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**UCCA Honors Community Volunteers**

UCCA Honors Its Own...On Sunday, August 13 UCCA held its annual Volunteer Recognition Event. During the Standley Park Sunday concert intermission, UCCA president Barry Bernstein read a commendation for all volunteers from City Councilperson Barbara Bry.

Neighborhood Watch coordinator Barbara Gellman, and local SD police officers thanked the terrific captain/co-captains for a job well done. The more than 100 newsletter volunteers were also recognized and thanked for the work they do each month.

Don Hotz, who wears many hats, (UCCA Treasurer, "Improve UC" treasurer, Standley Park Rec. Council community representative, and Co-chair of Marcy Park Improvement) was presented a commendation from Barbara Bry and a plaque and gift certificate from UCCA for his dedicated service to the University City community. Don is pictured below with Barry, and Don's wife Valerie, who is UCCA's volunteer Newsletter Coordinator.

All attending volunteers received a special designed pen, lighting up the UCCA logo and motto, "more than just a neighborhood." Thank you UC volunteers!



**Labor Day**

Monday, September 4

**Grandparents Day**

Sundays, September 10

**People for a Clean UC**

Sunday, September 10, 7:30-9:00am  
 Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks  
 3202 Governor Dr. Supplies provided.

**Patriot Day**

Tuesday, September 11

**UC Planning Group**

Tuesday, September 12, 6:00pm  
 Scripps, 10010 Campus Pointe Drive

**UCCA Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 13**  
 6:00pm, UC Library

**Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year)**

Begins Sundown,  
 Wednesday, September 20

**Islamic New Year**

Thursday, September 21

**First Day of Fall**

Friday, September 22

**Doyle Recreation Council**

Tuesday, September 26, 6:30pm

**Standley Recreation Council**

Thursday, September 28, 7:00pm

**Yom Kippur**

Begins Sundown,  
 September 29

## UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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- Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
- Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com; email any questions.

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## UCCA President Barry Bernstein

It's nearing the end of summer, and our schools are all in session. Please watch for our children crossing streets. UCCA hopes this Labor Day Holiday will give you time to relax and prepare for the coming Fall months. It's been a busy "banner" year so far...as I'm sure you've noticed all the beautiful new street banners on our major streets. This month new Fall banners publicizing EdUCate! and University City will be proudly displayed along Governor Drive. Money for these and other new banners has been provided by a San Diego County Neighborhood Enhancement Grant award to UCCA.

This summer, preoccupation with serious National events may have caused some of us to become TV news addicts, real or "fake". (On the local front, "a huge crowd watching the solar eclipse surprised our library staff this past August, as there were hundreds of interested families standing in long lines all the way down the sidewalk to Carl's Jr.") UCCA was proud to participate and support the annual Standley Park 4th of July "Celebration", and the Summer Concerts. Barbara Gellman and your neighborhood watch captains organized the UC National Night Out/"Dance Marathon" at Standley Park in early August to honor and support our local police. Major donors to this event include Costa Verde Shopping and University Square shopping malls. And on Sunday, August 13th, UCCA honored its many community volunteers. (see photos) Our councilperson, Barbara Bry provided a commendation for all UCCA's volunteers. Barbara Gellman and two local police officers, (Officer Crawford grew up in UC), thanked the Neighborhood Watch captains for their support of their neighbors and the SD Police. Our many newsletter volunteers were also recognized. In acknowledgment of their community service all volunteers were given a specially designed pen featuring the UCCA logo and motto. Don Hotz, UCCA treasurer, Improve UC treasurer, Standley Park Board member, and Co-chair of "Marcy Park Improvements" was designated as our "Volunteer of the Year".

If you've dared to drive north on Genesee, north of Nobel, up to the UCSD campus entrance/Scripps Hospital this summer, you are aware of the current construction taking place...and it looks like the various street and building projects will be continuing for a year or so. Then along will come the Mid-coast trolley line...which it too will create traffic congestion some time. Westfield has begun construction of their 24-story apartment building, and that has created additional traffic around the UTC area. A proposed major water/pipeline to the purification plant off of 805 will begin next year...coming north of Clairemont Mesa Blvd on Genesee up to Nobel and turning east. Costa Verde Regency Center will be submitting their environmental impact report to the City Council in October, as they begin their planning for a major renovation. And, there are plans for two more high-rise apts. to be built at La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee.

The acknowledged gridlock on Genesee at commuting times is a fact, and most likely will only get worse. But what happens when the inevitable traffic accident occurs on Genesee. How would commuters and those of us who live in UC get from one place to another? Would our first responders be able to attend to emergency situations in adequate time? In my opinion, when it comes to "safety" in our community, all options should be available. to consider. That leads me to my final comments...the legal case against the City for removing the Regents Road Bridge and Widening of Genesee from our current Community Plan has begun. Attorneys met on August 11 to set the procedural calendar. UCCA will continue to keep you informed of the current status on its website, NextDoor postings and of course in our monthly newsletter.

My best wishes to those Jewish families in our community who will be celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur this month. UCCA and Standley Park Rec. Council have created a beautiful "I Love University City" tee-shirt for everyone to celebrate and reflect pride of the community we live in...a "donation" of only \$5.00 is suggested. Tee-shirts are available at our monthly meetings at our Community Branch Library the second Wednesday of the month.

