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University City



...more
than a

Community Association Newsletter

neighborhood

March 2010 Calendar

UCPG Meeting

Tuesday, March 9
6:00 p.m.
Forum Hall/UTC
Public invited

UCCA General Meeting

Thursday, March 11
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Standley Middle School
Media Center
Public encouraged to
attend
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Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 14

St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 17

4th of July

U.C. Celebration Planning Meeting

Wednesday, March 17
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Standley Park
Public invited

First Day of Spring

Vernal Equinox
March 20

Standley Rec Council Meeting

Thursday, March 25
7:00 p.m.
Standley Park
Public Invited

First Day of Passover

Tuesday, March 30

UCCA March General Meeting Needs YOU!

WHY?

To hear your input on the
deadly intersection.
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IT's Here!

The 2010 Membership
Envelope. Find it in the
Center of this Newsletter.
Please Join the UCCA this
Year. Each Member will
receive a Surprise to Display
their Community Pride.

4th Annual Shred-fest!

www.411SanDiegoHomes.com
invites you to shred away
at Standley Park,
April 23rd between 3-6 pm.
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Support EdUCATE!
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Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Come and join us for the
Annual St. Patrick's Dinner
Dance on Saturday, March
13th. A fantastic night of great
food and entertainment. Ranch
Catering will provide a corn
beef Irish
dinner,
music
provided
by the
Frank
O'Conner
Band
from San Francisco, and enjoy
a performance by the award
winning Irish Dancers, The
Malone Academy of Irish
Dance. You will also have a
chance to visit an authentic
Irish Pub.



While there, you can view
the 8 Irish Murals of Ireland:
8 feet by 15 feet created by
UC's Academy Award Winning
Artist Eileen McCann. All for
\$30pp. Doors open at 6:30,
dress Irish/American optional.

Our Mother of Confidence
Community Hall
3131 Governor Dr. 92122.

Call Syd and John Walsh
858 453 4817

New Website

Visit UCCA On-line at
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Neighborhood News . . .

U.C. lost a few trees during the January and February rains. Pine trees fell on Regents Road north of Governor. Marcy Park also lost a huge tree...A bobcat found his way out of Rose Canyon into the backyard of two surprised families on Angell Avenue...March 6th is opening day for Little League. Good luck to one and all...U.C. Library, like many other libraries, will face complete closure on Mondays beginning March 22nd, a sad day for San Diegans in the City. New leaders of Friends of the U.C. Library announce their officers for 2010 and want you to become a Friend, especially you young parents. Pick up a membership envelope at the library desk. Congratulations and thanks to President Helen Lebowitz,



Secretary Cheryl Ward, Treasurer Leila Wopschall and Membership Co-chairs Dee McKinley and Rosemarie Moran. Outgoing treasurer Bob Zimmerman served on the Friends board for 20 years and recently retired. Former head librarian Sheila Burnett has received a promotion to Supervising Librarian, Area III That leaves U.C. without a head librarian...Be at the March 19 and 20th book sale at the U.C. library on Governor... Spring forward on Sunday, March 14th, by setting your clock ahead one hour on the vernal equinox...Finally, please come to the UCCA general meeting on March 11th at 6 p.m. at Standley Middle School. The topic will deal with solutions to the busy intersection at Governor and Genesee.

Did You Know? . . .

Thursday, March 4th is the next street sweeping day in University City. The City provides the service every other month. Streets in our community are swept the first Thursday of the odd months of the year. (January, March, May, July, September, November)..... Budget cuts and fee increases are affecting many City services, including our Rec Center, but the Standley Park Rec Council was able to accommodate as many classes and programs at the rec center as possible by analyzing the schedule and adjusting operating hours. Rec Council members Cathie Lester and Allen Wampach provided an extensive analysis of the scheduling needs of all the programs, classes and activities. With hard work and determination,

the Rec Council volunteers and Center Director Sarah Anderson found a way to continue providing programs for all ages, from toddlers to seniors, despite difficult circumstances..... If you would like to know what fees the City has established for 2010 at the city's parks and rec centers, you will find a complete schedule online at www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/pdf/feeschedule.pdf SANDAG, the San Diego County Assn. of Governments, serves as a forum for regional planning issues. SANDAG is governed by a Board of Directors composed of mayors, council members and county supervisors from each of the 19 local governments. Learn more about SANDAG and upcoming projects at www.sandag.org. On the website, you can also sign up to receive SANDAG's monthly electronic newsletter, region, learn about their Public Outreach Program, check the meeting calendar and meeting minutes and keep up to date on local transportation projects....

