



THE ROLANDO PARK REPORTER

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MEETING & AGENDA

ROLANDO PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WHEN: THURSDAY July 19, 2007
WHERE: Rolando Park Elementary School
6620 Marlowe Drive
TIME: 7:00 pm
SPEAKER: Cheryl Thomas of Alpine Stained Glass. Our Rolando Park Business of the Month.

Summer Tradition-Block Sale!

It's that time again for the HUGE Annual Rolando Park Neighborhood Block Sale!!!!

The Block Sale will take place Saturday, August 4th and Sunday, August 5th

It's time to clean out your garage and closets! It's the 26th Annual Rolando Park Neighborhood Block Sale. This is the event that gathers crowds from all over San Diego. All you have to do is have your stuff ready to sell & they do the rest! The Sale will be advertised in numerous papers & on the internet. Signs will be posted around the neighborhood & in businesses.

The day of the sale, all participating homes will be asked to give \$3.00 to cover the cost of flyers, signs, and advertising.

Let's make this year the most successful one yet! Encourage your friends & family to sell at your house!

They need your help! The need is for volunteers to post signs on Friday, August 3rd and collect money the day of the block sale. If you can help, please email them or give them a call now!

Call Eric at 619-987-1984 or Email:

RolandoParkBlockSale@hotmail.com

The Block Sale streets:

Vista Grande, Loma Alta, Aragon, Casita Way, Donna, 69th, Harvala, Missy Court, Celia Vista, Marlowe, Nassau, Livingston, Suffolk, Rockland, Duchess, Waite, Veronica, and Racine. If your street is not included in the sale and you wish to participate, please email or call today!

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A Letter from Rolando Park Elementary

Dear Rolando Park Community Members,

As the end of the 2006-2007 school year draws near, I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Rolando Park Community Council and all the neighborhood families for supporting Rolando Park Elementary School's students and staff. I have enjoyed working with the students, staff, parents and community of Rolando Park for the past six years and it is time for me to move to a different school. Please stop by campus in September and welcome Rolando Park's new principal, Yolanda Lewis.

Campus Updates

- Through the funding of a grant, Rolando Park will have one full-day preschool class beginning in September. The class already has 24 students registered. If you would like to be on the waiting list or would like more information regarding preschools contact Viola Munoz at 858-496-1821.
- Most of the Prop MM Construction projects on campus are completed. To finish up, this summer they will be installing a marquee at the end of room 4 facing the street, replacing some of our plants and installing an intercom system in our library.
- At the end of last school year, one of Rolando Park's long time teachers, Donna Gambs, decided to retire. We will miss her and wish her all the best.
- Summer school at Rolando Park is steaming along. We have 197 students from Rolando Park Elementary School and Clay Elementary School in attendance.

Even though summer school ends at 12:50, our 6 to 6 program provides child care until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for enrolled students. The last day of instruction is July 20. During summer school, feel free to contact me at 619-582-5414 if you have any questions or concerns.

Please accept my best wishes to you and your family for a pleasant and fulfilling summer and 2007-2008 school year. I will miss you and the Rolando Park kids and wish you all the best in the years to come.

Leslie Barnes

Principal, Rolando Park Elementary School

Wanted: Boy Scouts & Leaders

The Boy Scouts of America is a superb youth organization that is recognized by many national organizations that promote and encourage good citizenship and fitness.

If you know a youth, male between the ages of 7-20 or female between the ages of 14-20 who may be interested in learning more about the Scouting program; or an adult (either female or male) who may be interested in volunteering their time as an adult leader or sponsoring a new Scout unit in the Rolando Park Community please have them contact LT Michael Files at michael.files@navy.mil or 619.245.8651.

For more information about Boy Scouts of America www.scouting.org.

Confirmed Meeting Dates for the Next 3 Months

July 19th
August 16th
September 20th

Rolando Park Business of the Month

Alpine Stained Glass and More!

Cheryl Thomas and her late husband, Richard opened Alpine Stained Glass in a 500 square foot building in 1976. Cheryl grew up in Rolando and attended Rolando Elementary and Helix High School before becoming a registered nurse who made stained glass creations as a hobby. Richard was a pilot with incredible business sense. They had a son, David who grew into the business.

Four and a half years ago, they bought the round building at 6331 University Ave. from the original owners who built it in 1960. The building had been condemned due to numerous fire and building code violations. The Thomas family spent a half million dollars and three months bringing the building back to life. Now Cheryl feels like she's come home and is excited to be part of the Rolando Park community once again.

The new home of Alpine Stained Glass is now almost 20,000 square feet and serves a worldwide clientele through their website. They have 18 employees including artists, production workers, teachers and salespeople.

