

El Cerrito Centennial



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El Cerrito incorporated as a City on August 23, 1917, after a "spirited" vote by the residents of the un-incorporated areas of Stege Junction (near San Pablo and Potrero Avenues) and Rust. Two other small communities were also included in the new town: Schmidville (which was centered around Schmidt Lane) and Schindler (the area near today's Fairmount Ave. and Richmond St.), giving El Cerrito an estimated initial population of 1,400.

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For more event details and volunteer opportunities, visit the City's Centennial website, www.elcerrito100.org

Note: Events and Details are all subject to change.

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Dec 9 - Centennial Holiday Pancake Breakfast

- 9am-11am at El Cerrito Community Center (7007 Moeser Lane)
- Annual [event](#) hosted by Recreation Department
- Ticket information will be available in the fall.

Dec 16 through 27 - Shadi Holiday Display

- Lit nightly 5pm-10pm at (7501 Moeser Lane)
- Hosted by [Shadi Display Committee](#) & El Cerrito Community Foundation
- Did you know the Shadi Holiday Display was started by Mr. Sundar Shadi with a single star in 1949? His elaborate hand-made display has been delighting generations for 68 years!

Dec 17 - Sing-Along Messiah (with the 1966 West Coast Pioneers of the Sing-along Yourself Messiah)

- 6pm at Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley (1 Lawson Rd, Kensington)
- Hosted by Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley

Dec 19 - Closing Centennial Program

- Details to be posted later in the year.

More information about these events is online at www.elcerrito100.org