

Spring 2016

# ROLANDO PARK REPORTER

A publication for the residents, workers, and businesses of Rolando Park and their supporters



Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month ♦ 7 pm ♦ Rolando Park Elementary School Room 25 ♦ 6620 Marlowe Drive

## RPCC 2016 Priorities

At our January meetings, neighbors suggested priorities that were then voted on by RPCC members. Here are the results, listed in the order of number of votes received, and the current status for this coming year:

### ▪ Neighborhood Block Party

We are planning on holding this event in mid-October. A committee is being formed on Nextdoor.

Volunteers are needed to plan details and organize prior to and the day of the event. RPCC board will take responsibility for fund raising and publicity.

### ▪ Traffic control on Zena Drive

A traffic study has been requested.

### ▪ Smile account on Amazon.com

Neighbors who purchase through Smile Amazon will benefit RPCC, as Amazon makes a small donation to nonprofits through this web portal. Lynn Edwards is chairing this and an Amazon Smile account for RPCC is now set up. Access the link by going to our website, [rolandopark.org](http://rolandopark.org), press **DONATE** (top of home page), and then press **Go to smile.amazon.com**.

### ▪ Street trees

Sonia Lang is researching this priority.

### ▪ Engage new owner of Park Grove Apartments

Betty White will make contact. We will try to get the owner or his representative to come to an upcoming meeting to get acquainted and provide us with more detailed updates.

### ▪ Stencils for storm drains

Paige Livingston Coatney has arranged for stencils from *I Love a Clean San Diego* and this priority will be completed in April.

### ▪ Transitions Streets

Heather Erwin and Kathryn Kern are chairing this priority.

Transition Streets is a neighborhood carbon reduction program that provides a curriculum for neighbors to come together and take low-cost (or no-cost) actions that result in lowering both expenses and carbon footprint while maintaining a high quality style of living.

### ▪ No dumping signs and enforcement in various areas

Sonia Lang is chairing this project.

### ▪ Neighborhood Watch surveillance cameras

Interested parties signed up at the February meeting and a group has been formed on Nextdoor to research best options and the possibility of reduced price of cameras through group purchase.

### ▪ More involvement with Rolando Park Elementary

Judy Fleischman is now the liaison between RPE and RPCC.

## Upcoming RPCC Meetings

### *March 12: Kroc Center*

Dustin Nickerson will present on the facilities, programs, and services at the Kroc Center and classes and activities available to members.

### *April 11: Transition Streets*

Heather Erwin and Kathryn Kern will present an update on the Transition Streets initiative in Rolando Park.

## Please Renew Your Membership or Join RPCC

Our membership numbers are down significantly from last year. Please help support our many community improvement projects by renewing your membership for 2016 or joining RPCC this year.

Membership is only \$12 per household or business per calendar year.

### *Membership Drive*

We will be holding a membership drive on **Saturday, March 12 from 9am to noon** at the southwest corner of Aragon and Celia Vista. Please come by and say hello and take this opportunity to easily renew your membership or join RPCC.

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**Community Numbers & Links**

**San Diego Police Department**

24-hour non-emergency issues  
 (619) 531-2000

**Community Liaison Officer**

Terry Hoskins  
 (619) 516-3091  
[thoskins@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:thoskins@pd.sandiego.gov)

**Report graffiti**

Graffiti hotline  
 (619) 527-7500  
[Graffiti online complaint form](#)

**Councilmember MyrtleCole**

(619) 236-6644  
[myrtlecole@sandiego.gov](mailto:myrtlecole@sandiego.gov)

**Broken water lines and leaks**

619-515-3525  
[www.sandiego.gov/water](http://www.sandiego.gov/water)

**Report water waste**

(619) 533-5271  
[waterwaste@sandiego.gov](mailto:waterwaste@sandiego.gov)

**Broken streetlights, signs, and potholes**

619-527-7500  
[www.sandiego.gov/street-div](http://www.sandiego.gov/street-div)

**Service request**

[Map method](#)  
[Text method](#)

**Missed trash collection**

858-694-7000  
[Service request](#)

**Loose dogs**

619-236-4250  
<http://www.sddac.com/>

**Rolando Park Little Free Library is Now Open!**



On December 5, we officially opened the Rolando Park Little Free Library with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

You can find the Little Free Library at 4021 Loma Alta.

Our library steward, Audrey Ledesma, checks the library weekly and restocks as needed. The bottom section is now stocked with books for our younger residents.

If you have books to donate, you can drop them off to Audrey at 6595 Bing Street.



**Chollas Creek Drainage Channel Update**

On January 14, RPCC was notified that as a result of the recent storms, the Chollas Creek Drainage Channel had become an emergency project for the City of San Diego. Work started the next day to clear the overgrowth of palm trees and other shrubs blocking the storm drain and is now almost complete. What a difference!



November 20, 2016



February 18, 2016

## 7-Eleven Presents Donation to Rolando Park Elementary School



On January 11, 2016, Gavino Teanio, Field Consultant with 7-Eleven Inc., presented a \$711 check to Rolando Park Elementary School Principal Irazema Valdivieso. He presented the check on behalf of Jassi Dhillon, owner of the 7-Eleven on College Avenue in Rolando Park. The check represents a donation from Mr. Dhillon and matching funds from the 7-Eleven Corporation. Mr. Dhillon and his company took ownership of the local 7-Eleven in November 2014 and became a corporate partner to the school.

Principal Valdivieso accepted the check at the monthly Perfect Attendance Assembly in which 77 students with perfect attendance in the month of December were honored.

All Rolando Park Elementary School children and teachers with some parents and family members were present to watch students receive their awards and to learn about the 7-Eleven donation.

