November Calendar

Daylight Savings Ends
Sunday, the 4th

Presidential Election
Tuesday, the 6th

Veterans’ Day
Monday, the 12th

UCPG Meeting
Tuesday, the 13th, 6:00 p.m.
Forum Hall/UTC

UCCA Election/Meeting
Wednesday, the 14th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
UC Library

UC Celebration Planning Meeting
Wednesday, the 21st, 6:30 p.m.
Standley Recreation Center

Standley Recreation Council Meeting
Will not be held this month.

UCCA ELECTION
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 14th,
6:00 P.M.
See information page 4.

UCCA Logo Contest
See details page 16.

UCCA Membership Makes Sense, Dollars & Cents!
by Sandy Lippe

University City Community Association membership is hopefully on your holiday shopping list. It’s a great family gift that benefits the whole community. Not certain if your membership is up? Membership is the calendar year from January to December. Beat the crowd this November and go to our centerfold in this issue for the membership envelope. Fill out the form and be ahead of the shopping game for your family, for the good of your community. UCCA is the best bargain in town. You get a newsletter each month, right? You get activities for the family like the upcoming December tree lighting. Your membership helps support events like EdUCate’s Oktoberfest last month. UCCA membership makes sense, dollars and cents doing good for UC.
Be the Eyes and Ears of UC
The University City Community Newsletter is comprised of information sent to the editor. The association does not have reporters, photographers or staff. You are welcome to write and submit articles that pertain to the community and residents.

Guidelines:
• Your article should be approximately 250 words typed in a document and attached to email or pasted inside the email. Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors. Type in plain text format. If changes to an already submitted article need to be made, please do not send the entire article again. Please send an email explaining the change(s) or highlight the change(s) in the new article. Some changes cannot be made due to deadlines.
• Name the file appropriately so it can be identified.
• The Editor reserves the right to edit articles as needed.
• Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera.
• Send to: editorucca@gmail.com
• Please no pre-designed flyers or announcements.
• The Editor acknowledges every submission. Email any questions.

Deadline for the December/January 2012-13 Newsletter Publication is November 15th

Please send your submission as early as possible. Although the deadline is the 15th of the preceding month, the newsletter can fill up before the deadline. Articles reviewed on a first come basis with priority given to time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited down for allowed space. For advertising, please contact uccaADS@hotmail.com. The UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter.

Message from the Acting President
Barry Bernstein

I hope that so far this fall has been good for everyone. Congratulations to EdUCate! for their successful “Oktoberfest” event which we were proud to support with your membership dues. The Miramar Air Show, a few Charger games, Baseball’s World Series, and having fun at Halloween, kept many of us “out and about” this past month. UCCA is preparing for its annual election of officers, (see page 4), and we’d like to encourage our members to vote. You may become a member at anytime for as little as $20.00, even at the election meeting on November 14, and be eligible to vote. Your new and/or renewed membership will be valid through December 2013. We want to enlist your creativity and ingenuity by initiating a “logo” contest representing UCCA (see page16). The winner will be selected by a three-member panel and announced in our February newsletter. Finally, this is a very important national/city election year. It goes without saying, that the foundation of a democracy is the individual citizen’s right to choose those who govern. Make your choice. VOTE!

And finally, on behalf of all the UCCA board members, I wish you a very happy and safe Thanksgiving!
Enhancing Quality of Life in UC

In University City, we've been working hard to improve the appearance of the neighborhood, not only to increase home values and community pride, but to enhance quality of life and neighborhood safety as well.

- In October, we began a project to remove trash, weeds, and graffiti, and trim the bushes and ice plant along Governor Drive, Genesee Avenue, Regents Road, and La Jolla Village Drive. We used savings from my office budget to hire a local non-profit, Urban Corps, to do the work. We've also added funding from this year’s city budget to trim 7,500 queen and date palms along streets throughout the city. If you have suggestions for trees you'd like to see evaluated for inclusion in this tree trimming contract, please contact me.

- Overgrown brush can be more than unsightly—sometimes, it can present a fire hazard. In October, neighbors who live along Rous Street and Robbins Street reported concerns about the fire hazard from the overgrown brush behind their homes, on the property of UC High School. We worked with officials at San Diego Unified and the San Diego Fire Rescue Department to schedule an on-site inspection, and the school district has pledged to promptly eliminate any brush clearance hazards identified.

- Abandoned homes can become unsightly because of litter and debris, and they bring down neighborhood property values. In September, we successfully passed tough new measures to more effectively deal with abandoned properties. The Abandoned Properties Ordinance imposes more stringent maintenance requirements and allows the city to be more aggressive in addressing vacant properties, many of which are foreclosures. The ordinance also helps return these vacant properties to more productive uses faster.

Councilmember Sherri Lightner represents University City on the San Diego City Council. She can be reached at (619) 236-6611 or SherriLightner@SanDiego.gov. Sign up for email updates at Sherri’s website at www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/.

