



Our Fall Meeting Schedule

Meetings are online via Zoom



September 14 – Bijan Nowroozian, College-Rolando Library

Bijan Nowroozian is the Children’s Librarian at the College-Rolando Library. He’s promised us a fun presentation about San Diego

Public Library’s general services and the College-Rolando Library’s specific services for the community.

October 12 – Chelsey Birgisdóttir, ACLU, and San Diego County Pest Detection

Our October meeting will feature two presentations. First, a representative from the San Diego County Pest Detection will present on their pest detection program, which 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 agriculture industry in San Diego County.

Next, we’ll be joined by Chelsey Birgisdóttir from the ACLU. The ACLU is part of a coalition called the Coalition for Police Accountability and Transparency, which has assembled a policy package called *Police Accountability Now*. Chelsey will cover the policy package and the solutions that the coalition is advocating for.

November 9 – Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT)

Our guest speaker in November 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.

RPCC Membership Dues

This has been a challenging year for everyone. Most things have slowed dramatically or come to a halt, including membership renewals. Please help the Rolando Park Community Council continue its work to improve our community by renewing your membership for 2020 or join RPCC this year and help make a difference! Use the mail-in form on page 4 or visit our [website](#) to use Paypal.



Ready to Zoom?

For now, our community council meetings will be online via Zoom. Zoom is free to download and use on all computer devices, listed here in order of ease of use with Zoom:

- Laptop computer – Has a built-in camera, microphone, and speakers or headphones
- Tablet – Same as a laptop, but a smaller screen
- Smartphone – Same as a tablet, but an even smaller screen
- Desktop computer – You will need speakers or headphones to be able to hear the meeting
- Phone – Audio only

Haven’t used Zoom before?

1. Before the meeting, download and install Zoom on your device (Mac, PC, tablet, or phone) from <https://zoom.us/support/download>. It’s also available from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.
2. A few minutes before the meeting, click on the meeting zoom link. This will open your browser and launch the Zoom app. When the screen displays “Zoom Meetings,” click “Open link” and you will see the meeting. If Zoom asks your permission to use your computer camera and/or microphone, click “Yes.”

Save time by downloading the app in advance of the meeting. Otherwise, when you click the meeting link, Zoom will prompt you at that time to download the app in order to attend the meeting.

Questions? Concerns? Please email rpcc2003@gmail.com.

The link to the meeting will be available on our [website](#), → Events → Upcoming Events. Scroll down to the end of the agenda and click the “Join Zoom Meeting” link. The agenda and meeting link will also be posted on our Facebook page ([Rolando Park Community Council](#)) and Upcoming Events on Nextdoor.

RPCC Zoom Practice Meeting

For those who have never used Zoom, RPCC is hosting a practice meeting on Wednesday, September 9, from 6 to 8 pm. Use the following link to attend:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88428019350?pwd=cVJRM-k5yUUFXMmFQUVA1WHdydm1VQT09>

We’ll be available to try to resolve any technical issues and answer questions. You can join *anytime* between 6 to 8 pm.

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To advertise in the newsletter or to contact the board, email rpcc2003@gmail.com

Community Numbers & Links

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thoskins@pd.sandiego.gov
Mon–Thurs 10 am to 8 pm

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monicamontgomery@sandiego.gov

**Community representative from Ms.
Montgomery’s office**

Bruce Williams
(619) 236-7175
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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 Store (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

Fall Board Elections

Rolando Park Community Council hosts monthly meetings that provide a link between our community and government bodies. We also engage in projects throughout the year to improve our community and quality of life.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the board for a two-year term.

The RPCC will have four openings for the 2021-2022 Board:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Member-at-Large

Our most immediate need is for the Vice President and Treasurer positions. Co-Presidents Sonia Lang and Lynn Edwards have served two terms, but are

willing to stay for another term unless someone else would like to run for this position.

Members at Large Judy Fleischman and Dan Parker also plan to stay for another term, but there’s room for two to three more. Have a community project in mind that you would like to lead? Becoming a member at large is a good place to start.

Candidates will be announced at the October 12, 2020 meeting with elections on November 9. New board members will begin to serve a two-year term in January 2021.

Any position can be co-shared (co-shared positions have one vote on the board).

If you’re interested, email rpcc2003@gmail.com and put “Board position” in the subject line.

