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Community Association Newsletter

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#### **UCCA** General Meeting

Thursday, May 15th 6:30 p.m UC Library ighborhood Officer, Ra

Neighborhood Officer, Ralph
Cummings and representatives from
the City's Graffiti Hot line and police
task force will present information
on ways to keep our community
free of graffiti.

#### **Upcoming Events**

UCPG Tuesday, May 13th 6:30 p.m. Forum Hall, UTC above Wells Fargo Bank Full Agenda available at UC Library, & UCCA web page

> UCCA General Meeting Thursday, May 15th 6:30p.m. – 7:45p.m. U C Library Topic: Graffiti

#### EdUCate!

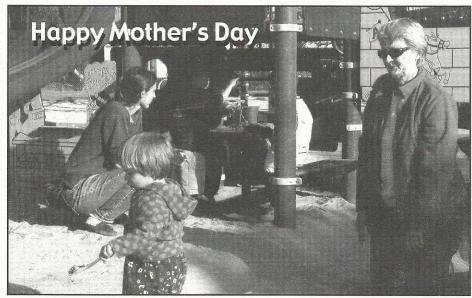
UC Foundation for Public Schools
Grant Awards Ceremony
Wednesday, May 21st
4:00 p.m.
U C High Media Center

UC GARDEN CLUB
Thursday, May 22nd , 6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church of San Diego
5055 Governor Dr.

Speaker: David Curtright Topic: Pond Design

UCCA Community Clean Up & Recylcing
Saturday, May 31st
8:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

Be informed. Check our web site www.universitycityca.com



#### Community Clean Up and Recycling Event May 31st

UCCA and the City of San Diego Environmental Services are sponsoring a free community clean up and recycling event, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m, Saturday, May 31. Come out and help clean up and beautify our community. You'll also have the added opportunity to rid your garage of clutter. See the restrictions below.

Last year's event was a great success with UC residents turning out in force. In addition to picking weeds, people cleared lots of litter. We hope to have the same great success this year, but need your help.

The event starts at Standley Park at 8 a.m. Assignments will be given along with trash bags. Small groups will head to different locations in University City to pull weeds and pick up trash. Remember to bring gloves and other protective clothing. Wearing long sleeves and long pants is a good idea and will prevent any outbreak of poison oak if you work in the canyons. Also bring hoes and rakes to tackle the weeds.

San Diego Environmental Services is encouraging residents to dispose of

their recyclable and non-recyclable items in their yards and garages. There will be giant bins for this purpose at Curie elementary (4080 Governor Drive in the back parking lot)

The City has provided the following guidelines:

- ♦ Separate waste and recyclables.
- Recyclable material accepted includes appliances, bundled yard trimmings, metals, and woods (bundles up to 6' long).
- Non-recyclable items accepted include carpeting, junk furniture, mattresses, palm fronds, other non-recyclables.
- Items not accepted include dirt, construction rubble, tires, hazardous wastes (paint, motor oil, batteries, TV's, computer monitors, etc)

Join this important community event and help clean up and beautify University City. Take advantage of the large bins at Curie to clean out your garage as well.

Standley Middle School has been named a California Distinguished School. CONGRATULATIONS!

Neighborhood News....

