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It's a Bird, It's a Plane... It's a Helicopter Lifting a Tree

Greg Barnes, UCCA member and Neighborhood Watch Captain, witnessed the moving of the trees at Westfield UTC Shopping Center.

He provided an explanation that "They are moving trees that had been preserved when they tore up the parking lots and took down buildings. They are moving them from the storage area, where they maintained them, to areas in the new construction and in a few areas of the existing mall. Rather than put them on a flatbed, where they would have to be put on their side (and possible damage) and where it would be hard to get them into some of the places they are to go, they are using the helicopter to pick them straight up and lower them to the exact spot in the new construction."

A total of sixteen full grown trees were airlifted into Westfield UTC from nurseries throughout the United States to line the walkways in the new development. Among those sixteen trees, were several olive and coral trees. Later this year various palm trees will be brought into the new development as well. *Photos and info courtesy Westfield UTC/J Public Relations.*

TROLLEY RELATED UTC AREA CONSTRUCTION

Construction activities will continue this month to prepare for the Mid-Coast trolley extension, including demolish and permanent removal of the pedestrian bridge at Executive Square and Genesee Avenue. A pedestrian crossing signal will be placed there temporarily. This construction work will require a full closure of Genesee Avenue from La Jolla Village Drive to Eastgate Mall. Ongoing work includes vegetation removal and sidewalk demolition between Regents and Eastgate Mall and utility relocation work. Several traffic controls during the construction will be in place, including lane closures, shifts and detours, to aid the progress of the work. Crews will eventually begin construction of the viaduct - a bridge structure that will carry the trolley down the middle of Genesee Avenue. A light rail viaduct is planned for the Gilman Drive Bridge and on the UCSD campus. For info and updates go to: www.keepsandiegomoving.com.



A white-tailed kite carries a twig to build a nest in Rose Canyon. Photo: Karen Straus

People for a Clean UC

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

Passover Observance Begins

Monday, April 10 at Sunset

UC Planning Group

Tuesday, April 11, 6:00pm
Scripps, 10010 Campus Pointe Drive

UCCA Meeting

Wednesday, April 12
6:00pm, UC Library

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16

Tax Day (Taxes Due)

Tuesday, April 18

UC Celebration Committee

Wednesday, April 19, 6:30pm
Standley Rec. Center

Earth Day

Saturday, April 22

Doyle Recreation Council

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30pm

Standley Recreation Council

Thursday, April 27, 7:00pm

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Be the Eyes and Ears of UC:

The University City Community Association Newsletter is comprised of information sent to the editor. The association does not have reporters, photographers or staff. You are welcome to write and submit articles and story suggestions that pertain to community and residents.

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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.

Deadline for the May 2017 issue:

APRIL 13, 2017

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the April issue is March 16, 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



April is here, (Have you joined UCCA for 2017?... see page 13), and it brings to us a month full of important holidays and events. Students are back in school after an early Spring break, local youth baseball and softball leagues will be keeping us busy in the evenings and weekends, and of course preparing for special holiday events.

UCCA wants to wish everyone celebrating Easter and Passover the very best. (and good luck to the children looking for Easter eggs and the matzoh afikomen). Another hopeful Padres season opens with many new players on their roster, the NCAA Basketball Tournament will crown a new champion, tax filing, Earth Day, and the opportunity to check out Los Primos Mexican Food Restaurant in the Marketplace mall are some of the many ways we'll keep busy this month.

Finding a way to utilize North UC developer's funds to improve and maintain our public parks is being explored. Representatives from both Improve UC and "ImagineUC 2020" met with City Parks and Rec. and our City Attorney in March to discuss that possibility. UCPG representatives from South UC will be encouraged by UCCA to support this concept by prioritizing accumulated funds for Parks and Beautification for all of University City when working with the City's planning department. (Meagan Beale was re-elected at UCPG's March meeting to serve as one of our three South UC resident positions.) Col. Woodworth, the CO at Miramar MCAS, will be at the June UCPG meeting to answer any questions related to flight patterns, as well as any concerns related to the anticipated arrival of the F-35 aircraft.

Work on Genesee Ave will be continuing...mostly at night. The pedestrian bridge just north of La Jolla Village Drive will probably be demolished by the time you receive this newsletter. The new UTC is coming along nicely...Macy's still a holdout of sorts according to John Alderson, Westfield vice-president. He also reported that there are no new prospects to take over what will be the old Nordstrom's building. Costa Verde Mall will be going to City Council in June with its first environmental study report related to it proposed expansion.

UCCA and Regency Centers, (Costa Verde Mall), are pleased to be co-sponsoring UCHS music showcase. See article on page 8. We're hoping to receive information on our street banner grant proposals this month. UCCA is working with Standley Park Rec. to design a "Celebration" banner as well as summer concert banners. The SD County Fair banners will be going up in June...look for some very cute faces of Spreckels kindergarten students.

Have a wonderful April/Holiday season. Remember University City in more "than just a neighborhood". We need your support as members to help us do the important things that maintain and improve the quality of life of all our residents.

JOIN UCCA ~ Barry

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

I need to make a confession...I contributed to alternative facts. By not confirming a rumor that was sent to me by a friend, who was told by his child, who was home sick and was informed via social media posts; I advanced the rumor even further by then texting my son at school, who proceeded to tell his friends at the school. The rumor...that there was a lockdown at the school due to a possible student shooting.

Well, of course, it wasn't true. And I should have known better. I knew that if there was a lockdown, a callout to parents would have been sent immediately. I knew that when I texted my son and he didn't know what I was talking about, and told me that everyone was preparing to go to the pep rally, that it probably wasn't true. Yet the panicking mom in me told him he should go home right away and not be in a crowded gym. I was now encouraging him to ditch. Bad mom.

I confess this because with today's use of technology, we are too quick to share information, whether confirmed or not, because our emotions get in the way. While scrolling through our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram feeds, we forget the warning of "don't believe everything you read." (Except, of course, this newsletter.) My own emotions perpetuated the rumor that I should have questioned in the first place, I shared alternative facts.

The alternative fact sharing scenario is an epidemic, and it's not limited to certain news outlets and the president's Twitter feed. I have seen it in Facebook postings, and on NextDoor.com — the neighborhood social media platform meant to bring neighbors together. While I think NextDoor is a useful platform for communities, once certain hot button issues get posted, some reactions can simply be mean — and more alternative facts are shared. Our assumptions get in the way, and we don't listen to the whole story. And our prejudices (we all have them) skew our perceptions of the situation.