*Submission
deadline
for the April 2010
newsletter is
March 20, 2010*

A Message from our new Webmaster

My name is Tanya Howe Aeria, your new webmaster for the University City Community Association. I have been working hard to design a website that will bring our little community closer together. It will be up the first of March and the new address is www.universitycitynews.org.

I have added a general phone number for the community: (858)-480-1822 a number for you to call for upcoming information in the community and a place to



leave a message. We are including some of the new social networking tools such as Facebook, Twitter, and Google Buzz, as well.

Our new general email address is univesitycitysd@gmail.com.

As for me, I was born and raised in UC. I left for college and lived in Orange County and in various parts of San Diego before returning to University City. Four years ago, my husband and I bought our home in University City. Since my return to our little neighborhood, I have run into so many former friends whom I went to Curie, Spreckels, Standley, and UC High with. The house we purchased used to belong to my high school class president. This truly is a small world. I consider myself lucky to be a part of this great and unique community.

I look forward to hearing from you, our community members, on how we can continue to improve communication in our community.

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To Advertise, contact: Terri Day
uccaADS@hotmail.com

UCCA March General Meeting Needs YOU!

On March 11th at 6 p.m. in the **Standley Middle School media center, UCCA** hopes to see you there. Why? Governor and Genesee, the deadly intersection, the site of a November 2009 fatal accident of a bicyclist, needs to hear your concerns and possible solutions so that no children on their way to school will become the next victims of a traffic fatality. No interest because you don't have small children? No excuse. "There's too much apathy around here, but who cares?" was a statement recently heard around U.C. Local residents should be concerned about the dangers to others maneuvering that busy intersection. This is an

opportunity to make a difference for the community you call home.

UCCA has gathered a panel of people who influence public policy: Councilwoman Sherri Lightner, Board of Education representative John Lee Evans, Policemen Alan Alvarez and Lt. Brian Blagg, City of San Diego traffic engineer Fred Goossens. They will address your concerns, your solutions. Do we need a different timing of lights? A pedestrian bridge? Crossing guards? What is your opinion? Please send your questions, concerns, solutions to EditorUCCA@aol.com and then mark the date, March 11th at 6 p.m. at the media center at Standley Middle School.

HELP!

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There are over 100 volunteers who deliver 5000 UCCA newsletters ten times a year. If you are interested in delivering the newsletter, just check the box "Newsletter Delivery" on the enclosed membership envelope or email me @ mkhewitt@san.rr.com.

The following routes need to be adopted:

- Odd side of Benhurst Avenue, Benhurst Court
 - Even side of Benhurst Avenue
 - Odd side of Cather Avenue
 - Lipmann from Robbins Street to Cather Avenue
 - Honors Drive from Pennant Way to Fried Avenue
 - North side of Governor Dr. from Regents to Stresemann
 - Lahitte Court
 - South side of Pavlov Avenue
 - North side of Pavlov Avenue
 - 5966 Cozzens to Governor, incl. Janan Way
 - Gullstrand
- ...and thanks, Mary Kay



NOTICE

During The University City Community Association website overhaul the e-mail links on the site were inadvertently discontinued. If this caused you any inconvenience we apologize.

To reach the newsletter editor please send your messages to EditorUCCA@aol.com.

Thank you for your understanding.



A Message from the UCCA President

March has arrived and so has the 2010 UCCA Kickoff Membership Drive. Old and new members are encouraged to return those membership envelopes provided for you in this edition. Barry Bernstein, our V.P., has designed a beautiful U.C. decal that can go on your car window or bumper. Our 2010 members will receive these decals as a thank you.

Besides giving financial support to your community association, **PLEASE** join us on **March 11th at 6 p.m. in the Standley Middle School Media Center** for our general meeting. Governor and Genesee intersection and its safety will be the topic. UCCA has lined up a panel including Councilwoman Lightner, Board of Education representative John Evans, police officers Alan Alvarez and Lt. Brian Blagg, and traffic engineer Fred Goossens. Bring your questions and your suggestions for making this busy intersection safe for our children, seniors, and general population.

San Diego City Council and Mayor Sanders have produced a budget that will directly impact all communities beginning July 1st for 18 months. Our library hours will be slashed to 36. Standley Park and Swanson Pool will take a direct hit. Our landscaped medians will not get the attention they need. U.C. residents will be asked to help out to keep our community clean and cared for. Looking ahead to May, make sure you participate in the community clean up. More information will be in the April newsletter.

