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# University City

... more than a  
neighborhood

Community Association Newsletter

## CALL FOR UCCA OFFICER NOMINATIONS

This year we are electing new officers for the upcoming year at the November 9th General Meeting. The term is 1 year and we are seeking nominations for 2012.

Being on the UCCA Board is a rewarding experience as we work on financial support for community activities, such as the popular Banana Split event and Summer Concerts at Standley Park, supporting local groups including UCHS Grad Nite, beautification of our neighborhoods and thoroughfares and our increasingly popular Garden Club. And of course we also publish the UC newsletter with its informative articles and local ads which you probably read every month.

The positions to be elected are:

President  
Vice-President  
Treasurer  
Secretary

If you would like to nominate someone for any of these positions (with their permission!) or would like to run yourself please email Peter Burch at [dpeter1@san.rr.com](mailto:dpeter1@san.rr.com).

Please read our Advertisement Pages they contain other Community Activities.

Join us Saturday, November 5th for great shopping and family fun at **Curie Elementary School PTA's 33rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. See page . . . 9

Wednesday, November 9, UCCA general meeting, 6:00 p.m., First Baptist Church of University City, (South side of Governor Drive towards 805, just past Lakewood) See article below:

**UCCA GENERAL MEETING-ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME** UCCA's annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of University City.

All U.C. residents are invited to attend.

The tentative agenda is as follows:

6:00- Welcome and Introductions-President Andy Freeburn  
6:15-6:30 Election of UCCA officers, (only UCCA members may vote) membership applications will be available at the door  
6:30- UTC Expansion Plans- (Westfield Mall manager, Mr. Ryan Perry)  
6:45- Marine Corps Airbase at Miramar-current/ future plans  
7:00- North City Trolley-U.C. routes/impact. SANDAG rep. Anne Stienberger  
7:15- U.C.Planning Group- Janay Kruger, President  
7:30- U.C. beautification plans/medians/M.A.D.-Sandy Lippe/Andy Field, City of San Diego Park and Rec. Ass't Director, and Barry Bernstein  
8:00- Q & A \*Watch for our November newsletter for additional information and or changes.

Thank you, Barry Bernstein, Vice-President, UCCA

## October 2011 Calendar

### Oktoberfest by EdUCate

Saturday, October 1  
2:00 - 6:00 PM  
Standley Park

### Columbus Day

Monday, October 10, 2011

### UCPG Meeting

Tuesday, October 11,  
6:00 p.m. Forum Hall/UTC  
Public invited

### UCCA Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 12,  
5:30 pm. U.C. Library  
Everyone Welcome

### Wine in the Garden

Sunday, October 16, 4:00 p.m.  
Jim Wright's house  
2151 Burgener Blvd. 92110

### University City Garden Club

Tuesday, October 18,  
6:00 p.m. UC Library  
Speaker to be Announced

### Friends of the North University Community Library

Monthly Meeting, Fourth Wednesdays,  
October 26, 6:30 pm

### Standley Rec Council Meeting

Thursday, October 27,  
7:00 p.m. Standley Rec. Center  
Public Invited

### Halloween Carnival

Friday, October 28, 5:00 p.m.  
Standley Park

**Halloween**, Monday, October 31

### North University Community Branch Library:

Save the date: **First Friends of the Library White Elephant and Book Sale:** Saturday, November 12. To donate, call 858-539-3114. All proceeds will benefit the many programs and services the Library offers.

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becoming part of the volunteer UC community !

**Be the Eyes & Ears of UC.** The University City Community  
Newsletter is comprised of information sent to the editor. The  
association does not have reporters, photographers or a staff.  
You are welcome to write and submit articles that pertain to the  
community and/or its residents.

**Guidelines:**

- Type your article, approximately 250 words, in a document and  
attach to e-mail.
- Attach pictures separately in a picture format.
- Send to [EditorUCCA@aol.com](mailto:EditorUCCA@aol.com)
- Please, no **full page** flyers or announcements.
- No editorials or opinions.

**The deadline for the next publication,  
November 2011, is October 15. Please  
send your submission as early as possible.**

Articles will be printed on a first come basis with priority given to  
time sensitive information. The UCCA does not discriminate nor do  
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**When sending your submission for print,  
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- ▶ Type in **plain paragraph form**. Please **no  
formatting**, no section breaks, no columns, no  
headers or footers, no symbols, no extra hard  
returns, etc. . all of these must be **removed** before  
I can use your article.
- ▶ **Name the file appropriately**. Make sure it has  
**your event or name** so I can readily identify it.
- ▶ Make it as brief & concise as possible, 250  
words or less. Editing is time consuming  
and may result in errors.
- ▶ The Editor reserves the right to edit out any  
opinion, conjecture and editorial comments in an  
article.
- ▶ Submit as early as possible.