What am I trying to say? Let's remember to educate ourselves and learn the true facts of a situation or issue, don't point fingers to place blame — rather do something about it, and practice "do unto others, as you would have them do unto you." Peace be with you neighbors.

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Scripps La Jolla Named Among Top 100 Hospitals in the U.S.

Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla has been named among the top 100 hospitals in the nation by the international business research firm Truven Health Analytics. The 24th annual 100 Top Hospitals® list identifies the best hospitals in the United States based on their overall organizational performance, including patient clinical care measures and business efficiency. Appearing for the second consecutive year on the list, Scripps La Jolla was recognized in the large community hospitals category, and is the only hospital in San Diego County to make the prestigious list this year.

"We are proud to be cited as a top-performing hospital that delivers exceptional value to our patients and our community," said Gary G. Fybel, chief executive of Scripps La Jolla. "It is an honor to be recognized for having systems in place that safeguard patients, produce superior outcomes and provide evidence-based treatments." The study, which was based on data from 2011 through 2015, found that hospitals on this year's 100 Top Hospitals list had mortality index rates that were 23 percent better than non-winning peer group hospitals and complications index rates that were 17 percent better. Winning hospitals achieved these superior clinical outcomes while also incurring inpatient expenses that were 9 percent lower than their peers.

*Editor's Note: Scripps Health is a proud sponsor of the Summer Concerts in Standley Park.



SAVE THE DATE – It's an easy one to remember!

TUESDAY, JULY 4 – STANDLEY PARK

The annual UC tradition of celebrating our country's Independence Day at Standley Park continues this year with festivities starting at 7:30am. We start off with the 1 Mile Fun Run/5k Race, then amble over to the delicious Pancake Breakfast. Throughout the day there will be games for the children, field games for the entire family, free swim at Swanson Pool, and lots of entertainment. Pets get into the act too and can take a walk down Governor Drive during the Pet/Bike Parade. Plus, the always popular Beer and Wine Garden will be open. Don't worry, the trolley will be available throughout the day. The popular Book Barn will be open, and book donations are being collected now. The committee is looking for volunteers, vendors, auction basket donations, and sponsors. If you would like to help, contact co-chairs: jemmasamala@gmail.com or randall@gracecitysd.com. Make sure to check out the new event website for more info: www.uccelebration.com.

Public Safety Advisory Team



Councilmember Barbara Bry was joined by Northern Division Captain Tina Williams and officers from both Northern and Northwestern Divisions.

by Diane Ahern

At the Public Safety meeting hosted by Councilmember Barbara Bry in March, SDPD Captain Tina Williams shared information about two of the resources available to Northern Division: The Homeless Outreach and the Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams. Both teams provide help to those who may not have committed a crime but are in need of some type of assistance.

Homelessness is an extremely complex social problem that impacts the quality of life. There are no easy solutions. The San Diego Police Department (SDPD) and elected officials in the County and City recognize that there is a fine line between homelessness as a social issue and homelessness as a criminal issue. Many homeless are on the street because of substance abuse, mental illness or both.

To assist the City and County provide better service to this at-risk population, the SDPD has created the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). The team consists of police officers, County Health and Human Services specialists as well as psychiatric clinicians from the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT), a private non-profit organization.

HOT is available to assist the community with homeless-related issues. HOT provides field assessments for eligibility to public entitlements, crisis intervention, comprehensive case management, drug/alcohol rehabilitation placement, and psychiatric/medical treatment placement.

The police department recommends that San Diegans not offer food or money to those that appear homeless as it may encourage more panhandling. Those who are inclined to help the homeless should consider contributions to local charities, missions, food banks or social service organizations that assist the needy.

If you feel someone needs service, call the Police Non-Emergency number at 619-531-2000. For more information, visit City's website at www.sandiego.gov.

Help Keep San Diego County Seniors Safe

Reported in the San Diego District Attorney's Newsletter

San Diego County handles approximately 9,000 cases of elder and dependent adult abuse each year. Many other incidents go unreported, leaving vulnerable adults in distressing, potentially life-changing, even dangerous, situations.

Victims will live in silent desperation, unwilling to seek assistance because they believe their cries for help will go unanswered and they fear retaliation from their abusers. Many remain silent to protect abusive family members from the legal consequences of their crimes, or they are too embarrassed to admit that they have fallen victim to predators.

Reporting Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse

If a situation appears to be life threatening or a crime is in progress, call 9-1-1 or your local law enforcement. If you believe elder or dependent abuse has occurred, call Adult Protective Services at 1-800-510-2020, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Outside the County of San Diego call 1-800-339-4661.

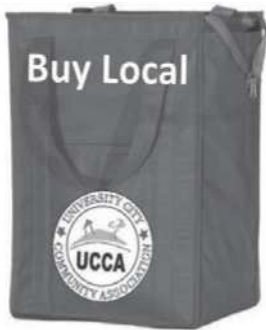
Often victims of elder abuse can be abused in more ways than one. For example, an abuser may hit the elder (physical abuse) in order to convince him or her to turn over money to the abuser (financial abuse).

If any of these conditions apply, please call Adult Protective Services at 1-800-510-2020 immediately to report it. Connect to the link www.danewscenter.com/resource/elder-abuse to read more regarding warning signs of elder abuse, mental abuse, financial abuse, neglect and scams.



CITY SERVICES DIRECTORY

Code Enforcement	619-236-5500
Fire-Rescue:	Emergency 9-1-1
	Non-Emergency 619-533-4300
Lifeguard Services	619-221-8899
Park & Recreation	619-525-8213
Planning	619-235-5200
Police:	Emergency 9-1-1
	Non-Emergency 858-484-3154
Public Utilities	619-515-3500
Public Works	619-533-4207
Contracts Division	619-533-3450
Equal Opportunity Contracting	619-236-6000
Transportation & Storm Water	619-527-7500
Storm Water Division	619-235-1000
Street Division	619-527-7500



BUY LOCAL UC

Here's What Happens When UCCA Members Connect with Local Businesses. Why shop at local businesses and restaurants? When we Buy Local, eat local, and drink local, we keep our money and tax dollars in our own community. Many local businesses are owned by local residents (just like us) who

contribute to local events, schools and charities. Additionally, we support the stores and restaurants that make our community more than a neighborhood. UCCA and its local business partners make it easier than ever to Buy Local. UCCA has enlisted many local businesses to provide special offers to UCCA members. When you become 2017 UCCA member, you are issued a 2017 membership card. That membership card entitles you to take advantage of special offers provided by UCCA's Buy Local Business participants.

