

# 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



## March 13 RPCC Meeting — Code Compliance

Our guest speaker is William Dauphin from the City of San Diego Code Enforcement Division.

Mr. Dauphin will give a brief overview of the common types of complaints that the Code Enforcement Division handles, enforcement remedies, and how to file a complaint. After his presentation, he will answer questions from members.

Please arrive on time as we will start promptly at 7 pm.

## April 8 RPCC Meeting — Sidewalk Tree Program

Our guest will be Joseph Mazares from Urban Corps, who will speak about the city sidewalk tree program and provide strategies on how our community can present a plan to the city division that oversees the program.

## 2017 RPCC Priorities

At our January meeting, members gave input on their concerns and priorities for our community for the coming year. After compiling a list of priorities, members then voted on their first, second, and third choices. Here are RPCC's priorities for the coming year in order of number of votes received and planned action:

1. **High volume/speeding traffic (specifically on Aragon and other north/south streets)** – On February 7, board members and residents met with our City Traffic Engineer onsite at Celia Vista and Aragon to address traffic volume/speeding concerns. The traffic engineer will conduct new traffic volume speed studies on our major north-south streets. It will take approximately 45 days to complete. After the studies are completed, we will meet again with the traffic engineer to review the study results and recommendations.



Residents & board members meet with Traffic Engineer on February 7

2. **Community identity (sign at the pocket park)** – Audrey Ledesma is leading an effort to form a volunteer committee to research the specifics of monument sign requirements plus a method for paying for it.
3. **Code compliance** – Our guest speaker in March is from the City of San Diego Code Enforcement Division and will give a presentation on code compliance in San Diego.
4. **Trash in Zena Canyon** – We already have two major clean ups every year sponsored by I Love a Clean San Diego and

the Lean & Clean group also works to keep it clean. At our March meeting, Audrey Ledesma will speak about the need for additional volunteers to help keep our community clean.

5. **Parkway/drought tolerant trees in the community** – Our guest speaker in April will give a presentation on the sidewalk tree program. Also see the article on page 2 if you are interested in having free trees from the city installed.
6. **Homeless in the area** – Gerrie Flaven is now our liaison with our Community Relations Officer (Terry Hoskins) and will forward community concerns to Officer Hoskins.
7. **Flooding of pedestrian ramp (Vista Grande and Marlowe)** – This has already been reported to the city via the *Get it done* app and the board will continue to follow up.

Other suggested priorities: How to improve home values, community support for Rolando Park Elementary, Neighborhood Watch, Marching in Pride Parade, and a SDGE/SDWA presentation on conservation only received a single vote each, but if anyone in the community is interested in continuing to pursue any of them, please let us know.

## 2017 RPCC Board

### Co-Presidents

Sonia Lang/Lynn Edwards

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### Secretary

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To advertise in the newsletter or to contact the board, send email to:

[rpcc2003@gmail.com](mailto:rpcc2003@gmail.com)

Contact individual board members via a private message on Nextdoor.

## 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)

### Council President Myrtle Cole

(619) 236-6644

[myrtlecole@sandiego.gov](mailto:myrtlecole@sandiego.gov)

### Missed trash collection

858-694-7000

[Service request](#)

### Loose dogs

619-236-4250

<http://www.sddac.com/>

### Get it Done

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

## Kroc Center Updates

Recent flooding on University Avenue seeped into the Kroc property resulting in a one-day closure. Rain also caused mud slides in back of the Center. The city has major earth moving equipment in the west end parking lot and are working on the hillside behind Kroc property.

Kroc 2, which is the renovation plan for the grass field and increased partial un-

derground parking, is progressing. Soil samples were recently taken. A preliminary design plan is expected to be filed with the City Planning Department by March 1. Actual construction could start by the end of 2017.

Because of minimal use, the skate park at the east end will be reconfigured for other uses.

## Vista Grande/Marlowe Intersection Update

By the time you read this, the four-way stop signs at the Vista Grande/Marlowe intersection will be installed. Official notice signs for the four-way stop were posted on February 23, and the stop signs will be installed by early March.

This concludes a community effort that took more than two years to improve safety on Vista Grande at the entrance to Rolando Park Elementary.

After a traffic study concluded that the intersection did not qualify for a four-way stop, RPCC pursued a successful alternative process at the request of residents that included collecting signatures from residents and parents of children attending RPE and presenting our case to Eastern Area Community Planning Committee (EACPC), who voted unanimously to convert this intersection to a four-way stop. The approval letter from EACPC was then forwarded to Councilmember Myrtle Cole's office and a memo was issued to



the Mayor requesting the installation of the 4-way stop signs.

Thanks again to everyone in the RP community who supported this project!

## Sidewalk Tree Program

Want free sidewalk trees from the City?

For more information, visit the City of San Diego Urban Forestry website at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/street-div/services/forestry>.

