



## Our Spring Meeting Schedule



### **March 9 – City Farmer's Nursery & Annual Plant Exchange**

Sam Tall from City Farmer's Nursery is our guest in March. Bring your gardening questions as Sam will cover vegetable gardening and more! Sam is also bringing several items to raffle off, including a raised garden bed, a \$20 gift card, and some veggie starters. Just in time for spring planting.

Our meeting will conclude with our annual plant exchange.

### **April 13 – San Diego County Pest Detection**

The Pest Detection program looks for exotic insects in over 9,000 traps that are placed in residential yards throughout the County for this purpose. The Pest Detection program helps protect a 1.85 billion dollar industry in San Diego County.

### **May 11 – Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT)**

Our guest speaker in May is Wes Albers from the Community Research Foundation's PERT division. PERT pairs licensed mental health clinicians with specially trained police officers to address incidents where mental health might be part of an issue needing a police response. PERT teams also partner with law enforcement homeless outreach teams (HOT) to provide proactive preventative connection to services.

## Zena Canyon Cleanup on April 25

Our annual Zena Canyon cleanup is Saturday, April 25, from 9 am to 12 pm. Thanks to Judy Fleischman and Janet Althaus who will be site captains again this year. The Creek to Bay event is part of I Love A Clean San Diego's countywide cleanup events. Registration opens April 1.

Please help keep our canyon clean by volunteering for this event. This year, once the cleanup is completed, the dumpster bin will be open only to the volunteers who participate in the cleanup.

## Our 2020 Priorities

Every January, members suggest priorities for the coming year and then vote on their first, second, and third choices. These are RPCC's 2020 priorities as voted by members:

1. Traffic calming and pedestrian safety
2. Pocket park improvement
3. Increase meeting attendance and membership
4. More community cleanups
5. Community identification
6. Graphics on utility boxes
7. Little College traffic safety from University to Billman

Traffic calming and pedestrian safety has been one of our top priorities for four years. Traffic studies were conducted in 2017 and show traffic calming is needed on Aragon, Vista Grande, and Rolando. Unfortunately, we are dependant on the city to fund the installation of traffic calming and the city has not yet provided funding.

Our City Councilmember Monica Montgomery has included our requested traffic calming in her budget priorities for this next year.

Other priorities will need community volunteers. For example, we can't have more community cleanups without more volunteers. We'll be providing more information on our 2020 work plan in our Summer issue.



## RPCC Board

### Co-Presidents

Sonia Lang/Lynn Edwards

### Co-Vice Presidents

Gerrie Flaven/Kathryn Kern

### Treasurer

Cheryl Bailey

### Secretary

Vacant

### Members at Large

Judy Fleischman

Dan Parker

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

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

## Community Numbers & Links

### San Diego Police Department

24-hour non-emergency issues

(619) 531-2000

### Community Liaison Officer

Terry Hoskins

Desk: (619) 516-3091

Cell: (619) 517-0936

[thoskins@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:thoskins@pd.sandiego.gov)

Mon–Thurs 10 am to 8 pm

### City Councilmember

#### Monica Montgomery

(619) 236-6644

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

### Community representative from Ms.

#### Montgomery's office

Bruce Williams

(619) 236-7175

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

### Animal Emergencies

7:30 am to 10 pm, (619) 299-7012

After hours, contact SDPD

### Get it Done

You can download the *Get it Done* app from the Apple App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) or visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done> to report the following types problems in San Diego:

- Parking and vehicle issues
- Trash collection, recycling, and graffiti
- Streets, sidewalks, and lights
- Homeless encampment
- Trees and vegetation
- Storm water and drains

## Community Calendar

### RPCC Meetings

Doors open at 6:30 pm, RPE Auditorium

- March 9, *Sam Tall from City Farmer's Nursery + Annual Plant Exchange*
- April 13, *San Diego County Pest Detection*
- May 11, *Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT)*

### Other Events

- March 7, Regents Pharmacy Grand Opening, 11 am to 2 pm, 6255 University Ave
- April 25, 9 am to 12 pm, Zena Canyon Cleanup

## RPCC 2019 Priorities

Every January, the community council makes suggestions and votes on top priorities for the coming year. Our focus is always on what our community council can do to make our community a better and safer place to live. Here's the current status of the 2019 priorities and what we accomplished this last year.

### 1. Traffic calming and pedestrian safety

We asked our new city councilmember, Monica Montgomery, to prioritize our traffic issues in 2019. She tried, but was unsuccessful in securing the needed funding for traffic calming. This year, it's in her Budget Priorities Memo, so we're hopeful.