UCCA's 2017 UCCA membership drive is underway. If you have not renewed or joined for 2017, now is the time. There are two ways to join UCCA. Complete and return the membership coupon included in this newsletter; or visit UCCA's website www.universitycitynews.org/ and join through PayPal.

More on Buy Local. If you are a local business owner/operator who would like to participate in UCCA's Buy Local, please visit the UCCA website at www.universitycitynews.org/ and click on the Buy Local link.

Why Support UCCA by Joining UCCA? University City Community Association (UCCA) is a non-profit (501c4) organization funded through membership dues, which provides and promotes the civic, cultural, social, educational and recreational development and improvement in University City; and provides a forum where the interests of residents may be expressed and contributions made to the protection of life and property in the community. Your membership dues help to support many local worthwhile organizations such as public schools' fundraising, Standley Park, EdUCate, Neighborhood Watch, ImproveUC, and Buy Local. In addition, UCCA provides monetary support to many special projects and activities such as street median beautification, pedestrian and motorist safety, painted electrical boxes and street banners, 4th of July Celebration, summer concerts, December holiday tree and menorah lighting, and our monthly newsletter delivered to your south University City home and/or business, libraries and recreation centers. Join now or renew your UCCA membership today and support your University City community where we are more than a neighborhood.

VITA TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

from Senator Toni G. Atkins Office

If you earn **\$54,000 or less**, you may qualify for free tax preparation services through the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. If you earn **\$64,000 or less**, you may qualify to file your taxes online for free. Find the VITA sites closest to you by visiting www.myfreetaxes.org. We also have staff in our office for any assistance with the state's Franchise Tax Board.



Barbara Bry City Council, District 1

Our team continues to spend time in the UC Community. On March 12, my office joined me to help beautify the streets of University City with People for a Clean UC (see photo above). If you'd like to join a future cleanup, this group meets on the second Sunday of each month at 7:45am at the Starbucks at Governor and Regents.

Additionally, my office hosted the first meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Board at the University Community Library on March 15. I want to thank the San Diego Police Department's Northern and Northwestern Divisions for presenting at the meeting. The group discussed the importance of public safety as a shared responsibility. I want these quarterly meetings to foster open communication between my office, the community, and the Police Department.

I also want to increase the number of Neighborhood Watch Programs in the District, and I applaud the extraordinary efforts made by our Neighborhood Watch coordinators in University City (Barbara Gellman) and La Jolla (Cynthia Chasan). I plan to start a Neighborhood Watch program in my own neighborhood, and I pledge the support of my office to any District 1 resident who wants to start a Neighborhood Watch on their own block. For more information, contact Mauricio Medina from my team: MauricioM@sandiego.gov.

It was great to meet with UC residents over breakfast on Friday, March 17 to discuss community issues such as library hours, construction at UCSD, and the City budget process. Thanks to Bonnie MacRitchie and Katie Dunahoo, EdUCate! Foundation For Public Schools In University City; Helen Lebowitz, Friends of UC Branch Library; Janay Kruger, UCPG; Barry Bernstein, UCCA; and Anu Delouri, UCSD planning for attending. As always, please feel free to contact our UC Council Rep, Bridger Langfur (blangfur@sandiego.gov), if you need any assistance from our office.

**SENATOR TONI ATKINS WILL BE ATTENDING THE UCCA
APRIL 12, 6:00PM MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CITY
LIBRARY ON GOVERNOR DRIVE.
PLEASE COME BY TO MEET SENATOR ATKINS AND HAVE
YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED.**

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

Programs for 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.**

Adult Yoga Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own mat or towel.

Every Thursday @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. All are welcome!
Accordion Club meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. **Saturday, April 8 & 22 @ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

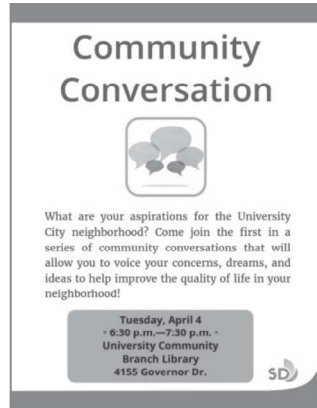
Community Conversation - What are your aspirations for the University City neighborhood? Come join the first in a series of community conversations that will allow you to voice your concerns, dreams, and ideas to help improve the quality of life in your neighborhood! **Tuesday, April 4 @ 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Concert: Enjoy the musical stylings of the **Dueling Divas of Oboe**, Dawn Roberts and Juliana Gaona. **Wednesday, April 5 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Adult Writers' Group. Meet with other beginning writers in a supportive environment—share your writing, positively critique others' work and hear from guest writers. **Thursday, April 6 @ 1:30 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, April 4 & 18 @ 2:00 p.m.



Jewelry Making, take home something you made yourself! Make your own earrings and/or other pieces of jewelry with an experienced crafter. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. **Friday, April 7 @ 11:00 a.m.**

Computer Class - Learn all about Social Media; Facebook, Twitter, etc. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. **Monday, April 10 @ 10:00 a.m.**

University City Community Association. This is a community meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and other community leaders. All are welcome. **Wednesday, April 12 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

UC Book Club will be discussing *Citizens of London* by Lynne Olson. **Wednesday, April 26 @ 2:00 p.m.**

Programs for Children

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).

Wild Wonders and their animal ambassadors visit our library; come take a walk on the wild side There's no telling what animals you might see! **Wednesday, April 19 @ 2:00 p.m.**

Tweens/Teens . Video Game Fridays, Wii gaming with your friends, Get your game on! **Every Friday @ 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

North University Community April 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. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or floor towel.

Intermediate ESL. Fridays at 12:00 pm. Free ESL Class for Intermediate level learners.

Advanced ESL. Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. Free ESL Class for Advanced level learners.

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. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or floor towel.

Knitters' Circle. Thursday, April 6 & 20 at 1:00 pm. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

Fiction Fanatics Book Club. Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am. Fiction Fanatics will be discussing *The World We Found* by Thrity Umrigar.

A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults. Sunday, April 9 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, April 12 at 6:00 pm. Page Turners will be discussing *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa.

Cinema Café. Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00 pm. Enjoy refreshments while watching and discussing a thought-provoking movie. Please call the library for the month's selected feature.