Our UCCA newsletter editor, Kay Goodfellow, has improved the design and content of our monthly publication. Tanya Aeria, who grew up in U.C. and has returned to raise her own children here, is redesigning our website. Check it out at www.universitynews.org. Our advertising team has grown. We welcome Ginger Taylor and Suzanne Ohlfest who join Terri Day. If you are a local business owner, consider giving back to the community and increasing your business by advertising in the newsletter.

On a final note, Happy St. Patrick's Day to all the Irish folks and those who love to celebrate on March 17th. **I hope to see you on Thursday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Standley Middle School Media Center** for our general meeting. Please come up to say hello.

Barbara Henshaw, UCCA President 2010



4th of July UC Celebration: Help Wanted...No, NEEDED!

The 2010 UC Celebration Planning Committee wants to bring another great Independence Day Celebration to our community. Does our community want a 4th of July Celebration at Standley Park? If so, it's time to prove it!

The Planning Committee is comprised of about 20 community volunteers. We are committed to planning a great event, but we can't execute it alone!

Volunteers are needed are needed throughout the day. To make certain we have enough support, we need your commitment now to donate an hour of time at the UC Celebration. Contact me at cathyromanas@hotmail.com and let me know you're willing to pitch in.

Of course we also need MONEY to cover permits & fees, recreation center staff, entertainers, porta-potties, etc., etc., etc. If you are unable to volunteer at the event, would you consider sending a check to help defray our costs? Checks payable to "SPRC" and sent to Standley Park Recreation Council, 3585 Governor Dr, will be greatly appreciated!

Booth Applications are available! Don't be disappointed! Pay 2009 booth prices by reserving your space before April 1st! Contact Randy Wolman at rwolman@san.rr.com

We welcome you at our next planning meeting, which is 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Standley Rec Center.

I look forward to hearing from you! Cathy Romanas, UC Celebration Chair,
cathyromanas@hotmail.com





The University City Foundation for Public Schools is proud to announce

Taste of the Triangle 2010: A Night of Magic

Friday, April 23 at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines

VIP reception 6 – 7 P.M.

(for donors above \$250 annual giving level)

Main Event 7 – 11 P.M.

<http://www.uc-educate.org>

Come enjoy fare from these sponsor restaurants and more (20+ by Game Day!):

Barolo Ristorante Italiano

Barona Valley Ranch and Casino

Forbidden Yogurt

The French Gourmet

Kitchen 1540 at L'Auberge Del Mar

La Jolla Brewhouse

Leucadia Pizzeria

Lorna's Italian Kitchen

The Melting Pot

The Strip Club

Torreyana Grille at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines

Infusions of Tea

Enjoy special magic performances by Joel Ward Productions, our fabulous live and silent auctions (think bathroom remodel or fabulous getaway... or maybe just a nice pair of earrings), music by The Classic Jazz Trio, and dancing.

Childcare (with pizza) will be available at Standley Recreation Center: 6 – 11 P.M. for only \$20 per child (prepay option available when you buy your tickets online or via mail).

Tickets are \$75 in advance, or \$85 at the door, \$50 for school staff. Ask us about sponsoring your favorite teacher or staff member.

Questions? Call Event Chair Brook Feerick at 858-453-5482 or e-mail her at feebr@aol.com.

**North University Community Branch
Library 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego,
CA 92122 858-581-9637**

March Schedule of Events:

JUVENILE

Story Time: English Language: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. (new time!); Saturdays, 9:45 a.m.

French Story time: Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.

Kids Craft: Thursday, 3/4, 4:00 p.m. Make a St. Patrick's Day Craft, Ages 6-12.

Teen/Tween Book group: Wednesday, 3/24 at 6:30 p.m. March book selection: A Wrinkle in Time, by Madeleine L'Engle. Three teens go in search of a lost scientist, father of one of them, who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

ADULTS

AARP Tax Assistance:

Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 – 3:30 p.m. Call to sign up.



Seminar: San Diego's

Waterfront. Wednesday 3/3, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Join native San Diegan Jim Bregante for this historical journey depicting the rich history and romance of our beautiful waterfront. This PowerPoint presentation will feature historical and family archive pictures depicting Jim's family's start in the fishing industry, his experiences on the waterfront as a youth, and life in Little Italy. Call to sign up.

Computer Class: Word 2007: Creating Flyers and Brochures. Monday, 3/8, 6:30 p.m. Bring your laptop if you have one. Call to sign up.

