Last week I was thrilled to meet so many neighbors around the City during National Night Out. Once again, El Cerrito shined bright with 30 block parties all over town where neighbors and friends gathered to share good food, get to know each other, and learn about what’s going on in the City. Our awesome El Cerrito Police Department officers and command staff, along with City Councilmembers and City staff from every department, went out in teams to make stops at as many block parties as we could. I met wonderful people, answered a lot of questions, and handed out a lot of business cards! One of the best ways to prevent crime is to know our neighbors and look out for each other, and these block parties were clearly a huge success. National Night Out is always one of my favorite nights of the year, and I’m grateful to our ECPD and Crime Prevention Committee for once again coordinating a fantastic evening. Thanks to all who participated!

One of the questions I was asked was about how the City is doing now that we are recovering from our financial challenges and the pandemic. I’m happy to say that the City has indeed turned the corner financially, as we have shown in our independent audit, the latest Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and our FY 2022-23 proposed budget document (www.el-cerrito.org/budget). We are firmly on the path of financial sustainability, and I’m grateful for the leadership of our City Council and for the hard work of all of our City staff team for making that happen. Though our budget has vastly improved, we are still working hard to recover in our organization. Because of the previous layoffs and current vacant positions, not to mention a tight job market, we are not up to full staffing. I continue to ask the public’s patience and understanding as we are working extremely hard to provide services the best we can even with a reduced staff. With that said, we are indeed looking to fill many positions, so please spread the word as we are hiring! Check out the job opportunities at www.el-cerrito.org/jobs.

Of course, we all know that we are not out of the pandemic yet, but things continue to look better. I’m hopeful that it won’t be long before the emergency we’ve been working under for two-and-a-half years will soon end, and while I don’t think COVID-19 will ever truly go away, we will manage and move forward. Once again, I implore you all to continue to be careful, get vaccinated, and stay safe.

As always, please take care of yourselves and each other.

Karen Pinkos
City Manager
City Manager Appoints New Fire Chief
The City of El Cerrito is pleased to welcome Chief Eric Saylors to the position of Fire Chief of the El Cerrito Fire Department, beginning Monday, August 8, 2022. Chief Saylors is an experienced leader and third-generation firefighter with 27 years in the fire service. Chief Saylors most recently served as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Sacramento Fire Department, a Department that he had served since 1998 in the roles of Battalion Chief, Captain, Engineer and Firefighter/Paramedic. He began his fire service career for the City of Galt Fire Department as a Resident Firefighter in 1995. In addition to his firefighting career, Chief Saylors is an author, pilot, and an educator. Chief Saylors holds a Bachelors in Business Management from California State University, Sacramento, a Masters in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School, and is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Leadership and Organizational Change from the University of Southern California (USC). Chief Saylors is a nationally recognized expert in active shooter training, fire service metrics, leadership, and succession planning. The National Fire Academy uses many of his published articles to instruct future chiefs.

City of El Cerrito/worldOne 4th of July Festival – Success!
By all accounts the return of El Cerrito’s 4th of July Festival was very well received and attended! While it is difficult to estimate attendance based on the open nature of the festival, most people agree that attendance was strong all day and was certainly equal to, if not more than, past years’ events. The music stage came alive once again with a diverse selection of talented musicians thanks to worldOne’s Co-Producers Corey Mason and Debra-Sue Kelvin. Community and City groups and organizations returned in strong numbers and engaged with the Community on important topics. There were some fan favorites that came back too, such as face painting, amusement rides, and bounce houses. There were also some new attractions, such as the Car Showcase, featuring around 15 classic cars, the Family Fun Zone with bubbles and games for kids that may have been
too young to go on the amusement rides and a reading from El Cerrito’s Poet Laureate. Please help thank our event sponsors by patronizing their businesses and/or saying thank you to them for their support! The festival could not have happened without them.

**COVID-19 Information – Ages Six Months or Older Can Get a Vaccine, Booster Shots Available for Ages Five and Older**

All people ages six (6) months and older can get vaccinated, and all people ages five (5) and older can get both vaccinated and boosted at a Contra Costa County Health Services (CCHS) site even if they do not live or work in Contra Costa County. Adults ages 18 and older may choose any brand of vaccine for their booster. People ages 5-17 can only get Pfizer for their booster. People at higher risk, including people ages 50 years and older, should get a second booster dose. To learn more about booster shots, visit: [https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/boosters](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/boosters).

