



**ROLANDO
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Community Council

Spring 2018

ROLANDO PARK REPORTER

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

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

Our Spring Meeting Schedule



March

Pamela George, Manager of the Family Resource Program, an emergency social services component of the Kroc Center, will speak about the program's services and the people they serve.

Also in March, Sempra Services will present an alternate view to the Climate Action Campaign presentation on Community Choice Energy (CCE) that was given in November.

April

The SDPD Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) will present on SDPD's policies and practices in interactions with the homeless; how the community can make referrals to HOT, and other resources for the homeless. We will be hosting this joint meeting with Redwood Village Community Council.

May

Meet the candidates for the County Board of Supervisors District 4 race at our moderated forum. The community will have an opportunity to submit questions before the meeting.

Community Pace Car Project Update

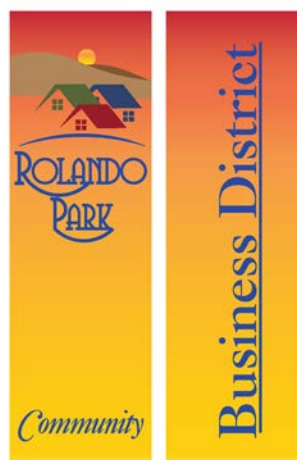
Take the pledge to become a community pledge car. When you display the Community Pace Car decal and drive the speed limit, you also set the pace for other cars behind you.

You can complete the attached pledge form and mail it to us at RPCC, PO Box 152352, San Diego, CA 92195 or drop it off at one of our monthly meetings. You can also take the pledge online at our website (<http://rolandopark.org/cause/ready-to-take-the-pace-car-pledge/>). We'll deliver a decal to you within a few days. We have removable adhesive decals for the inside of your rear window or magnetic decals for the outside of your car. Just indicate which decal you want on the form.

As more residents take the pledge, we will be adding signage around the community to make drivers aware that we are a pace car community and follow the 25 mph speed limit.



Rolando Park is Officially a Banner District!



Last year, one of the top priorities voted by community council members was community identity. In spring 2017, board members Gerrie Flaven and Lynn Edwards applied for funding to create a banner district along our College and University borders in order to create a community identity and also create banners for our business district as the first step in jump starting what we hope will be revitalization and redevelopment on University Ave. In May, we were notified that we had been awarded

funding and after several months of navigating through the city process for banner districts, we received word last month that our proposed banner district would be on today's City Council's agenda.

At the February 6 meeting, the City Council authorized and established the Rolando Park Banner District. In her official comments, City Council President Myrtle Cole gave the following statement:

"... This is an exciting item for the Rolando Park community and I am so glad to move it forward. Today's action will establish a banner district for Rolando Park and allow the community council to install a series of banners along public streets within the Rolando Park neighborhood, including along parts of College Avenue and University Avenue that are outlined in the ordinance.

Rolando Park is a beautiful neighborhood with such an active community, and I know how eager the residents are to raise their profile of and publicize opportunities for neighbors to get involved with the community council and local events hosted in the district.

"... I look forward to the unveiling of the banners this spring."

RPCC is hosting a community-wide celebration for the official unveiling of the banners on March 14. See the enclosed flyer for details!

2018 RPCC Board**Co-Presidents**

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Judy Fleischman/Audrey Ledesma

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

rpcc2003@gmail.com

Community Calendar**RPCC Meetings**

- March 12, 7 pm, RPE Auditorium
Pamela George, Manager of the Family Resource Program at the Kroc Center; Sempra Services
- April 9, 7 pm RPE Auditorium
SDPD Homeless Outreach Team
- May 14, 7 pm RPE Auditorium
County Board of Supervisors Candidate Forum

Other Community Events**Lean and Clean**

March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 9 – Saturday, 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Meet at the entrance to Zena Canyon with gloves and gardening tools.

Contact Audrey, audreyj99@cox.net, for more information.

Clean Comedy Night

March 5, 6:30 pm

Joan B. Kroc Theatre, Kroc Center, *Free*

Family Read & Play Day

March 6, 10:30–11:30 am

Rolando Room, Kroc Center, *Free*

Our 2018 Priorities**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

City Council President Myrtle Cole

(619) 236-6644

myrtlecole@sandiego.gov

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- Abandoned vehicle
- Curb/Gutter
- Dead animal
- Graffiti
- Illegal dumping
- Pothole
- Sidewalk
- Storm drain
- Street light
- Traffic sign/signal
- Tree hazard

Every January, members suggest priorities for the coming year and then vote on their first, second, and third choices. Here are our 2018 priorities and planned action:

1. Improve Rolando Park Business District

In late 2017, as part of the Banner District project, RPCC board members talked with most of the Rolando Park businesses on University. Many owners are also interested in seeing revitalization and improvement to University Avenue. Look for a Rolando Park Community Council Business Group to launch sometime in the next few months. We want to work with business owners to clean up the appearance of University and see if we can attract new development. There will be many opportunities for members to participate and volunteer.

