

University City

more than a neighborhood...

VOLUNTEERS

by Bonnie Hornbeck

September Calendar



Valerie O'Neill receives her volunteer plaque from Bonnie Hornbeck, volunteer chairperson.



Tuesday Night Alibi provided entertainment.

Each year the University City Community Association recognizes the hundreds of volunteers that give their time and effort to making our community a place where all feel a part of a large and vibrant neighborhood. The 2014 ceremony was held on Sunday, August 10th, at Standley Park during the concert intermission. This year, UCCA is recognizing the over one hundred people who deliver the UC Newsletter to over 5,000 homes in UC, the 70 individuals who are now Neighborhood Watch captains and our *super volunteers* who contribute so much of their time for neighborhood: safety, trash pickup, EdUCate, ImproveUC, July 4th Celebration, etc.

All volunteers were given a *Thank You* card and a \$5.00 Starbucks gift card. Our *super volunteers* also received a framed certificate for their efforts. The photos identify each group of volunteers. I know that I can speak for all of the UCCA Board when I say that we truly appreciate all that our volunteers do for the community.

Photos by James Floyd

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Labor Day

Monday, the 1st

Public Schools Open

Tuesday, the 2nd

UCPG Meeting

Tuesday, the 9th

6:00 pm

Forum Hall/UTC

UCCA Meeting

Wednesday, the 10th

6:00–8:00 pm

UC Library

First Day of Fall

Tuesday, the 23rd

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, the 24th

Standley Recreation

Council Meeting

Thursday, the 25th

7:00 pm

Standley Recreation Center



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The University City Community Newsletter is comprised of information sent to the editor. The association does not have reporters, photographers or staff. You are welcome to write and submit articles that pertain to the community and residents.

Guidelines:

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- **Name the file appropriately** so it can be identified.
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- Send to: **editorucca@gmail.com**
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- Email any questions.

**Deadline for the October 2014 Issue
of Newsletter Publication is September 15th**

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

Message from the President

Barry Bernstein



September is here. Summer is almost gone, but probably not the heat. We hope you and yours had the opportunity for some great adventures. For many, the opening of school this month means getting the kids ready for another year of learning and growing, and for you to be cognizant of children walking/riding on our streets on the way to and from school. We did our best to get the city traffic department work schedule for the additional Governor left-hand-turn lane onto Genesee done in the summer; but a couple of equipment problems may have put the project back a couple of weeks. Maybe by the time you read this, the turn lanes will have been completed. UC High School had a lot of work done on their parking lot including water/sewer line repair, as did Genesee, north of the high school.

On Sunday, August 10th, UCCA honored its many volunteers during the intermission of the concert at Standley Park. All of our newsletter delivery volunteers, (over 100), and our Neighborhood Watch captains, (over 70), will be receiving a \$5.00 gift card to Starbucks. UCCA also honored some very special individuals who, through their individual efforts and energies, make University City more than just a neighborhood. (see photos of the Volunteer Recognition event—front and back covers). Bonnie Hornbeck was chairperson of this event with great help from Barbara Henshaw and Darlene Ventimiglia.

Soon you'll be reading about our plans for our 2015 membership drive. Each month our newsletter will tell a little more about the planned 2015 UCCA membership benefits. As you recall, the theme will be "Buy Local", as UCCA and local businesses join together with special offers for UCCA members only. Our 2015 members will receive a membership card along with our *thank you* note. The membership drive will kick off in November.

EdUCate's Oktoberfest fundraising event is just around the corner. Chairperson Dawn Yandel has started the planning of this special community event (see page 7). UCCA will be providing some of the financial support for this activity; a very good place for your UCCA membership dues!

Hoping you and your families have a most wonderful Labor Day weekend. September 24th marks the Rosh Hashanah holiday for many of our UC families. Our best wishes to them and to ALL our University City families for a safe and enjoyable September month. UCCA's next meeting is Wednesday, September 10th, 6:00 pm, at our library. Please drop by and see what your UCCA board does to make south University City "more than just a neighborhood."

Barry

2015 UCCA/Business Cooperative

by Diane Ahern

Attention, business owners! The UCCA wants to support you and your business. You've already heard about it; now the UCCA is ready to roll it out. The Buy Local with UCCA program connects local businesses with UCCA members. Here's how it works.

- *The local business provides a discount or special offer to UCCA members;*
- *the UCCA promotes the business and offer on its website and newsletter;*
- *and the local business gets more customers more often.*

To get started, the UCCA is reaching out to business members this month to enroll them in the Buy Local program. The only 'cost' to participate is current UCCA membership.



Buy Local

If you are a business owner/operator, think about the unique services and/or products your business offers. Then select a special discount, a free consultation, a UCCA discount day, a give-away, or whatever you choose to promote your business.

Register your special offer with the UCCA and it will be listed on the UCCA website www.universitycitynews.org and promoted in the UCCA newsletter. Each business is limited to one offer at a time. Go to <http://www.universitycitynews.org/buy-local-with-ucca/> to register; or contact Diane Ahern at aherndiane@gmail.com for more promotion ideas.