Thanks again to all of our many volunteers...you are what makes University City, "more than just a neighborhood". Have a great September everyone...please feel welcome to join us at our Sep. 13 meeting, 6:00pm at our Community Branch Library. ~Barry

**EDITOR'S NOTES...** by *Jemma Samala*

As we honor our own UCCA volunteers, I want to highlight a couple volunteers below. Plus, a big shout out to my UC Celebration Co-Chair Randall Tonini, plus all the many committee volunteers: Tom Berge, John Schindel, Andy Freeburn, Pia Sud, Priscilla Hughes, Bill Massicot, Barry Bernstein, Diane Ahern, Jesse DeLille, and so many more that helped the day of the event. The UC Celebration truly is a "community" event. The next community event: Oktoberfest!



**Volunteer LeWayne "Lee Lorang**, UC resident for 41 years, will miss "more than just a neighborhood."

Lee Lorang, age 94, died peacefully five months after suffering a hip fracture. Her husband of 70 years,

Alphonse Lorang, lovingly supported her throughout life and through her latest health challenge. Lee and Al, originally from the same small farming community in Minnesota, moved to San Diego's South Bay in 1955 as part of Al's nomadic Navy career. They came to UC in 1976 to postpone empty nesting. Their youngest child, Marge, had commuted to UCSD during freshmen year at UCSD, but was contemplating an apartment hunt. Professionally, Lee worked as a registered nurse at Paradise Valley, Villa View, and Balboa Naval hospitals. She retired in 1988 after a breast cancer diagnosis and successful treatment.

Lee and Al were magnets and three of their kids moved to UC themselves. (A fourth, Phil, just moved back to San Diego as well, after time in Michigan and North Carolina.) Seven of their eleven grandkids went through UC public schools: Matt and Katie Anderson; Melissa, Karen and Jeremy Lorang; and Daniel and Charlie Spinosa. The grandparents were fixtures at UC Little League games, youth soccer and water polo games, and countless UCHS sporting events. They never missed Taste of the Triangle, Oktoberfest, a July 4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast or a Concert in the Park. Lee raised a close-knit family, who will try to help Al carry on. Lee's remains were interred at Miramar National Cemetery.

**UC residents Mary and Paul Croft** have been long time volunteers in our community. Among their numerous contributions is their keeping Park 'n Ride weed free and litter free for the last ten years. UCCA is part of Adopt-A-Highway program by Cal Trans at the east end of Governor near 805. Mary and Paul have worked hard to keep the weeds and litter down.



Cigarette butts are a menace to UC. Some drivers dump their ashtrays on to the street. Others leave fast food wrappers from lunch.

UCCA would like to thank the Crofts and the Vince Reardon litter pickers who meet the second Sunday of the month at 7:30am near Starbucks in the Marketplace and clean up several areas of UC.

**COMMUNITY LOOKS AT THE SUN**



Many community members went to both the South UC and the North UC Community Library Branches to attend programs to view the eclipse of the sun. Although we only received a partial eclipse in San Diego, it still proved to be a big crowd draw. Save those eclipse glasses, the next one is in 2024!



**EdUCate!'s 9th Annual Oktoberfest**  
**October 21, 2017 from 1-6 pm at Standley Park**

The trolley will be running the length of Governor from 1-6pm

Live Music provided by  
 Rumba y Soul, Victims of Authority, Rare Form, UCHS Marching Band and more!

Fun and games including a Rock Climbing Wall, Castle Super Jump, and more! Principals' Challenge! Booths! Book Sale! Great Food!

**Mash Heads University City Homebrew Competition**

Donate \$180 to our **Dollar A Day** campaign (\$1 per school day) before or during Oktoberfest and receive two commemorative cups and **ALL-YOU-CAN-TASTE** beer or soda!

Sample beers from local micro-breweries  


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Visit our website for more information and to make donations prior to the event.



**Above is a banner posted at the San Diego Police Department Northern Division office, thanking the community for their support and their turnout at the National Night Out event at Standley Park. Below are two officers that make up the local "crime suppression" team, shown with UCCA President Barry Bernstein at Volunteer Appreciation during a recent summer concert.**



## SAN DIEGO POLICE LOOKING FOR NEW CHIEF

The City of San Diego is asking for the public's help to find a replacement for outgoing Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman. Zimmerman will retire in March 2018. The new chief should be selected by January 2018.

"Under Chief Zimmerman San Diego has become a leader in community policing and remained one of the safest big cities in America. Our next police chief must build on her commitment to excellence and continue to forge strong bonds with our neighborhoods," said Mayor Kevin Faulconer.

"The police chief serves all of San Diego so we want everyone to have a chance to participate in the selection process. I am encouraging San Diegans to attend these community forums so the public's voice is heard."

The City will host four community meetings this fall and unveil an online survey to accept comments. One meeting will be at Standley Park Recreation Center, 3585 Governor Drive, on Thursday, September 21, starting at 6:00pm.

## Girl Scouts Paint for Silver Award Project

We are two 8th Grade girls in Girl Scout Troop 3476. We painted an electrical box for our Girl Scout Silver Award Project. The box is located on the corner of Regents Road and Governor Drive at the entrance to the church parking lot.



We want our box to have a positive and inspiring message. The bright colors represent happiness and the sun represents warmth and light. We painted a sun that had rays wrapping themselves around the box and we based the colors of the rays on those from the 10 petals of the Girl Scout Daisy. They each represent the Girl Scout Promise: Be Honest and Fair, Friendly and Helpful, Courageous and Strong, Responsible for what I say and do, Respect my self and others, Respect Authority, Use Recourses Wisely, Make the world a better place, and, to be a sister to every Girl Scout.

