

University City

...more than a neighborhood

Oktoberfest • EdUCate! • 2013

by Diane Lueke

Please join us from 2:00–6:00 PM Saturday, October 5th, at Standley Park and Recreation Center for EdUCate!’s 5th annual Oktoberfest. When you donate \$180 to our Dollar a Day campaign before or at the event, you will receive unlimited beverage pours and VIP treatment in our beer garden! Please visit us online at uc-educate.org to make your donation. All proceeds will benefit Doyle, Spreckels and Curie elementary schools, Standley Middle School and University City High School.

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UCCA’s Election is coming up in November. Information on page 2 including descriptions of the elected offices.

Columbus Day

Monday, the 14th

UCPG Meeting

Tuesday, the 8th, 6:00 pm

Forum Hall/UTC

UCCA Meeting

Wednesday, the 9th,

6:00 to 8:00 pm

UC Library

UC Celebration

Planning Meeting

Friday, the 18th, 6:00 pm

Roundtable Pizza/ Governor Dr.

Standley Recreation

Council Meeting

Thursday, the 24th, 7:00 pm

Standley Recreation Center

Halloween

Thursday, the 31st



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Message from the President

Barry Bernstein



It all is here, but with the typical late summer heat, you might not believe it. I hope many of you have or will find the time to attend the UCCF's Town Hall meetings, as well as attending and supporting EdUCate's Octoberfest event at Standley Park. This month at our October 9th UCCA meeting, Assemblywoman Toni Atkins will be answering questions related to California's implementation of the "Affordable Care Act", (Obamacare), as well as hearing our local concerns related to the possible expansion of "residential treatment" homes in UC which falls under the control of our state legislature. Please plan to arrive early as seating is limited. Our meetings begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

Saturday, Sept. 21st, was dedication day for the Peter Burch Memorial Fountain at Marcy Park. City Council president, pro-tem, Sherri Lightner was there to cut the ribbon. Many thanks to longtime UC residents Barb Mauro and Sandy Lippe for making this event a reality.

UCCA recently voted to provide the UC High football boosters with additional monies (to provide new safety helmets), \$1,000.00 to support EdUCate's efforts in their school/teacher initiatives and an additional amount to Curie Elementary School's new fund-raising program.

A new design for our 2014 membership decal was approved. It will feature our new logo with a 2014 stamp below. Our new membership drive will begin this month, which provides membership through all of 2014, as well as giving new members voting privileges in our upcoming November election of officers. Current members may renew membership for 2014 as well, starting this month.

Thank you for your support and interest in UCCA's efforts in making UC "more than just a neighborhood." Have a wonderful October and enjoy the luxury of living in beautiful San Diego

Barry

IMPROVE UC – TOWN HALL MEETING NOTICE

by Greg Zinser

IF YOU LIVE OR WORK IN UNIVERSITY CITY and have an interest in helping to improve our community, please join us for the second of our town hall meetings. It will be held on Thursday, October 3rd, from 7:00-8:00 pm at the First Baptist Church conference center at 5055 Governor Drive in UC.

The University City Community Foundation (UCCF) was created through the generous support of the University City Community Association (UCCA) to facilitate improvements in University City. In the coming months, we will be evaluating and prioritizing projects and are asking the community to express their interests in specific types of improvements. At our meeting, we will also be answering questions about UCCF, our relationship to UCCA and our short-term and long-term vision for improving our community.

If you're not able to join us on the 3rd, please complete the on-line survey on our website at www.improveuc.org. You can also make suggestions or request additional information by email at Info@improveuc.org.

UCCA Election Set for November Meeting

by Sandy Lippe

UCCA members are invited to the November meeting when the UCCA election of officers will take place. If you have been to at least two meetings, you may run for one of the elected offices. Here are the descriptions of each elected officer's duties:

PRESIDENT presides at all meetings and is ex-officio member on all committees except the nominating committee. The president has power to appoint a corresponding secretary, membership chair, parliamentarian, and any other chairperson, subject to notification by elected officers. The president shall perform any other duties pertaining to the office.

VICE PRESIDENT assumes duties of the president in the absence of the president and shall automatically fill unexpired term of the president if the president resigns. The vice president assists the president with duties of that office. In the absence of a parliamentarian, the vice president will assume that responsibility.

SECRETARY shall take minutes of the meetings and record attendance of board members. Secretary shall be custodian of corporation's records and at all times shall have a current copy of the minutes.

TREASURER shall be custodian of all funds, disbursing them at the direction of the Executive Committee. All checks should be signed by two parties.

Bulletin:

California State Assemblywoman, Toni Atkins, will be a guest at our October 9th, 6:00 pm, UCCA meeting. She will be speaking at 6:15 pm and speaking on the topics of: CA education, Affordable Care Act, (ObamaCare), and the Residential Recovery Homes.

