

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

**UCPG Meeting
Forum Hall at UTC
November Meeting
Canceled**

**UCCA General Meeting
U.C. Library,
Governor Dr.
November 12, 2008
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Election of Officers
Public invited**

**Thanksgiving Day
November 27, 2008**



Coming Events...

**Standley Rec Council
Standley Park
December 4, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

**Breakfast with Santa
Standley Park
December 20, 2008**

**Christmas Tree
Lighting
Standley Park
December 12, 2008
6 p.m.
Public invited**

UCCA Sponsored Political Forum

City Council candidates for First District, Sherri Lightner and Phil Thalheimer, participated in a UCCA sponsored political forum on the same night the presidential contenders, Barack Obama and John McCain, had their last TV debate on October 15th. In spite of competing with the McCain/Obama debate, around 200 people filled the U.C. High School auditorium by 6:30 p.m. when League of Women Voters moderator, Shirley Larson, signaled the start with the first question, one near and dear to University City residents: "Do you think the Regents Road bridge should be built?" Neither candidate beat around the bush. Ms. Lightner opposed the bridge and shared her reasons; she didn't see the bridge alleviating traffic on Genesee. Instead of a bridge, she saw need for a fire station in South U.C. Mr. Thalheimer, who opposed the bridge in 2004 when he ran against Scott Peters, said he was now in favor of the bridge. He referred to his highway drive during the October wild fires when gridlock made it impossible to move.



*Photo by Paul H. Hansen
La Jolla Village News.*

The audience prepared many questions for the candidates to answer, and answer, they did. All in all, Lightner and Thalheimer were courteous, prepared, and committed to serve the community and the rest of San Diego. You can go to their websites to learn more about them: sherri@lightner.net and Bre@PhilThalheimer.com



*Halloween Carnival
at Standley Park
on Friday,
October 24th*



Joan Adaskin, a Standley Rec Council member and senior bridge player, suffered a stroke last year and returned back East, where she grew up, after years as a San Diegan and rabid Padres season ticket holder. She's in assisted living facility in Brookline, Mass; her email is niksada@yahoo.com.

...Steve Deppensmith, another rec council member, has some advice for those folks living near rentals for college students. "Be a good neighbor, but if you have party central, contact 619-531-2000, SDPD general number. You must be willing to give the operator your phone number, address, and to sign a complaint. Go back to sleep and don't whine, if you aren't willing to give your identity," Steve says. He will describe the CAPP program next month and a neighborhood approach to out-of-control parties and unruly tenants...Doyle School principal reported that a parent locked her purse in her car and went into the school. When she came out, her car window had been broken and her purse had been stolen.

...As holidays approach, our community police officer, Charlie Wetzal, reminds us to be vigilant and put valuables in the car trunk.

...With the economy squeezing our dollars, check out the North University City and University Community libraries for free activities for folks of all ages...U.C.'s own retired bankruptcy judge, John Hargrove, is part of the team who wrote curriculum for an economics class for high school seniors in San Diego Unified.

...Marilyn Biggica, SD Comm. College instructor at Standley Park, invites dropins to her Food and Nutrition classes, Monday, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m, mbiggica@cox.net for questions...After the election, U.C. needs to remove those political signs. First, vote on November 4th!

...Happy Thanksgiving from the UCCA board. Come to the November 12th meeting at the U.C. library at 6 p.m., where 2009 board members will be elected. Rejoin your community association to keep our newsletter and activities going.

*Submission deadline
for the
December/January
issue is November 20.*

*Newsworthy Items?
Contact the Editor
Kay Goodfellow
editor@ucca-news.org*

President's Report

Andy Freeburn, President

University City Community Association

What makes a community commune?

Most people choose to live in an area because of proximity to employment, family, and houses of worship. Secondly, people locate to an area for its quality of life which includes schools and amenities.

As a resident of University City, I think everyone in San Diego would want to be my neighbor and not because of our close proximity to all the great things San Diego has to offer.

Instead, I rightfully believe, that we are perceived as having a stable and active community, one in which residents are involved with many aspects of community affairs.

Aside from those offered by religious organizations and our schools, events arranged by the University City Community Association and Standley Park Recreation center allow interaction between fellow residents, thereby elevating the community to a neighborhood.

A major benefit in University City is our monthly newsletter which is specific to our neighborhood, our families and our institutions. The format is professional yet quaint and intimate, giving readers a relationship to each story.

In order to keep the newsletter pertinent and personal, please consider submitting articles of past or future interest to EditorUCCA@aol.com.

We welcome unique travel stories, successful ventures of our residents, comments on lessons learned, interesting observances of the area, or endeavors in the making.