We added the message "Spread Kindness" inside the sun in hopes that when people look at the box, they are encouraged to be kind to one another. The design on the box can be interpreted in multiple ways, but we hope that you are filled with happiness when looking at our box, that is the goal. We enjoyed working on this project to beautify UC and we hope that it will uplift spirits and spread kindness because we can always use more of that in our community and beyond. Thank you and warm wishes, Emiline Mosnier and Mieke van Daelen



**Daisy Crazy: Another neighborhood beautification project sponsored by UCCA**

Wow! What a difference 6 days and a few coats of paint can make! Neighbors Diane Ahern and Kathy Niess (photo left) teamed up to paint the electrical utility box at 7056 Gullstrand Street. It

started with an idea to beautify one of the most unattractive utility boxes in the area and a desire to establish a utility box beautification protocol that others could easily replicate. Since Kathy had experience using stencils, the search began for large stencils with a simple design to fill the space. After gaining approval of the Crazy Daisy design, color palette and location from University City Community Association's Beautification Co-chair Barbara Gellman, the transformation began.

**Barbara  
Bry**  
  
**City  
Council,  
District 1**



## A Long-Term Solution for San Diego's Short-Term Rental Problem

*The following was an Op-ed by Councilmember Barbara Bry Published in the Union Tribune on Sunday, August 20, 2017*

Our beaches, bays and open spaces make San Diego a desirable place to both live and visit. Balancing the needs of the residents who live here and the tourists who come to visit requires political will and leadership. After years of discussions and failed proposals, it is time for clarity on an issue central to San Diego's housing and tourism markets — short-term vacation rentals.

Through a March 15, 2017 memo, City Attorney Mara Elliott opined that short-term rentals are illegal under the current city zoning laws. The city is now awaiting regulatory guidance from the City Council before taking any action to enforce the city attorney's memo. My proposed regulatory framework respects the rights of property owners, upholds current zoning laws and creates a workable compromise.

My proposal protects the rights of homeowners who wish to participate in home sharing by renting out a room in their home to help make ends meet. It further allows property owners to rent out their primary residence for up to 90 days per year if they want to go on vacation or make extra income during special events like Comic-Con. As a high-tech entrepreneur, I embrace the sharing economy as an innovative and integral part of our overall economy. I know it is here to stay and that it will continue to grow.

While my plan preserves homeowners' ability to rent out a room or even their entire primary residence, it prohibits absentee investors from commercializing single-family homes by turning them into full-time mini-hotels in residential zones. To put it simply, I propose to enforce the current law that prohibits these short-term rentals in residential zones, and I believe that a short-term rental is any time period less than 30 days. We can uphold the current zoning law, maintain the character of our neighborhoods, consistently collect Transient Occupancy Taxes from both home sharing and legal whole-house rentals, and preserve our precious housing stock for families who live and work in San Diego. Simultaneously, we can offer San Diego visitors unique and affordable options for accommodations.

San Diego has a severe housing shortage that makes it difficult for residents to rent, let alone purchase a home. If we want a future for our children and grandchildren here, we need

to move quickly to address this issue. Advocates, experts, elected officials and associations all agree that we must increase the housing pipeline. My proposal both protects housing stock and allows residents to supplement their income.

The City Council recently took steps to remedy the housing shortage by passing a package of legislation aimed at creating more units, lowering construction costs and encouraging transit-oriented growth.

That package included eased regulations for building companion units, affectionately known as granny flats. While legislation at the state level went into effect in January to make building companion units easier, the City Council's new policy went even further to streamline regulations. During the council discussion of this item, an important amendment to limit the rental of these units to no less than 30 days was added. This 30-day minimum requirement makes it clear that this policy is meant to incentivize the creation of units to make housing more affordable for San Diegans. The policy's intention is not to make it easier to build commercial enterprises in our backyards, and the City Council recognized this by passing the companion unit legislation with an 8-1 vote.

The proliferation of mini-hotels in residential communities is an issue I've been hearing about from community members since I began my campaign for the District 1 council seat. Understandably, residents are concerned about the character of their neighborhoods and quality of life. When you purchase a home in a residential neighborhood, you are not signing up to live next to a Marriott. My office sought extensive community input in developing my proposal and will continue to do so until the council takes action on this issue. We will present a draft ordinance for community review at a public town hall meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the La Jolla Community Center.



### Assemblyman Todd Gloria Holds Community Meeting

On Saturday, August 5th, CA Assemblyman Todd Gloria held a community meeting at our Community Library. Residents from UC and surrounding areas were there to have their questions answered and for Mr. Gloria to review current legislation around the issues of affordable housing, single payer health, and infrastructure. The 30 plus attendees were appreciative of the CA Assemblyman's explanation and candid opinions. Javier Gomez, will be the University City representative from the Assemblyman's office and will be at our September meeting.

**University Community Branch September Highlights | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655 | [sandiego.gov/public-library](http://sandiego.gov/public-library).**



### Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Thursday, September 28 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Friday, September 29 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 30 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

### Programming for Adults

**CERT Meeting** educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. Tuesday, Sept 5 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Concert: Adrienne Nims and Sheldon Rosenbaum** will be playing classical music. Wednesday, September 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Adult Writers' Group** - Meet with other beginning writers in a supportive environment—share your writing, positively critique others' work and hear from guest writers. Thursday, Sept 7 @ 1:30 p.m.

**Accordion Club** meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. All are welcome! Saturday, September 9 & 23 @ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Computer Class, photo sharing.** Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Monday, September 11 @ 10:30 a.m.