Events for Children/Families

Babies and Books. Mondays & Fridays at 10:00 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. Mondays 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. First and third Tuesdays 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.

Yoga Storytime. Monday, April 10 & 24 at 10:30 am. Stretch both your body and your mind in this unique program that combines stories, songs and simple yoga poses. Families enjoy healthy fun and bonding. Please bring your own mat.

Paws to Read. Monday, April 17 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.

Weekly Storytimes:

English – Thursdays & Saturdays at 10:30 am. French – Thursdays at 11:15 am. Sign Language – Thursday, April 13 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.**

UC Library Friends Chapter Update

by Helen Lebowitz

As some of you may know, the Mayor has requested a 3.5% decrease in spending from all City of San Diego Departments for the upcoming budget year, and the Library Department is no exception. This amounts to an approximately \$1.8 to \$1.9 million decrease in spending for the city libraries. For all who use and love the library, it is critically important that you get involved with the budget process. Library advocates need to make their voices heard now more than ever to save library hours and funding for new books and materials. If you haven't yet done so, sign up to receive Library Advocacy Alerts, at supportmylibrary.org. You may click on Friends Library Advocacy Network List at the bottom of the screen under "Contact" to receive bulletins. They are infrequent so you will not be overwhelmed with email. In addition, you may contact both Mayor Kevin Falconer and District 1 Councilmember Barbara Bry at their offices, and tell them how vital our library is to our community.

Our Friends go the extra mile. Recently we received a box of donated books at the bottom of which was a 1944 high school yearbook from Ohio. While leafing through the yearbook, our book sale manager, Val Crane, discovered two personal letters and a couple of photos from a man about to get married to his sweetheart. With no other information except the names on the letters, Val contacted her daughter who is a librarian and through data bases, tracked down a nephew of the couple, living in West Virginia. The nephew, who is the keeper of the family history, was thrilled to add the mementos to his archive.

GIRL SCOUTS LET OFF SOME STEAM

Info from Catherine Eng

Design Code Build raised \$27,000 on Kickstarter to support a program for San Diego Girl Scouts to create a game on iOS, Android, and the web with Girl Scout cookie characters. The game is called Marshmallow Ru. Girl Scouts San Diego will also get a booth at Comic-Con this July to further promote and market the game that the Girl Scouts will develop. This is the first time that Girl Scouts San Diego will have a developer account and submit an app to iTunes and Google Play - and the first-time Girl Scouts San Diego will have a presence at San Diego Comic-Con!

The project has gained the attention of some of Twitter's most vocal tech luminaries and was featured on podcasts and news stories - raising over \$20K in just two days. Look up #marshmallowrun or @designcodebuild on Twitter. Kickstarter at: kickstarter.com/projects/designcodebuild/marshmallow-run-game.

LIFELONG LEARNING AT UCSD

by Pat Fleming

Registration for the spring quarter is now open at The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of California, San Diego. The Institute conducts twice daily lectures and seminars for members over 50 years of age with the first lecture for the quarter beginning on Monday, April 3 at 10:00am. All lectures are held on the Extension campus located at 9600 North Torrey Pines Road in La Jolla. Class offerings will include presentations from scholars and experts in the fields of International Relations, Science, Medicine, Art and Humanities among many other subjects. Spring quarter lecture subjects range from Hollywood's Golden Age to Stem Cell Research. For further info visit the UCSD Osher website at www.olli.ucsd.edu or call 858-534-3409."



EASTER BUNNY HOPS INTO UC

by Alex Coolman

The Easter Bunny will be holding court on Saturday, April 15 at University City United Church. The church will be holding a free Easter fair from 9:00 to 10:30am on the 15th, with an Easter egg hunt taking place at 10:00am. There will be traditional games, snacks, and crafts, and children can also have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. "This is a very fun and joyful event," said UCUC Minister Iona Dickinson. "Everyone is welcome." University City United Church is at 2877 Governor Drive, at the corner of Governor and Stresemann.

Grace City Church Celebrates 2nd Easter at UCHS

Grace City Church, launched in October of 2015, will be celebrating Easter for the second year in a row by gathering at UC High. "We love meeting at UC High because it is right in the heart of the community, and our partnership with the school reflects our vision to be a church for the city," said Lead Pastor, Randall Tonini. From the beginning, both the small and large gatherings of Grace City have reflected the diversity of University City and San Diego, with UCSD students, retirees, internationals, and young families taking part in the mission to equip others to share God's love in their personal sphere of influence. Tonini, himself, is the co-chair of the UC 4th of July Celebration. Church leaders are active in the community and put on a free Kids' Sports Camp during the summer at the high school. Members also maintain a community Care Line that can connect anyone with help, prayer, or other needed services. You are invited to join in the celebration with Grace City on Easter Sunday at 10:30am at the UC High School Auditorium. Come early and enjoy breakfast burritos and other fun activities! For more info: to gracecitysd.com. The GC Care Line is open for help and prayer 24/7: 858-746-9950

Standley Rec Center Spring Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 8, 10:00am to 12:00noon, for children ages 1-10, at Standley Park. There will be face painting, arts/crafts, egg coloring, jumpies, and more. Of course, there will be a visit by the Spring Bunny. Please bring your own basket to collect the eggs.



UCHS DANCE RECITAL

by Gail Castan and Mary King

The University City High School Dance Team is proud to present their annual Dance Recital. The show will highlight performances from the Dance Team, All-Male, Drill, Polynesian, and Tahitian teams. The recital showcases many dance genres while also serving as a fundraiser to support the teams. Two performances will be offered across two nights, Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21 at 7:00pm in the University City High School Auditorium. Tickets will be sold by team members but also will be available at the door. Plan to arrive early! You won't want to miss it!



ROTARY'S QUINTESSENTIAL CRAFT BEER & WINE FESTIVAL

UC residents are invited to attend Rotary's 4th Annual Quintessential Craft Beer & Wine Festival on Saturday, April 22 from 1:00-5:00pm at the Nobel Athletic Fields on 8810 Judicial Drive near 805. The dog-friendly event features access and unlimited samples from 18 Craft Brewers, five regional wineries plus eight Southern California distilleries. Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$40 at the door; and \$15 for active duty military. One hundred percent of proceeds benefit 45 local and international humanitarian projects stewarded by nearly 100 members of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club. For info/tickets, bit.ly/2mWfuV6 or lajollagrotrotary.org.

