

Fall 2016

ROLANDO PARK REPORTER

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



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

September 12 RPCC Meeting – Kroc 2 Expansion

Major Rick Peacock, Corps Officer and Executive Director of The Salvation Army Kroc Center, will be our guest speaker.

Major Peacock will describe planning to date for an expansion of the Center – nicknamed “Kroc 2” – and bring concept drawings to share. He will also provide the status of available funds for the project and outline the steps still needed to implement “Kroc 2” and the tentative timeline. There will also be a Q&A at the end of his presentation and he will answer questions about the project.

The preliminary Kroc 2 plan will add an additional 17,311 square feet of “wellness center” (gym and athletic space) and 132 parking spaces underneath. Changes will be made to the “green” athletic field between the gym and the Preschool Playground on the west side of the Administration Building.

Walmart Grant Awarded to RPCC

In June, Rolando Park Community Council was awarded a \$1,000 community improvement grant from Walmart Community Grants thanks to the efforts of RPCC Secretary Judy Fleishman. Judy initially approached Sam’s Club to sponsor our June Ice Cream Social and was then encouraged to apply for a community grant, which she successfully completed. At our September meeting, we will be asking for member input on how best to use the grant money for our community.



Left to right: Jenny Zepeda, Sam’s Club Manager, Judy Fleishman, RPCC Secretary, and Sonia Lang, RPCC President



RPCC Board Fall Elections 2017

The RPCC has openings for three officer member positions: President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, and three Members-at-Large on the 2017 RPCC Board. Please

consider volunteering for one of these positions. Get to know your neighbors and help us have a strong voice in representing our neighborhood.

You can contact Nominating Committee members Gerrie Flaven or Kathryn Kern via private message on *Nextdoor* or email at rpcc2003@gmail.com.

Candidates will be announced at the October 10 meeting and voting will take place at the November 14 meeting. The new Board will begin serving January 1, 2017.

Time commitment

Board members attend the RPCC general membership meetings, 7pm on the second Monday of the month, September through June (2 hours per meeting). They also attend 10 monthly evening Board meetings (2 hours per meeting). Board members spend additional time completing their responsibilities as described in the RPCC By-Laws.

- President – Serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Council and presides at all meetings of the Council and Executive Board.
- Vice President – Presides at meetings in the absence of the President and serves as the program chairperson.
- Treasurer – Collects dues, maintains the membership list, handles banking, and disburses funds as authorized by the Board. The treasurer maintains financial records, provides financial reports to the Board and the members, and is responsible for completing reports and paperwork required of the RPCC.
- Member-at-Large – Voting member who takes a lead position on a task or project related to the overall interests of the RPCC.

Options for participating on the Board

These positions can be shared by two persons willing to be a team candidate and co-share the responsibilities and time commitment of one position and represent one vote on the Board.

In addition to the Board positions, we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in publishing the quarterly newsletter, updating the rolandopark.org website, and updating our Facebook page.

2016 RPCC Board

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Sonia Lang
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Treasurer

Lynn Edwards
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Judy Fleischman
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Members-at-Large

Laura Sechrist Molenda
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 619-300-1747

Heather Erwin/Kathryn Kern (shared position)

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kathryn@rolandopark.org

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

Councilmember MyrtleCole

(619) 236-6644
myrtlecole@sandiego.gov

Missed trash collection

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

Loose dogs

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

You can download the *Get it Done* app from the Apple App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) to report the following problems in San Diego:

- Abandoned vehicle
- Curb/Gutter
- Dead Animal
- Graffiti
- Litter/Dumping
- Pothole
- Sidewalk
- Storm Drain
- Street Light
- Traffic Sign/Signal
- Tree Hazard

Block Party

At the January 11, 2016 annual planning meeting, RPCC members voted a Neighborhood Block Party as a top priority. Facilitator Gerrie Flaven, Lynn Edwards, Rosalie Henke, Cecile Fleetwood, and Judy Fleishman have met to plan the event for Spring 2017. There is a Neighborhood Block Party Organizers' Group on *Nextdoor*. We have had several neighbors express interest, including someone who is willing to volunteer his band at the event.