Bountiful Tastes

by Jemma Samala

October brings about images of falling orange-red leaves, harvest gatherings and bundles of warm clothing. Yes, I know we don't get four full seasons in San Diego, but we can still act like it. A few neighbors do have trees whose leaves drop. Fall is a great time for potlucks, and when watching fall baseball games in the evening, there are times when you could really use a full length parka!

We can celebrate this bountiful season in a number of ways. If you like to partake of local beers, you won't want to miss EdUCate!'s 5th Annual Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 5th, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at Standley Park. Besides the beer, you can taste brats, hot dogs, apple strudel and non-alcoholic beverages. There's also a Home Brew contest, local entertainment (including the school principal's challenge) and lots of games for the kids. If you really like to taste your beer, donate \$180 to the Dollar A Day campaign and get the VIP treatment and unlimited beverage pours – don't worry, the Old Town Trolley will be running up and down Governor Drive and is able to take you within walking distance of your home. (www.uc-educate.org)

One of my most favorite tastes of UC is going to the sample of rotating food trucks in front of Spreckels Elementary every Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. I've had crabcake sliders, savory crepes, lobster grilled cheese sandwiches, watermelon salad and chocolate fudge cupcakes all on one night! Also, an EdUCate! fundraiser, the food trucks will continue to roll into UC into November. They start up again in the spring. The weekly event is quickly becoming a premier San Diego edible event.

I admit I enjoy going north of the tracks and partaking in seasonal cuisine at Seasons 52, and many of the other dining establishments in UTC (can you tell I don't cook much). I think it's important to visit with our South UC culinary neighbors. We love Lorna's and Round Table's family meals, New England favorites from Bite of Boston, Asian fixes at Hong Kong Chef, Kikuya, Matsugawa Sushi, California burritos from Papa Chito's (shouldn't it be called a San Diego burrito?), comfort food at Golden Donuts and cold treats from Forbidden Yogurt and Rite Aid. You've got to love how they scoop up that Thrifty's ice cream! The youth is always happy that Carl's Jr. has re-opened. One person in my household wanted to be the first in line! Sorry to see that La Cafe has closed, but I'm hopeful for the new Outcast Grill.

When you do plan any fall gatherings, try to visit the Farmer's Market in UTC (Genesee and La Jolla Village Drive) on Wednesdays from 3:00-7:00 pm. Enjoy shopping from the local farms and artisans, or pick up a pre-selected box of fruits and vegetables (aka a CSA, Community Supported Agriculture). A small weekly box starts at \$15. If you haven't heard, the schools are implementing Meatless Mondays. You might try extending that concept at home. For everyday sustenance, conveniently shop at our local Sprouts and Von's. We all get a nice sense of community by seeing many of our friends and neighbors. Maybe we should all start planning shopping dates?

Don't forget to help support the schools and youth groups when they have a Family Night Out Fundraiser at our local restaurants. It helps the groups and our UC scene.

For the season and any season really, potluck parties are my choice. How else do I get to taste the delicious dishes my UC friends and neighbors make?

If you would like to send me info about the UC Scene or would like to feed me (I'll bring dessert), contact: jemmasamala@gmail.com.

UC
SCENE

News Update

by Barbara Gellman

August 6th turned out to be a great National Night Out in University City.

Beginning at 4:30 until 9:00 pm, at least 15 streets were humming with activity. This kept our police officers hustling. Led by our own Officer Larry Hesselgesser and Acting Lt. Steve Villabos, Lt. Misty Cedrun, Captain Brian Ahearn and former community officer, Omar Sinclair, they drove from one end of UC to the other, covering each neighborhood watch captain's event. We applaud their commitment and all those who participated. It's events like this that cement a neighborhood.

On a more serious note, car break-ins and home invasions are still taking place all throughout our communities. One of the main reasons, according to Officer Hesselgesser and Lt. Misty Cedrun, is residents are not locking doors/windows and gates to the backyard. They are also leaving valuables visible in their cars. The police need our help more than ever. Major crime activity such as 911 calls take precedence. If we notice that a crime took place, please call 619-531-2000 to report it. Eventually, they will get to you. It might take a few days since they do not have adequate staff to confront every non-emergency crime at the moment it is reported. Ask for an incident number for a status report when you call back.

Another new scam that is being reported more and more is a person who comes to your door asking if "so and so" lives there. This is a red flag. Do not open the door but talk through it. They could be casing your home or fishing for information. Try to get a photo or description of the person or a car and call 619-531-2000. This should be reported to your street captain so other neighbors can be alerted.

I'm happy to report that we have almost three quarters of University City covered with neighborhood watch captains and signs, but WE ARE NOT DONE yet! A big thank you to those who are actively involved in making our community safer. If you don't see a new neighborhood watch sign on your street, please email me at [HYPERLINK "mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:bggellman@yahoo.com) bggellman@yahoo.com to discuss becoming a street captain. It's easy.

See photos from some of the National Night Out groups on page 20.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH STREET CAPTAINS
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Please email: bggellman@yahoo.com
for further information University City
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Canyon Area Residents Get Up Close & Personal with Local Wildlife

by Kelly Makley

Friends of Rose Canyon has wrapped up their busiest year yet providing nature exploration programs in Rose Canyon Open Space Park and Marian Bear Memorial Park. They conducted 95 nature exploration events involving over 3,000 people of all ages.

