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I Love University City

by Diane Ahern, UCCA Vice President

Do you look forward to reading your University City Community Association newsletter every month? This year marks the 15th year of continuous publication. We thank our advertisers, volunteers, contributors and UCCA members for making it possible. And we appreciate your continued support for UCCA and the activities and efforts UCCA sponsors help ensure that University City is more than a neighborhood:

- Providing support to treasured community events such as the Summer Concerts and 4th of July Celebration at Standley Park
- Enhancing the quality of public amenities in our University City neighborhood such as transformer box art and landscaped medians
- Supporting many University City educational, cultural, artistic, and community sports activities such as local school events and kids sports teams
- Improving the quality of life of University City residents, property owners, employees, and businesses through UCCA's Buy Local program
- Promoting a safe and inviting community atmosphere through Neighborhood Watch and street banners
- Communicating pertinent local information to community members and neighbors via the UCCA website, monthly newsletter and monthly open forum meetings at the Library on Governor.

As a volunteer, non-profit organization, we survive on the membership dues paid by our many members every year. Without you, we could not do all the things that we do. If you love University City as much as I do, I remind you to join UCCA or renew your membership today. Besides the satisfaction of supporting many of the activities that make University City more than a neighborhood, members also receive a 2017 bumper/window sticker (*see image of sticker above) and a membership card that entitles them to participate in UCCA's Buy Local program.

Regents Road Bridge and Genesee Widening Update: Last month, the San Diego City Council voted 6-2 to accept the proposed amendment to the University City community plan that removed both the Regents Road Bridge and the Genesee Avenue widening projects. However, a challenge has been filed against the SD City Council's vote eliminating those projects. The UCCA newsletter will keep the community updated on any new developments.

Happy Valentine's Day!



UCCA Meeting

Wednesday, February 8
6:00pm, UC Library

People for a Clean UC

Sunday, February 12, 7:30-9:00am
Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Dr. Supplies provided.

Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 14

UC Planning Group

Tuesday, February 14, 6:00pm
Scripps, 10010 Campus Pointe Drive

UC Celebration Committee (4th of July Event)

Wednesday, February 15, 6:30pm
Standley Rec. Center

President's Day

Monday, February 20
Schools Closed Friday, February 17 and
Monday, February 20

Standley Recreation Council

Thursday, February 23, 6:30pm

Doyle Recreation Council

Tuesday, February 28, 6:30pm

DON'T FORGET!
IT'S TIME TO JOIN AND OR RENEW
YOUR UCCA MEMBERSHIP
The 2017 membership form is on
page 13. Thank you

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- Include who, what, why, where, and how.
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- The Editor reserves the right to edit articles as needed.
- Name the file appropriately so it can be identified.
- Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
- Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com; email any questions.

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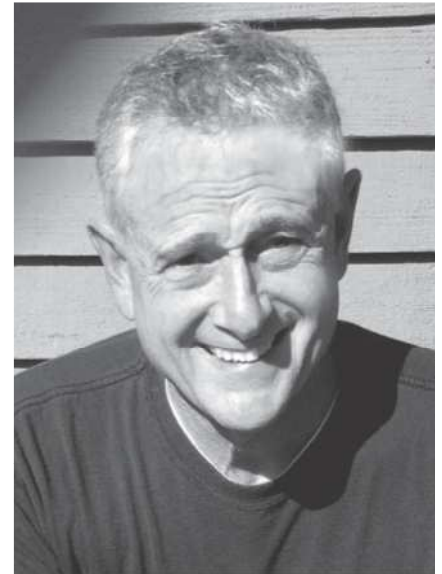
Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the March issue is February 9, but the newsletter can fill up before the deadline. Articles and news items are reviewed as they are received. Priority may be given to UCCA members and time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited 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.

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Community Association, and on Twitter @UCCA_SD.**

UCCA President Barry Bernstein

Welcome 2017 ---
goodbye Chargers! I
hope your holidays
were happy times for
you and your families.

UCCA in coordination
with Standley Park
hosted the annual
"Dinner with Santa"
and Tree/Menorah
Lighting on December
9 (see photos on pages
10 and 11). Rain, and
lots of it, finally arrived
in San Diego and our
major reservoirs are
near capacity.



Our beautiful street banners, depicting our community activities, adorn many of the Governor Drive street poles...and a few more painted electrical boxes have been completed reflecting some of the points of interest in South University City.

Barbara Bry, our newly elected District 1 City Council official, dropped by UCCA's January 11 meeting to say thank you to our community, and outline her objectives. She was politely reminded of the need for a separate fire station in South UC. Ms. Bry introduced her community representative to University City, Mr. Bridger Langfur. Bry's first round of community office hours in UC will be on Saturday, February 11 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm, at the UC Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive.

Also at this meeting there was a presentation made by the City of San Diego's Pure Water Program. A donation to UC Little League was approved, and the first requests for donations to support the UC High School Music Boosters and the UC High School Swim team were received, as well as the Marcy Park Improvement project presented by Ruth DeSantis.

At the UCPG meeting last month one of the agenda items, (newly developed property on Regents Road) attracted lots of our residents. See article on page 13.

The sad news of the recent passing of Dr. Ernie Lippe, husband to our Sandy Lippe, means our community has lost a most devoted long-time resident who has been part of and participated in making South UC a proud community. We were privileged to have known Ernie and appreciated his love of music (a founding member of the Tuesday Nite Alibi), and his jokes and storytelling. We will all miss him.

UCCA needs you to join! We want to continue to support the many worthwhile school and community activities at its highest levels...so in order to do that, we need you to join UCCA. See our membership information on page 13. Thank you.

Our next UCCA meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 6:00pm at the UC Library on Governor Drive.

