



The Crack of the Bat, a Rite of Spring

by Sandy Lippe

"Baseball is a habit. The slowly rising crescendo of each game, the rhythm of the long season-these are the esssentials and they are remarkably unchanged over nearly a century and a half. Of how many institutions can that be said?" (George Will)

UC Little League and UC Del Sol softball are alive and well in our little community. Daylight savings will make for late dinners as kids of all ages pound their gloves and scramble after baseballs and softballs, while their parents will remember their own childhood love of the game. Take a walk around

Standley any weeknight and listen to the buzz of excitement and "good job" coming from the mouths of volunteer coaches who toss their ties or their heels and put on their baseball or softball caps to head out of work a little early to help our children make magic memories.

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Local Hit-and-Run Victim Speaks Out

See story page 9.

O Spring Break March 31st-April 4th

O April Fools' Day
Tuesday, the 1st

O UCPG Meeding Tuesday, the 8th 6:00 pm, Forum Hall/UTC

> O UCCA Meeting Wednesday, the 9th 6:00 to 8:00 pm, UC Library

O Passover Begins at Sundown Monday, the 14th

> OUC Celebration Wednesday, the 16th 6:30 pm, Standley Park

> > O Good Friday Friday, the 18th

O Easter Sunday Sunday, the 20th

Earth Day
 Tuesday, the 22nd

Standley Recreation Center

Thursday, the 24th 7:00 pm, Standley Rec Center



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Message from the President

Barry Bernstein



pring is officially here and University City children are back in school after their one week spring break. April, hopefully, will bring showers to our drought conditions and provide relief for our flower/vegetable gardeners. The UCCA sponsored Garden Club, under new leadership, will be announcing some upcoming events. Please check our newsletter for details. Also, don't forget April 22nd is Earth Day! Think about water conservation and recycling strategies to preserve our planet's health for future generations.

Recently, UCCA, along with some UC residents, relayed a concern to the city regarding scheduled nighttime water pipeline replacement work. We were hoping to modify the work plan to include partial daytime work along Regents, (Pennant south to 52). It does appear we have influenced the project's daily work plans to include daytime work where traffic patterns allow. Thanks to all who helped. We hope the late evening/early morning work will not be too intrusive. Nearby residents will receive notification from the city water department of their scheduled work.

Little League baseball and Girls softball leagues are in full-swing nowadays. The spring Easter Egg Hunt at Standley Park will be bigger and better than ever. April is the month for kids looking for those special colorful eggs the Easter Bunny hid and the time for other children to find the hidden matzoh (afikomen) at the Passover seder

Our congratulations and best wishes to Greg Zinser and the UCCF Board (Improve UC) as the foundation continues to move forward on the proposed Standley Park Stage project. UCCA is proud to be a major supporter of Improve UC's efforts. Capt. Jerry Hara, the new San Diego Northern Division Police commander, was introduced at our March UCCA meeting (see photo, page 4). At our meeting Amber Ter-Vrugt, of Scripps Health Services, presented Standley Park Recreation Council with a major donation towards supporting the upcoming 2014 Summer Concerts (see photo next page). In other business, the UCCA board approved the financial support of UCHS "Grad Nite."

On May 14th, UCCA will hold a general meeting for all UC residents. Please plan to join us. Our speakers will be presenting important news related to the proposed huge expansion plans of UTC and the Genesee Avenue MidCoast Trolley line. These two projects will have great impact upon our community, and you should know about them.

UCCA meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm, at our library on Governor Drive. Please feel welcome to attend and find out what's happening in south University City. Join me and our other volunteers in making University City "more than just a neighborhood." JOIN UCCA! Help us move that thermometer up! Have a wonderful Easter/Passover. Thank you and best wishes.

Barry

Check from Scripps Healthcare for Summer Concerts

by Sandy Lippe

Ms. Ter-Vrugt presents a check for \$3500 to help sponsor the summer concerts at Standley Park. Left to right: Andy Freeburn, summer concert chair; Amber Ter-Vrugt, Scripps Healthcare Community Relations; John Schindel, Standley Rec Council Chair.



Let's Keep UC Litter-Free

by Vince Reardon

Litter is everywhere. Climb Mount Everest, and you will be greeted at the summit by mounds of trash left behind by previous mountaineers. Hike through Death Valley, California, one of the lowest elevations in the world at 282 feet below sea level, and you will find litter left behind by thoughtless hikers.

Research indicates that 55% of litter, mostly convenience packing and products, is deliberate. The remaining 45% is accidental. Moreover, 97% of litter comes from four sources: pedestrians (42%), vehicle occupants (20%), uncovered loads on trucks (21%), and open vehicle beds (14%).

What can we do to keep litter from tarnishing University City?

- Organize a monthly litter brigade with friends, neighbors or church
- Educate your kids that litter hurts the environment, especially marine life.
- If you see litter on the street or beach, pick it up and dispose of it. Don't ignore it.
- Cover open loads on trucks.
- Bring your own bag to the grocery store, which reduces plastic in landfills, roadways and the ocean.

One thing is certain: litter is an all-pervasive reality in our lives. It's not going away unless we decide to do something about it. As Polar explorer Robert Swan said, "The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." Likewise, the greatest threat to UC is thinking someone else will fix its problems. Let's keep UC litter-free!

Join Vince and his monthly litter-pickup brigade. Contact him at vincereardon@yahoo.com.