Perhaps you have a story of a neighbor with a fanciful or intriguing background. You may also alert us of your special causes. Let's work to keep our newsletter the treat which we all share.

Sincerely, Andy Freeburn
President University City Community Association

Spreckels Elementary School is having a bake sale on Election Day for voters who use the school as their polling place. There will be lots of home baked goodies to purchase, as well as special red smoothies and blues smoothies from Jamba Juice. All proceeds will benefit the Spreckels Class of 2009 5th grade promotion.

Did You Know?...

The **City of San Diego** and the **County of San Diego** both utilized emergency notification applications (**Reverse 911®** and **Alert San Diego**) to assist in the safe evacuation of over 515,000 residents during the October 2007 fires. The **City** has added **Alert San Diego** to its emergency notification system, enhancing its capability to rapidly get information to residents and businesses in an affected area in the event of an emergency. Land lines are already in the telephone data base for each service. However, if you wish to receive notification via your **cell phone or Voice over IP phone**, you must register those numbers. The Reverse 911® application does not automatically identify **TTY/TDD devices**. Therefore, users are asked to register their TTY/TDD phone numbers in the Reverse 911® application. It's easy to register at the City's website: www.sandiego.gov/ohs/emergencynotification/index.shtml. **Click on the link for each service.** Because of privacy limitations, information is not shared between the Reverse 911® and Alert San Diego services; you must register separately for each service...

...The **University Community Planning Group (UCPG)** meets the second Tuesday of the month at Forum Hall in UTC. The Vice Chair announced there will be **no UCPG meeting in November** because the meeting date falls on the Veteran's Day holiday. At the **December** meeting, the UCPG board plans to fill two vacancies--the **Business 1 representative and Residential 2 representative**. Per the by-laws, the person filling the vacancy will serve the remainder of the term of the person they replace. For membership and representation

purposes, the community plan area is divided into three districts, and there are three business and three residential representatives from each of the three districts on the executive committee. South University City comprises District 1...

...Our **Community Library** on Governor Dr. and the **North UC Library** provide excellent resources. You can also access a number of **library services on line**. If you would like to: apply for a library card, attend a workshop or class, become a volunteer, find a book sale, join a book club, make a donation or a suggestion, reserve a meeting room or see the calendar of events, just go to www.sandiego.gov/public-library and click on the appropriate links...

...Mayor Sanders declared a **Stage 1 water emergency** in July. For information and suggestions about water conservation, check the City's website, www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/index.shtml. You'll also find links to rebate programs tied to water conservation.

Boy Scout Troop 506 Accepting New Members

Boy Scout Troop 506 invites boys, ages 11 through 16, to join their scouting adventures. The Troop meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday evening at the La Jolla Methodist Church, 6063 La Jolla Blvd. Prior participation in Cub Scouts is not required.

A guest camp will be held in November for prospective troop members and their parents to experience the Boy Scouts. The troop also invites interested youth and their families to an Open House at 6:30 pm on Monday, Nov. 17 to learn more about the troop's activities.

Yearly dues cost about \$72. For more information about Troop 506, call Mark Pulliam at (858) 483-3642.

**Marie Curie Elementary
PTA will be holding their
30th Annual Holiday
Craft Fair on Saturday,
November 1, 2008 from 9
a.m. - 3 p.m**

Coldwell Banker had their 3rd Annual Shred Fest on October 17th at the Vons shopping center and it was a success! Offering free document shredding to UC residents, the turn out was tremendous. The event was extended by 1 hour to attempt to accommodate everyone



with their bags and boxes full of everything, from old tax returns to bank statements. At the end of the night there were 46 large bags filled, which totaled 2,300 pounds of shredded paper. Taking it a step further, the shredding company now recycles the paper! Go Green!

EdUCate! has successfully launched the Dollar A Day campaign for the 2008-09 school year, visiting the five public schools' Open House nights to promote the direct donation program. Over \$8000 in individual donations was received in the first six weeks of the school year, as well as a generous \$1000 gift from a nearby real estate group. Thank you donors, and thanks to all parents who attended your child's back-to-school night. Your involvement is your greatest gift!

We BEG those of you who have not yet contributed to take a moment to do so. We are far short of our goal, and have received only HALF the amount collected by this date last year. We know the economy is tight,



Tanya Jackson and Heidi Lyon

but this is not the place to economize! State budget cuts are real, and deepening, and we cannot afford "potholes" in our kids' classrooms.

