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*Scenes from 2015 Tree Lighting, courtesy James Floyd.*



**Doyle Recreation Council**  
Tuesday, December 6, 6:30pm

**Standley Recreation Council**  
Thursday, December 8, 6:30pm

**Christmas Tree and Menorah  
Lighting Celebration**  
Friday, December 9  
Dinner-5:30pm, UCCA Program-6:30pm

**Christmas Day**  
Sunday, December 25  
Holiday – Monday, December 26

**Hanukkah**  
Sunday, December 25  
through Monday, January 1

**New Year's Day**  
Sunday, January 1  
Holiday – Monday, January 2

**People for a Clean UC**  
Sunday, January 8, 7:15-9:00am  
Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks  
3202 Governor Dr. Supplies provided.

**UC Planning Group**  
Tuesday, January 10, 6:00pm  
Scripps, 10010 Campus Pointe Drive

**UCCA Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 11  
6:00pm, UC Library

**Martin Luther King Day**  
Monday, January 16

**Doyle Recreation Council**  
Tuesday, January 24, 6:30pm

**Standley Recreation Council**  
Thursday, January 26, 6:30pm

## *December 9th! December 9th! December 9th!*

*by Sandy Lippe*

Now that UCCA has your attention, mark Friday, December 9 on your calendar for the 14th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Standley Park Rec at 6:30pm for UCCA's program, a true UC tradition for all ages. In addition, the Menorah candles will be lighted to usher in Hanukkah. Music by Tuesday Night Alibi, Standley Marching Band, and Spreckels Kindergarten students, cookies, hot chocolate...and a visit from Santa are being planned.

Wait...there's more! Standley Rec is providing a delicious dinner at 5:30pm. Very reasonably priced tickets go on sale after Thanksgiving. Crafts for kids will be available. And our local Fire Rescue Squad 56 will be in attendance and will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marines Toys for Tots campaign.

See you on December 9 rain or shine. Last year it was rain, so this year it should be clear, but we are always prepared for Plan B inside the gym. See you on December 9.

### **City Council Meeting to Vote on Regents Road Bridge**

The City of San Diego Council members will be deciding on whether to keep the Regents Road Bridge Project in the community plan on Monday, December 5 at 2:00pm. The City Planning Department's estimated cost of the bridge project is \$69 million. At the same meeting, the City Council members will also vote on the widening of Genesee to six lanes, from Nobel to the 52 Freeway (est. cost - \$48 million), and an alternative plan that includes both the extension to six lanes and a grade separation at Genesee and Governor Drive (est. cost - \$60 million). The City Council meeting location is at City Hall, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 202 C Street. Concerned citizens are encouraged to voice their views with the mayor and city council members. Info at: [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov).

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- Include who, what, why, where, and how.
- UCCA does not guarantee publication.
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- The Editor reserves the right to edit articles as needed.
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- Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com; email any questions.

**Deadline for the February 2017 issue:  
JANUARY 12, 2017**

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the February issue is January 12, 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. The UCCA Newsletter receives information and advertising from a variety of sources. UCCA cannot and does not guarantee the accuracy of the information or the complete absence of errors and/or omissions, nor does UCCA assume responsibility for the same. Publication does not constitute an endorsement.

### UCCA President Barry Bernstein



The Holiday season is here! I hope your Thanksgiving was wonderful, and that you are looking forward to your Christmas/Hannukah holiday planning. This year Christmas Eve and the first night of Hannukah share December 24! On Friday, December 9, UCCA will be joining the Standley Park Rec. Council in sponsoring "An Evening of Celebration." Standley Park's "Dinner with Santa" at 5:30pm and UCCA's Annual Tree/Menorah Lighting program starting at 6:30pm. Please join us for some wonderful holiday music, hot chocolate, cookies, children's activities and of course a visit from the jolly old elf himself!

The San Diego City Council is expected to vote on Monday, December 5 on the AMENDMENT to REMOVE from the current University Community Plan the two most well-known and controversial recommendations for alleviating traffic issues and providing improved fire/rescue access to South UC. These recommendations are: Building the Regents Road Bridge and Widening of Genesee Ave. The City Planning Commission on October 27 voted 6-0 to keep these two options in the Plan. The Smart Growth/Land Use Committee, rather than a vote on the matter, decided to move the issue to the larger City Council meeting on December 5. If the two options remain, it does not mean anything more than the City Council can consider their value and importance to the University City community sometime in the future. It will mean the City Council could not consider these recommendations as remedies and therefore the builder's monies collected previously, and those anticipated, could not be used for either project. However, when a new University Community Plan is developed, which is planned to start in 2017, those same options theoretically could once again be included, (only with UCPG endorsement and City Council approval). "SO THE BEAT GOES ON!"

Thank you for supporting me and our UCCA officers, all of whom were re-elected by acclamation at our November 9 General/Election meeting. A recap of that meeting, which includes current information regarding the anticipated trolley line on Genesee and the expansion of Westfield UTC can be found on page 4. Our newest street banners will soon be up on various street poles throughout University City. Thank you and congratulations to Jemma Samala and Randall Tonini, the new-co-chairs for the 2017 Fourth of July Celebration. I'm confident they will carry-on the wonderful traditions and activities that under George Odero's leadership had made this annual community event so special. Our Northern Division Police has new leadership. Capt. Stephanie Rose, Lt. Daniel Grubbs, and the new community service officer replacing Holly Tafoya is Officer Brandon Broaddus. We hope to introduce them to our community at our January UCCA meeting.

Barbara Bry was officially elected as San Diego City Council District 1 representative...we look forward to working with Barbara and her community representative, Hilary Nemchik. Also on the political front...Dr. John Lee Evans was re-elected to the San Diego City Schools Board of Education, Congressman Scott Peters was re-elected to Congress, County Supervisor Dave Roberts is in a tough battle for re-election at press time, and Toni Atkins, the former California Assembly Speaker, was elected to the California State Senate.

JOIN UCCA...JOIN UCCA...JOIN UCCA...JOIN UCCA...JOIN UCCA

I do hope you have joined, or will be joining/renewing your UCCA membership for 2017. Your membership dues provide UCCA the resources to do the many important things needed to support our local schools, organizations, parks, and the various community activities taking place during the year (as well as paying for our newsletter costs). See page 12 for membership information. Remember, University City is "more than just a neighborhood." My best wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and a safe and healthy 2017! ~ Barry

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

I love, love, love the holidays! I love all the gatherings, the wrapping of presents, the food, the crispiness in the air, the activities, and decorating. I have boxes, and boxes, and boxes full of holiday decorations. And throughout the year, if I happen to stop at a garage sale, the first thing I look at are holiday items for sale, especially Santa ornaments. My fascination with Santa ornaments became my traditional tree décor when, over twenty years ago, my "Secret Santa" at the law firm I was working at gave me a different Santa ornament each day of our Secret Santa Week. You never know when a new holiday tradition will begin.