In Like a Lion, March!

photo and article by Sandy Lippe



A residence on Stadium Place lost a big palm tree during the "in-like-a-lion" March 1st wind and rain storm. This same family promptly removed the tree that fell over onto Governor. Tulane locals are also keeping the pickle weed cut back on Governor. UCCA salutes you for helping out!

Save the Date for A Look Into the Future of **University City**

Want to know how the Mid-Coast Trolley will affect Genesee Ave and University City? What other transportation solutions are in the works? How Westfield will transform the UTC mall with its major expansion? And whether there is any truth to the rumor that both stores and residential towers are planned?

Then you won't want to miss this UCCA sponsored look at two upcoming projects which will affect our community in the very near future and for years to come. You'll have a chance to view detailed maps and an opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

Update your calendar now: Wednesday, May 14th, 6:00-8:00 pm, San Diego Library on Governor Dr.

More Than a Neighborhood, It's a Community!

by Diane Ahern



What do Pat Callen on Fisk Avenue and Terry Brandes on Erlanger Street have in common? Besides being residents of University City, both of them are building community through Neighborhood Watch.

"I have the time and desire to contribute in a positive way," said Pat. One of the aspects of volunteering that she enjoys the most is "the appreciation shown by neighbors who are helping one another," she added.

Terry has long felt that Neighborhood Watch groups were "good for maintaining a level of security. When I read in the newsletter that Street Captains were needed, I heeded the call and responded," he said.

While Neighborhood Watch groups exist to prevent crime, Pat is amazed at the "variety of needs that have arisen," she said. She is glad to get to know her neighbors and "assist them in making their neighborhood living experiences more positive," she added.

Terry is surprised that some crime victims are reluctant to report crimes. Sometimes, "it's a bit difficult to get people involved," he said. But, "it doesn't take much effort to share some tips with neighbors, or introduce yourself and ask a few questions to get to know people better," he added.

Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, reports that UC has one of the most active crime prevention groups in the SD Police Department Northern Division with over 68 Street Captains and hundreds of resident participants. "I thank and applaud every one of them for volunteering and forging strong community relationships."

To start a Neighborhood Watch group for your street or business, contact Barbara Gellman at bggellman@yahoo.com or 858-452-2326.

Building Safer Communities

Two of the online tools that Neighborhood Watch captains use are http://www.crimemapping.com/ (a portal dedicated to helping law enforcement agencies provide the public with valuable information about crime activity by neighborhood) and http://www.nextdoor.com (the social network where neighbors share information about areas of common interest).



Northern Division Captain Jerry Hara

by Sandy Lippe

Newly appointed Police Captain Jerry Hara speaks at a recent UCCA meeting.

Looking for a Sign

by Diane Ahern

Every time you walk or drive by one of our University City Neighborhood Watch signs, take a moment to think about what it says: We report all suspicious activities to our Police Department. For a crime in progress, call the emergency 911 number; for non-emergencies or to report a crime after the fact, call police non-emergency 1-619-531-2000.

Don't see a sign on your street? Please contact Barbara Gellman as soon as possible bggellman@yahoo.com or 858-452-2326 to find out how to start a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood and how you can have a Neighborhood Watch sign posted on your street.

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the house.
Lights on timers inside
the house make it appear
that someone is home.
Keep your side gate
LOCKED
at all times.

Keep shrubbery low around windows & doors to eliminate hiding places.
Call police for any suspicious activity.
911 for crimes in progress and 619-531-2000 for non-emergency.

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The newsletter can fill-up early.

Please submit as soon as possible. Thank you. The Editor

Community Involvement in UC

by Jack Crittenden

University City was recently ranked as the third best neighborhood in San Diego County for families by OurCitySd.com. What makes it so unique is a combination of low crime, high quality schools and amenities, current residents say.

"The founding mothers and fathers got the high school built, Standley Park, the library," said Barbara Gellman, a UC resident since 1989. "It was grass-roots people getting things done."

Ernie Lippe, was president of UCRC when the clubhouse was built in the 1970's. UCRC raised funds from members and supporters; no city money was involved. However, although the clubhouse belonged to city, UCRC has run the courts. "It is a privates-public partnership," Ernie said. "If we had not taken care of it, courts would look horrible."

University City also got its pool built due to community activity. Community involvement has been a key part of the neighborhood's success and livability.

Today the University City Community Association focuses on beautification—such as installing street banners, improving medians and maintaining landscaping. It also hosts a series of events designed to give it the feel of a New England or Midwestern town. These include bike parades, concerts in the park, a tree lighting ceremony in December and patriotic holidays.

"This used to be described as a 'Leave It to Beaver' neighborhood," Barbara said. "But it is still a place where people want to come and raise their kids. It is a great spot location-wise, with all the schools, the parks, Rose Canyon for trails and the shopping (at UTC)."

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Wheeling Around

by Sharon L. Goodis

Want to ride with us? www.knickerbikers.com or info@cyclequestsd.com



Cycling the Historic 101

Now that the weather has warmed up, cyclists move from warmer inland riding to coastal rides and ahhh, who am I kidding, we ride the coast all year long! Every day of the week cyclists ride Highway 101. The 101 was built by Junípero Serra as a wagon road to connect his string of missions up the California coastline in the late 1700s. For nearly two centuries, this road, later officially known as U.S. Highway 101, was the principal north-south route in California.