Principal Valdivieso also told of plans for new school projects. A new Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) is starting. In the future, students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be able to take home school computers. A computer room will also be set up at the school for parents' use to assist them to help with their children's school work. One possible use of the 7-Eleven donation would be to fund the parent computer room.

Principal Valdivieso also introduced RPCC member Gerrie Flaven who invited parents to participate in the RPCC.

## Our Local Business Community – Bourré Southern Bistro



Bourré is becoming well known for both their Creole food with a California fusion twist and their regular offerings of live music.

Bourré is managed by Jon Connor, and co-owned by Jon, his sister, Pam Connor, and his brother-in-law, Mark Jenkins.

### What led to the opening of Bourré?

It was a dream of my sister and brother-in-law. My sister and I have roots in New Orleans, going back eight generations even though we're native San Diegos.

We've spent a lot of time there. I was at Xavier University (New Orleans) for five years. I've had five different career arcs. Most recently, I was a university professor in the school of management. I've also worked for Fortune 500 companies, governmental organizations, nonprofit religious organizations, and healthcare.

Since I have a degree in management, once we decided to go with the restaurant, I ended up as the general manager.

### What made you choose this location?

It was already a restaurant and we thought it would be turnkey, but it wasn't. We took possession in late 2013 and opened in June 2014. All of that time was spent with construction and reconfiguring the space.

### What do you think is unique about your restaurant?

There are not many Louisiana-style restaurants in the greater San Diego area and none of them offer a casual, fine-dining experience like ours.

What really pushes us over the top is our live music shows. That has become our signature and we're getting a lot of positive feedback from the music community. People are now approaching us to perform here.

### What future plans do you have for the restaurant?

Eventually, we're going to try to expand into some other space in this center when it becomes available so that we can seat more people and have bigger shows.

We're also talking about doing more offsite catering and having a food truck with a limited menu.

### What other restaurants in San Diego have you've eaten at that you really like?

The one that we benchmarked is Bud's Louisiana Café. They do an excellent job and their food is superlative. They won in the last San Diego City Beat reader's poll, but we were an honorable mention. That's a feather in our hat.

I'm very eclectic about what I like to eat. I like Busalacchi's and some of the smaller chains, like Sammy's Woodfired Pizza. I also like some of the little ethnic neighbor-

hood places in the College area, more casual types of places. But since I've been in this business, I don't eat out much.

### How often do you eat at your own restaurant?

Every day that I'm here. I like the food that we serve. There's always something here that piques my interest. My sister and I grew up with our mother's and grandmother's cooking and this is very much comfort food for us.

### What is your signature dish?

The catfish is our most popular dish, but I think our signature dish is our stuffed pork chop. It's a double-cut pork chop with a glaze and stuffed with our Louisiana dirty rice.

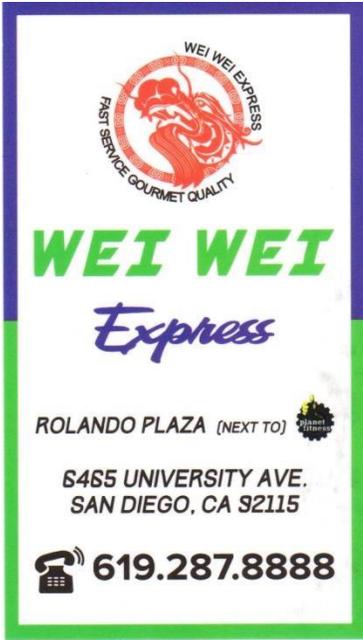
### Can you describe your restaurant in five words?

Good food. Great service. Music.

### What would you like to share with the Rolando Park community?

We are very happy to be in this community. We want to be good neighbors. If people want to have a nice meal, we want them to feel like they don't have to go to the Gaslamp or Hillcrest or someplace else. There's a place in the neighborhood that will make them feel like they've had a special night out.

We want to be that spot. Sometimes, you just don't feel like going to the taco stand!



## Community Calendar

- **Rolando Park Community Council Meetings**

March 14, April 11, May 9, 7pm

- **Zena Canyon cleanup**

April 23, 9am to noon, Zena Drive between Meridian and Billman

Please bring gloves, hat, bucket, and pickers. A limited amount of gloves and pickers are provided. Snacks, water, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, and trash bags are provided.

A dumpster is provided for the event. If you have large items (no hazardous waste or tires) that you want to dump, you can bring them to the site between noon and 1pm that Saturday only.

Sign up at [cleanupday.org](http://cleanupday.org) to complete the waiver in advance. It's not required, but it helps us know how many plan to attend.

### Other Community Events

- **Lean and Clean**

March 5, April 2, May 7 – Saturday, 9am to 11am

Meet at the pocket park, corner of College and College Grove (SE corner, across from Chase Bank), 9 am.

Contact Audrey, [audreyj99@cox.net](mailto:audreyj99@cox.net), for more information.

### Bourré Southern Bistro

6523 University Ave. 619-542-9954  
 Wed through Sat: 5-9pm Sun: 1-8pm (closed Mon and Tue)  
 Reservations suggested  
 Check Bourré's website for a schedule of upcoming music  
 + their monthly jazz jam on the first Thursday of each month  
<http://www.bourresouthernbistro.com>



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## Rolando Park Community Council Membership

Membership dues are \$12.00 per calendar year, per household. You can pay by check or cash at a general meeting, through PayPal (additional \$1 service charge) at [rolandopark.org](http://rolandopark.org), or by mailing a check made out to RPCC along with this form, to RPCC, PO Box 152352, San Diego, CA 92195.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \$12 dues only or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation + \$12 dues.



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