Pictured are Tanya Jackson, treasurer of the Bay Mesa Real Estate Association (left) and Heidi Lyon, Standley Middle School's principal. Bay Mesa donated \$1000 to each of several middle schools in Clairemont,

and to Standley Middle School in UC. Bay Mesa Realty specifically chose to partner with EdUCate! for their Standley gift, in order to take advantage of EdUCate's matching gift program. Make your donation go twice as far by contributing to Dollar A Day before December 31st! Online donations can be made at <http://www.uc-educate.org>. Our installment plan makes it easy to arrange a small automatic monthly donation.

With your continued support, EdUCate! can reach an important milestone during our 15th year. We hope to donate a cumulative total of **one million dollars** to UC classrooms by year's end! We have granted over \$855,000 during our 14-year existence, thanks to the generosity of this wonderful neighborhood. You're awesome and UC students and teachers can't thank you enough.

Our Mother of Confidence church will present an afternoon of song from Opera, Operetta and Broadway on November 9th, 2008 at 3:00 PM. Admission is open to all for a donation of \$10 per person. Refreshments of wine, coffee and tea will be served. The program will include the music of Bizet, Mozart, Cilea, Bernstein, Rodgers & Hammerstein and various Neapolitan composers. All are welcome but you must have a reservation. Call 858-452-0248 or e-mail: gjd@san.rr.com. You can also get further details from www.ucshowtime.com

The Christian Story in Words and Music

December 7th, 9:00 AM

Take some time for yourself, refresh your spirit and get into the Christmas mood with our annual "Lessons and Carols" service, Sunday, December 7th @ 9:00AM. It's a chance to be reminded of the Christian story, along with gorgeous musical accompaniment in a service steeped in Episcopal church tradition.

Eight readings chart the Christian faith from Genesis to the Gospels. Sing along to some of your favorite carols. Enjoy the delightful sounds of a string quartet and the harmonies of our choir.

Our Christmas services are 5:00pm and 10:30pm for Christmas Eve in our Worship Center, and on Christmas Day at 10:00am. All are welcome to attend. Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be on the 21st December.

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church is located at 4321 Eastgate Mall on the corner of Genesee Avenue and Eastgate Mall, just two blocks north of UTC Westfield Shopping Center. For more information, please contact the church office at 858-458-1501.

Leanne Shawler
Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
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Christmas Boutique, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church

December 6th, 9am to 2pms.
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UC's Kiril Kulish Stars in *Billy Elliot*

Kiril ("Kevin") Kulish, 14, of University City is starring in *Billy Elliot The Musical*, which will open on Broadway November 13. This awarding winning production, with music by Elton John, is based on the hit movie. Kiril shares the leading role of Billy Elliot with two other boys. The preview shows in New York have been selling out.

Billy Elliot is an inspiring story about a working class boy who discovers his special talent and love for ballet. Against his father's

wish, he pursues his dream of becoming a dancer.

Kiril also has a special talent and love for dance. He started his formal ballet training at the age of 6. He has trained primarily with former



Bolshoi dancer Maxim Tchernychev and native San Diego ballerina Sylvia Poolos Tchernycheva at San Diego Academy of Ballet in Kearny Mesa.

Kiril's hard work, strong drive and natural talent have resulted in numerous awards and achievements. For 4 years in a row, Kiril won the top prize in his age category at the international Youth America Grand Prix ballet competition. He is also a ballroom dance champion and an accomplished concert pianist.

We wish Kiril the best in his *Billy Elliot* role on Broadway.

Symphony in our Backyard

The "hot" ticket in town is starting to be for the symphony. In this case, it is San Diego's other symphony – the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus (LJS&C) located on the UCSD campus. Led by new music director and internationally renowned percussionist Steven Schick, the orchestra and choral ensemble are gaining recognition locally and nationally.

Schick and the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus begin the 2008-2009 season the weekend of November 1 and 2. Titled "The DNA of Music," the season explores the building blocks of music, beginning with "Time" in November.

The new season will see more composers-in-residence and guest artists, including Boston-based composer Evan Ziporyn in December and cellist Maya Beiser in May. Concerts are performed in Mandeville Auditorium on the UCSD campus. Parking is free on concert weekends. Tickets are \$15-\$26. For more information, call 858-53404637 or visit www.lajollasyphony.com.



The University City Senior Center, a program of Jewish Family Service, now offers two different programs for older adults. Both programs meet at Congregation Beth Israel located at 9001 Towne Center Drive. One program meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm and offers a caring and friendly place for seniors to spend their day. Coffee and tea are offered in the morning, followed by gentle exercise. A delicious kosher lunch is served daily. At 11am and 1pm each day, there are educational speakers, musical entertainment or current movies. Round trip transportation is available upon request. The new **Encore** program, for older more active adults, will meet for classes, lectures, special events, field trips and other pre-planned group activities. Come and eat with your friends, reserve your meal by calling at 9am on the day you are planning to come. (858) 550-5998. Cost for lunch \$6.00 non-members, \$5.00 members.