Craft brewers include Maui Brewing Co., Ballast Point, Coronado Brewing Co., Karl Strauss, Thorn Brewery and Kilowatt. Three wineries from the Guadalupe Valley of Baja will be on hand, as well as two Ramona winemakers. Southern California distillers will be sampling rum, gin, whiskey and vodka, as well as Saki. The Quintessential Festival will offer cold coffee sampling and several food vendors including organic sausages, cheese balls, chocolate and cupcakes.

Among the many beneficiaries of funds raised by La Jolla Golden Triangle and the Quintessential Festival are The Preuss School UCSD, the VA Hospital, Ronald McDonald House and projects benefitting local active military and their families. International efforts include the Rotary Jalalabad School in Afghanistan, and humanitarian projects in India, Africa and most recently, the provision of blankets for refugees arriving under emergency conditions in Macedonia. For info: Jan Percival, 858-414-4715.


For All the Single Fathers

A University City based Single Father Club was recently formed and is planning their first event: A volunteer day with Habitat for Humanity. The event date is Saturday, April 8 from 8:15am to 3:30pm. The day will be spent helping with Restore construction and is open to dads and teens, volunteers must be at least 14-years-old. Those interested in volunteering can sign up at vhub.at/SingleFatherClub. Directions to the property, and specific work details will be emailed after signing up for the shift. Volunteers break for lunch at 11:30am for 30 minutes. Participants must wear closed-toe shoes. Tools and safety supplies will be provided.

The group hopes to make this a quarterly event. Teri Konars, club founder, said the "club's mission is to provide friendship and support to our local single fathers and their children." Plans are to meet monthly at the University Community Branch Library on Governor Drive. For questions, email info@singlefatherclub or go to www.singlefatherclub.com.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS SHOWCASE

The 3rd Annual UCHS Sights and Sounds Showcase will be on Friday, April 14, 6:00pm at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center on Executive Drive. The event begins with a silent auction and cocktails for adults with the Standley Middle School Music Director, Phillip Marcus and his trio. The evening show features UCHS staff, students, and UCHS Music Director, Brandon Corenman with Latin jazz band "Rhumba y Soul." Tickets are: \$35 adults, \$20 SDUSD staff; \$13 Students (under 21). Go to www.uchsmusic.com to order tickets. Sights and Sounds Showcase is sponsored by the UCHS Music Boosters/Centurion Foundation, Regency Costa Verde Center, and UCCA. All proceeds benefit the UCHS Music Program. Come support our talented student musicians!



University City Little League Board of Directors
invites you to

UCLL Community Day


Sunday, April 23 12:30-5:30
UC Community, UCLL Players and Families Invited

SAVE THE DATE

University City Little League 2017

Hit-a-Thon & Community BBQ

Sunday, April 23, 2017
12:30PM - 5:30PM
Standley Park (near pool)



UCLL Community Day Event will include:

- UCLL player Hit-a-thon-players from all divisions use batting skills to earn money for the league with top hitters & fundraisers earning prizes
- Past UCLL President Recognition
- BBQ will be available for minimal cost

Your involvement is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to 100% player participation.
Visit ucll.org for more information.



Every Day is Earth Day so Help a Mother Out

by Marina Varano

Do you enjoy breathing clean air? Drinking clean water? Having free access to open spaces like parks, canyons, beaches, forests, etc.? If you answered yes to one or more of those questions, you should be celebrating Earth Day each and every day you are alive and inhabiting this beautiful planet. It doesn't take a hippie to recognize that humanity is really doing a number on the Earth. We tend to act as if we are entitled to clean air, water, and land simply because we consider ourselves the superior species. In doing so, we often overlook the harm we cause the very planet that sustains our way of life. So how about we come together and decide to stop biting the hand that feeds us and help our Mother Earth out.

What can we do? Well first and foremost, we can change our daily habits, every person really does make a difference. There are many simple things that we can do in our daily lives to celebrate Earth Day Every Day such as:

1. **Conserve Electricity**
2. **Conserve Water**
3. **Recycle**
4. **Compost**
5. **Use reusable water bottles, bags, utensils, and to-go containers**
6. **Grow a Garden**
7. **Eat Local**
8. **Reduce meat consumption**
9. **Pick Up Trash**
10. **Walk or Ride Your Bike**
11. **Spread the word to others**

If you have more time to help the Earth, I suggest volunteering for an organization or project. There are an abundance of environmental organizations across San Diego County that host regular volunteer opportunities. Follow your passions. Give back to the natural spaces that bring you joy. If you enjoy hiking on the many beautiful trails in San Diego, you can join a trail building project. If you enjoy swimming or surfing at one of our many beaches, you can participate in a beach cleanup. If you enjoy bird watching or nature walks, you can join a habitat restoration project. It may feel like a chore at first, but I promise that you will leave the experience in a better mood than when you arrived. It feels good to do good!

Even though Earth Day should be every day, there is a special annual celebration, This year falling on Sunday, April 23 at Balboa Park where the entire county comes together to throw a big party for our planet. San Diego is lucky to be home to the largest free Earth Day Fair in the WORLD, drawing 60,000 visitors each year. This event features more than 300 exhibitors with a Food Pavilion, Children's Activity Area, Climate Science Area, four entertainment venues, Children's Earth Parade, eARTth Gallery and Cleaner Car Concourse. This is not an event to be missed! For info: www.earthdayweb.org/EarthFair. Happy Earth Day, UC!

Additional volunteer opportunities:

- **Surfrider Foundation**
- **San Diego Coastkeeper**
- **I Love a Clean San Diego**
- **San Diego Canyonlands**
- **The San Diego River Park Foundation**
- **San Diego Audubon Society**
- **Escondido Creek Conservancy**
- **ZeroWaste San Diego**
- **EarthShare**
- **San Diego Earth Works**

SHREDFEST DATE CHANGE

by Katie Dunahoo

Coldwell Banker University City is sponsoring their annual "Shredfest" on April 29 (changed from April 22), 9:00-11:00am in the Standley Rec Center parking lot, 3585 Governor Dr. There will be a professional document shredding truck, so

bring your unwanted documents to shred for free. There is usually a big demand for this event so please limit yourself to three boxes.



That Pale Blue Dot

by Vince Reardon

Earth Day celebrates its 47th birthday on April 22. Believe it or not, the movement grew out of bipartisan support in Congress. U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, a Democrat distressed by a 1969 oil spill in Santa Barbara, and Congressman Pete McCloskey, a conservation-minded Republican Congressman from California, teamed up with academics, students and community organizers to stage massive coast-to-coast rallies. Twenty million Americans of all ages took part in this watershed moment in the history of the environmentalism.