UC Schools Showing Great Success

At the State of the District Address at UC High on October 2nd, I celebrated the significant achievement gains that we have made over the past four years. San Diego Unified ranks in the top two among large urban districts in California.

People are sometimes led to believe that public schools are failing due to the federal No Child Left Behind rating system. It classifies many good schools into Program Improvement. Even the Poway School District has moved into Program Improvement status.

Standley just exited Program Improvement status, which is a very big accomplishment. It is the only school in the district to accomplish this and only one of three in the county. Congratulations to the Standley students and staff.

The state rating system, however, focuses more on continuous improvement and excellence. The state goal is an API score of 800. All of the UC schools are above 800. Doyle, Curie and Spreckels are all around 900. Standley is the highest with 925.

UC schools are setting an example for the district. The recent high performance of Standley should be reassuring to UC families that a quality education is available in UC beyond the elementary level. This will likely lead to more UC kids staying in the neighborhood schools.

I would encourage all parents, teachers and community members to attend the meetings of the UC Cluster of Schools on the fourth Friday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center of UC High. This group provides community support for excellent schools in University City.

UCCA Does Not Endorse Any Political Candidate.
November 2012

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
Victoria Campbell
Raymond de Callafon
Matthew & Iryna Dziecinch
Hardy Gold
Bonnie Hornbeck
Terry Jones
Ingrid K. Liebscher
Heather & James Matson
Walt & Jo Pankratz
Scott Peters

Mike & Shirley Roche
Rodney & Anne Shapiro
Rob & Claire Shaughnessy
Richard & Kay Slater
Mrs. Pamela Smith-Brown
Spreckels Elementary PTA
Veronica Rich
Jerry & Nancy Weiss

SILVER MEMBERSHIP
Sally & Pat Crahan
Jim & Louise Farschon

COMMUNITY ANGEL
Tiff & Ann Nelson
Nancy C. Sonnenberg

COMMUNITY SUPPORTER
Janet & Steve Shields
Philmore B. Steele

GOLD MEMBERSHIP

UC ELECTIONS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th
6:00 P.M. UC LIBRARY

by Hugh Pates

Be sure to mark your calendar now! November 14th, 6:00-8:00 pm, is the annual general meeting and election of officers of the University City Community Association.

Introduction of candidates and floor nominations will take place at 6:15 pm, with voting immediately following. Only current members and those joining and/or renewing their 2013 memberships are eligible to vote. Membership applications will be available at the door.

Nominees are as follows:

- President – Barry Bernstein
- Vice-President – Terry Jones
- Secretary – Bonnie Hornbeck
- Treasurer – Ginny Charvat

The ballot will allow for eligible “write-in” candidates to be nominated from the floor.

We hope you will plan to stay for our general meeting. We have arranged for specific items of interest to UC residents.

- A. Public Safety Issues – San Diego Police Officer
- B. Wilmark Development – La Jolla Del Rey
- C. Neighborhood Watch – Barbara Gellman
- D. Beautification projects/median cleanup – Barbara Gellman, Merle Berman
- E. President’s Annual Report

Light refreshments will be served. Additional parking, if needed, will be available at Chase Bank. If you have any questions regarding the election and/or the agenda topics, please contact Hugh Pates at Hughpates@yahoo.com, or call 858-453-0645. Thank you. See you on the 14th!

The Scene in University City
by Sandy Lippe

- November is a time to vote, to give thanks and rid our neighborhoods of political signs. According to the experts, political signs must go ten days after the election in CA and fourteen days in San Diego County. Why wait so long? Let’s call the candidates’ offices and remind them before November 6th!
- Remember Protect UC, the University City group of volunteers opposed to residential care homes for folks with alcohol and drug issues? They are on a hiatus, waiting to see how the Newport Beach lawsuit turns out. You can still access their website at www.protectuc.com.
- With Veteran’s Day on Sunday, November 11th, retired Army helicopter pilot John Quesenberry is organizing a reunion of fellow pilots who served in Vietnam and their wives. UC salutes John and his fellow vets, as well as those on duty today. If you have a family member from UC serving in the military, let UCCA know, please.
- Loretta/Laura Spano officially resigned as president of Town Park Villas and University City Village Tenants’ Association, Inc. She served her fellow residents in this senior complex at the east end of U.C. for six years. Her own apartment building is being demolished and replaced with a new two or three story building. Like the other 38 residents impacted by the demolition of their homes, Laura was given 90 days to vacate and had three choices: live in garden apartments built in 1964, move into La Jolla Del Rey, (whose name is offensive to some UC locals,) or move away. Sadly, Laura will be moving out.
- Carol Karg tried to get Marketplace Shopping Center to put up holiday lights last year. The tradition of holiday lights from Thanksgiving to New Year’s Eve was abruptly stopped a few years ago. Carol was promised that if she contacted Marketplace marketing department, the lights would go on this holiday season.
- Thanks go to Neighborhood Watch captain Rich Quinonez who took down over 20 rusty, old Neighborhood Watch signs in UC. Hey, ladies, remind your women friends to vote, especially those 18 and 19 year olds, the new voters. On August 18, 1920 the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave women this hard fought for right!
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A HARVEST OF TALES
Our Favorite Storyteller, Marilyn McPhie, currently President of San Diego Storytellers, will charm you with her Harvest of Tales. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH at 2:00 p.m.

FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT OUR PRESIDENTS
Writer and speaker Richard Lederer, from NPR’s “All Things Considered,” will offer a treasury of fascinating firsts, mosts and onlys about our American presidents. You’ll have fun learning a lot about their lives (even their medical records and their pets,) their accomplishments, and their roles in American history. An OASIS program. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

YOGA FOR KIDS
Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring own yoga mat or towel. Every third SATURDAY. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH at 10:30 a.m.

SIGNING PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Sign language fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with Jennifer Duncan. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH at 2:00 p.m.

YOUTH GO GAMING CLUB
Learn the ancient mind game of Go with the president of the San Diego Chapter of the Go Association. EVERY THURSDAY at 2:30 p.m.
Curie 3rd Grader to Star in The Old Globe’s The Grinch that Stole Christmas

by Patricia Freund

Marie Curie Elementary 3rd Grader and University City resident, Lilith Freund will be one of the two Cindy Lou Who’s in this year’s Old Globe’s production of The Grinch that Stole Christmas. Lilith has been a lover of Theater from a young age. She has performed in all of the last three years annual Curie Play, and has had a lead role in her 2nd Grade class production of The Castaways last year. She was beyond excited to receive the news that she would be sharing the stage this year with The Grinch. Not at all scared of the big green guy, she felt finally there was someone out there she could infuse with her love of life and joy of singing and dancing. She hopes The Grinch will not be so mean after she has her time with him!

UC Little League for 11-13 Year Olds

by Sharon Risse

It’s hard to think about Spring, but for some community volunteers, work is already underway for the celebration of UC Little League’s 50th Anniversary. In addition to some fun community and league events, 2013 will feature the inaugural season for Little League’s new intermediate division for 11-13 year olds.

The intermediate division will offer 11, 12 and 13 year old players a transitional step between the majors and juniors divisions. Not only are the field dimensions larger than the majors division, but the rules are different, too. Playing in the ‘50/70’ will ease the transition to the full size baseball field and provides an opportunity for players to develop more baseball skills at a younger age.

In celebration of 50 years of youth baseball in UC, there will be some special events for the entire community. For more information, to volunteer or donate memorabilia, please contact Jemma Samala at jemmasamla@gmail.com.

UCLL offers a community-based program for children from ages 4 and up. Registration opens December 1st. Packets will be mailed to anyone who played in spring 2012 or Fall Ball in late November. For more information visit us at www.ucll.org.
WANTED
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH STREET CAPTAINS
MINOR EFFORT, MAJOR REWARD
Please email:
bggellman@yahoo.com
for further information
University City Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

The Burn Institute in San Diego will install free smoke alarms for seniors (62 yrs.+). They recommend that each bedroom, dining/living room, hall areas have an alarm. Call 858-541-2277 to make an appointment for your free alarms and installation; volunteers will come out to install.

Neighborhood Watch News Update
by Barbara Gellman

We now have 24 active street captains with the possibility of adding at least four more this month. Officer Sinclair and I have been attending meetings on a fairly regular basis, discussing crimes in our neighborhood, safety tips and what to do when confronted with various suspicious or criminal activities.

I will share with you some observations by several neighbors who walk their dogs at night:

- Garage doors are left open.
- Cars are left unlocked. Items are left in the car that might be valuable.
- Bikes and other objects are left out in the driveway or lawn.

Please check outside before retiring for the evening and make sure everything is closed up properly. Don’t invite crime.

Party houses:
Aside from calling the 619-531-2000 number or 858-495-7856, get the phone number of the landlord and call him/her at whatever hour you are disturbed. When a “For Rent” sign goes up on your street, there is usually a phone number listed; copy it down before people move in (you may need it).

Again, thanks to all the existing captains. Keep spreading the word; we aren’t finished yet.

Homeowner Beautification
by Merle Berman & Barbara Gellman

The University City Beautification Committee’s latest project, replanting the Governor Dr. medians, is almost complete: now, we would like to address homeowners’ responsibilities towards their own property.

On this note, step outside your home and really look at it with an objective eye. Ask yourself, how can I make my property look better. Minor improvements, such as: weeding, trimming, removing debris, dead tress and shrubs, putting trash cans away, repairing broken fences, removing furniture, storage units and rusted cars/boats would make a big difference. If you were to walk past the house, does it appear to be loved? If not, why not?