Happy Valentine's Day! ~Barry



EDITOR'S NOTES... by Jemma Samala

Last month I talked about the importance of voting responsibly and community participation. This month I was privileged to have had the opportunity to march in solidarity with women all over the county, but even more so, with community members from University City. Women, men, children, those who live here, have children that attend schools here, and people that work here, came together. That's what we do in UC, we are a community for all.

Community individuals may disagree on the purpose of the San Diego Women's March, but that's ok. We disagree on many things around here: bridge or no bridge, trolley or no trolley, school choice or not, doggie park or not, Starbucks or Coffee Bean & Tea. It's all good because as a community it shows we care. We care enough to have the courage to voice our disagreements, as well as put in the time and effort into those endeavors we support. While many of us joke that it's the same faces that volunteer, and we're getting sick of each other. I would hate it if those faces went away. I think we're pretty lucky in this community and should acknowledge that during this Valentine's Day month, many of us love UC. I love UC.

On another note, this year marks the 15th year of the UCCA newsletter. The first issue in May 2002 was four pages, all black and white, and there was one ad from Tom Ventimiglia, New York Life Insurance agent - thanks for being our first sponsor! And yes, many of the names I see in those early issues are still volunteering - Sandy Lippe, Darlene Ventimiglia, Carole Pietras. The topics are familiar: banners, trees, UC Celebration, Summer Concerts, UC Clean Up. And UCCA membership was \$15 (what a bargain \$20 is today). Show some love for your community; volunteer and support UCCA. Happy Valentine's Day!

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UCCA JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by Jemma Samala

San Diego Water Authority Pure Water Update. Jeff Soriano, SDWA Phase I Project Manager, updated those in attendance about the Pure Water program which plans to provide 1/3 of San Diego's water supply locally by 2035. The program involves a system of treatment facilities, pump stations and pipelines to: use technology to clean recycled water to produce safe, high-quality drinking water; provide a reliable, sustainable, water supply; and offer a cost-effective investment for local needs. Phase I includes the North City Water Plant (NCWRP) Expansion, Pure Water Facility, Pump Station and Pipeline located at the Eastgate Mall and Miramar area. The project is currently in the "Design" process and the SDWA will be asking for public comments on design and pipeline plans. Phase I also includes a Morena Station and pipeline that will eventually continue through UC to the NCWRP. The public is welcome to take a guided tour of the water purification testing facility and find out how: wastewater becomes purified water, the project will decrease reliance on imported water, and see comparisons of purified, drinking, and recycled water samples. For more info, go to www.purewatersd.org.

Miramar MCAS Communications. UC resident Stephanie Jed brought up concerns about communicating with Miramar MCAS in commenting about low-flying violations over the neighborhood. Recent incidents have brought back unpleasant memories of the unfortunate crash of 2008, which destroyed two homes resulting in unnecessary deaths. It was agreed that open dialogue was needed, and residents should continue to file warranted complaints. Jed will work with UCCA VP Diane Ahern to communicate with Miramar.

Community Grant Requests. UCCA granted UC Little League their request for \$1,000 to help pay for new fencing for the Minors field. Additional request were presented by: **UCHS Music Boosters**, to sponsor the program's, which has expanded by 50%, Spring Concert on March 31; and the **UCHS Boys Water Polo, Girls Water Polo, and Swim Team Boosters** for aquatics parkas which are good for 10 years. The aquatics programs must spend funds to rent pool time at UCSD. The groups requested grants of \$2,500, which will be decided at the next UCCA meeting.

Next UCCA meeting: February 8, 6:00pm, UC Library



BUY A BRICK AND BE A PART OF UCHS HISTORY

The UCHS Stadium renovations are expected to be completed this year, including the new tower entrance. Everyone - current families, future families, alumni - is invited to be a part of the school's history by participating in the Memorial Brick Campaign, and purchasing a brick to be prominently displayed on the new tower. Donation is \$100 for a 4" x 8" brick (3 lines), or \$250 for a 8" x 8" brick (6 lines). Proceeds benefit the Centurion Foundation. For more info and to place an order, go to: www.bricksrus.com/order/uchscf/.

UC CELEBRATION PLANNING BEGINS

Planning for the 4th of July, UC Celebration, is now beginning and the committee will need lots of volunteers. The first meeting for the 2017 UC Celebration will be on Wednesday, February 15, 6:30pm at the Standley Rec. Center. If you are interested, contact UC Celebration Co-Chairs Randall Tonini at randall@gracecitysd.com or Jemma Samala at jemmasamala@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CAPTAIN'S ADVISORY BOARD MEETING RECAP

by Barbara Gellman

Captain Jerry Hara who was appointed Communications Director with SDPD, about eight months ago reported some very good news at our Captain's Advisory Board meeting. This is a selected group of residents who meet bimonthly with our Northern Division Police Captain, officers and other residents in the Northern area to discuss crime, prevention and other aspects of law enforcement and city concerns. Included are hotel owners, condo complex managers, security personnel from the Westfield Mall, Town Council representatives, Neighborhood Watch Coordinators in the Northern Division area and other organization representatives.

Regarding the dispatch center; seven months ago the average 911 response was 15-20 sec. it is now 3 seconds and 93% of the time under 10 seconds exceeding all national standards which is 90%. One change that has contributed to their success is the "Phone Tree" with over 140,000 calls coming in on a monthly basis, the Phone Tree directs calls to the right department quickly, freeing up valuable time for the dispatchers. You can also help; if you call 911 by mistake, stay on the line and tell the dispatcher this is not an emergency, you made a mistake, if in fact it isn't an emergency. If you hang up, they are required to call back to confirm it was not an emergency which is a waste of valuable time. Make sure the phone is off if kept in your back pocket or you may end up making a (Pocket Mis-dial) "butt" call by mistake. In a five (5) week period they had 12,000 of these calls.