The main floor contains the retail space where you can find decorations, ornaments and many inexpensively priced gift items if you're looking for someone who's hard to buy for. There are incredible displays of custom doors, table tops, kitchen cabinets, sinks, vanities, and mirrors. They also carry many designer accent pieces such as table and floor lamps, chandeliers and silk flower arrangements. Toward the back of the store, there is an incredible selection of supplies for glass artists

ranging from kilns to art materials to instructional books.

Then Cheryl took us for a tour downstairs where all the magic happens. The production department, woodshop, putty room, beveling space, classroom, employee lunchroom and shipping/receiving are located here. This is where the artists take a hand-drawn sketch from thumbnail to actual size then cut and assemble their stained glass creations. These artists have all been trained by Cheryl and each have at least 20 years of experience behind them.

Specialized techniques are used to fabricate a myriad of glass types. Restorations and repairs are performed. Wooden doors are custom cut and carved. Classes are offered for those interested in making their own stained glass pieces. You really have to visit and explore the store to appreciate the variety and the artistry of all they have to offer. It's easy to spend an hour or two just browsing. Their store hours are Mon-Fri 8:30 – 5, Sat 9 – 3 (563-5026). To learn more about Alpine Stained Glass come meet Cheryl who will be a guest speaker at our July general meeting and please feel free to explore their website www.alpineglass.com.

Community Relations Police Office Re-Opens!

The East San Diego Community Relations Office had their Grand Re-opening at 4710 College Avenue (the old College Heights Library) on July 10th. A "police tape" cutting ceremony was held and followed by an Open House. In attendance was SDPD Police Chief William Lansdowne as well as our Community Relations Officer Pat Norris. The Community Relations Office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Camp Chollas Challenge

It's once again time for Chollas Lake Summer Camp. For the past three years Redwood Village Community Council has sponsored a child to attend a one week camp at Chollas Lake. This is their fourth year to sponsor a child. This year their community will sponsor two children with the help of a generous grant they received from Blanchard for Others. They have issued a challenge to the neighboring community councils of Rolando Village, Rolando Park, El Cerrito, Oak Park, Webster, Fox Canyon and College Area to also participate and sponsor a child. The Redwood Village Community Council presented a check to the Chollas Lake Recreation Council on June 26, 2007. It is possible nine or more children would be able to attend the Chollas Lake Summer Camp if all of our local community councils met the challenge. What a great opportunity!

Your community council has voted to accept this positive challenge. This is where you come into

the picture. We are looking to sponsor one child this year for one week. If you know of an interested child who otherwise could not go and/or is deserving because of what they do, please contact us.

The week-long camps for children at the lake cost \$125 per camper for an extended day. "Camp Chollas" is for boys and girls ages 5-12 yrs. The day camp is dedicated to outdoors recreation and education. Camp activities include canoeing, fishing, hiking, nature, crafts, conservation, archery, movies, and bowling. Call 527-7683 for more information or see <http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/pdf/chollaslakesummercamp.pdf> for additional information.

You may contact the camp director at 619-427-2262. The camp runs from June 25 to August 31.

The Pres Says.....

by Rob Wilkerson

Upcoming Events - Our September meeting will feature our San Diego City Councilmember, Jim Madaffer, as Guest Speaker. We look forward to this opportunity to host our elected representative at City Hall, and we are inviting other elected officials to upcoming meetings, including our State Assemblywoman and Senator. We also hope to have the groundbreaking of our huge undergrounding utilities project in September - 17 million dollars worth of work! This will eliminate all the overhead lines and poles from College Avenue east to the La Mesa City Limit on 69th St. and from University Avenue south all the way to Marlowe Drive, at no additional cost to homeowners or businesses. The project is fully funded by fees collected through utility bills over the years.

City Map Change - As many of you know, Rolando Park is still shown as part of Darnall (now renamed

Redwood Village) on the San Diego City police maps. These maps are used citywide to designate local communities by their proper names. At last, with help from Don Mullen of Councilman Madaffer's office, the City Council is docketing the map change that will finally put Rolando Park on the map! This will identify our neighborhood by name on city maps commonly used by the *San Diego Union-Tribune* and other media outlets. The City Council is docketing this vote together with the Redwood Village name change for next month's agenda.

That's all for now - see you Thursday the 19th at Rolando Park Elementary School for our monthly Community Meeting! And remember we need your support. Become a member of the Rolando Park Community Council for only \$12.00 a year, by bringing your payment to the meeting or check by mail to RPCC, P.O. Box 152352, S.D. 92195 (please include phone number and email address.)