Greenwich Village hotel for many years. The management wants to replace her less-than-thriving gallery with a coffee shop. Always irascible but now increasingly erratic, Gladys is a cause of concern to her daughter, her son-in-law, and her grandson, from whose point of view this poignant memory play is told. A hilarious and heartrending look at the effect of old age on a family, *The Waverly Gallery* was recently revived to great acclaim on Broadway. Tickets and information at www.ccct.org.

Saturday, April 18

El Cerrito's Annual Earth Day Celebration

Work parties at various locations around El Cerrito, 9 a.m.–noon

Refreshments at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, noon to 1:30 p.m.

The City will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day with a morning of volunteerism and work parties followed by our volunteer appreciation event. Register your work party at www.el-cerrito.org/earthday. For more information contact earthday@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call City staff at 510-559-7686.

April 18, June 6, and August 12

El Cerrito Green Teams

Cleanup details to be determined; at various El Cerrito locations.

Join the El Cerrito Green Teams for an upcoming clean-up at locations throughout the City. For more information, please visit www.el-cerrito.org/newgreen or contact the Operations + Environmental Services Division at 510-215-4350 or green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

Saturdays, April 25 and May 9

Writing Workshops with Poet Laureate Dani Gabriel

El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

As part of her "Love/Dare/Grow: El Cerrito Families" project, El Cerrito Poet Laureate Dani Gabriel will host workshops for those who want to write about family.

May 1–3

7th Annual Hillside Festival

Hillside Natural Area, 7451 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, times to be determined



Enjoy El Cerrito's 7th Annual Hillside Festival, designed to showcase the natural and cultural beauty in El Cerrito's hillside. This free event includes nature walks, hikes, music, and poetry. Visit www.ectrailtrekkers.org for details.

Sunday, May 3

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour

Various Alameda and Contra Costa locations, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Discover more about the possibilities California native plants offer with this self-guided tour of local gardens. More information at www.bringingbackthenatives.net/.

Thursday, May 14

Bike to Work Day

Ohlone Greenway near the bike lockers at El Cerrito Plaza BART Station, 7–9 a.m.

Join over 100,000 Bay Area residents who will pedal-power their commute on Bike to Work Day! For more information, go to www.el-cerrito.org/BiketoWorkDay.



Saturday, May 16

Spring Citywide Garage Sale

Register by April 20 at 4 p.m.

Garage Sale, May 16, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. various locations in El Cerrito

Keep used items out of the landfill while discovering your community and finding great deals. To register to host a sale, complete the Registration Form by April 20. Visit www.el-cerrito.org/garagesale for more information or to register.

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Holiday

City administrative offices will be closed.

Friday, May 29

Poet Laureate Artist Reception

City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., 6–7:30 p.m.

Poet Laureate Dani Gabriel will host a reception, which will feature family photos and interviews collected as part of her "Love/Dare/Grow El Cerrito Families" project. It will also include a reading by Dani and workshop participants.

Thursday, June 4

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Workshop

City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, 6:30 p.m.

ADUs, also known as granny flats or in-law units, are a great way to create additional housing on your existing property. See more info on page 8.

Monday, June 8

Summer Camp Begins!

Whether you are looking for a traditional summer camp experience and fun in the pool, or you want your child to dive deep into a subject they are excited about, we have the camp for you. During 10 fun weeks of summer, offering over a hundred options, El Cerrito Summer Camps are the place to be. Register today!



Only Rain Down the Storm Drain

DID YOU KNOW that up to 80 percent of all storm water pollution in the Bay Area comes from households just like yours? As the rainy season continues, here are a few cleanwater pointers to keep in mind.

NEVER PUT YARD WASTE IN THE STORM DRAINS

As you tidy your yard, sidewalks, and gutter, never put yard waste and fallen leaves into the storm drain. It's true that leaves and yard clippings are eventually biodegradable, but in the meantime, they can clog storm drains and create a flooding hazard. As they decompose, they can also harm aquatic life by robbing the water of oxygen.

USE FEWER HOUSEHOLD HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES

Use pesticides sparingly, follow the instructions on the label, and don't apply these products on a windy or rainy day. Better yet, keep your garden healthy and your home pestfree without using chemical pesticides and herbicides. Regular applications of compost will contribute to healthy plants, and biodiversity encourages overall well-being: Plant bee-, butterfly-, and bird-friendly shrubs and flowers. Applying pesticides treats the symptoms, not the causes, of pest problems.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

If you have unwanted or leftover pesticides (or any other chemicals), do not

pour them in any drain inside or outside your house. To protect the environment and human health, the law requires you to recycle or dispose of these materials at a household hazardous waste facility. For more information about drop-off locations and hours, visit www.RecycleMore.com or call **1-888-412-9277**.