The non-emergency number hold time was 15-35 minutes, now averaging 4 minutes. Keep in mind, if there are more 911 calls coming in when you call, they are the priority, so it may be more than 4 minutes but, stay on the line to report or you will lose your place in the queue.

The second major change was the hiring of 36 new trainees in the communications department. It takes 4 months to train on the non-emergency line plus another 5 months for the 911 line. They also have added 12 supervisors onto the floor, mentoring and coaching and 90 officers have been trained to assist during peak times. They volunteer on their off time so it does not interfere with their primary role and are paid working the dispatch lines.

Another suggestion is to use the "Get it Done" App to report any number of problems, graffiti, street signs, potholes, tree limbs falling, etc. The response time is quick and remember to send a photo of the problem. *Using the Get it Done app, UCCA's beautification committee, under the direction of Merle Langston, requested evaluation and trimming of trees with overhanging branches on Governor Drive.*

A SHOUT OUT TO FIRE SQUAD 56

My name is unimportant. I would just like to give a big shout out to Mark and Darren of Fire Squad 56 – our very own EMTs on Governor Drive. I had occasion to stop by the house to get some help with a blood pressure cuff.

Both of them were so kind and accommodating and extraordinarily helpful. We are lucky to have them in our community and especially in our neighborhood.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CAPTAINS NEEDED

If you live on one of the streets listed below, it's an indication that your street does **not** have a Neighborhood Watch captain. For effective crime prevention throughout our community, it's important that all residents participate in UC's Neighborhood Watch program. Please contact Barbara Gellman ASAP bggellman@yahoo.com or 858.452.2326 to discover how easy it is to be a captain or co-captain on your street. Step right up and be in the loop.

OPEN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH STREETS BY NEXTDOOR NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGNATIONS:

UC Northwest

Bunche Ave., Way, Terrace
Governor Dr. (Stresemann-Regents)
Stresemann, North

UC Southwest

Governor Dr. (Stresemann-Dunant)
Pennant Way
Soderblom Ave., Court
San Clemente Terrace
Sandburg Ave., Way

UC North Central

Cascade Ct.
Governor Dr. (Regents-Radcliffe)
Hurd

Mercer Street
Stetson Ave., Place
Willard Street
Wellesley Street

UC South Central

Caminito Araya
Caminito Baeza
Occidental Street
Stadium Street, Place
Syracuse Street, Lane, Court
Tulane Way, Court

UC Northeast

Camrose
Enders Ave.
Farley Drive, Lane, Court
Finsen Ave

Florey Street, Court

Murphy Ave.
Panel Court
Ramsay Ave.
Rous Street
Steinbeck Street
Stettler Way
Teasdale Ave.
Tula Court

Werner Street
Whipple Ave., Way

UC Southeast

Bromfield Ave.
Maynard Street
Pavlov Ave.
Via Lapiz

Contact bggellman@yahoo.com, 858.452.2326, if interested.



BARBARA BRY City Council, District 1

I am honored to serve as your District 1 City Councilmember, and I look forward to working closely with the UCCA and the entire community to keep San Diego safe, clean and prosperous.

After being sworn into office in December, I was honored to be selected as chair of the Council Committee on Budget and Government Efficiency and vice chair of Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods. Maintaining a balanced budget is central to our City's ability to operate and serve the residents of San Diego, and I will encourage prudent fiscal decision-making as chair of this committee. Public safety is the number one function of local government, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Council and community members to advance a public safety agenda that will keep our neighborhoods safe.

A few of my priorities for the University City, UTC and UCSD areas include:

- Ensuring the construction of the new fire station at Nobel is completed on time and on budget.
- Finalizing an agreement with UCSD for a fire station on the north end of campus.
- Monitoring the construction of the blue line trolley extension, and exploring an on-demand tram service and ride sharing programs to connect residents to the line.

We are launching a series of volunteer community advisory councils focused on public safety, seniors, and small business. For more information on these groups, please contact my office: barbarabry@sandiego.gov; 619.236.6611.

I'm also pleased to tell you that I have recruited an excellent team to join me in working for the residents of District 1. Bridger Langfur will be the Council Representative serving UC, UTC, and UCSD. Please don't hesitate to contact Bridger for assistance with city services: blangfur@sandiego.gov; 619.236.6611.

I expect my staff to respond rapidly to constituent needs and to assist me in developing and implementing innovative policy plans. My team and I will be out in the community attending meetings, holding office hours, meeting with residents at community coffees, and canvassing neighborhoods to learn about the priorities of District 1 residents.

We will be hosting our first round of community office hours in University City on Saturday, February 11, from 1:00pm - 2:30pm at the UC Community Library (4155 Governor Dr, San Diego, CA 92122). We hope you can attend!



Barbara Bry Hosts Victory Celebration at UCHS

by Diane Ahern

It was standing room only as Barbara Bry, City Council member representing District 1, held a combined meet and greet/victory celebration at University City High School on January 8. Barbara was introduced by other newly elected officials California State Senator Toni Atkins, California State Assembly member Todd Gloria, City Councilmember Georgette Gómez (District 9), and City Attorney Mara Elliott.

After thanking her volunteers and introducing her staff, including Bridger Langfur as our UC representative, she reviewed her priorities, stating she will focus on ensuring a safe, clean and prosperous District and San Diego. These principles will guide her decision-making, she added.

She encouraged residents to volunteer for one of her three citizen councils focused on the needs of seniors, on small business, and on public safety. Bry stated she will meet with these groups 3 to 4 times a year to help her understand the concerns of the local community. To contact Barbara Bry and City Council District 1, visit www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1.