Next month, we will tell UCCA members how soon they can take advantage of the Buy Local offers from local UCCA business members.

UCCA president Barry Bernstein met with Congressman Scott Peters on August 18th to discuss issues related to Miramar MCAS air traffic. Barry is hopeful that a dialogue will soon be opened with the supervisory FAA air controllers and the Marine command to discuss safety protocols of aircraft in and out of Miramar and late nighttime training.

The UC Scene

by Jemma Samala

The beginning of this school year will mark a milestone in my household. This school year, my older son will graduate from University City High School. Wow! I still remember when he first started pre-school at The Lighthouse on Governor Drive. Those first few days were hard as he cried when I left him, but we knew we had to tough it out. I would cry in my car, too. He just had a new baby brother, so he was already getting less attention at home. Now we were abandoning him at pre-school, too! I felt like a horrible parent.

Fast forward about 15 years later, and I can't even get a hug out of him! How things change. By the end of this school year, SAT tests will have been taken, college applications submitted and decided upon, prom attended and graduation ceremonies will have come and gone; these living on in tons of pictures and Facebook postings.

One thing that I am truly proud of in raising our sons was the decision to move to University City 15 years ago. UC will always provide fond memories for him, from those first pre-school friends to the many friends he has met along the way, the many Spreckels kindergarten buds who are still his friends in high school, to the many baseball pals from those early T-Ball teams and to his current UCHS teammates.

I hope he finds a place to raise his family in a community much like our own: one with diversity in culture and interests, long time friends and neighbors, traditions like summer concerts and Oktoberfest, safety in caring community, different opinions respected as in pro-trolley, anti-trolley. I especially hope he finds a community where its members are there to support the area with their time. I consider volunteering a luxury, and I am glad many in our community have that luxury. It's

what makes UC more than a neighborhood. It's one big extended, sometimes dysfunctional, family!

So, as we start the school year cycle once again, paperwork, fundraisers, activities, sports games, testing, know that it all plays into the memories being created. Memories are not just for our kids, but for parents and grandparents who have a big part in making those memories. These become our own. Going to school functions, cheering them on at their games, posting that report card on the refrigerator, framing their school artwork, videotaping school plays are all chapters in our kids book of memories, as well as ours. My personal book is becoming volumes as every year new people, new interests/issues come jump into my pages. And it's never too late to write your own UC chapters.



City of San Diego's New Neighborhood Parking Rules Permits will be Required Starting August 17th

submitted by Richard Quinonez & Barbara Gellman

The San Diego City Council adopted a new Neighborhood Parking Protection Ordinance that restricts overnight parking of "oversized vehicles, non-motorized vehicles and recreational vehicles." This ordinance is authorized by Sections 86.0138 through 86.0143 of the San Diego Municipal Code.

Oversized vehicles are defined as any vehicle, including any attached trailers, vehicles or loads thereon, that exceeds 27 feet in length AND 7 feet in height. Non-motorized vehicles include open and closed trailers with or without loads.

Recreational vehicle owners may obtain a permit allowing overnight parking. A permit is valid for one 24-hour period. Permit applicants may obtain up to three consecutive days (72 hours total) at one time. Applicants may purchase up to 72 days of permits per year. The permit is only valid on the same block as the resident's address.

Recreational Vehicles are defined as "any camp trailer, camper, trailer coach, or house car," in the Vehicle Code, or, "any boat, dune buggy, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or other motorized or towed vehicle designed, maintained or used primarily for recreational purposes." Individuals must offer proof of residency in advance of purchasing the permit. Permit applicants – once confirmed by City staff – may purchase up to three consecutive permits (72 hours). Applicants may purchase up to 72 days of permits per year.

The new ordinance includes an automated permit system. That system went "live" via the City Treasurer's website on July 8th (<http://www.sandiego.gov/parking/permits/torvp/index.shtml>). It allows permit applicants to provide appropriate proof of residency. Permits will become available for purchase on August 17th when the ordinance officially goes into effect.

City of San Diego

The City will adhere to a grace period for vehicles parked in violation of the ordinance between August 17 and August 31. All citations issued after the grace period will include a first notification with no associated fines. Subsequent violations will levy a \$100 fine to vehicle owners.

Permitted Vehicles

- Camp Trailer • Camper • Trailer Coach • House Car • Boat • Dune Buggy • All-Terrain Vehicle • Other motorized or towed vehicle designed, maintained, or used primarily for recreation purposes

Non-Permitted Vehicles

- Any Trailer or Trailer Bus, as Defined in Vehicle Code Sections 630 and 636 • Any vehicle, including any attached trailers, vehicles or loads thereon, that exceeds 27 feet in length and 7 feet in height



Barbara Gellman presenting Officer Hesselgesser with his award from UCCA in recognition of his support of UC and the Neighborhood Watch program.