Appointments are recommended and can be made online or by phone at (833) 829-2626, Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. People without appointments are accepted as time and vaccine supply allows.

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**CITY CLERK**

Have your Voice be Heard!

Are you interested in giving back to the El Cerrito community? Consider serving on a City Board, Commission or Committee. The City Clerk is actively recruiting for several vacancies on City Advisory Bodies including: **Arts and Culture Commission**, **Human Relations Commission**, **Park and Recreation Commission**, and **Planning Commission**.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and a resident of El Cerrito (residency is **not** required for the Economic Development Committee.) Attendance at two of the last three meetings is required prior to applying so interested individuals are encouraged to check out a meeting today!

For a full list of vacancies, detailed information, and an application to serve please visit [www.el-cerrito.org/commissions](http://www.el-cerrito.org/commissions). For more information, please contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.
Nomination Period for El Cerrito City Council Candidates EXTENDED
One or more incumbent officer of the city did not file nomination document by the filing deadline, therefore the nomination period for city council candidates is extended to **Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.** During this extension period, no incumbent is allowed to file nomination documents.

To be eligible to run for City Council, a candidate must be a resident of El Cerrito and a registered voter at the time nomination documents are issued. Nomination documents can only be issued by and filed with the City Clerk.

For more information please contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 510-215-4305. Election information is also available online at www.el-cerrito.org/Elections.

Recent City Council Meeting Highlights
**Tuesday, July 19, 2022 (Regular Meeting)**
- Recognized the Recycling Center’s 50th anniversary and contributions of Joel Witherell, and National Night Out
- Received Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report, and 4th Quarter Cash & Investment Report
- Authorized continuance of remote meetings (AB361) through August 19, 2022
- Approved updated agreement with Contra Costa for animal control services
- Introduced amendments to Foodware Ordinance regarding single-use foodware
- Held appeal hearing on use permit to allow a temporary fire station on Craft Avenue and upheld Planning Commission’s approval
- Approved Memorandum of Understanding for new Fire Chief Eric Saylors
- Approved Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU Local 1021
- Approved agreement with Koff & Associates for a citywide classification and compensation study
- Approved agreement with the Kensington Police Protection & Community Services District (KPPCSD) for use of site and amenities at 10940 San Pablo Avenue

Upcoming City Council Meeting(s)
Unless public health conditions change, City Council meetings are now being held in-person with an option for zoom participation. Please check the agenda for the specific meeting to get the most current information. Agenda materials and public comment instructions are available online at www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials as well as video archives. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or (510) 215-4305.
Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- Presentation from West Contra Costa Unified School District
- Presentation on Draft Housing Element
- 2nd Reading and Adoption of amended Foodware Ordinance
- Public Hearing on Fire Hazard Abatement Declaration
- Fiscal Sustainability Plan
- Consideration of a Project Labor Agreement

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- Annual Sundar Shadi Garden Club Awards
- Presentation from East Bay Municipal Utilities District on Wildcat Pipeline Project
- Measure X Presentation from Contra Costa County
- Public Hearing on Fire Hazard Abatement Costs
- Quarterly General Fund Budget Update

CANCELLED Regular Meetings
September 6
The City Council adopted a regular meeting schedule reducing meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of the month during the summer months of July – September. In addition, meetings during this period of time have a 6:00 p.m. start time.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Permits

For the month of July, 114 building permits were issued, 81 permits were “finaled” (e.g. closed out) and 115 new permit applications were received. Currently, the application processing for building permits requiring plan check is approximately 30 days from the date a complete application is submitted. In fiscal year (FY) 2021-22, 1,580 permits were issued, representing an approximate 35% increase over the average of permits issued FY 2017-18 through FY 2020-21. Two hundred and ninety three solar permits were issued, nearly twice the number of the previous year and 250% over the average of FY 2017-18 through FY 2020-21.

Over the Counter permits are available virtually through the eTrakIt system. Please note that City Hall is open to the public. In-person counter hours from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and by appointment from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Please visit www.elcerrito.org/permitcounter for more information.
Neighborhood Preservation (Code Enforcement)
For the month of July, 16 code enforcement cases were opened, and seven (7) were closed.