**UC Celebration - Passing the Torch**

From: George Otero, University City 4th of July Celebration  
Planning Committee Chairperson

**T**he 23rd marked another undoubtedly successful event,  
thanks to the dedicated efforts of outgoing Chair, Cathy  
Romanas and the 2011 UC Celebration Planning Committee  
as well as all the hard working volunteers, not to  
forget the persistent UC community support.

It is an honor for me to take the torch from Cathy  
to carry on with the task of bringing this event to  
the community in 2012. In acknowledgement of  
the importance, to the community, of keeping  
this traditional event I would like to welcome  
and embrace all new ideas and suggestions from  
the community to help the committee make the  
event even better going forward. As a community,  
your input is valuable and your participation is  
highly appreciated! Our next Planning Committee  
meeting will be held on Wednesday October  
19th, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Craft Room  
at Standley Recreation Center. Community  
members meeting attendance is not required.  
However, you are welcome to join and brainstorm  
with us on new ideas. You can also provide your  
input/comments/suggestions via e-mail. Please  
direct e-mails to: George Otero at; Godero@  
GoReadusa.org. We look forward to another  
successful 4th of July UC Celebration in 2012.

**October President's Report**

**Butter and Honey or  
Salt and Vinegar?**

**A**lthough I've written almost 40  
articles for the newsletter over the  
last eight years trying to recruit  
volunteers for UC Celebration, Summer  
Concerts, Community Clean ups, or  
Association meetings, it was my March  
submission which got the most attention,  
due to its pejorative tone. Despite the  
previous 30 plus cheerful submissions,  
I received suggestions that I would certainly get  
a better response if I colored my articles in a  
more favorable tone, albeit none of those with  
this sage advice would be able to get involved.  
Others actually realized the urgency of the pleas  
and made the March meeting the most attended  
board meeting anyone could recall. With this  
month's report, I will attempt to appeal to both  
personalities and ask that you only read the lines  
which suit your spirit.



Mahatma Gandhi:  
"University City has many causes that  
you may be prepared to die for, but the  
Association will not give you any cause to  
be prepared to kill for."

General George S. Patton:  
"I don't give a damn who you are. You  
can be a teacher or an engineer, but if  
you have the desire to make changes in  
University City, you can have anything  
we've got. By God, I love you."

University City truly needs volunteers to continue  
the many wonderful functions and services we've  
all come to enjoy. I am now asking that whatever  
character you possess, to get involved by  
contacting me at [promovstar@aol.com](mailto:promovstar@aol.com) or attend  
our next meeting on Wednesday, October 12th.

Sincerely, Andy Freeburn President,  
University City Community Association

**Governor Medians Will Get a Makeover in 2012**

By Sandy Lippe

**T**he City of San Diego's budget woes have even  
impacted the medians on Governor Drive because  
there is no money to maintain them. Diseased  
and dying plants need to be removed and replaced. The  
UCCA Beautification team has been working with the

City on an encroachment agreement that will give UCCA  
responsibility for these medians. (Your UCCA membership  
fees will help pay for this project, so please join UCCA.)  
UCCA vice president Barry Bernstein has signed off on  
the encroachment agreement, and UCCA has a design for

replacing dead and diseased plants  
on the medians on Governor at  
Stresemann, Radcliffe, and Agee.

Trista Silvia, a parent and co-chair of  
the Spreckels' Garden Club, is acting  
as a landscape architect consultant.  
She presented a design to the UCCA  
board that involves native plants that  
are drought tolerant and give a sense  
of seasonal movement. Every month  
something is happening. UCCA is in the  
process of hiring a gardener to maintain  
the medians once the plants go in.  
Trista is looking for willing volunteers  
interested in the beautification project  
to help remove some of the diseased  
and dying plants. The Beautification  
team will also be seeking bids from  
wholesale nurseries. If you have any  
contacts, please share them with us.  
This project is a community one.

**UCCA Elected and Appointed  
Board Members for 2011**

Feel free to contact them with your comments, concerns, and praises.

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**Continuing the fight to cut taxes and create jobs.**

As Chairman of the Assembly Select Committee on Job Creation for the New Economy, I take my responsibility seriously to make California a competitive place so we can create good-paying jobs. We must reduce the regulatory burden, ease the tax burden and put policies in place to make California more competitive with other states.



Last week, we put forward a proposal that would do two of the three. I worked with Governor Jerry Brown and colleagues from both sides of the aisle to embrace a tax reform measure put in place by Governors like Rick Perry in Texas, Chris Christie in New Jersey and Mitch Daniels in Indiana.