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING AND ILICIT DISCHARGE

If you catch someone in the act of illegally discharging material into the gutter, a storm drain, or creek, or dumping trash in a public place, please dial **911** immediately and report all relevant details (date/time, location, description of vehicle and driver, etc.) so that law enforcement can investigate. To report potentially harmful materials that have already been dumped or spilled into a storm drain, contact the City's non-emergency dispatch number at **510-233-1214**.

Finally, to report materials illegally dumped in a public place, please contact the City's Maintenance Division at maintenance@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call **510-215-4369**.

A cleaner bay and cleaner creeks begin with you. Only rain should flow into the storm drain. For answers to any clean water-related questions, contact the City's clean water program coordinator, Will Provost, at wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or **510-525-7622**.

Cerrito Creek in El Cerrito



Help with Home Improvement Projects

THINKING ABOUT SPENDING your tax refund on a home improvement project? If a renovation is in your future, remember that a building permit is required for improvements, conversions, and other work, including some electrical and plumbing projects. You are encouraged to contact the Community Development Department for information on additions, remodels, alterations, and repairs of residential and commercial buildings, as well as the construction of new dwellings. Permits and inspections ensure your project meets the minimum building and zoning code requirements to protect your health and safety.

When necessary for specialized work, the contractor must be licensed, bonded, and insured for the work being performed. City staff are available during regular City Hall business hours to answer any questions you have as you plan your project. Go online to www.el-cerrito.org/building for helpful tips regarding building permits, including a submittal checklist. Or call **510-215-4360** to speak to someone in the department. In addition, you may contact the Building Division at building@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us. If you would prefer to speak to a department representative in person, visit City Hall from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, or 8 a.m.–6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. City Hall is also open on alternate Fridays from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. For details, see www.el-cerrito.org/CityHallHours.

Hiring a Contractor

WHEN LOOKING FOR help with a home project, be sure to check that contractors are licensed, and get at least three bids on your project. For tips on selecting a licensed, qualified contractor, go online to the www.cslb.ca.gov/Consumers. This website also provides licensing information about the contractor you are considering.

City Considers Ban on Plastic Straws, Other Foodware

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FOODWARE items—such as non-compostable and non-reusable straws, eating utensils, and food containers—could be phased out under an ordinance the City of El Cerrito is now considering. If the ordinance is adopted, it would apply to all food providers in El Cerrito: any vendor, business, organization, entity, group, or individual, including any restaurant or retail food establishment, and any provider of prepared food at organized or special events. More than 100 businesses would be affected.

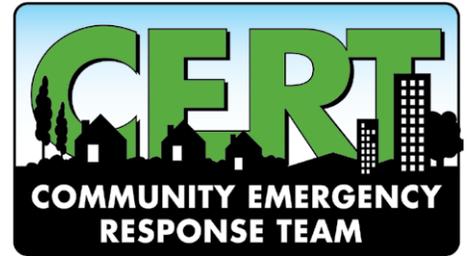
This proposal would amend the 2013 Foodware Ordinance, which prohibited expanded polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) containers and required foodware to be reusable, recyclable, or compostable. The revised ordinance would also require food providers that provide compostable or reusable straws to keep plastic straws in stock for customers who rely on durable, plastic straws for drinking and request them due to disabilities or medical needs.

In line with the City's Climate Action Plan and Strategic Plan goals, this ordinance would support the City's goals to reduce the community's environmental impact, recycling contamination and costs, and greenhouse gas emissions. By eliminating the use of single-use plastic foodware, El Cerrito can help protect waterways, promote environmental sustainability, and reduce waste.

City staff are currently sharing information, listening to concerns, answering questions, and gathering input as we continue to develop the ordinance. Also planned are multiple public meetings, print and online outreach efforts, and contacts with stakeholders from the business community, the Environmental Quality Committee, and the ADA Advisory Working Group. Staff anticipate putting the draft ordinance before the City Council in late spring 2020.

The City would assist businesses by providing free technical training and building public awareness to support a smooth transition before beginning enforcement of the ordinance. The City would also provide a brochure to all affected businesses with instructions on how to apply the ordinance. Businesses are invited to schedule a visit or consultation with the City to receive information, ask questions about how they will be affected, or share their thoughts.