With the construction of Interstate 5 in the 1960s, luckily most of Highway 101 was bypassed and now we can enjoy much of the 935-mile historic route of Highway 101. The most northern part of 101 in San Diego is in Oceanside.

On a recent glorious day, we started our ride in Old Town. We headed north out of Old Town towards Mission Bay. Scooting around Mission Bay, we then rode along the well travelled Rose Creek Bike Path which led us to Santa Fe Street (which actually used to be part of U.S. 101). Between the rail road tracks and Interstate 5, we cycled north along Rose Canyon bike path to La Jolla Colony. A left turn onto Gilman Drive (also originally part of 101) took us into the UCSD campus and out onto North Torrey Pines Road. Down the hill and there was the ocean! From there I'm happy to cycle north as far as I can. And we did!

I have a few favorite (actually a lot of favorite) lunch spots, but on this particular day, one of my favorite restaurants actually ran out of bread! (I enjoy sandwiches.) One of the cyclists was so very hungry, so we sniffed out a deli hidden in a little plaza. I asked what was in the veggie sandwich and was told twelve slices of cheese! I convinced the chef to reduce the cheese down to three slices and add lots of veggies. I now have a new lunch spot to add to my list!

We turned our bikes around, headed south, with the wind at our backs, and made our way back down 101. I know I'll be back somewhere along 101 soon again...very possibly next weekend!

University City Community Shredding Event

by Katie Dunahoo

Just is time to shred some old tax files! Coldwell Banker is sponsoring the annual "Shred-fest", by renting a huge super-fast shredding truck, on Saturday, April 26th, 9:00–11:00 am at the Standley Park parking lot on Governor Drive. You don't even have to remove staples and paperclips. This event is free to the community but please bring no more than three boxes. See you there!

Contact number: 858-775-1239

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The UCCA Board apologizes to the family of Ed Cox and to

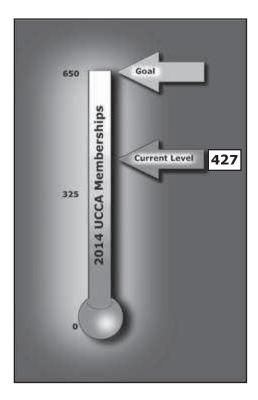
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Keep the YOU in UCCA!

by Valerie O'Neill

What does the UCCA do with your membership dollars? In addition to the newsletter, we use the funds we collect to support many community activities that make UC a great place to live.

For our schools, we provide funds for sports programs, scholarships, and special events such as jog-a-thons.

For the community, we provide funds for community beautification, the Neighborhood Watch program, the summer concert series, the Octoberfest celebration to benefit EdUCate, the UC Garden Club and the Improve UC Foundation.

We can only continue to support these and other programs if you and your neighbors support the UCCA. We are still far from our membership goal for 2014. We need your help!

Won't you take a moment now to sign in to our secure website www.universitycitynews.org and follow the simple steps to become a new member or renew your membership? You can also use the membership form in this newsletter if you prefer.

Together we can keep University City more than just a neighborhood!

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Community Stage Update

by Greg Zinser

Many thanks to those who continue to express interest in our progress on the community stage project. This project has received unanimous conceptual approval at every level. We are now preparing construction drawings to be reviewed by the City pursuant to issuance of our construction permit and for purposes of obtaining proposals from qualified construction companies. Once the permit is obtained, and a construction company is chosen, we will begin the work of obtaining donated materials, services and funding from those businesses and individuals who would like to be a part of this project that will be a focal point of our community for many years to come.

On behalf of our Improve UC Board, I want to recognize and thank Philip Cudaback, a local architect, who is donating professional services to make this project possible. We also want to thank the local, regional and city-wide Parks & Recreation Department staff, all of whom have been extremely helpful and a pleasure to work with.

IMPROVE UC Welcomes new Board member

The Improve UC Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Wil Burfitt as our newest member. Wil is Director of Philanthropy for the Scripps Research Institute. He brings many years of experience in capital campaigns, planned giving, major gifts and special events. He is a member of the San Diego Planned Giving Partnership and the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Wil is also a resident of University City. We appreciate Wil's involvement in our efforts and look forward to working with him in the coming years to secure funding for projects that will improve our community.

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GLOBAL JAZZ/NEW AGE FLUTE AND SAX CONCERT:

Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind's passionate energy and dazzling musicianship creates an inspiring and unforgettable entertainment experience. Adrienne has performed in many parts of the world, including opening for Spyro Gyra, Joe Cocker, Al DiMeola, Fourplay, Steppenwolf, Najee and Boz Scaggs, to name a few. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH, AT 6:30 PM

MYSTERY MOVIES:

English Detective Christopher Foyle solves crimes on the home front while he reluctantly sits out on World War II. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH, AT 2:00 PM

POPULAR MOVIES FOR ADULTS:

This month's selection is a romantic comedy about a family traveling to Paris for business. The party includes a young engaged couple forced to confront the illusion that a life different from their own is better. THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH, AT 1:00 PM

SAN DIEGO'S DEAD-RECENT FINDS FROM THE SAN **DIEGO GRAVESTONE PROJECT:**

Oasis presents Seth Mallios, Professor and Chair of anthropology at SDSU, who will talk about local graveyards' hauntingly beautiful monuments offering an unrivaled historic glimpse of the essence of our diverse community.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH, FROM 2:00-3:30 PM

UC BOOK CLUB:

The Orphan Master's Son-A Novel by Adam Johnson. The son of an influential father who runs an orphan work camp, Pak Jun Do rises to prominence using instinctive talents and eventually becomes a professional kidnapper and romantic rival to Kim Jong II. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD, FROM 2:00-3:00 PM

ZUMBA GOLD:

Calling all baby boomers! An exhilarating workout with easy-to-follow moves to Latin music. MONDAYS & THURSDAYS AT 12:00 PM FRIDAYS AT 9:45 AM

SPECIAL NEEDS ZUMBA:

Lisbeth Garces leads a safe, fun workout created for persons with special needs. MONDAYS AT 1:00 AM

ADULT YOGA:

Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own yoga mat or towel. TUESDAYS AT 4:30 PM

ASIAN BRUSH PAINTING:

Sumi-e is an Asian art form in which paintings from nature are depicted in black ink on white paper. CLASS WILL NOT MEET APRIL 1ST. TUESDAYS FROM 12:30-3:30 PM

ACCORDION CLUB:

New members are always welcome! 2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS APRIL 12th AND 26th FROM 9:30-11:30 AM

ITTY BITTY WILD SAN DIEGO:

The Living Coast Discovery Center Formerly known as the Chula Vista Nature Center, brings a collection of live native animals for children to learn about. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH, AT 1:30 PM

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Love on a Leash bring their trained, gentle assistance dogs to listen to children practice their reading. THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH, AT 4:00 PM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:

Stories, crafts, finger plays and songs with April and Gerri THURSDAYS AT 10:30 AM

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

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LESS WATER MORE BEAUTY WITH THE WATER **CONSERVATION GARDEN:**

The Water Conservation Garden's education director, Pam Meisner, shares great tips and insights on watersaving ideas for your garden landscape. TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH, AT 6:30 PM

COOKING WITH VERA!: Vera returns with an all demo class showing you how to prepare for Cinco de Mayo! TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH, AT 6:00 PM

JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE: Get job coaching, resume and interview help! Please call ahead to make an appointment. MONDAYS, FROM 2:00-5:00 PM

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 1-6. 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 & 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1:00 PM

Standley Recreation Center

What's Coming? Spring Egg Hunt **Free Event** Standley Community Park Saturday, April 19th 10:00 am - 12:00 noon Egg hunts begin promptly at 10:00 am All ages up to 12 years

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.

The Carrie Misleh Story

submitted by Diane Ahern

Note: On the morning of December 27, 2013, a hit-and-run accident occurred at Ducommun Ave. near Stresemann St. and the far west end of Governor Dr. Two women were injured. What follows is a first-person account from one of the victims, Carrie Misleh, written while she was watching the Oscars telecast in March.

As I sit watching the Oscars (on March 2nd), I'm awe struck at how far these actors and actresses are from my reality—or how far I am from theirs. I didn't expect to write this down, but in all honesty, I should remember how far away my reality today is from where it was on December 27th.

That day, I was run over by a truck, while on my morning walk, the path I walked every day for five years. My best friend was with me. The truck ran us over from behind, reversed and went on its way. I called 911, propping myself up on the sidewalk struggling to breathe, my friend screaming for help in the background.

She suffered head lacerations, road rash along her backside, and a herniated disc in her neck. She spent three days in the hospital and is still in physical therapy. Me—a partially ruptured spleen, two partially collapsed lungs, several fractured and broken ribs, and a fractured pelvis. I spent 13 days in the hospital, which I'm told were terribly difficult. After some time, a spleen repair, three lung tubes and a blood transfusion, I was released to Encinitas in-patient rehab for six days. I am still in physical therapy, but at home. I'm expected to make a full recovery in six months, maybe a year, they told me.

Today, only ten weeks later, I can walk, I'm exercising and doing the things I've always done. My friend and I attribute our short recovery times to determination, stubbornness and love from our friends and family.

And though millions of people are celebrating the Oscar winners tonight, we are celebrating how far we've come from our reality on December 27th.

Post Script: Carrie expects to return to work in April. We wish her well and thank her for sharing her story.



Carrie Misleh

At this point there are no new developments in the case. I have been out of the office and/or occupied by more recent cases in the past few weeks. My Sergeant and Officer Lewak have been assisting in conducting any follow-ups that have come up recently. Officer Lewak has been in contact with one of the victim's families in the past couple of weeks. There is some pending lab work being conducted in the case, but I do not expect that this will shed any real light on the case until we have a suspect vehicle in custody for comparison purposes.

Detective Chris Velovich, SDPD

26th University City July 4th Celebration Event Will Happen on Friday, July 4th, 2014

By George Odero

As a result of positive response to my plea for volunteers for UC July 4th Celebration, the 26th Celebration event is back on track. I would like to thank those community members who have answered the call and stepped forward to volunteer.

Although the committee received a sounding boost from the new volunteers, our need for volunteers still exists. I would encourage more community members to step up and join our Celebration committee. There is plenty of room for more volunteers (before and during the event).

We also encourage new ideas for the Celebration. Join us at our monthly meetings to share. Vendor booth spaces are also available. Contact Terry at: T17Jones@roadrunner.com, or Valerie at: Voneill95@yahoo.com.

Our monthly meeting will be on April 16th, at Standley Recreation Center from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Thanks to UC community for the continued support.