Our efforts would have resulted in important tax reform and simultaneously provided a billion dollars in permanent, annual tax relief for small business, manufacturers, and working families. The measure passed out of the Assembly with support from both sides of the aisle, but came up a bit short in the Senate. The fight isn't over, and I am working with legislative leaders and the Governor to pass this important tax reform plan in the next legislative session. We need to take decisive action to help get our state back on track.

We took on some powerful interests, and fought for a group of people with no lobby-individual citizens and small business owners who are struggling. But it was the right thing to do, and you never go wrong when following what you believe is the right decision. Last week we proved again it is possible to bring a coalition together and begin to drive real change. However, real change is never easy. I will keep you posted as we continue to fight for this important reform.

Semper Fi,  
Nathan Fletcher

**Ever curious to find out when your street might get a much-needed facelift?** From Sherri Lightner's Office

The City of San Diego is adding a new feature to its website ([www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov)) that will give an update on which streets are getting ready to be repaved.

The updates are part of a larger \$47 million project designed to repave more than 100 miles of San Diego streets. As of August, the some 53 miles of city streets had been repaved. By the end of the project, which is being paid for with deferred-maintenance bond money, more than a 1,000 city blocks will be repaved.

The historic repaving project, which began in April 2010, is on schedule to resurface almost as many miles of streets as had been done in the previous eight fiscal years combined. In September, the following streets were slated to be repaved:

La Jolla Village Drive from Villa La Jolla to Genesee Avenue.

Nobel Drive from the northbound I-5 on-ramp to Genesee Avenue.

Genesee Avenue from Campus Point Drive to Fez Street.

I know there is much more to do and that the quality of our roads is an important issue to all University City residents. My office is always here to assist in expediting any needed street repairs from potholes to faulty traffic signals to downed traffic signs so please call us at (619) 236-6611 or email me at [SherriLightner@sandiego.gov](mailto:SherriLightner@sandiego.gov).

We're here to help.

**UC High Scholarship Award Winners**

By Mary Kay Hewitt

University of California Riverside Grant, Clinton Bauer

San Diego State University Grant, Jenna Bergmark

Ohio Northern University Dean's Scholarship: Nancy Botros

UCLA Partial Athletic Scholarship, Alexandra Caniglia

A.J. Drexel Scholarship, Halle Choi

University of Pennsylvania Grant, Faith Concepcion

University at Buffalo NY Full Athletic Scholarship

Alexis Curtiss

Indiana University Athletic Scholarship, Nina Excobedo

Boston University Dean's Scholarship, Teresa Fulcher

Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship

U of Colorado-Boulder, Heather Hogrefe

CAL Undergraduate Scholarship, Sara Karabashlieva

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**Book Fair to Benefit UC Library**

Bookstar Bookstore in the Costa Verde Shopping Center will be sponsoring a Book Fair November 4-10 to benefit the UC Library. Special Vouchers may be obtained from the Library to purchase items at all Barnes and Noble Bookstores and online at [bn.com](http://bn.com), a percentage of which will directly benefit the University Community Branch. A special story time will be held at Bookstar on Saturday, November 4.



**Making U C More Than Just a Neighborhood**

From your Membership Chairperson..... Ginny Charvet  
Thank you to all our new members listed below. We appreciate your support.  
If you have not yet joined our neighborhood organization, please complete the app on this page, write your check, and mail it to us.  
Your financial help is appreciated.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

- Mary Kay Conzatti
- Rod Innes
- Mary & Jeff Norton
- John & Andrea Nowell
- Lori Saldana
- Saldana 4 Congress
- Bob & Barbara Starkey

SILVER MEMBERSHIP

- Ralph A Smith

COMMUNITY SUPPORTER

- Richard Winkler and
- Richard Winkler II

**University City Community Association  
2011 Membership Application**

- General Member \$20     Community Supporter \$40     Community Angel \$60  
 Silver Membership \$50     Gold Membership \$100

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Business name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Individual and Business members' names will be listed in the newsletter. Please indicate if you do NOT want your name to be listed.  Do NOT list my name.

Please make your check payable to UCCA

Questions? Ginny Charvat, Membership Chairman, [ginnycharvat@yahoo.com](mailto:ginnycharvat@yahoo.com)

What UCCA Activities are you willing to help us with?