As I begin putting away the much smaller amount of Thanksgiving decorations that I have, I reflect more about the spirit of the holidays and a recent sermon I heard about how it can be more like Thanks"taking", rather than "giving." I hope that when we participate in the consumer holiday traditions of Black Monday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday, that we include Giving Tuesday. Better yet, really think about the giving part this season (and all year) and make "giving" part of any New Year's resolution. And giving doesn't have to mean simply writing a check (although always welcomed). It can be giving of your time – volunteering for one of our many neighborhood groups, events, or schools. Giving can be saying a friendly word to a neighbor or giving counsel to a grieving friend. Giving can be listening to a neighbor's viewpoint on an issue or to being present in your children's lives.

I will say that the UC community gets an A+ in my book for being a giving community (they should include "community giving" when compiling neighborhood stats). Two articles didn't get posted because our community was already so giving and there was no longer a need: the call for Everyone A Reader program volunteers at Spreckels, and contributions towards the Santa's Helpers program at Curie. I am thankful every day that I live in such a giving community. Make sure to look at the back page to see other ways our community is giving, and how you can give to others. And if you are involved in something that isn't included, let UCCA know and we can post on our website.

The other thing I love, love, love about the holidays is baking cookies! Therefore, you get the center spread featuring cookie recipes. I'm thankful our neighborhood bakers shared these recipes with us. And to really get in the holiday spirit, think about baking cookies and sharing with friends and neighbors – have a cookie exchange party. Even better, take some of those cookies and put a plate together for a senior neighbor who could use some sweetness during the holidays. Happy Holidays everyone!

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**UCCA ELECTION RESULTS**

The UCCA held its annual election of the executive board at the November meeting. Congratulations to the elected officers, pictured above from left to right are: Secretary - Karen Martinez, President - Barry Bernstein, Vice-President - Diane Ahern, and Treasurer - Don Hotz. Congratulations on the election, and thank you for serving the University City community.

**UCCA NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

by Jemma Samala

**Westfield UTC Construction Update:** John Alderson, VP Development for Westfield, gave an update on the construction project at the Westfield UTC Center during the November University City Community Association meeting. Alderson says the project is on schedule to be completed on October 12, 2017. While he admits that the project "looks ugly now", he reassures those in attendance that when completed Westfield UTC will be a "state of the art architectural piece". The updated center will have almost 100 new stores and restaurants, including a signature dining courtyard at the corner of Genesee and La Jolla Village Drive shaded by olive trees. By October 2017, we will see construction of a new two-story 145,000 square foot Nordstrom, an Apple flagship store, and a new Anthropologie concept store. Future Westfield UTC tenant space is currently 86% committed and includes a full range of stores in all price ranges.

The project also includes development of a 300-unit, 22-story, self-contained apartment tower. Westfield UTC has taken into account local concerns during the planning stages, resulting in keeping of the Torrey Pine trees already planted. Their environmental conservation methods include planting all sustainable and non-invasive landscaping, using 100% reclaimed water, and being at SDGE's maximum solar capacity. Alderson will be keeping the community updated throughout the remaining 11 months until opening. Until then, for more info, go to: [westfield.com/utc/development/vision](http://westfield.com/utc/development/vision).

**SANDAG/Trolley Update:** Greg Gastelum, Mid-Coast Project Development Program Manager, provided a presentation on the "UC San Diego" Trolley Line. An extension of the Blue Line, once completed, it will run all the way to the U.S./Mexico border. At an estimated cost of \$2.17 billion, the project plans to be in operation by 2021. In the UC area, there will be stops along the 5 Freeway corridor at Nobel Drive and the VA Medical Center, then into UCSD West at Pepper Canyon, then UCSD East of the 5 Freeway at Voight Drive, heading south to Executive Drive, and ending (or starting) at the Westfield UTC Terminus. Once running, service is expected to operate between 6:00am to 11:00pm, in 15 minute cycles. The goal is to eventually run 7 ½ minute cycles. Construction and security concerns were brought up. Haggerty noted that all construction projects in the UTC area are in communication via the SHIFT program, which includes coordination to reduce traffic impact. Evening lighting concerns will also be addressed. As far as security issues, the attendees were reassured that security needs will be constantly be assessed, and they will be working with both UCSD Campus and Westfield UTC security departments. Station work will begin in 2017. For more info about the project, and to see the project map, go to: [www.sandag.org](http://www.sandag.org).

**The next UCCA meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 6:00pm at the UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive.**



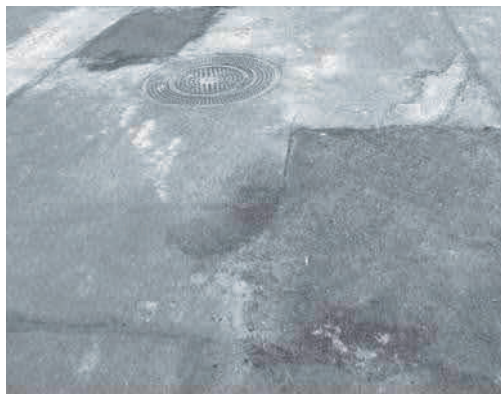
## Safety Tip Reminders

by Barbara Gellman

Preventing crime takes a unified community working in partnership with each other and our law enforcement. We can do this by following some common sense tips such as:

1. Lock all side gates
2. Install LED lights around house
3. Set lights on timers in your house
4. Don't leave valuables visible in your car
5. Post a "Beware of Dog" sign
6. Install a burglar alarm, maybe cameras
7. Lock all doors and windows when leaving house
8. Make sure garage door is closed
9. Don't open the door to people you do not know or expect, talk through the door
10. If not home, have neighbors pick up papers, flyers and packages
11. Don't leave notes on the door when you are away.
12. Post a "No Soliciting" sign at front doorbell or gate

Share safety tips with neighbors and REPORT a crime in progress by calling 911 or suspicious activity by calling 619-531-2000 and ask for an incident number after your call. For more info, go to [www.universitycitynews.org/neighborhood-watch/](http://www.universitycitynews.org/neighborhood-watch/)



## UC Streets Damaged from Heavy Equipment Used in City Projects

by Sandy Lippe

If you walk around UC a lot, you come upon damaged streets, including parts of Governor. Recently, UCCA asked to have residents share street addresses where the roads were damaged by heavy equipment. A few folks like Diane Romito, Pralipat Mallwawing, Greg Gunner, Mike Cohen, and Guang Zhang reported that their streets showed damage. Angell at Bajer showed scraped and gouged damage after a cut out project. Sewer repair between Dunant and Ducommon left the road slashed on the west side. A sewer cap was loose at Robbins and Lipmann. Bunche Way had dirt piles and gouging. Buisson was the same. Genesee north of Governor's right lane guaranteed a bumpy ride. It has been fixed. What to do when you notice a problem? Grin and bear it is one answer. Report it using the Get It Done website at [www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done).