We will have to apply for a no-cost permit 60-90 days in advance of the scheduled date.

We estimate the cost to be about \$650 to include: liability insurance of \$156 minimum, \$200 plus extra insurance to rent an inflatable Bounce Toy, \$75 to rent the required street barriers, plus about \$150 for printing flyers.

Fundraising started in July with an "Opportunity Drawing" of items and services donated by neighbors (see the *Opportunity Drawing* article) Also being planned is a solicitation of foods from local restaurants for the event.

We will give an update on planning and participation efforts at RPCC general meeting on September 12.

New Principal at Rolando Park Elementary



Dear Rolando Park Community:

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the new Principal of Rolando Park Elementary (RPE) School. Previously, I was the Interim Principal for the last 6 weeks of school. The new 2016-2017 school year brings many opportunities for our students and parents to engage in quality learning activities and I am honored to lead our school and serve our community. I come to RPE with experience as a Vice Principal, a Project Resource Teacher, a Special Education Teacher, and a General Education Classroom Teacher.

I have exciting news to share with parents about our upcoming school year:

- RPE will be receiving a full-time school counselor this school year as part of a District pilot program. The support of a full-time counselor is critical to the development (socially and academically) of our students.
- RPE will also be piloting a computer one-to-one initiative that will allow students in grades 3-5 to take home their school laptops in an effort to build digital literacy and close the achievement gap.
- Even though I was informed at the end of the last school year that our Pre-K Early Childhood Education (ECE) would be removed from RPE, I have been in negotiations with our ECE Department about continuing our Pre-K program, although in a slightly different form (more information will follow).

One of my goals is to transform RPE into one of the best quality neighborhood schools in the San Diego area. I want our community to know that we are open and recruiting new students. I would like *all* of the neighborhood students to attend our wonderful little school. Because of our small size, we have distinct advantages over larger schools, such as an intimate setting where teachers really get the opportunity to know their students on a close, personal level. We have an extremely competent, experienced, and talented teaching staff who pour their hearts into educating our students.

To start the new school year on a positive note, we have a new school logo and a Facebook page for RPE, <https://www.facebook.com/rolandoparkelementary/>. Please feel free to visit our FB page to learn more about our school and to view upcoming events/happenings.

I am delighted and excited to serve our students, parents, and community as the new principal of Rolando Park Elementary. I have an open door policy and invite all stakeholders to stop by and say hello.

Thank you,
 Anthony DeLuca
 Principal Rolando Park Elementary
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adeluca@sandi.net

Lean and Clean for You



Hello Rolando Park! Congratulations! You live in a community where neighbors like helping neighbors! The Lean and Clean group was created to bring our community together in order to enhance the appearance of Rolando Park.

Our cleanup target is the perimeter of the neighborhood where trash seems to accumulate regularly as well as other sites that need a little TLC.

This all-volunteer group also provides assistance to the elderly, disabled, and those who have neither the time nor the tools to spruce up their front yards.

We sincerely appreciate the volunteers who donate their time and energy for this cause. We also appreciate folks like the neighbor who chose to remain anonymous and donated two 36" professional Unger "Nifty Nabbers" for the group to use. These trash pickers make our task so much easier to accomplish!

To volunteer for cleanups, donate or loan materials or equipment, and/or receive cleanup assistance for yourself or a neighbor, please contact Audrey Ledesma through *Nextdoor* or call (619) 251-5436. Or just show up at 8am on the first Saturday of the month at the pocket park across from the Chase bank. Please join us in keeping our neighborhood clean!

