



Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD) Newsletter for Spring 2007

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.

Meet your City Councilmember in April

Toni Atkins will be at April's TMAD meeting on Tuesday, April 24. This is your opportunity to hear from Toni first hand and your chance to tell her of your neighborhood concerns. April Chesebro, Toni's staff representative, usually attends our monthly meetings so this is a special opportunity for Talmadge.

Annual Meeting & Elections Update

The Annual meeting and Board elections were held in October 2006 and in January 2007 for the Officers. The Board and Officers for 2007-2008 are: John Royal - Chair; Fred Lindahl - Vice Chair; Peter Gagnon - Treasurer, Ann Ellis - Secretary, George Diefenthal, Geoff Hueter, Chuck Kaminski, David Moty, Debbie Sanders, and Cindy Seabloom.

An update on an important TMAD Issue and Assessment Increase

Currently the TMAD is divided into two Zones (Zone 1 covers the area east and north of the traffic circle and Zone 2 covers the area west and south). The areas are also distinguished by the fact that Zone 2 possesses decorative candlestick street lights, and Zone 1 has few street lights of any kind. The Zones were created to fairly distribute everyone's contribution to the TMAD; Zone 1 money is spent in Zone 1 and the same for Zone 2. The separation of Zones will remain in effect until the addition of lighting in Zone 1 has been completed. It is in the best interests of the TMAD to complete the lighting project as soon as possible and eliminate the Zone differences so that other projects can be undertaken. To that end we have been able to work with the undergrounding project to accelerate the process. Using their trenching, conduits, and wiring, we will be able to shorten the time frame required from around 25 years to less than 10. In order to maximize the funds available for the lighting, the Board will also boost the assessment of Zone 1 to the maximum permitted by CPI, from \$80 to \$92 per household.

Aldine Drive Retaining Wall

If you drive from Talmadge to Kensington along Aldine Drive you've probably noticed how the last few winter storms have deteriorated the hillsides over in the Kensington area. The City has been studying some possible solutions to the erosion and is preparing to share with the Ken Tal community some designs for retaining walls. This area is outside of our TMAD purview. If you are interested in knowing more about this topic, attend the monthly Ken Tal Community Planning Group meeting. Details are listed below under **Other Talmadge Community Groups and Contacts.**

Crime in Talmadge

Violent Crime has averaged approximately 72 incidents per year over the last 4 years (2003-2006). The low was 60 incidents in 2004 and the high was 77 in 2003. Property Crime for the same period averaged 439 incidents per year with the low in 2004 with 430 incidents and the high in 2006 with 454. These crime statistics encompass an area that extends from Fairmount Avenue on the west, El Cajon Boulevard on the south, to Collwood Boulevard on the east. This is well beyond the gates of Talmadge and includes busy commercial areas. For more information go to the San Diego Police Department's website:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/police/stats/index.shtml>

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.

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.

Talmadge Tidbit Answer:

From the Fall 2006 newsletter: According to our neighbor RKL, the little red house on the corner of Monroe and Euclid was the Talmadge Real Estate Office and was built on the lot as a temporary building for the Talmadge subdivision.

And the Fall 2006 Quest:

In the Fall 2006 newsletter we said we were looking to find the person who has lived in Talmadge the longest. We received quite a few responses and decided to share these long time residents with you all. We've left off the last names to protect the innocent:

Opal S. is the original owner of her home on 51st Street since the 1940s; (she bought her house in 1945 for a whopping total of \$6,000).

Geneva has lived near Euclid and Madison since 1939. Geneva told her neighbor that when she was 12, she attended the Talmadge dedication ceremony hosted by Norma, Natalie and Constance.

Eugenia M. has lived in the same house on Dawson since 1940.

Bill S., who is an active amateur radio operator and golfer, has lived on Lucille Place since the early 50s but lived on 50th Street before that. He moved to Talmadge early in 1946.

George P., who lives on Jean Dr., moved to Talmadge in 1947.

William H. lives on 48th Street in his house that was built in 1938 by his father as a wedding present. His father was a contractor who built many homes in Talmadge.

Alice J. has lived in her house since it was built in 1950.

George S. has lived in the same house since 1947. *Cynthia S.* (George's sister) has also lived in Talmadge since 1947 just a few houses from her brother. (As long as they can remember, the little red house has been on the corner of Monroe and Euclid and they will always know that building as Talmadge Realty).

Orva moved into her house at Adams and Lorraine in 1929 so she could be the "living in Talmadge longest" resident.

Mrs. L. lives on 49th Street and at 101 years may be a candidate for the "oldest and longest living resident in Talmadge."

A Note from The Chair

I hope to see you on April 24 at the next TMAD meeting. Our Councilmember Toni Atkins will be there and is looking forward to hearing from you and updating us on the latest in Council District 3.

John Royal, TMAD Chairman