UCHS Music Department

by Sharon Joe-Hom

The UCHS Music Department, under the direction of Mr. Brandon Corenman, is hosting their Second Annual SCSBOA (Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association) music festival. The judged music festival will occur on Saturday, April 12th, in the UCHS auditorium from 9:00 am to approximately 6:00 pm. Come and watch San Diego high schools including UCHS and Standley Middle School perform. The event is free for spectators. For more information, please visit our website at http://www.uchsmusic.com under the festival tab for the current schedule or contact Sharon Joe-Hom at homscouts@gmail.com.

Food Truck Wednesdays: A Great Way to Support UG Public Schools & Mingle with Friends

by Diane Ahern

Visit the EdUCate! Food Trucks every Wednesday from 5:00–7:00 pm at the Spreckels Elementary School parking lot on Governor Drive. Enjoy a great dinner, knowing that 10% of the proceeds go directly to EdUCate!, a nonprofit foundation established in 1993 with the goal of providing supplemental funds to all five University City public schools.

Check the website https://www.uc-educate.org/ for any last minute changes.

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Little Miss Shortcakes

The Scene: The Many Different R's

by Jemma Samala

Spring is here. Earth Day is coming up and you tend to think about the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. I consider myself a conservative. I like to conserve our resources. No matter your political affiliation, if any, it's always a good thing to conserve, both environmentally and fiscally. It's also good for our community.

We've all been preached to about reducing what we use. By reusing items purchased at our neighborhood garage sales and recycling (fill up those blue containers) we do just that. I would like to add a few other R's to the discussion (and I am bad about using bottled water rather than filling up a reusable water bottle).

A few years ago, my friend and UC resident, Tama Varano, wrote an article for me about this subject and she added restore. She noted that "Restoring the environment to what it was means removing what has been added or replacing what has been lost. Restoring a habitat reduces erosion, provides food, shade and shelter for wildlife." Varano also suggested to "plant more trees either in our yards or as a community or city project." Not only will planting native species reduce the amount of water you use for your gardens, but I personally think it makes our neighborhoods more interesting to look at. I don't know about you, but when I walk around the neighborhood and see blooming cactus plants, to me, that's natural beauty.

Another R I've read about lately is refuse. Basically, don't use resources if you don't need to. When you go to the grocery and are buying one item that you can easily carry out, just say no to the plastic or paper bag in the first place. More importantly, if you don't need it, don't buy it. And there's repair. Mend clothing or repaint chairs. The vintage look is in anyway.

I'm throwing in another R that has nothing to do with the environment, but a little bit with spring. My R for the season is reenergize! I had the pleasure recently to meet with some women who helped start many of the groups and events that have become UC traditions. A few of the women included Mary Kay Hewitt, Mary Cary, Debbie Horowitz and Patricia Freund (via Skype). There were others, but I spent most of my time talking with these women, and they were a hoot. I had a blast listening to their stories about the first EdUCate! Taste of the Triangle event and why EdUCate! was founded. To me, their continued enthusiasm and support were reenergizing.

I talk about volunteering in the community all the time (and I'm not stopping now), yet, I have to admit, it gets tiring when you feel like you're the only one raising your hand. (One day I will wear a shirt that says "NO"). We volunteer because if no one does it, who will? So when I was starting to feel overwhelmed, it was a boost to meet these women. They continue to have so much energy and support for EdUCate!'s mission and were so happy to see the foundation carrying on. How could you not feel reenergized to go forward?

Whether it be EdUCate!, Centurion Foundation, Grad Nite, UCCA, and now the new Improve UC group, there was passion in the formation of those groups and the reason why they were formed. As a community, let's reinvigorate ourselves and make sure to keep those passions alive. There are many other ways to reenergize too-your garden, your health, your relationships and your neighborhood. We're all in this together folks. A strong community atmosphere can only increase our quality of life.

Enjoy the spring season! Reduce, reuse, recycle, restore, refuse, repair, reenergizing! If you would like to send me info for the UC Scene, contact: jemmasamala@gmail.com.

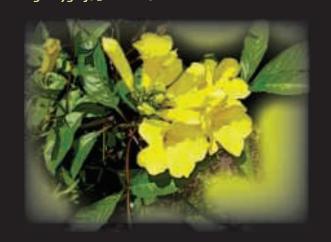
Circle Saturday, April 12th, to Honor Outgoing Garden Club President

by Ginger Steketee

Tanya Aeria served two years as the driving force behind the garden club activities. UCCA accepted with regret Tanya's resignation. Ginger Steketee has offered to help lead and host the April 12th meet-up at 10:00 am at her home, 3710 Notre Dame Avenue. A vote of yea or nay on Ginger's leadership role will be taken and submitted to UCCA board.

Members and guests are encouraged to bring their favorite plant or cut of flower to compete for "Best Specimen." Label each entry with your name and specimen name, please. We will all vote for 1st place.

Please RSVP to the April 12th, Saturday, meeting at designsbyginjo@san.rr.com.



Congratulations!

by Sharon Bodrug

Congratulations to the Notts Forest Girls U11 Soccer Team on being Finalists at the State Cup Governors Division. Eighty-six teams from throughout Southern California competed. The Notts Forest team earned their way to the final match in San Bernardino on February 16 after winning eight straight games over three weekends. This caps a tremendous season for these girls who won all fourteen games during the regular season, capturing the Presidio League Championship. They are led by Coach Eric Carlson and Assistant Coach Stephanie Carlson. The team includes the following University City residents: Sidney Gillum, Hannah Griswold, Lexie Jackson, Riley Reinhardt, Sophia Sanders, Katie Scott and Serena Scott.