UC Bridge Makes Vital Connection

University City's newest bridge was dedicated on Saturday, October 18, in Marian Bear Memorial Park about a quarter mile from the end of Bothe Avenue.



The wooden bridge was built due to the efforts of Eagle Scout candidate Mark Traganza and fellow scouts from troop 271, especially Dean Curry and David Traganza.

The bridge allows hikers and bicyclists to easily cross over a brow ditch from Rose Canyon to San Clemente Canyon.

Mark stated that "before the concrete footings could be poured, it was necessary to remove an estimated 15 tons of earth and foliage." The natural debris had accumulated in the brow ditch over several years. Two dozen scouts and adult leaders removed the debris.

Mark consulted with his father, Bill Traganza, who is an engineer by profession and Troop 271 Scout Master, to determine design safe load limits. Although built for non-motor vehicle use, the bridge was



engineered to accommodate an ATV plus an additional 250 pounds. The bridge also has safety railings and concrete ramping to make a smooth transition from the trail to the bridge.

To acquire the more than \$1000 estimated for materials required to build the bridge, Mark organized a fundraising dinner and placed a sign at the site of construction soliciting donations. Mark received quite a few checks for the cause by residents who used the trail and would utilize the coming bridge. While Mark and his crew were working, pedestrians would provide immediate cash donations. One dog walker, realizing the future benefit, immediately donated \$50. Despite the generosity, Mark was still short \$150, which came at Mark's expense.



Janice Lavalley, Park Ranger, who cut the dedication ribbon alongside Mark, commented that the bridge was definitely one of the most substantial in the park network. Many trail bridges, crossing ravines, are no more than a glorified ladder with extra planks laid across the obstacle. Having footings, hand rails, and ramps will allow all visitors to be able to utilize the bridge with relative ease.

I encourage all readers to take the short walk from the end of Bothe Avenue to not only appreciate Mark's Eagle Scout project but to enjoy the beautiful surrounding area that makes University City a wonderful place to live.

Preventing Property Theft from a Vehicle

Standley Park and Recreation Center has experienced an increase of car break-ins and property theft over the past year. All of the break-ins have occurred when the parking lot is very busy. Assistance from park users is needed to help catch the thieves. If you see a break-in taking place, call 911 and report to recreation center office. If you have seen any suspicious activity at the park, please call the non-emergency police line at 619-531-2000 and report to the recreation center office. Below are tips from the San Diego Police Department on preventing property theft from your vehicle:

- Never leave any valuables in plain sight. Remove cellular phones, audio systems, computers, packages, sports equipment, cameras, purses, firearms, etc.
- Never lock valuables in the trunk after you park.
- Thieves may be watching. Take your valuables with you or put them in the trunk before you park.
- Take the removable face of your CD player with you even if you are going to be gone for a few minutes.
- Lock truck-bed toolboxes.
- Install locking devices on batteries, wheels, audio equipment, etc.

Make several slices through your license plate registration sticker after it has been placed on the plate. If the plate or sticker is stolen, call the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) immediately to report the loss and get replacements.

Curie and Spreckels Fourth and Fifth Graders Join Forces to Create the 'UC Row-Bots'

Ten UC students have joined forces to create UC's newest Robotics Team. Members play different roles on the team, serving as mechanical engineers, research scientists, software engineers and even a team lawyer. Mechanical engineer Garrett Woodworth chose to join the team because he "really likes building and designing new stuff, making new things." Software engineer Athena Dong wanted to join the team "since I had already had experience building with Lego, I wanted to try programming the movements of the robot that we are building."

The Row-Bots have begun to learn the basics of robotic science and engineering. For example, important in robotics is the concept of pi, the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. To get the concept to stick, coach Jim Wilkinson served the team a cherry pie with pi (π) on top! Research scientist, Megan Chang said eating the pie, after learning about pi, was "weird but fun." They also heard a guest speaker, PhD student Jessica Carilli from the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, who spoke to the team about climate change, the 2008 Challenge of the FIRST LEGO League (FLL).

As a first year team, there has been a lot of on-the-job-training for the Bots, kids and parents alike. FLL is a global program created to get kids excited about science and technology. The Bots are excited: "I like to be able to do science outside the classroom as well as part of

school," said research scientist Rose Wilkinson.