Movie Time: Hotel Rwanda, Wednesday, 3/10, 7:30 p.m. 122 minutes. Amid the holocaust of tribal fighting in Rwanda that sees the butchering of thousands of men, women, and children, one ordinary man musters the courage to save these helpless refugees by sheltering them in the hotel that he manages.

Adult Craft: Make A Greeting Card: Wednesday, March 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library March Madness Bargain

Book Sale: Saturday, 3/20, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. \$3.50 buys a bag of books!

Thalia Murray Scholarship

BrUCE and Kevin Murray, sons of the late Thalia Murray, in partnership with EdUCate! set up an annual scholarship in her memory that has been awarded since 2005 to an eligible University City High School senior. Mrs. Murray taught in the San Diego Unified School District for 20 years, including 17 years at Marcy Elementary in UC. Thalia Murray received a scholarship that allowed her to start attending Radcliffe, now fully integrated with Harvard, which was a high-quality, 4-year college from where she graduated. This opportunity dramatically changed her life for the better. Our goal is for this scholarship to have a similar impact on a graduating senior from UC High.

Criteria: Senior student

- Acceptance to a 4-year college
- Minimum grade point average and citizenship of 3.0
- Financial need
- Application required including 2 short essays
- Certified UC High Transcript required
- Interview of finalists
- Committee comprised of donors and EdUCate! members will choose recipient
- Brief note after your first quarter or semester of college about how you are doing

<http://www.uc-educate.org/scholarships.asp> is the EdUCate! link from where you can download a 2010 application or you can pick one up at UC High. Please submit your completed Scholarship application by Monday, May 3, 2010 at 3PM to Ms. Michelle Coff, Counselor, UC High School, 6949 Genesee Ave., San Diego 92122.

Thalia Murray Scholarship Recipients:

2005 Deanna Hayley, UCSB 2009 graduate
2005 Brandy Burns, CSU Sacramento
2006 Raymond Flores, University of PA/ Wharton Business School, 2010 graduate
2007 Ksenia Dyachok, UCLA
2008 Leslie Grant, UCLA
2009 Liora Jaffe, UC Berkeley

LOCAL RESIDENT GIOVANNA BRUNETTO EARNS DEAN'S AWARD AT COLGATE UNIVERSITY

Giovanna Sophia Brunetto, daughter of Ms. Tracey Ann Brunetto and Mr. Salvatore Brunetto, is a recipient of the Deans Award for academic excellence during the Fall 2009 semester at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, where she is a member of class of 2012. To be eligible for the Deans Award, a Colgate student must achieve a 3.30 or higher average while carrying a full course load of four courses per semester.

A graduate of the Academy of Our Lady of Peace in 2008, Giovanna is concentrating in Molecular Biology as a Pre-Medical undergraduate at Colgate University. She is the Co-President of Colgate's Pre-Health Student Association, a leader of a community service group for the elderly called the Adopt-A-Grandparent Program, a certified Peer Counselor, an Admissions Office representative, a student-worker at Colgate's Case-Geyer library and a member of the Women's Club Basketball team.

Founded in 1819 Colgate University is a highly selective, residential, liberal arts undergraduate institution enrolling nearly 2,750 undergraduates, situated on a rolling 515-acre campus in central New York State.



"Is there a special educator who has helped your child be successful this year? Now is the time to show your appreciation! Say it by honoring him/her with a contribution in his/her name and help fund school projects at the same time! A tax-deductible donation to EdUCate! not only benefits educational programs at all five University City schools but publicly acknowledges the special educator of your choice with an announcement, a personalized letter and certificate of recognition, and a special memento signifying this honor."

UC High Alumnus Opens Baseball and Softball School

UC High Alumnus David Ring, Class of 1998, is still going to the plate for his home town. During his years playing with the UC Little League he developed a love of the game, learned baseball fundamentals, sportsmanship, confidence, and built many great friendships. David went on to become a four-year starting shortstop at UC High as well as playing on the University of Redlands Bull Dogs.



After working for many years as a baseball coach and batting instructor, sharing his knowledge and skills with kids all over San Diego county, he recently opened Canyonside Baseball and Softball Academy in the Miramar area at 8620 Production Ave Suite B. Canyonside provides cage time for adults and kids, individuals, and teams, hitting and pitching instruction and baseball and softball camps for kids of all ages. The facility reflects David's passion for baseball and offers a party room and spacious lounge for birthdays, team celebrations, as well as grown up get-togethers.