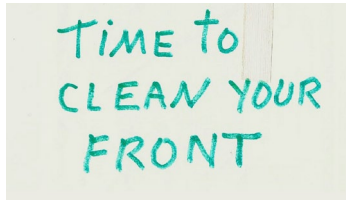
- UC 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration
- Newsletter Counting, Sorting, Delivery
- Christmas / Holiday Party
- Beautification / Landscaping
- Community Clean-up / Weedwhackers
- Garden Club

Please mail completed app to:

UCCA  
3268 Governor Drive, #121  
San Diego, CA 92122

**Has This Happened to You?**

On September 14th an anonymous note writer left this note on my screen door saying "TIME TO CLEAN YOUR FRONT". I had just spent a number of days in the hospital and am currently taking medication for a chronic health condition. There are probably a number of people who are unable to keep their homes up to the standard we would like for health reasons, lack of finances, or other circumstances. One would like to believe that the anonymous note writer is a well intentioned person who is merely misguided in his or her way of handling the situation. Perhaps the anonymous note writer should think about what being a good neighbor actually entails. Instead of an unsigned note I would welcome a smile and a helpful hand. Don't assume that because a persons front yard is in need of some care that the person want's it to look that way. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR ..... START A CONVERSATION ..... LEND A HELPING HAND! Excerpts from an email from Rosemarie.



**POLICE BLOTTER**

Incident	100 Block Address	Date	Time
Auto Theft	5000 Governor Dr.	8/1/2011	12:00 PM
Residencial Burglary	3200 Lahitte Ct.	8/12/2011	9:00 AM - 4:41 PM
Auto Burglary	4300 Robbins St.	8/12/2011	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Assault	6100 Agee St.	8/16/2011	8:11 PM
Narcotics	6900 Weller St.	8/17/2011	6:04 PM
Vandalism	4700 Governor Dr.	8/17/2011	9:15 PM - 11:55 PM
Accidents	Governor Dr./Stresemann St.	8/18/2011	1:41 PM - 2:43 PM
Accident	Genesee Av./Governor Dr.	8/23/2011	2:50 PM - 4:45 PM
Accident	Nb 805 / No. Governor Dr.	8/23/2011	7:20 AM - 7:33 AM
Narcotics	6400 Edmonton Ave.	8/26/2011	10:20 PM
Narcotics	6400 Edmonton Ave.	8/27/2011	7:22 AM
Residencial Burglary	6700 Fisk Ave.	8/29/2011	4:13 PM
Assault	4000 Pulitzer Pl.	8/29/2011	8:33 PM
Auto Burglary	4400 Camrose Ave.	8/30 - 8/31/2011	7:00 PM - 11:30 AM
Vandalism	4000 Governor Dr.	8/31/2011	10:00 AM
Assault	8100 Regents Rd.	9/1/2011	2:39 AM
Vandalism	7000 Dennison St.	9/3-9/10/2011	8:45 PM
Accident	Genesee Av./Governor Dr.	9/3/2011	4:46 PM - 8:25 PM
Accident	5800 Genesee Ave.	9/6/2011	7:30 PM - 7:45 PM
Vandalism	6000 Dirac St.	9/8-9/9/2011	10:30 PM - 8:30 AM
Commercial Burglary	6300 Greenwich Dr.	9/9-9/11/2011	5:00 PM - 9:00 AM
Auto Theft	5400 Governor Dr.	9/9-9/10/2011	5:00 PM - 6:30 AM
Vandalism	4900 Via Lapiz	9/9/2011	1:00 AM - 9:35 AM
Accident	6000 Genesee Ave.	9/14/2011	3:55 PM - 9:34 PM
Accident	Centurion Sq./Genesee Ave.	9/14/2011	4:54 PM - 5:21 PM



**Condo Owners Lauded For Halting Retirement Party**

Dateline University City, August 20, 2011  
By Bob Howe, UC resident since '63

A resident or residents of the condominium complex on the west side of Genesee Avenue are to be congratulated for breaking up a potentially raucous party on Tamilynn Street, an area of private homes just east of Genessee. The party was nipped in the bud at 6:30 Saturday evening after the band had been playing mature adult music for about one hour.

Celebrating her 33 years of employment at the International Center/Warren College at UCSD was

a longtime UC resident also of 33 years (name withheld for personal protection!) the owner of the home where the party was held.

Police arrived to find a large gathering of adults most of whom were consuming alcoholic beverages, enjoying the music, and dining on catered food from a well-known San Diego restaurant. Police did not note any underage drinking or drug activity and observed that the average age of attendees was approximately 55. Among those present were her daughter, a physician in Idaho, two local San Diego judges, an internationally known astrophysicist and retired Physics Professor, a local business owner and a civil attorney.

The resident was told by police that in order to have a live music performance of that nature required a permit from the City of San Diego. It was concluded that the mere possession of such a permit attenuates objectionable sounds in such a way that they cannot be heard outside the immediate perimeter of a residence.

The hostess was released by police, without posting bail, on her own recognizance and neither the band leader, (a University City resident and retired school teacher), nor the employees of the restaurant were cited.

The party, which was in the planning stages for months, immediately subsided with many guests leaving early in disappointment of what planned to be a wonderful evening.

These residents were not able to enjoy happy sounds in place of the constant sirens on Genesee Ave.

