

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL – August 2015 Issue.

What your Historical Society is up to.

1. Anza – The National Park Service, the City, and the Historical Society are co-sponsoring a ceremony to commemorate the banners honoring the passage of de Anza and his group through what is now El Cerrito in 1776. Gather at the corner of San Pablo and Manila at 3:00 PM on Tuesday August 25. Four banners have previously been posted on San Pablo, all North of Manila – can you spot them all?
2. Arts Day – The City and this Society are co-sponsors of El Cerrito Arts Day. It will be on Saturday October 17. The Shadi History Room will be open and staffed from 1 to 5 PM, so if you have not visited it, drop in and see what research can be done there.
3. Movie – We are also co-sponsoring a movie about “Rosie the Riveter” on Wednesday, October 21 at the Cerrito Theater. More details later, but save the date as we expect it could be a sell-out.
4. Parks – Two of our members have volunteered to draft a brochure with the history of every park in El Cerrito. Members of the Society are offering assistance, and the Society will partially fund its publication.
5. Portola – The archiving group from the former Portola Junior High is hosting a “do”, and this Society has sent a copy of the invitation to everyone on our email list.
6. Web site – Don’t forget to check the Society web site for both history and late information.