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FAMILY TRADITION HONORS MEMORY OF PAT PRESTON

University City Little League's Opening Day continues to be a tradition for the family of Pat Preston. Preston was a former UCLL president and UC volunteer, and the community continues to miss her energy. A bench at the Standley Park Little League field was dedicated in her honor. Seating on the bench, pictured above, is her son Ryan Preston, with wife Brittany, daughter, Juliette, son Zachary, and Pat Preston's mom Levonne Cooke. (See back page for UCLL Opening Day article.)



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS AT UCHS

The UCHS Performing Arts and Music Departments is bringing the hilarious musical Little Shop of Horrors to the stage on April 13, 14, and 15, starting at 7:00pm each night in the auditorium. Tickets are \$7-\$12 and can be purchased at <https://goo.gl/GzQBMW>.

Cast member Logan Quessenberry, playing Mushnik, is shown alongside, or inside, prop Audrey II. Remember the famous line by main character Seymour "I've given you sunshine, I've given you dirt...what do you want from me, blood?" Don't miss this incredible show.



April Fool's Day
 Friday, April 1

People for a Clean UC
 Sunday, April 10, 7:15-9:00am
 Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
 3202 Governor Dr. Supplies provided.

UC Planning Group
 No April Meeting

UCCA Meeting
Wednesday, April 13
6:00pm Meeting UC Library

Tax Day
 Monday, April 18

UC Celebration Committee
 Wednesday, April 20
 6:30 - 7:30pm, Standley Rec Center

Earth Day
 Friday, April 22

Passover
 Begins evening Friday, April 22
 Ends evening Saturday, April 30

Doyle Recreation Council
 Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 pm

Standley Recreation Council
 Thursday, April 28, 7:00 pm

Arbor Day
 Friday, April 29

GENESEE TRAFFIC CLOSURE

Preparation for the demolition of the Genesee Pedestrian Bridge, (by UTC), will begin on Monday, April 11. Genesee will be closed to all traffic from Saturday, April 16, 10:00 pm through early Sunday morning for the actual demolition/clean-up.

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- Send to UCCAEditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com; email any questions.

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Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the May issue is April 14, but the newsletter can fill up before the deadline. Articles and news items are reviewed as they are received. Priority may be given to UCCA members and time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited for allowed space. UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter.

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UCCA President Barry Bernstein

April is here, and it seems that it came so fast this year! Now that we have changed our clocks to "spring" forward, enjoyed St. Patrick's day, and recent Easter holiday gatherings, U.C. families can look forward to good things continuing to happen in April besides the ritual of "Spring" cleaning. UCCA membership dues are so important, it's the only

way we can support the many school and community events listed in this month's newsletter. So if you haven't joined UCCA...please take a moment to do so and send in your membership application.

The Padres season has begun, and NCAA basketball will be crowning a 2016 tournament champion. Congratulations to our Aztecs played so well at times, although didn't get the invitation to the "big dance" this year...but did very well in the NIT. And this April, the Marcy Park Improvement Initiative, (co-chairs Ruth DeSantis and Don Hotz) will be seeking your support. (see article on page 13). Passover starts on April 22...so those celebrants need to watch for those big boxes of matzos on sale at your supermarket!

JUNE PRIMARY/UCPG ELECTION INFORMATION

At the time of my writing, the City Council District 1 position has five declared and verified candidates. In our May newsletter we are planning to provide a short bio and platform statement for each candidate. For the position of San Diego City Schools Board of Education Trustee, resident and incumbent John Lee Evans is seeking re-election. We recently learned that there will be five candidates running for the position of City Attorney. In the event, no single candidate receives a majority of votes, for any elected position, then the top two vote getters will have a run-off in November's general election. UCCA, in conjunction with the San Diego League of Women Voters, has tentatively scheduled a "Candidate's Forum" on Wednesday, October 5 at University City High School. Mark your calendars!

Congratulations to Nancy Groves and Nan Madden for winning their respective position elections as South UCPG representatives. Nancy, writes our UCPG newsletter column.

UCCA has applied for and is in the process of becoming part of the County's "LiveWell San Diego" coalition of organizations and businesses. Thanks to Diane Ahern, our vice-president, and volunteer grant writer, Deanna Radnikova, for their expertise and effort in making this happen. UCCA is very proud to be the first community association in the East and North Central San Diego County Regions to become part of this coalition. (See page 9 for more information about the "Live Well San Diego" coalition) Diane and Deanna are also submitting grant applications to the County for providing funds to pay for our Governor Drive electrical box painting and street banners.

Have a wonderful April...drop in to see what we're doing at our April 13th meeting. UCCA needs and welcomes your support.

Remember, "We are more than just a neighborhood."

~ Barry



**5th ANNUAL LARRY
YANDEL JR.
MEMORIAL YOUTH
FUND CO-ED
SOFTBALL
TOURNAMENT**

APRIL 16 and 17

STANDLEY PARK

The Larry Yandel Jr. Memorial Youth Fund continues to donate to the local sports and school organizations, such as UCLL, UC Del Sol, La Jolla Pop Warner, Centurion Foundation and EdUCate!

All interested participants ages 18 years and older, should contact Dawn Yandel, dawnandel@aol.com. Individuals can be placed on a team, or form a team of 10 players - co-ed (5 men and 5 women) - limited number of teams. Medals for 1st and 2nd place. Special trophy for most home runs (Larry always enjoyed the Home Run Derby). Larry's Cup with past winners will be on display. Saturday night, April 16, there will be five games (first game starts at 5:00pm). The games will follow a girl's fast pitch softball game (for an hour) between UC Del Sol team versus North Shore team (tentative). Come watch the girls kick off the tournament. We are looking for a youth group to head up the concessions during the tournament (i.e. Girl Scout and/or Boy Scout troops). If anyone is interested or knows of an interested group, please contact Dawn. Sunday games will begin at 10:00 am and continue every hour until the Championship game.

CAELNDAR NOTICE: The UC Spirit Run has been postponed until the fall. More info in future newsletters.

2016 UCCA Board Members

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EdUCate!'s Taste of the Triangle

Friday, May 6

VIP Reception 5:30pm

Main Event 7:00 – 10:30pm

UCSD Faculty Club

New this year is an exciting Monte Carlo theme! Enjoy food from great local restaurants, casino-style card games such as Pai Gow, Baccarat, 3-Card Poker, Let It Ride, and Texas Hold 'Em, silent auction/raffle, live entertainment, and evening dancing.



VIP attendees will be entertained by TV personality and UC's own Fred Saxon. Plus they will get special insight into the high stakes poker world from special guest Richard Lederer, father to world renowned poker players Annie Duke and Howard Lederer, who will share his own poker playing secrets. Richard Lederer will also be hosting two special sessions for beginner and intermediate players during the event. Sign-up on the website to reserve your spot, limited seats available.