Today, Earth Day is celebrated more than one billion people every year -- the largest secular observance in the world. How can you get involved in Earth Day in San Diego? On Saturday, April 22, register to volunteer (www.creektobay.org) with I Love A Clean San Diego's Creek to Bay Cleanup. Last year, 6,400 volunteers worked at 110 cleanup sites around the County and removed 150,000 lbs. of litter. Locally, People for a Clean UC will celebrate Earth Day a couple of weeks early. On Sunday, April 9, we will conduct our monthly litter cleanup. In 2016, we conducted 12 monthly cleanups, attracted hundreds of volunteers of all ages, and removed hundreds of pounds of litter and debris from major streets and avenues in UC.

When I think of Earth Day, I recall astronomer and author Carl Sagan who said, "The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena...To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly and compassionately with one another and to preserve and cherish that pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known."

Friends of Rose Canyon Free Spring Bird Walks

Experience the amazing sights and sounds of spring birds, including migrating birds from the tropics right here in Rose Canyon. For Adults and Kids (age 9 and up). We provide binoculars if you don't have them. Walks are easy, and you may leave at any time. No bathrooms or water in Rose Canyon Opens Space Park. Meet at trailhead at intersection Regents/Lahitte Ct. promptly at 8:00. Arrive 10 minutes early to park, sign in, borrow binoculars.

Saturday – April 15, April 22, and May 13 – 8:00-10:00am

Sundays – April 30 and May 7 – 8:00-10:00am

Questions: Debby Knight, rosecanyon@san.rr.com, 858-597-0220. Friends of Rose Canyon: rosecanyon.org

Out and about in UC...



UC CARS AND COFFEE

Nostalgia and excitement were both prominent feelings as approximately 15 classic and new automobiles were on display at the first UC Cars and Coffee event held March 18. The showcase event was intended to bring University City's car enthusiasts together to share in coffee, donuts and conversation.

"Building classic cars was a family affair growing up in my household," stated UC resident Mike O'Sullivan, the event organizer. "I helped my father build this 1932 Ford Roadster while in college. When he was diagnosed with cancer in 2012 he decided to ship the car out to my home. This Cars and Coffee event is an opportunity to share my father's workmanship and passion for cars with other like-minded people and I know he'd be proud."

David Wright, an event supporter, was not surprised by the turnout, "I noticed classic and sports cars all throughout our neighborhood and thought UC really needs an event where folks come together to display their mechanical talent and share their pride of ownership with the neighborhood."

Over 50 people that participated in the event expressed interest in following events. As a result, the UC Cars and Coffee will meet-up on a regular basis. For more details on future events check out the UC Cars and Coffee Group on Facebook or on Instagram at #UCCarsandCoffee. A special thanks to event organizers Mike and Alicia O'Sullivan, and David Wright. Photos courtesy Mike O'Sullivan.



Time to Play Ball UC

by Meredith Kennedy

Baseball season has begun! UC Little League had an exciting baseball-filled Opening Day on Saturday, March 4 at Standley Park. Opening Day Ceremonies included a team parade led by the Standley Middle Marching Band, the First Pitch, announcements of the 2016 UCLL All Star teams, presentation of the Challenger "Special Stars" banner from their participation in the MLB All Star Game festivities last July (photo below), team announcement with run through the arch (photo above), the T-ball Otter Pop Run and special guests Padres Pad Squad!



Opening day was also the Annual Baseball Equipment Exchange. UCLL families donated many helmets, gloves, bats, base pads and baseball jerseys to Kids Gear for Baseball (kidsgearforbaseball.org). Thank you for your donations!

Save the date to join us for our UCLL Community Day and Hit-a-thon on Sunday, April 23 from 12:30-5:30pm (see page 8). We will have a big family BBQ (minimal cost) and invite the parents, players, families and the community to join us for this family friendly

day at Standley Park! We will be recognizing UCLL Past Presidents. More details at www.ucll.org.

Join UCLL for our April restaurant fundraiser night at *Chipotle* on Thursday, April 27 from 5:00pm-9:00pm at the Costa Verde location. Please check schedules and information at www.ucll.org. Follow us on Facebook @UCLL. See you at the field-PLAY BALL!



Stella Transformer Box Art

by Barbara Gellman

Stella Ting has been practicing her artistic abilities for the past 16 years; her specialty is Asian Brush Painting but as you can see, from this current design on the transformer box in front of United Oil on Governor Drive and Genesee, her talent is diverse. If you look closely, you will be searching for various bees, butterflies, rabbits and other insects of nature. Previously, Stella painted two other boxes, one being across the street in front of the Mobil Gas Station.



Bouncing into Spring at Marcy Park

Ryan Ahearn and Claudai Cencelli, of Keller Williams, sponsored a Bounce into Spring event in March to help bring awareness of the Marcy Park Renovation Project. They provided a Bounce House for the kids and gave away reusable grocery bags. Pictured above, Cencelli shows Marcy Park contributor Martha McGinty drawings of the project. Info: MarcyParkProject.com.

EdUCate! VIP DONOR APPRECIATION PARTY

by Katie Dunahoo



Pictured above: EdUCate! Vice President Kelley Klassen talks with Standley Middle School Principal, probably about the successful Math Academy program at the school.

Below: UCHS Principal Jeff Olivero chats with longtime EdUCate! supporters Terri and Steve Gray.

Photos Courtesy Greg Hom.



EdUCate! honored their VIP and legacy donors with a party at Roy's in Costa Verde on March 21. In attendance were many founding members from the original 1993 board and other longtime supporters.

Over the years, EdUCate! has had a wonderful variety of donors from parents with children attending UC schools to caring community members with no children. Attendees enjoyed drinks and food and had a chance to review EdUCate!'s current programs as well as a few dream projects. Also on display were thank you notes from children from all five UC public schools.

The evening ended with many new donations to help continue to provide special programs and grants for our local schools. Roy's provided additional fun with a drawing for gift cards and signed cookbooks. EdUCate! wishes to thank our honored guests for making the evening such a wonderful event and donating over \$14,000.

Visit www.uc-educate.org to learn about EdUCate!'s programs benefiting the five public schools in University City. EdUCate! is also excited to announce new sponsorship opportunities. Please contact Katie at information@uc-educate.org for more information.