**University City Community Association (UCCA).** This is a community meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and other community leaders. All are welcome. Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Jewelry Making**, take home something you made yourself! Make your own earrings and/or other pieces of jewelry with an experienced crafter. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Friday, September 15 @ 10:00 a.m. & Noon.

**UC Book Club** will be discussing *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Wednesday, September 27 @ 2:00 p.m.

**Codependency and Intervention** - learn what enabling behavior is and why it isn't helpful, and learn how to plan and implement a successful intervention. The program is led by John Seaman, MA, MAC, CADC II, an instructor at UCSD. Wednesday, September 27 @ 6:30 pm.

### Programming for Children

**Preschool Storytime for Kids**; stories, crafts, finger plays and songs. Every Thursday @ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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

**Button Making** - we will be making 1 inch buttons from magazines and printed materials. You can bring in your own print outs to make buttons too! Wednesday, September 20 @ 2:00 p.m.

### Programming for Tweens/Teens

**Video Game Fridays.** Wii gaming with your friends, Get your game on! Every Friday @ 4:30 p.m. Back to our regular time of 3:00 after the Summer Reading Program, August 18.

**ThoughtSTEM Coding for Kids.** ids new to coding are welcomed. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Tuesday, September 12 @ 3:30

**North University Community September Highlights | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637 | [sandiego.gov/public-library](http://sandiego.gov/public-library)**

### Events for Adults/Seniors

**Chess Club**, Mondays at 3:00 p.m. Casual public chess meet open to all ages and skill levels.

**Knitters' Circle**, Thursday, September 7 & 21 at 1:00 p.m. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

**Small Business Assistance**, Wednesday, September 13 & 27 at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help in navigating the process to starting a business. Appointments available by calling the library.

**Job Help Assistance**, Wednesday, September 13 & 27 at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help with resume writing and job searching. Appointments available by calling the library.

**Fiction Fanatics Book Club**, Saturday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. Fiction Fanatics will be discussing *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes.

**Guided Meditation**, Sundays, September 10 & 17 at 12:30 p.m. 20 minute guided meditation followed by tea.

**Page Turners Book Club**, Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. Page Turners will be discussing *Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley.

**A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults**, Sunday, September 17 at 1:00 p.m. Each class will utilize a different art technique to inspire the creation of unique pieces. Participants are asked to bring a small sketchbook to class; all other supplies provided.

**Cinema Café**, Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments while watching and discussing a thought-provoking movie. Please call the library for the month's selected feature.

### Events for Children/Families

**Babies and Books**, Mondays & Fridays at 10:00 a.m. This lap-sit storytime will introduce a love for books by using song, movement, rhythm and rhyme. Recommended age: Birth – 2 years.

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

**LEGO Club**, Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. Make new friends and build amazing creations every week.

**Kids' Art Studio**, Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. A fun art project every week! No registration required. Recommended for grades K-6.

**Preschool Storytime**, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Stories and songs in English promote early literacy skills.

**Fun with French**, Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. Explore the French language through song in this bilingual program.

**Yoga Storytime**, Monday, September 11 & 25 at 10:30 a.m. 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.

**STEAM2 Academy**, Tuesday, September 12 at 3:00 p.m. This month's theme is the Science of Fairy Tales

**Sign Language Storytime**, Thursday, September 14 at 12 noon. Baby Sign Language Basics author, Monta Z. Briant puts on a super-fun sign language performance for babies through preschoolers. Includes songs, fingerplays, books, fun toys and props, and bubbles!

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

**Notes:** Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for their generous sponsorship. You, too, can be a Friend; ask at the Check Out Desk. Please call the libraries to confirm any given program. Changes are rare, but may occur. **Check with libraries about holiday closings.**



## The Chemist Challenge

Nikhil Seshadri a resident of University City from Standley Middle School represented California at the National "You be The Chemist Challenge" in Washington DC this summer and won second place. Approximately 55,000 middle school students across the nation participated in this competition. Nikhil received a \$6,000 scholarship and a trophy. The "You be the Chemist Challenge" is sponsored by The Chemical Education Foundation in Washington DC and it is an interactive academic contest for middle school students on fundamentals of chemistry and their real-world applications. Nikhil developed an interest in Chemistry when he was in fifth grade at Spreckels Elementary School. He participated in a local challenge in San Diego and was selected to participate in the Statewide contest that was held in Anaheim. Nikhil was declared the California State Champion and represented California at the National Challenge at Washington DC. Forty-two students representing various States participated at the National Challenge. Nikhil will be attending University City High School this Fall as a Freshman. He is a member of the San Diego Math Circle. Congrats to Nikhil!



## Summer Movie in the Park

Save the date of Friday, September 8 for the showing of "Moana" (rated PG), at Standley Park. The Summer Movie in Park series is presented by Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Centers, and this summer marks the 10th anniversary of the free family event. The movie will begin 15 minutes after sunset, and make sure to get there early for a good location and bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Food and drinks will be available for purchase, and in support of UC Del Sol. Standley Park is located at 3585 Governor Drive, and is a smoke- and alcohol-free park. Please no dogs at the event. The Summer Movie in the Park is a perfect way to end the summer while relaxing and enjoying a safe and special night under the stars.

**Do you like to hear a good story?**

Curie Elementary School is looking for volunteer reading tutors to join our dedicated team. After a 3-hour training, your commitment is only one hour per week at the school to work students assigned to you.

The "Everyone a Reader" program is a highly successful and positive way of supporting children in the process of learning to read.

Give a child the gift of reading.

Call Valerie O'Neill at 858-452-0548 to learn more.