## Meet Our Local Police Officers

Photos Barbara Gellman

Left: UCCA congratulates Holly Tafoya, who was recently promoted from Community Relations Officer to Detective.

Right: University City's new Community Relations Officer is Brandon Broaduss, who takes over Officer Tafoya's position.

Below: UCCA welcomes Lieutenant Dan Grubbs and Captain Stephanie Rose to Northern Division.



## Hello from Lt. Dan Grubbs

I am the Patrol Lieutenant for University City, Clairemont, Bay Park and Bay Ho communities. I supervise the nine Patrol Sergeants and their Officers working these neighborhoods and keep Captain Rose informed on activity and crime trends. As far as expectations I have from the community; I truly view myself and our police department as public servants working *for* the community. What I can share is given unprecedented short staffing levels, officers are spread thin over a wide geographic area with vehicle traffic affecting patrol vehicle movement. We rely on Neighborhood Watch community members to be the eyes and ears of our department. The San Diego Police Department has one of the highest rates of cases solved when compared to other large cities across the nation. We do this with less officers than our counterparts cities. One of the absolute biggest factors in this success is the willingness of responsible citizens willing to step up, report crime and make themselves available as a reliable witness, when necessary, through the prosecution process. Positive relations with our residents is crucial to successful policing. We look forward to build on the relationship we enjoy.





## SHERRI LIGHTNER

### City Council, District 1

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your Councilmember over the past eight years, and I am bittersweet as I leave office. Throughout my two terms, we accomplished a lot and many of our successes are owed to the community's involvement and perseverance. Even with all the accomplishments, there is still much work left to be done. I wish the best

of luck to Barbara Bry as the new Councilmember for District 1.

November was a busy month where City Council approved the creation of a Bicycle Advisory Board. Issues related to transportation in University City will be considered by City Council on December 5, 2016 at 2:00pm, on the twelfth floor of the City Administration Building at 202 C Street.

We will be working hard until our last day on December 9 as we prepare a transition for the next office. Thank you again to those that supported me. It was an honor to represent you to the best of my ability.

## Report examines solid waste reduction

by Dave Roberts

County leaders are determined to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfills, but meeting our goals and those set by the State of California will require a "significant, well-planned and well-funded effort," according to a consultant's report.



Prepared by HF&H Consultants and published last week, the 78-page draft of the county's Strategic Plan to Reduce Waste examines how to achieve 75 percent diversion by 2020 and zero waste by 2040.

To meet near-term goals, the report recommends developing large-scale organics processing facilities and expanding composting in communities and farms. Policies and requirements for recycling of construction and demolition debris also must be strengthened, the report states. The document contains numerous policy options and recommendations for the public to consider. Our Department of Public Works is expected to bring formal recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for consideration in 2017.

In January 2015, I brought forward a proposal to move the county toward zero waste. The consultant's report is a positive step in that direction and I appreciate the substantive information it contains.

To view the full report, click the link below:

<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/dpw/recycling/plan.html>

Dave Roberts represents the Third District on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

## SANDAG Releases Environmental Assessment for Rail Improvement Project

Please join SANDAG for a public meeting on December 7, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Scripps Health Office Building 10010 Campus Point Dr., San Diego, CA 92121. The public meeting will include a presentation on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Sorrento to Miramar Double Track Project, Phase 2. This project will add two miles of double track between Interstate 805 and Miramar Road in the City of San Diego and straighten track curves to increase train speeds. The EA is now available for public review at: [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SM](http://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SM). SANDAG will be accepting public comments through December 22. Please visit the project website to learn more.

## HEATING SAFETY TIPS

from San Diego Fire-Rescue



As temperatures drop outdoors and people take steps to warm their homes, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department reminds you home heating is second only to cooking when it comes to the causes of home fires.

Heating fires, including chimney and chimney connectors, space heaters, central heating, fireplaces, water heaters and heat tape, account for 14% of all home fires in San Diego County. Space heaters account for one-third of the home heating fire deaths nationwide. The peak time of home fires is between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. Heating safety tips include:

- Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least three feet away from heating equipment.
- Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
- Inspect for cracked, frayed or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Have your chimney inspected each year, clean if needed.
- Use a sturdy fireplace screen.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. Test smoke alarms once a month.
- Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

### CANDLE SAFETY TIPS

Blow out all candles when you leave the room, or go to bed.

Avoid using candles in the bedroom.

Keep candles at 12 inches away from anything that can burn.

Use sturdy candle holders and put on heat-resistant surfaces.

Don't burn a candle all the way down, and trim wick to ¼ inch.

Never use candles during a power outage – use a flashlight.

Use flameless candles, they look and smell like real candles.

**Never leave a child alone in a room with a lighted candle.**

**Keep matches and lighters up high and out of reach.**

More info at: [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)

**University Community Branch December Highlights | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655 | [sandiego.gov/public-library](http://sandiego.gov/public-library); now open Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 6 PM!**

### Adults

**Qi Gong** (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body. These gentle exercises are suitable for any age and health condition. **Every Monday @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Zumba for Special Needs and Beginners** led by Lis Garces (licensed Zumba instructor since 2007), Founder/Director of the Juan Carlos Organization providing dance therapy exercise for the Special Needs Community. **Every Monday @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Accordion Club** meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. All are welcome!

**Adult Yoga** Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own mat or towel. **Every Thursday @ 4:00 - 5:00 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, December 1 @ 1:30 p.m.**

**CERT Meeting** educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. **Tuesday, December 6, January 3 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Chair Sit Yoga** is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using a chair for support. **Tuesday, December 6 & 20, January 3 & 17 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**Concert: Opera Exposed** is a partnership between the local university music departments and San Diego Opera to provide community engagement and audience development. **Wednesday, December 7 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Peripheral Neuropathy**, learn how to end pain. Presented by: The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a non-profit. **Tuesday, December 13 @ 12:00**

**Preparing Your Garden for Spring.** Let an expert show you how to

get your yard ready for a spring garden. Learn how to prepare the soil, decide what to plant and when, plus other things you can do now to prepare. **Tuesday, December 13 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**University City Community Association.** No formal meeting in December. Next meeting is **Wednesday, January 11 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**UC San Diego Health: What's New?** Find out more about UC San Diego Health's new projects including our brand new hospital, Jacobs Medical Center, developments in Research and Medicine, and our direction into the future! **Friday, December 2 @ 11:00 a.m.**

### Children's

**Live! Homework Help.** A volunteer will be at the library to help with homework. **Tuesday & Thursday @ 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**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).