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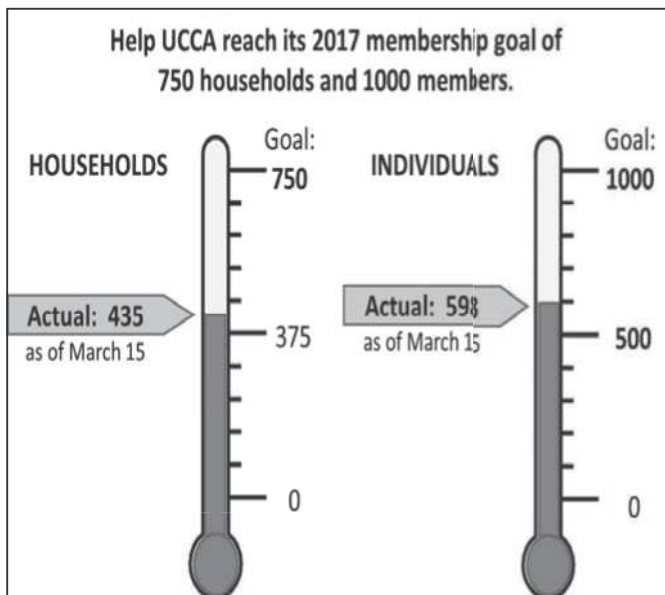
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Giving Credit Where It's Due

by Sandy Lippe

Carole Pietras is quick to credit other people with the successful reinvention of UCCA 15 years ago without seeking any applause. That's always been her style as a leader in the community. Carole was the first editor of UCCA newsletter, and she hosted the collating in her house. She was a tireless recruiter of volunteers. Carole spent hours and hours on research to keep the community informed about UCPG plans for construction and city proposals. Her column "Did You Know" dealt with community and city information that was always accurate...no fake news there.

One of her most important contributions was a neighbor-to-neighbor newsletter delivery patterned after Scripps Ranch, where her daughter lives. Because of Carole, UCCA has over 100 volunteer deliverers ranging in age from students to moms with young babies to octogenarians. Carole also kept track of ad payments, a job Terri Day has handled for years. Hats off to Carole Pietras who wore many hats in 2002 and for years after as a talented, hardworking UCCA board member.

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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 Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1

The SDPD led the pledge of allegiance, and were thanked from the Las Palmas community representative and a UCPG member for diligently investigating burglaries. A landowner commended the homeless outreach for removing the drug dealers from property along Gilman Drive south of UCSD. The SDPD officers offered the information that they provide for services for the homeless called "Quality of Life" groups for all of San Diego. Chair Janay Kruger announced a city Community Housing Committee, FedEx parking lot East of 805 has a public hearing to get city approval, and the McDonalds in Costa Verde is being renovated for the next 6-8 weeks.

SANDAG Mid Coast Trolley update: The plan is to widen the northbound side of Genesee for the next 4-6 months, followed by the southbound and drilling holes for the viaduct along Genesee and by the VA. During March, the drilling is started along Regents, westbound to UCSD. Negotiations with La Paz and La Jolla Colony are continuing about road closure for seven weeks closed completely or keep half lanes open for 14 weeks. The contractor prefers the 14-week plan for drivers' convenience. They are currently removing shrubs and trees on I-5 and Genesee to accommodate the widening and are working with property owners about the tree replacements.

SANDAG Rose Canyon update: The plantings that were contracted did not live up to what the community had been told. The contractor maintained that phase 1 plantings had rooted and looked good and that phase 2 plantings had not yet kicked in. However, Debbie Knight of Friends of Rose Canyon said that was not the case; the plantings look awful and weeds are bigger than the plants. In addition, the invasive plants have not been removed as promised. A planning group member also mentioned that the broken city storm drain, the west end fiber line is in the wrong place, and the grading at the west end. The path down needs repair and the orange fungus needs to be removed. The contractor will look in to it.

Reports: Barbara Bry's representative welcomed comments for the Budget Review Committee hearing. The three Community Advisory Boards will meet quarterly and Bry's office will continue participation in the U.C. community clean up. Scott Peters' representative reported that Peters held a town hall at Clairemont High School with 600 attendees. Peters is on the Energy and Commerce Committee reviewing the AHC but waiting for the CBO score. There was discussion about the AHC act; Peters wants to repeal the medical device tax. Janay mentioned that the 600-800 companies in Biocom feel that Peters supports their point of view and is also a supporter of SIO.

The Illumina Campus in Nobel Research Park is working on a site development permit, community plan, and entitlements for adding a 10-story building. The architect presented a power point of the expansion plans, which would amend the 1995 plan for the 42-acre site. Currently there are 6 buildings of 5 stories each and 1 parking structure; the plan is to add a 7th building and a second parking structure. The parking structure will have louvers to obscure the cars and allow airflow. The ten-story building would be 350,000 sq. ft. primarily for research and development but will also have some office space and one floor for amenities. It will be energy and water efficient, use clean renewable solar energy, have anti-reflective coating on the glazing and provide open green space for baseball, volleyball, and basketball. Parking was discussed since they added 987 ADT's not previously allocated or transferred. Illumina supports the super loop to transit station, SANDAG, and provides incentives for bike walk and transit use. Next time they will come back with a site development plan and their construction schedule and show how plans will impact traffic.

UCPG Board Member Election Results:

Business representatives: 1A- John Bassler (3), 2A- Ash Nasseri (2), 3A- Ryan Perry (1); Resident representatives: 1A- Meagan Beale (290), Katie Rodolico (28), 2A- Janay Kruger (8), 3A- Donna Andonian (4)

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, April 11, 6:00pm

Scripps Office Bldg., 10010 Campus Pointe Drive.

(Enter to right of bldg. to free parking lot and entrance.)

Marcy Park Project Update

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

Thank you to all the people who have supported the Marcy Park project. To date, we have received donations totaling just over \$10,000, and we haven't even had our first fundraising event. We expect to boost that figure soon with a donation from the UCCA. Historically, UCCA has been a great supporter of community improvements. Funding for improvements, such as the Marcy Park project, comes in large part from UCCA membership dues. Please take a minute to renew your membership as it goes right back into our community!