Get It Done: City streamlining non-emergency requests for services

Using the new mobile app and web portal *Get It Done*, residents can report nonemergency problems to the City. The *Get It Done* app also allows San Diego residents to track the progress of a complaint and increase efficiency for both residents and City crews.

To report a problem, people can now take and upload photos related to over 20 nonemergency problems with roads, street lights, traffic signals and more. The *Get It Done* app uses GPS information embedded within photos to automatically update the address and location of problems. After uploading the photo, the app user simply identifies a few details about the problem and submit. In action, seen in the photo above, city crews clean up downed trees on Genesee, south of Governor Dr. Courtesy of Bridger Langfur, Council Rep. For more info, visit www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done



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

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Thursday, February 2 from 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday, February 3 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 4 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30

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 - 2 p.m.**

Adult Yoga Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring a mat or towel. **Every Thursday @ 4 - 5 p.m.**

Accordion Club meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. **Saturday**, February 11 & 25 @ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Concert: Dapper Dixie is comprised of local musicians and will delight the audience with the uplifting sound of good old-fashioned Dixieland Jazz music. **Wednesday**, February 1 @ 6:30 p.m.

CERT Meeting educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. **Tuesday**, February 7 @ 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. Get fit where you sit! **Tuesday**, February 7 & 21 @ 2 p.m.

University City Community Association (UCCA) monthly meeting features updates from community leaders such as Fire and Police; and provides Open Forum for residents to express concerns and contribute to University City quality of life. All are welcome.

Wednesday, February 8 @ 6 p.m.

Free Nutrition Class for Seniors. Join the Jacobs & Cushman Food

Bank for a fun-filled, six-week course tailored to senior fitness, health and nutrition! Sign up now! Class size is limited. Please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. **Friday**, February 3, 10 & 17 @ 1 p.m.

Pet-friendly Gardening will show you how to turn your yard or garden into a safe environment for your pet. The Master Gardener Association of San Diego County. **Saturday**, February 18 @ 2 p.m.

UC Book Club will be discussing *Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. **Wednesday**, February 22 @ 2 p.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.**

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

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

Tales for Tails is designed to help children improve their reading skills and confidence in reading out loud. Children can read aloud to trained and certified therapy dogs. **"First Saturday of the month"**, February 4 @ 10 a.m.

Book of Hearts craft. Choose your own assortment of colors for the heart-shaped pages and then decide how they should be layered within the cardstock cover. You can complete your craft with a message for that special Valentine's. Please call (858) 552-1655 to RSVP, space is limited. **Wednesday**, February 8 @ 2 p.m.

Tweens/Teens

Video Game Fridays, Wii gaming with your friends, Get your game on! **Every Friday @ 3 - 4 p.m.**

North University Community February Highlights | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637 | 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 and bring mat.

Small Business Assistance. 2nd and 4th 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. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 3:30 pm. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help with resume writing and job searching. Appointments available by calling the library.

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

Page Turners Book Club. Wednesday, February 8 at 6:00 pm. Please ask at the Circulation desk for the title to be discussed.

Knitters' Circle. Thursday, February 9 & 23 at 1:00 pm. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

Fiction Fanatics Book Club. Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 am. Please ask at the Circulation desk for the title to be discussed.

A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults. Sunday, February 12 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.

Cinema Café. Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 pm. Enjoy refreshments while watching a thought-provoking film. Title TBA. Please inquire with library staff for further details.

Concert: Artisan Wind Trio. Sunday, February 19 at 3:00 pm. Featuring clarinetist Katrina Earl, flutist Jeremy Malangit, and oboist Juliana Gaona.

Weekly Storytimes:

English – Thursdays & Saturdays at 10:30 am. French – Thursdays at 11:15 am. Sign Language – Thursday, February 9 at 12 noon.

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 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 12:00 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 or older sibling.

Yoga Storytime. Monday, February 13 & 27 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, February 14 at 3:00 pm. Science-based educational activities geared to students in grades K-3.

Tiny Tots Storytime. Wednesday, February 15 at 5:30 pm. Miss Kim reads books and plays the piano in this fun sing-along storytime complete with percussion instruments.

Paws to Read. Monday, February 27 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.

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.**

U.S. CONSTITUTION CLASS OFFERED

by Jemma Samala

UC Resident Peter Knobloch is teaching a free weekly U.S. Constitution class, Tuesdays, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm at 2880 Governor Drive. The classes, sponsored by the Liberty Project, started in January and run through April. The classes are non-partisan, non-political, and non-denominational. All community members, ages 14 and above, are encouraged to attend any or all classes. (No childcare available.) The classes hope to help attendees answer the question “Could you defend the Constitution?” For more info, contact Peter Knobloch, 858.220.0210. The remaining class schedule is:

February 7:	Continental Congress Stimulation
February 14:	Forms of Government – Are We a Democracy or Republic?
February 21:	Order & Cycles of History – Power Structure of America
February 28:	Equality & the Declaration of Independence
March 7:	The Legislative Branch
March 14:	The Judicial Branch
March 21:	The Executive Branch
March 28:	No Class – Spring Break
April 4:	The Bill of Rights
April 11:	Unintended Consequences: Cause and Effect
April 18:	Our Sacred Honor – Private & Public Virtue

SOUTH UC LIBRARY EVENTS

DAPPER DIXIE: Wednesday, February 1, 6:30pm. Comprised of local musicians, Dapper Dixie delights the audience with the uplifting sound of good old-fashioned Dixieland Jazz Music. Dixieland Jazz music originated in the early 1900s, and was influenced by ragtime, military brass bands, the Blues and gospel music. The event is part of the First Wednesdays Concert Series.