Participating restaurants are: Ahi Sushi & Grill, Boudin Bakery, Corner Bakery Café, Crossroads Deli, Dan Diego's Euro Café and Pub, Eureka!, French Gourmet, Green Acre, Leucadia Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant, Native Foods, Nine-Ten, Outcast Grill, Premier La Jolla, Rock Bottom Brewery, Specialty's Bakery and Café, UCHS Culinary Club, and Veggie Grill.

Tickets go on sale April 1 at www.uc-educate.org. Prices are \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door; UC Cluster teachers and staff are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. If you cannot attend the event, please consider sponsoring a teacher or donate to our general fund. Donation help offset the cost of putting on this volunteer-run event.

Thanks to event sponsors: Platinum – Caryl Lees, UC Marketplace; Gold – Nancy Beck, Steve & Terry Gray, Katie Dunahoo & Jack Klein, **UCCA**, Wells Fargo Bank, Klassen Painting, and Grace City Church. Game table sponsors: Jennifer Anderson, Amy Bergen Zerofski, Eric & Sarah Jorissen, Kurt Meeder, Angie Minor, Jemma Samala, and Larry Yandel Jr. Memorial Youth Sports Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. If you would like to become a sponsor, or would like to donate items to the silent auction/raffle, please contact jemmasamala@gmail.com. Dress accordingly for the indoor/outdoor venue. Black-Tie optional. All proceeds benefit the five University City public schools: Curie, Doyle and Spreckels Elementary, Standley Middle, and University City High Schools. Support Taste of the Triangle: A Night in Monte Carlo and EdUCate! – It's a High Stakes Assignment!

Visit www.uc-educate.org to purchase tickets to the Taste of the Triangle, and learn more about EdUCate! and many programs and grants supported by your donations. Thank you.



Keep Garage Doors Closed and Shut the Door on Crime

Burglars can spot an open garage door and remove visible items in a matter of seconds. In many instances, the home owners are home and even outside when the burglary takes place.

Typical items taken are:

- **Tools and ladders**
- **Lawn equipment**
- **Sporting equipment**
- **Bikes and kids toys**
- **Or valuables left inside vehicles parked in the garage.**

If you notice your neighbor's garage door open, please be a good neighbor and remind them of the importance of keeping their garage doors closed! Neighbors looking out for one another is the single most effective crime prevention tool.

Besides keeping your garage door closed, lock side gates, install LED lights around the your home, keep valuables out of your parked cars, bring garage door opener in at night and share information with your Neighborhood Watch group.

Report suspicious activity to the non-emergency number 619-531-2000, report a crime in progress to 911. If you are interested in forming a neighborhood watch group on your street, contact Barbara Gellman, bggellman@yahoo.com

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

Now that we've changed our clocks and we're well into the longer days of Daylight Savings Time, emergency lighting and smoke detectors may not be at the top of your to-do list. However, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department recommends checking smoke detector function once a month by pressing the test button. Replace batteries at least once a year; and replace the smoke detector after 10 years.

If your fire or smoke alarm sounds, don't try to fight the fire yourself; get out of the house as quickly as possible. Call 9-1-1 as soon as you are out of the house. If your detector makes a chirping sound, it usually indicates a low battery. Replace the battery with a fresh one immediately. And, while you're at it, Neighborhood Watch reminds you to check your flashlight and other battery powered lights and equipment once a month and replace batteries once a year.

Do You Have a Plan for the Next BIG Disaster?

By Mike Lawson, CERT Team Leader for UC

Even though we don't know if and when the big Earthquake, fire or natural disaster will strike San Diego County or University City we must stay prepared. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) San Diego is the largest single program in the County of San Diego.

Did you know, when the next major disaster hits University City we may and probably will not have our first responders such as the Fire Department, Police and even Emergency Medical Team (EMT) able to respond to our needs?

CERT has helped in the past and will help when needed in the future. The CERT team may be your First Responders and are trained to perform minor medical procedures, communications (HAMM radio), light search and rescue, small fire suppression and other tasks that may be necessary to assist our family, neighbors and community.

You do not need to be CERT qualified to participate with CERT.

Do you have a go bag, emergency supplies, 3-day supply of water and food, cash (electricity may be out, no ATM's) and where is your meeting/staging area? You can get yourself and your loved ones prepared by creating a Family Disaster Plan Checklist and practicing it. Visit www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes for more information on how to create a plan of your own.

Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month held at the UC Library 4155 Governor Drive. Our next meeting is April 5, starting at 6:00pm and will end by 7:30pm. Come learn what CERT is and how it can help our communities.



The Big Spring Cleanup

by Barbara Gellman and Merle Langston from UCCA's beautification committee

Spring cleaning is not just for the inside of your home, it extends to the outside too!

It feels good to rid ourselves of unnecessary items, reorganize and feel accomplished with the results. Step outside your home and really look at it with an objective eye. Ask yourself, how can I make my property look better?

Minor improvements such as weeding, trimming, removing debris, dead trees and shrubs, putting trash cans away, repairing broken fences, removing furniture, storage units and rusted cars/boats would make a big difference.

Grab a shovel, rake, hoe, clippers, hammer, trash bags and a buddy and DIG IN! We hope that working together as neighbors, we can maintain the beauty of University City.

School Board Ethics Reform Approved

John Lee Evans, Trustee, San Diego Unified

Recent events have focused attention on the role of board members and the board's ethical guidelines and enforcement. I decided that it was time to move forward with a clear policy for board members that is open and transparent to the public. Ultimately, the voters decide who is an ethical and effective board member. Board Governance policy states that the Superintendent is the sole point of direction for staff members. The Board is very clear that the Superintendent has not made personnel decisions based upon pressure from any Board member. The Superintendent keeps the entire Board apprised of potential personnel changes and her reasons for those changes. But there was a perception by some staff members and by the public that one board member had undue influence on such decisions. We need to address any perception, especially by staff, that a board member is exerting undue influence.

I proposed four additions to board governance policy to prevent future problems. They were all approved. First, if a board member attempts to direct a staff member or displays unprofessional behavior to that staff member, the Superintendent will discuss the problem with the Trustee and then issue a memo to all board members regarding the incident. This is the first step in shining light on the offense. If that is not sufficient or if such incidents recur, the Superintendent will place it on an open board meeting agenda for public discussion. With the new policy even an *attempt* by a board member to direct operations would be made public, as would any unprofessional conduct by a board member towards a staff member.

