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**NEXT MEETING JULY 7, 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.

*except July: Mon. July 7th

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

Our Next Redwood Village Community Council Meeting

Join us Monday, September 8th at 7 pm for guest speaker Councilmember Jim Madaffer and a special presentation from the Department of Environmental Health. The DEH will present the Vector Control Program with information on rodent control, mosquitoes, dead bird reporting and West Nile Virus.

The Department of Environmental Health's mission is "protecting the environment and enhancing public health by preventing disease, promoting environmental responsibility and, when necessary, enforcing environmental and public health laws. Our goal is *Healthy People in Healthy Communities Free from Disease due to the Environment.*"

Join us this Monday to discuss important community issues such as these and weigh in on fun events such as a Chili Cook Off and more!

Community Happenings

August was a busy month for our community! Not only did we hold our annual Community Garage Sale, followed the next weekend by our annual community Dumpster Day, our neighbors managed to do two community clean-ups. Many thanks to our wonderful community members!

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of many, Redwood Village now has a new community entrance sign! You can visit our new welcome sign at College Avenue at Rock Street. Meanwhile, see the picture on page 2!

Our next RVCC MEETING

will feature

Councilmember Jim Madaffer

Monday, September 8 at 7 PM

**Darnall Charter Elementary
6020 Hughes Street**

Redwood Village Membership

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!

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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.

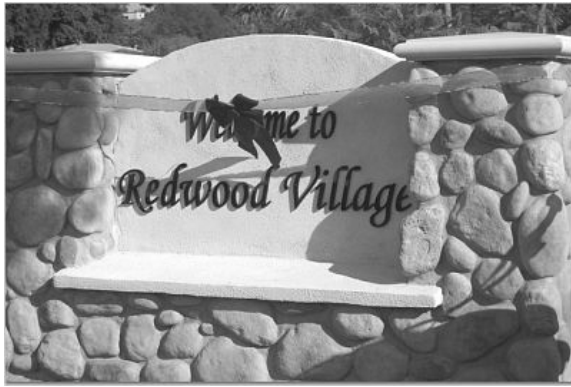
Quote Corner

**Never doubt that
a small group of
thoughtful,
committed
citizens can
change the world;
indeed, it's the
only thing that
ever has.**

— Margaret Mead,
anthropologist
(1901-1978)



New Redwood Village Welcome Sign



Redwood Village neighbors, Councilmember Jim Madaffer and County Supervisor Ron Roberts gathered on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate our new community entrance sign on College Avenue & Rock Street. There was a brief program including a ribbon cutting ceremony and light refreshments. Our deepest appreciation goes to the offices of County Supervisor Ron Roberts and City Councilmember Jim Madaffer, both of which arranged funding, time and effort to help us attain this beautifully made sign.

Thank you!

Community Member Letter

Be a Volunteer

by Joan Madler

With the beginning of the school year upon us I'd like to suggest that anyone who has some time on their hands and would like to feel useful consider volunteering at Darnall Charter School.

It must be a good thing to do as Scott Horsley has done. He has been reading to the children weekly for more than 10 years. Carol Hill, who started out as a volunteer, became indispensable and is now an employee and now heads up the Darnall Parent Teacher Group (DPTG). The word is that if you need answers to any questions, ask Carol.

Besides the rewards of working with wonderful children of many nationalities, you are also treated to a lovely Volunteer Appreciation Night. I was invited last June and happily attended. It was a fun evening of becoming acquainted with staff and parents through a fun game called "People Scavenger Hunt." There were even prizes! Additionally, there were drawings for door prizes, a tasty meal, and certificates of appreciation. I also enjoyed reconnecting with several others that served on the Strategic Planning committee.

No matter your interests or strengths, I'm sure that as a volunteer, you could make a difference in a child's life. Please, call Darnall Charter School at (619) 582-1822 if you are interested in volunteering.

5th ANNUAL RVCC Community Garage Sale a Success!

For the 5th year, RVCC Secretary & neighborhood Realtor, Barbara Belcher, again sponsored the annual Redwood Village Garage Sale through advertising, signage, coordination and area maps for shoppers on Saturday, July 19th.

😊 Thanks, Barb! 😊

COMMUNITY OPINION

Plastic Bags, a Menace to our Environment

by Joan Madler

I have never been a fan of plastic grocery bags and after reading the following facts I now know why. In 2003 the National Geographic news reported that, worldwide, between 500 billion and a trillion plastic bags are consumed. Less than 1% are recycled. They have been found floating north of the Arctic Circle and as far south as the Falkland Islands. They affect all species of wild life—nearly 200 different species of sea life including whales, sea lions, dolphins and turtles die due to plastic bags.

If we use a cloth bag we can save six plastic bags a week—that's 288 in a year and 22,176 in an average life time! Many countries have banned plastic bags including Bangladesh, Ireland, China, Israel, and western India. In United States, plastic grocery bags are already banned San Francisco, and Oakland and Boston are considering banning them.