With enough resident donations, we expect to be able to undertake the first phase of improvements to Marcy Park before the end of this year. This phase is proposed to include replacing missing play equipment, changing infant swings to standard belt swings, re-painting the play structure and adding benches along the concrete walkway. The City has agreed to replace the missing concrete picnic table and we have requested examination of the older trees for safety. These improvements would hold us over until phase two, when the City would completely replace the 2-5 year play structure, add a new play area for older children and re-do the slope to create ADA access.

One of our locals, Ryan Ahearn (pictured right), has been giving back to our community by donating his time and resources to the Marcy Park project. Many enjoyed his free pie giveaway in November and Bounce into Spring in March, with a bouncy house, food trucks and free bag giveaway. He and his team have been doing a great job of promoting the Marcy Park project. As a realtor, Ryan is aware that a well-maintained park adds great value to homes and is a draw for potential new buyers. Like most local parents, he and his wife are excited about plans to renovate the park that their young daughter often visits.



Many have asked about the cost to complete the more extensive phase 2 renovation. Like an ever-moving target, this figure seems to keep changing. In a recent meeting with the Asst. Dir. of Parks & Rec, we learned that the total project cost will not be known until the project is submitted for review, analysis and bid. With enough community support, a beautiful phase 2 renovation could be completed within the next 4 to 6 years. A representative for Mayor Faulconer's office suggested that to expedite the renovation of Marcy Park, it is necessary for residents to express their support for the project by emailing the following representatives:

- Barbara Bry - blangfur@sandiego.gov
- UCPG - janay.kruger@msn.com

Without a showing of support from a majority of UC residents, the City will not commit the funds and staff required to review the plans and renovate Marcy Park. While we work diligently to keep Marcy Park on the City's radar, we ask for your assistance. If you cannot give financially, know that your voice has power and is very much needed if we are to see phase 2 become a reality. Please contact your local elected official (shown above) today. For more info, or to donate, go to www.MarcyParkProject.com

They say it takes a village and it does! A shout out to those who have put their money where their mouth is: Brian Julien, Poseidon Restaurant, Ryan Ahearn, Dale & Martha McGinty, Ruth DeSantis, Douglas Tharp, Don & Valerie Hotz, Steven & Lynn Shields, William & Nancy Ivey, Jonathan Tang, Ronald Kay, Barbara Sazon, Frank & Lynda Gordon, John Beacom, Ernie & Sandy Lippe, Nancy Beattie, Carrie Reichert, Barbara & Irvin Gellman, John & Suzanne Ohlfest, and William Batista.

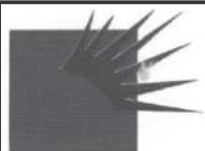


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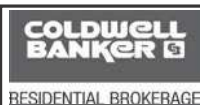


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5845 Carnegie Street	3	2	\$708,000
7157 Teasdale Ave	3	2	\$715,00
5875 Carnegie St	4	2	\$782,000
6395 Farley Dr	3	3	\$799,000
5353 Renaissance Ave	4	2.5	\$840,000
3003 Fried Ave	3	1.5	\$869,950
4272 Karsue Ave	5	3	\$905,000
2821 Lange Ave	6	5	\$995,000
6106 Via Regla	5	3.5	\$1,050,000
8993 January Pl	4	2.5	\$1,115,000
4296 Caminito Cassis	4	3	\$1,200,000

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SOLD

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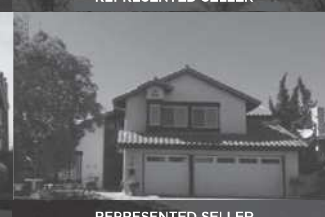
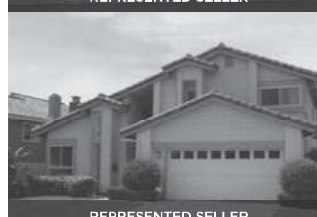
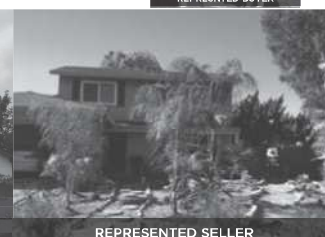
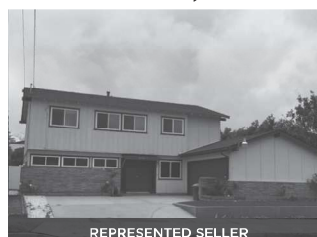
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UCHS Students: Doing Good Deeds

by Jemma Samala



UCHS Baseball Team Buddies Up with Challenger Players

The University City High School baseball team volunteers at University City Little League Challenger home games by acting as "buddies" to Challenger team players. The Challenger division is for players with physical limitations. The buddies assist players by acting as guides around the bases and during field play. When the Challenger games are hosted at the UCLL fields, buddies are provided for both home and away teams. The UCHS baseball team has partnered with UCLL for several years now started by former coach Will Rivera. Current UCHS Head Coach Richard Frink makes the games a priority for his players, which provides benefits for both the Challenger players and the baseball team buddies.

"Our team and families feel so supported and thankful. Your boys really stepped up and helped our players play ball, have fun, stay safe, and laugh" commented Michelle Martin, who has sons on both the UCHS baseball team and the Challenger team. She continues to say "Our youngest newest rookie Paeyton slept in her baseball hat and glove. My heart is full and look forward to our games on the future."

The UCHS baseball team will continue to volunteer throughout the season. Info on the Challenger division can be found at ucll.org.



Challenger photos courtesy Michelle Martin.



Casas de Luz Club Builds Home in Tijuana

The UCHS Casas de Luz Club recently built a home in Tijuana. The Club was founded by UCHS student Madeleine Masser-Frye, who had been participating in home builds with Casa de Luz since she was a student at Spreckels Elementary, making this her 12th home build. Club advisor Leslie Chadwick oversees the current 25 student members, but membership continues to grow. To provide for the home build, the club had to raise approximately \$4,500. Students raised the funds through the SnapRaise crowdfunding website, and by selling make-your-own tie-dye booths at the Curie and Kate Sessions craft fairs. The goal is to build two next year, and they hope to find a sponsor.



Masser-Frye is also a member of the Casas de Luz board of high school interns, which includes Westview, San Dieguito Academy, Canyon Crest, Torrey Pines, and University City high schools. The UCHS club had the first build of the year. Freshman member Eloi Sanchez Van Moer said "the best two things I've done this year was joining the UCHS wrestling team and come on the build." Well done Masser-Frye and UCHS students. For info about Casas de Luz, go to: <http://www.casasdeluz.org>.



Casas de Luz Build photos courtesy Diane Masser-Frye.