**Little Catbird**, San Diego's feel-good family music duo, present an interactive holiday sing-along with ukulele hostess, Mrs. Claus, surprise puppets and a visit from Frosty the Snowman. **Wednesday, December 21 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**Amazing Dana** and his laugh-out-loud magic show. **Wednesday, January 18 @ 2:00 p.m.**

### Tweens/Teens

**Video Game Fridays**, Wii gaming with your friends, Get your game on! **Every Friday @ 3:00**

**Teen Writing Club** will talk about different techniques to improve your writing. **Wednesday, December 7 @ 2:30 p.m.**

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

### Events for Adults/Seniors

**Hatha Yoga** Mondays at 12:00 pm This Hatha Yoga class uses postures and stretches in combination with the breath to increase flexibility and relaxation. Wear comfortable clothes; bring a mat.

**Small Business Assistance** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 3:30 pm Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help with resume writing and job searching. Appointments available by calling the library. **ESL Instruction** Fridays at 12:00 p.m. Review of vocabulary and grammar with a native speaker.

**Gentle Yoga** Fridays at 10:00 am Learn basic yoga techniques, perfect for beginners, expectant mothers, seniors and persons with disabilities. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or floor towel.

**Knitters' Circle** Thursday, December 1 & 15, January 5 & 19 at 1:00 pm All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

**Concert: The Danny Green Trio** Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 pm  
**Fiction Fanatics Book Club** Saturday, December 10 and January 14 at 10:00 am Please ask at the Circulation desk for the titles to be discussed.

**A Cup of Creation: Art classes for Adults** Sunday, December 11 at 1:00 pm 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.

**Page Turners Book Club** Wednesday, December 14 and January 11 at 6:00 pm Please ask at the Circulation desk for the titles to be discussed.

**Cinema Café** Wednesday, December 21 and January 18 at 6:00 pm Enjoy refreshments while watching a thought-provoking film. Title TBA. Please inquire with library staff for further details.

### Events for Children/Families

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

**Homework Helpers** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 pm Homework help for students in grades K-6.

**Kids' Art Studio** Wednesdays at 12:00 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.

**LEGO Club** Fridays at 3:00 pm Make new friends and build amazing creations every week.

**Russian Handwriting Class** Saturdays at 12:30 pm Learn to write typing and classic Russian scripts.

**Arts & Crafts** Saturdays at 1:00 pm Let your creativity run wild with a fun craft activity! Children under 8 welcome with an adult.

**Yoga Storytime** Monday, December 12 and January 9 & 23 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.

**STEAM 2 Academy** Tuesday, December 13 and January 10 at 3:00 pm Science-based activities geared to students in grades K-3.

**Paws to Read** Monday, December 19 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, December 21 and January 18 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; English – Thursdays & Saturdays at 10:30 am; French – Thursdays at 11:15 am; Russian – Saturdays at 11:00 am; Sign Language – Thursday, December 8 & January 12 at 12 noon.

**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.**



## LIBRARY NEWS

Library Meeting Recap with Newly Elected City Councilmember Barbara Bry and Library Advocates

*by Helen Lebowitz, UC Branch Friends*

I attended a meeting at the Central Library, and present were Jay Hill, Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Library Foundation, incoming District 1 City Councilmember Barbara Bry, Library Commission Chair Abby Weiss, Foundation Trustee Mike Collins and Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing for the Foundation. I was asked to attend by the Corporate Friends of the San Diego Public Library to represent the Friends of District 1. Similar meetings are planned with City Councilmembers for the other 8 Districts.

The primary purpose of the meetings is to advocate for the libraries with our City Council Representatives. Very briefly, here is an outline of the FY18 Library Budget Priorities with some current data:

1. A full-time Youth Services Librarian (YSL) at each branch: 2.6 million materials for children and teens were circulated last year. Children's book circulation up 15% since 2012. Currently 16 branches have a full-time YSL, 18 have half-time YSLs, and one branch has none. Several branches share a YSL.

2. Increase the Library's books and materials budget: The Library's book and materials budget has been stagnant for over a decade. The percentage of the library's budget devoted to materials dropping from 10.2% in FY2005 to 3.48% in FY2017. The demand for materials continues to grow at both the Central Library and the branches. Comparing FY2015 data with other libraries in California: San Diego's per capita spending on materials \$2.78, San Diego County's was \$4.33 and San Francisco's was \$13.96.

3. Make Progress towards the Library Ordinance: Passed in 2003, it requires 6% of general fund monies to be allocated to the library. This has never been met. FY2017 budget is 3.86% of general fund spending.

Challenges toward the accomplishment of these goals in FY2018 include the large need for funds to be set aside for pensions and infrastructure. This means that there will be less to go around for each department.

As volunteer library fundraisers and advocates, the Friends continue, with the community's help, to try to fill some of the gaps for programs, books and material and equipment at our local branches. Thank you for all your past support. We look forward to working together for the benefit of the University Community Branch.

## Experienced Bridge Players Needed at Two University City Locations

Standley Park Recreation Center (3585 Governor Drive) from 9:00am to 12:00 noon on Fridays. Pinochle players are also needed at this location.

Doyle Park Recreational Center (8175 Regents Road) from 9:00am to 12:00 noon on Thursdays.

For more information, please call Vern at 619.465.6463.

## EDUCATE! BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

EdUcate!'s mission is to raise supplemental funds to support K-12 students in University City's five public schools (Curie, Doyle, Spreckels Elementary, Standley Middle and University City High). We are looking for a few talented and conscientious volunteer board members to lead and strengthen our programs that benefit UC students. If you can contribute your time, thoughtfulness, and leadership a few hours per month and are interested in exploring this opportunity, contact us at [information@uc-educate.org](mailto:information@uc-educate.org) and our Governance Chairperson will meet with you and discuss whether this volunteer opportunity is right for you. We're especially looking for folks with bookkeeping experience, interest in our Math Academy, Teacher Grant, corporate development, events and school relations programs. Thank you for considering EdUcate!



## Calling All Artists

SDGE has given UCCA permission to paint more commercial transformer boxes in University City. This is an ongoing project initiated by the

Beautification Committee several years ago so; we are asking for more artists to provide design ideas that they would like to complete.

UCCA will provide the paint and supplies along with a small stipend and all the sunshine and neighborly discussions available. We know there are many creative residents who are just itching to lose themselves in this artistic endeavor. If you would like to be part of this project, please contact Merle Langston at [mberman@san.rr.com](mailto:mberman@san.rr.com) or Barbara Gellman at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com) for the details.

## Joint Use Park at Curie Elementary

Shannon Scoggins, City of San Diego Planning Department

The San Diego Unified School District is starting the public input process for a new joint use park at Marie Curie Elementary. The project is part of the Mayor's Play All Day Parks Program which is a partnership with the District to open over 30 new joint use parks in the next 5-10 years. See the link below for more info.  
[www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/playalldaybrochure.pdf](http://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/playalldaybrochure.pdf)

Public workshops were held in September and October. The next public workshops will be held at the Standley Rec Council meetings on January 26, at 6:30pm.