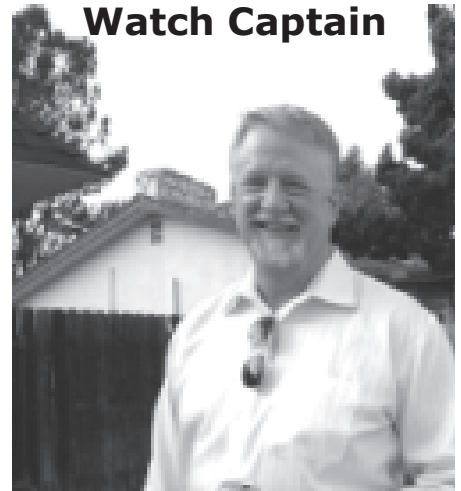
Neighborhood Watch has become one of the most effective means of fighting crime in our communities. We have formed a partnership with our Northern Division police and this teamwork has been the key to the success of Neighborhood Watch in University City.

The police staff of Northern Division, especially Officer Larry Hesselgesser and Lt. Misty Cedrun, have been one part of the team, under the current leadership of Capt. Jerry Hara and previously, Capt. Brian Ahearn.

You, the street captains, are the other. You voluntarily stepped up to fill the street captain position; I don't think I handcuffed any of you. Under your guidance, neighbors met each other, received helpful information on crime prevention and how to respond to various scenarios that helped to empower your neighbors and that assists law enforcement.

**Many thanks and hugs to all of you,
Barbara Gellman
(UC Coordinator)**

New Neighborhood Watch Captain



Ian Martin on Angell Avenue

FREE, INSTALLED SMOKE ALARMS

by Barbara Gellman

The Burn Institute continues to offer free smoke alarms to households with residents aged 65 or older. Call 858-541-2277, ext. 18, at the Burn Institute to speak with Brittany Herrin to set up an appointment.

SEPTEMBER GARDEN CLUB

by Marilyn Mehr

On July 19th, the UC Garden Club visited the garden of Marj and Tom McDonough. They hosted 35 guests in their canyon view garden. The garden enthusiasts strolled the grounds featuring a classic white

gazebo and a thriving eclectic succulent garden. Beyond the gnarly black pines, visitors took time to appreciate the textures of the elephant tree and felt the bushes. The meeting focused on introduction of guests sharing their childhood memories in the garden and forest.

Our September meet-up will be on Saturday, September 13th, at the home of Elaine and Don Shankles (3976 Calgary Avenue). It will be from 1:00-4:00 pm. The garden is a semi-tropical oasis featuring a waterfall, plumerias, several types of orchids and a hydroponics vertical strawberry patch. Come and join us.



Raya Way Landscaping

The drought is real. Some yards have been beautifully changed and don't need watering. Check out one example on Raya Way.



Local Boy Scouts Trek Through New Mexico Wilderness

by Ton van Daelen

A crew of seven teenage scouts and their leaders went on a life changing summer trek through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. During their trek, the Boy Scout crew from Troop 271 in UC hiked 85 miles over 12 days between June 22nd and July 4th.

The group of scouts and their advisors carried everything on their backs they need to survive. They participated in backcountry programs along the way, including rock climbing, logging, pole climbing and gold prospecting. The trek included a conservation project where the Scouts learned and participated in the upkeep of Philmont's ecosystem. On one part of the trip, the boys made use of a burro for carrying some of their gear and were responsible for saddling, feeding and leading the animal.

"They may meet only one other group of Scouts on the trail in an entire day of hiking," according to Backpacker Magazine. "Even in the most crowded destinations, each Scout group camps in isolation, out of sight and sound of all other groups."

Participants on top of Baldy Mountain. From left to right: Alex Taylor, Ton van Daelen (leader), Kees van Daelen, Josh Maggert, Michael Siironen, Josh McCown, Garrett Woodworth, Ash Clarence, Rob Clarence (leader)

Standley Middle School Student Chosen to Represent UC

by Diane Ahern

Lexi Peterson was recently crowned Miss Pre-Teen University City by Council Youth for Empowerment (CYE), a non-profit organization scholarship pageant system. In October, Lexi will compete in CYE's Miss California Scholarship Pageant in San Diego.

Lexi is a busy student at Standley Middle School. She maintains a 4.0 grade point average while playing softball with UC Del Sol and competitive soccer with Pacific Youth Soccer League (PYSO).



Miss Pre-Teen University City
Lexi Peterson
with her father Jeff and
brother Austin.

Swanson Pool

by David Fullen

The last day of our summer schedule will be Monday, September 1st. After that, we will switch back to our fall hours. Please contact the pool if you would like more information about our fall schedule (858-552-1653). Also, the Swanson Pool will be closed for our seasonal shutdown from January 12th, 2015 to April 19th, 2015.

As some of you may already know, we have had a rash of vandalism this summer. Most of the time this results in the pool having to be closed for 24 hours. If you use the park or the pool, we are asking for your help. If you ever notice anyone using the pool after hours please inform the police. Not only is it a huge inconvenience to close the pool, it is also very dangerous for the individuals using the pool. They can become trapped underneath the pool covers and drown. Also, if you have any information regarding who might be committing these senseless crimes, please notify the pool at 858-552-1653 or the police.



JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2014 UCCA MEMBERSHIPS

General Members

Ron Belanger – Big Black Boots
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Shalom Halevy
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Silver Membership

Gary Chun & Carrie Carter
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Warren & Greta Erwin
Mark Fulcher
Roger & Heather Shorack

Community Angel

Stephanie Webber & Harry Griswold

Gold Membership

Terri Day
Dennis Doyle
Scott Weathers

University City Community Association 2014 Membership Application

General Member \$20 ☐

Community Supporter \$40 ☐

Community Angel \$60 ☐

Silver Membership \$50 ☐

Gold Membership \$100 ☐

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Questions? Hallie Burch, Membership Chair, UCCAmembership@gmail.com

Which UCCA activities are you willing to help us with?

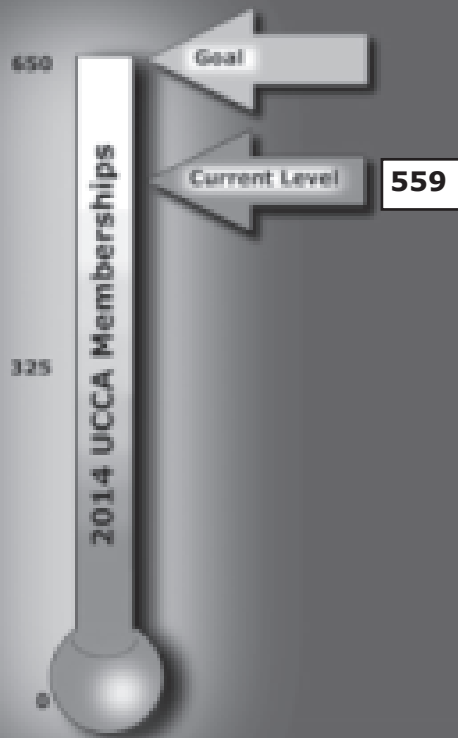
- ☐ UC 4th of July Celebration
☐ Newsletter Counting/Sorting or Delivery
☐ Beautification/Landscaping

- ☐ Neighborhood Watch
☐ Holiday Tree Lighting

Comments or Suggestions: _____

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Memberships



Summer Concert Series

by Terri Day



Relative Minors & Friends had a great turn out on Sunday, August 3rd, at the outdoor Summer Concert series on the lawn at Standley Park.



Save the Date for EdUCate!'s 6th Annual Oktoberfest

by Jemma Samala

San Diego has become a brewery mecca, so what better way to get some brew tastes from local breweries than at EdUCate!'s 6th Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 4th, from 2:00-6:00 pm, at Standley Park.

Guests can sample the tastes in the Oktoberfest Beer and Wine Garden from local breweries. There will also be entertainment from German bands and our local schools, plus lots of games to keep kids occupied. To keep in the Oktoberfest spirit, brats, hot dogs, pretzels and strudel will be available for purchase.

Home brewers can enter the Home Brew Contest (a BJCP sanctioned event). This year it will be a Category 18: Belgian Strong Ale. More info is available on the EdUCate! website.

Contributors to EdUCate!'s Dollar-A-Day (DAD) program, a \$180 or more donation, will get VIP status. This includes all-you-can-taste beer, wine or non-alcoholic beverages and two commemorative glasses. Make sure to donate on the EdUCate! website (www.uc-educate.org) or on the day of the event at the DAD tent.

Any student wearing their UC school spirit gear will get a FREE ticket for a game. Any UC school alumni, over 21, wearing their spirit gear, gets a FREE pour!

The Old Town Trolley will be running up and down Governor Drive during the event, so there is no need to worry about driving and parking!

Anyone interested in volunteering the day of the event, making a donation or sponsorship, and/or donating beer and/or wine to Oktoberfest by EdUCate, please contact Dawn Yandel at dawnnyandel@aol.com.

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CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, LABOR DAY

**The Office of California Assembly Speaker
Toni Atkins** will be on-location at the University
Community Branch Library for you to meet with
her staff and obtain information on state services
and events in your community. Please join us!
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th,
from 4:00-5:00 pm**

Dixieland Concert
Join us for "a hot time in UC tonight" with Dapper
Dixie, performing good old fashioned dixieland
music!
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, at 6:30 pm

Memoir Writing Class
Make your memoir sparkle! Your memories
are priceless! Find guidance, inspiration and
acceptance of the past in this new writing group.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 & 25, at 1:00 pm

Asian Brush Painting
Sumi-e is a 15th Century Asian art form in which
paintings from nature are depicted in black ink on
white paper.
**EVERY TUESDAY at 12:30-3:30 pm
(Begins September 9th)**

Oasis Ikebana Floral Design
Ikebana floral design evolved in Japan over seven
centuries. This class is a demonstration of how
these beautiful and thoughtful arrangements are
designed and created.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, at 2:00 pm

Zumba Gold
Calling all baby boomers! A fun workout with
easy-to-follow moves to Latin music.
(Suggested donation of \$2 per class)
**EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY, at 12:00 pm
FRIDAYS at 9:45 am**

Beginners and Special Needs Zumba!
Created for persons with special needs.
EVERY MONDAY at 1:00 pm