Opportunity Drawing for Block Party

Rolando Park Community Council is sponsoring an "Opportunity Drawing" to raise funds for our first neighborhood-wide Block Party to be scheduled in Spring 2017. An Opportunity Drawing allows donors to choose the specific "opportunity" for which they would like to take a chance to win. Please choose the item for which you would like to donate, \$3 per chance or \$10 for 4 chances, write a check to the *Rolando Park Community Council*, and mail it to the *Rolando Park Community Council*, P.O. Box 152352, San Diego, CA 92195. On your check, note the "opportunity" item for which you are donating for a chance to win. (You can also private message Gerrie Flaven on *Nextdoor* if you would like us to stop by your house to pick up your donation.)

We will private message copies of your chance tickets to you on *Nextdoor*. Or, you can give us your address and we will mail them to you. We will hold the raffle in the fall at one of our *Rolando*

Park Community Council meetings on the second Monday of the month, 7pm, at Rolando Park Elementary School. You don't have to be present to win, but we would welcome you to attend.

Here is the list of items donated for the Opportunity Drawing to date:

- A creative drawing by preschool artists (Carlee Gosser)
- A one-hour gentle therapeutic bodywork session (Julia Doughty)
- Three hours of daycare for an adult or child (Judy Fleischman)
- Fresh flowers each week for one month (Gerrie Flaven)
- Tools and labor to assemble your new IKEA (or other) furniture piece (Audrey Ledesma and Debbi Blake)
- Handmade bead jewelry necklace, earrings and bracelet (Cecile Fleetwood)
- A jewelry making class for up to 8 people in the winner's home (Cecile Fleetwood)
- Coloring basket with coloring books and crayons or colored pens

- Curbside home appeal evaluation of a Rolando Park home with suggestions for enhancements by a licensed real estate broker (Laura Sechrist Molenda)
- Tin of Bocce's Bakery all-natural dog biscuits + a gift certificate good for full service or grooming up to \$50 (Barkin'dales, requested by Lynn Edwards)
- "Doggy Fun In The Sun" package. Included in a sand bucket is Nexgard with a rope toy, a squeaky hamburger toy, a hot dog toy, etc. (Donna Santos)
- Avon Planet Spa Perfectly Purifying with Dead Sea Minerals Collection including Spa Bath Salts, Body Wash and Body Butter, all in a gift bag (Kathy Ruise)
- Avon Planet Spa Blissfully Nourishing with African Shea Butter Collection including Spa Body Scrub, Body Wash and Body Butter, all in a gift bag (Kathy Ruise)
- A \$50 donation in your name to the Kroc Family Resource Center to assist with food for a Senior in need (Margaret Grant)

Zena Canyon Cleanup

Paige Coatney will captain the next Zena Canyon cleanup **Saturday, September 17, from 9am to noon**. The event is part of the Creek-to-Bay Cleanup sponsored by I Love A Clean San Diego. The canyon is on Zena Drive between Meridian and Billman.

The Fall cleanup is different than the Spring cleanup. As part of an international data collection program, all collected items have to be logged, which requires more time.

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.

Sign up at cleanupday.org; it's not required, but it helps us know how many plan to attend and you can complete the waiver in advance.


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

Got Cats?

According to SpayUSA.org, one unneutered or unspayed cat can be responsible for 2,072,541 cats over an 8-year period of time. As a result, thousands of cats are destroyed each year because owners do not realize the impact that their unaltered cats can make on the cat population. Females attract males who spray urine, fight, and risk being hit by cars for the affection of a female in heat. Unwanted litters create feral cat colonies, perpetuating the further


destruction of innocent lives. Luckily, there are programs available to everyone for little or no cost. Through SNAP's Neuter Scooter, cats can be fixed for \$25 (call 866-SPAY-BUS), and stray cats can be fixed for free through the Feral Cat Coalition's Trap, Neuter & Return program (call 855-FCC-CATS). Save a life, call now.

Michelle Cook and Michelle Valine





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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, or by mailing a check made out to RPCC along with this form, to RPCC, PO Box 152352, San Diego, CA 92195.

Name(s) _____

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