## Spreckels Students Vote on Mascot Name

Spreckels Elementary students held their own election on November 8 -- the all-important naming of the Spreckels Wildcat Mascot. The students chose from five wildcat name nominations: Spike, Jojo, Fluffy, Sparky, and Kit-Kat. The Spreckels Wildcat now has the name...Kit-Kat! Nice to see our young students participate in the democratic process and name their mascot. Now, Kit-Kats for all!

## UCCA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

What's Included When You Join UCCA or Renew Your Membership for 2017

Join UCCA or renew your membership and get all this:

- A personalized 2017 membership card
- Discounts at local businesses through the Buy Local with UCCA program when you show your membership card at participating local businesses (see partial list below)
- Local community volunteer opportunities
- 10 issues of University City Newsletter
- An updated news feed at [www.UniversityCityNews.org](http://www.UniversityCityNews.org)
- 10 Community Forum meetings at the Library on Governor
- A UCCA membership sticker highlighting our new light pole banners
- Support for local events, public schools and projects (such as Standley Park improvements, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, street banners, and painted transformer boxes)
- And a FREE Insulated Shopping Bag similar to the one shown on this page when you join at the \$100 Gold Membership level (while supplies last).

This year, you have three convenient ways to join the UCCA or renew your membership: Complete and return your payment with the envelope included in last month's issue; complete the membership form (see page 12) and return your payment in your own envelope; or pay online through PayPal at [www.UniversityCityNews.org](http://www.UniversityCityNews.org).

## Buy Local Business Partnerships

The 2017 UCCA membership drive starts now. The Buy Local business partnership discounts for UCCA members begin in January 2017.

Meanwhile, want to do something now? When you make a purchase with one of our Buy Local partners, tell them you read about their offer in the UCCA newsletter; and thank them for their 2017 Buy Local participation. Then, show this article to other local businesses so that they also have an opportunity to participate.

### *More on Buy Local*

If you are a local business owner/operator who would like more information, or  
If you would like to see all participating businesses to date,  
Please visit the UCCA website at  
[www.UniversityCityNews.org](http://www.UniversityCityNews.org) and click on the  
Buy Local link.

## Back by Popular Demand: Buy Local with UCCA

The Buy Local with UCCA program 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. Join UCCA now; then, in January 2017, look for the 2017 UCCA membership sticker at participating local UC businesses.



Here's a sneak peek at just some of the local businesses which have already committed to the 2017 Buy Local program:

- **AlphaGraphics on Governor**
- **Better Than Home Placement**
- **Costa Verde Center**
- **Cycle Quest**
- **Dance Hula Tai Chi**
- **Diane Medina, Broker Associate, Pacific Sotheby's International Realty**
- **Goozleology**
- **Helping Hands Senior Concierge Services**
- **Hewitt WaterShapes**
- **JK Computer Services**
- **Katie Dunahoo, Broker, Coldwell Banker**
- **Kelly Johnson Fitness**
- **Klassen Painting**
- **Liz Linder Photography**
- **Mariya's Skin Care**
- **Michael A. Cohen State Farm Agency**
- **Professional Roofing Services**
- **Round Table Pizza on Governor**
- **Steve Gray, Gray Loan Team**
- **Terri Day, Realtor, First Choice Properties**
- **The Décor Place**
- **Mack Langston, Real Estate Broker, Pacific Coast Commercial**

## COMMUNITY NOTICE:

### SWANSON POOL WINTER CLOSING

University City's Swanson Pool will have extended spring hours as a result of a request from Sherri Lightner's office. Swanson Pool will be closed on January 9, 2017 and will reopen on March 20, 2017, a full month earlier than originally planned.

For more information on pool hours and locations, please visit the Park & Recreation page at <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation>.



## Play Ball in Your Community

by Meredith Kennedy



Ready for Spring Baseball? Registration is now **open** for the spring baseball season. Please visit [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org) to register for spring 2017! Please register before December 21, as there is a \$20 late fee after the 21st.

There will be a **FREE** Skills Clinic for registered players and document collection held on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00am - 1:00pm at Canyonside Baseball and Softball Academy. Please bring all documents for collection:

- birth certificate and proof of residency OR signed school enrollment form
- medical release form
- snack bar deposit check
- snack bar agreement

All forms are available at [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org). You can also upload all of your required forms online at [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org) and just drop off your snack bar deposit and agreement.

If you own a business and want to advertise to well over 200 families throughout San Diego County, become a sponsor for UCLL. Depending on your sponsorship level, you can have your business advertised on the UCLL website, in the newsletter, directory, and/or on one of the three Little League fields in UC throughout the year. If you sponsor a team for \$250, you can have your business advertised at every game played in UC, as well as within the other communities that the teams will play. Sponsorships/Advertisements start as low as \$50 for a business card size advertisement. If you are interested in sponsoring UCLL, please contact Paula Obrigewitch at [pccinpb@san.rr.com](mailto:pccinpb@san.rr.com) or at 858-717-1080.

Please check [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org) to confirm dates, locations and times. Register online at [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org)! **PLAY BALL IN YOUR COMMUNITY!** Like us on Facebook at @UCLL!



## UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND MARCHES INTO SCHOOL HISTORY

After five Southern California competitions, UCHS's Band Field Show was ranked #1 in the 2A division heading into the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association Field Championships at Ramona High School in Riverside in November. The band ended up coming in 4<sup>th</sup> place at that state level competition, and finished in the highest in school history. UCCA donated towards purchase of band equipment. Congrats to the UCHS Band Field Show. *Photo courtesy Greg Hom.*

## CENTURION FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Centurion Foundation of UCHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting UCHS Athletics, Departments and Clubs, students and families of our school community. The primary mission is to enrich students' extracurricular activities that are a vital extension of their daily school experience. One way this goal is accomplished is to offer Grants each season. This fall, Centurion Foundation received over \$2,800 in grant requests and was able to fund \$1,118.00. Thanks to all who support the Centurion Foundation! More info at: [uc-centurionfoundation.org](http://uc-centurionfoundation.org).

### *Honoring John La Chica*

Longtime resident John La Chica recently passed away, leaving behind a legacy of community involvement and a positive impact on hundreds of children and their families in University City.



La Chica, a San Diego native, and his wife Carole, with their children Lisa, Angela, Gianni, and Anthony, made UC their home almost 40 years ago. He was a volunteer coach for youth basketball, flag football and helped at special events at Standley Recreation Center. After his kids were all grown up he continued to volunteer coach the youth at Standley Rec. In retirement, he worked part time for the San Diego Park and Recreation Department coaching kids in the Mira Mesa area. He was the league director of the adult's men's basketball league at Standley Recreation Center for many years. He was a great volunteer and mentor for the youth in the UC Area. A link to a video tribute from sports teams across the country will be posted on the UCCA website.