PET FRIENDLY GARDENING: Saturday, February 18, 2:00pm. Presented by Master Gardener Judy Macomber who will show how to turn your yard or garden into a safe environment for your pet. She'll cover a variety of poisonous plants to avoid, and provide suggestions for plants that are safe and attractive.

SAVE THE DATES:



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The Spreckels Parent Party Sip & Bid will be held on Saturday, **March 4**, 6:00-10:00pm at the Bay City Brewing Company, at 3760 Hancock Street. There will be a silent auction, raffles, teacher auction and food trucks. Advance tickets available, starting at \$25 for one admission and refreshment ticket, to a \$50 Fun Pack for Two that includes two admission tickets, two refreshment tickets and two raffle tickets. You may also sponsor a teacher for \$25. The celebration is meant to honor the Spreckels parents and volunteers. For info and to order tickets, go to: www.spreckelscommunityuc.com/parent-party.

Curie's Parent Party will be on Saturday, **March 18**, 5:30-10:00pm at the Karl Strauss Tasting Room, 5985 Santa Fe Street, San Diego, 92109. There will be a Taco Cart, DJ, and Live Auction. The early bird price is \$30 until March 1, then goes up to \$35. The event is casual and for adults only. For info and to order tickets, go to: www.curiepta.org/parent-party.

SDUSD TAKES STEPS TO REDUCE BULLYING

Information from SDUSD

Definition: *Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance.* Providing a safe learning environment is a critical element that all schools must focus on if we are to achieve our goal of providing our children a quality education. Bullying is a serious issue that every administrator in every school in our country must handle. Research indicates that more than half of all school-aged children nationwide will be involved in bullying this year as a victim or a perpetrator.

In our commitment to providing all students and staff with a safe learning environment where everyone is treated with respect and no one is physically or emotionally harmed, the San Diego Unified School District does not tolerate any student or staff member being bullied (including cyber-bullying) or intimidated in any form at school or school-related events, (including off-campus events, school-sponsored activities, school busses, any event related to school business), or outside of school hours with the intention to be carried out during any of the above.

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Inciting, aiding, coercing or directing of others to commit acts of bullying or cyber-bullying, harassment or intimidation are also prohibited by the San Diego Unified School District. These problems cannot be solved unless schools, students, parents and the community work together. For more info about the San Diego Unified School District Anti-Bullying and Intimidation Policy, visit www.sandiegounified.org/anti-bullying-and-intimidation.

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Stock up on great fiction for all ages, pick up a great cookbook or find some music you've never tried before—all at great prices.

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BUY LOCAL BUSINESS BRIEFS

UCCA is pleased to welcome five additional business partners to our Buy Local with UCCA program. Thank you to these, and all UCCA Buy Local partners, for offering UCCA members exclusive special promotions in 2017.

- **ASPM San Diego (Karen Martinez):** ASPM-San Diego is a full-service property management company providing 24/7 customer support, expert Homeowner Association and Rental management, financial, IT, maintenance, janitorial and administrative construction oversight.
- **Dogtopia of Miramar (Diane Hotz):** Dogtopia is dog owners' one-stop shop for daycare, boarding, spa services and more. You can check in on your dog throughout the day using our webcams, which can be accessed on desktop or mobile devices.
- **Mack Langston, Pacific Coast Commercial:** With over 20 years in the real estate investment field, my areas of specialization include 1031 tax deferred exchanges and charitable remainder trusts (CRT). I'm a Certified Property Manager (CPM) and a member of the Texas Bar.
- **Sue Silva, Coldwell Banker:** I have been active in selling, buying, leasing real estate and representing my clients for over 35 years in San Diego. I am a Previews Property Specialist. My mission and promise to all clients is to work together in a win-win situation for all.
- **The Décor Plan (Stephanie Warner):** The Decor Plan is the only full service agency for Street Banner programs throughout San Diego, with over 20 years of experience. We are the authorized installer and "go to" partner to ensure you have a successful and effective banner and signage program.

To learn more about all current Buy Local with UCCA partners, including contact information and promotional offers, visit www.universitycitynews.org/buy-local-with-ucca/.



Congratulations to the employees and customers of Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf who were featured on a recent episode of Undercover Boss. Our University City location is one of the best in San Diego, according to the CBS show.

BUY LOCAL PROGRAM CONTINUES IN UC

Buy Local with UCCA program connects individual UCCA members with local businesses. Customers must present their 2017 UCCA membership card at participating Buy Local businesses at the time of purchase in order to take advantage of Buy Local offers. Here are some of the local businesses which have already committed to the 2017 Buy Local program:

- AlphaGraphics on Governor (Scott Weathers)
- ASPM-San Diego (Karen Martinez)
- Better Than Home Placement (Merle Berman Langston)
- Costa Verde Center (Amy Spear)
- Cycle Quest (Sharon Goodis)
- Dance Hula Tai Chi (Ann Gantt)
- Diane Medina, Broker Associate, Pacific Sotheby's International Realty
- Dogtopia of Miramar (Diane Hotz)
- Footwear etc (Rebecca Monarch)
- Goozleology (Donna Brancheau)
- Helping Hands Senior Concierge Services (Iris Clauss)
- Hewitt WaterShapes (Paul Hewitt)
- JK Computer Services (Karl Cranford)
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- Mack Langston, Realtor, Pacific Coast Commercial
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- Round Table Pizza on Governor (Joseph Sassano)
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- STUDIO A SALON (Anita Corshack)
- Sue Silva, Realtor, Coldwell Banker
- Terri Day, Realtor, First Choice Properties
- The Décor Place (Stephanie Warner)
- Wikitiki Pacific Island Apparel (Wendy Lee)

For complete list of current Buy Local participants and to find out more about how you can participate in UCCA's Buy Local program, visit www.universitycitynews.org/buy-local-with-ucca/.