Did you know that plastic bags are made from polyethylene: a thermoplastic made from oil? China will save 37 billion gallons of oil with their ban on free plastic bags. Banning plastic bags would not only decrease our dependency on foreign oil, it would save us money.

I would love to see *I Love a Clean San Diego* get on the bandwagon and promote the banning of plastic bags. I bet that a major amount of the garbage collected along College Avenue by the Council is plastic. I've started using cloth bags for all my shopping—of course it helps to remember to take them into the store.

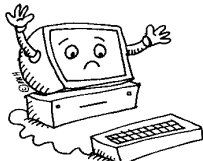
Working together, I believe we could make a significant contribution to our planet if we quit using plastic bags. Help stop the pollution of our ocean and streets, use cloth bags.

RVCC Annual Dumpster Day

This year's annual Dumpster day was held Saturday, July 26 from 9 am – 12 noon. We filled all four of the bins generously provided by Allied Waste Services.

ALSO FEATURED:

- ✓ **San Diego e-Waste** was there to accept electronic waste such as TVs, CPUs, Computer monitors, laptops, cables, wires and printers



- ✓ **San Diego Rescue Mission** also accepted items for donation--items in good condition for resale
- ✓ **Metal Recycling** Neighbor Robert Beltran donated a portion of his collections to RVCC.

Many thanks to the generous group & individual volunteers!!!

Double Yellow Lines, Speed Humps & Traffic Tickets



Boren Street Update

The speed humps on Boren Street have greatly calmed traffic through our community. We rarely see people speeding along Boren, and, the risk of accidents has all but disappeared, with one expensive exception.

Most drivers have accepted the humps as a necessary change, and have adapted their driving accordingly.

Some drivers, though, may not be aware that the double yellow lines on Boren do *not* break on the speed humps, as those who have been ticketed can testify. To be clear: the double yellow lines on Boren Street also apply to the speed humps, and driving in the cutouts for emergency vehicles only is illegal. A ticket can be over \$250!

As the California Vehicle Code states:

When double parallel solid lines are in place, no person driving a vehicle shall drive to the left thereof.

(CVC 21460.a)

According to local traffic enforcement, the only exceptions to this law on a residential street are as follows:

- When turning into a driveway
- When making a legal U-turn

The California Vehicle Code states:

U-Turn in Residence District

No person in a residence district shall make a U-turn when any other vehicle is approaching from either direction within 200 feet.

(CVC 22103)

This means that even though there are double yellow lines on Boren, you can make a U-turn as long as no other car—or pedestrian, of course—is approaching within 200 feet.

Prima Facie Speed Limits (CVC 22352)

This section of the vehicle code states (among other things) that **25 mph is the maximum speed limit in any residence district** unless otherwise posted.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Please cut out the important
UPDATED contact list below and
place in your home for easy access.



Redwood Village

September 2008

Important Phone Numbers & Websites

- San Diego Police Dept 531-2000
- Mid-city Police storefront 516-3009
- Mayor Jerry Sanders 236-6330
- Council Member Jim Madaffer: 236-6677 (City Council, 7th District)
- Supervisor Ron Roberts 531-5544 (Supervisor, 4th District)
- Congresswoman Susan Davis (53rd District, California) 280-5353
- Assemblywoman Shirley Horton (78th District, California State Assembly) 462-7878
- Redwood Village Community Council – 619-583-2772 email redwoodvillage@hotmail.com
- “Just Call” 615-6111 – automated information on City of San Diego services and programs
- Neighborhood Code Compliance 236-5500 www.sandiego.gov/nccd
- Vehicle Abatement - 858-495-7856
- Environmental Services - 858-492-5055
- Street Division request line - 527-7500
- Water department – 515-3525
- Overgrown brush and weeds – 533-4444
- Department of Animal Services – 236-4250
- SDG&E – 800-411-7343
- Graffiti - 619-525-8522 www.sandiego.gov/graffiti
- Shopping Cart removal 800-252-4613 (with store name) or 858-694-7000 (no store name)
- Chollas Lake 527-7683 <http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers/chollas.shtml>
- Ray and Joan Kroc Center 269-1585 <http://www.kroccenter.org/>
- College-Rolando Branch Library 533-3902 <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>
- Community Actors Theatre <http://www.communityactorstheatre.com/>

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the
2008 Redwood Village Community Council
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p.m. at the Darnall Elementary School located at
6020 Hughes Street.



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RECYCLOS CONSUMO

Wrestling with environmental issues at home and at the office.



by Gary Onstad

Darnall Charter Elementary School

Pre K – 6th grade

Darnall's mission is to prepare and educate our students in San Diego's diverse mid-city community to be critical thinkers and active contributors in our multicultural global society.



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