



Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District
(TMAD)
Newsletter for Fall 2006

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS TUESDAY OCTOBER 24, 2006

We are having elections in October!! **There are 9 seats open for election** -7 two-year terms and 2 one-year terms. A few current Board members have indicated their desire to run again. Those Board members who have reached the maximum consecutive terms on the Board will need at least two thirds (2/3) of the votes. To be eligible to run for the Board you must have attended at least two meetings during the year. To vote for the candidates all you have to do is show up and bring an ID (drivers license) and a utility bill or property tax bill that shows you are a resident or property owner in the district. **Only one vote per household.**

Do you want to know where your \$80 annual property tax assessment goes? The TMAD Board will be providing a summary of actions completed this year and anticipated new actions. If so, come to the annual meeting in October.

Date & Time: October 24, 2006, 6:30PM
Location: Hoover High School,
4474 El Cajon Blvd., 1100 Building, Room 1103
Please visit www.Talmadge.org for a map of the high school.

Get to know Your TMAD Board:

Your TMAD Board is all community volunteers. We are your neighbors and freely contribute our time to ensure that the Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District Master Plan is implemented.

Ann Ellis is the TMAD Secretary and has lived in Talmadge since 1997. Ann grew up in the City Heights Community attending both Horace Mann Junior High and Crawford High School. Ann has been an active member by organizing numerous tree plantings, being a past board member on the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Committee and being an active TMAD Board Member since its inception.

An update on an important TMAD Issue

You may or may not know that our Maintenance Assessment District is divided into Zone 1 (roughly east and north of the traffic circle) and Zone 2 (west and south of the traffic circle). Because of ambiguity in the 2001 ordinance creating the TMAD as to what are shared projects versus zone-specific projects, the city has raised questions with the TMAD Board about the apportionment of assessments in the district. The Board is currently in discussion with the City to resolve these issues. We expect to receive more input from the City by the time of our Annual Meeting, when we will make a presentation of the situation as it currently exists.

Our Talmadge Hoover HS Team Wins!

The Hoover High School Boys' Basketball team won the San Diego CIF Division II Championship last February by defeating Scripps Ranch High School. This was Hoover's first basketball championship in over 30 years. The team, led by head coach Ollie Goulston, went on to the CIF Southern Section semi-finals becoming the first Division II team from San Diego to win a game in the State Playoffs. The players and coaches were given Championship Rings thru generous donations from Pearson Ford, The Westfield Group, Price Charities, the Hoover Foundation and several individuals who made personal donations. The Hoover Boys' Basketball team thanks you for all your support.

Traffic Circle Visitors We Need Your Help:

In keeping with good neighborly conduct, please keep your children and pets out of the planted areas at the traffic circle. We are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of plants that are damaged due to vandalism. Recently we had to install skateboard leafs to prevent ongoing damage to the seat edges. Also, climbing or swinging on the decorative gates and light posts is not permitted – these features were not built to play on and you could bend or break the iron.

Utilities Undergrounding:

Talmadge Project 3FF - Carol Drummond is the Public Information Officer for the Utilities Undergrounding Program. She can be reached at (619) 533-3872. Her email is cdrummond@sandiego.gov. The undergrounding web page is www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding.

TMAD Monthly Meetings:

Meetings are held at **6:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month** (except August & December) at Hoover High School, 4474 El Cajon Blvd., 1100 Building, Room 1103. Please visit www.Talmadge.org for a map of the high school. Need directions? Contact the TMAD secretary at secretary@talmadge.org.

TMAD Website:

Visit the TMAD website: www.Talmadge.org. You can find some valuable information about TMAD as well as other neighborhood community groups and resources.

Other Talmadge Community Groups and Contacts:

Kensington-Talmadge Community Planning Group: Talmadge and Kensington's official City recognized local community planning committee. Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, San Diego CA 92115

Talmadge Community Council: This neighborhood group is active in promoting a safe and secure neighborhood. Contact Afton Miller amiller786@aol.com.

Talmadge Fire Safe Council/Firewise Communities: This neighborhood group is active in providing information about fire safety and prevention on Talmadge canyons. Contact Kathy Finn, Facilitator, Talmadge Fire Safe Council, tewafinn@hotmail.com.

Talmadge Tidbit Answer:

From the Spring 2006 Newsletter: There is a building within the district that was the real estate office for the Talmadge subdivision. Can you identify it? Answer: The little red house on the corner of Monroe and Euclid. Some believe it was moved to this spot. Can anyone tell us if this is true?

and A New Quest:

Instead of a tidbit we are looking to find the person who has lived in Talmadge the longest. Someone who has continuously lived here, maybe even in the same house. If you can help us find Talmadge's longest resident, email Chuck at ckaminski@ucsd.edu

A Note from The Chair

Dear Neighbors, Please take the time to attend the Annual Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD) Meeting in October. We will be reviewing the years activities, and voting in new Board members. In addition, I urge you to consider becoming involved in TMAD by attending meetings, joining the Board or volunteering on one of the committees in some fashion as your time allows. Our meeting is friendly and informal. Another benefit of the TMAD meetings is that they are an excellent opportunity to bring various community issues to the attention of Council Representative Toni Atkins as a representative of her office always attends the meetings actively seeking community input.

Please take the time. Thanks!
John Royal, TMAD Chairman