Second, the Superintendent was directed to set up a reporting policy for employees who feel that they are being operationally directed by a board member or treated unprofessionally. This needs to be done in a way that ensures that there is not any retaliation. Third, within sixty days following the election of each new Trustee the full board will participate in training by experts on conflict of interest laws and ethics. We will have our first board governance workshop on March 15 with our outstanding new board member from District E, Dr. Sharon Whitehurst-Payne. Fourth, if a new Trustee has a child in San Diego Unified, the Trustee, Superintendent and the staff at that school will have a conference in the first month of the Trustee's term to address the distinction between the role as a parent and the role as a Trustee.

Certain behavior is prohibited by the Board's Code of Conduct. But the above additions will serve to prevent certain misconduct and provide remedies when it occurs. We must hold ourselves to a high standard. As the late Congresswoman Barbara Jordan once said, "We as public officials must set an example for the nation...we must hold ourselves strictly accountable."

Finally, Don't miss the annual Taste of the Triangle on Friday, May 6 at the UC Faculty Club. This is your chance to show your support for UC neighborhood schools.

Council President Sherri Lightner

Spring is here as 2016 speeds by! It has been a productive first three months of the year with many notable actions by the City Council and improvements in University City to report.

For its first full month of operation, University City's new fast response squad, called Squad 56, had 79 total responses in February. Over 80% of those responses were for medical calls with an overall average response time of 6 minutes and 10 seconds. In other fire station related news, the University Community Planning Group voted unanimously to approve preliminary designs for Fire Station 50, which will be located at Shoreline Drive and Nobel Drive.

At the end of February, the City Council approved the creation of an Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone. This allows owners of vacant properties to receive a property tax reduction if the parcel is used for agriculture such as a community garden. Parcels that qualify must be a

For Earth Day: A Call for Safe Disposal County Supervisor Dave Roberts

In anticipation of Earth Day, I am asking constituents in University City and throughout the Third Supervisorial District to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs properly.

As a member of the county's Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force, I appreciate any opportunity to talk about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and the importance of safe disposal. I'm also asking doctors and pharmacists to participate in a state program designed to treat the prescription drug abuse epidemic. So much is at stake. I'm reminded of that whenever I look into the faces of my children.

In March, the Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force published the results of a survey that explores public attitudes on medication disposal. Among 2,000 local respondents, about two in three reported that they do not properly dispose of expired or unwanted meds.

That's not OK.

When dangerous drugs fall into the wrong hands, household medicine cabinets often are the source, law enforcement officials and prevention advocates say. In other words, that old bottle of painkillers can be as deadly as any lethal weapon.

In 2014, local authorities recorded 244 prescription drug overdose deaths and 17 of them were among people age 15 through 24. Clearly, legal drugs can bring deadly outcomes. That's why authorities are urging us to do a better job of getting rid of pills that we don't need.

Take expired or unwanted meds to any Sheriff's station for disposal into a secure drop-box. In 2014, those collections totaled 13,000 pounds. Watch for take-back events. The Drug Enforcement Administration regularly coordinates collections of prescription drugs. In September, at 42 locations in this county and three in Imperial County, agents collected 7.3 tons of drugs.

The DEA has announced April 30 as National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day for 2016. Mark your calendars. Please don't flush those old pills.

Authorities warn that wastewater treatment systems often are not equipped to filter pharmaceuticals before they are released into the ocean, lagoons, groundwater, rivers or other water bodies. Researchers have identified pharmaceutical drug contamination in the water supplies of millions of Americans and have blamed it for altering female-to-male ratios of marine life and for producing fish with both male and female sexual characteristics.

To reduce our pharmaceutical footprint, we continue to push for reforms on the front end of the supply line.

minimum of 0.1 acres and a maximum of 3 acres as well as be in a zone that already allows for agricultural use. Additionally, an agreement between the City and Local 911, the Lifeguard Union was approved, which will extend presumptive illness coverage to full time Lifeguard employees for illnesses contracted on the job such as Pneumonia, Tuberculosis, exposure to biochemical substances and Meningitis.

In March, a batch of updates to the City's Land Development Code was approved. More time will now be required for the noticing of projects after an application is submitted. The City will also be changing regulations to make it easier for projects such as charter schools, electric vehicle charging stations, and home occupations.

Lastly, thank you for the ongoing feedback to our office about neighborhood streets. New 'no turn on red' signage has been installed by City transportation engineers at the intersection of Regents Road and Governor Drive as the result of requests from local residents. Please continue to reach out to my office as the year continues!

University Community Branch April Highlights | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655 | sandiego.gov/public-library
 Now open Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 6 PM!

Events for Adults/Seniors

Chinese Brush Art Exhibit - April 9 through May 2016 (during library hours). Exhibit of colorful Chinese brush paintings by students of Jean Shen, who has taught many workshops and masters classes in brush painting and calligraphy.

Qi Gong - Every Monday @ 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Qi Gong (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative method of relaxing and harmonizing the body.

🎵🎵🎵 **Zumba for Special Needs and Beginners** - Every Monday @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Led by Lis Garces (licensed Zumba® instructor since 2007).

Adult Yoga - Every Thursday @ 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own mat or towel.

Chair Sit Yoga - Tuesday, April 5 & 19 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Get fit where you sit! Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair or standing using a chair for support.

🎵🎵🎵 **Concert: Leonard Patton/Danny Green Quartet** - Wednesday, April 6 @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Leonard Patton and Danny Green spin memorable pop standards into a more playful take on jazz, exploring the Hit Parade and reimagining classic pop radio hit songs by the likes of Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, and the Beatles.

🎵🎵🎵 **Accordion Club** - Saturday, April 9 & 23 @ 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. All are welcome! Second and fourth Saturday of each month.

Covered California Q & A - Tuesday, April 12 @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Representatives from Family Healthcare Centers of San Diego help answer your questions about getting insurance on the marketplace.

UCCA University City Community Association - Wednesday, April 13 @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM. This is a community meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and other community leaders. All are welcome.

Peripheral Neuropathy Lecture - Tuesday, April 19 & 26 @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Learn how to end neuropathy pain. Presented by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals.

North University Community April Highlights | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637 | sandiego.gov/public-library

Events for Adults/Seniors



Small Business Assistance - Wednesdays at 11:30 AM. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help in navigating the process to starting a business. Appointments available by calling the library.

Job Help Assistance - Wednesdays at 3:30 PM. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help with resume writing and job searching. Appointments available by calling the library.

ESL Conversation - Tuesdays at 4:00 PM. Improve English conversation skills in an *informal*, small group setting.

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

AARP Tax Preparation Help - Thursdays 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM through April 14. Volunteers from AARP will be here to help you prepare your tax returns. First come, first served walk-ins only.

Knitters' Circle - Thursday, April 7 and 21 at 1:00 PM. Yarn enthusiasts at all skill levels are welcome.

🎵🎵🎵 **Concert: Harpist Leah Panos**, Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 PM. Harpist Ms. Panos has a vast solo repertoire, with special emphasis in the Classical, Romantic, and 20th Century periods, and has composed several harp arrangements of pop and film music.