Mystery Movie
Following the murder of his wife by a notorious
gangster, a British Inspector is pondering
retirement. When he hears that the gangster will
be attending a funeral of another murder victim in
Northumberland, he delays his retirement to take
on this one last case.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, at 2:00 pm

Adult Yoga
Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve
concentration. Bring your own yoga mat or towel.
(Suggested donation of \$2 per class)
EVERY TUESDAY at 4:30 pm

UC Book Club
Monstress by Linsley Tenorio. This
heartrending, funny and utterly original collection
of stories, exploring the clash and meld of American
and Filipino cultures.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, at 2:00 pm

Accordion Club
New members are always welcome!
**SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13th & 27th,
from 9:30-11:30 am**

Preschool Storytime
Stories, crafts, finger plays, and songs with
Ms. Gerri.
EVERY THURSDAY at 10:30 am

Weekly Signing Storytime
Sign language fun for babies, toddlers and
preschoolers with Jennifer Duncan.
EVERY MONDAY from 3:00-3:30 pm

Paws To Read
Trainers from Love on a Leash bring their gentle
assistance dogs to encourage children to practice
their reading skills.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, at 4:00 pm

Literature Comes To Life
Children become storybook characters in Stacey
Wein's original fairy tales.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, at 1:30 pm

Go Gaming
Learn the ancient mind game of Go from the
president of the San Diego Chapter of the
American Go Association.
EVERY TUESDAY from 2:30-3:30 pm

Wii Gaming
Teens! Get your game on! Wii gaming with your
friends!
EVERY FRIDAY from 3:00-4:30 pm

Branch Hours
Monday, Thursday & Friday
9:30 am-5:30 pm
Tuesday and Wednesday
12:30-8:00 pm
Saturday
9:30 am-2:30 pm
SUNDAY CLOSED

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in alternate formats upon request.*

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Job Search Assistance
Mondays, 2:00 pm
Get help with job hunting. Appointments
available by calling the library.

ESL Conversation
Wednesdays, 5:00 pm
Improve English conversation skills in a small
group setting.

Gentle Yoga
Fridays, 10:00 am
Learn basic yoga techniques, perfect for
beginners, expectant mothers, seniors and
persons with disabilities. Please bring your own
mat.

Craft Time
Fridays, 1:00 pm
Let your creativity run wild with a fun craft
activity! Children under 8 welcome with an adult
or older sibling.

Young Artist Series
Saturdays, 1:00 pm
We offer a venue to showcase the talents of
local young musicians. Please call the library if
you are interested in performing.

Knitters' Circle
Thursday, September 4th & 18th, 1:00 pm
Yarn enthusiasts at all skill levels are welcome.

Family Yoga
Monday, September 8th & 22th, 10:30 am
Families enjoy healthy fun and bonding while
exploring yoga poses and breathing exercises.
Please bring your own mat.

STEAM 2 Academy
Tuesday, September 9th, 3:00 pm
Science-based educational activities geared to
students in grades K-3. This month's topic is The
Five Senses.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, September 10th, 5:30 pm
The Book Club will be discussing *The Ghost Map* by
Steven Johnson.

Cinema Café
Wednesday, September 17th, 6:00 pm
Enjoy refreshments while watching a thought-
provoking film. Please inquire with library staff for
further details.

LEGO Club
Saturday, September 20th, 9:30 am
Recommended for ages 5 - 13. No sign up needed.
Parent supervision required for younger children.

San Diego Philosophy Forum
Tuesday, September 23rd, 6:30 pm
This month's topic: Grossmont's Zoe Close on
"Art and Morality".

Storytimes:
Hebrew **Thursdays at 9:45 am**
English **Thursdays at 10:30 am**
French **Thursdays at 11:15 am**
Chinese **Saturday, September 6th & 20th,
at 11:00 am**
Family **Saturday, September 13th,
at 10:00 am**
Japanese **Saturday, September 27th,
at 11:15 am**
Sign Language **Thursday, September 11th,
at 12 noon**

**The newsletter
can fill-up early**

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

UC Boy Scout Earns Eagle Scout Rank

by Dawn Grob

Rayph Cosford, a junior at University City High School, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank awarded in The Boy Scouts of America. Only four percent of Boy Scouts earn this award.

Rayph began scouting in the first grade as a Tiger Cub in University City Pack 11. He earned the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouts. He joined Boy Scout Troop 506 in 2008 and Venturing Crew 506 in 2012, both chartered at the La Jolla United Methodist Church. Through scouting, Rayph has earned 34 merit badges, performed 350 hours of community service, backpacked 600 miles and camped 150 nights. In addition, Rayph earned the Backcountry Leadership Award, the John Muir Trail Award and the National Outdoor Awards for Camping and Adventure. His Eagle Scout project benefited the LJUMC Nursery School, where Rayph attended as a preschooler. The project involved the installation of a flagstone walkway and patio with a gazebo stand, a rope bridge and general garden area renovation.