A new division in Little League is the Challenger Division that provides boys and girls with disabilities the opportunity to experience emotional development and fun of Little League baseball. In Challenger games, "buddies" help their challenged partners by acting as guides for blind children or pushing wheelchair bound children around the base paths. Check out the games scheduled for these players on Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 a.m. or the following Saturday, May 10th, at 9:00 a.m. at Standley Park....Circle May 18th at 5:00 p.m. for a free concert at University City Community Church, 2877 Governor. The UCUC Chancel Choir, the La Jolla Symphony Chorus, and an orchestral ensemble will present Gabriel Faure's Requiem. For more information, call 453-3444...University City Senior Center at 3813 Governor Drive is celebrating the center's 2nd anniversary on May 29th at noon with a special luncheon. Guest speaker Dr. Richard Lederer of KPBS's "A Way with Words" will entertain and inform. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., seniors find fun and friendship as they exercise and also eat a well balanced meal. Join the fun. For other program information, call Melinda Wynar at 550-5998... U.C.'s Kristien Lee Olson will be competing at the La Jolla Stage Company's 12th annual Catch A Rising Star Talent Search and Showcase Semi-finals Friday and Saturday, May 16th and 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. Call the JCC at (858) 362-1348 for ticket information. Last year, Kristien's brother, Robert, won in his age division... Former and current UCLL coaches, players and parents will have a chance to renew friendships and make new ones at the Padre game May 31st. The pregame party starts at 6:35 in the National League Lounge. Tickets are \$40 each and include food and drinks. Send your check along with a selfaddressed, stamped envelope to Mary Scheffel, 3094 Mercer Ln., San Diego, CA 92122 ... Summer Concert Series resumes in July. Sponsors and cosponsors are needed. Call Sandy at (858)453-2387.

**UCCA** Receives Challenge Grant

University City Community Association received news in late March that it is the recipient of a \$5,000 challenge grant from the San Diego Foundation, The Center for Charitable Giving. The Foundation will match each dollar raised by UCCA five to one, up to \$5000. The grant money will be used for newsletter operational expenses. The San Diego Foundation presented the challenge grant on April 22nd at the Mission Valley Library. UCCA hopes that members of the community will join or rejoin UCCA in order to help raise the \$1,000 necessary to attract the grant money.

Last autumn a few executive board members attended a workshop that explained how the grant would work. Then the paperwork began, and the grant request was submitted in December of 2002. Following that event, leaders from San Diego Foundation came to University City to interview some of the volunteer leaders and residents as to the work of UCCA and the publication of our newsletter. Special thanks go to EdUCate board members, especially President Scott Baldwin, who helped verify and validate the work of our

#### Garden Club

## Adding a Water Feature to Your Garden

David Curtright will speak to the Garden Club about pond design and construction and why it can be such an important enhancement to your vard. He will explain how to start a pond and pick the right location for it and will also provide information on good choices for aquatic plants. David and his wife Jeanne own and operate PondPlants.com, a company devoted to the cultivation of aquatic plants and the construction and maintenance of Koi ponds and water gardens. They maintain both public and private water gardens throughout San Diego County and beyond, including the ponds at the Mission at San Juan Capistrano. Isn't it time for you to add a beautiful and relaxing water feature to your yard? Learn how at the Garden Club meeting Thursday, May 22nd, 6:00 pm, at the First Baptist Church, located at 5055 Governor Drive. The club meets from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. For more information call 535-9214 or 457-9676.

community association and to Jon and Debbie Anderson, Taylor Giffen, and Cori Hamilton who participated in the interview process along with our board during the site visit.

In addition to awarding the grant, the San Diego Foundation will provide a workshop program for two UCCA leaders to "strengthen skills in various areas including community organizing, planning and funding successful projects, volunteerism, networking, and maintaining financial reports." This program will run on 8 consecutive Wednesdays beginning on May 7th. Linda Colley and Andy Freeburn have volunteered to serve in this capacity and then report back to UCCA. University City is grateful to the San Diego Foundation for recognizing the association's work on behalf of the community.

UCCA welcomes members to become active in their community association. The next general meeting will be held in the U.C. Library on May 15th at 6:30 p.m. and graffiti will be the topic. We are always looking ahead to next year and invite residents to think of becoming an officer or committee chair

## Support EdUCate! The Free and Easy Way

By signing up for eScrip www.escrip.com and designating EdUCate!The U.C. Foundation for Public Schools as the recipient of your donation you can give needed funds without it costing you a dime! You register your Vons card (or preferred credit card) and every time you shop and swipe your card the merchant will donate 2% of what you spend to the Foundation. Once you sign up there is nothing to sign or fill out, the donation is done automatically! Sign up under: Educate! Group I.D. #151237892. You will receive a quarterly statement showing your donation amount. Educate! is a non-profit organization dependant upon personal and corporate donations to fund supplemental resources to the students in the 5 public schools in University City.