**39<sup>th</sup> Annual Vendors Wanted!!!**

# Curie Craft Fair

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2017**

- ✦ Over 100 vendors
- ✦ Handmade crafts & gifts
- ✦ Best Bake Sale in Town!
- ✦ Lunch Grill Menu
- ✦ Silent Auction
- ✦ Carnival games for the kids



- 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair and Carnival
- Curie Elementary in University City
- 4080 Governor Dr San Diego, CA, 92122
- 9am-3pm
- Public Welcome!
- Proceeds benefit Curie Elementary PTA

✦ The Curie Craft Fair draws large numbers of shoppers with games, entertainment, food, and fun! ✦

All vendors must offer for sale **ONLY HANDCRAFTED ITEMS**; absolutely no resale items allowed.

To apply for a vendor booth please e-mail [curiecraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:curiecraftfair@gmail.com)



## Kids Explore Nature in Rose Canyon

by Debby Knight

Every year Friends of Rose Canyon offers free, small-group nature exploration walks in Rose Canyon and Marian Bear Parks for students from 11 nearby schools. This year hundreds of students from Kindergarten through high school participated, including numerous classes from Curie, Spreckels, Doyle and UC High.

*Pictured above: Kids watch a Darkling Beetle motoring across the hand of Friends of Rose Canyon guide Susan Breisch.*

A special feature of our walks is that we divide into small groups. Our goal is to have 3-5 students per guide so that the kids become active explorers. Our guides (paid by grants) are excellent naturalists and share both their passion for nature and their knowledge with the kids. Each group becomes its own party of exploration, and each discovers different things. We catch insects and spiders in bug boxes, study them under magnification, then let them go. We examine animal tracks, trees and flowers. We watch lizards, rabbits, squirrels and birds. We see hawks and ravens in aerial combat, and woodpeckers bringing insects to their babies in a hole in a tree. Each group has a different experience, and each day is different.

Again and again we hear from both kids and teachers that they love these nature explorations. Many teachers bring their class year after year. We welcome parents to attend, and we often hear the same from them. Children no longer explore nature as part of their daily lives. Our goal is to provide experiences that give children and adults the pleasure and excitement of exploring the natural world, that teach them how it works, and that inspire their curiosity.

## UC Garden Club's Successful Plant Sale

by Carl Mehr

The 4th of July Celebration at Standley Park was even bigger and better with loads of families, friends, dogs, etc., enjoying this old-fashioned U S of A celebration of the birth of our free nation. The UC Garden Club and our associate group Linda Vista Village/community garden club thank one and all for the support of our successful plant sale again this year. We are pleased to announce community members offered to hold Fall meetups, where we will provide professional speakers on gardening, treats to eat, and invite all to watch our site online and the UCCA Newsletter for upcoming dates. You need not be a member to attend, just have a love for all grows. The members and friends who helped in our huge plant sale endeavor can pat themselves on the back for a job well done - a great success achieved. Thank you for all the time and hard work you shared with us. The Clairemont Home Depot donated plants which were raffled off; our members brought nurtured plants; and Dan & Terry McCoy, owners of Paragon Realty's gift of two balconies of a UC estate which filled our shelves with an amazing array of succulents and cacti.

We are proud to have enriched our coffers, and Standley Park will be the future recipient of gathered funds. We look forward to upcoming Garden Club meet-ups in the Fall season. UCGC contact number is 858-836-1441.



## Bella Project Aims to Prevent Dog Drownings

For their Silver Award, University City's own Girl Scouts (Troop #3476), Delia Braillard and Carolyn Sutton, incoming freshman at UCHS, founded "The Bella Project". The Bella Project is a non-profit, community outreach mission which strives to inform new dog owners of the dangers of dog drownings. The project includes the creation of a flyer, sponsored by Dr. Feinberg at Governor Animal Clinic. This flyer includes information on how to puppy-proof homes and yards protect dogs from drowning.

Carolyn and Delia also created a website to further inform the community about this cause. The link for the website is [bellaproject.weebly.com](http://bellaproject.weebly.com). The Bella Project was inspired by the tragic story of Bella, a 12-week-old puppy, who went swimming in her owner's pond without anyone noticing. Bella couldn't get out and tragically drowned. This was a devastating experience and pushed Carolyn and Delia to make sure all new and existing dog owners know of Bella's story and learn to protect their own dogs from this type of accident. The Silver Award is a small group project in which the goal is to create an everlasting change that benefits the community. They hope with the creation of The Bella Project, we will make a difference in many puppy's lives.



## AIR SHOW 2017: A SALUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS

The theme of the 2017 MCAS Miramar Air Show is "A Salute to Vietnam Veterans." The Air Show provides an open door to the local community. This year it also provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the tremendous sacrifices made by our Vietnam veteran brothers and sisters. While the Air Show performance dates are Friday to Sunday, September 22-24, military aircraft will be seen and heard in the skies above University City and surrounding areas from Wednesday, September 20 to Monday, September 25. For more information and the complete schedule of events, visit [www.miramairshow.com](http://www.miramairshow.com).





## UC DEL SOL GOES TO WESTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The University City girls fast pitch softball league, UC Del Sol, is a small league that fields about 12 teams per season typically ranging from the 6U through 12U divisions. This year, the league was able to field a 14U team, which is a first for the league in recent history.

The 14U team, Aftershock, had an amazing season and was reclassified by USA Softball from "C" league to "B" league! As a small league, the UC Del Sol Aftershock were surprised to be reclassified from C to B and even further surprised when they qualified for the States tournament, and finally given an invitation to the highest level of play for this division of softball, the Western National Championships. The team enjoyed competing in the tournament in Sacramento the first week of August thanks to the generosity of the University City community members and local businesses who helped fund the team's travel expenses for the Western National Championships.