🎵🎵🎵 **Concert: The Swingin' with Dean Show**, Monday, April 11 at 3:00 PM. Swing, Big Band, Jazz Standards, Blues, Rock, and Soul hits of Great American Artists. '40s - '70s.

Page Turners Book Club - Wednesday, April 13 at 6:00 PM. The Book Club will be discussing *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Cinema Café - Wednesday, April 20. Enjoy refreshments while watching a thought-provoking film. Title TBA. Please inquire with library staff for further details.

San Diego Philosophy Forum, Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM. Dr. Roy Whitaker from SDSU will speak on "Tupac Shakur and Postmodernism".

UC Book Club - Wednesday, April 27 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM. The Book Club will be discussing *We Are All Completely Besides Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler.

Events for Children

Preschool StoryTime for Kids - Every Thursday @ 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Join us for stories, crafts, finger plays and songs.

LIVE! Homework Help - Every Tuesday & Thursday @ 2:30 - 4:30 PM. A volunteer will be at the library to help with homework.

Makerspace Craft Station - All week long (Monday - Saturday). A different craft station is available in the Children's Area each week.

Tales for Tails - Saturday, April 2 @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Children can read aloud to trained and certified therapy dogs. "Tales for Tails" is designed to help children improve their reading skills and confidence in reading out loud. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by adult.

Wild Wonders - Wednesday, April 20 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM. An interactive wildlife program! Come meet and learn about our furry, feathered, and scaly animal friends.

Events for Tweens/Teens

Kendama Club - Every Wednesday @ 1:30 - 2:30 PM. Test your skills against others, learn new tricks and just have FUN!!!

Video Game Fridays - Every Friday @ 3:00 - 4:00 PM. Wii gaming with your friends, Get your game on!

Teen Writing Club - Wednesday, April 13 @ 3:00 - 4:00 PM. Each month the Teen Writing Club will talk about different techniques for improving your writing for school or that novel you're working on. If you have questions about a current project or an essay you're working on, there's always time after the session to ask questions.

Events for Children/Families

Babies and Books - Mondays at 9:45 AM. This lap-sit storytime will introduce a love for books by using song, movement, rhythm and rhyme. Recommended age: Birth - 2 years.

Homework Help - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 PM. Basic homework help for all grades and subjects. For more information please call the library.

Kids' Art Studio - Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. A fun art lesson every week! No registration required. For grades K-6.

🎵🎵🎵 **Music and Movement** - Fridays at 11:00 AM at the *Nobel Recreation Center*. Sing, Dance and Play! Children enjoy songs and movement activities that build motor skills and increase independence.

Arts & Crafts - Saturdays at 1:00 PM. Let your creativity run wild with a fun craft activity! Children under 8 welcome with an adult or older sibling.

STEAM 2 Academy - Tuesday, April 12 at 3:00 PM. Science-based educational activities geared to students in grades K-3.

Yoga Storytime - Monday, April 11 & 25 at 10:30 AM. Stretch both your body and your mind in this unique program that combines stories, songs and simple yoga poses. Families enjoy healthy fun and bonding. Please bring your own mat.

Paws to Read - Monday, April 18 at 4:30 PM. Practice reading out loud to a furry friend! Certified therapy dogs provided by Love on a Leash, San Diego Central Chapter.

Tiny Tots Storytime - Wednesday, April 20 at 5:30 PM. Miss Kim reads books and plays the piano in this fun sing-along storytime complete with percussion instruments.

Weekly Storytimes

Chinese - Mondays at 11:30 AM

Hebrew - Thursdays at 9:45 AM

English - Thursdays at 10:30 AM

French - Thursdays at 11:15 AM

Russian - Fridays at 10:15 AM

Sign Language - Thursday, March 10 at 12 noon



What's Your Type?

by Library Friend and Volunteer Helen Lebowitz

Did you know? There are two types of volunteers who are associated with the San Diego Public Libraries. There are those who volunteer with the library and often are assigned functions by the Branch Manager. Tasks often have to do with the day-to-day running of the library such as shelving books, helping with Storytimes or crafts for the kids, mending books, to helping weed books such as removing non-circulating items from the shelves.

These people are recognized as City Volunteers and go through a vetting process, which includes on-line training modules. In addition, in cases where they will be in contact with children, these volunteers undergo fingerprinting and criminal background checks. They are not involved with money raising activities, although they save the city huge amounts of money by doing jobs the staff would have to do. Their volunteer hours are entered into an on-line tally sheet.

Library Friends, on the other hand, are a volunteer organization whose main purpose is to raise money to supplement the branch's budget for programs, equipment and materials (books, etc.) The funds raised are matched by the Library Foundation at either 100% or 50%, depending on the fund to which they are submitted. The Friends usually do not interact on a day-to-day basis with library patrons, except at book sales. They pay a small membership fee and their hours are recorded separately, not on-line, and reported every six months to their "Umbrella" organization, the Corporate Friends.

Now, Friends may be Volunteers too, and Volunteers may be Friends, but hours are kept and reported separately. This is important because for many years this was all a very grey area which was just clarified by the City of San Diego last year.

For more info, visit the San Diego Public Library web page <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/> and click on the Volunteer button. Or stop by your local library and talk to the branch manager. At the University Community Library on Governor, talk with Melissa Martin.

Friends of the Library Sponsor Free Concerts in April

Through generous donations from the Friends of the Library, both University City Branch Libraries will host free concerts in April.

At the University Community Branch on Governor, *Leonard Patton/Danny Green Quartet* on Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 - 7:30pm.

And at the North University Community Branch Library on Judicial, *Harpist Leah Panos* on Sunday, April 10 at 3:00pm; and *The Swingin' with Dean Show* on Monday, April 11 at 3:00pm.

Curie's 3rd Annual Party with a Purpose

This year's event will be on Saturday, April 9, from 5:30pm-10:00pm (last call), at the Karl Strauss Tasting Room and Beer Garden, 5985 Santa Fe Street (in Rose Canyon near the I-5 and 52 interchange). Tickets are \$35 each and includes a drink ticket (good for one beer/wine), Taco Bar, DJ and Live Auction Casual attire (outside venue) and adults only. Just a chance to socialize with our fabulous Curie Community! More information and tickets available at www.curiepta.org.

Doyle Elementary Updates...

Doyle is proud to announce their participation in the PTA sponsored program called "#School Smarts". Our first event was a parent engagement night attended by 251 parents. Attendees enjoyed pizza, family time together creating their family trees and participating in a connect activity linking families with the school. This program will continue for seven weeks and will bring our school and parents even closer together.

Doyle's PTA is excited to announce our annual jog-a-thon on April 6. In this fundraiser students ask for a flat sum donation from parents, neighbors and friends. Students will run laps on our field with TK, K, 1st and 2nd graders starting at 8:00am and 3rd, 4th and 5th graders starting at 9:00am. Funds collected are used to support a variety of enrichment activities for our students.



