

CVEA Gazette

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Undergrounding Update

After many delays in the undergrounding project, the community should have an opportunity in late Spring to see the design plans for utility undergrounding. You cannot avoid a utility box on your property if one is scheduled to go there; but because there is some flexibility on where on your property the box/es will be located, this will be an important meeting. The current schedule, (announcement says "dates are subject to change") is:

- Panel work to begin in August
- Trench work: August 2016 to January 2018.
- Cabling cutovers: 2018
- Overhead removal: early 2019.

Yes, the roads will be disrupted, again, but it should improve the community – visually without overhead utilities, and fewer service interruptions from storms or other accidents to poles and wires.

Associated Students Community Involvement



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

An important part of SDSU Associated Students is the Campus Community Commission (CCC), established to connect students and College Area residents, and to increase student awareness of responsible community living. They engage in several kinds of activities:

- **Community Cleanups.** Several times a semester you will see groups of students (as many as 200) out on a Sunday morning doing a neighborhood clean up in areas near campus. The next cleanup is scheduled for May 1.
- **Community Service Partnerships:** CCC is available to work with community organizations on community projects. If you can use student help with a service project or other community activity contact CCC to explore working together. (ascampuscomm@mail.sdsu.edu)
- **Good Neighbor Program.** This arm of CCC focuses on educating students regarding living responsibly in residential neighborhoods with information about existing trash, parking, noise etc. regulations.
- **A new on-line hotline,** The Community's Voice Form, has been set up as a way for anyone to contact CCC with suggestions, questions, or problems involving students they would like to see addressed; compliments are always welcome as well. To submit something go to: <https://as.sdsu.edu/ccv/voice.php>
- **Two new initiatives** are aimed at bringing students and community members together informally, on a personal level:
 - A CCC hosted Dinner with Six Strangers in mid-March gave students and locals a chance to chat in small groups over good food.
 - A panel of local community leaders met with CCC to help acquaint them with local concerns.

AWESOME GARAGE SALE

Sat. May 7

CVEA is having a community garage sale on Saturday, May 7th from 8am-noon. The event is graciously sponsored by Cliff Berkowitz, your neighbor on Bixel.

To participate, contact Cliff Berkowitz at 619-933-3511 or cliffmetro@gmail.com. Cliff will take care of all advertising and signage for the yard sale, and will provide tour maps showing which homes are participating so buyers know exactly where to go.

There will be follow-up collection by a non-profit organization for your items that did not sell.

Meet with San Diego & SDSU Police at CARPUS

College Area residents have an opportunity, perhaps unique in the country, to meet representatives of San Diego and San Diego State police departments monthly at CARPUS (College Area Public Safety). At these meetings police report on the month's activities, often have a speaker of interest, and mainly are available to answer questions and listen to concerns. Meetings are 6:30 the third Tuesday of every month at the College Avenue Baptist Church, on College Ave. near El Cajon Blvd. A police car is parked near the meeting place so you can't miss it. Next meetings will be April 18, May 16 and so on.



Saturday, June 11, will be CVEA's 16th annual start of summer Block Party. Mark your calendars and get your favorite chili and dessert recipes ready. As always, we welcome anyone who wants to help; in particular we are looking for parents with toddlers to help set up the tot lot, and those who can help with grilling burgers and hot dogs. If you can help or have questions, contact Ginger Fox: gingerfox73@gmail.com.

Meet Your Neighbors:

Christy and Ernie Griffin, Redding Rd.



When you see an Indian statue, a bathtub planter, parking meter and old-fashioned gas pump artfully decorating a yard, you know someone with special interests lives there; and so it is. Christy and Ernie Griffin love historical memorabilia and the exploration of collecting, largely American popular culture. This is not unusual, but when your collection extends to a carousel, that is special.

The Griffins live half of every year in Wilmore, Kansas, Christy's grandparents' hometown. With a population of 52, it provides a real contrast to life in the nation's 8th largest city. Little Wilmore is now a local attraction, drawing visitors from around the country as well as day trip groups, prom celebrants, wedding photo shoots.... All because of the local carousel, which is all because of the Griffins. (Google witchitaeagle/wilmorecarousel for story and video.)

After a lot of rehab work on their Sears-Roebuck Victorian house in Wilmore, they turned to repairing and erecting their Italian carousel. Restoration is nothing new, especially for Ernie, who used to restore 50's era Porsches.

The Griffins' lives provide an interesting reminder of San Diego and SDSU in the 60s. SDSU, where they met, had 10,000 students, no tuition and fees were \$45 a semester; rent for a small place in East San Diego (now City Heights) was \$45/month. Attending SDSU (Teacher Education and Geography) was a natural for this couple who both grew up in San Diego. After graduate school at Michigan State and several early career moves, they returned to San Diego where Christy was a preschool teacher, with her own preschool for a time, and Ernie was a SDSU Geography professor, chair for 13 years. They've lived in CVE for 40 years; their three children attended Hardy, Crawford and SDSU.

Although the Griffins have lived in San Diego nearly their whole lives, they are not exactly bound here. They have lived many times in South America, both for long periods with the whole family, and many shorter teaching assignments for Ernie at South American Universities, while Christy connected with early education interests. They continue to enjoy traveling all over the world, but when in town they show their Aztec ties and loyalty, rooting for Aztecs basketball and football!

College Area Community Garden

On Thursday, February 18, the College Area Community Garden welcomed U.S. Congresswoman Susan Davis for a 45 minute tour of the garden which sits on private land adjacent to SDSU. Joining Garden Board President Henry Bertram were SDSU Dining Services Executive Chefs Ed Glebus and Paul Melchior. The two chefs oversee 20 leased raised planter beds where organic veggies are grown at the non-profit, all-volunteer garden.

The garden has hosted other dignitaries during the 2 years it's been open to the public, including Dr. Elliot Hirshman of SDSU, County of San Diego Supervisor Dianne Jacob, and Ricardo Flores, chief of staff for S.D. City Councilmember Marti Emerald.

College View Estates Association now meets quarterly, on the last Tuesday of January, April, July and October. Contact any board member for meeting location.

New CVEA Board and Committee Chairs

CVEA's January elections introduced some new talent to the CVEA board.

Robert Plice (Hewlett) will serve as treasurer and Bryan Bear (Drover) will serve as at large board member. Jody Rowley and Dawn Reser (both on Bixel) will be handling membership and Cindy Gilbertson (Drover) will chair the block coordinators committee. Patrick Hanson (Drover), Vice President and hospitality chair, has agreed to be the board liaison to the membership and block coordinators committees, helping coordinate those related activities.

Continuing officers and board members are: Gary Campbell (Remington), President, Patrick Hanson (Drover), Vice President and Hospitality chair, Ann Cottrell (Manhasset), Corporate and Corresponding Secretary, Lisa Vickers (College Gardens), Recording Secretary, Jean Hoeger (Redding), Safety chair, and Joe Jones (Bixel), Beautification chair.

First Friday Socials: Nancy Kavanaugh and Kevin McCully, 5412 Drover, open their yard to neighbors at 5:00 pm on the first Friday of every month giving us an opportunity to socialize informally with our wonderful neighbors. Drop in to say hello and meet your neighbors!

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For a full listing of Important Phone Numbers & Websites (CACC, City, SDSU, etc.) visit www.collegeviewestates.org.

Police non-emergency 531-2000

Call this number to complain about noise, a mini-dorm party, or any other police non-emergency. To formalize the complaint, give your name (names are confidential and are not released) to the dispatcher on the phone, and request an incident number for your records.