On March 29th David returns to his UC Little League roots. Canyonside Baseball and Softball Academy will be offering a Spring Break Baseball Clinic for kids 5 and up. The 4 day, afternoon clinic will also be a Fundraiser for UC Little League, and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to UCLL. For more information about the clinic call David at 858-271-8711.



Baseball Season is coming up fast... so come on by and take some wings. Canyonside is open Monday through Friday 12-9 pm, and on Sunday, by appointment only, (call David at 858-271-8711).

Thank you UCHS Partners-In-Education

We have formed partnerships with 7 San Diego County businesses/industries to promote community collaboration and improve student achievement by supporting teaching and learning in the classroom.



UCHS Partners-In-Education:

- San Diego Miramar College, Patricia Hsieh, College President. Students visit campus for welcome events, academic and cultural events, and an annual college night representative will speak on behalf of the community college system, offer priority registration to Miramar College for eligible students, provide information about college resources, provide guest speakers and participate in school activities.
- U.S. Army, San Diego Recruiting Company, Captain Ryan Burcham. Job shadowing and coaching opportunities will be provided, participation in the Armed Forces Career Opportunity Day, guest speakers on various careers, scholarship opportunities, and participate in school activities.
- The Department of Transportation (Caltrans District 11) Ava Sarkisian, Adopt a School Coordinator. Academic mentors will be provided; job shadows and the annual National Society of Professional Surveyors Trig-Star exam will be administered to interested students, and participate in school activities.
- Chase Bank, Andrea Harris, Financial Center Manager. Will conduct workforce relevant classroom presentations, guest speakers, and provide resource materials needed for career and employment opportunities, and participate in school activities.

We are thrilled to begin the following new partnerships and hope this is the beginning of an ongoing perpetual relationship. These partnerships will be formally recognized by the Board of Education in the spring.

- San Diego Adult Baseball League, Michael Micheli, President, SDABL. Partnership activities planned include: mentoring for baseball players, community internships, equipment donations and baseball skill clinics.
- Scripps Health, Joelle Cook, the Manager of Academic Programs. Students in Ellie Vandiver's Healthcare Essentials class will soon begin 14 internships at Scripps Health in multiple clinics; Dermatology, Family Practice, Radiology, Pediatrics, Integrative Medicine, Urgent Care, Cardiology, Health Information, and Orthopedic.
- VA Hospital, Artero, Nonnie-Lii, Volunteer Coordinator, 21 of Vandiver's students will also intern at the Sterilization, Radiology, Coumadin Outpatient Clinic, ER, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Community Living, Surgical Remote Telemetry, Spinal Cord Injury and Medical Support.

These programs focus on integrating core curriculum with industry classes, preparing students for the workforce and providing educational experiences with industry personnel through job shadowing, service-learning, field trips, guest speakers and providing informational hospital tours for students. **Thank you again for "investing in student success".** Businesses interested in becoming a University City High School Partner-in-Education please contact Terri Reeves at 858.457.3040 ext.169 or email treeves@sandi.net.

Is more than a ride—it's independence, community connection, mobility, and dignity for individuals 60 and older in the following areas: 92037, 92064, 92111, 92115, 92117, 92119, 92120, 92121, 92122, 92126, 92127, 92128, 92129, 92131, 91941, 91942. We provide individual rides to doctor appointments and many other destinations, as well as shuttles to shopping areas and taxi scrip at discounted prices. **On the Go Excursions** offers group transportation to diverse activities. Fees range from \$6 and up, depending on the destination and admittance fees. Meet buses at central locations; home pickups are available.

On the Go toll-free number: 1-877-63-GO-JFS (1-877-634-6537) Please call for additional information or to make a reservation.

You may charge your ticket to a credit card (\$1 additional service charge) or send a check.

**All times listed are approximate.*

I Do! I Do!* at the Welk Theater ♦ Sunday, March 7 ♦ Bus leaves at 11:45am
 ♦ Pay by February 17 ♦ Return at approximately 5:00pm* ♦ \$44

Dan Franklin Smith, Pianist, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido
 ♦ Monday, March 8 ♦ Bus leaves at 6:00pm* ♦ Pay by February 24 ♦ Return at approximately 10:00pm* ♦ \$21

The Sound of Music* at the JCC, La Jolla ♦ Sunday, March 14 ♦ Bus leaves at 12:00pm
 ♦ Pay by March 3 ♦ Return at approximately 4:00pm* ♦ \$17