Rayph Cosford

Bloodmobile at UCUC on Saturday, September 6th

by Ray the Bloodman

If you are healthy, at least 17 years old, and would like to help save someone's life anonymously, the San Diego Bloodmobile will be at the west end of Governor Drive on the morning of Saturday, September 6th, 2014, at the UCUC church parking lot, 2877 Governor Drive. It's totally free and takes about 45 minutes. There will be snacks afterwards.

You will need your driver's license. Once you're past the registration process, there is a poke on your forearm from which the blood is taken. This lasts about 15 minutes.

If you're feeling extra generous and you weigh at least 150 pounds, you're welcome to request to donate a "double." That's not two pints of blood, but the same one pint with double the red blood cells. If you have O negative, your blood is extra special. It can be used by anyone regardless of blood type. If you haven't given blood since July 12th (or given a "double" since May 17th) you can donate. You don't need to RSVP. If you email christieray@yahoo.com with your preferred time and phone number, you'll get a call on the morning of September 6th with a live update as to the best time to come. For info, call the San Diego Blood Bank at: 8004MYSDBB or go to www.mysdbb.org.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

by Barbara Gellman

A new, Little Free Library, has emerged at 3463 Wellesly Avenue in front of Heidi Hansen and Richard Watkin's home.

What is Little Free Library?

It's a "take a book, return a book" gathering place. It's a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book or two and bring back another book to share. In this case, the "box" was built by Chris Fisher, a general contractor. As you can see, it is very attractive and welcoming. It offers an assortment of interesting reading.

If you would like a Little Free Library on your street, go to littlefreelibrary.org for further information.

Serendipity to walk down a street and find a book stop as another reminder of a great neighborhood reaching out to others.



HELLO, NEIGHBORS!

by Sally Buffington

As part of our 50th anniversary celebration, University City United Church (UCUC) wants to thank our community, and say hello. Though we've been around all this time, some of you may still not know us. So let's get to know each other! On Saturday, September 13th, UCUC is hosting a neighborhood party from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Come on down to the west end of Governor Drive, at the corner of Stresemann Street, and have some fun! There'll be classic cars on display, food and lots of activities for the kids including face painting, games and chalk squares to color and decorate. You'll hear music. You can sing karaoke, too. Have fun with the hits of the 50s and 60s. Our church has grown up with University City, and we hope friends old and new will come on by and have a wonderful time! See you on September 13th at UCUC!

Find out more about us at www.ucuc.org.

by Jordynnn Burney

During the July 4th UC Celebration, Cadette Troop 3615 highlighted the problem of recycling one-pound propane bottles. As part of their Silver Award Project, the girls researched the problem and networked with community members to develop a plan to reduce this waste in our landfill. In San Diego, the only legal ways to dispose of used propane bottles is to prove them empty and put them in the garbage or to make an appointment with Miramar Landfill and dispose of them as hazardous waste. For most people, throwing propane bottles in the trash is most convenient. But lovers of the outdoors must realize the impact that has on the environment.

The troop proposed ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. For example, a simple attachment from the hardware store lets us use the five gallon refillable propane canisters instead of the disposable one pound bottles. If you must use a one pound bottle, have a system to know when it is empty. For example, rip or mark the label of partially used bottles, and completely remove the label of empty bottles. Another great option is to put a screwdriver into the tester valve (looks like a bicycle valve). If you hear a hissing sound there is still usable gas in the bottle.

The troop hopes this information will help reduce propane bottle waste. Please ask our government representatives to develop programs to properly recycle them. Also, spread the news to others! Think of the good you are doing. Reduce, reuse and recycle. It makes the earth smile.



Troop 3615

Reducing Waste from Propane Bottles

Fun for all at UC Celebration

by Valerie O'Neill

The spirit of the UC community was on display at the 26th Annual 4th of July Celebration in Standley Park. Under beautiful sunny skies, the day was filled with music, games, families and fun! There was something for everyone, starting with the 1 mile /5k fun run and pancake breakfast and finishing with an evening concert by Y3k. A great time was had by all!

There are so many folks to thank for making this wonderful UC tradition a success, but a special thanks goes to the UC Celebration Committee for tireless hours of work to plan and execute the celebration. Kudos to the volunteers who worked the day of the event, the UCCA as the main event sponsor, the businesses that donated items for the opportunity drawing, the vendors who rented the booth space, the Standley Middle School band and the Standley Recreation Council. It just would not have happened without these groups working together.

Want to help plan next year's event? The UC Celebration Committee will start meeting again soon to plan for 2015. Watch the UCCA website for further details.



Photos by James Floyd

National Night Out in UG



National Night Out at the Gellman's



L to R: Richard Qunonez, Lieutenant Tina Williams and Dave Hotaling at a National Night Out gathering at Ducommun Avenue/ Buisson Street



Gathering at Pia Mantovani-Sud's home



Captain Hara addresses UC residents at National Night Out gathering



National Night Out event, a block party and potluck, for residents of Haber Street and Passy Avenue held on the driveway of Pat Schneider



Neighbors of Radcliffe Drive meet on National Night Out at Claire and Rob Shaughnessy's home



by Barbara Gellman

The silence of Tuesday evening, August 5th, 2014, was broken by sirens blaring and lights flashing on the two police cruisers at our National Night Out events.