The San Diego City Council adjourned early last month in his honor, and proclaimed November 19, 2016 John N. La Chica Day. Among the many reasons listed in the proclamation included:

- 47 years of outstanding community service in youth and adult sports leagues,
- Volunteer of the Year by the City of San Diego,
- recognized by MLB for years of volunteerism and coaching,
- recognized by NFL for Youth Initiatives volunteerism,
- recognized by Marine Corps Recruit Depot for coaching active military service members and their families,
- UCLL Lifetime Achievement Award, and coaching the first girl to play Little League in the City of San Diego, and
- mentoring youth and leading by example through his leadership, teaching, fairness, compassion, encouragement, selflessness, and positivity.

The John N. La Chica Youth Sports Scholarship has been created to help pay for youth recreation sports league fees for those children who cannot afford to pay. La Chica had covered fees for years for families out of his own pocket, without ever telling them who paid. He wanted every child to have the opportunity to play. The fund also donates sports equipment to leagues in need. Donations can be made on-line at [johnlachica.com](http://johnlachica.com) or send to: John N. La Chica Youth Sports Scholarship, 5987 Karesue Lane, San Diego, CA 92122.

## UC Holiday Cookie Recipe Exchange

### *Weeks' Gingerbread Cookies* from Beth Weeks



1 cup softened butter  
1 cup light brown sugar  
1/2 cup honey  
3 cups flour, sifted  
2 teaspoons ginger  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
dash of salt  
icing and decorative goodies

Mix all ingredients together and chill the dough in fridge for about an hour. Preheat oven to 350. Lightly dust table/counter with flour and take half the dough and roll out to about 1/8 inch thick. You will add

more flour to the table each time you roll out new batch. Use cookie cutters to cut dough into lovely shapes. Grease cookie sheet and bake for 8-10 min. Cool on rack and decorate.

*"These taste wonderful when not overcooked, so watch the time! Our family has been making this recipe for the last 25 years every Christmas and is a tradition to decorate them as a family and give many to friends as gifts. Enjoy!" – Beth Weeks*



### *Potato Chip Cookies*

from Terry Jones

1 cup margarine	1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar	2 eggs
1 teaspoon baking soda	2 cups flour
1 teaspoon vanilla	1 cup chopped nuts
6 ounces butterscotch chips	2 cups crushed potato chips

Cream margarine, sugars, and eggs. Mix all other ingredients in order. Drop by teaspoons on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes. Makes four dozen cookies.

*"These are great cookies. Something a little different for the holidays." – Terry Jones*



### *Sicilian Almond Paste Cookies*

from Katie Rodolico -

*"I purchase the hard to find ingredients for my favorite cookies on Amazon as noted below."*

20 ounces almond paste (can be purchased on Amazon)  
2 cups (14 ounces) granulated sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
4 large egg whites, lightly beaten  
1/2 teaspoon almond extract  
1/4 teaspoon Fiori di Sicilia (*optional – you could also sub in bitter almond oil, a little lemon or orange oil, or just leave it out. It's worth it, though! Can be purchased on Amazon.com*)  
Confectioner's sugar, for dusting

Preheat the oven to 325°F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. In the bowl of a stand mixer, combine the almond paste, sugar and salt. Beat with the paddle attachment on medium speed until well combined. With the mixer on low, slowly add in the egg whites, then beat until fully incorporated. Mix in the extracts. Scoop the dough by heaping tablespoons and place on the prepared pans. Dust the cookies generously with confectioner's sugar, then use three of your fingers to smooch the cookies down a bit, leaving indentations in the tops. Bake the cookies for 20-25 minutes, or until set. Allow to cool right on the baking sheets. Repeat with the remaining dough as needed. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

### *Pecan Delight Cups* from Sandy Lippe

Crust:

1 stick of butter  
1 small Philadelphia cream cheese  
1 cup flour  
Spray 24 small muffin tins with Pam cooking spray. Mix with pastry cutter. Place in wax paper to form a roll. Cut off as many pieces to fill small muffin tins. Spray Pam into the muffin tins (24 small). Press in place like a pie shell.

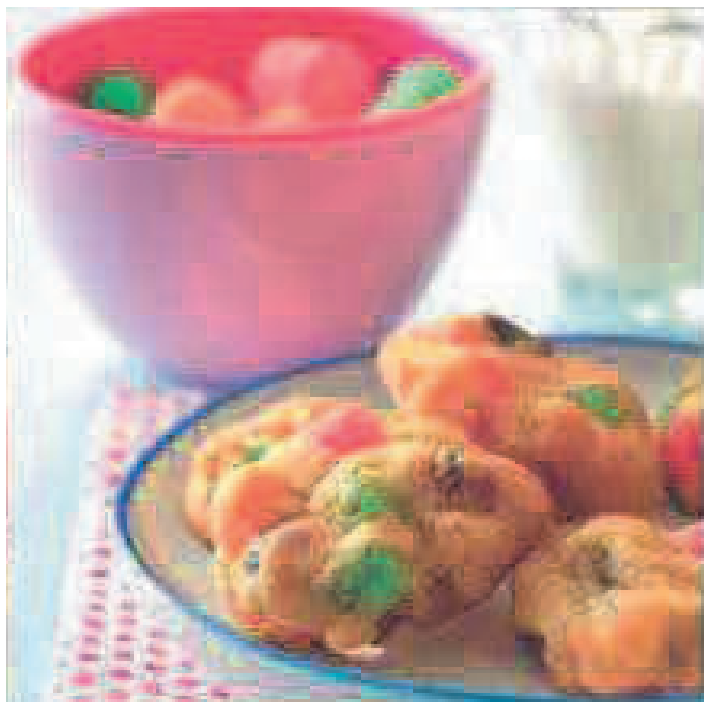
Filling:

1 cup light brown sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix together. Spoon into 24 muffin tins and bake for 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Cool and serve.







### Gum Drop Cookies

by Kathy Neiss, recipe from TasteOfHome.com

*"My mom used to make Gum Drop Cookies during the holidays and when I make these they remind me of her. That's what holidays are all about - traditions and memories."* – Kathy Neiss

3/4 cup shortening  
1 cup sugar, divided  
1/2 teaspoon almond extract  
1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 cup chopped fruit-flavored or spiced gumdrops  
2 egg whites

In a large bowl, cream shortening and 3/4 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in almond extract. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in gumdrops.

In a small bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Fold into dough.

Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls two inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 1 minute before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely. Makes 3-1/2 dozen.

### Butter Cookies

from Lia Mueller, [www.sandiegocookiemonster.com](http://www.sandiegocookiemonster.com)

1 1/2 sticks of butter, softened  
1 cup sugar  
1 large egg  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl with an electric mixer beat butter for two minutes on low speed. Slowly add sugar and beat for another two minutes. Add egg and vanilla and beat until incorporated. Add half of flour and salt gradually, beating dough until combined and then add the other half and mix until combined. Divide dough into two discs, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least two hours. Roll out the dough and cut cookies. For softer cookies, bake for 12 minutes, rotating the pan half way through. For crispier cookies or larger cookies add 1-5 minutes.