All NEW Comedy Night* with refreshments and dessert at Temple Adat Shalom, Poway ♦ Saturday, March 20 ♦ Bus leaves at 7:00pm
 ♦ Pay by March 16 ♦ Return at approximately 10:00pm* ♦ \$30

Tribute to the Andrews Sisters and Bing Crosby* at the Carlsbad Community Church ♦ Sunday, March 21 ♦ Bus leaves at 12:45pm
 ♦ Pay by March 17 ♦ Return at approximately 5:00pm* ♦ \$18

Pirates of Penzance* at the Lyric Opera ♦ Wednesday, March 24 ♦ Bus leaves at 6:00pm
 ♦ Pay by March 17 ♦ Return at approximately 9:30pm* ♦ \$14

The Yiddische Mamas of North County Inland* at the NCI Older Adult Center, Poway ♦ Sunday, March 28 ♦ Bus leaves at 1:15pm
 ♦ Pay by March 23 ♦ Return at approximately 4:30pm* ♦ \$16 **All times listed are approximate.*

**UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY
 BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS**

The Friends of the University Community Library will have a **BOOK SALE** on Friday, March 19, 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm and Saturday March 20, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Thanks to our library and our community, we have lots of donated books and children's books and audio/video materials for sale. Funds raised by the Friends of the Library support our branch through purchase of books, audio/video materials and magazine subscriptions for children, teens and adults, purchase of equipment, and support for programs held at our branch library. The Friends welcome your donations of books, videos, and magazines to our library

There is a self-serve book/video/magazine sale available every day, and there is a silent auction of special books in the display case near the Community Room.

The Friends **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** is underway for 2010. You can pick up a membership envelope at the library front desk. Membership funds also help purchase materials, equipment and programs for our library. Current Friends members will receive a Newsletter and membership renewal envelope in the mail.

New city **LIBRARY HOURS** will take effect March 20th. The branch libraries will be closed on Mondays, open 12:30 pm to 8 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays, open 9:30 am to 5:30 pm Thursdays and Fridays, and open 9:30 am to 2:30 pm on Saturdays. The Central Library downtown will be open on Mondays and closed on Saturdays.

Our University Community Branch Library was the proud recipient of a **2009 WELLS FARGO FOUNDATION GIFT** of \$1000. Many thanks to Mr. Peter Sanfilippo, University Town Center Wells Fargo Bank Branch Manager and former University City resident, for nominating us for this award. The funds are dedicated to purchasing children's books for our branch.

March Madness arrives on March 20th at North University Community Branch Library. All the books you can stuff in a bag for \$3.50! Join the



madness from 9am to 2pm in the library's upper esplanade at 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego 92122. Sponsored by the friends of NU library. Check us out at www.friends.northuclibrary.org

EARLY LITERACY COMPUTERS FOR NU BRANCH LIBRARY

A door opened to a lifetime of learning for children on 19 January 2010 when the North University Community Branch Library (NU) inaugurated the use of 2 Early Literacy Computer Workstations. Just fifteen minutes after the library opened, the workstations were swamped with curious children.



Two workstations were purchased for the library with a community fund-raising drive, matching funds from the Friends of NU Library and matching funds from the City of San Diego. NU Branch Library is only the third branch library in the SDPL system to offer these Early Literacy Computer Workstations. The workstations are made by AWE (Advanced Workstations in Education) located in Chester, PA.

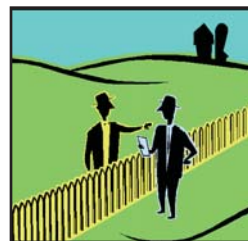
These workstations make it possible for children, age two through ten, to explore and learn using a variety of educational tools. Each station carries programs chosen for age appropriateness, educational value, ease of use, entertainment value, graphics and sound as well as discovery and growth. It couldn't be easier; the children simply move the cursor over an icon to HEAR and SEE what exciting programs can be found. Little or no adult intervention is required.



Branch Manager, Cyndy Shutler, said "These workstations not only encourage children to read and learn and can be used to develop foreign language skills. Children are already exposed to high tech gadgets, so these Early Literacy Computers are simply the next step in their educational development. Much of the content is aligned to national and California educational standards. We are so thrilled to have these workstations for our young patrons."

