



# Redwood Village News

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## REDWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**NEXT MEETING MAY 12, 2008  
MONDAY 7-8 PM**

**6020 Hughes Street  
Darnall E Charter Elementary  
School**

RVCC meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the odd months of the year: Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., & Nov. Please mark your calendars now.

See minutes and agendas at:  
<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/sandiego/redwoodvillage/>

## The “Welcome to Redwood Village” Community Sign Coming Soon!

Our community sign is under construction and is due to be installed in the next month. The sign will be located on the City easement between College Ave and Hegg Street just up from Rock Street. **We need you** to help us prepare this area for our “Welcome to Redwood Village” community monument sign. We need community members to help us cut weeds, clean up trash, trim trees, spread mulch and more. **Please join us on Sunday, May 4 from 9:00am to 12:00pm to invest some “sweat equity” into your community.** Please bring gloves and gardening tools that you think may be useful, and drinking water.

## You ‘re Invited

The Redwood Village Community Council meeting Monday – May 12, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Our guest Speaker is The City of San Diego Councilmember **Jim Madaffer**. **We will also hear representative reports from the office of Congresswoman Susan Davis, County Board of Supervisors Ron Robert’s office and may have an Update from our SDPD Community Relations office.**



In addition you will have an opportunity to meet and greet candidates for City Council District 7 and Candidates for the 78th State Assembly District.

**Remember to vote June 3!**

## Redwood Village Membership Form

Your membership donation and additional donations make community enhancements, the *Redwood Village News*, and other community projects and activities possible.

**Please send in your \$10.00 membership donation today!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reminder — If you haven’t done so please send in your membership renewal. Your donation is tax deductible.** Mail your check to Redwood Village Community Council to P.O. Box 154060 San Diego, CA 92195 or turn this form in at our next meeting.





### **Must See Yard**

4044 Marron Street - . The proud owner of this home is Michael Rice. His yard has been designed by George Kennerson and landscaped with water-wise plants such as succulents, cactus, meadow grasses, palms and desert flowering plants. The arrangement is spectacular. George has owned his own Nursery in Jamul for 60 years and is now retiring and selling off his plants from the nursery.

**Thank You for adding to the beauty of our community!**

## **Darnall Elementary Charter School**

Joan Madler, an active and longtime Redwood Village community member. She volunteered to participate in the strategic planning sessions for Darnall Elementary Charter School in March. The Article below is submitted by Joan Madler

"In March I had the pleasure of joining the Board Members, the Director, Principal, several teachers and parents at a strategic planning meeting for Darnall Charter School. It was a stimulating atmosphere during which time we formulated the Mission and Vision for the school and set up Action Committees to prepare for the renewal of their charter in 2009. I was most impressed with the dedication of the staff and enthusiasm of the parents. I even heard one teacher say he loved his job. In today's world of financial cuts and "teaching to pass state and federal tests" this is not something you hear every day.

I was also impressed with the continuing improvement in the test scores of the children under the present administration. One of the special programs of Darnall is to teach the high percentage of Latino children in the school in their primary language of Spanish, while also teaching them English. It is one of the few such bilingual programs among schools in the area.

The school has a reputation for being a "sanctuary" for children and the teachers have a "passion" for teaching. Any child in the San Diego area may attend classes at Darnall, regardless of residence. I would highly recommend to parents that they enroll their children in our neighborhood school and that the neighborhood be supportive of the school. I am very thankful that I had this opportunity to be involved in something that I feel will have a positive influence in the lives of our children for years to come".