RPCC did succeed in getting angled parking installed on Aragon adjacent to the Kroc Center. The angled parking provides additional street parking, including new disabled parking. As intended, the angled parking also has resulted in modest speed reductions on this section of Aragon.

### 2. Improve Rolando Park Business District

Initially, we hoped to get additional trash cans on University and missing sidewalks installed to at least help keep University Ave. clean. But those are not services that the city provides to business districts without additional costs. We then focused on what we could accomplish. Representatives from the city's Economic Redevelopment Department presented at our May meeting and advised us on the initial steps to create a Maintenance Assessment District and revitalize our business district. Code Enforcement also presented at our October meeting to educate us on what they can and cannot enforce in commercial areas.

Ultimately, improving our business district will take several years. But we were

able to achieve some modest improvements.

- At our request, City Councilmember Montgomery's office arranged for weed abatement on University Ave. traffic medians from College to Aragon.
- Old faded street signs were replaced.
- Our community cleanup on University Ave. greatly improved its appearance.

### 3. Increase membership and engagement in RPCC

We had multiple successful community events this past year:

- Participated in the spring *I Love a Clean San Diego* event with a community cleanup of Zena Canyon.
- Received a Walmart Community Grant from Sam's Club that we in turn used to fund summer camp scholarships for deserving Rolando Park Elementary students.
- Sponsored a *Coffee with a Cop* event at the Kroc.
- Participated in the annual community yard sale and distributed yard sale maps, RPCC tote bags and decals, and signed up several new members.
- Organized a food drive for the Kroc Center.
- Provided a holiday gift for every student through our Holiday Giving Tree project for the third consecutive year.
- Organized a successful community cleanup of University Ave in October that included more than 30 volunteers from Rolando Park, Rolando, Redwood Village, and La Mesa. This was the first cleanup of University Ave. in several years.

(cont'd on page 4)



Big round of applause goes to RPE Principal Anthony DeLuca and the excellent staff, teachers, and students for making our school a California Distinguished School!! This is a huge honor and places us among the select 5–10% of the schools within the state. And more good news: RPE is one of 16 finalists in the entire country for a National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) Award. On February 19, the NCUST team members visited the school to interview parents, teachers, and staff. Keep your fingers crossed!

RPE students are participating again this year with the Rolando Park Community Council in the San Diego County Fair banner program. Look for our students and Principal DeLuca on banners along the east side of College from the 94 freeway to University and along the south



*Look for RPE students and Principal DeLuca on SD County Fair banners in our community from late May to July!*

side of University from College to 69th. The San Diego Fair runs from June 4 to July 5.

This year for the first time, grades 3 through 5 will partner with the YMCA

for a Lego Robotics Course. Not only will this provide a gateway into the world of robotic programming, but it is also a team-building and fun competition.

If you are a parent or interested community member, you can join the PTA or volunteer at the school by emailing [rolandoparkpantherspta@gmail.com](mailto:rolandoparkpantherspta@gmail.com) or contact the school office. Community support and involvement will help keep our school outstanding and our community strong.

RPE, in conjunction with Feeding San Diego, continues to host a Farmer's Market on the second and fourth Friday at the school between 8–9 am. Fresh produce and other food is available at no cost to RPE students and their families throughout the school year.

Go RPE Panthers!

#### 2020 Farmer's Market Schedule

- |                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ■ <b>February</b><br>28 only | ■ <b>May</b><br>8 only          |
| ■ <b>March</b><br>13 and 27  | ■ <b>June</b><br>None scheduled |
| ■ <b>April</b><br>10 and 24  |                                 |

## Kroc Center News and Upcoming Events

Kroc 2B continues to move forward, with an approved funding plan and architectural drawings in process. Architect Ken Smith is actively working on completing the drawings of the fitness and parking expansion and the outdoor soccer field to be resubmitted to the City of San Diego within six months. This exciting renovation and expansion of the Kroc Center will incorporate most of the elements of the earlier Kroc 2 plan on a smaller scale, but with the same focus: to improve the Kroc Center's ability to offer programs and services that meet the needs of a growing and changing community. The project will add 5,000–6,000 square feet to the fitness center and feature renovated locker rooms. The athletic field will be reconfigured with improved lighting and artificial turf and provide much needed

additional parking spaces near the gym. The Salvation Army anticipates that Kroc 2B will be completed in time to celebrate the Kroc Center's 20th birthday in June 2022.

Spring Day Camp (March 30–April 24) scholarship applications are available at the Family Resource Center. The deadline to apply is February 28.