UCHS Grad Nite Garage Sale

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23,
7:00 am to 12:00 noon
3026 Award Row, San Diego 92122**

Stop by the Garage Sale and help support the annual UCHS Grad Nite, a safe supervised celebratory environment for graduating seniors the evening of graduation. Grad Nite is a UCHS PTSA non-profit organization sponsored event.

Plus, donate to the sale. Items in good condition such as sports equipment, bikes, furniture, toys, and other valuables are most appreciated. Items may be dropped off starting on April 19.

Volunteers are needed the week prior to and the day of the event. If you are interested, please email Shannon Wilson at volunteeruchsgradnite@gmail.com. For more info, contact Stephanie Hagstrom, shagstrom@gmail.com, 352.665.1763, or Michele Hagstrom, 619.851.4464.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS!



UCCA wants to support you and your business. 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; UCCA promotes the business and offer on its website and newsletter; and the local business gets more customers more often.

The only 'cost' to the business owner/operator to participate in Buy Local is current UCCA membership.

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 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 www.universitycitynews.org/buy-local-with-ucca/ to register.

Buy Local Business Briefs

This month, UCCA welcomes three new Buy Local participants.

Costa Verde Center, at Genesee and Nobel, is about to undergo a transformation to better serve the University City community. Their vision is to create a beautiful, high quality, walkable environment with direct connections to the future Mid-Coast Trolley Station. Improvements include better parking and traffic circulation, outdoor gathering spaces, more shops and restaurants, and a sustainable design. For more information about existing shops and restaurants, and to view current specials, visit their website at www.costaverdecenter.com.

Footwear etc., located at 3310 Governor Drive, near Sprouts, offers comfortable and fashionable footwear from around the world. Their store carries well-known brands and feature featuring trendy and comfortable boots, clogs, sneakers, flats and sandals. Footwear etc. is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, April 19, from 5:00 – 7:00pm at which they will give the first 25 UCCA members who show up a \$20 coupon on a purchase of \$100 or more. Be sure to bring your UCCA membership card. For more information, visit their website at www.footwearetc.com or check the Buy Local page on UCCA's website.

UTC Certified Famers Market, operating every Thursday, rain or shine, from 3:00-7:00 pm, on Regents Road south of Arriba Street and just north of Rose Canyon, is a leader in an innovative Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. CSA creates a unique opportunity to support local farmers and get a fresh box of local produce each week where everything is grown without pesticides or herbicides. UTC Farmers Market is offering UCCA members \$10 in 'market bucks' to those who enroll in CSA. For more information, visit their website at www.sdmarketmanager.com/wb or check the Buy Local page on UCCA's website.

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Daylight Savings Time did not throw a curve ball to People for a Clean UC.

Ten members, albeit sleepy-eyed, showed up and hauled in about six bags of trash on March 13.

Going two years now, the next neighborhood cleanup is on Sunday, April 10, starting at 7:15am. Meet at Starbucks on Governor Drive. All materials are provided.

Please join us and bring a friend or family member.



Attention, UCCA Members!

Buy Local with UCCA connects individual UCCA members with local businesses. Customers must present their valid, current UCCA membership card at participating Buy Local businesses at the time of purchase in order to take advantage of Buy Local offers.

Here are some of the local businesses that have already committed to the 2016 Buy Local program:

- AlphaGraphics on Governor
- Better Than Home Placement
- Brian Ballard, Financial Advisor
- Chabad Center of UC
- Create-A-Design inside CLONE
- Costa Verde Center
- Cycle Quest
- Dance Hula Fitness
- Diane Medina, Pacific Sotheby's International Realty
- Electric Life Fitness Studio
- ElizabethAnn Photography
- Footwear etc.
- Helping Hands Senior Concierge Services
- Hewitt WaterShapes
- JK Computer Services
- Kelly Johnson Fitness
- Klassen Painting
- Lorna's Italian Kitchen
- Mariya's Skin Care
- Michael A. Cohen State Farm Agency
- Powell Brothers Realty
- Professional Roofing Services
- Reiki For Wellness
- Round Table Pizza on Governor
- Save Their Story Video Biographies
- Steve Gray, Gray Loan Team
- Steve Lyons State Farm Agency
- Studio A Salon
- Terri Day, Realtor, First Choice Properties
- UTC Certified Farmers Market
- Wikitiki Pacific Island Apparel

Go to <http://www.universitycitynews.org/buy-local-with-ucca/> to find out the specifics of each offer; and to find out more about how you, or your business, can participate in UCCA's Buy Local.



OUR MOTHER OF CONFIDENCE EVENTS

Knights of Columbus Breakfast:
First Sunday of the Month - April 3
– 8:00 to 11:00 am, Eggs Benedict,
Scrambled Eggs, and Country
Potatoes - much more. Families –
Two Adults and their children \$17,
Adults \$8

Senior Social – Third Thursday of the Month, April 21, 11:30 am, \$7 per person. Vic Moraga, man of a thousand songs will entertain. Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Penne Pasta, Salad, Homemade Desert.

Combined Concert – Friday, May 20 at 7:30 pm. The Classic Choir and the La Jolla Presbyterian Choir will give a combined concert featuring “The Mass of St. Cecelia” by J.E. Turner and “A Gospel Mass” by Robert Ray. Plus a special anthem “He Never Failed Me Yet” also by Robert Ray. A reception will follow the concert.

Brown Bag Opera – Cavalleria Rusticana & I Pagliacci April 24, at 1:00 pm. Double bill in High Definition from the Metropolitan Opera and theater sound. FREE OF CHARGE! Bring your own lunch, wine, beer or soft drink and join us for an afternoon of great entertainment. All are welcome; invite friends and neighbors.

SAVE THE DATE: May 22

Music for Winds at University City United Church

Save May 22 at 7:00pm for a performance in the sanctuary of University City United Church (UCUC, 2877 Governor Drive) of Mozart’s Serenade 10 (“Gran Partita”) for 13 players. Proceeds from this program will benefit the music program at UCUC.

Many of you have probably seen the movie, “Amadeus.” In the movie, there is a scene where Salieri watches Mozart and his fiancé cavorting in the room where a reception is to be held after a concert. Suddenly Mozart, hearing that the music of the concert has started, jumps up, runs out, and takes the baton to lead the ensemble; at this point Salieri realizes that the fellow he has been watching behave badly is indeed the composer of whom he has heard so much. The piece that is used in the movie for this scene is this same Serenade 10 that we will be performing; in particular, the music that is first heard is the beginning of Movement 3 of the Serenade. In the movie Salieri later looks at the score for this movement; he comments:

“On the page it looked nothing. The beginning simple, almost comic. Just a pulse. Bassoons and basset horns, like a rusty squeezebox. And then suddenly, high above it, an oboe. A single note, hanging there, unwavering. Until a clarinet took over and sweetened it into a phrase of such delight! This was no composition by a performing monkey! This was a music I'd never heard. Filled with such longing, such unfulfillable longing, it had me trembling. It seemed to me that I was hearing the voice of God.”