It was great meeting the newest members of Northern Division; Lt. Tina Williams, Lt. Scott Wahl and Lt. Adam Sharki along with Lt. Ernie Servin, Officer Larry Hesselgesser and the head honcho, Captain Jerry Hara. They all piled out of the cruisers to meet and greet the neighbors. What a sight to see!

According to my reports, the captains who participated were pleased to have another opportunity to connect with their neighbors for potluck or a barbecue. The food choices were awesome.

This is just one more way, as a community, we partner with law enforcement in an effort to prevent crimes. Keeping the lights on should be every night, not just one night out of the year. LEDs are the best ones to install.

A big *thank you* to our community neighborhood watch captains who participated with their neighbors and our valuable police of Northern Division.

It's Football Time at UC High School!

by Theresa Fox

The 2014 Centurion Football season is underway and is promising to be an exciting year with six home games under the lights on our impressive new turf field. Centurion Football Head Coach Charles James and his staff are coming back for a hard-hitting second season. Coach James came to UCHS from Morse High School, where as the Tiger JV coach, he had a 31-9 record and three league titles. Coach James believes this year's team has enormous momentum coming off a winning season last year. The Centurions finished the 2013 season winning their first playoff game in school history while sending two students to play Division I football: Kyle Leblanc, University of Nevada, Reno, and Quinn Skillin, Wagner College, New York City.

Coach James is encouraging the entire UC community to come out on Friday nights and cheer on the team. "The players are incredibly dedicated and putting in a lot of hard work. It motivates them when they see the stands full and know the community is behind them." Please see the schedule below and join your friends and neighbors cheering on the 2014 Centurion football team. UC U know!

UCHS 2014

Varsity Home Football Games

by Nancy Weiss

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Friday	September 12th	Kearny	6:30 pm
Friday	September 26th	San Diego	6:30 pm
Friday	October 3rd	Serra	6:30 pm
Friday	October 17th*	Bishop's	6:30 pm
Friday	October 31st	Christian	6:30 pm
Friday	November 7th	El Cajon Valley	6:30 pm

*October 17th is Homecoming. For more information go to <http://www.uchsfotball.org/>

UC HIGH SCHOOL

TO HONOR

NEW HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

by Jane Hargrove

The second induction of University City High School Hall of Fame members will take place on Friday, September 26th, 2014, at the school.

There will be a presentation/reception for friends and families that evening followed by an introduction to the student body and public at the football field prior to the 6:30 pm home football game.

• **LCDR Paul Brantuas '90**, a Navy pilot, served as a member of the Blue Angels, the Navy's Elite Flying team, from 2008-2009. He has received many air medals with distinguished *combat valor* with over 2500 flight hours and 400 carrier arrested landings.

• **Lisa Dodd '03**, a former UCLA standout softball pitcher, played international softball, and is currently the Head Softball Coach at University of Nevada Las Vegas while also serving as Assistant Coach to the USA Woman's National softball team.

• **CDR Joseph Ring '91**, a Naval officer, established Sailors Mentoring and Reaching Teens (SMART) in Hawaii, successfully negotiated a hostage release involving Somali pirates and received the highest personal decoration presented by Royal Australian Navy.

Criteria for consideration in the UCHS-HOF requires that a candidate graduated from UCHS for at least ten years, and professionally or as a volunteer, they must have achieved a high level of success on a national or international scale. The initial six members of the Hall of Fame were inducted in Fall of 2012. Any suggestions for future inductees may be sent to UCHS - HOF Committee, c/o University City High School.

All are invited to attend the introduction in the stadium at 6:30 pm.

UCHS Recycling Program

by Abby McGee

Did you know that University City High School does not recycle? While there may be blue recycling bins around campus; at the end of each day, the bins are mixed together and all waste is thrown into the regular trash. The reason for this is that San Diego Unified School District no longer funds recycling programs. The main issue at our school is that the janitorial staff is not paid to separate recyclables from non-recyclables. In fact, there is still recycling pick up from campus daily, but the recyclables need to be separated by somebody first. At UCHS, we are taking initiative to try to solve this problem by instituting our own recycling club.

The club will start with approximately 15 dedicated students who will bring the small bins of recycling from each classroom to larger, central bins daily to be recycled. The long-term goal of the club is to have 100% of recycled materials actually recycled and get all staff and students actively recycling within the first year. We will be taking cans and bottles to a recycling center to raise money to purchase more bins. Ideally, in the later years of this program, our school will begin to compost and hold used-cellphone drives to enable students and community members to properly dispose of waste.

We are looking for donations (funds or extra recycling bins) and volunteers. If you are interested or have any questions, feel free to email me at abbymcgee721@gmail.com.

Good Luck to the University City High School Class of 2014!

by Marie Byrd

The UC High School senior class of 2014 worked hard to earn their college acceptances.* Look where they're headed this fall. We're very proud of them!