Street Banners to be Relocated

Due to new City regulations, the University City street banners currently installed on intersection poles will be relocated to non-intersection poles. To minimize traffic impacts, our banner service company, The Décor Plan, will do the work at night. And, because fewer poles are available for banner installation, many of the remaining poles will feature two banners displayed side-by-side. The new banners now on display were funded through a 2016 grant from the County Board of Supervisors, and not through membership dues. UCCA is seeking a 2017 County grant to help fund a series of new seasonal banners. More information is available on UCCA's website on the University City Street Banner page.





PLAY BALL UC

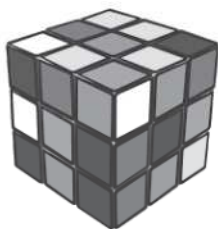
by Meredith Kennedy

UC Little League Spring baseball is coming in March! Opening day is Saturday, March 4. Join UCLL for a fun day with a team/player parade, announcements of the 2016 All Stars, games, food, equipment exchange and donations, and the T-ball otter pop run.

Please bring any used gloves, bats, baseballs and other used baseball equipment to the UCLL Annual Baseball Equipment Exchange. Any equipment left over will be distributed locally and abroad through Kids Gear for Baseball (www.kidsgearforbaseball.org). Donation bins will be located near the Snack Bar.

If you own a business and want to advertise to well over 200 families throughout San Diego County, sponsor UCLL. Depending on your sponsorship level, you can have your business advertised on the UCLL website, in our newsletter, directory, and/or on one of the three field in UC throughout the year. 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 pcinpb@san.rr.com or 858.717.1080.

Please check www.ucll.org to confirm dates, locations and times. Like us on Facebook at @UCLL. **PLAY BALL IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**



RUBIK'S CUBE ENTHUSIASTS

UCHS student Henry Helmuth organized a Rubik's Cube event in December at UCSD, which saw a new world record in the sport of speedcubing. Max Park from Temecula is now the World Champion for fastest average one-handed solve time of a Rubik's Cube with the incredibly fast time

of 10:59 seconds. He takes over from the previous world champion, Felix Zemdegs of Australia, who has been featured in news stories around the world.

Henry is a junior at UCHS and coaches a Standley Science Olympiad team. He also teaches Rubik's Cube Solving and Coding in Minecraft at San Diego French American School, and has interned at the Salk Institute.

Henry Helmuth's co-organizers for the event are Andrew Nathenson of San Diego High, and Kevin Tangtartharakul and Corey Young of the UCSD Cubing Club. SpeedCubeShop sponsored the event and provided prizes.



Pictured above is: David Li (left) and Henry Helmuth (right) of UCHS Cubing Club, courtesy Catherine Eng.



LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO

Live Well San Diego is a program by the County of San Diego to help the County promote a vision of "Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving." UCCA is recognized as a Live Well San Diego Partner. In January, Live Well San Diego created a 31-Day Challenge to help residents challenge themselves to live well every day. While the January challenge is over, the topics can help you achieve a healthy, safe and more thriving life to start at any time. A recap of the challenges is listed below:

1. Set a resolution to live well every day.
2. Get outside.
3. Move your body.
4. Drink more water.
5. Sign up for an emergency training class.
6. Listen to or read to learn something new.
7. Get organized.
8. Create a savings plan.
9. Learn to defend yourself.
10. Organize a group walk at work or in your neighborhood.
11. Quit smoking or help someone quit.
12. Connect with 2-1-1 San Diego.
13. Practice a random act of kindness.
14. Enjoy art and culture.
15. Register for Alert San Diego.
16. Get involved.
17. Eat more fruits and vegetables.
18. Sign up for a 5k.
19. Stop by your local Farmer's Market.
20. Spend extra time with your children or a loved one.
21. Make an appointment to donate blood.
22. Create a 72-hour Emergency Supply Kit.
23. Take a moment for positive self-talk!
24. Create an action plan to help you reach a long-term goal.
25. Inquire about becoming or getting a mentor.
26. Participate in a cleanup event.
27. Learn to meditate to reduce stress.
28. Get to know your neighbors.
29. Fight the Bite.
30. Schedule a physical exam or dentist appointment.
31. Ride your bike or take public transit.

You can find additional info for each challenge on the UCCA website at www.universitycitynews.org/category/live-well/.

Additionally, Live Well San Diego will continue its Love Your Heart annual event on February 14. The County of San Diego and its partners

will provide free blood pressure screenings to the public and select sites throughout the county and Mexico. The goal is to activate residents to "know their numbers" and take charge of their own heart health. For heart screening info, go to: www.livewellsd.org/content/livewell/home/love-your-heart.



Q: When is street sweeping in UC?

A: It depends on your street, but primarily if you're on the main streets of Governor Drive and Genesee Ave., streets are swept every Tuesday. All other UC streets are swept the 1st Thursday of odd months. Find specific street info at: archive.sandiego.gov/stormwater/pdf/district1schedule.pdf These days are not posted, so remember to remove your cars from the streets on those days.

Holidays in the UC Hood...



Annual Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Night

by Darlene Ventimiglia

Closing out the 2016 in University City was the UCCA December 9th highlight, the Christmas Tree Lighting and Menorah Lighting. Adding to that was the delicious dinner served by Standley Park Recreation staff the same night, *pictured below with Santa*. Darlene Ventimiglia and Barbara Henshaw once again were co-chairs who brought on board a small crew that presented a big decorative display in front of the park.



Many, many thanks go to tree engineers; Jim Simon, who has been on board for the last 15 years and Dave Buttemer. New addition is Bill Breher. UCCA is ever grateful to Carl's Jr. for those famous holiday cookies, Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf for the hot chocolate, and Joe Sassano of Round Table Pizza for catering the Dinner with Santa. Costa Verde Regency Center made a financial donation to underwrite the costs of the evening to help provide outdoor lighting.