Debby Knight, Executive Director of Friends of Rose Canyon, teaches participants about how these canyons form the Rose Creek Watershed, which carries water and urban runoff all the way to Mission Bay. They also identify local wildlife, describe the threats from urban runoff and non-native plants and discuss the importance of protecting the remaining undeveloped land.

"Programs like this play a critical role in protecting Rose Canyon and offer a wonderful opportunity for University City students to get outdoors," said City Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner, a long-time supporter of Friends of Rose Canyon.

The program was made possible by a \$25,000 grant from San Diego Gas & Electric's Environmental Champions program. The grant provided funding to reach students from Spreckels, Curie, Hawthorne, Whitman, Doyle, Bayview Terrace elementary schools and University City High School.

You can join Friends of Rose Canyon for free at www.rosecanyon.org to receive their emails about nature exploration programs for the general public.

This project is part of a comprehensive effort to enhance the Rose Creek Watershed. This visionary planning approach guides projects that help future generations of San Diegans enjoy the watershed's natural beauty, biological diversity and recreational opportunities. You can learn more about this project at www.rosecreekwatershed.org.



Students from Whitman Elementary in Clairemont look for wildlife in San Clemente Creek in Marian Bear Memorial Park.

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University City Resident Joshua Shtein Cast as Shrek in Production of **SHREK – THE MUSICAL**

by Mark Powell

Founded in 1993, J*Company Youth Theatre is the leading youth theatre program in San Diego. Under Artistic Director Joey Landwehr, J*Company Youth Theatre has garnered local and national attention with its award winning productions as well as providing a foundation for young artists to train and develop their creative potential, giving them the opportunity to express themselves through the dramatic arts. The production of Shrek-The Musical consists of 72 cast members, 10 youth crew members and four youth orchestra members playing in the pit! All in all a youth production! Many of our neighborhood students have performed with J* Company over the last 20 years and the University City community's support for the program has been exceptional. Shrek -The Musical performances begin Saturday, October 12th through Sunday, October 27th at the David and Dorthea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center located at 4126 Executive Drive. For ticket information, please contact the JCC Ticket Box Office at 858-362-1348 or visit www.sdcjc.org/jcompany.

UC Has Talent!!

by Katie Dunahoo

Congratulations to 43-year UC resident, Raymond Kelly, who is our featured artist. Ray built model boats for over 50 years and achieved the designation of Master Model Ship Builder. When he started to have trouble tying the difficult knots, he took up landscape table art and has become a master at that, as well. His miniature displays are all unique, featuring beautiful trees and pagodas, gazebos or farm houses. Some have waterfalls and even tiny wildlife drinking from pools of life-like water. He also enjoys adding scents to a few with special oils.

Do you know of a talented University City artist? Call Katie Dunahoo at 858-775-1239.



UCHS ANNOUNCES NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

by Marie Byrd

University City High School is pleased to announce the following senior students who have been selected as semifinalists in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program: Nicolette Brannan, Eric Chao, Jeremy Longfellow, Emily Siegler, and Paul Sud. These high-achieving students now have an opportunity to continue in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship competition. For these students, it means competing for roughly 8,000 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$35 million!

Semifinalists must meet certain requirements in order to advance to the finalist level of the competition. This includes demonstrating an outstanding academic record throughout, submitting an essay, and scoring well on their SAT.

Congratulations to these UCHS seniors. We're very proud of your achievements!

I-805 North Express Lanes Project Is Underway

by Marisa Guzzardo

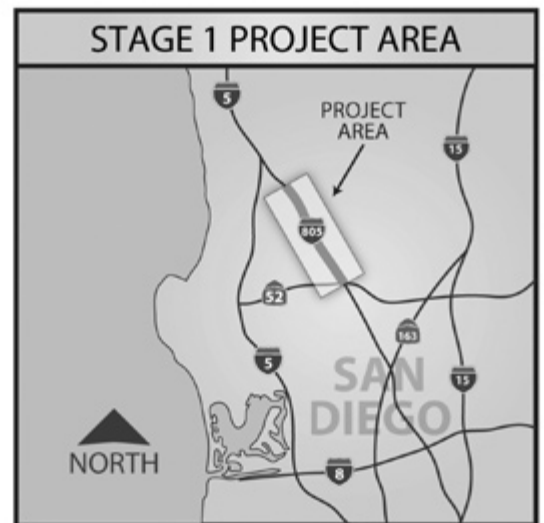
Have you noticed the recent night construction on Governor Drive at I-805 or seen the concrete barriers along the I-805 median and wondered what it was for? Caltrans and the San Diego Association of Governments are putting your tax dollars to work to improve the Interstate 805 (I-805) corridor.