This reporter would like to add that because of diligent observations and subsequent action from our crime fighting police, the city of San Diego is a much more enjoyable and safe community.

## Do Not Be A Victim

The San Diego Police Department needs your help in preventing vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts.

You can prevent vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts by following these simple precautions:

- Do not let your guard down when parking in secure parking garages. Vehicle thefts and vehicle burglaries are the highest in these areas.
- Do not prop open doors or hold the door open for people to enter your apartment facility. Suspects are not breaking into secure garages; they rely upon you to let them in.
- Use a steering wheel locking device.
- Do not leave ANYTHING in view in your vehicle.
- Never leave your garage gate opener in the vehicle.
- Write down the serial numbers of your property.
- Report suspicious activity. Most law enforcement arrests start as a call from a concerned citizen.

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**School Board Committed to Community Collaboration**

By John Lee Evans, Vice President, Board of Education



UC Representative to School Board

The Board of Education has made a commitment to a “quality school in every neighborhood.” What does this mean for UC?

It means greater connection between the local community and the school. The school is not merely “located” in a neighborhood. It should be part of the neighborhood. Everyone needs to see the schools as vital to the community, not only for parents who currently have kids in school. We can use volunteers of all ages in the schools. The upgrade of the UC High stadium with Friday night lights will be the pride of the community when the 2012 football season opens.

It means encouraging the local teachers and principals to work together as a team from K-12 to find the best solutions for UC schools. This

is a change from having everything mandated by the district. Even in extremely difficult budget times, it means allowing schools and communities to set priorities with their limited dollars.

It means having an active UC Cluster Committee (for all five UC schools), which serves as an advisory council to the Board of Education, much as UCPG advises City Council on local issues. We are also fortunate to have a seasoned foundation (EdUCate!) supporting UC schools.

As transportation cutbacks are made, it means encouraging more students to attend the school in their own neighborhood. Many people do not realize the high achievement of our UC schools. Once the word gets out more neighborhood kids will be attending their local school.

It means seeing school facilities as assets of the local community. I recall many years ago when trailers were unceremoniously dropped on the front lawn of Standley Middle School by the district without consulting the community. The district is now committed to community consultation on a wide variety of issues.

**COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS . . . . cont. from page 4**

Mount Holyoke Leadership Award  
Amanda Lueke

US Naval Academy  
Full Ride Scholarship  
Christopher Maligsa

Franklin W. Olin Scholarship  
Katherine Maschan

Jacob’s Engineering Scholarship, UCSD  
Jacob Maskiewicz

U of Puget Sound Grant  
Jacklyn Perkins

U of C at Davis Regents Scholarship  
Katherine Sawyer

U of Puget Sound Grant  
Deborah Sevigny-Resetco

UCSD Presidential Scholar Award  
Johnny Sharghi

U of Oregon Dean’s Scholarship  
Logan Stewart

Mary C. & William G. Drake  
Scholarship, CAL., Charlott Vallon

CAL Regents and Chancellor’s  
Scholarship, Doriane Weiler

NY University Steinhardt Music Talent  
Scholarship, Alexander Wong

Santa Clara University Dean’s  
Scholarship, Morgan Cowick

USF Tuition Grant, Alicia Denton

UCSD Jacob’s Engineering Scholarship  
Joshua Yang

Maryland Institute College of  
Art Achievement Award

Luis Rivas

**Parents, Community Members, UCHS Alumni - Help Support the High School Music Program!**

Submitted by Marie Byrd

Have you heard the news? There are big changes in the UCHS Music Department! Through the collaborative efforts of the school, parents, community, and the Music Boosters, the program has been re-vamped and is now under the new leadership of Mr. Cameron Brown. The program consists of a Marching and Field Show Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Choir, Color Guard unit, and newly added Orchestra and Pep Band ensembles.

It’s going to be an exciting year and we need your support! The music program receives very little funding from the school to operate. With the most recent round of budget cuts, the program will rely on the generosity and support of parents, community members, and company sponsors more than ever. Fundraising efforts pay for a majority of program expenses such as music coaches, equipment, sheet music, competitions, and extracurricular activities.

Please help us sustain this wonderful program. Donations in any amount will help keep the program alive and strong. All donations are tax deductible and 100% of every dollar goes directly to support the students.

Donations may be mailed to: University City High School, c/o Music Boosters Club, 6949 Genesee Avenue, San Diego, CA 92122. Make checks payable to “UCHS Centurion Foundation.” (Write “Music Boosters Club” in the memo section of the check.) For more information, contact uchsmusic@gmail.com or visit the Music Boosters website: <http://uchsmusic.com>. Thank you for supporting the UCHS Music Program!