UC Del Sol thanks everyone who donated, supported their concession stand at the concerts in the park, and to the local businesses who sponsored the team. The team would like to recognize and thank Round Table Pizza, Mission Bay Sports Center, Shell University City Service Center, Nancy Beck - Century 21, Charlie Rose, OEX Point Loma, Christian Bros Emergency Building Services, DryBar La Jolla, Lorna's Italian Kitchen, and Dixieline.

## UC Blood Donor Champs

On Saturday, 9/9/17, we'll have a UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile Blood Drive at the Sprouts/Starbucks Marketplace on Governor Drive from 8:00am - 1:30pm. You'll find the Bloodmobile in the center of the parking lot. If you know you're coming, you can sign up at: [www.mysdbb.org](http://www.mysdbb.org). Spontaneous Blood Donors and Blood Buddies are also welcome and I recommend that you pop in between 11:00am-1:00pm, as that's the general slow time with the fewest reservations. Also, the Bloodmobile door shuts at exactly 1:30pm, so you have to begin the process before then.

And the next UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Blood Drives at the Sprouts/Starbucks Marketplace will be on Saturdays: November 4, January 13, March 10, and May 12. All 8+ Weeks Apart for your Perpetual Bloodletting Pleasure. The rest of the 2018 Dates are in process of getting locked in, and with UC's reputation, we have good odds of getting the good dates. THANK YOU, UC! Always give 100%, except when giving blood. --- Ray the Bloodman



## UC Little League Starts Fall Ball Season

It's time for Fall Ball! Registration for the Fall 2017 season is open at [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org). Please register your child for the division he or she will be playing in the *Spring 2018 season*. Please see our divisions page at [www.ucll.org/divisions](http://www.ucll.org/divisions) if you are not sure which division is appropriate for your child's age.

A big thank you to Brandon Sutton and Nick Van Daelen from UC Boy Scout Troop 271 for completing their Eagle Scout projects to benefit UC Little League. Brandon's project, completed mid-August, replaced the scoreboard that blew over from rot and age before last season. He worked diligently to complete the process which proved difficult with city regulations. Stop by McElroy for a game to see the new board in action! Nick Van Daelen's Eagle Scout Project, completed in late July, replaced the helmet boxes at all the UCLL fields - McElroy, Fort, and Jim Carl Fields. The new design, with painted UCLL logos, are sturdy boxes that were much needed and will be enjoyed by UCLL players and coaches. Thank you, boys, for your hard work to benefit the UC little leaguers.

You can still get your UCLL gear to sport for playoffs and all summerlong at our UCLL Shop at: <http://www.mylocker.net/my/shop/ucll-gear/index.html>. You can get customized UCLL gear and help support the League. You can find UCLL shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and a variety of other merchandise such as bags, blankets, and tablet sleeves in the shop. UCLL earns a commission for every purchase, so show your pride on game day or any day. Please check schedules and information at [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org). Follow us on Facebook at @UCLL for updates! See you at the fields! PLAY BALL! Go UCLL!!



*Above is a recent photo taken by Sandy Lippe showing the sad condition of the neighborhood trash dumpsters at Standley Park. Please make sure to only fill the dumpsters, not the surrounding parking lot. Let's keep UC clean.*

## Summer in University City...



The annual Summer Concerts at Standley Park brought out big crowds to listen to a variety of music genres. Young, old, and everyone in between enjoyed the community spirit of the events. Thank you Summer Concert coordinators John Schindel and Andy Freeburn.



Above, a dance loving couple shows us all how it's done!

Below Coldwell Banker University City did a promotion called "Backpacks for Kids" on August 6, during the Summer Concert, and received a wonderful outpouring of support from the folks in University City, and filled up a truckload full of backpacks. The backpacks and school supplies go to over 7000 homeless and foster children covered under The Office for Children and Youth in Transition, part of San Diego Unified School District. The concerts were a gathering point for many community good deeds.



Karsten Heimburger, his dad and founder, John Heimburger, and nephew Kai provide the ice cream for the Annual Banana Split Day. This year marked the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the wonderful free summer event in UC. Toppings were provided by the Standley Park Rec. Council. Thank you Heimburger Family and Standley Rec!



## UC Celebration 4<sup>th</sup> of July Scenes

Photos courtesy Greg Hom



Thanks to all that came out the UC Cars and Coffee during the UC Celebration. There was a fantastic turnout with 24 cars/trucks and we heard great comments from the community. Congrats to award winners: KIDS CHOICE: Alan Shangle: 1950 Chevy Wagon (Woody), above right. PEOPLE'S CHOICE: John Perna: 1967 Austin Healy, above left. The next UC Cars & Coffee will be on September 30, in the Sprouts Marketplace parking lot. Thanks to Mike O'Sullivan and David Wright for organizing the car show.

## UCCA 2018 SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIPS



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**NOTICE:  
UCCA ELECTIONS**

UCCA will be electing 2018 officers at the November 8 meeting. Candidates for: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be published in the November newsletter. In order to run for office, you must be a member in good standing and have attended at least two UCCA meetings during this calendar year. If you are interested in running for office, or have any questions, contact Mack Langston, Nominating Comm. Chair, 619.818.4205.