1. Graffiti: 2
2. Illicit Discharge: 1
3. No Permit: 3
4. Solid Waste: 1
5. Red Tag: 1
6. Rental Inspection: 1
7. Tenant Complaint: 1
8. Weeds Trash Debris: 6

Total: 16

Planning Applications/Updates
The Planning Division has received the following applications:

- **Residential Architectural Design Review** for a new 2\(^{nd}\) story addition over the existing garage of a single-family house and an ADU conversion at 2700 Tulare. The Planning Division encourages interested neighbors to contact them at planning@ci.elcerrito.ca.us or (510) 215-4330 to discuss any questions or to facilitate viewing of the plans during the 14-day period, from August 3 through August 17, 2022. After the 14-day period, the owner may apply for a building permit.

- 10192 San Pablo Avenue: On August 1, 2022, an amendment to development application was submitted. The project previously approved in 2017, and later revised in 2019, contained 26 residential units. The new proposal includes 42 residential units and two (2) ground floor live-work units.

The Zoning Administrator has approved the following applications:

- An application for PG&E Tower on the Corner of Portola Drive and Navellier Street
San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan - Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report: Available for Public Comment

In 2014, the City Council adopted the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan (Plan). The Plan laid the groundwork for new housing opportunities at all income levels and opportunities for increased economic activity along the San Pablo Avenue corridor. Beginning in 2019, the City embarked on an update to the Plan and held a series of community meetings between 2019-2021 to solicit public feedback and input. The draft San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan update and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) was released on July 19, 2022, and the 45-day public review period will extend through September 2, 2022. The City will also receive public comments on the Draft SEIR at a public meeting on August 17, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. via teleconference by using this link. Written comments can be submitted by email, mail or in-person to the City’s Planning Manager at: SMoss@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 10890 San Pablo Avenue El Cerrito, CA 94530. More information regarding this process can be found in the Notice of Availability here. This effort is being funded by grants the Metropolitan Transpiration Commission and the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Your participation will help create a more vibrant and connected San Pablo Avenue for all. Please visit the project page www.el-cerrito.org/SPASP for additional resources.


The Housing Element is a required component of the City’s General Plan. It contains goals, policies, and programs to address the housing needs of all El Cerrito residents from 2023 to 2031, including the City’s required Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of 1,391 new dwelling units at a variety of income levels. The City is pleased to share the draft 2023-31 Housing Element Update. The community is welcome to provide comments to City staff through August 29, 2022. Written comments can be submitted to planning@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us and verbal comments can be shared at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., or by contacting (510) 215-4361. Please visit the project website www.el-cerrito.org/HousingElement2023 for additional information.
El Cerrito Plaza BART: Pop-Up Open House & Community Survey

The Development Team in collaboration with the City of El Cerrito and BART is seeking feedback on the updated Transit-Oriented Development design at El Cerrito Plaza BART. A Pop-Up Open House occurred on July 20, 2022 for community members to comment on the updated design concept. There were over 100 attendees who participated. If you missed the Open House, this survey is another opportunity for community members to provide feedback on the materials presented at the Open House. Public comments will also be available on September 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. during the Design Review Board and Planning Commission Joint Study Session to discuss the project. Visit www.elcerritoplazadevelopment.com or www.el-cerrito.org/TOD for more information.

Affordable Housing Resources

Visit August 2022 Affordable Housing Opportunities to view current openings throughout the Bay Area – (Courtesy of Openhouse)

Home Match, Contra Costa: July Available Rooms Catalog If you are looking for housing, Home Match provides affordable opportunities to those who currently live, work or study in Contra Costa County.

Project Based Voucher Waiting List Opening

The Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa has opened the Project Based Voucher Waiting List for several properties located throughout Contra Costa County. This opening is NOT for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, but for Project-Based Voucher assisted units in the properties listed on this flyer only. Some properties are for Seniors only and some are family properties. For the senior properties, the head of household or spouse must be 62 years of age or older to apply. Applications from non-elderly applications will be rejected.