#### *Free Family Arts & Literacy Nights*

- Thursday February 27 at 6:30 pm "Giants of Jazz" featuring the Rob Thorsen Jazz Quartet
- Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 pm "The Lady and the Little Tramp" theatrical and dance performance featuring Jerry Hager and Faith Jensen

- Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 pm "Open Studio" Art Night

*Free Family Read & Play Days – Story and playtime for families with children age 0–5*

- Tuesday, March 17 at 10:30 am
- Tuesday, April 14 at 10:30 am

*Kroc Junior Theatre presents "The Lion King Jr"*

- May 22 and 23 at 7 pm
- May 24 at 2 pm
- Joan B. Kroc Theatre
- Tickets are on sale at [kroccenter.seatyourself.biz](http://kroccenter.seatyourself.biz).



## Support Our Local Businesses – Dan Parker, Realtor®



Many of you will recognize Dan immediately, having seen him out and about in our community these last few years, delivering real estate newsletters, organizing and promoting Rolando Park's annual community yard sale, or filming our community council meetings. Dan's a busy guy when it comes to all things community-related!

Dan is originally from Lake Forest in Orange County, but moved here to attend college. His wife Stephanie also grew up in Orange County only 10 minutes away from Dan, but they didn't meet until they were both students at SDSU in the Hospitality and Tourism Management program.

After graduation and marriage to Stephanie, Dan managed Hooley's Irish Pub for a couple of years, but they then moved to the Bay Area where he managed a craft brewery restaurant. He became a home brewer and both he and Stephanie are Certified Cicerones®. Don't be shy about asking Dan for a beer/food pairing recommendation.

While they enjoyed their time in the Bay Area and traveling, they always planned to move back to San Diego at some point. They came back in 2015, bought their first home here in Rolando Park, and quickly settled in to our community.

After returning to San Diego, Dan worked in sales for a large produce company and was considering opening a restaurant. But after buying their home, which Dan described as stressful and an emotional roller coaster, he wanted to help other people navigate the process and decided to pursue a real estate career.

Dan has been an agent for a few years now. He clearly loves his profession and helping first-time buyers purchase their first home. He's also very excited to give

back as an affiliate agent in Homes for Heroes®, a program that helps firefighters, law enforcement, military, healthcare workers/EMS, and teachers.

Dan has given up home brewing, but he now has more room and time for one of his other interests, woodworking. He likes to make custom cutting boards for his clients and even gives them his own special cutting board conditioner.

Dan really likes the community feel of Rolando Park. He's become active in RPCC because of the focus on community issues and efforts to improve Rolando Park. He's also enthusiastic about revitalizing the annual community yard sale, which had become stagnant in recent years.

Dan Parker – Realtor, Rolando Park Community Council Board Member, and proud Rolando Park resident. We're glad to have Dan and Stephanie in our community!

**Dan Parker**  **Homes for Heroes®**  
**619-719-9014**  
**Email:** [Dan@danparkerproperties.com](mailto:Dan@danparkerproperties.com)  
**Homes for Heroes:** [myherobenefits.com](https://myherobenefits.com)  
**Facebook:** <https://danparkerproperties/>  
**Instagram:** [@danparker\\_sandiego](https://danparker_sandiego)

### 2019 Priorities (cont'd from page 2)

#### 4. Missing sidewalks

Last spring, we surveyed the community and identified where residents want to see missing sidewalks installed. That list was then given to our local planning group, Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee (EACPC) and was submitted to the city as a capital improvement project (CIP) priority for Rolando Park.

Unfortunately, missing sidewalks are backlogged in the city, with a current wait time of 20+ years. It could be some time before we see any missing sidewalks installed.

#### 5. Undergrounding status

In our last issue, we provided an update on undergrounding in Rolando Park. If you missed the newsletter, you can find the update on our website at <http://rolandopark.org/projects/undergrounding-update/>.

The area south of Marlowe to Livingston, from 69th on the east to Zena on the west, is now in the second phase of undergrounding, Environmental Planning. We expect a public hearing in 2020 that will provide an opportunity for residents to give input.

Construction in the area north of Billman will not start for several more years.

2020 #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](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. Thank you!

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# Support Our Local Businesses!



**WEI WEI express**

OPEN DAILY  
11:00 AM - 9:30PM

HEALTHY, NO MSG ADDED, FRESH INGREDIENTS

**Location 1**  
619.287.8888  
6465 University Ave., Rolando Plaza  
San Diego, CA 92115

Order online  
weiweixpresssandiego.com

Follow us!  
yelp, Instagram, Facebook

DINE IN • TAKE OUT • DELIVERY • CATERING

**FRESH . SUSTAINABLE . FROM SCRATCH.**

At Garden Kitchen everything is handcrafted from scratch using fresh ingredients, opting for local & organic when possible.