\*May 15th \*August 21st \*November 20th Watch for details

### Newsletter Reaches One Year Milestone Thanks Did You Know... To Community Support, Participation

Thanks to tremendous response and support from the University City community, the dream of having a newsletter became reality; and we now begin our second year of publication. What a fantastic example of what is possible when a community works together to make it happen!

The generous support of local businesses and business owners offsets part of the printing cost through advertising. Residents responding to our call for help ensure delivery throughout the community. Our delivery team has grown from 16 to over 100 dedicated volunteers each month and includes young moms with babies and toddlers. middle school and high school students, senior citizens and all ages in between. Filling a major role are the women who sort the newsletters into bundles and the eight area coordinators who facilitate delivery within their area each month. It is the combined effort of each person involved doing his or her part that makes the newsletter possible. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to each of you for your participation and dedication.

As we continue striving to build a greater sense of community and foster communication, we hope we can count on continued support from If you would like to the community. volunteer to deliver on a regular or occasional basis, advertise, submit information for the newsletter or feel you can help in some other way, email caroleucca@sbcglobal.net or call Sandy at (858)453-2387. We your encourage and welcome participation.

#### UC's Enhancement Committee Seeks Voluntary Compliance

Volunteer community members interested in seeing University City property nicely maintained can look to our UCCA committee called University City Enhancement Committee. Its purpose is to work with the City in requesting voluntary compliance with existing Municipal Codes and correcting maintenance problems. It is not a vigilante group. lda Ford, Senior Land Investigator Development and Code Compliance Neighborhood supervisor for the City of San Diego, has investigated concerns by local residents involving code compliance issues. For example, one U.C. issue involved a house addition.

#### **Standley Park Sculpture Design Presented**

Local artist Judith Bethel presented a design for her sculpture for Standley Park at the March 27th meeting of the Standlev Recreation Council, Using an active sports theme appropriate to the park, Bethel calls it a work in progress. She needs a structural engineer to study her design and give input into it. The sculpture is planned for the area directly west of Swanson Pool's front door. While Judy is donating her time and talent, private businesses and residents are invited to underwrite the cost of the materials. The City will be looking for grant money to help out.

Active permits for the property will soon expire after several extensions, and the owners are working quickly to meet the deadline of the permit. Another house has a roof that looks unsafe. However, it is not a code violation, according to Ford, since tenants are protected from the elements. Several residents have concerns about house additions that don't appear to have permits. Ford is also researching this issue. Community pride has many definitions. University City is a great neighborhood to live in. Sometimes residents aren't even aware there is a problem with an existing condition on their property. Most individuals want to be good neighbors. If you have concerns about possible code compliance violations, please send your concern to UCCA Enhancement Committee, P.O. Box 121, 3368 Governor Drive, SD, For information about CA. 92122. becoming a member of the committee, contact Mary Kay at 452-8158.

## **Deadline** for June edition May 10th.

Contact: carole.ucca@att.net

....The UniversityCity North/South Transportation Corridor Study Public Working Group met for the second time on April 23rd. The website. www.ucnorthsouth.com will serve as the official information site. Committee members and the public will be able to access meeting summaries and pertinent documents and information throughout the process... On April 21st, the City Council approved a \$1.5 million consulting contract for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the process that will result in a draft Environmental Impact Report.

... Crime statistics by community are on the City's website, listed www.sandiego.gov under the Police Dept. heading. You can also access the webpage through a link on www.universitvcitvca.com. Click on Government then scroll down to the bottom of the page to UC Crime Statistics. You'll also find a links there to report Graffiti, access Neighborhood Watch, Lifeguards, CalTrans, the State of California, City Hall, The Planning Commission and more...

...The City's Just Call 619 615-6111 service is an automated citizen providing information system pre-recorded answers to the most frequently asked questions about City services and programs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Brochures listing the three digit codes for various services are available at the Clairemont Community Service Center, libraries and various city locations. Listings are also in the telephone directory White Pages. You can also print out the brochure from the city's website or request a fax copy of the brochure by calling the service and pressing 511. Do NOT use this service for emergency calls.

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