The site has complete information on the available trees and the process, which requires an easy-to-complete permit application. Homeowners are responsible for watering and maintaining the trees and agree to do so as part of the application. They currently have an inventory of more than 250,000 street trees.

City workers will plant the trees, stake them, and do the initial soak. The application process and the urban forestry website show what size and type of tree can be provided and planted based on existing parameters. Not everyone will qualify and the process can take several months before installation.

If you still have questions, you can call 619-527-7500.

Trees provides us with many long-term environmental, social, and economic benefits, including a sense of "home" to a neighborhood.

## Lean & Clean Needs Your Help!

Hi neighbors! Lean & Clean is hoping to get some feedback on how we can get more volunteers to show up for our monthly cleanups. Some generous donors have contributed toward supplies and equipment. What we need now is people power, especially some younger and stronger folks.

Right now, the Lean & Clean crew consists of a small group of senior women. We are a force to be reckoned with, but with more help, we could be doing so much more to beautify our neighborhood.

Please private message Audrey Ledesma on Nextdoor or give me a call at (619)

251-5436. Any and all input will be appreciated.

By the way, our cleanups are on the first Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 9:30 am and it's a great way to get some exercise while helping the community!

## Thank You to Door Prize Donors for the December 2016 Holiday Social

Our December 12, 2016 Holiday Social at the Kroc Center was a success! We had many neighbors attending an RPCC event for the first time. Contributing to the holiday spirit were neighbors and local businesses who donated many items that were given away as door prizes. We appreciate the generosity of:

- Janet A. and Judy F.
- Debbi B. and Audrey L.
- Heather and Fred E.
- Gerrie F.
- Carlee G.

■ Isabel Y. and Dave M.

■ Cecile P.

■ Charley R.

■ Yvonne R.

■ Kathy R.

■ Barkin'dales

■ The Garden Kitchen

■ Wei Wei Asian Express

Prizes included restaurant gift certificates, movie theatre tickets, Avon products, Pop Culture T-shirts and games, fresh flowers, tools and time to assemble

DYI furniture, an oil painting by children at Grow With Me Learning Center, a gift certificate for Barkin'dales, calendars, flashlights, and keychains. Thanks to everyone who attended and all those who helped plan and provide food and beverages for the event.



## Rolando Park Elementary News



More exciting things are going on at RPE! After being ignored for years, garden boxes bordering the lunch areas were planted in early January and a garden is thriving! Students are learning cultivation, care, and patience, and are excited about sampling fresh tomatoes, cilantro, squash, and other vegetables.

Adjacent to the lunch area, the auditorium is getting an interior facelift. Principal DeLuca is proud of the cheerful blue chairs, which have replaced the old drab ones. New flooring will be installed, half carpeting for student comfort and half linoleum, and the room will get a fresh coat of paint.

In addition, the now bare flower bed in front of the office will soon be getting landscaping.

These are not the only changes at RPE, however. For the first time in several years, a PTA has been formed, with many excited parents and five teachers (an unheard of number) who also want to be

involved. For every \$12 membership fee, \$6.50 goes to the school. We encourage the community to support the PTA by stopping in and signing up.

A new Student Site Council has also begun to meet for the main purpose of making decisions on spending of Title I funds. Priorities are related to student learning and need. RPE gets to keep its full-time counselor and the highly successful Pre-K class will remain.

RPE is one of the SD schools that offers a Special Education class for preschoolers who qualify for Speech and Language Services. Ethel Eklund, a warm and friendly teacher, sees from 30 to 45 children for individual and group therapeutic sessions.

We wish continued success to Principal DeLuca, families, and staff of Rolando Park Elementary as they continue working together in the transformation of our neighborhood school!



## Community Calendar

### Rolando Park Community Council Meetings

- March 13, 7 pm, RPE Room 25  
William Dauphin, City of San Diego Code Enforcement Division
- April 10, 7 pm, RPE Room 25  
Joseph Mazares, Urban Corps, City Sidewalk Tree Program
- May 8, 7 pm, RPE Room 25  
TBD

### Zena Canyon Cleanup

- April 22, 9 am to noon, Zena Drive between Meridian and Billman

### Other Community Events

#### Lean and Clean

March 4, April 1, May 6 – Saturday, 8:30 am to 9:30 am  
Meet at the pocket park, corner of College and College Grove (SE corner, across from Chase Bank)

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

## Zena Canyon Cleanup April 22

The next Zena Canyon cleanup will be Saturday, April 22, from 9 am 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.

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](http://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 1 pm that Saturday.

## RPCC 2017 Membership Drive

Membership is \$12 per household or business per calendar year. This is your chance to join with others to improve our community.

RPCC depends entirely on memberships and donations for funding. Please help support our many community improvement projects by renewing your membership for 2017 or joining RPCC this year. Help make a difference!

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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.

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