2. Traffic – Volume and Speeding

Traffic is still a priority for our community this year. RPCC will continue to promote the Community Pace Car project to encourage residents to be aware of their speed when driving in our community. We will also work with Traffic Engineering to try to secure the three traffic calming radar speed display signs that traffic studies showed last year are warranted and also look for other options to reduce volume and speeding.

3. Pocket Park Improvement

The homeless camp was vacated in January and Environmental Services

cleaned the site in mid-February. We hope to have the landscape trimmed back this spring.

4. Highly Visible Crosswalks/Walkable Neighborhoods

Last year, several requests to Traffic Engineering for marked sidewalks in the community were turned down. This year, board members will be contacting Circulate San Diego and Vision Zero and looking for their recommendations on ways we can keep our community walkable and safe.

5. Continue the Holiday Giving Tree

The 2017 Holiday Giving Tree reached its goal to give a gift to every student at RPE. We already have volunteers to drive next year's Giving Tree.

6. Presentation on the Homeless

The SDPD Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) will give a presentation at our March meeting.

7. RPE PTA Presentation

The RPE PTA will give a presentation this fall; check the fall newsletter for details.

Other suggested priorities were addressing unkept houses, adult protective services, an update on utilities undergrounding, and more participation in our volunteer Lean and Clean. These suggestions received only a small number of votes, but if anyone in the community is interested in pursuing any of them, please let us know.



If you haven't seen RPE's new Nextdoor site, Principal DeLuca is actively recruiting students who live in Rolando Park and currently commute to other district schools and for good reason. You only need to walk around this small, friendly campus as a volunteer or community member to realize what an amazing, delightful school it is! Every student and faculty member greets you with a welcoming smile and there is an atmosphere of respect, caring, and pride.

Academic expectations are high and scores continue to rise. For four months

in a row, RPE has ranked first in attendance among the ten Crawford Cluster schools. Mr. DeLuca has also made a name for himself by developing an online document for RPE's Professional Learning Community, *The Critical Concept/Proficiency Scale*, that he has shared with the entire district. This great tool for educators details needed skills in all subjects for each grade level, noting those that are new to that grade. In addition, each student's progress and growth are mapped by the teachers.

The PTA is extremely active. The Family Farmer's Market is a tremendous success, and is available to school families on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. The PTA, along with community volunteers, sets up a plethora of fresh fruits and vegetables along with other foods and families choose what they want.

A PTA fundraiser in January at Chipotle's brought in almost \$400! We wish them success at one to be held in February at Chuck E. Cheese. But potentially the biggest one is yet to come. On a Saturday in



Check Nextdoor for details about the RPE PTA Yard Sale coming in April!

April, the PTA, staff, and school families will hold a yard sale, with proceeds to support the school. Watch for more information to be posted next month on Nextdoor about donations and the start time.

Principal DeLuca is very excited about where his school is going, and we are too. Best success, RPE!

Kroc Center Updates

The Kroc Center also offers several free ongoing programs such as Family Arts & Literacy Nights and Family Read & Play Days.

The March presentation of Family Read & Play Day will feature the book, "Georgia O'Keeffe" by Mike Venezia. A series of biographies of artists for young readers provides hilarious, cartoon-style illustrations to complement the easy-to-read text and full-color reproductions of each master's artwork that includes primary sources, photos, illustrations, maps, and timelines. Tuesday, March 6, 10:30–11:30 am in the Rolando Room.

The Kroc Center also has its own youth theatre program called Kroc Jr. Theatre.

Their spring production will be *Madagascar, Jr.* with performances May 25 and 26 at 7:00 pm and May 27 at 2:00 pm. Kroc Junior Theatre promotes strong leadership and character through the participation of students ages 8–18 by producing professional quality productions and learning every aspect of theatre arts in a positive community. Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto the stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime. Tickets go on sale soon.

For more information on the Kroc Center's programs and other activities, visit their website at <http://www.sd.kroccenter.org>.

Our New Little Library Steward



After serving for more than two years as Rolando Park's Little Library Steward, Audrey Ledesma turned over the position to Molly Simonetti in January. Welcome Molly!

If you have books to donate, especially children's books, you can contact Molly via Nextdoor.

If you haven't had a chance yet to visit our Little Library, it is located at 4021 Loma Alta Drive.

RPCC Treasurer Vacancy

We are still looking for a community member to volunteer.

Treasurer responsibilities are as follows:

- Collect dues and maintain the membership list
- Handle banking and disburse funds as authorized by the board
- Maintain financial records
- Complete reports and paperwork required of the RPCC

If you can balance your checkbook, you can be the Treasurer! Only basic Excel knowledge is required to maintain our records in an Excel spreadsheet. The time commitment is 8-10 hours per month, including both our general and board meetings.

Board positions are two-year terms. The treasurer position has one vote at board meetings. This position can easily be shared by two persons.

If interested, please send email to rpcc2003@gmail.com.

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RPCC depends on memberships and donations to pay for our meeting space, mandatory insurance for our meetings, and quarterly newsletters for the community in addition to our many community improvement projects. Please support your community by renewing your membership for 2018 or joining RPCC this year and help make a difference!

2018 #1

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.

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