**“Full Moon Friday”**

Last week San Diego experienced a blackout which affected each and every one of us to one degree or another. It is in my nature to have gotten annoyed with such an occurrence and when people asked me how I faired I was tempted to complain. Truth be told I actually had quite a pleasant experience and I believe most of you did too. It was only after talking to others that I began to hypothesize as to why so many people had a similar story and felt the same way and I wanted to share my thoughts about it. First, I was overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of neighbors – sharing candles, food, batteries and beer. Second, I hadn’t seen more people out and about taking walks – whole families strolling the neighborhood together talking and laughing. Neighbors were outside socializing with each other instead of sitting behind a screen – T.V., computer or phone - in their home. This was a situation we had no control over and we were able to make the most of it. I loved what the blackout did for our community and I would love for it to happen more often. Would others be willing to join me and start a tradition - call it “Full moon Friday” (once a month on a Friday which lies closest to the full moon)? We could all turn our TV’s off, leave our cell phones at home and get out of the house - sit in your driveway or take a walk – the point being just to get out and connect or reconnect with family and neighbors. What do ya say? Are you in? Let me know.



Adrienne Bledsoe, [abledsoe@san.rr.com](mailto:abledsoe@san.rr.com)

**Shop and Help Make a Difference at Auntie’s Attic**

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Get started early on your shopping for Christmas or cheaply spruce up your home by shopping at Auntie’s Attic at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. Funds raised go to Dorcas House, an orphanage in Tijuana, and to improve our Memorial Garden.

Items for sale include clothing, kitchen items, furniture, toys, books, videos, handmade items, jams, jellies, etc. Auntie’s Attic will be held in the church’s Roetter Hall, the second building to the right as you enter the church parking lot.

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church is located at 4321 Eastgate Mall on the corner of Genesee Avenue and Eastgate Mall, just two blocks north of UTC Westfield Shopping Center. For more information, please contact the church office at 858-458-1501 or visit our website at [www.goodsamchurch.org](http://www.goodsamchurch.org)  
Leanne Shawler  
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Curie Elementary School PTA’s 33rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., shoppers from all over San Diego County will come to browse through over 100 booths selling their quality handmade ceramics, jewelry, clothing, folk art, and holiday items. There will be plenty of exciting events for the whole family: carnival games, silent auction baskets, opportunity drawing, bake sale, food booth and cake walk. Proceeds benefit the PTA-sponsored programs and educational support systems such as art, music, PE and science. Marie Curie Elementary School is located at 4080 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122. Please call (858)643-9720 for more information.

**October Events at University City United Church**

History of the New Testament. Four Sundays in October- 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 11:45 a.m. All are welcome to come to a Lecture Series by Professor Bart Ehrman on the History of the New Testament. The sessions will begin at 11:45 a.m. each Sunday and a discussion will follow each lecture. A light lunch will be served.

Fall Family Festival and Potluck Dinner, October 29, 2011 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Bring the family and join in the fun! Activities take place in the church fellowship hall. Wear your costume, bring a potluck dish to share, a pumpkin and carving tools. The schedule of activities is:  
4:00 Pumpkin carving  
5:00 Potluck dinner  
5:45 Games and cupcake decorating  
6:30 Costume parade  
6:45 Pumpkin seed spitting contest

5:11 Contemporary Worship Gathering Saturday Afternoon, October 22 at 5:11 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. All are invited to try our “alternative” to traditional worship. The message is “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff”. Includes a message, a multimedia presentation, and live music. This event is free. Child care provided, and refreshments served afterwards. For more information about the above events call 858-453-3444 or visit us online at [ucuc.org](http://ucuc.org). University City United Church 2877 Governor Drive San Diego, CA 92122



### The UCCA Garden Club Report

By Tanya Howe Aeria

September Guest speaker was Georges Fortier who spoke to us about creating living walls and Vertical Garden Solutions.

If you have not had a chance to visit, please consider attending a monthly Garden Club meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Our October meeting will be Oct 19th, 6:00 p.m. UC Library.

It's free and fun and you will learn something new!

<http://www..ucgardenclub.org>



### Wine in the Garden for October

Please join us at one of the most beautiful gardens in the city. Hosted by Jim Wright. This garden features palms, Bromeliads, orchids and many exotic plants and trees. It's an experience you won't want to miss.

**Sunday Evening  
October 16th at 4:00 P.M.  
2151 Burgener Blvd. 92110**



Coffee in the Garden  
at Fred & Gail's.



### Postal Annex Celebrates Grand Opening.

Postal Annex's very first store, which originally opened in 1985, celebrated it's Grand Opening under new ownership, Saturday September 17. In June 2011, Camil Saab – President of Dima's Retail Group, Inc. – took over the Postal Annex pilot location and has big plans for it. Today's attendance included the Mayor of the city of Escondido Mr. Sam Abed, the President of the House of Pacific Relations International Cottages Mr. Hannu Mikkonen, many of Camil's family, friends, dynamic staff, and Postal Annex's long time faithful customers.