Kroc Center News

The most important news from the Kroc Center right now is the annual Heroes campaign to raise \$105,000 for scholarships for membership dues and program fees for participants of all ages who are in need. Opening of the campaign was delayed by COVID-19 and the funds are needed by September 30. You can donate:

- In person at a Guest Services Desk
- By text: SDHero to 41444
- Online at sd.kroccenter.org (click on the Donate online button on the home page)
- By mail: Make check payable to The Salvation Army Kroc Center Heroes Fund addressed to 6845 University Avenue, SD 92115

The Kroc Family Resource Center continues to provide emergency food and necessities for those in need and the need has increased with COVID-19. Food distribution is weekly on Fridays for registered individuals from 8:30-11:30 am and 1:30-4 pm. To register, contact the Family Resource Center at (619) 269-1430.

Some of the Kroc’s venues have reopened for reserved time slots. Fitness

equipment and group exercise classes have been moved outside to comply with directives for gym operations. Pools are open as well on a reservation basis. While they continue to be mindful of safety and to shift to quickly changing guidelines, Kroc staff report that it’s a great joy to welcome more community members back to a facility that has always had the vision to be a safe, nurturing gathering place where opportunities abound. For information about making reservations to ensure social distancing and allowing time for staff to sanitize, visit sd.kroccenter.org.

The Center’s PreSchool and Day Camp programs have been able to remain open with limited enrollment and safe distancing measures, providing a fun and secure place for children all summer. With schools starting virtually, the Center will also offer Fall and Winter CARE Camps, where children can have quiet hours to do school work in a supportive atmosphere with recreational activities later in the day. The Kroc Center has also been providing Critical Care Workers with no-cost childcare during the COVID crisis.

Congratulations Rolando Park Elementary! We are proud of our community school

Rolando Park Elementary receives 2020 America's Best Urban Schools Award

Already selected as a 2020 California Distinguished School, little Rolando Park Elementary has just been honored by the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) for its commitment to equity and excellence.



The America's Best Urban Schools Award (ABUS) is presented annually to the highest performing urban schools.

Rolando Park stood out for its performance in key categories, including high marks for student safety and school climate. Over a four-year period, the percentage of Rolando Park students achieving proficiency in English and math on state assessments increased by 35 percentage points. In 2018-19, Rolando Park students took six state assessments and outperformed the California average on all six.



"Rolando Park educators exhibit a 'whatever it takes' approach to ensuring student success!" wrote NCUST Executive Director Joseph F. Johnson. "EVERY student group outperforms CA averages. Congrats to the RP team!"

[Read More](#) more about the America's Best Urban Schools Awards and required criteria.

Rolando Park/Rolando Park Elementary Joint Use Park Update

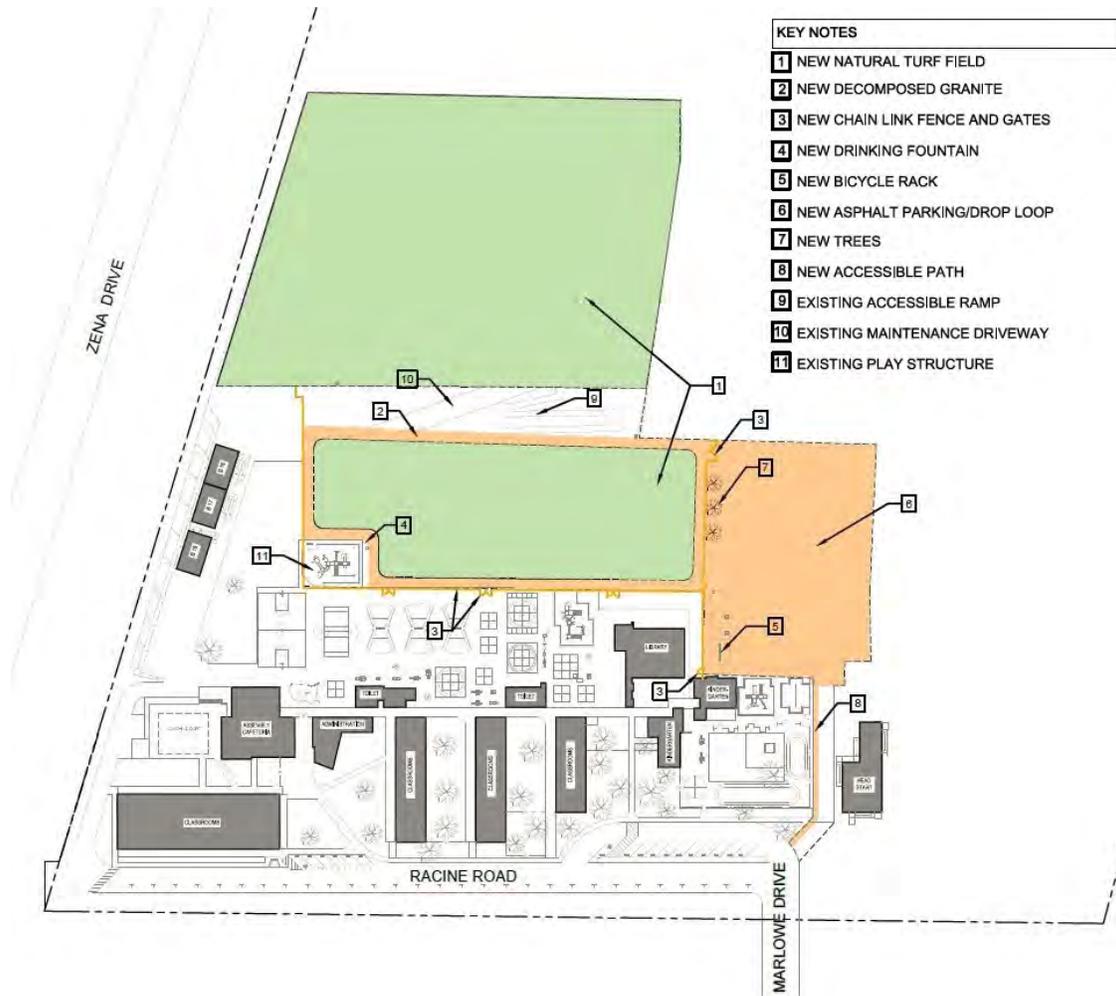
Construction is now scheduled to start in October and complete by May 2021. That will be followed by a 90-day maintenance period for the new turf with an anticipated opening in September 2021.