The linked Flyers provide the details for the opening. This opening is from 10:00 a.m. on June 13, 2022 until 4:00 p.m. on September 29, 2022. The opening will only be in electronic format and no paper applications will be available. Reasonable Accommodations for elderly or disabled clients can be made for anyone needing individual assistance by calling (925) 957-7085 or ie@contracostahousing.org.
New Business Updates
On August 2, 2022, **Authentic El Cerrito**, located at 10764-10770 San Pablo Avenue, received their building permit to begin renovations to the property. Between 2020-2021, **Authentic El Cerrito** was one of two cannabis dispensers approved to operate in the City. Both Cannabis Operating Permits require contributions to the City in the form of community benefits fees in addition to annual gross receipt payments. More information can be found at [www.el-cerrito.org/Cannabis](http://www.el-cerrito.org/Cannabis).

Reminder: Annual Business License Renewals & Rent Registry Due
This is a courtesy reminder that annual business license and rent registry renewals were due July 31, 2022. If you missed this deadline, please be sure to renew your account as soon as possible to avoid penalties. We encourage you to save time by renewing online at [www.el-cerrito.org/businesslicenses](http://www.el-cerrito.org/businesslicenses). City staff are available to answer questions/comments by emailing [businesslicense@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:businesslicense@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us), calling (510) 215-4314 or visiting in-person at City Hall between 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. To learn about the City’s rental housing requirements, visit [www.el-cerrito.org/rentalhousing](http://www.el-cerrito.org/rentalhousing).

**FIRE**

Calls for Service
The Fire Department responded to a total of 331 calls for service in July and a total of 2943 calls for service this calendar year. The total recap of the calls in July is as follows:

1. Fires: 40
2. Explosions/Ruptures: 0
3. Medicals: 105
4. Hazardous Conditions: 17
5. Service Calls: 81
6. Good Intent: 75
7. False Alarms: 13

Total: 331

**POLICE**

Calls for Service
The El Cerrito Police Department (ECPD) handled 1321 calls for service in July. To read more about the types of calls the ECPD handled, check out our Nixle Feed at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)

Police Activity
On July 19, 2022, at approximately 12:15 p.m., El Cerrito officers responded to the report of gunshots heard in the area of School Street and S. 53rd Street. Upon arrival, officers located a
victim of a gunshot wound in the 900 block of S. 55th Street. Officers rendered aid until emergency medical services arrived. The victim was transported to a hospital and was hospitalized with severe, but non-life-threatening injuries. The suspect in the shooting was reported as fleeing the scene in a vehicle, which was found abandoned nearby and simultaneous reports of a subject running through yards back to the shooting scene were received by Dispatch. A search ensued and the suspect, Daniel Torres, a 32-year-old male Pittsburg resident, was located hiding in a residence near the shooting scene. A firearm was recovered in the subsequent investigation. Torres was booked into the Contra Costa County jail on charges of attempted murder. A criminal complaint was filed with the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s office for numerous felony charges and Mr. Torres remains in custody.

Retail Theft Investigations
Detectives have been actively working with other local jurisdictions on retail theft investigations. Detectives have conducted an extensive follow-up on an organized retail theft crew who targeted Walgreens in El Cerrito. The crew was tied to Richmond, Elk Grove, Brentwood and other local jurisdictions. Video evidence has tied them to numerous retail theft crimes. The case was filed with the Contra Costa County District Attorney for review.

DUI Enforcement Awards
On July 21, 2022, Officers Stephanie Ware and Jerrick Bernstine were recognized for their efforts in DUI enforcement at the annual MADD (Mother’s Against Drunk Driving) Law Enforcement Recognition Luncheon, held at the Blackhawk Museum. Officer Bernstine’s parents and sister received the award in his honor (Officer Bernstine was tragically killed in a traffic collision on January 9, 2022). This event is hosted each year by MADD to recognize and honor Law Enforcement Officers for their continuous efforts in DUI enforcement. Law Enforcement agencies nominate their top DUI enforcement officers to receive an award.