The UC Row Bots are up to the challenge as they prepare for their first competition, to be held at the Preuss School on Saturday November 22nd. If the Bots make it into the top fifty percent of teams



Megan Cheng, Andrew Fineman, Claire Magnusson, Kevin Pickering, Rose Wilkinson, Garrett Woodworth, Athena Dong, Alex Newman, Nathaniel Pick, Alex Taylor (missing from photo)

at Preuss, they will advance to Championship Tournament at Lego Land on December 6. Anyone can form a robotics team. For information how to get started, review the FLL website at www.usfirst.org. Look for the UC Row Bots at the Preuss School on November 22nd!

UCCA and the UC 4th. of July Celebration Committee want to have a street parade this July 4th 2009 to show off UC. Anyone who has an interest in seeing a "Parade in UC" please come to our brainstorming session on November 12 at 5:30pm. We will be getting together at the UC Library on Governor Dr. See you there.

Computers for Spreckels

Spreckels Bilingual Magnet is on a quest to upgrade the school's computer lab and computers in the classrooms to new state-of-the-art equipment so that our Spreckels Wildcats have the very best learning resources available! We'd love to get support from the University City Community to help us accomplish our goals! If you have any expertise in this area or have time to help us with funding research, we want to hear from you! Please contact Shabana Vignisson at shabana@kidzui.com to see what you can do to help.

Enrichment at Spreckels

Spreckels Bilingual Magnet is setting up a variety of after-school enrichment programs and would love to utilize the skills and talents of our University City community neighbors - that means you! - as much as possible. If you are a master chess player, singing dynamo or tap dancing fool (or have any other expertise in the arts or sports) and would like to share your skills with our students, please let us know! Contact Staci Torgeson at staci@oexpress.com or 858-458-4286 if you can help teach or just provide additional adult supervision on Wednesday afternoons.

UCCA Slate of Officers for 2009

Open nominations
from the floor
UCCA General Meeting
November 12, 2009
U.C. Library
Public Invited
President: Andy Freeburn
Vice President:
Barbara Henshaw
Secretary: Mike Lamp
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UC Del Sol Girls Fastpitch Softball!

Softball players, managers and coaches, sign-up today with **UC Del Sol** Girls Fastpitch Softball! Register for the 2009 season at www.ucdelsol.net before December 31, 2008 to receive the "early bird" discount. **UC Del Sol**, a volunteer run, non-profit organization, is an ASA affiliated fastpitch softball league. The mission of **UC Del Sol** is to provide a positive and safe environment that allows girls to participate in friendly competition, to develop athletic skills and to

build self-esteem while learning to play the game of fastpitch softball. Girls from all San Diego communities are welcome to register with **UC Del Sol**. All skill levels welcome in players and coaches. Also, please consider sponsoring our league with a Tax Deductible contribution to **UC Del Sol**. Support your community and together we can make a difference in our youth. For information please visit our website at www.ucdelsol.net or contact April Schnaubelt at 858-279-5161 or aprils_ucdelsol@earthlink.net. Enjoy the fun, **PLAY FASTPITCH!!**



*Community Cleanup Volunteers:
Natalie Clark, Girl Scout Troop
3720, Char Whidbee, Leader
of Troop 3720, Yuki Mendai,
exchange student from Japan*

Hands On San Diego 2008

Saturday, September 27, 2008 Volunteer San Diego, Vavi Sport and Social Club and the Park and Recreation Department coordinated a city-wide volunteer clean-up day. Standley Park & Recreation Center directly benefited from this event with 30 volunteers that helped with several renovation projects. Between the hours of 8am and noon, the team of thirty rebuilt the horseshoe pits, painted all of the concrete picnic tables, cleared weeds, and refinished the doors inside the recreation center. The efforts of all of the volunteers and the coordinators, Sue and Ben, will allow horseshoe players to enjoy a sturdy and safe place to play for many years ahead, clean and graffiti-free picnic tables for park users and an overall aesthetically pleasing environment for all visiting the park. We thank each and every person for dedicating their valuable time to our community park, as well as the Standley Park and Recreation Council for funding all of the equipment and supplies for the event.

Standley Park & Recreation Center (858) 552-1652 November Activities Youth Basketball League

Registration:

October 1 – December 5

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January 9 – March 6, 2009

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 20, 2008

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Fall Day Camp

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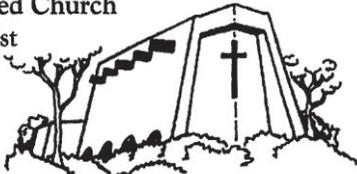


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