Through these proposed changes to the foodware ordinance: reusable foodware would become preferred, compostable foodware would be compliant, and single-use plastic foodware would be prohibited in the City of El Cerrito. For more information about the proposed Expanded Foodware Ordinance, or to submit comments, contact Will Provost at **510-525-7622** or **wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us**. Learn more and find updates at **www.el-cerrito.org/foodware**.



Get Ready for an Emergency

IN A DISASTER, you may be on your own. Do you know what to do? You can learn through the free training offered by the El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Through CERT, you can learn:

- Disaster first aid training
- Disaster and terrorism preparedness
- Basic firefighting techniques
- Light search and rescue
- Disaster organization and psychology
- Family, pet, and home preparedness

On Saturday, May 2, the Fire Department will hold a condensed one-day CERT Boot Camp. This non-certified training will cover all the topics in the full CERT training session.

For more information and to register for classes, contact the Fire Department at **510-215-4450** or visit **www.el-cerrito.org** now! Space is limited, and classes fill up quickly.

2019 Housing Legislation

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND tenant protection were among the issues tackled in housing bills adopted by the state legislature and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2019. These bills also aim to address the state's housing crisis through a series of updates to zoning regulations and transit-oriented development standards. Community Development staff is working to conform the City's existing Municipal Code, where necessary, to the new state requirements. To learn more, please visit **www.el-cerrito.org/housingupdates**.

 <p>Reusable foodware preferred. It is better for the environment and saves money for you.</p>	 <p>Compostable foodware is compliant. It breaks down better than alternatives and can go in the green waste bin.</p>	 <p>Plastic foodware would be prohibited in the City of El Cerrito through these proposed changes to the foodware ordinance.</p>
		

Curb Appeal? Let's Think Safety First

IF YOU OWN property in El Cerrito, you must keep your sidewalks in good repair and safe for people who walk there. The Municipal Code explains that this means keeping the sidewalk clear of vegetation overgrowth, as well as making repairs to sidewalks that are damaged or uplifted.

First, let's talk trees, which can make sidewalks buckle in ways that could trip up passersby. City crews will repair or replace

sidewalks that have been damaged by trees on City property. If the trees are on your property, you are responsible for repairing damaged, broken, or deteriorating concrete. A City encroachment permit is required to do this work, and sidewalks must conform to City standards.

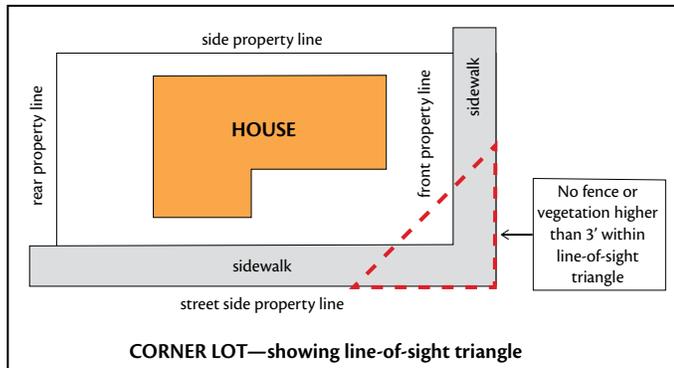
Now, let's think plants and bushes. The Municipal Code requires property owners to trim back any vegetation in their yard that may cause an obstruction to pedestrians on city sidewalks or other public paths of travel. If you have a corner lot, the job is bigger. All vegetation must be trimmed regularly so that oncoming traffic can clearly see other vehicles as well as

pedestrians. In particular, vegetation within the 35-foot line-of-sight triangle of the street corner should be kept below 36 inches tall.

If you need to repair a sidewalk, please obtain an Encroachment Permit from the City of El Cerrito's Public Works Department prior to doing the work. This ensures the walkway meets the City's standards. To get an Encroachment Permit, visit www.elcerrito.org/encroachmentpermit or contact the City's Public Works Engineering Department at 510-215-4382.



Vegetation obstructing sidewalk



Census 2020: It's Important to Be Counted!

BEGINNING IN MID-MARCH, a special invitation will be arriving at your residence, asking you to participate in the 2020 U.S. Census. Imagine counting all the people residing in the United States—that's what the census does every 10 years.

Your community's public resources (e.g., funding for roads, hospitals, schools), how we plan for the future, and your voice in government—all of these are affected by the Census results. Your future depends on your taking the time to participate. The invitation will include instructions on how to respond online or by phone. By mid-April, all households that have not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire.