"Dear Fellow UC Residents, As newcomers to the area, we want to express our appreciation for the many pleasures and advantages of University City. One thing that would greatly improve our quality of life, however, is slower traffic on Lipmann Street. If residents and visitors would obey the 25 mph speed limits, the safety of my granddaughter and the quality of life at our home would be greatly improved. I encourage everyone to care enough to keep UC safe and quiet. Gratefully, C. Eckhardt

If your neighbor is violating a city code, you have some recourse. First, you need to call the person in violation and discuss how the problem affects you. Give some possible solutions. If after a fair amount of time, nothing happens, you can contact Code Compliance at 619-238-2400. Community initiated complaints usually get a higher priority than individual ones. You might encourage your neighbors to join you in making phone calls to Code Compliance the same day. Another suggestion from the City of San Diego is contacting the Mediation Center at 619-238-2400



San Clemente Terrace Development

by Judy Bethel

A proposal is working its way through the city permitting process to allow building on the slope between Soderblom Ave and San Clemente Terrace. Newland Communities has submitted a plan to build five homes of about 2800 square feet; each would have reduced depth and would be situated on wide lots. This 1.6 acre, 35 degree slope has been considered open space since the completion of the development of San Clemente Terrace Estates in the mid 1970s. The status of the parcel is in dispute, and the city is tasked with deciding whether the land can legally be developed.

Newland Communities informally presented their plan before the University City Planning Group last July. Homeowners were advised by the city of the plan Jan 31, 2009 and have subsequently met with the developer according to UCPG instructions. The meeting occurred on Jan 20, 2010 to explain the details of the project.

Several questions remain open for discovery. One is the composition of the soil on the slope, its seepage, and its stability when approximately 3000 tons of earth are removed. San Clemente Terrace was built for residences on one side only. Parking concerns and a 40% increase in daily traffic will need to be addressed. Habitat destruction is a concern because of the presence of burrowing owls and other birds, raccoon, skunk, and fox. All are found living in the brush and keeping the ecosystem in balance. Appropriate revegetation is an issue for neighbors living on Soderblom.

Decisions regarding this parcel must be done with great care to maintain the quality of life of this neighborhood and the spirit of the community plan.

**Standley Park & Recreation Center
March Events**

March 15th

Spring Class Registration Begins

March 26th

Kid's Night Out 5:30 pm -9:30 m, \$10/child, Ages: 5-10 - Dinner included

March 30 - April 2

Spring Day Camp, Ages: 5-12

March 31st

Closed for Cesar Chavez Day

April 3rd

Spring Egg Hunt

10 am-12 pm, for all ages. Arrive promptly at 10am, bring basket.

Crafts, Jump, & Face Painting

For more information for all the above call Standley Recreation Center at 858-552-1652.

**Free Film and Popcorn,
Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 pm,
at North University Community
Branch Library.**

**The featured film is
Hotel Rwanda, rated PG-13.**



The film tells the true story of human atrocities that took place in the country of Rwanda--and in an era of high-speed communication and round the clock news, the events went almost unnoticed by the rest of the world. In only three months, one million people were brutally murdered. In the face of these unspeakable actions, inspired by his love for his family, an ordinary man summons extraordinary courage to save the lives of over a thousand helpless refugees, by granting them shelter in the hotel he manages. 122 MIN .

The library is located at 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego 92122

**University Community Branch Library
Events for March 2010**

The UC Library is pleased to present "A Day In The Life", celebrating Women's History Month. This exhibit from the San Diego Archaeological Society, originally curated for the Central Library, celebrates women in San Diego's History.

PLEASE NOTE: New library hours go into effect Saturday, March 20th.
Schedule is as follows:



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| MONDAYS | | CLOSED | |
| TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS | | 12:30 PM – 8:00 PM | |
| THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS | | 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM | |
| SATURDAYS | | 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM | |
| Tuesday | March 2 | 11:00 AM | Story time & Craft |
| Wednesday | March 3 | 2:00 PM | Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with crafts and our special storyteller, Terri Z |
| Saturday | March 6 | 12 noon | English/Spanish Story time |
| Monday | March 8 | 3:00 PM | Game On! Video Game Fest (Rock Band) |
| Tuesday | March 9 | 11:00 AM | Story time & Craft |
| Wednesday | March 10 | 3:00 PM | Game On! Video Game Fest (MarioKart) |
| Thursday | March 11 | 11:00 AM | Signing Story time |
| Saturday | March 13 | 12 noon | English/Spanish Story time |
| Tuesday | March 16 | 11:00 AM | Story time & Craft |
| FRIDAY & SATURDAY | MARCH 19-20 | FRIENDS OF THE UC LIBRARY BOOKSALE | |
| Saturday | March 20 | 12 noon | English/Spanish Story time |
| Thursday | March 25 | 11:00 AM | Signing Story time |
| Friday | March 26 | 11:00 AM | Story time & Craft |
| Saturday | March 27 | 12 noon | English/Spanish Story time |

**UC Citizens Rally to Oppose
Development**

In December, a large master-planned community developer, who recently acquired the parcel of land on the north side of San Clemente Terrace, applied for a permit to subdivide this site in order to build multiple homes notched into the hillside.