The impact of impaired driving goes far beyond the crash itself, sending shock waves through families. Law enforcement officials understand fully the hurt and pain from these horrific crashes, and in their efforts to prevent another life from being taken at the hands of an impaired driver, MADD supports them for protecting families. It is with this sentiment that MADD sees these officials as heroes.
Employment Opportunities with the ECPD
The ECPD is currently looking for candidates for Police Recruit and Police Officer. These jobs offer an unmatched ability to make positive change in our community and offer great benefits to boot! If you or someone you know is interested in joining the ECPD team, please have them check out our available positions at: https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/elcerrito.

PUBLIC WORKS

Sustainability Lookback for the City of El Cerrito - 2017-2022
With leadership from the El Cerrito City Council, the City has been able to move forward a number of significant environmental projects over the last five (5) years. Highlights include:

- Adopting an Expanded Foodware Ordinance that prohibits the use of single-use plastic foodware
- Adopting a Public Tree and Shrub Ordinance and becoming a Tree City USA as a result
- Adopting an Ordinance implementing SB 1383 and requiring organics recycling
- Shifting all municipal electrical accounts to MCE's Deep Green 100% renewable option
- Installing a new Electric Vehicle charging station at the Recycling Center
- Piloting a citywide bike share program with LimeBike
- Facilitating the launch of a new Household Hazardous Waste collection facility at the Recycling Center that operates every Tuesday
- Adopting a Green Infrastructure Plan
- Completing a variety of pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects including as part of the Ohlone Greenway BART Station Area Access, Safety & Placemaking Improvements Project and Richmond-Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure Project
- Completing the San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine Project at Moeser Lane
- Declaring a Climate Emergency and adopting a resolution calling for the City to strive for zero GHG emissions citywide in the forthcoming Climate Action Plan update
- Executing a new franchise agreement with East Bay Sanitary offering increased solid waste disposal and diversion services to the El Cerrito community
- Implementing and continuing a Glyphosate Moratorium in all city landscapes
- Staying in full compliance with all applicable permits and requirements for stormwater, creek maintenance, and recycling operations
- Supporting regional and community group efforts, including the SunShares solar procurement program, “fix-it” clinics, volunteer cleanups, Drive Electric Week, City Nature Challenge events, Earth Day, the Citywide Garage Sale, and more
For these efforts, the City received a Beacon Award from the Institute for Local Government in 2019 which recognizes and supports local agencies that are working to build more vibrant and sustainable communities, and ranked 2nd in Contra Costa County Climate Leader’s Report Card in 2021. The City remains focused on climate action and sustainability and is in the process of updating the City’s Climate Action Plan. For more information on these and other sustainability initiatives, please contact the City’s Operations + Environmental Services Division Manager at wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

Where Do Curbside Recyclables Go?
Following the crash of the international recycling markets, many articles and news reports have stated that only a small percentage of plastics are recycled, or that materials sorted for recycling are not always recycled. While this may be the case in some communities across the nation, solid waste agreements and processing capabilities differ across every community and as a result, what may not be recyclable in one location, may be recyclable in another (e.g., in El Cerrito).

The City of El Cerrito operates our own curbside recycling collection program, delivering the materials collected for processing to Napa Waste & Recycling Services (NWRS). According to data from NWRS, 90% of curbside materials received at their facility are sorted and captured for recycling. This means that on average, there is just 10% of “contamination”, or materials that get sent to the landfill either because they are soiled with food waste or there is not a sufficient end market for the material.

After processing, NRWS sends the sorted materials to a variety of markets within the United States and some are sold outside of the U.S. Below is a list of current markets for the curbside program.

- Aluminum – Muscle Shoals, Alabama
- Cardboard – Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand & Vietnam
- Glass – Fairfield, California
- HDPE (#2) plastic color – Delta, British Columbia
- HDPE (#2) plastic natural – Delta, British Columbia
- Milk/aseptic cartons – Mexico
- Mixed paper/newspaper – South Korea
- Mixed rigid plastics – Los Angeles, California; Malaysia
- PET (#1) plastic – Turlock, California; Calhoun, Georgia; Southern California; Mexico
- Tin Cans – Washington State
For more information on what materials are accepted in the curbside recycling container, please visit el-cerrito.org/CurbsideProgram or contact Laurenteen Brazil, Waste Prevention Specialist, at lbrazil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or (510) 559-7686.