The Ribbon cutting Ceremony was sponsored and attended by members of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Camil prides himself that his Postal Annex locations are not just for packaging and shipping. His stores offer full service copying and printing capabilities, a plethora of gifts, greeting cards and office supplies.

Postal Annex #1 is conveniently located at 3268 Governor Drive in the Marketplace Shopping Center East of the 805 at the corner of Governor Drive & Regents Road. Camil also owns two other Postal Annex locations PA#10001 in the Renaissance Shopping Center, UTC and PA#5007 in Liberty Station, Point Loma.



### Spreckels Kindergarten Playdates a Success

In August, the Spreckels Elementary PTA hosted three summer playdates for incoming Kindergarteners and other returning students. Approximately 50 children and their families attended these fun events, two of which were held at Standley Park, with the last one taking place on Spreckels' own Kindergarten playground.

Parents and kids made new friendships that helped ease their transition into the new school year. Parents were grateful for the opportunity to get answers to their questions, and find out how they could get involved. These families entered school with confidence, comfort, and a commitment to making Spreckels an outstanding school!



Barbara Henshaw looks at the 9/11 display UCCA put up at Standley Park for the community.



What is the name of these flowers growing in a UC backyard?



### Coffee in the Garden September

September's Coffee in the Garden at Karen's house brought a beautiful garden of purple and green. Featuring many beautiful purple flowers, plants and garden accents. A group of 25 or so came and enjoyed coffee, bagels and great conversation. Photographs by 5 year old Oliver Aeria.



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Cutting the ribbon: Camil's dad, Chahine Saab. To the right, Camil Saab, and his Mom, Neam Saab. To the left, Camil's wife Dima and his sister Dunia Hasen.



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October Events @ your North University Community Branch Library  
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**YOUTH**

English Story Time: Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday at 9:45 a.m. Age 0-5.  
Algebra Workshop: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Teen. Sign up at class.  
Arabic Story Time: Every Friday at 11:15 a.m.  
Baby Sign Language Second Tuesday, October 11 at 3:30 p.m. Age 0-3.  
Chinese Story Time: Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.  
Craft: Every Saturday at 12:00 noon. Children under the age of eight must have parental participation. Age -11.  
French Story Time: Every Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Age 0-5.  
Hebrew Story Time: Fourth Tuesday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m. Age 0-5.  
Italian Story Time: Last Wednesday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m. Age 0-5.  
Japanese Story Time: Fourth Saturday, October 22 at 11:15 a.m. Age 0-5.  
Korean Story Time: Every Friday at 9:45 a.m. Age 0-5.  
Portuguese Story Time: Third Saturday October 15 at 11:15 a.m. Age 0-5.  
Russian Story Time: Second Saturdays October 8 at 12:00 noon. Age 0-5.  
Songbirds Music: Fourth Friday, October 28 at 1:45 p.m. Age 0-5.  
Spanish Story Time: Every Thursday at 9:45 a.m. Age 0-5.



**Save the date:** First Friends of the Library White Elephant and Book Sale: Saturday, November 12. To donate, call 858-539-3114. All proceeds will benefit the many programs and services the Library offers every day throughout the year. You can be a Friend, too! Ask at the Library.

**ADULTS**

Book Club: Second Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. October selection is Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery. Copies will be available at the circulation desk.  
Cardmaking: Third Wednesday, October 19 at 1:00 p.m. Sign up at circulation.  
Classical Concert Series: First Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. Cuerdas Del Mar, guitar and violin.  
Computer Class: Second Friday, October 14 at 9:30 a.m. This month's topic is Beginning Excel with an Introduction to Pivot Tables. Sign up at circulation.  
Conversation when English is Your Second Language: Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Sign up at class.  
Friends of the North University Community Library Monthly Meeting: Fourth Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
Job Search Assistance: Every Wednesday from 3:00-8:00 p.m., Instructor Dr. Adolpho Sanchez assists with resumes and job searching. Call to sign up.  
Job Search Workshop: Second Wednesday October 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Knitters Circle: Second Wednesday October 12 at 1:00 p.m.  
Writing Skills when English is your Second Language: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Thanks to the Friends of the North University Community Library for sponsoring these free community events.  
Visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/> to see a list of events under News and Events or find us on Facebook under North University Community Branch. Please call ahead to verify each program.

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Welcome to Partners Urgent Care by Barbara Gellman

The first urgent care center in University City, Partners Urgent Care UTC, has recently opened at the Vons Plaza at 4085 Governor Drive. Their telephone number is 858-888-7800. The Center is owned and operated by Doctor Robert Amster and Sharp Community Medical Group of California and its goal is to offer non-critical care to UC residents. In a critical emergency such as a heart attack or stroke, call 911 and be prepared to be transported to a hospital emergency room.