OPEN TUES-SAT  
HAPPY HOUR: 3PM-5PM  
DINNER: 5PM-9PM  
4204 ROLANDO BLVD  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92115  
619-431-5755

GARDEN KITCHEN

Menu Changes Daily, Visit Us Online:  
**GARDENKITCHENSND.COM**

**LA MESA TIRE COMPANY**

**BLOW OUT SALE**

**OIL CHANGE SPECIAL**  
SYNTHETIC BLEND \$34.95  
FULL SYNTHETIC \$43.95  
UP TO 5 QTZ  
MOST CARS AND TRUCKS,  
ASK FOR DETAILS

**BRAKE SPECIALS**  
FRONT BRAKE SERVICE  
STARTING AT \$119.95  
REAR BRAKE SERVICE  
STARTING AT \$99.95

**USED TIRES PROMOTION**  
2 USED TIRES AND ALIGNMENT FOR \$109.95  
FROM 13-17 PASSENGER CAR TIRES  
TRUCK AND SUVS EXTRA CHARGE

**ALIGNMENT SPECIAL**  
**PASSENGER CAR TIRE** \$39.95

185/70/14	\$200.00
185/65/15	\$210.00
195/65/15	\$215.00
205/55/16	\$260.00
205/60/16	\$275.00
205/65/16	\$280.00
215/55/17	\$270.00
235/75/15	\$320.00

**CALL FOR MORE SPECIALS!!!!**

LaMesaTireCompany@gmail.com  
Lamesatirecompany.com

(619) 583-1556 (619) 644-1123  
6231 University Ave 8769 Troy St  
San Diego, CA 92115 Spring Valley, CA 91977

**US CLEANERS**

3605 College Ave  
San Diego, CA 92115  
(619) 287-5968  
Website: uscleanerssd.com  
Email: uscleanerssd@gmail.com

FAST, RELIABLE DRYCLEANING and LAUNDRY SERVICE

**GLO**

Glass Orchid

619-280-6123  
6521 University Ave  
San Diego, CA 92115

Art Glass  
We:  
Custom Design  
Have Supplies

You:  
Learn  
Create  
Design  
Studio Time

**A Local Rolando Park Real Estate Agent You Can Trust**

**ROLANDO PARK**

**NOW ACCEPTING NEW CLIENTS.  
CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE A MEETING!**

**NEW PROGRAM ALERT!**

**Homes for Heroes®**

Firefighters, Law Enforcement, Military, Active, Reserves and Veterans, Healthcare Workers/EMS, Teachers

**MYHEROBENEFITS.COM**

**DAN PARKER**  
619.719.9014  
DAN@ROLANDOPARKHOMES.COM  
DRE #02043651

**exp REALTY**



# Support Our Local Businesses!



**ASE** **TECHNET**

**Bob Brown's**  
**AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE**

**FOREIGN & DOMESTIC**

**CARS • TRUCKS • RV's**  
619-286-1022 • FAX 619-286-1411  
6250 University Ave. • San Diego • CA • 92115  
bob@bobbrownsautomotive.com

STAR Certified  
SMOG CHECK STATION

**Kara West**  
Loan Officer, NMLS #1920182  
607.220.6516 Cell 858.251.0833 Fax  
831.665.5404 Direct  
kara.west@apmortgage.com  
www.apmortgage.com/kara-west

**APM**

"Se habla Español"  
404 Camino Del Rio South, Ste 602  
San Diego, CA, 92108  
NMLS #1038744

**Regents Pharmacy**  
FEEL BETTER QUICKER...

- Prescription Services
- Long-Term Care
- Blister Packaging
- Delivery
- Prior Auth Assistance

4150 Regents Park Row, Ste. 155 La Jolla, CA 92037  
phone: (858) 281-5200  
fax: (858) 260-2170

6255 University Ave., Suite A1 San Diego, CA 92115  
phone: (619) 436-5571  
fax: (619) 436-5572

**Your ad could be here.**

Email [rpcc2003@gmail.com](mailto:rpcc2003@gmail.com) for more information.

Appointments online @ [www.kcutzbarbershop.com](http://www.kcutzbarbershop.com)

6461 University Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92115  
(619) 582-Kutz (5889)

**CALIFORNIA K-CUTZ BARBERSHOP**  
Since 2004

**PAYLESS AUTO INSURANCE**  
BROKER, INC.  
Lic #0F35295

**NEW LOCATION**

**Inside Rolando Plaza**

**MORE PARKING**

**Now Open**

**RENTERS Insurance**

Tel: 619-229-7660  
6437 University Ave San Diego, CA  
Auto Home Life