Mr. Marcus, the extraordinary music director at Standley, brought the marching band down our main street, Governor Drive, right on time as usual. This year the darling Spreckels kindergarten kiddies sang holiday songs on stage, as did Tuesday Night Alibi. Tom Ventimiglia sang an original song "Hanukkah, Hanukkah, Hanukkah."



Standley Marching Band performing above, and Spreckels Elementary students singing below.



Santa's helper repeated his role hearing Christmas wishes from children, and we thank Andy Freeburn. Carole Pietras, who avoids publicity, provided many of the treats for the evening. Standley Park staff and UCCA board members showed up to help out with serving the community and deserve our thanks. UCCA president Barry Bernstein was the emcee and unofficial mayor of UC that night. Just ask his grandson.



Santa hearing Christmas wishes from local children left, and event Co-chairs Barbara Henshaw and Darlene Ventimiglia right.

If you want to be part of this planning team for next December, you will have fun and make memories for the children growing up in our community. Contact daarleneven@yahoo.com. Many thanks to everyone who put the event together and to the support of the community.

Tree and Menorah Lighting Night photos courtesy of James Floyd.



Goodbye to Ernie Lippe. The sad news of the recent passing of Dr. Ernie Lippe, husband to UCCA's longtime volunteer and friend Sandy Lippe, means our community has lost a most devoted long-time resident who has been part of and participated in making south University City a proud community.

Ernie and barbershop quartet Tuesday Night Alibi performed often in University City and San Diego, including at the Del Mar Racetrack, the Library on Governor, and most recently, at the Holiday Tree and Menorah Lighting at Standley Recreation Center in December. We were privileged to have known Ernie and appreciated his love of music and his jokes and storytelling. He will be missed. *Pictured above: Tuesday Night Alibi members Ernie Lippe (left), Kerm Taylor, Tony Coe, and Lonnie Folsom.*



Once again, as part of a new UCCA/community tradition, there was the lighting of the Hanukkah.



Standley Park Recreation Center's lobby transforms into Whoville for the holidays.



UCHS Band Marches Into History. After five Southern California competitions, University City High School'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 last month. The band ended up coming in 4th place at that state level competition, and finished the highest in school history. The band also marched during the La Jolla Christmas Parade (below), and members volunteered at a holiday Barnes & Noble fundraiser (above). Congrats to the UCHS Band Field Show! *Photos courtesy Greg Hom.*



Above and below, families enjoy Dinner with Santa.





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

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*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.

UC Planning Group Report

by Barry Bernstein

At the January UCPG meeting, many UC residents having concerns related to the proposed construction of a single-family dwelling on the property on the east side of Regents Road and across from Pennant Drive, attended the meeting to discuss related issues with the property owner. (UCCA previously had two meetings with the owners, their contractor, and the City Fire Department in the summer of 2015, when it first became known that the property was going to be developed.) The major concern was one of safety since the proposal to make a "curb cut" for in and out to the property onto a very busy road with a current 50 mph speed limit would be hazardous. The City is still working with the owners of the property on various compliance/code issues at this time. Also at this meeting, Alexandria, a major national building/leasing company which primarily provides facilities for the bio -sciences industry, was requesting approval for a major addition to their property at the end of Campus Point Drive. UCPG's committee which has been in conversations with Alexandria for over year, did not feel the supplemental EIR information was completed to their satisfaction and recommended to not endorse the project, at this time. Janay Kruger, UCPG Chair, announced there was suit filed against the San Diego City Council based on the December 5 vote to approve the amendment to remove the Regents Rd. Bridge and Widening of Genesee from the Community Plan.

Introducing Capt. Stephanie Rose

by Officer Brandon Broadus

We welcome Captain Stephanie Rose who has been with SDPD for over 23 years where she started working patrol in Southern Division plus being involved with a Neighborhood Policing Team and Bike Team. After being transferred to Traffic Division and working the Accident Investigation Bureau she was promoted to Detective and assigned to the Traffic Investigations Unit. When promoted to Sergeant, she worked Western Division, Internal Affairs, Operations and Sex Crimes. As a Lieutenant, Mid-City Division was her home base along with Northwestern Division where she took on the role of acting Captain and then Captain for the last two years. We are very fortunate to have such a seasoned officer leading Northern Division. Her diverse experience in previous roles will support and enhance her leadership and cooperation with the UC Community.



I have been a police officer for the past 23 years, and have worked as a patrol officer at Western, and Mid-city divisions. I worked as an accident investigator for seven years at our Traffic Division. I also worked for six years at our department's New Technologies division, where I helped implement and train officers on new software and computers. Approximately two years ago, I saw the influx of new officers that were being hired, and saw the lack of senior officers. I felt this was a great opportunity for me to become a leader and a mentor. I decided to take myself out of my comfort zone and return to a patrol officer function. I contacted Captain Hara who was commanding officer N. Div. at the time, and asked if I could work for him. He accepted, and I started at N. Div. in 2014. During my time here, I have worked closely with many of the new officers as a mentor. This led me to my current assignment as Northern Division's Community Relations Officer. (See photo of Broadus in Dec./Jan. issue.)

Marcy Park Project Update

Information provided by Don Hotz and Ruth DeSantis

News of the renovation of Marcy Park has sparked excitement and overwhelming praise for the project. Without even having yet begun the fundraising campaign, unsolicited donations have been rolling in.

Don Hotz, Project Manager, says, "We already have just under \$10,000 in the kitty even though fundraising won't officially kick off until after the new year". As his project partner, Ruth DeSantis explained, "Now that we are under the University City Community Foundation (UCCF) umbrella, donations to the Marcy Park renovation are tax deductible. With yearend tax planning upon us, many people are looking to reduce their taxable income and what a win-win to be able to save on their taxes while helping renovate their own park."

