

# The Village Drummer

## Jefferson Park Neighbors Association

City Council District 10 Region 6



Jefferson Park  
Neighbors

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## Ethics: An Agenda About Respect

By Luis South

In the context of American society it is especially important to be clear about ethics, what's acceptable regarding how we interact given different arenas or environments. Often, people have common understanding about how communication channels flow in their community. How do we get to agree on what's acceptable and what's not? Well, generally speaking, it's a matter of time. Our local history helps us to form a com-

mon understanding about how to interact given different situations and settings. It's the responsibility of all to participate in shaping our community common law. The more people in agreement about ethics helps to keep the peace, our general outlook about the lifestyle in this area will be good.

Jefferson Park has a long history that reveals a community holding a unique place in  
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## Jefferson Park Ethics Forum

### Life & Living In the Hood

7-9 p.m.  
Sept 26, 2007

### • NEXT MEETING

**Community Ethics**

**Wed., Sept. 26, 2007**

**7- 9 p.m.**

**Holy Name School**

**1955 W. Jefferson Bl.**

### Special Places in the Hood

Yoga Center \*  
2526 W. Jefferson Blvd.

CC's Beauty & Barber Shop \*  
1958 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Trinity Baptist Church \*  
2222 W. Jefferson Blvd.

One Stop Market \*  
2115 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Smile Mart \*  
3115 S. Western Ave.

Tim's Kitchen \*  
3125 W. Jefferson Blvd.

\* For More Info call  
Luis South @ (323) 370-9140

## Photographs from the Hood

We're unbelievably beautiful when we're unified! Jefferson Park has so much culture that we can't help but be anything other than colorful. The beauty and love just comes forth so naturally.

Just go to the web page where you can see and remember how special the block club party was on 30th Street back in August. Great music, great food, Wendell Tyler the ex-NFL run-

ning back champion came, and everybody was sooo together! But then there was the alley cleaning in May! You can see that too. Just get on the internet and go to [www.educounselor.com](http://www.educounselor.com)

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the history of 20th Century Los Angeles. This is a community that moved from being seen as a rural farm area to the urbanized elite Westside of town. An interesting phenomenon then took place. People started marrying across cultural lines. So during the time of segregation from the 1940's through the 1960's Jefferson Park quietly established itself as a place

where there was the possibility of prosperity and harmony among a diverse group of people living as one big family. It is now important that we look to the past as a means to qualify what we are about. First and foremost we are about respect.

The Hon. Herb Wesson has received communications about re-invigorating our community's

ethical standards through open forum talks. Also, I spoke to the UNNC board in their meeting held Thursday, September 6, 2007. The purpose of my presentation was to focus on how ethics has 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.

## Sunday, September 23rd Museum Art

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art is a place that I support in every way 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 Mexican History through art. This will be

an enriched experience especially designed for children to have hands on experience in art. Also, just call me on the community line so that I can arrange for free parking at the museum on that day. 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 & #.

## 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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**CC's Barber Shop**  
 Beauty & Barber Supply  
 1958 W. Jefferson Blvd.  
**Men's Haircuts**

<b>Seniors</b>	<b>\$3</b>	
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$5</b>	

**Above prices on 3rd Sundays**  
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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?”

### Fill In the Survey

By Luis South

The last sheet on this newsletter has a two sided Survey for community members to fill in as a way to participate in the decision-making about what will happen with the new construction on the Fatburger property. We can’t stress enough that it is very impor-

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

To those who buy into guns, alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. Remember, there are no refunds on life.

(A free public advertisement)



### Korean American

### Grocers Association Sets Standards

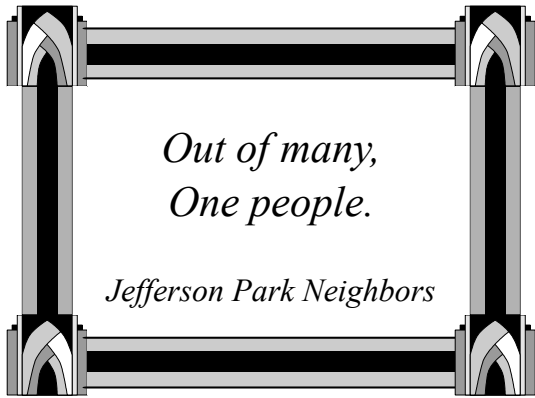
### And Works to Help Us Be Everything We Can Become

tant to get as many people involved in this process so that folks can’t complain about being left out of the discussion leading to a final decision.