Pictured: Front row (from left): Lucana Hirschfield, Sophia McGrath, Hannah Griswold, Riley Reinhardt, Catalina Cruz, Sophia Sanders; Second row (from left): Sidney Gillum, Katie Scott, Lexie Jackson, Milla Beckwith, Serena Scott, Rachel Rhodes, Emma Desany, Gabriella Bruce, Chrysanthe Frangos; Coaches: Stephanie Carlson & Eric Carlson

The Crack of the Bat, a Rite of Spring

Steve Calvao, president of Little League and a guy who grew up playing UC Little League, shared some photos of Opening Day, Blake Abri threw out the first pitch. Hyugo Horton sang "The National Anthem," and three USD baseball players helped with that high-5 tunnel the kids love to run through. No charge to watch these games, so head out to Standley and enjoy the fun.

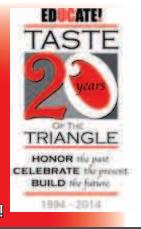


TASTE!

Attention All Supporters of Public Education

by Anne St Louis

Tickets Now on Sale!
The 20th Anniversary of EdUCate!'s Taste of the Triangle,
Friday, May 2nd, 2014
UCSD Faculty Club, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla CA 92093
6:00 pm VIP Reception, 7:00 pm Main Event
www.uc-educate.org. All Proceeds Go To University City Public Schools!



EdUCate! is a non-profit foundation run entirely by volunteers that generates supplemental funds for our five University City public schools. We are unique in San Diego because we focus on ALL public schools in the local cluster rather than on just ONE school. Twenty years ago, EdUCate! founders had the vision to create an annual fundraiser with a party-like atmosphere. Friday, May 2nd, we celebrate the twentieth year of this annual fundraiser!

At Taste of the Triangle you can expect a wonderful array of food from over twenty restaurants, 100 silent auction baskets and over four hours of entertainment for \$75 per ticket (\$85 at the door). This event is 100% inclusive! Mingle with school principals, teachers, counselors, parents, current and former EdUCate! board members, local chefs and restaurateurs and other community members that together give us a neighborhood school cluster of which to be proud.

Taste of the Triangle raises supplemental funds for the following programs: EdUCate! Math Academy, Principal Grants and Teacher Grants. We invite you to join our master of ceremonies from 6:00-7:00 pm at the VIP reception to hear more about our programs and how your donation has a direct impact on our students. We also invite you to sponsor a teacher to attend Taste of the Triangle. See the EdUCate! website for a list of our fabulous restaurant sponsors and for more information on the event such as how to sponsor teachers and staff at UCHS, Standley, Doyle, Curie and Spreckels.

Thank you to our sponsors: Nancy Beck Century 21 Award, UC Specialist; Law Offices of Thomas F. Feerick; Steve & Terri Gray, Wells
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UC UNITED CHURCH (UCUC) WE'RE 50 YEARS OLD!

by Sally Buffington

Please come and celebrate with us! Our church, a congregation of the United Church of Christ, opened in 1964 and now we're in the midst of a year of celebration. Founded by Rev. Douglas Koehler, UCUC first met at Marcy School (now Mission Bay Montessori) on Soderblom St., then built its sanctuary and education building in 1967 at the corner of Stresemann and Governor. We have served the University City community through our UCUC preschool, blood drives, and ongoing links with CCSA food banks and the Interfaith Shelter Network. UCUC is an open and affirming church. Our communion table and every aspect of our fellowship and affairs are open and welcoming to all. We offer a service of Contemporary Worship on the fourth Saturday of each month at 5:11 pm.

You are invited to our special 50th anniversary celebration on May 4th, 2014, when Conference Minister Felix Villanueva will preach at the 10:30 am worship service. At 5:00 pm that afternoon, the UCUC choir, under the direction of Jeanne Stutzer, will present a grand celebration concert!

Please plan also to attend our Faith and Science Series, starting on April 2nd at 7:00 pm. Professor Jennifer Lineback and her colleague April Maskiewicz will speak on "Reconciling Faith and Biblical Evolution." On April 30th, Dr. Ron Evans of the Salk Institute will be our speaker. On May 21, Dr. Cameron Parker of the University of San Diego will talk. Keep looking for more community events coming this summer and fall!

3rd ANNUAL LARRY YANDEL JR. MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

by Dawn Yandel

APRIL 12th & 13th • STANDLEY PARK

Details:

Saturday, April 12th - 10U Girl's Fast Pitch Game
(UC Del Sol vs North Shore) 4:00 pm
Saturday, April 12th - Tournament games begin
from 6:00-10:00 pm
Sunday, April 13th - Tournament games
continue 10:00-6:00 pm
Sunday, April 13th, - MLB Pitch Hit and Run Event
10:00 am for boys and girls 7-14 years old

Each game will last approximately one hour. Tournament format will be based on the number of teams. Medals will be given to 1st and 2nd place teams. Home run trophies issued to the man and woman with the most homeruns over the course of the tournament.

A portion of the proceeds go to UCLL, UC Del Sol, La Jolla Pop Warner, Centurion Foundation and EdUCate.

Donations accepted. Please make checks payable to Larry Yandel Jr. Memorial Youth Sports Fund (tax deductible).

For additional details please contact Dawn Yandel at dawnyandel@aol.com or 619-884-8456.