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### Tot Lot at University Village Park

by Diane Ahern

The long-anticipated Tot Lot opened in August at University Village Park, Cather/Gullstrand and Florey. Councilmember Barbara Bry was one of many City officials who joined neighbors in celebrating the park's grand opening (pictured above). UCCA salutes Gordon and Carol Parham and the Standley Park Recreation Council for their perseverance and dedication to making the dream of a new playground a reality. Area parents Audra and Tom Burke (pictured below left with their kids) find the local park a gathering place for both children and parents. Grandparent Robert Korch (pictured below right) says it's a friendly place for grandparents and enjoys quality time with his grandchildren. With two separate play structures, free standing rockers, sand pits and climbing rocks, landscaping, slides, picnic benches and gathering walls, the new park playground area is a wonderful and welcomed addition to the UC community.



## UCCA Receives Another County Grant

For the third time in less than two years, UCCA is the proud recipient of a grant from the San Diego Board of Supervisors. This year's 2017/2018 Community Enhancement Program grant award enabled UCCA to support Summer events at Standley Park through promotional banners and t-shirts; design and install Fall and Winter seasonal light pole street banners, and beautify additional University City utility boxes.

UCCA was proud to partner with the Standley Park Recreation Council to design and install 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Summer Concert banners. The new Fall banners hanging in our University City banner district are the result of a partnership with EdUCate, the Foundation for Public Schools, to promote Oktoberfest as well as University City. (EdUCate! also received a county grant.) The most recent utility box beautification project is at 7056 Gullstrand Street. For more information about the Community Enhancement Program and other grant opportunities, visit [www.sandiegocounty.gov/](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/).

### Regents Road Bridge Status

*Regarding the removal of the Regents Road Bridge from the Community Plan, the scheduled August 11th Case Management Conference with the attorneys for both sides and the Judge took place as scheduled. The Court set future dates for the filing of Opening Briefs and Reply Briefs in October, November and December, 2017, pending the Certification of the Administrative Record by September 6.*

*The Trial (in the form of a Hearing before the Judge where both sides present their arguments) is scheduled for January 4, 2018. We will inform the community of any future developments through the newsletter.*



## THE BIG CLEANUP AT MARCY PARK

by Ruth DeSantis & Don Hotz, Project Managers  
UCCF / Improve UC Board Members

The concerns of UC residents are being heard through UCCF/Improve UC board members who met with City officials several times to discuss the improvement of Marcy Park. With the help of our UC Park and Recreation leadership, Johnny Chou and Roger Hughes, numerous cleanup details have been at work. Dead vegetation on both sides of the park was cleared, trees laced, animal nests removed and an unhappy rattlesnake relocated. In total, four 40-foot containers were filled with debris and hauled away! The park is looking healthy again and the work continues.

Funds that were raised (MarcyParkProject.com) will be replacing several lost trees, old trash cans and replacing the old drinking fountain with a dog friendly version. An additional park bench is also being considered for the entrance and soon the existing play equipment will be given a face-lift with new paint. We are hopeful that the City will set aside funding for grading, drainage and new playground equipment for Marcy Park in the 2019 budget. It's amazing what we can accomplish when we all work together!

### UCPG SHOCKED! NO one is listening!

We are under siege with too much CONSTRUCTION!

It is very concerning to read in the newspaper\* that Cal Trans has been negotiating in the courts against the wishes of the University Community. UCPG has invited the Director of Cal Trans District 8 to our September 12 meeting at 6 pm at the Scripps Office building to hear community concerns. No charge for parking, all residents, workers and property owners are welcome. The address is 10010 Campus Pointe Drive, first floor, meeting room.

Bring your concerns to the meeting OR CALL Cal Trans director Lori Berman, 619-688-6669 or call I-5 project manager, Allan Kosup 619-688-3611. Stand up for our community - we need to protect our community. Too much construction stress. State your concerns.

Janay Kruger, Chair, University Community Planning Group

\*8/15/17 article in the Union-Tribune divulged that CalTrans is initiating a study on the feasibility of building railroad tunnels through University City and Rose Canyon to support and enhance rail service.

## THE UC PLANNING GROUP REPORT

Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1

UPDATES: 1) Genesee Highlands HOA is reconsidering their Open Space issue, which was discussed at the last UCPG meeting. 2) Pure Water will return to a future meeting to discuss digging up Town Center Dr., Regents and Genesee again in 2019-2021 for water pipes. 3) Westfield apartment construction will begin in the next 3 weeks; they are currently working on the turn lane off Genesee. 4) The I-5 Genesee Ave Interchange is delayed until March 2018.

SANDAG: Mid-Coast trolley construction update: I-5 and L.J. Colony Dr. working on utilities from 10:00pm-5:00am, constructing bridge columns on the UCSD east campus, then Pepper Canyon and the playing field. The focus on Genesee uses four subcontractors working 24 hours. Eight days are needed to pour the driveway off Eastgate to apartments so they can alternate sides to keep access. (Audience comments: Make sure the area is well lit at Genesee and Eastgate; use extra temporary lighting. Need flagmen during the construction.) The wall at Country Day will be completed by mid-August. They are combining all trench work done at one time so widening can be completed. They have access to all properties on Genesee even though negotiating dollars have not been decided. They will cut and cover under LJ Village Drive in order to keep one lane open in each direction. The Rose Canyon bike path to Pacific Beach will be closed while they build a new one and bikes will be rerouted after 9:00pm.

SHIFTSanDiego.com announced that they bring all construction in the Golden Triangle area to one spot. SHIFT is funded through SANDAG.