**Citywide Garage Sale Registration Ends September 9**
The El Cerrito Fall Citywide Garage Sale will take place Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration forms are due by Friday, September 9, 2022. The Citywide Garage Sale helps individuals, schools, churches, and other organizations turn old stuff into someone else's treasure. Registration fees cover the cost of advertising and promotion which includes creating an 11x17 hardcopy map, advertising the event in citywide newsletters, classified newspaper ads, and online. More information and a registration form can be found by visiting the city's website at el-cerrito.org/garagesale. Contact Laurenteen Brazil, Waste Prevention Specialist, for more information at: lbrazil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or (510) 559-7686.

**Discounts on Solar Installations and Home Battery Storage Available Through SunShares**
The City of El Cerrito is committed to a more sustainable world and supporting your transition to cleaner energy. One action the City takes to support this is by partnering annually with the Bay Area SunShares program. Bay Area SunShares is a limited-time program that provides a discount on solar and home battery storage installations. SunShares discounts are available September 1 - November 15, 2022.

- **How:** SunShares pools the buying power of all 9 Bay Area counties to negotiate discounts from pre-vetted quality solar installers.
- **Why:** With solar panels and home battery storage, you can generate your own power and keep the lights on during power outages.
- **Why now:** The Federal Solar Tax Credit has been extended through the end of 2023! Take action now before the tax credit is no longer available.

Secure your SunShares discount at www.bayareasunshares.org, only available until November 15th!
Attend the Creekside Park Work Party
Join El Cerrito’s Green Teams and Friends of Five Creeks in removing detritus and invasive plants along Cerrito Creek. The cleanup will take place Sunday, August 14, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to noon or 1:00 p.m. Meet at Creekside Park (3499 Santa Clara Ave), all ages welcome (under 18 with guardian). Wear a hat and bring water, and hip waders or boots if you have them. The Green Teams supply tools, gloves, bags, and light snacks. RSVP is helpful by calling (510) 215-4350 or emailing green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

Arlington Guardrail Replacement Project to be Completed August 22 and 23
The Arlington Boulevard Guardrail Replacement Project is scheduled to be completed by Dirt and Aggregate Interchange Inc. on August 22 and 23, 2022. The project replaces guardrail systems on Arlington Boulevard that have been severely damaged by vehicle collisions at two locations: 1) south of Brewster Drive and 2) south of Cutting Boulevard. Arlington Boulevard has a considerable curve at both locations and the guardrail systems are necessary to prevent out of control vehicles from leaving the roadway and careening over the embankment at the edge of the roadway. City Staff have filed a claim against the insurance companies of the motorists responsible for the collisions to seek reimbursement for the construction costs. The project is consistent with El Cerrito Strategic Plan Goal E, to ensure the public’s health and safety by repairing transportation infrastructure. For information about the project, please contact Roland Lambert, Interim Engineering Manager/Senior Engineer, at rlambert@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or the Public Works Department at (510) 215-4382.

Request for Proposals for the Design of the Arlington Park Improvement Project
The City of El Cerrito is seeking a qualified and responsible consultant to provide landscape architect and design services for the Arlington Park Improvements Project, City Project No. C3082. The project involves public outreach, cost analysis, design, and preparation of plans and specifications for renovation of Arlington Park clubhouse and other park amenities. The objective of the project is to enhance an existing neighborhood park to maximize its use, improve environmental and ecological services while reducing maintenance costs, encouraging volunteer efforts, and meeting multiple State of California Natural Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) goals. Consultant questions are due on Monday, August 15, 2022 while proposals are due Monday, August 22, 2022 at 1:00 pm. For more information, please click here.
RECREATION

Summer Camp Wraps Up
The Recreation Department will say good-bye to campers and seasonal staff when Summer Camp came to an end on Friday, August 12, 2022. It has been a busy summer with an average of 150 weekly enrollments in “Camp Everything” City-Run Camps, and 215 weekly enrollments in the various Specialty Camps. Day Camp families will be surveyed to help provide feedback for our continued growth. This summer, the El Cerrito team also returned to residential Camp Ravencliff in Humboldt County for a special two-week session with 70 campers and teen Counselors-in-Training. Photos are available online at www.el-cerrito.org/eccampravencliff.