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Wide Variety of Classes Still Available at One San Diego Summer School!

by Veronica Ballman

Due to state budget cuts, most schools have had continuously more and more restricted summer school programs, limiting options for parents, students, and counselors. The Charter School of San Diego is committed to filling this gap. The school's high school and middle school courses are all fully accredited and include UC a-g courses, as well as standard core curriculum. The CSSD Summer School program is personalized to fit any student need or summer travel schedule.

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Save the Date! UC Spirit Run Sunday, May 18th, at UCHS

Get ready for UC's newest annual community event! UCHS and the Centurion Foundation will be hosting a UC Spirit Run on Sunday, May 18th. The fun run will start at 9:00 am with a One-Mile for younger kids and their families. The 5k will immediately follow.

The UC Spirit Run will be an opportunity for the UC schools to participate and fundraise. The Centurion Foundation, in particular, is dedicated to raising funds to support the athletic programs at UCHS. Each athletic and extracurricular group will have the opportunity to supplement their current fundraising efforts.

Stay tuned for more info in next month's newsletter. You may also go to www.ucspiritrun.org for more details and to register.

Since this is a new event, volunteers and sponsors are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Jemma Samala at jemmasamala@gmail.com. Let's encourage fitness in our schools and our community.

Pick 5 to Make Every Day Earth Day

by Diane Ahern

Although Earth Day is celebrated once a year on April 22nd, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urges all to *Pick 5* actions to protect the environment every day. Pick 5 is an international environmental connection effort sponsored by the EPA and the U.S. Department of State. For more information, visit http://www.epa.gov/pick5/. Which of these action step ideas, courtesy of the EPA, will be part of your *Pick 5*?

- Water: Use only the water you need, and reuse when possible. Help keep water clean by using biodegradable and environmentally friendly cleaning products.
- Air: Take public transportation, carpool, plan your day to reduce trips and vehicle emissions. Use human powered modes of transportation whenever possible.
- Land: Plant native species in your gardens. Join a team in your community that removes non-native species. Use pesticides safely.
- Energy: Choose energy-saving appliances if they're available. Go renewable. Create your own power from wind, the sun, water, or biofuels.
- Waste: Properly dispose of trash and waste. When purchasing goods, opt for sustainable, recycled or reused resources. Choose items in less packaging.
- Advocacy: Organize a local event. Start a recycling competition at work. Organize a cleanup day and share the before and after photos. Talk to a friend about Pick 5. By choosing five or more of these ideas or coming up with your own, you are joining thousands of others who are doing the same. You can make every day Earth Day.

Preparing for Disaster: Earthquake

by Diane Ahern

According to California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), there's a good chance that after a major earthquake, traditional emergency response teams will be too busy to take care of you and your family. So, when preparing for an earthquake, plan on having enough supplies to get you and your family through at least the first 72 hours.

Additionally, you can help your family, home and neighborhood get ready for an earthquake by using these tips, adapted from those posted on the San Diego OES website.

- Decide where and when to reunite your family should you be apart when an earthquake happens.
- Choose a person outside the immediate area to contact if family members are separated.
- Know the policies of the school or daycare center your children attend. Make plans to have someone pick them up if you are unable to get to them.
- Conduct Earthquake: Duck, Cover & Hold drills every six months with your family.
- Know the safest place in each room because it will be difficult to move from one room to another during a quake.
- Establish all the possible ways to exit your house. Keep those areas clear.
- Include your caregiver and other household helpers in your plans.
- Keep an extra pair of eyeglasses and house and car keys on hand.
- Keep extra cash and change.
 If electricity is out, you will not be able to use an ATM.

For more help in preparing for earthquakes and other disasters, call San Diego Office of Emergency Services (858) 565-3490 or click www.co.sandiego.ca.us/oes/.

You may also join UCCA by going to our website at www.universitycitynews.org.



by Sherri Lightner San Diego Councilwoman

Food Trucks & More...

The City Council has been busy over the past month, and residents can expect several new laws after they receive approval from the California Coastal Commission.

On February 25th, the City Council adopted a zoning plan that will allow for less than three dozen medical marijuana dispensaries within the city. The plan allows no more than four such establishments in each council district.

Dispensaries will mostly be placed in industrial zones, and collectives will not be allowed to operate within 1,000 feet of public parks, churches, child care centers, playgrounds, residential care facilities, schools and other dispensaries. University City residents should know that there are no allowable zones within the community.

Regulations regarding food trucks were passed by the City Council on March 3rd. The trucks will be allowed to operate without a permit in industrial, commercial and high-density residential areas. The proposal generally prohibits them from low-density residential neighborhoods, parts of the restaurant-heavy Gaslamp Quarter and Little Italy, streets near the beach and roadways close to the city's three major universities unless they obtain special events permits.

Among other regulations:

- Trucks will not be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages, general merchandise or commercial services;
- No equipment aside from refuse containers will be allowed outside the trucks;
- Operators will be required to collect litter within a 25-foot radius of the truck before changing locations;
- No amplified music will be allowed; and
- Pedestrian and vehicular traffic should not be impaired.

University City residents should note that UC Educate food truck events will not be affected by this new law.

As always, please feel free to contact my office directly if you have any questions about these new laws or any other neighborhood issues.



by Scott Peters
Congressman Scott Peters, 52nd District

Services Available to Constituents

One of the most important jobs I have in Congress is providing the people of Poway, Coronado, and San Diego with a number of constituent services. An abbreviated list is below and, as always, feel free to contact either of my offices at 858-455-5550 (San Diego) or 202-225-0508 (DC) if you have any questions.