Come and hear the piece for yourself! And if you know students who are wind players, encourage them to come as well!

BLOODMOBILE RETURNS TO UC

The next UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile Blood Drive at the Sprouts/Starbucks Marketplace on Governor Drive is Saturday, April 16, from 8:00am - 1:30pm. The Magical Bloodmobile Door Closes promptly at 1:30pm, so it's best not to cut it close, and instead try to arrive earlier. For the last Blood Drive, we had 2 people arrive about 5 minutes after the 1:30pm close and they were not allowed to donate.

To reserve a Blood Time, you can sign up at: www.mysdbb.org. For Spontaneous Blood Drop-Ins and Blood Buddies, the best time to come is between 11:00am and 1:00pm, as that's when the fewest Blood Time Reservations are.

According to the official tallies, the 1/23/16 UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Blood Drive at the Sprouts/Starbucks Marketplace had 39 Donations, the 10/31/15 one had 35 Donations, the 8/8/15 one had 39 Donations, the 4/11/15 one had 41 Donations, the 1/24/15 one had 43 Donations, and the 11/15/14 one had 31 Donations. Anything better than 27 is Above Average, so, University City is SO FAR ABOVE AVERAGE, it's BLOODY SCARY!

Did I mention that giving blood is free, takes less than an hour, and helps people anonymously?

And for your calendar-planning pleasure, after the Saturday, April 16, 2016 Blood Drive, the future UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Blood Drives at the Sprouts/Starbucks Marketplace will be on Saturday, September 10, 2016, and Saturday, November 12, 2016, and Saturday, January 14, 2017, and Saturday, March 11, 2017, and Saturday, May 13, 2017, and Saturday, September 9, 2017, and Saturday, November 4, 2017. 2018 Dates are not available yet.

And what are green, have 4 legs, and it really hurts when they fall from trees?.....Pool Tables. Thanks, enjoy, and all the best,
Ray the Bloodman

UCCA seeks Live Well San Diego partner recognition

by Diane Ahern

Live Well San Diego, a San Diego County initiative, involves partners in all sectors – from government, to business, to schools, to faith-based and community organizations – through a shared purpose. Working together allows for planning and implementation of innovative and creative projects to bring Live Well San Diego’s vision of region that is Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving to life.



Designation as a *Live Well San Diego* Recognized Partner has numerous benefits, including:

- Opportunities to showcase best practice examples and success stories through Web, media and events.
- Support in tracking data, measuring outcomes and reporting results.
- Collaboration with a growing network of *Live Well San Diego* champions and partners for the greatest collective impact.

To view UCCA's *Live Well San Diego* Partnership Readiness Worksheet and provide feedback, please visit www.UniversityCityNews.org and click on Live Well San Diego.



by Tama Becker-Varano

I recently attended the 3rd annual Zero Waste Symposium with fellow UCHS PTSA board member and UC resident Margie Watkins. The primary focus of this year's event was to highlight steps currently underway to achieve San Diego's Zero Waste plan by 2040. The spectrum of speakers ranged from City

agencies, community partners, and national non-profits to for-profit waste management companies and restaurateurs. Collectively, they are helping to reshape the concept of "what is waste". While innovation and forward thinking are integral to the future success of the City's plan, there is a concerted effort centered on the significant benefits of simple conservation.



I would love to go on and on about a Zero Waste lifestyle, but food recovery is specifically high on the list of low hanging fruit and the theme of this year's Earth Day - so let's start there. In the US, 40% of food is thrown away somewhere between farm to fork. Not only is this a tremendous waste of food, but when we also consider the massive waste of resources including energy, water, and land, it becomes obvious that this upward trend is not sustainable or responsible. The tragic irony is that 1 in 6 Americans lack food security, most of them children.

We can all be part of the solution, so here are some ideas and resources to guide you on a path toward Zero Waste in your home, community, school, workplace, and ultimately our wonderful City.

- Speaking of low hanging fruit, many UC homes are experiencing stellar crop yields from their citrus trees this year. If your green thumb generates more fruit and/or vegetables than your family can eat in one season, the app NextDoor offers an easy way to let your fellow UC neighbors know you would like to share your bounty.
- Beyond sharing with neighbors, there are local organizations, such as Senior Gleaners of San Diego County and Harvest Crops that will either come and glean your trees or offer a drop off location. The produce is then distributed to low-income families and seniors.

By making small shifts in how we shop, store and prepare food, we can keep the valuable resources used to produce and distribute food from going to waste. As with all Zero Waste mantras, "**Reduce**" is where our journey begins:

- Meal Planning - By buying no more than what you expect to use, you will be more likely to use it up and keep it fresh.
- Prepare a Food Storage Guide / Eat Me First Prompt.
- Still Tasty - Learn the difference between "sell-by", "best-by", and expiration dates at www.stilltasty.com.

To the extent that some of your produce still spoils, be sure to compost it. Instead of sending this waste to the landfill, convert it to compost right in your own backyard and eventually add the nutrients to your soil.

For more Zero Waste tips, email Tama at Tamambv@msn.com. Go to the UCCA website to access online links related to minimizing food waste and see the full version of this article.



Doyle Park's Butterfly Garden Enters Caterpillar Stage



by Deanna Ratnikova, photo courtesy Maxim Ratnikov

Late last year, the Doyle Community Park and Recreation Council renovated an area of Doyle Park creating a butterfly garden. Community and council members have been monitoring the garden and are excited to announce that the garden is thriving. Eggs have hatched and many caterpillars can be seen munching on milkweed – the essential plant for Monarch butterflies. Stay tuned for updates on the chrysalis and butterfly stages!



UC Garden Club Smells the Roses

by Bob Byrnes, photo from last meeting courtesy Theresa Fassel

The next meetup of the UC Garden Club will take place Saturday, April 23 from 1:00 to 3:00pm at the garden of Julie Nydam on Fisk Avenue. Julie is a member of the San Diego Rose Society, and is also a Rosarian (American Rose Society certified rose growing consultant) and a Horticultural Rose Judge as well. She will speak on the care and cultivation of roses. Julie welcomes questions – please come prepared!

Julie's garden contains 250 rose bushes of different varieties, colors, and fragrances on all sides of her home. Her front yard features a lovely courtyard with a fountain and few orchids sprinkled in. Her back yard contains a terraced hill full of roses with a swimming pool.