(Some households will receive a paper questionnaire along with the first invitation in March.) Beginning in mid-May, census takers will visit all households that have not yet responded.

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can be used only to produce statistics—they cannot

be used against you in any other way. By law, all responses to the U.S. Census Bureau survey are kept completely confidential. Learn more about the importance of the 2020 Census and how to participate at www.contracosta.ca.gov/7521.

Fun fact: Do you know that you can watch the change in the United States (and world) population as it happens? Check out the U.S. and World Population Clock at www.census.gov/popclock/.

For more information or to report a hazardous sidewalk condition, please contact the Maintenance Division at maintenance@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 510-215-4369.

Learning CPR and First Aid

APRIL 18 AND JUNE 13—both Saturdays—are the next dates scheduled for CPR and First Aid classes, offered by the El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department six times during the calendar year. Our CPR classes are American Heart Association Heart Saver courses and cover adult, child, and infant CPR.

CPR classes take place in the morning, followed by a one-hour break and then First Aid training in the afternoon. Registration is required, and priority is given to El Cerrito and Kensington residents. Resident fees are \$43 for CPR only and \$86 for CPR and First Aid. There is a fee increase for non-residents.

If you would like to sign up for one of our classes, please contact the Fire Department at 510-215-4450 or fire@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

Love/Dare/Grow: El Cerrito Families Share Their Stories

WHAT DO FAMILIES who live here think about El Cerrito? What are their dreams and fears? What's special about them? This past spring, Dani Gabriel, El Cerrito's poet laureate, received a grant from the California Arts Council to ask these questions and share the responses.

The first family she interviewed was the Hofmanns. Alisa Hofmann has a company that does bathroom and kitchen remodels. Ed Hofmann is a legal assistant. Inara is a third grader at a local elementary school. They have been El Cerrito residents for almost a decade. They shared some of their story and their inclusive vision of family. Here's an excerpt from that interview (the full interview is available at www.allthepossible.com):

Dani: Who is family?

Ed: To me, family is anyone you have a kinship to, whether you are related by blood, marriage, or some other institution, and the people that you choose to be around. Yeah, with the Thursday Night Dinner, I dubbed that the "fam-unity".

Dani: Fam-unity. Say more about Thursday Night Dinner.

Ed: We host a weekly Thursday Night Dinner, and we invite friends. Many of them who like us don't have family in the area or even in the state—we just sort of bond together to support each other. [It's] just feeding people you love some good home-cooked food, and doing it as often as you can to build up those bonds. We've been doing it for eight and a half years with no plans of stopping.

Dani: How many people usually come?

Ed: We've had an average of 20 to 25.

Dani: So what is unique about your family?

Alisa: What is unique? I think Thursday Night Dinner is what's unique. . . . It's people coming from lots of different backgrounds and just coming and sharing and being.

Dani: So tell the story of how a Thursday Night Dinner came to be.

Alisa: We first were introduced to Thursday Night Dinner when we were finding a new church and somebody else was running Thursday Night Dinner. They invited us that first week we met them. We waited a few weeks before we intruded on their home because we felt kind of awkward being on the outside. But it was really an invitation with no requirements. It was not a potluck where you have to sign up and do things.

Ed: It's basically like having Thanksgiving every week.

Alisa: Without the turkey.

Dani will continue to add stories of El Cerrito families as part of the interview series and we'll learn how the stories are the same and different. The families are also taking photos of their day-to-day life for a month.

We hope to capture what they love or find challenging about their community, which will be posted with the interviews.

Dani will be hosting two workshops at the El Cerrito Library for anyone who wants to join and write about family. The workshops are April 25 and May 9 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The project will culminate in a portrait of our community in words and photos: a reflection of who we are and who we might be in the future. A show of the family photos and interviews will occur in late spring. A reception, featuring readings by Dani and workshop participants, will occur on Friday, May 29, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.



Newsletter News!

WE HOPE YOU find the News & Views newsletter a useful source of information and a helpful way to stay informed about your community. We enjoy providing residents with information on events, programs, safety, ordinances, etc. Beginning with this issue, the newsletter will be published three times per year, in March, June, and November. Your copy will be delivered to your home at those times—look for it and learn what's been going on in El Cerrito and what's coming up soon.

Fire Safety in El Cerrito

AS WE BEGIN a new decade, the El Cerrito Fire Department has been busy updating its Fire Prevention Program. Last year a record number of properties were inspected for Fire Hazard Abatements. Reviewing the program—under the direction of El Cerrito Fire Chief Michael Pigoni and through the work of Fire Marshal David Gibson—we established guidelines to make El Cerrito more fire-safe. Here are the goals the Fire Department is working on.