If you can’t accomplish enough on your own, perhaps you can ask a neighbor or friend or responsible teen to help with these tasks or please call Merle Berman at 858-453-8788 or Barbara Gellman at 858-452-2326 for ideas. We all have an investment in this community and are responsible for its upkeep. Why not make this a project for each street; it could be very gratifying to see what can be accomplished.

Bring a shovel, rake, hoe, clippers, hammer, trash bags, buddy and DIG IN!

We hope that working together as neighbors, we can support each other to maintain the quality of University City.

The Swanson Pool
by Nicole McNeil

The Swanson Pool located at 3585 Governor Drive is currently offering a variety of programs to include lap swimming, recreation swimming, swimming lessons, and youth swim team and water polo. In addition, the Aquatic Body Conditioning water fitness class is held MWF 8:00-9:00 am and the Arthritis water fitness class is held MWF 9:30-10:30 am. Swimming and exercising in the water is an excellent way to stay fit and feel great! For more information, please contact the pool at (858) 552-1653.

Interested In Advertising In Our Newsletter?

Reservations for ad space is accepted on a first–come, first–served basis beginning the 1st of the month preceding publication. We have ten (10) publications per year. Contact Terri Day at uccaADS@hotmail.com for more info on ad placement and deadlines.
EdUCate! was thrilled with the attendance and support at Oktoberfest IV which we held on October 6th in Standley Park. We netted $10,000 from the event and collected $5,600 in Dollar–A–Day donations. The UC community had fun and our schools benefitted.

We particularly want to thank our underwriters, breweries, and awesome (adult and student) volunteers and entertainers. UC’s Century 21 Award realtor Nancy Beck paid for all the cups. The University City Community Association stepped up with a $1000 donation. Our other heroes were: Biolegend, Coldwell Banker UC Agents, Country Wine and Spirits, Ditzler Family Chiropractic, Forbidden Yogurt, Golden Triangle Optometric, Johannes Brats, Laboratory Diagnostics Medical Group, Law Offices of Thomas F. Feerick & Associates, The French Gourmet and Wikitiki.

Please patronize our fabulous breweries: Ballast Point Brewing Company, Coronado Brewing Company, Hangar 24, La Jolla Brew House, Monkey Paw Pub and Brewery, Rock Bottom Brewery and Stone Brewing.

Several of our games were paid for by fun-loving local families: Brook and Tom Feerick, Trish and Andreas Freund, Jo Guinn and Brad Spitz, Joe and Pamela Madden, and Jim and Janet Madden.

Our professionally–judged Home Brew competition drew numerous entrants. David Pfannenstiel took home first and third place, while Jared Current and Doug Wilson won second. Winners received a small cash gift, a nice certificate, and a beautiful EdUCate! Oktoberfest glass hand-etched by Holly Wolf.

Check out all the photos, courtesy of Greg Hom, at www.uc–educate.org.

In the 2012-13 school year, the EdUCate! Foundation plans to raise and contribute $100,000 to support educational programs, improve classroom technology and provide discretionary funds to the five UC principals. Our direct fundraising programs (Dollar–A–Day and Honor A Teacher) and events (Taste of the Triangle and Oktoberfest) allow us to support UC public schools. Please consider becoming a supporter and donate at http://uc–educate.org.

Thank You!
My best and most vivid memories of preschool were using potato stamps to create art, the jubilation of free play on the playground, the fun of using Nilla Wafers as monocles and brushing away the resulting eyelash crumbs.

When it was my son’s turn to attend a preschool, I enrolled him at All Saints Preschool – a facility which is overseen by All Saints Lutheran Church in University City. I discovered, much to my delight, it contained a garden where children were afforded the opportunity to grow a small variety of vegetables and flowers. I was pleased to see this beneficial activity included as part of the school year experiences. Not only do children partake in the fun of getting dirty, but there is the first introduction of where produce originates, the connection of what is harvested from the ground, which they can see in a grocery store.

All Saints Preschool:
allsaintsuniversitycity.com/all-saints-preschool
The UC Garden Club has completed its year of guest speakers, and our next Garden Event will be in February of 2013. We will no longer be having evening meetings - we have chosen to focus our attention on our very popular “Coffee in the Garden” events. Please keep an eye to this newsletter for the announcement of the next Garden Event.

Our past and last speaker in October was Kirk Neuroth who not only educated us all thoroughly about planing bulbs, but also gave away hundreds of his own bulbs! If you would like a consultation or have gardening issues, please give Kirk a call at 619-288-5001.

Pictured is a “Spider Lily” or Lycoris - easy to grow, beautiful to look at. If you would like to know anything more about the UC Garden Club or become involved, please email ucgardenclub@gmail.com.

Thank you.