American University, Washington DC
Asuza Pacific University
Boston College
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University -Idaho
Brown University
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
California Baptist University
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Chico
California State University, Long Beach
Colorado State University
Cuyamaca Community College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Erasmus University, Netherlands
Fresno State University
George Washington University
Grossmont College
Humboldt State University
KU Leuven-University of Leuven, Belgium
Lewis and Clark College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University, New Orleans
Mesa Community College
Miramar Community College
New York University
New York University-Abu Dhabi
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Princeton University

Ripon College, Wisconsin
San Diego City Community College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Southwestern Community College
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
United States Coast Guard Academy
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Denver
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Nevada
University of Portland
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of the Sciences, Philadelphia

*This is a partial listing reflecting college acceptances reported by our seniors.



by Scott Peters
Congressman, 52nd District

Plan for a Prosperous Future

San Diego is still recovering from one of the toughest recessions in America's history. That's why growing the economy and fostering an atmosphere for job creation must be the number one priority of Congress. It is mine.

I'm focused on areas where San Diego is already leading the way and can set an example for the rest of the country. We're fortunate that so many innovative companies and research institutions call San Diego home. Since taking office in January 2013, I've toured over 100 companies, research labs, and universities and have heard directly from business leaders and their employees about what Congress can do to grow the economy and create jobs. I've hosted roundtables and symposia with community leaders from BIOCOM, the San Diego EDC, CONNECT, UC San Diego, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and CleanTECH San Diego, to discuss how Washington can support San Diego's scientific and innovation economy. I've also brought leaders from Washington — including Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer and a representative of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce — to showcase how San Diego's collaborative culture among businesses, universities, and government can be a model for Washington.

We have seen what happens when we work together. On the federal level, last year, the whole San Diego delegation worked together to secure funding to finish phase 2 of the San Ysidro Port of Entry. Imagine what we could do if the two parties in the entire Congress started really working together. I will continue to be focused on bringing San Diego's collaborative, problem-solving attitude to Washington. With our work-force, natural surroundings, and military heritage, our region is primed for future growth. I hope you will read my full plan on growing San Diego's economy available at scottpeters.house.gov.



by John Lee Evans, Ph.D.
San Diego
Unified Board of Education Trustee

Bright Year Ahead for Students in UC Schools

Classes in San Diego Unified will begin on September 2nd. We are looking forward to continuing to improve the quality of our UC public schools this year.

At the end of Superintendent Cindy Marten's first year, we evaluated the accomplishments of the district under her leadership. The areas of strongest improvement were improving the core leadership team, professional development for principals and teachers and developing a budget that was truly student centered in its priorities.

State funding is gradually improving, but California is still behind the rest of the nation. Nevertheless, we were able to begin reducing K-3 class size, make small down payments on school libraries and arts funding and continue a strong program of graduation coaches.

While the Superintendent has set 20 focus areas for this year, the board has requested special emphasis on a few of them: Common Core implementation at all achievement levels, support for the Class of 2016 to meet the more rigorous requirements to make high school graduation meaningful, improve the district's internal and external communications, improve our connection with parents and improve our information technology.

Be sure to get involved with our UC schools as a parent or a community volunteer. UC Cluster meetings are the fourth Friday of every month at 4:30 pm, in the UC High Media Center.

The construction work at Standley Middle School on Governor Drive is an upgrade to the electrical system. We look forward to continued improvements to the facilities at UC schools through Propositions S and Z.

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by Sherri Lightner
San Diego Councilwoman

University City Updates

As many of you know, Improve UC is a not-for-profit organization which was formed last year for the purpose of facilitating community projects. They are currently working to construct a pavilion in Standley Park that will bring the community together for all types of events. For the past several months, members of Improve UC have attended various community meetings to brief neighbors about their plans for the community stage. Community support has been overwhelming and construction drawings have recently been completed.

As permit approval is expected shortly, Improve UC needs your involvement more than ever. I encourage everyone to find out more about this organization by visiting www.improveuc.org or by emailing them at info@improveuc.org.

Many of you may also have noticed construction work at the intersection of Genesee Avenue and Governor Drive. This work, when completed, will improve traffic and pedestrian safety in south University City.

These improvements include:

- *Reconstruction of the median on Governor Drive in order to provide dual westbound left turn lanes*
- *Removal of median mounted poles*
- *Cutting back of median noses that stick out into the crosswalks*
- *Installation and replacement of signal mast arms and poles*
- *Installation of a new traffic detection system*
- *Upgrades to traffic signal indicators*
- *Installation of new emergency vehicle pre-emption systems*
- *Installation of pedestrian countdown timers and new ADA pushbuttons*

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

The 33rd Annual Banana Split at Standley Park

by Sandy Lippe

Rain didn't dampen the spirits of those who love ice cream. Each person brought a banana and the volunteers served ice cream, syrups, sprinkles and whipped cream. It wasn't the normal 300 feet of tables, but between tables set up under the overhand in the back of the park and inside the kitchen area, it was pretty big. A good time was had by all. Charlene Kawabata chaired the traditional event. Jorgen and Karsten Heimburger donated the ice cream from their dairy.



Charlene Kawabata, event chair



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UCCA honored some very special people in our community. Each honoree was awarded a certificate of appreciation as well as a Starbucks gift card.



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