EDUCATION We will work with the community to educate property owners about wildfire risks and ways to make properties more fire-safe. The department will host classes and will also update the information on the City of El Cerrito website (www.el-cerrito.org/FireHazardMitigation).

COMMUNICATION Contra Costa County has an Emergency Alert and Community Warning System that citizens can access at www.cwsalerts.com/. The website provides information on how to sign up for and use these programs.

INFORMATION The City's Fire Hazard Abatement Program is being updated using the CAL Fire model. Through a more user-friendly El Cerrito website, we will provide valuable information to our citizens.

NOTIFICATION The Fire Department will send postcards in March to notify property owners of the vegetation management requirements and the upcoming Fire Hazard Abatement inspections.

COLLABORATION We will work with the Public Works Department and outside agencies to ensure a more fire-safe El Cerrito community. These agencies will include PG&E and EBMUD. In addition, East Bay Sanitary will send out fire notifications in their May billing cycle.

The above steps will help the community of El Cerrito prepare for the upcoming fire season.



Above: Fire Prevention Officer Carrion surveys vegetation during a Fire Hazard Abatement inspection. Below: El Cerrito fire crew burns dried brush piles as part of a prescribed burn in the Hillside Natural Area.



Do you “Like” El Cerrito? Visit Us Online

DID YOU KNOW that the City is on social media? If you use social media, please follow us, like us, or share our content. We post to several accounts and platforms in an effort to share different kinds of information with as many users as possible. However, for a time-sensitive question or comment, please phone or email the appropriate City department instead of contacting us on a social media platform. We do not continuously check our social media accounts for messages.

FACEBOOK

@cityofelcerrito
@ecrecreation
@elcerritokeningtonfire

TWITTER

Get information and updates on City programs, events, and news. The City has a number of official accounts on Twitter:

- City (main or general account) @cityofelcerrito
- Police Department @elcerritopd
- Police Chief Paul Keith @ECPDChief
- Recreation Department @ElCerritoREC

LINKEDIN

Follow the City on www.LinkedIn.com to learn about career opportunities and accomplishments by our great staff!

Other online platforms:

NIXLE ALERTS

Nixle alerts include weekly summaries of criminal activity, information about public safety hazards, in-progress crime or traffic hazard bulletins, and announcements of public outreach events. Nixle alerts can be received on your smart phone via text messages, email, or the Nixle app. To receive free alerts from the Police Department, register at nixle.com.

NEXTDOR

Nextdoor is a social network for neighborhoods. Each neighborhood website is accessible only to residents who can verify that they live there. The City can post messages to any Nextdoor website in El Cerrito but cannot access residents' sites, contact information, or content. To join your neighborhood's Nextdoor website, go online to www.nextdoor.com.

**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL:
 PLEASE DELIVER BY MARCH 23, 2020**

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**CITY COUNCIL
 SPRING MEETINGS**
March 17
April 7 and 21
May 5 and 19
June 2 and 16

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 KECC, 88.1 FM radio.

To watch meetings online, go to www.el-cerrito.org and click on **City Council**.

The City Council meeting agenda packets are available online, three days prior to City Council meetings, at www.el-cerrito.org/archive.

**CITY HALL
 SPRING HOLIDAYS**
(offices closed)
Memorial Day
May 25

TELEPHONE NUMBERS
 (Area codes 510, unless otherwise listed)

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 10890 San Pablo Ave.

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
 Planning 215-4359
 Economic
 Development 215-4362
 Housing 215-4361

Finance
 Finance Office 215-4323

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

COMMUNITY CENTER
 7007 Moeser Lane
 Recreation
 Department 559-7000
 Park/Facility Rentals .. 559-7004
 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 **237-3233**. Please listen to the prompts, as the menu has recently changed.

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.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Workshop

ADUs, ALSO KNOWN as granny flats or in-law units, are a great way to create additional housing on your existing property. They come in various shapes and forms, such as



a new standalone structure; an addition to a house; or through the conversion of existing garage, basement, or part of a house. On January 1, 2020, there were several changes to state law to encourage new ADUs throughout cities by streamlining and modifying the development process and standards to help address California's housing shortage. Please join Community Development Department staff at an ADU workshop on June 4 to learn more about the current permit process and design and development standards. The workshop will be at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall. Please RSVP to planning@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or contact **510-215-4362**. For additional

information you can also visit www.el-cerrito.org/homeownersworkshops.