The I-805 North Express Lanes Project covers approximately four miles, between State Route 52 (SR 52) and Mira Mesa Boulevard. The five-stage project will construct carpool lanes, direct access ramps (DAR), a transit station, direct connectors, sound walls and a park & ride.

The first stage is already underway to construct the south-facing DAR at Carroll Canyon Road and add one carpool lane in each direction from SR 52 to Mira Mesa Boulevard. There's also work being done to widen medians and bridges to accommodate the new lanes, including the bridge over Governor Drive. Stage 1 will cost approximately \$86 million and is scheduled to be completed in 2015.

In a later stage of the project, the Governor Drive interchange will be reconfigured to relocate the southbound entrance ramp to the northwest quadrant to minimize the conflict with southbound I-805 traffic merging to enter SR 52.

Stay informed! Sign up for construction update emails and find out more about this and other University City and Golden Triangle transportation projects by visiting: KeepSanDiegoMoving.com. For real-time updates, follow Caltrans on Twitter @SDCaltrans by SANDAG;



HUGE GENTLY USED BOOK SALE !

The Friends of UC Library invite you to join us for this three-day event.

You get great bargains, and you get to support your Library!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 1:00-5:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 9:30 AM-5:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

BESOS DE COCO CONCERT

Innovative and eclectic chamber trio, featuring romantic music of the old-world Mediterranean, Latin American, and Jazz. Romantic music of the old-world Mediterranean, Latin American, and Jazz traditions.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, at 6:30 PM

MOVIES FOR ADULTS

Join us as we sleuth through mysteries of the movies. This month features a very famous Belgian detective who takes a trip to the Orient on a doomed train.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, AT 2:00 PM

ASIAN BRUSH PAINTING

Sumi-e is an Asian art form in which paintings from nature are depicted in black ink on white paper.

TUESDAYS, AT 12:30-3:30 PM

YOGA

Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own yoga mat or towel.

TUESDAYS, AT 4:30 PM

"WRITE OUT LOUD" PRESENTS A READING OF CALEB'S CROSSING BY GERALDINE BROOKS, THE ONE BOOK ONE SAN DIEGO 2013 SELECTION

A tale of love and faith, magic and adventure . . . and a secret friendship that draws two souls into the alien world of each other.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 12TH AT 5:30-7:30 PM

UC BOOK CLUB

They will discuss *Breathing Lessons* by Anne Tyler. Maggie and Ira Moran have been married for twenty-eight years—and it shows. Maggie, a kooky, lovable meddler and an irrepressible optimist. Ira is infuriatingly practical. What begins as a day trip to a funeral becomes an adventure in the unexpected. As Maggie and Ira navigate the riotous twists and turns, they rediscover the magic of the road called life and the joy of having somebody next to you to share the ride.

OCTOBER 23RD, AT 2:00 PM

ZUMBA GOLD

Calling all baby boomers! An exhilarating workout with easy-to-follow moves to Latin music.

MONDAY AND THURSDAY AT 12:00 PM

SPECIAL NEEDS ZUMBA

Lisbeth Garces leads a safe, fun workout created for persons with special needs.

MONDAYS, AT 1:00 PM

ACCORDION CLUB

New members are always welcome!

2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS

OCTOBER 12TH AND 26TH AT 9:30-11:30 AM

SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY

A very special story time with music presented by four members of the San Diego Symphony.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, AT 2:00 PM

MANGA DRAWING CLASS FOR TEENS

Learn to draw anime and manga characters.

OCTOBER 17TH AT 3:00-4:00 PM

GO GAMING

Learn the ancient mind game of Go from the president of the San Diego Chapter of the American Go Association.

TUESDAYS, AT 2:30-3:30 PM

GAME ON

Teens! Get your game on! Wii gaming with your friends!

FRIDAYS, AT 3:00- 4:30 PM

SIGNING STORYTIME

Sign language fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with Jennifer Duncan.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AT 3:00-3:30 PM

PAWS TO READ

Children practice their reading skills with patient, loving dogs brought by their handlers from Love on a Leash.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH AT 4:00 PM

HALLOWEEN ART, MUSIC AND STORYTELLING

Kids will delight in this holiday event!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH AT 2:00-3:00 PM

PRESCHOOL TODDLER STORYTIMES

Stories and songs!

WEDNESDAYS, AT 6:30 PM

THURSDAYS AT 10:30 AM

Please call the library to confirm any given program.

Cancellations are rare, but may occur.

Many thanks to the Friends of the UC Library for their generous sponsorship.

This information will be made available in alternate formats upon request.

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Oktoberfest

EDUCATE! 2013

Since parking around the rec center will be tight, be sure to use the Old Town Trolley, which will be running up and down Governor Drive during the event. Thank you Coldwell Banker for making it easier to get to Oktoberfest and back home.

As in past years, games will be provided for kids of all ages. This year's lineup includes the Rock Climbing Wall, Funhouse Castle Super Jump, Duck Pond, Conk the Crow, Cow Milking, and Ring Toss Carnival Games, World Sports Games, Penguin Fish Flinger, and Spin Art. Tickets can be purchased at the event to participate. Principals – Are you ready for this year's Principal's Challenge?

