



Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District
(TMAD)
Newsletter for Fall 2007

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS TUESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2007

There are 10 seats open for election - 8 two-year terms and 2 one-year terms. The total number of Board members can be 15. 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 (driver's license preferred) 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.**

Date & Time: October 23, 2007, 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.

The annual elections for the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will occur at the November 27, 2007 meeting. They will take office in January 2008. There is no meeting in December.

9th Annual Talmadge Block Party- Harvestfest

The 9th annual Talmadge Neighborhood Block Party will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 3 to 7PM at the intersection of Lucille Drive and 49th Street (two blocks north of the traffic circle). This is an entirely voluntary event based solely on the time, effort and contributions of many of our neighbors. The party has activities for persons of every age in our community as well as auctions, raffles and live music. The proceeds raised help to fund the event and benefit a local school. Last year the Talmadge Block Party donated \$4,000 to Edward L. Hardy Elementary. This year, the recipient of the community's charitable donation will be The Language Academy.

TMAD will have a booth at the Block Party. Stop by, say hello, and meet members of the Board and sign up for email notifications about events and happenings in Talmadage. Learn about upcoming projects including new streetlights on our eastern side and existing streetlight repair, globe replacement and painting on the western side. If you are interested in helping with these or any of TMAD's projects, tell a Board member that you want to volunteer!

Talmadage Clean-up

The dates for the Talmadge Clean-Up will be the weekend of November 2nd - 4th. This is a City sponsored event. Large trash bins will be located around the community. You will have to take your waste to the bins. The city can't take e-waste (cell phones, computers, monitors, etc) or white goods (refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, etc). Waste NOT allowed includes hazardous waste such as paints, oils, solvents, chemicals, toxics, batteries, televisions as well as tires. The bins will be for large items that do not fit in the household trash can - your chance to clean out the garage.

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.

TMAD Discovery Search

We are looking to identify the oldest home built in the community - that would mean the house that was among the first to be built within Talmadage. Additionally we know of at least one house that was built in the late 1800's elsewhere and moved here. So as part of the search we would also like to identify the oldest house that was built outside of Talmadage and moved here. If you know anything about either search send an email to: ckaminski@ucsd.edu or JRoyal@gesonline.com.

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. The KenTal web site is: www.411kensington.org

Talmadge Community Council: This neighborhood group is active in promoting a safe and secure neighborhood and meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month. 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.

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.

A Note from The Chair

For the last two years, TMAD has not been visibly active. This is largely because, following the completion of the traffic circle, a period of time was necessary for the assessment funds to accumulate to a level that would support installation of new lighting in east Talmadge. This period of waiting would have been far longer if not for the undergrounding project. Infrastructure such as underground conduit for the electrical wiring and the junction boxes for the lights have been installed for us during the undergrounding project with no expenditure of our assessment funds. That's right no expenditure of our assessment funds! We have Councilwoman Toni Atkins and our neighbor George Diefenthal to thank for making this happen. In 2008, much of the planning to begin the installation of the new lighting in the eastern part of Talmadge will need to be completed. This should lead to installation of the first 100 lights in 2009.

We have also been working with the City to come to an agreement correcting previous errors made by the City in assigning our funds to each of the two zones of Talmadge. These errors lead to an accumulation of funds attributed to west Talmadge in excess of what was expected. In resolving this situation with the City, it became clear that this accumulation of funds could not be spent on the new lighting for east Talmadge as was originally planned. This has lead TMAD to take the opportunity to repair damaged existing lights in west Talmadge. Planning for the repair of the lighting is expected to take place in 2008 with execution to occur in 2008 and 2009.

Due to the work anticipated in 2008, we need more people to be active in TMAD in order for these projects to proceed. Please consider getting involved in TMAD to support these important projects that benefit our neighborhood. I understand that we are all busy these days, however your efforts will be appreciated no matter how large or small a time commitment you can make and these project can be fun as well.

John Royal, TMAD Chairman