### Royal Icing

from Lia Mueller, [www.sandiegocookiemonster.com](http://www.sandiegocookiemonster.com)

2 lbs. powdered sugar  
5 tablespoons meringue powder  
3/4 cup water  
2-3 teaspoons vanilla extract

Combine sugar and meringue powder in large bowl of an electric mixer. Combine water and vanilla, and slowly add to sugar mixture with mixer set on low. Mix on low setting for 4-6 minutes. Icing will become stiff and should hold its peak. Do not over mix. Divide icing and add food coloring to create your palette. For thinner icing, add small amounts of water (1/2 tsp. or less) until desired consistency is reached. For thicker icing, add powdered sugar.

### Gluten-Free Oatmeal Cookies

from Diane Ahern, recipe from MarthaStewart.com

4 1/2 cups gluten-free old-fashioned oats, divided	2 tablespoons cornstarch	1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon gluten-free baking powder	1/2 teaspoon fine salt	2 sticks unsalted butter, room temperature
3/4 cup granulated sugar	1/2 cup packed light-brown sugar	2 large eggs
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract	3/4 cup chocolate chips	3/4 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a blender, process 1 1/2 cups oats into a fine meal. Whisk together ground oats, cornstarch, cinnamon, baking powder, and salt. In a large bowl, using a mixer, beat butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla. With mixer on low, gradually add oat mixture, beating until combined. Fold in chocolate chips, raisins, and remaining 3 cups oats. In batches, drop dough in 2-tablespoonful mounds onto a parchment-lined baking sheet, 2 inches apart. Bake until cookies are golden brown at edges, 15 to 18 minutes. Let cool on sheet on a wire rack 2 minutes, then transfer to rack and let cool completely.



## NOVEMBER UCCA MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2017

### THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RENEWING UCCA 2017 MEMBERS

#### INDIVIDUAL

Greg Barnes  
I. Borouhhs & Denise Fitch  
Mary Jo Brown  
Ruth Botten & Louis Brune  
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James Charvat  
Mary Kay Conzatti  
Franklin & Shirley Cowell  
Dance Hula Tai Chi  
Fitness  
Inge Davidson  
Judith Dresser  
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Sherryl Godfrey  
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Quest  
Anne-Marie Groves  
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WaterShapes  
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Kelly Johnson – Kelly  
Johnson Fitness  
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Saxon  
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Painting  
David Kummer & Doris  
Kwan  
Joni Lee  
Diane & Keith McCarty  
John Murphy – Costa  
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### University City Community Association 2017 UCCA Membership Application\*

2017 Members will receive our new membership card

\_\_\_ Individual Member \$20 \_\_\_ Community Supporter \$40 \_\_\_ Community Angel \$60

\_\_\_ Gold Membership \$100 *Gold category members will receive the UCCA shopping bag.*

Please print Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Individual and Business members' names will be listed in the newsletter.

Please indicate if you do NOT want your name to be listed. \_\_\_ Do NOT list my name.

Make your check payable to UCCA. Mail to UCCA, 3268 Governor Drive, Box 121, San Diego, 92122. Payment is also accepted through PayPal on our website [www.universitycitynews.org](http://www.universitycitynews.org)

**Your UCCA membership dues make a big difference in our community.**

**These funds help support our many worthwhile organizations, (i.e. public schools' fundraising, Standley Park, EdUCate!, Neighborhood Watch, ImproveUC, Buy Local) as well as many special projects and activities such as median beautification, painted electrical boxes and street banners, 4th of July Celebration, summer concerts, December holiday tree lighting, and of course our monthly newsletter delivered to your home and/or business.**

\*This membership is valid for the 2017 calendar year. Thank you for joining UCCA.

If you have any questions, please contact our membership chairperson Hallie Burch at [UCCAmembership@gmail.com](mailto:UCCAmembership@gmail.com).



## UC Planning Group Report

by Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1

The November meeting opened with an SDPD update of a new captain and two new police officers for UC and to introduce future issues to come before the UCPG.

The first report was an update to the UCSD Long Range Development Plan. The Regents of UC adopted the original plan in 2004; the proposed 2018 plan is intended to address enrollment growth, and associated staff and faculty growth by 25-30 percent above 48,850 by the year 2035. A community information and Draft EIR scoping meeting will be held at 6:00pm November 29 at the UCSD Faculty Club. Scoping comments must be sent in by December 5. For additional info see [http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/environmental/pub\\_notice.html](http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/environmental/pub_notice.html). There are five UCPG members on the UCSD Community Advisory Group. John Bassler, encouraged those wishing to become voting members to sign in.

Kristin Camper reported for MCAS Miramar on F35B training in the area. Dan Monroe, Senior Planner with the City Planning Department gave his report. The department reviewed "the project": removal of the Regents Road Bridge and the removal of the Genesee Avenue widening and added a PEIR alternative #3, i.e. removal of the Regents Road Bridge and "reconfiguration" of Genesee Avenue as an alternative and listed 23 mitigation measures. He explained that the planning department thought that alternative #3 was the environmentally preferred option. The City Staff Report forecasts that "significant transportation impacts would occur regardless of the implementation of the project" and regardless of which alternative is selected.

Members of the UCPG sub-committee (Andy Weise, Janay Kruger, Isabelle Kay, Roger Kavanaugh, Megan Beale, Alison Barton, Nancy Groves) and five community members (Barry Bernstein, Louis Rodolico, Debbie Knight, Kevin Wirshing, Helen and Naomi from Nobel and Governor libraries), and Kyle Heiskala, met to review the final PEIR and to draft a response to the Planning Commission. The draft response was voted on with 9 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions. This response was given at the Planning Commission October meeting and can be summarized thus: "We support "the Project" —removal of the Regents Road Bridge and the removal of the Genesee Avenue widening.

\*We oppose PEIR alternative #3— Removal of the Regents Road Bridge and "reconfiguration" of Genesee Avenue (grade separation on Genesee and Governor) as an alternative to the Project.

\*We oppose the roundabout at Governor Drive and I-805 northbound ramps.

\*We support five measures as mitigation for the Project three of which implement adaptive traffic control and transit signal priority measures.

The sub-committee noted that the PEIR analysis of future emergency service response times did not account for the approved fire Station 50 at Nobel Drive and Shawline, or for the existing Squad 56 rapid response station on Governor Drive. Note was taken of recent research that indicates the effect of new roadways is to induce more traffic and greenhouse gas emissions— "build it and they will come" effect. The bridge and Genesee widening would re-route traffic from local highways through the residential streets of the UC community. Andy Weise presented the sub-committee report to the UCPG. The independent traffic engineer, Justin Schlaefli hired by the UCPG took no position on the bridge or Genesee widening or the 23 mitigation measures; he simply answered questions and provided information. The traffic circulation problems show no appreciable difference since both projects would draw more traffic off the highways and into the community.