What would an Oktoberfest by EdUCate! be without music from the Standley Middle School and University City High School marching bands? The ALSI Ensemble and El Cajon German Band will also be present helping us get our Ooommmmpaaaaah on!

We will be grilling traditional bratwurst sausages, hot dogs and veggie dogs with all of the fixings needed to be able to dress your link. Additionally, The French Gourmet will provide strudel and pretzels. And yes, we will make sure we don't run out of pickles this year.

While we are still firming up the final list of breweries for the beer garden, we have confirmed Mission Brewery, Ballast Point, Monkey Paw, Gordon Biersch, Rock Bottom and AleSmith will all be participating. This year's lineup will be a diverse tasting of craft beers provided by some of our local breweries. Root beer will be served as a non-alcoholic option. Home brewers will be competing in the 5th Annual University City Home Brew Competition. This event will provide high-quality feedback to all entrants and includes prizes for 1st -3rd places.

We hope to see everyone at Standley Park and Recreation Center on the 5th at 2:00.

Trolley to Run During Oktoberfest

by John T. Schindel

The Old Towne Trolley will again be running the length of Governor Dr. for EdUCate's Oktoberfest. The trolley will again be sponsored by the agents of Coldwell Banker. "They have sponsored the Trolley every year since the Oktoberfest," said Brook Feerick past President of EdUCate. The festival will be Saturday, October 5th, 2013, from 2:00-6:00 pm. The trolley will be running from 1:30-6:30 pm. There will be five stops along Governor Dr. to pick up and drop off festival goers. The stops, along with Standley Park, will be in the west end at the Sprouts Shopping Center and at the end of Governor at the United Church of UC. East of the park, there will be stops at The Vons shopping center, Gullstrand St. and at the Park and Ride at the end of Governor. Look for the red Trolley, ride for free and leave the car behind.

For further information call 858-349-9051.

The Charter School of San Diego Difference

(a free public high school)

by The Charter School of San Diego

The Charter School of San Diego offers a wide range of educational options to students who need something different than their neighborhood school to succeed and has been available to thousands of students during its 20-year tenure.

The focus of The Charter School of San Diego is "Kids First" which ensures small class sizes and guaranteed personalized attention. An on-demand teacher answers students' questions and aids them through their educational journey.

At The Charter School of San Diego, educators are dedicated to every student receiving a rigorous education. As each student learns differently, the educators use the California State Standards, as well as students' learning styles and abilities as a guideline to personalize education. A personalized and individualized education will allow students to meet their educational goals through the prism of their own experiences, style and aptitude.

The Charter School of San Diego offers year-round open enrollment for all students, grades 7 through 12. If you would like to learn more about the difference at The Charter School of San Diego, please contact us at 858-678-2020 or email us at [HYPERLINK "mailto:info@charterschool-sandiego.net"](mailto:HYPERLINK) info@charterschool-sandiego.net.

Little Free Library

by Pia Mantovani-Sud

The first UC Little Free Library is now available at 4510 Cather Avenue. It is sponsored by the Neighborettes (Priscilla Hughes, Mary Ann Paul, Carmen Henderson, Maureen Harris, Diane Speed, Maureen Parson and Pia Mantovani-Sud), and was built by Bob Paul and decorated by Carmen Henderson.

This beauty has been registered with the National Little Library Group. Come on by and check it out: take a book, leave a book.

The Neighborettes



NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Halloween Storytime at the Rec Center: Thursday, October 31st, at 10:30 am

Eat Well!: Health, diet and wellness talk by Tracy Benson – Tuesday, October 1st, at 6:30 pm

Cooking with Vera: This month, explore Halloween ideas in the kitchen! Tuesday, October 29th, at 6:00 pm

Music !: Wednesday, October 23rd, 6:30 pm: Bassett Brothers (Classical Guitar music)

Job Search Assistance: Mondays, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm get job coaching, resume and interview help!
Please call ahead to make an appointment.

Art Adventures with Janene Farmer: Brought to you by the Picerne Foundation. Artist Janene Farmer begins free art classes at the library for children in grades 1-8. Please call the branch for times and further details.

Knitter's Circle: Now on a new day of the week, please join this informal knitting club and learn how to knit, crochet and make new friends while making great new creations. 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm.

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**Please call the library to confirm any given program. Cancellations are rare, but may occur.
Many thanks to the Friends of the UC Library for their generous sponsorship.**

New Nonprofit Center Locates in UC

by Pat JaCoby

There's a new nonprofit organization making its initial headquarters in the UC Marketplace in University City.

The recently established office is "planning central" for Integra Center, a new model of centralized, community-based care for severely wounded warriors of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Two UC residents, MaryAnn F. Stewart, President, and Julia C. Russell, Operations/Administration, are leading day-to-day planning for Integra Center. Jackie Garcia, wife of a Marine who lost both legs in Afghanistan, assists with administrative duties on a part-time basis.