Refreshments will be served. There is little shade, so please wear hats. The street address will be sent to UC Garden Club members prior to the meetup. To become a member, send an email with your name and address to ucgardenclub@gmail.com.



White-tailed kites are nesting in Rose Canyon this spring. If we are lucky, we may see them during our spring bird walks. In this photo, one kite (probably the male) has just given his mate a nice gopher meal, which she will swallow whole. Kites are birds of prey that catch primarily small mammals. They are beautiful to watch hunting. They can hover in mid air by beating their wings, then fold their wings up and float straight down to catch their prey. Photo taken in Rose Canyon by Karen Straus.

Rose Canyon Bird Walks

Experience the amazing sights and sounds of spring birds, including some from the tropics. The free walks are hosted by the Friends of Rose Canyon and are led by skilled birders. Walks are on Saturdays, April 10, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, from 8:00-10:00am.

Spring is the best time of year to see and hear a great variety of birds in Rose Canyon, including migrants arriving from the tropics, winter residents getting ready to migrate north, and year-round residents. Many are in breeding plumage, some with spectacular colors. Some are singing to establish territories and attract mates. Some are building nests, gleaning insects off the trees, feeding their young. Birds of prey are on the wing, courting, hunting, and carrying prey to their nests.

Walks are easy and participants can leave at any time during the walk. Best for adults and children ages 9 and up. Reminder that there are no bathrooms or water in Rose Canyon Park or at the trailhead parking area. Meet at the intersection of Regents Road and Lahitte Court (at the dead end). Bring binoculars if you have them, water and sunscreen. Walks start promptly at 8:00am, please arrive early to park, sign in, and borrow binoculars if needed. For info, contact Debby Knight, rosecanyon@san.rr.com, 858.597.0220, or www.rosecanyon.org.

The canyon becomes a different world. Join us to experience this dramatic annual display of nature in our midst.



The tiny Allen's hummingbird is different from the more common Anna's hummingbirds that we are used to seeing. They are 3 1/2 inches long and weigh one tenth of an ounce. They hover at flowers to drink the nectar and also eat small insects either by catching them in flight or picking them off leaves. Photo courtesy Karen Straus.



Sunflowers and bright colors 'transform' electrical box

by Barbara Gellman

Have you seen it? It's beautiful! Local artist Julie Dennis is transforming an electrical transformer box in front of Chase Bank at Governor and Edmonton. This public art installation is the most recent in UCCA's transformer box beautification project along Governor Drive. UCCA has applied for a grant from the County of San Diego to paint additional boxes along Governor. Stay tuned for updates.

Standley Park Egg Hunt

The Standley Park Annual Egg Hunt had a very successful event with a turnout of more than 300, including about 200 kids from ages 0-10. Standley Park's Spring Egg Hunt had music, arts and crafts, egg



dyeing, relay games, go-karts, an egg hunt of more than 3,000 eggs including candy and prizes and of course a picture-op with the Easter Bunny himself. Over 20 volunteers assisted the SPRC staff in throwing another free and fun event for the University City Community.



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Thanks to UCCA for the \$1,000 donation to the UCHS Music Program for the purchase of a vibraphone (pictured above with UCHS music students). The donation has brought us one step closer to becoming a first-rate music program.

This piece of percussion equipment will not only help our percussionists, it will benefit the marching band and jazz ensembles with a better overall sound. We are thankful for the great support of this community!

Brandon Corenman, UCHS Music Director
 and the UCHS Parent Boosters

University City Community Association 2016 UCCA Membership Application*

2016 Members will receive our new membership card and a special thank-you gift for joining.

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*This membership is valid for the 2016 calendar year. Thank you for joining UCCA.

If you have any questions, please contact our membership chairperson Hallie Burch at UCCAmembership@gmail.com.

UC Planning Group Report

by Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1

Sherri Lightner's rep reported on the city council passage of the urban incentive zone, lifeguard union expanded health agreement, and city boards still open for parking and libraries. The expansion of hours for the UC Rapid Response Team is in the budget proposal. The study is on going on air pollution control at Miramar landfill and the odor source. Recycling is still a priority. On behalf of the city a formal commendation was given to Bruce Rainey for his four years of service on the UCPG. Supervisor Dave Roberts' rep reported on the Work Force Policy Board meeting April 28 to match employers with employees and on the Getting to Zero Task Force on HIV/Aids as well as Aging and Independence Services forums. Scott Peters' rep reported on free income tax prep for those who need it at Nobel Library, and the Educational Plan, and the High School Art Contest deadline April 20. Senior City Planner Dan Monroe gave an update on the community plan amendment. The planners are still summarizing the February survey results on walking, driving, and biking in U.C. The city will release the draft EIR by summer.

UTC Westfield Update: John Alderson assured us that there would be a new Forum Hall for meetings. They are tearing down the old Nordstrom's building and the new 144,000 sq. ft. building on the corner of La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee will be above the parking and is being paid for by Nordstrom; it is on schedule and on budget. Lots of new restaurants with outdoor seating and many trees will be added. There may be a residential tower added on the southwest corner with up to 294 apartments. The parking structure will open before November 23, 2016 with 2,000 spaces of which 200 will be for trolley riders and validated parking will be available for Arc Light, 24hr Fitness, and restaurants. After 2017, a new additional parking lot will open.

Fire Station 50 on Nobel: Elif Cetin from City Public Works gave an update on the planning progress and introduced architects Safdie Rabines and their landscape architect. The Fire Chief, Brian Fennessy and the city civil engineer have approved the 12,400 sq. ft. fire station plans. The UCPG sub-committee approved the preliminary plans. Everyone within 300 ft. has been notified. The building has a small footprint and gains space by going up and also uses half floor mezzanines within. The schedule: need approval of UCPG, city approval in May, bids out in summer and construction plans in by winter 2016-17 with ground breaking in late 2017. The landscape architect explained zone 2 with removal of invasive species and replanting of natives. The station is in the Multi-Species Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) and they are keeping reduced light spill and will mitigate swap for the land used within the same area. This was an action item and the UCPG approved the plans unanimously.

City Council Action to sell 5 Excess Properties. One of these properties lies in the UCPG area with 4 acres of a 42-acre area developable land valued at \$4,070,000. Proceeds of the sale would go to the capital outlay fund and a portion for police. A motion was made that the city remove from consideration for sale the three parcels at the north terminus of Campus Point Dr. totaling 42 acres. In 2012 the UCPG voted to recommend that the entire 42 acres be dedicated as open space since the parcels are inside the Multi-Species Habitat Planning Area (MHPA). The land is part of the 150 plus acre site that is part of Roselle Canyon and it represents one of the last undeveloped coastal headlands in the north city area. The motion passed with 12 yeas, and 3 abstentions.