Plans for the renovation of the existing broken 2- to 5-year-old play structure as well as the addition of an older play and picnic area were unveiled at a kickoff event at the park in September. While there is great enthusiasm for the project, it did spark some questions from residents that Ruth and Don have been fielding. They share residents' concerns about off-leash dogs and maintaining the pristine nature and beauty of the park. Marcy Park is open from sunrise to sunset and will remain a leash-only park. Most park-goers respect their neighbors and will happily leash their dogs if asked. The new play structure, along the fence line with Mission Bay Montessori Academy, should provide more distance between dogs and children, while in no way encroaching on the open green space.

There have also been questions about the cost of the park. As Ruth advises, "When I started this project 5 years ago, the cost was less than half of what it is now. Since then, Prevailing Wage Laws were enacted which increased the basic hourly rate required to be paid on public works projects." However, Ruth and Don are encouraged by talks they have had with local and City officials and believe that if half of the estimated \$400,000 project cost can be raised by resident donations, they can find the other half in the City's coffers. Additionally, Ruth believes there may be a loophole that would allow part of the project to by-pass Prevailing Wage Law. Ruth adds, "To accomplish this, we would have to raise \$50,000 quickly and then break the project into smaller stages. Based on what I have seen over the past 30 days of donations and the positive feedback we have gotten, I think this a real possibility".

Many people understand the value of having a well-maintained park with a play structure for children and adults alike. UC Realtor Ryan Ahearn is one of them. He and his very capable team of realtors and marketing specialists have just joined forces with the Marcy Park Project to help push the renovation timeline forward. As a realtor, Ryan realizes the value that a well-equipped and maintained park adds to a home. He says that "Improving Marcy Park is very important to me and my family, especially my 2-year-old who loves to play there. My team and I will be hosting multiple fund raising events right here in UC in 2017 to help hit our goal of funding this very important project. Please join us in donating to the Marcy Park Project." Consider donating to the UCCF. Go to WWW.MARCYPARKPROJECT.COM or mail your tax-deductible check to: 5644 Lamas Street, San Diego, CA 92122

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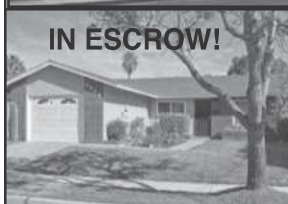
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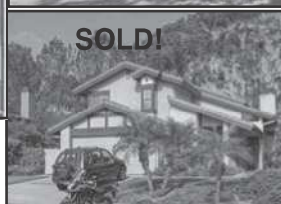
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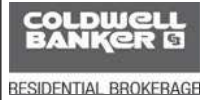
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6082 Charae St	4	2	\$725,000
3242 Carnegie Way	3	2	\$745,000
4028 Caminito Meliado	3	2.5	\$760,000
4748 Robbins St	6	4	\$809,800
5843 Lord Cecil St	4	3	\$860,000
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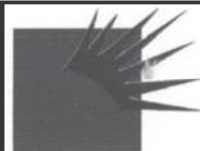
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Out and About in UC...



Universaurus Urbem Discovered in UC

In a salute to UC, literacy and the 'Dinosaur Park' playground at University City Gardens Park at Governor Drive and Gullstrand Street, amateur artists Guido Klap and Mychang Krotosky created an original work of art on the northeast corner of Governor and Gullstrand featuring a newly discovered species of dinosaur (*Universaurus Urbem*) who just happens to love reading. The transformer art project is sponsored by (UCCA), the County Board of Supervisors, and SDG&E as part of its Utility Art program. Besides the actual painting, it takes a lot of behind the scenes effort to create a public art piece, Guido and Mychang had to develop a suitable design and color scheme, clean the box, put on the primary coat, and stencil of letters and the design. For more info on UCCA's ongoing transformer art project, visit: www.universitycitynews.org/transformer-art-project/. Pictured above are the Guido and Patricia Klap, and the Stephen and Mychang Krotosky families, gathered with "The Reading Dinosaur" balancing, happily on a see-saw. The project became a family project for both families. *Photo courtesy Barbara Gellman.*



People for Clean UC by Vince Reardon

Pictured above are some of the volunteers who came out for January's cleanup in UC, the first of 2017! We cleaned up portions of Regents Rd., the on- and off-ramps to I-52 at Regents Rd., Governor Dr., Genesee Ave., and as far north as Gilman Dr. By the way, one of our volunteers comes from La Mesa every month to clean up our neighborhood! Our next cleanup is on Sunday, February 12, from 7:30-9:00am. We meet at Starbucks, 3202 Governor Dr. All supplies are provided.



Pedestrian and Traffic Safety

On a cold, rainy morning, City Council District 1 Representative Bridger Langfur (right) joined concerned parent Mark Salata at Mercer and Governor Drive to observe and discuss traffic and pedestrian safety at this busy intersection. Mark requested a traffic study on Governor Drive to encompass the drop off and pick up times of each school on Governor Drive; and to take into account bicyclists. UCCA will report on study progress in future newsletters. Contact Mark Salata at marksalata@me.com.

Neighborhood Helps Feed America



Coldwell Banker UC collected over 1000 pounds of food for Feeding America. They have been doing the food drive for over 25 years! The Feeding America network is the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, working to connect people with food and end hunger. Donors, staff, and volunteers all play an important role in our efforts to end hunger in the United States. Spreckels Elementary will be volunteering for a Feeding America food sorting day on February 25. It's a wonderful opportunity for students to experience volunteering. Pictured above is Carol Uribe, and below Greice Lane sorting and delivering food.