"We are thrilled to be able to work in our own neighborhood to plan the Integra Center facility," Stewart said. "As a start-up, having so many services available within the Marketplace Shopping Center makes it convenient and cost effective for us. We are also most appreciative of the excellent services of JK Computer as well as DJ Russell construction in keeping our office functional and highly productive."

The future location of Integra Center is expected to be in North County along the I-15 corridor, with an opening anticipated for early 2015. "In the meantime," said Stewart, "University City is home to a small nonprofit with a big mission to serve those who have so unselfishly served us all."

As the first-of-its-kind, one-stop facility, Integra Center will consolidate the delivery of health care, employment counseling and education for men and women with life-altering combat injuries. At the same time, the Center will serve the needs of their families and provide R&D opportunities for local biotech companies to create new therapies for both warriors and civilians.

For info please call 858 755-4391 or email at pat.jacoby96@gmail.com.



MaryAnn (cq) Stewart, president of Integra Center, and Julia Russell, operations manager.

CALLING ALL CENTURIONS PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

by Jemma Samala

Did you attend University City High School, have children that attended, do attend or will attend UCHS? Then the Centurion Foundation can use your support. The Foundation's current membership drive is ongoing, and alumni are especially encouraged to participate in order to continue the Foundation's purpose to support UCHS athletics, extra-curricular activities and the UCHS Hall of Fame Committee. One of the Centurion Foundation's goals is to help support alumni interaction and plans to create an alumni database. We are looking for committee members. If you are an UCHS alum and would like to help out, please contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.

Be sure to look for the Centurion Alumni section at the homecoming game, Friday, October 25th, 6:30 pm v. Coronado. For more info or to order UCHS spirit wear and/or to make your membership donation, go to: www.uc-centurionfoundation.com.

Wheeling Around

by Sharon L. Goodis

Want to ride with us?

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I have been riding a bicycle seriously for over ten years. I define "seriously" as riding most every weekend and riding beyond my neighborhood. A vacation often includes my bicycle! I thoroughly enjoy my time on my bicycle and with my cycling friends. Recently, however, after all these years, I decided to take a different approach to cycling and go back to school! I opted for some very basic classes to start.

I learned the rules for cyclists as defined by the DMV. Cyclists are entitled to share the road with motor vehicles and have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles. I learned where to position myself on the road to make sure I correctly and safely negotiate intersections. I also learned how to stop abruptly if necessary and how to avoid obstructions on the road quickly and safely.

I do know basic bicycle maintenance but practicing the techniques was beneficial. Learning how to shift correctly and smoothly improves cycling and enhances the cycling experience. A review of bicycle etiquette makes for a friendly cyclist!

In the class there were students who had never ridden a bicycle. There were people who were anxious about cycling on our roads. It is understandable. After several classes, students were able to confront and overcome their fears and new cyclists were born and ready to integrate bicycling into their lifestyle. Knowledge and practice builds confidence.

I enjoyed the class and have registered for an advanced class as there is always more to learn.

There are currently bicycle classes being offered throughout San Diego by certified instructors. For additional information contact the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition. HYPERLINK "<http://www.sdbc.org/>" <http://www.sdbc.org/>.

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HALLOWEEN &

Spreckels Elementary Fall Fundraiser 4th Annual Spreckels Spooky Sprint Jog-A-Thon

by Jamie Apodaca

On Friday, October 18th, Spreckels Elementary PTA will host its 4th Annual Jog-A-Thon fundraiser. Would you or someone you know be interested in sponsoring the event? Your tax-deductible donation contributes to enhanced educational opportunities for Spreckels' students. Sponsors at various support levels will have their company logo on the Jog-A-Thon t-shirts, company banner on Spreckels' fence facing Governor Drive and recognition in the school newsletter. Please contact us for more information.

***Jamie Apodaca, jamielya@yahoo.com Marie Lemkul mlemkul@hotmail.com
See you on the track! Friday, October 18th!***



Notes from the Wild Notes

by Katie Dunahoo

The Wild Notes are a group of UC women and friends who support the Classics4Kids program. We advocate for the wonderful program and may also help by attending fun, educational events by serving as docents. The mission of ClassicAs4Kids is to keep music alive in schools where budgets for music and arts programs have been pared down or completely eliminated.

This season's first Classics4Kids concert, "Carnival of the Animals," featuring the Classics Philharmonic Orchestra, The Malashock Dance Company and narration by Dr. "Zoolittle", will be held at the Balboa Theatre. School concerts are Thursday and Friday, November 14 & 15 at 9:30 and 11:30 am. The family concert is Sunday, November 17th at 2:00 pm. For additional information or to purchase tickets for the family concert, call (619) 231-2311.