SOS – Save Our Slopes, a neighborhood group, has been organized to oppose the project. For more information, please contact

sctneighbors@gmail.com.

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Local Students Receive a Free "Ride to the Arts" Courtesy of ArtsBusXpress

ArtsBusXpress, a local nonprofit Adventure that provides bus grants for classroom field trips to arts and science venues is going strong. Since the first bus was launched in October 2002, ArtsBusXpress has provided field trip transportation to over 142,000 San Diego School Children.

San Diego is blessed with over 100 arts and science culture venues that offer free or nominal admission to special children's programs.

Unfortunately, budget crises in the schools have left not only arts programs but school buses on the chopping block. Without transportation, there is no access and children are unable to take advantage of outside enrichment.

ArtsBusXpress is the missing link that connects classrooms with the rich array of possibilities San Diego offers. Teachers in San Diego City Schools can go to the web site and request a Bus Grant to take their students on life changing fieldtrips.

ArtsBusXpress began as an unprecedented collaboration of the San Diego – Tijuana Sister cities Society, San Diego Unified School District, San Diego Arts Education Partnership, City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture and the Community Council for Music in the schools.

The program is the brainchild of long time University City resident, Patricia Smith, owner of Art Expressions Gallery, who credits a high school field trip to the San Diego Museum of Art for piquing her interest in fine arts.

"For many children school fieldtrips are their only opportunity to hear an opera or symphony, see a ballet or live theatre, explore a museum or discover sculpture and paintings in an art gallery – and ArtsBusXpress targets those children," said Smith.



While bus transportation is financially out of reach for many schools, it is surprisingly affordable. Most bus transportation cost just \$175. -

\$360. to send 65 - 100 children to a memorable experience.

"And children aren't the only winners," said Smith. "The entire arts community benefits by nurturing future arts patrons. Today's children will be tomorrow's decision makers, and the future of our cultural institutions rests in their hands. How will they value what they have never experienced?"

While ArtsBusXpress has been supported by major foundations, over the years, the program builds its' momentum through the support of local businesses, community organizations and individuals. The major supporters include: Qualcomm, Inc., the San Diego Union-Tribune, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, The Century Club of San Diego, The Burnham Foundation, the Dickenson Foundation, and Price Charities.

ArtsBusXpress is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. For information, and to make a donation, please visit www.artsbusxpress.org or contact 858-273-3500.

UC Little League News

Get ready for another season of baseball, as UC Little League celebrates its 47th year!



Opening Day is Saturday, March 6, 9:00 a.m. at Standley Park. Festivities start off with the Standley Marching Band leading the way for the Parade of Teams. Opening Day is the first day of scheduled games. The snack bar will be open all day (every Saturday), offering such favorites as breakfast burritos, carne asada tacos and sno cones. Local vendors will be selling their wares on Opening Day. (Interested vendors, please contact Linda Villalobos, lvillalobos@brigantine.com.) So plan on a full day of some good family fun!

UCLL is looking for Team Sponsors and Directory Advertisers. Team sponsorship is only \$200, and directory advertising starts at \$25. If interested contact Chris Scott, scottfamilyisd@gmail.com.

UCLL will be hosts to a Lithuanian Majors Little League team during Spring Break, with a scheduled game on Monday, March 29, 5 p.m. at Fort Field, next to Spreckels. Along with other leagues in our area, UCLL will host players who will play games with other Majors players and visit area attractions. The community is welcome to attend and talk a little baseball with our Lithuanian little leaguers.

For more info about UC Little League, please visit www.ucll.org.

Spreckels has Soles



A big thanks goes out to the families of Spreckels Elementary who collected over 200 pairs of gently worn shoes donated to the Soles4Souls relief effort to help those devastated in the Haiti earthquake. The shoe drive was coordinated with Sports Chalet and organized by Spreckels counselor Fabiola Pimienta and the Student Council.

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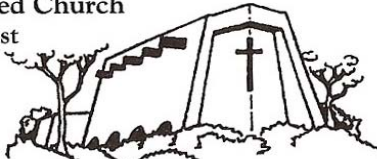
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