The Urgent Care Center, takes care of the following medical concerns for infants to seniors:

- Coughs, colds, sore throats, ear infections
- Fever and flu-like symptoms
- Lacerations
- Sprains, strains and broken bones
- Minor burns or injuries, animal bites
- Allergic reactions, asthma, rashes
- Physicals for sports or school
- Pre-employment and pre-operation physicals
- Drug screening, immunizations, flu shots
- Annual check-ups
- Worker related injuries or illness

The Center will bill PPO insurance companies as well as Medicare,

**October is an exciting month at the University Community Branch Library!**

The LEONARD PATTON JAZZ TRIO performs on Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. Leonard Patton's rich, smoky voice and unique style make him a favorite in the local jazz and musical theater scene.

Our OASIS "Third Thursdays" series continues with "THE GIFT OF AGE." Best-selling author RICHARD LEDERER will share wit and wisdom and information and inspiration about the incredible journey to maturity. Thursday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Kids are invited to bring their stuffed friends to our First Ever STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER on Friday, October 7. Leave your animals overnight and pick them up the following morning! And show off your costumes at our safe HALLOWEEN PARTY on Saturday, October 29 at 12 noon. Entertainment provided by Raggle Taggle.

All programs are free, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the University Community Branch Library. You can be a Friend, too! Just ask at your Library. For a complete list of events, visit the library's website at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov). Facebook users, please find us under SDPL University Community Library.

Tricare, and SCMG members. They are on most of the medical provider networks for work related injuries. There is a 30% discount for people without insurance.

Using this community urgent care service, patients normally do not have to wait more than 20 minutes to be seen. They will always see one of the six emergency certified physicians who rotate from 8:00AM - 8:00PM Monday – Friday including holidays, and 9:00 - 5:00PM Saturday and Sunday.

The Center is prepared to do CLIA waved testing, blood draws and x-rays. All information is sent electronically to the patient's primary care physician. If x-rays are taken, the CD disc is given to the patient to share with their follow-up physician. If the patient does not have a physician, the Center is able to refer the patient to one.

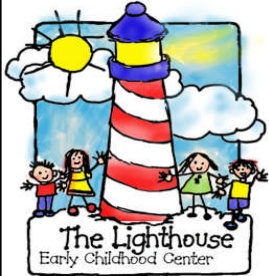
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## The Newsletter Editor Takes a Hike - Literally

by Kay Goodfellow

**B**oulder Creek, a tributary of the San Diego River, is the home of Three Sisters Waterfalls. If you've never been there put it on your Bucket List. It's an amazing San Diego County feature that few have ever seen. Boulder Creek flows down a deep, narrow canyon bordered on one side by Eagle Peak.



Jerry Schad's book, *Afoot and Afield in San Diego County*, places the hike one level below the most difficult based on his rating system of, 1 being a walk in-the-park, and 5 being unbelievably strenuous, long and rugged route in extremely remote area suitable only for experienced hikers/climbers in top physical condition. I call it the: "4 Star, 3 Bruise, 2 Wound and 1 Hard Fall Hike," Named after my day's hike.



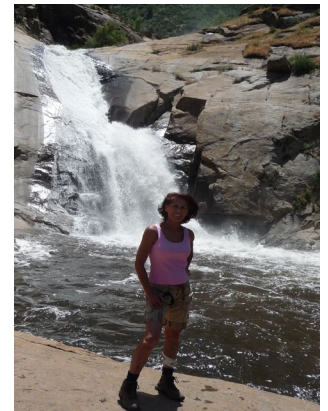
So how did I agree to relinquish a day's work on the newsletter to traipsing around the backcountry, and I do mean backcountry, north of Descanso? Several weeks ago, my boyfriend attempted the hike and walked out of the wilderness without a phone call to ASTRIA. He told me about the three cascading waterfalls and the crystal clear fresh water. Well, I was sold.



Gathering plenty of information from Jerry's book and the internet, we packed gloves for boulder climbing, pointed walking sticks for descending a very steep ridge line, length of rope for rappelling, Ivy Block and Technue for poison oak prevention, and the number one, most important item – lots of drinking water, and set out very early one morning.



This hike was laden with adventure. Did I mention the eight-mile washboard dirt road to drive to the trailhead, the two vultures, the ranch in the middle of nowhere with burros, llamas, wild turkey, and peacocks? While at the falls a hiker suffered a broken arm in a fall and a helicopter arrived making a daring rescue landing in the river bed at the base of the falls. All in a day's hike to Three Sisters Waterfalls.



After falling on the trail