Teeter Tots has Openings!
The Teeter Tots program for ages 2-4 operates Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Portola Clubhouse. Some students have “graduated” and moved on, and openings are available. Interested families can receive tours, see photos on the photo sharing site, and get their questions answered by contacting Susan Ortega at sortega@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us. Program details are available at www.el-cerrito.org/preschool.

Fall 2022 Programs: September - December: Registration Open
Join El Cerrito Recreation for a new season of classes, activities, and services for all ages! The Fall 2022 rECguide is now online. To see all the programs being offered for youth, adults, and seniors, check out the guide at www.el-cerrito.org/rECguide. All programs require advance online registration including payment of course fees (except for Swim Center drop-in programs). To register for a program, visit www.el-cerrito.org/onlinereg.

Fall Afterschool Childcare Begins
The West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) will start school on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. The Rec Team will use that first week of school to continue hiring and training for the fall program. Fall Afterschool Childcare will begin on Monday, August 22, 2022. Care will be offered at Fairmont, Harding and Madera elementary schools. Registration started in May, and most spots are full.
at this time. Parents can still register or get on a waitlist by following the instructions at www.el-cerrito.org/childcare.

**Fall Pricing and Schedule for the Swim Center**

Summer is coming to an end, and so is summer programming at the Swim Center. The Fall schedule begins August 15, 2022 and brings some changes. This includes High School Water Polo beginning practice on Monday/Wednesday/Friday evenings in the Emery G. Weed III and Lap Pool and Fitness Swim will take place in the Activity Pool on these evenings. Gators will begin extra practice on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., sharing the pool with Fitness Swim. rECswim will take place on weekends only, and 7 & Under Swim will take place Monday/Wednesday evenings only. Water Aerobics start times will change during the week but stay the same on Saturdays. All of this information, including the schedule, can be found at www.el-cerrito.org/swimcenter.

Every year, the Master Fee Schedule is reviewed, and prices are adjusted. All of the changes for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year prices for the Swim Center will take effect on Thursday September 1, 2022. All prices are available online and can be view at www.el-cerrito.org/swimcenter. All passes for Fitness, Masters, and Water Aerobics can be purchased at www.el-cerrito.org/onlinereg by clicking on “Passes” at the bottom.

**rEC Treks: Senior Day Trips**

Senior Day Trips, called rEC Treks, are back! Upcoming rEC Treks include a trip to Sausalito to Stroll the shops & visit the Bay Model Museum on August 16, 2022, Lake Merritt on September 13 and the Oakland Zoo on September 27. Register online at www.el-cerrito.org/onlinereg. For more information, email recreation@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call (510) 559-7000.

**FREE Monthly Presentations for Seniors**

Every month the Recreation Department Adult Programs and Services Division hosts a free presentation/workshop or demonstration class for seniors at the El Cerrito Community Center (7007 Moeser Lane). Upcoming events include a Beginner Line Dance Demo class on August 24, 2022, The Art of Downsizing Workshop on September 22, and What to Know About Medicare 2023 Presentation on October 26. To attend, you must pre-register. Registration online at www.el-cerrito.org/onlinereg by emailing recreation@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or by calling (510) 559-7000.

**FREE Services for Seniors**

The City of El Cerrito Recreation Department partners with outside agencies to provide FREE support services for seniors in El Cerrito. Senior Peer Counseling services are offered at the El Cerrito Community Center or the Hana Gardens Senior Center. Contact Abraham Aviles-Scott, LMFT at (925) 521-5653 or email abran.aviles-scott@cchealth.org to schedule an appointment; Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) call (925) 655-1393 or email ehsdhicap@ehsd.cccounty.us to schedule an appointment; and the Lions Center for the Visually
Impaired, Blind and Low-Vision Discussion Group. Call (925) 432-3013 for meeting dates and times.

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The City is pleased to offer the following employment opportunities:

- Assistant Gymnastic Coach (Recreation Program Leader) – Part-Time
- Budget/Financial Services Manager
- Childcare Teacher (Part-Time)
- Police Officer – Lateral and Academy Graduate
- Police Officer – Recruit
- Senior Planner
- Water Aerobics Instructor (Aquatics Specialist I) – Part-Time

For more information about the positions and how to apply, please visit: www.el-cerrito.org/jobs.