The Classics4Kids docents, a vital component of the school concerts, are dedicated volunteers. Six are from UC- Jacque Bernstein, Joann and Roy Corder, Joyce and Dario Iaquelli and Mimi Lee. Prior to visiting classrooms, docents are trained to prepare students for the concert. Training for the "Carnival of the Animals" will be Friday, Oct. 25th at 9:30 am at the Scripps Miramar Branch Library. New docents are needed and most welcome. For information about the Docent Program or Wild Notes, contact Mimi Lee at (858) 405-1689. Please join us!

OTHER EVENTS

Standley Park & Recreation Center Fall Programs

by Mike Anthony

Registration for all fall classes has already begun. To register for classes, all participants MUST bring either a check or exact cash as the recreation center does not carry change or accept any card payments. Registration also must be done during registration hours posted below. (We do not prorate classes).

Registration Hours:

Monday 3:00–6:00 pm

Wednesday 11:00 am–6:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 2:00–7:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday NO REGISTRATON

This Fall

Aikido

Aikido is a non-competitive martial art focusing on the development of a calm mind, relaxed body and strong spirit. Classes are 12 weeks long. You will pick your day based on your skill level in the class.

SPRC Fitness

This class is a cardio, conditioning and weight lifting class made for those 14 year old and up to seniors! Class meets on Mondays from 4:45–5:45 pm. Please bring a towel.

Gymnastics

We would like to highlight our fantastic gymnastic program. Every child is a Superstar. Developmental benefits include coordination, flexibility, balance, strength and power. Enthusiastic and experienced staff will provide an 8:1 student to teacher ratio. Please see fall 2013 program for schedule on what age group comes to the center for gymnastics. All classes are on Wednesdays.

Events

Halloween Carnival

We have two big upcoming events at the Standley Recreation Center for kids and adults. In October, we have our annual Halloween Carnival. The event is on Friday, October 25th, from 5:00–7:30 pm. There will be a costume contest, carnival games and more (coloring contest, arts and crafts and a fun jump). Please see fall 2013 program for costume contest schedule. Costumes should be child appropriate. There will be prizes for the winners.

Dinner with Santa (NEW EVENT)

Instead of having our Breakfast with Santa this year, we are going to change things up and do Dinner with Santa instead. Enjoy a hearty dinner, entertainment and a chance to talk with Santa himself. Tickets for the event cost \$6.00 for kids and \$5.00 for adults. Tickets go on sale November 29th. For safety purposes, strollers are not allowed in the room.

CURIE ELEMENTARY CRAFT FAIR & SNOW DAY

by Karen Calderon & Lisa Gillespie

Join your neighbors on Saturday, November 2nd, at Marie Curie Elementary School for our 36th Annual Craft Fair and Snow Day from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Craft Fair features over 100 vendors specializing in handmade, original wares. The event is expanding to include a Snow Day that will have sledding hills, snow ball tosses and a free play area. The Craft Fair event features a bake sale, food vendors, entertainment, tile painting and a Holiday Wreath silent auction. Attendance is free, and wrist bands will be sold for the snow play area.

"The Craft Fair is an institution in the UC community with broad reach. We have vendors who travel from other states to participate and attendees travel from near and far. To my knowledge, it is one of the oldest and largest of its kind in San Diego," states Patricia Freund, President of Marie Curie PTA. "The addition of a snow play area will give children a unique experience, and for many, it will be their first time in snow."

Marie Curie's Craft Fair is one of the most enjoyable events in UC with thousands of attendees each year. Student's parents, staff and families work all year to plan a fun, safe event for all. Come visit your friends and neighbors, buy locally, have a blast and get a little holiday shopping done. You won't be disappointed in the Craft Fair at our beloved Curie Elementary School celebrating its Golden Anniversary this year!





by Sherri Lightner

San Diego Takes Closer Look at Plastic Bag Reduction

In mid-September the San Diego City Council's Rules & Economic Development Committee began taking a closer look at crafting a citywide ordinance to reduce the use and disposal of plastic bags. The main concern is environmental, with plastic bag litter a major problem in our canyons, wetlands, streets, ocean and landfill.

According to a report presented by the City's Environmental Services Department, 500 million single-use plastic bags are distributed annually in San Diego. Only about 3 percent of those are recycled with the bulk ending up in the trash or polluting our neighborhoods. In addition to the environmental impacts, the City spends at least \$160,000 each year in landfill clean up costs, not to mention those for removing plastic bags from our parks, streets, beaches and storm drain systems.

Many plastic bag reduction ordinances and bans are already in place across the country and around the state, including 80 in California counties and cities (including Solana Beach).

San Diego needs to step up and take a leadership role in limiting plastic bag usage and eliminating the pollution associated with it. As we can see from other cities, the environmental benefits and cost-savings are real and can be done without burdening our businesses or most vulnerable residents.

As this vital discussion continues at City Hall in the months ahead, please feel free to contact my office with any questions or feedback on this issue.



by John Lee Evans

New Superintendent & Cluster Committees Work Together Under Vision 2020

Our new Superintendent of Public Education, Cindy Marten, has been charged with developing quality schools in every neighborhood of San Diego. Cluster committees have been formed to promote the schools within their communities and to keep the district informed of each community's unique needs. This effort for quality schools in every neighborhood is described in the Board of Education's long term plan, Vision 2020, adopted in 2009.