ACTION ITEM: "Raised by Wolves" has requested a process 3 for alcohol sales in the Westfield Mall where they are also opening a tasting room. The permit is needed for sales only, not for tasting. (This is to be in the new area where Cozumel's used to be.) The Tasting room will be by reservation only and they will not sell food but there are 11 restaurants nearby. There will be no TV's and no live entertainment in order to encourage conversation. Looks very upscale with library and has an educational component. Approved.

### ACTION/INFORMATION ITEM:

1. Community Energy Choice (CCE) requested the UCPG endorsement with a letter to Mayor Faulconer and the City Council. The City's Climate Action Plan meshes well with the CCE to get to 100% clean energy. CCE is a public-private partnership to give local control over energy sources, make rate setting transparent and introduce competition into the market to stabilize and reduce future rates. If adopted, the City Council would vote to establish a CCE program to have the city purchase the power supply and set rates while SDG&E continues to deliver the power safely and reliably over their power lines. Residents can choose to purchase their electricity from the local CCE or opt-out to SDG&E. CCE is not-for-profit and self-supporting. If you have solar, CCE often pays customers more for the excess electricity they generate. CCE is already working in 70 cities and 9 counties in California and 7 other states.

2. SDG&E shareholders organized a Sempra Services group to hire a consultant, Peter Norvee. (SDG&E itself is not allowed to lobby.) The consultant spoke in opposition to CCE. He noted that 43% of SDG&E energy is renewable. There will be a power adjustment fee or "exit fee" for leaving the system (a one time only fee). The feasibility study will be out on Thursday of this week and the decision will not be made until late this year. In San Diego 115,000 already have solar. Bill SB 100 might mandate the amount of renewable energy required. After hearing both the CCE and the Sempra Services presentation a motion was made to delay the UCPG decision until the Sept. meeting since the technical study is due on Thurs. and will need to have a 60-day review. Vote was 9 in favor of delay on vote and 3 in opposition to the delay.

UCPG CIP NEW REQUESTS: There is a point system and we are competing with 40 other communities for projects. 1)Traffic signal at Nobel Dr. & Via Las Rambas. 2) Stanley Park jogging trail. 3) Doyle Park improvements. 4) More trees along Regents Rd. north of La Jolla Village Dr. 5) More trees along Genesee Ave. from Nobel Dr. to I-5. 6) Additional street lighting on Eastgate & Town Centre.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 12 at Scripps Office Bldg, 10010 Campus Pointe Drive. (Enter to right of bldg. to free parking lot and entrance.)

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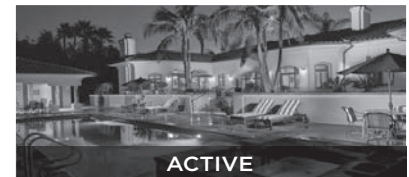
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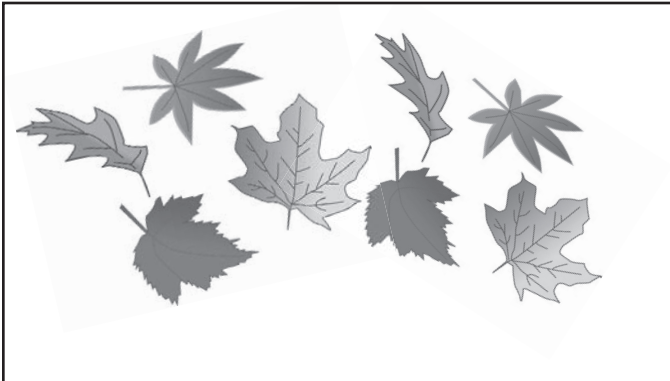
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# National Night Out Dance Marathon Brought Out UC Community

Story by Barbara Gellman, Photos by Greg Hom

U-Jam, led by Sam Sahagun, set the tone for our first National Night Out Dance Marathon Fundraiser for the San Diego Police Foundation. He and his team did several fast paced, cardio charging routines that would get the kinks out of everyone. They graciously stayed awhile to help us learn the moves.

Capt. Hara and his group of dancin' devils and divas took the floor for the electric slide, moving smoothly across the grass in sync with the music. Capt. Tina Williams and Det. Holly Tafoya joined the dispatch crew for the Cupid Shuffle (below), showing their prowess before a cheering crowd of about 75.



Barry Bernstein, our UCCA President was ideal as the MC, working in coordination with Ricky Shade, the Disc Jockey who played music everyone remembers and could dance to. Barry and his grandson, Sam (below left), were involved with calling the prize winner numbers from the opportunity drawing tickets. Target was one of our sponsors and generously donated all the prizes, water and snacks (below right).



Barbara Bry (pictured above), our council representative and Bridger Langfur (left of Bry), her trusty assistant, were twisting and shouting. Joining them was NNO Chair Barbara Gellman (far right).



Kids of all ages were out there mixed in with the adults jumping, swinging, moving and grooving under clear skies and cool breezes. Three food trucks fed the crowd.



Sara Napoli (left) from the San Diego Police Foundation was accepting donations at her table that will provide much needed safety equipment for our officers. You can still donate by going to the [sdpolicefoundation.com](http://sdpolicefoundation.com) website.



Volunteers (right) at tables from UCCA, Neighborhood Watch and Registration were sharp operators and made it all look easy with whatever came their way. All were UCCA and Neighborhood Watch Captains or Co-Captains. Bravo.



Police officers provided attention to the younger children by explaining special features in their SDPD SUV's. The parents were just as interested and enjoyed chatting with some of San Diego's finest. National Night Out in UC was community outreach at its best.; we loved it.

