

The Village Drummer

Jefferson Park Neighbors Association

City Council District 10 Region 6



Moving Out of the Box, Beyond Thinking

By Luis South

On Saturday, October 27th there will be a special community event facilitated by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. The department of Neighborhood Empowerment is an separate agency from other city government agencies. Their main purpose is to help local citizen boards govern well. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is an important agency for us "regular" folks to know about so that we can accomplish

more things to increase the lifestyle we enjoy in Jefferson Park. It's the history of Jefferson Park that we must continue to hold onto. We have always been the place where brotherhood is accepted as a natural way of life. Our history has always been about hard-working people form all cultures respecting ourselves enough so that we can share the same sunshine beaming down on the rest of Southern California. Peace.
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Our Chosen Champion

By Luis South

Colette McGruder, retired Region XI Women's Chess Champion, and Director of the Paul Morphy Chess Club is looking to train future champions of

all ages living here in Jefferson Park. She is the official coordinator of all matters concerning chess that happens through Jefferson Park Neighbors.

Jefferson
Park
Empowerment
Zone
Neighborhood
Empowerment
Discussion &
Pot Luck
7-9 p.m.
Oct. 24, 2007

For further information, registration fees, and details please call 323-734-3279.

Jefferson Park
Neighbors

October 2007

- **NEXT MEETING**
Empowerment Zone
Pot Luck
Wed., Oct. 24, 2007
7- 9 p.m.
Holy Name School
1955 W. Jefferson Bl.

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Yoga Center *

2526 W. Jefferson Blvd.

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1958 W. Jefferson Blvd.

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Smile Mart *

3115 S. Western Ave.

Tim's Kitchen *

3125 W. Jefferson Blvd.

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For most of the 20th Century we have always been a distinctively enriched ethical environment. So it is now, at the beginning of the Twenty First Century, that we must take the time to hold on tight to the history of what makes Jefferson Park so great. To do otherwise runs the risk of losing what we have taken for granted for a very long time. Peace.

Jefferson Park Neighbors actually has over one thousand family households that have come at one time or another to attend our monthly meetings. It's always been clear that someday we will find a reason to bring a sizeable fraction of our whole tiny community together. This maybe the perfect time when we gather to begin sharing the power.

Ethics and the more modern idea of empowerment have to be viewed as basic to the distinction between an outdated segregated America and the new reality that we have a multicultural leadership. That awareness gives everybody the responsibility to work diligently to develop best practices. The "dream" can be realized now. Let's meet to find out how working through the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will help make Jefferson Park better.

Sunday, October 28th Museum Art

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art is a place that I support in everyway possible. That is because they are so great when it comes to supporting our community.

I will be escorting many families from various places around our beautiful city on a special day at the museum focused on collage art. This will be an enriched ex-

perience especially designed for children to have hands on experience in art. Also, just call me on the community line to RSVP. Last, but not least, every family that registers with me gets a free full year membership pass to visit the museum as many times as you like (\$75 savings). Call Mr. South at (323) 370-9140 with name & #.

We continue because it's great!

Ethics in American History

By Luis South

I recently had a discussion with one of my third grade students about his views on what America was like during segregated times. He's really a very sharp young man who would otherwise fall through the cracks. I brought him out of class to my office to check his view of history concerning the

African American experience. When I first met him in October of 2006 he had a tendency to bully other students. He's physically bigger than most children his age. On this particular day the class had gotten through reading about the relationship of Jackie Robinson and his teammate, Peewee Reese. I had to allow him a few minutes to review the reading. This is typi-

cal to find that important concepts have not stuck in the minds of young students at the conclusion of a whole week's reading, writing and talking about this important issue. The student finally raised his head and said, "Things weren't fair for African American people." "Were there others?" I asked.

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Ethics in American History

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He was puzzled. When I spoke with him further, all he knew about was an America that was “black” and “white.” His education lead him to understand that there was a system where European Americans held power positions and the African Americans were subjected to arbitrary and unfair treatment.

I informed him that America has changed. We now have shared leadership that is typically involving people from different cultural backgrounds. I went deeper into the discussion by asking, “Is it possible for people of different cultures to share decision-making power yet still be as guilty of wrong-doing as the European dominated leadership during times of segregation?” This caused him to ponder. There was 5 minutes of absolute silence as I left him to think while I reviewed papers. Then I queried, “Well?”

Survey Submitted

By Luis South

Thanks to all of you who took the time to fill out the survey that was on the back page of last month’s Village Drummer newsletter. Because of people like you we have a legitimate voice coming out of Jefferson Park Region 6.

He was on overload, the point was lost as he tried to rely on his life experiences to answer. He tried to tackle the question but there was not enough life lived as yet to find an example that could lead him to a response. So I explained to him saying, “You are a very intelligent African American man. You are going to be well educated and that will place you into positions of leadership. Make sure that you never join anyone in being hurtful or unfair to others. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. America has yet to become all that it can be. That doesn’t happen until real leaders—*like you are going to be*—step up to the plate. Do the right thing on your watch.”
Bully no more.

NOTICE

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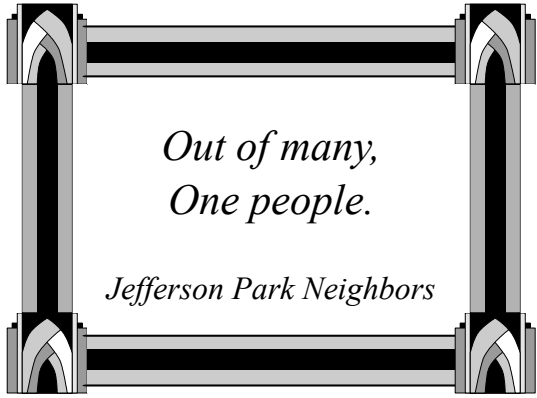


**Korean American
Grocers Association Sets Standards
And Works to Help Us Be Everything We Can Become**

Though it has really been difficult finding the time to tally your responses, a quick glance makes it clear that the plans to build on the Fatburger site is taken by *all* to be a very important matter. We’ll have the surveys at the meeting where a team of residents will

count your responses on each item to then report the outcome during the meeting.

Our annual Pot Luck meeting is always great. It’s free and it is usually the best meeting of the year. Come relax, enjoy the sharing.



*Out of many,
One people.*

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On The Corner: Western and 30-31 Street

A continuing series focused on community development

It's a matter of great concern to the residents of Jefferson Park. Whatever is built on the former original site of Fatburger eatery is very important to the hardworking people living in this area. This project signals how seriously we are taken. To be clear, when it comes to community development taking place on any level, all folks in Region 6 of City Council District 10 continue to express themselves clearly: the voices of the people must be included in open public forum. The final decision about what to build and what other

considerations need to be made in order to serve the community well, are ideas that develop best through community discussions. Transparency helps to move the project along in a way that best serves the interest of the people.

Mercy Housing, the nonprofit property development company negotiating to buy the property has been contacted about holding a community forum to update the many residents of Jefferson Park about present circumstances.

The Village Drummer has made it clear that moving from talk to beginning the actual building project shouldn't take more than another 4 months. We're noticing that completion of projects go beyond the time it takes to complete projects in other areas around town.

We've invited Mercy Housing officials and Hon. Herb Wesson to our final Jefferson Park neighbors pot luck meeting for this year. Bring a colorful vegetarian dish that represents the harvest season. The news and eating will be good.