From my San Diego office we offer the following services: help with a federal agency if you are having trouble getting an issue resolved or a response; passport help in some emergency situations; assistance in determining immigration and visa status; and Military Academy nominations to our country's service academies. My San Diego office has secured over \$600,000 for veterans and their families as of March 2014.

From my Washington, D.C. office, we offer the following: coordination on tours of some of DC's sights including the Capitol Building, the White House, and the Library of Congress; having a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol Building; congressional commendations for numerous occasions; and Presidential greetings to commemorate certain events

In addition, both offices offer internships throughout the year, which provide local students with a chance to experience the legislative process and constituent casework services.

Right now, my office also has two opportunities for high-school students in the 52nd District: the Congressional Art Competition and the House App Contest. For more details, please see my website. As always, feel free to call or email and follow me at Facebook.com/congressmanscottpeters and twitter.com/repscottpeters.

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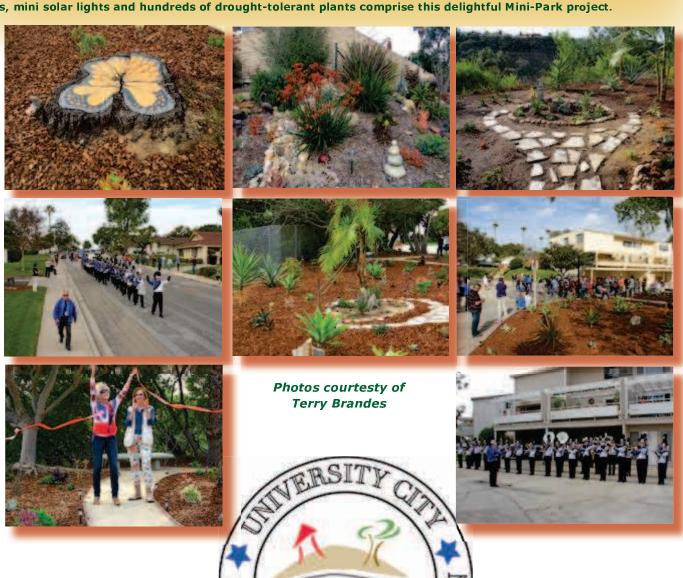
by Judy Morales

Pennant Village, a UC condominium community, is undertaking a continuing beautification and water-wise endeavor. In 2012, residents Kris Worley and Pia Weber formed the creative vision and plan to begin renovating, area by area, the 50-year old community landscape. Starting with succulent clippings, a clubhouse area became a nursery as a few hundred succulents and drought-tolerant plants were donated by friends of Pennant Village. The results to date are stunning, having been steered by Kris' and Pia's energy and inspiration, with very little funding and nearly all volunteer effort.

2012 projects included a Xeriscape planter in front of the playground adjacent to the clubhouse where succulents and cactus were planted among a few large boulders and 8,000 pounds of river rock. Next, the tennis court east slope renovation was completed along Erlanger Street. Ice plant and oleanders were cleared; two large rock streams were fashioned; succulents planted, and a wooden dedication sign, crafted by a resident, was installed.

In 2013, the south tennis court slope above the clubhouse parking lot was tackled. Donations from PV residents allowed the purchase of larger nursery plants, and along with many cuttings from previously completed projects, the slope was artfully planted.

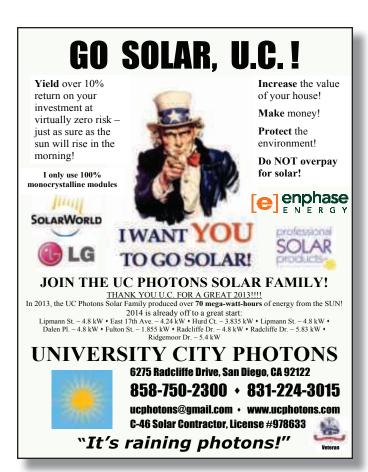
The latest venture was the renovation of the driveway planter strip behind the townhomes. Champagne, cider, and spectacular music by the Standley Middle School Marching Band contributed to the late February community ribbon-cutting celebration. A donated concrete bench, exquisitely painted tree stump, decomposed granite walk-way, herb garden, rock streams, mini solar lights and hundreds of drought-tolerant plants comprise this delightful Mini-Park project.

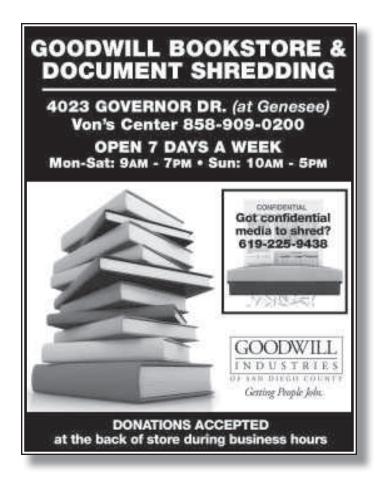


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4697 Robbins St.	5	3	\$725,000
6126 Wolfstar Ct.	4	3	\$740,000
3325 Eton Ave.	4	3	\$790,000
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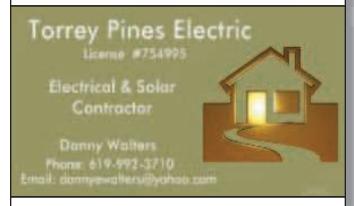
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