**Thank you Joan for your commitment to our community and your contribution of your time and knowledge.**



## **Community Alert**

### **Rise of Residential Burglaries in Eastern Area Communities**

Unfortunately, several residential burglaries have occurred in Redwood Village over the past six months. Please be alert, report suspicious behavior, get to know your neighbors, form a neighborhood watch group for your street. Visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/police/prevention/neighwatch.shtml> for information on forming a Neighborhood Watch. Also, visit <http://www.mcgruff.org/> for additional crime prevention ideas. Please sign up to receive the Neighborhood eWatch Notification Report <http://apps.sandiego.gov/ewatch/index.jsp>. You will put in your zip code and be informed of crimes occurring within a 1 to 2 mile radius of your home. The Neighborhood eWatch subscription service is a FREE service provided to you by the City of San Diego and the San Diego Police Department. This free subscription service will act as a "cyber" neighborhood watch, providing citizens with information to help reduce crime in their neighborhoods and to increase interaction between neighbors and the Police Department.



## Marti Emerald, Alpha Project and Weed Abatement

On Tuesday, April 22 (Earth Day), Marti Emerald and Alpha Project conducted a weed abatement work party. They focused on clearing dried weeds and grasses from areas bordering the backyards of senior residents in Redwood Village along our community canyons. Since these areas are a serious fire risk, we are most grateful to Alpha Project and Marti Emerald for these services. **Thank you!**

Please visit the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department at <http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/> for more information on fire prevention, weed abatement and brush management.

### Volunteer Opportunities For YOU

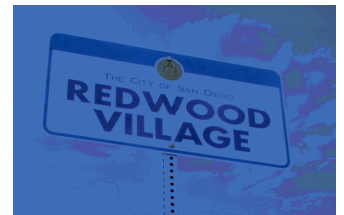
For working groups and projects in the following areas; public safety, clean ups, community enhancements (looking for artists), Streamview Drive enhancements, Chollas Triangle and Chollas Creek.

**Do you have other ideas or suggestions? We need to hear from you – what do you think needs to be done in our community? What are our community priorities? Be the change you want to see in your community!**

### Some things you can do to enhance our community of Redwood Village

Our community is continuing to improve and only we can continue to make changes that will positively impact our community. We are all very busy these days but here are some little things that each of us can do that will have a huge impact on the quality of our neighborhood.

- Get involved in your community by attending community meetings. There are only six per year. Volunteer in community activities such as clean ups.
- Get to know your neighbors. Form a neighborhood watch on your street.
- Drive the 25 mph speed limit on our residential community streets.
- Tidy up your front yard. Cut grass, clean up weeds, and remove debris. Store your trash containers out of sight. Pick up trash that is on the street in front of or near your home.
- Do not park vehicles on your lawn area. Donate inoperable vehicles.
- Paint over graffiti.



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." ~Anne Frank

### “Camp Chollas”

For the last three years our community has financially sponsored one or two children to attend the Chollas Lake Summer Camp. **At our May 12 meeting we will again vote to donate again this year.** Chollas Lake hosts a Summer Camp for Children Ages 4 to 13 which consists of a one-week day camp dedicated to outdoors recreation and education. Camp activities feature canoeing, fishing, hiking, nature, crafts, games, conservation, and archery. Call 527-7683. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with extended hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The cost is \$100 for regular hours; \$115 for extended hours; \$30 daily drop-in; \$40 extended drop-in. Summer camps will begin in July. Matthew Smith, a Boren Street neighbor, began working at Chollas Lake Camp as a counselor-in-training when he was just 13. “Being a camp counselor at Chollas Lake has taught me leadership skills that transfer to all parts of my life”. This year will be his sixth. **Matthew, we are proud of the work you do and the impact you are having on the lives of the children who attend the Chollas camp. Keep up the great work.!**

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May 17 – Quarterly College Ave clean up

July 7 – Council elections July 19 – Community Garage Sale 8:00 am to noon

July 26\* – Community “Dumpster Day” 9:00 a.m. to noon (tentative) August 16 – Quarterly College Avenue Clean up

**Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area** Project Area Committee (PAC) Meetings Meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, at the College Avenue Baptist Church, 3rd Floor Meeting Room, in the visitor Center Building, 4747 College Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

**Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee (EACPC)** Meetings Meets on the second Tuesday of every month, at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church – Parish Hall, 2725 55th Street at 7:00 pm

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