We’re going to also include this topic on the agenda for the next monthly Jefferson Park Neighbors

meeting Wednesday, September 26th from 7-9 p.m.

Please consider helping neighbors to fill in the Survey. Be a hero for someone else that is not going to fill it in without you. Bring the completed forms to the meeting or send yours with a neighbor.



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**Fill in the Survey**  
**English on page 5**  
**Bring to the meeting September 26**

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**Escriba el Estudio**  
**Español pagina 6**  
**Trae a la reunion 26 de septiembre**

**Our area's Lead Officer from LAPD is:**  
**Ofc. Brandea Hill (213) 847-5804**



## **Jazz as a Form of Community Empowerment**

**A continuing series focused on community development**

Music is an art form that makes it possible for us humans to argue that we are superior to animals. Animals may make strange sounds that could possibly be their music, but animals don't play jazz. Jazz is the formal and fully conscious arrangement of sound that helps us to transcend. Without jazz many of us would have no hope. Life's beauty would be lost.

We have a local jazz consortium, groups of musicians working as one whole and widely known as **Pinot**. It's beyond the simple idea

of a band. Patrick Keller is the USC music major who writes and plays the saxophone. He brought together a core group of musicians that include Sam Brawner, Tigran Hamasyan, and Nick Kingenberg. These young cats played their hearts out and made the first 30th Street Block Party a truly special event. Everybody enjoyed the sounds that were inspired by earlier giants of jazz such as Thelonious Monk, Miles Davis, et al. The inclusion of a rap artist was also an artistic success. The music made our day perfect.

Service to community is a virtue. The jazz artists working through Pinot are helping this community keep its focus. Embrace them.

Some community members suggested we try to have another 30th Street Block Party in the Spring of 2008. So you know what Patrick and those other cool cats said? "Cool daddy. Bring it on."

So please fill out the Survey. Don't forget to answer the question about doing another 30th Street Block Party in the Spring.

# Survey

Below are a few questions concerning community development. Please take the time to give your opinions. Thanks. Bring to meeting September 26<sup>th</sup> 7-9 p.m.

1) The community improvement project on Western between 30<sup>th</sup> and 31 Streets is important to me. (Fatburger property)

yes

no

2) The buyer of the Fatburger property has to build according to the wishes of 10<sup>th</sup> District residents living closest to the project because their lives will be most affected. (Region 6 residents)

yes

no

3) It is the responsibility of all residents in Region 6 of City Council District 10 to share their ideas in the Jefferson Park Neighbors Association meetings because they make sure our voices are respected.

yes

no

4) Let's try another 30<sup>th</sup> Street Block Party in the Spring 2008! (write your name and address only if you are living on the 2000 block of 30<sup>th</sup> Street)

yes

no

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

# Encuesta

A continuación se encuentran algunas preguntas concernientes al desarrollo de la comunidad. Por favor tome tiempo de ofrecer sus opiniones. Gracias. Tráiganlas a la reunión de 7- 9 p.m. el 26 de Septiembre.

- 1) El proyecto de mejoras a la comunidad en la calle Western entre las Calles 30 y 31 es importante para mi. (Propiedad Fatburger)

Sí

No

- 2) El comprador de la propiedad de Fatburger tiene que construir de acuerdo a los deseos de los residentes del Distrito 10 que viven más cerca al proyecto, porque sus vidas serán las más afectadas. (Residentes de la Región 6)

Sí

No

- 3) Es la responsabilidad de todos los residentes de la Región 6 del Distrito 10 del Consejo de la Ciudad compartir sus ideas en las reuniones de la Asociación de los Vecinos de Jefferson Park porque aseguran que sean escuchadas nuestras voces.

Sí

No

- 4) Vamos a intentar nuevamente una Fiesta de Cuadra de la Calle 30 en la Primavera del 2008 (Escriba su nombre y dirección solamente si usted está viviendo en la cuadra 2000 de la Calle 30)

Sí

No

Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Dirección \_\_\_\_\_

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