

The guest speaker at our second Eastvale Community Committee meeting was Carole McGreevy, General Manager of the Jurupa Community Services District. The JCSD is responsible for the construction/maintenance of our parks, maintenance of our perimeter landscaping, water, sewer and our street lights.

The majority of the evening was spent discussing the parks. There will be 300 acres of community parks in the Eastvale area consisting of 9 parks. Three of the 9 are currently open and in various stages of completion. The standards for construction and equipment are the same for all of the parks. Everyone should have received a flyer in the mail from the JCSD showing each park and what was to be built there. This is the same thing she distributed at the meeting.

Our temporary fire station is going in at Cedar Creek Park with a full-time 3 man crew any day now. They will have a 3 year lease and eventually move to a permanent location near the Phoenix School on Orange.

One of the neat things that I don't think any of us was aware of is a 50 foot wide jogging/biking trail is going to be constructed and will be lit the entire length. It will lead to an oval track with parking for those who like to run in circles. :) The trail will run from Hamner along the corn maze property down to River Road. The track will be near Hamner and a parking lot will be near Harrison Road so you can run/bike either east or west from there.

For those of you who live in Providence Ranch, rye will be planted in that park in October. JCSD says that normally bermuda and rye are planted at the same time so when one dies off the other starts to grow. Apparently someone forgot the rye!

The last few minutes of the meeting was spent talking about CFDs (community facilities districts) aka Mello-Roos, aka special assessments. As you know, we pay two of them to JCSD. One is for the power for our street lights and the other is for parks and perimeter landscaping. In case you didn't know, the money that is paid by your CFDs is used for ALL of the parks in the Eastvale area - not just the ones near your home. That means, you have the use of ALL of the parks in the Eastvale area.

If you have any other questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to contact your development representatives or post a message to EastvaleResidents@yahoogroups.com.

The July meeting of the Eastvale Community Committee was loaded with guest speakers! First up was Ted Rozzi, Facilities Manager for the Corona-Norco Unified School District and Cathy Sciortino, CNUSD School Board President.

We were informed that the Clara Barton Elementary School, located in the Corona Valley developments, opened on July 7th with approximately 700 students and has a capacity of 900. We won't see an intermediate school until July, 2006 or a high school until September, 2006 but the high school will certainly be worth the wait. Rather than go into the details of what each school will have here in this summary and when it will open, I have included the link to the exact page on the school's website that gives all of the new schools coming up and what they will have. Please check it out. The high school is going to be state of the art and the best in this district.

<http://www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/business-div/facfut.html>

We also discussed some of the difficulties many people have had with the bus system but without Laidlaw in attendance, nothing was really resolved. Cathy Sciortino (School Board President) suggested that if anyone had problems they could contact her directly at 734-4583. I have also included the link to the school's web page which lists all of the school board members and their e-mail addresses should anyone need to contact them.

<http://www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/boardofed.html>

This page also lists the board meetings if anyone would like to attend. There are 3 positions that will open on the board this fall. We need to get someone from Eastvale on that board.

Next up was Capt. Pete LaBond. He's in charge of the Jurupa sheriff's station which patrols our area. They're located at 7477 Mission Boulevard. Lt. Bill Piconi is specifically in charge of our area and has been attending every meeting. Capt. LaBond told us that their response time, for a true emergency, is 5-7 minutes. The ratio of deputies to population is 1-1,000.

A very interesting point that was made was when you call 9-1-1 from a cell phone, the call goes to CHP. When you call from a land line, it goes to the Riverside County Communication Center.

Our last speaker was Capt. Mike Bair from the CHP. They are the ones who handle our parking issues, abandoned cars, tractor-trailer rigs, etc. (Strange I know, but true. That's what we get for living in an unincorporated area.) The Community Affairs Team for these issues is lead by Dennis Welch and he can be reached at 637-8000 or dwelch@chp.ca.gov. The other two members of his team who were also in attendance and patrol our area are Nathan Baer (nbaer@chp.ca.gov) and Brian Gill (bgill@chp.ca.gov). For Riverside County, there are 115 CHP officers and we are the 8th largest CHP office in the state but number 4 in the state for accidents.

The next meeting will be with the City of Norco to improve community relations

and to get an update on the Silverlakes project they are working on along Hamner Avenue.

All in all in was a GREAT meeting with so much information. If I overlooked anything, for those of you who were in attendance, please feel free to add to my notes.