The Class of 2020 was in first grade when I first joined the board. These students are now entering middle school as we progress towards a world-class school system by the year 2020. We are already seeing many of the results of our efforts. We will be setting even higher standards for the Class of 2020. We will place a stronger emphasis on creative and critical thinking with the Common Core curriculum being developed across the nation to improve the U.S.'s ability to compete in the global economy.

Vision 2020 describes the work of clusters to improve community cohesion as follows:

- Clusters will consist of a high school and the middle and elementary schools that feed into it.
- Clusters will ensure that there is continuity for the neighborhood students in the K-12 program.
- Cluster councils will promote the schools in their communities.
- Cluster councils will work with schools, community and district staff to improve the quality of their neighborhood schools.
- Cluster councils will be a democratic representation of the school community including teachers, administrators, support staff, students, parents and community members.

As you can see, everyone in the community has a stake in our public schools. UC's EdUCate! Foundation blazed the trail for community-wide participation in all UC schools. With our neighbor, UCSD, and with strong public schools in UC, we can truly promote University City as a great place to live and learn.

Watch for information on a city-wide celebration on Vision 2020 Day, October 29th. The next UC Cluster Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 28th, at 4:30 pm in the UC High School Media Center. Everyone in the community is welcome.

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by Scott Peters

Federal Student Loan Interest Rates

Since I took office, After a lack of action by House leadership allowed the rates to double to 6.8% on July 1st, I joined my colleagues later in July to pass a bipartisan compromise (H.R. 1911) that lowered the federal student loan interest rates back to more reasonable levels.

However, our work is not done. The cost of higher education has skyrocketed over the past decade. Congress must now address college affordability. We must find a way to reduce the rising costs of tuition at public universities so that college remains accessible to every kid that qualifies and is committed to investing in their own future.

I've heard from countless working-class families and students who are concerned about access to college. Families should be able to plan for and send their children to college without being saddled with life-long debt. If America is to remain competitive in the global economy, the private and public sectors must find ways to fix this very critical problem.

I myself am a product of student aid. My father put four of us through college on a minister's salary because we worked hard and were able to take advantage of low-cost loans and federal work study programs. America invested in me, and I want future generations to have the same opportunity.

My staff is always available to assist you at my district office. Please visit us at 4350 Executive Dr., #105 or call us at 858-455-5550.

PLEASE REMEMBER that although the deadline is the 15th of the preceding month, this is not a guarantee your article will be included if submitted on or near the deadline.

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Thank you. The Editor

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UCUC ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
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Fall is here so let's celebrate and have fellowship together! New this year will be a chili and soup cook-off and a spooky forest setting outside- as well as games, crafts, and festival favorites like pumpkin carving and the costume parade!



5:11 GATHERING - OCTOBER 26TH

"HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD NEWS?"

The news we read daily is filled with the problems of the world. We can't ignore that- but we can also see the good that each day brings. Jesus shared the Good News with everyone, so can we!



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National Night Out

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National Night Out on Erlanger and Ferber Streets in UC. Neighborhood Watch Captain, Terry Brandes and UC Community Relations Officer, Larry Hesselgesser, are shown.



More than 40 area residents from the La Jolla del Rey/Town Park Villas community enjoyed meeting each other and their Northern District officers during National Night Out. Organized by Diane Ahern, NW Captain.



Rich Quinonez, a Neighborhood Watch Captain, hosted National Night Out on Ducommun Avenue and Buisson Street. It was a great turnout (35-40 guests). The guests were very impressed to see Community Relations Officer Larry Hesselgesser, his captain and his two fellow officers.



Neighborhood Watch "National Night Out" block party with neighbors gathering from Wellesly Place and Wellesly Avenue. Hosts: Jan and Jim Hawkins Organizers: Murray and Loraine Schacher



Neighbors and community officers on Radcliffe Drive out for National Night Out. The Tuschen's hosted 18 on their driveway. They were visited by Officer Steve Villalobos, pictured here, and later by Officer Omar Sinclair.



Encore Garden Party!

UC GARDEN CLUB

Encore Garden Party!

All UC neighbors are Welcome to the Final

2013 UC Garden Club Event, October 5th

3423 Stadium Street 5:00-7:00 pm.

Fun in the Garden!

by Tanya Howe Aeria

Please stop by and see Karen's garden, meet a new friend and have refreshments while enjoying this homeowner's lovely garden. Karen has an exceptional design eye, and her love of plants and garden art shows in this purple themed yard. Please join us for this final garden tour of 2013.

We are still looking for 2014 gardens in UC to show off. Please call 619-884-2658, and I'll get back to you in October to start the organizing for an event. We also are looking for garden artists, landscapers and other knowledgeable folks in the area of anything garden-ish who would like to present at one of our monthly garden events in 2014. Call me or email UCGardenClub@gmail.com if you are interested.

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