MID-Coast Trolley Update: SANDAG reported that they are in the process of issuing "Resolutions of Necessity" to take land for the trolley right of way, taking the minimum amount of sq. ft. and pricing the property. Much of this land involves La Jolla Colony managed by McKibbon Co. and will affect Barcelona, La Paz, Irvine Co., Scripps, as well as land in the CA Pizza Kitchen area. There will be a meeting at Doyle Rec Center on March 29 at 6:30-8:30pm to discuss the impact on those living in the area. Most currently owning or renting in the area do not seem to be aware of the taking of the land since McKibbon has not informed them.

Election Results: R1 Resident Nancy Groves, R2 Resident Isabelle Kay, R3 Resident, Alice Buck, B1 Business Nan Madden, Montessori Academy, B2 Business Kris Kopensky The Irvine Company, B3 Business Jason Moorhead, Alexandria Real Estate, and B3 Business Ross Caulum.



MARCY PARK RENOVATION

by Ruth DeSantis and Sandy Lippe, photo courtesy Don Hotz

University City residents are fortunate to have a jewel right in their midst; MARCY PARK. This diamond in the rough is located on the rim of a beautiful and quiet canyon along Stresemann Street. Marcy Park is adjacent to lovely single family homes and the prestigious Mission Bay Montessori Academy. It should be a park that makes residents proud, yet it has fallen into a sad state over the decades and many liken it to the forgotten child.

For years Marcy Park has received the least funding and attention of all our area parks. Several trees have come down over the years without being replanted, park benches destroyed but never replaced and playground equipment inaccessible to those children with special needs. The park is not enjoyed by MBMA students, as it should be, and residents often choose to take their children and grandchildren to other parks because of the lack of current and safe playground equipment.

Six years ago there was considerable effort made to renovate Marcy Park but the timing was not right and the funding was not available. Fortunately now, in 2016, the tide seems to have turned and those plans have been resurrected to revitalize Marcy Park and restore it to its original grandeur. In an effort co-chaired between longtime residents, Ruth DeSantis and Don Hotz, there is once again hope for Marcy Park. If they are to succeed this time, it will require the overwhelming support of the community.

Plans will propose replacement of lost trees and park benches/tables, renovation of the existing play structure to be limited to 1-5 year olds, with the addition of a new play area for older children with their own swings and climbing equipment. All play equipment would blend in with nature, similar to that pictured here, and a shade structure would be added. For adults, stretching and exercise stations with resting benches would be added adjacent to the walking path to create a "healthy heart" trail. Broken water fountains would be fixed and grading would be adjusted to make the park ADA accessible. Public restrooms would not be added and parking would remain as is, retaining the local private park feel & safety of Marcy Park.

The time is right for this renovation but it won't happen without your support. Ruth & Don invite readers to sign a virtual petition to renovate Marcy Park at <http://tiny.cc/marcypark>. This matter was heard at the UC Community Association meeting on March 9 and will be heard again at the next UC Recreation Council meeting on Thursday, March 24th at 6:30 at Stanley Park. Please feel free to attend to show your support or contact Ruth DeSantis (rgd@san.rr.com) or Don Hotz (don.hotz@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or comments.



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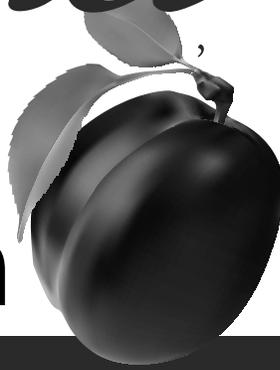
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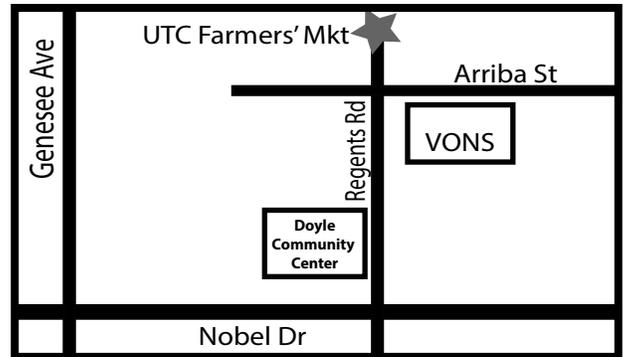
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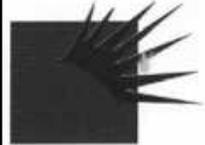
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4015 Zenako Street	4	2.5	\$755,000
5425 Renaissance Ave	3	2.5	\$835,000
3452 Tony Ave	5	3	\$895,000
4097 Caminito Terviso	3	2.5	\$905,000
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UC DEL SOL OPENING DAY WAS A SUCCESS



by LeeAnn Anderson

UC Del Sol's Opening Day was again a success, as the league enjoyed a day of fun and games. San Diego County Supervisor Dave Roberts was the guest speaker.

Roberts' office awarded UC Del Sol with a \$8,000 grant last May through the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program. There is a link to more details on the program on the league's website at www.ucdelso.com. The funds were used to buy a new pitching machine, cage netting, bow nets and other gear in addition to offsetting spring uniform costs for all players.

Supervisor Roberts judged our banner contest and 10u team Queen Bees was selected for their homemade banner. Criteria was based on creativity and team enthusiasm. Among the three homemade banners, Supervisor Roberts chose the Queen Bees in support of another county initiative that is supporting the establishment of beehives throughout the district. Queen Bee mom Jamie Stoppenhagen created the banner.



UCLL Opening Day Tradition Continues

by Sean Dunne

Opening Day! There is not a day of the year I enjoy more. The Standley Band directed by Mr. Marcus leads the parade march, as the teams follow in a line towards the opening day ceremonies on the infield. You can count on seeing the brown and yellow of Padres Jerseys from the past, on future MLB hopefuls. Standley Park, the heart of our community is the location of a rite of passage every spring for University City Little League baseball players.

This year the smiling players sprinted through a new UCLL logo archway lined by baseball players from USD, the Padres Pad Squad and the board members who work countless volunteer hours to make the league possible. The Little League Pledge was read by a representative from each age division, the National Anthem was sung by Hyugo Horton, and all seems good in the neighborhood again because baseball is back. Zachary Preston threw out the first pitch to Noah Best. Zachary is the grandson of former UCLL president Pat Preston who passed away a few years ago (see front page photo). To see Zach out on the field being coached by his dad Ryan a former UCLL player is special. It unites our community through generations of volunteers and players who enjoy and have enjoyed the unique opportunity little league provides.



Last but not least the UC tradition of the Otter pop run. All players in the t-ball division race to get an otter pop after the ceremony and get "energized" for their first game. University City Little League is a 100% volunteer group that teaches boys and girls of all ages the value of teamwork, sportsmanship, and community involvement. Go to ucll.org for more info. TOT-name-label-2.jpg