Costs were also discussed: adaptive traffic lights would be about \$11 million, City Staff grade separation and removal of the bridge about \$100 million, build the bridge and remove Genesee widening \$69 million. Grade

separation at Genesee and Governor would have additional costs since there are four gas stations whose removal would have soil problems. The independent engineer stated that there is a big cost for modest gains: 160 seconds delay would change to 120 seconds delay with adaptive traffic lights, and grade separation would only give 60 second improvement. Addition of southbound right turn lane would be much better and cheaper with 80-second delay rather than 160-second delay. The Governor I-805 roundabout would be about \$100,000 and provide questionable improvement. Restriping Genesee on the existing right of way would require removal of bus stops, removal of median and trees, and crossing time would be increased.

There was much discussion from those in attendance: there was opposition to the bridge from those who enjoy nature in the canyon, and opposition based on scientific data on airborne particulates and the effects on one's lungs, a teacher at Doyle Elementary feared for the 900 students' safety, many of whom cross Regents daily, and analysis of the fact that the original projected traffic numbers requiring the bridge have not materialized. "The costs outweigh the benefits" was stated. Yet, others want the bridge because it was in the original plan years ago, or that north/south trips might be faster, and concern for emergency services.

After much discussion, the UCPG members voted to support the PEIR/Amendment to the University City Plan to remove the Regents Road Bridge and Genesee Avenue widening projects from the UCP and oppose the alternative #3 grade separation at Genesee and Governor. The vote was twelve in favor and five abstentions.

**Future agenda items:** Lossan Rail Project, Glider Airport update, single-family home at 5807 Regents Road (off 52 freeway).

**NEXT MEETING:** Scheduled for January 10, 2017 at Scripps Office Bldg, 10010 Campus Pointe Drive

### STANDLEY PTSA THANKS COMMUNITY

Standley Middle School PTSA wants to thank the community members and parents who purchased restaurant discount cards this fall to support the school. The PTSA also invites community members and parents to make a donation of any amount to our association before the year-end. Our mission is to enrich the lives of families and students attending Standley Middle school and in our community. We provide grants to middle school teachers and student clubs as well as help support many activities around campus, put books in the library and in students hands, support parents by providing a weekly e-news letter and so much more. **But we will soon have trouble paying for these activities due to a shortfall in our direct donations this year.** Please consider writing a check to Standley PTSA or visit [www.standleyptsa.org](http://www.standleyptsa.org) and donating online through PayPal. We thank you!

December will be an exciting month for the middle school music program. The award-winning Standley Middle School Marching Band will march in the La Jolla Christmas parade on December 4 and will perform at the Christmas Tree-lighting ceremony on December 9 at the Standley Park Rec Center. In between those performances, the various concert bands, orchestras, and the jazz band will perform nightly concerts in the auditorium at the middle school. Please visit the school's website calendar to learn more. Enjoy the music! Happy Holidays!

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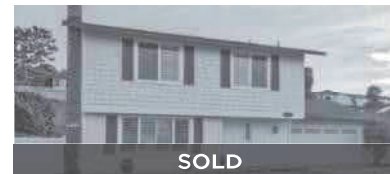
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7405 Bovet Way	3	2	\$683,000
6327 Benhurst Ct	3	2	\$786,000
6283 Radcliffe Drive	4	2.5	\$840,000
3019 Curie St	4	2.5	\$849,000
2741 Angell Ave	4	2	\$850,000
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**Girl Scouts Transform UC:** Completing a community service project, UC's Girl Scout Troop 4109 helped beautify the UC roads by painting a transformer box on Governor Drive at Agee Street. The beautification project is sponsored by UCCA and funded through a grant from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. Thanks again to UC Girl Scout Troop 4109 for their service.



**UC Neighbors Come Through:** When UC resident Kathy Niess decided to post a plea on Nextdoor.com for donations towards the San Diego Rescue Mission Children's Center, she had no idea that there was an avalanche of support coming her way. The idea came to her after a friend who works at the Children's Center mentioned that the center was in a crisis mode with an overwhelming number of needy and homeless children. Five days later, among the items donated included: 1,176 diapers, 17 packages of wipes, 77

jackets, 74 pairs of underwear, 131 pairs of socks, plus 4 large grocery bags of shoes. Just some of the items collected is pictured above. Niess and friend Julie Gish spent over six hours sorting the donations. One good thought brought out the best of neighbors. Thanks Kathy for bringing extra smiles to those in need, and thanks to the many UC neighbors who donated! For information about the San Diego Rescue Mission: [www.sdrescue.org](http://www.sdrescue.org).



**Toys for Tots:** The San Diego Fire Rescue Department is once again participating in the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation holiday campaign. Please drop off new, unwrapped toys for children ages infant to 12 years old at your nearest fire station. This year, there is a special request for toys for girls and boys ages 6-12 years old. Toys for Tots has an historically low inventory of toys suitable for these age groups. All donations raised in San Diego stay in San Diego. For more information, visit Toys for Tots San Diego. Donations will be accepted at the Fire Rescue Squad 56 Governor Drive location during the day when the fire/rescue crew is on site, and at the Tree Lighting at Standley Park, December 9.

**UCHS Adopt-A-Family:** The UCHA PTSA is collecting donations for the annual Adopt-A-Family program, which helps students in need and their families. This year there are five families being sponsored with children ranging in age from toddler to high school. Specific items may be donated, as well as monetary contributions at [www.uchsptsa.org](http://www.uchsptsa.org). The UCHS office lobby will have a Christmas Tree holding ornaments with specific wishes that can be contributed. You may also contact Jemma Samala, [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com), to see how you can help.



**Holiday Food Drive:** Coldwell Banker UC is doing their 21st Annual Holiday Food drive from December 1 thru December 3 at noon. Food can be dropped off at the Coldwell Banker office, 3959 Governor Drive in the VONS Center. The food will be given to Feeding America for distribution during and after the holidays. They are also happy to collect food at people's homes. Just call 858-352-6587 for pick up. On Sunday, November 13, Coldwell Banker UC had a thank you party for UC Residents. Coldwell Banker holds several community service projects throughout the year and wants to give a big THANK YOU for the wonderful support we get from our UC neighbors. (Coldwell Banker agents pictured above from left: Kathleen Williams, June Kubli, Lydia Hwang Vosovic, Katie Dunahoo, Carol Uribe and John Bassler.)

**Curie Elementary Community Service:** Kudos to the Curie Elementary Community Service Group for collecting enough items for the St. Innocent Orphanage in Mexico that no requests no longer need to be printed in this newsletter! As part of the *Santa's Helpers Program* they collected all sorts of gifts, including bikes, shoes, games, and grooming supplies. Info about the orphanage at: [www.projectmexico.org](http://www.projectmexico.org). Group Co-chair Lucina Case noted that the "community is always tremendously generous and giving."