Past and present community council members have advocated for a community park

since 2011 and worked with the school district, our city councilmembers past and present, and the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation committees to get a park designed and funded. We're also very lucky to have Principal DeLuca as one of the strongest supporters for the completion of the park for the benefits that it will

provide both the school and the community.

RPCC had initially planned to have a groundbreaking ceremony, but unfortunately with COVID-19, that was nixed by the school district. But look for a celebratory video once construction starts!



2020 #3

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. Thank you!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

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



36th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day Saturday, September 26, 2020

Protecting the coast begins at your front door. Free online registration opens on September 1.

The 36th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day is going virtual on Saturday, September 26, 2020 in San Diego County. Register to join the county's Official Coastal Cleanup Day coordinators, [I Love A Clean San Diego](#), and be a part of the global cleanup effort by removing polluting litter and debris from your community throughout the day on September 26th. Volunteers of all ages are invited to grab buckets and work gloves (or whatever you can round up and repurpose from around the house – we have ideas for you!) and walk your block or hit a nearby Litter Hotspot with your household to stay close to home and protect the health of our community and our environment.

Become a citizen scientist

An important part of this event is collecting data on the types of litter that volunteers clean up; we look to you to be citizen scientists and report back on your litter findings! This data helps give us a snapshot of what is impacting our region year to year. A link to a form will be sent to all registrants to help us gather that data. Your cleanup and findings will be shared on our Volunteer Impact Map to track cleanup totals, all day long, countywide!

Need help with supplies?

For those volunteers who do not have cleanup supplies or internet access to submit their data, **Kara West, our Community Champion**, will be hosting the Supply and Data Hub in Rolando Park, where volunteers can pick up bags, gloves, and data cards and pencils to keep track of litter data, and return completed data cards. Registration is required to receive these materials.

Registration opens Tuesday, September 1 at [CleanupDay.org](#)

Officially sign up on September 1, 2020 and then get ready to clean up your neighborhood on September 26. Registered volunteers will receive important safety and virtual event resources and information to have a successful cleanup. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Jackie Blumenthal, to register by phone if you do not have internet access: (619) 787-2604. Throughout the month of September, *I Love A Clean San Diego* will be sharing educational videos, zero waste tips and tricks, waste and recycling guides, and messages from our partners to prepare you and get you pumped for the big day. Learn more about patches, community service verification, rewards, and more at [CleanupDay.org](#)!

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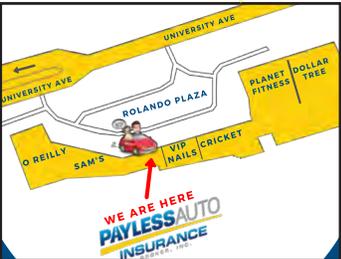
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