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Raindrops on Rose, photo by Greg Hom

UCCA Marks 15-Year Anniversary It Started with L.O.V.E.

by Carole Pietras

Today we are so used to instant communication...texting, emailing, tweeting using our smart phones, tablets and computers. Looking back to 2002, when our community association was revived as UCCA, computers were a lot slower; those who had email didn't always check it, and a lot of communication was by plain old word of mouth.

Sandy Lippe had already recruited volunteers in 2001 with Project L.O.V.E. (Landscaping Our Various Environments). We each called and talked to friends asking them to join the effort to support the beautification project and revive the community association. New volunteers in turn called and talked to others and the group grew. Through Project L.O.V.E., Sandy had obtained International City Bank's \$10,000 sponsorship for our first banners. Those banners were ceremoniously hung on March 21, 2002 marking the rebirth of UCCA.

Things started moving quickly. By the time the first newsletter was printed in May, the Garden Club was established and meeting on the 4th Thursdays of the month. Linda Canada was the contact. The first community Clean UP was scheduled for May 18, and residents were being advised about Free Street Trees. Dayna Hydrick had set up a website and served as webmaster. Our first officers were Sandy Lippe, President; Carole Pietras, Vice President.; MaryAnn Guerra, Secretary; Melodie Hallet, Treasurer; and Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian. We all owe Darlene a huge thank you for the wonderful scrapbooks she put together preserving our history through last year!

Images: Darlene Ventimiglia's scrapbooks and UCCA slideshows, at universitycitynews.org.

UCCA Meeting

**Wednesday, March 8
6:00pm, UC Library**

Daylight Savings Starts

Sunday, March 12, 2:00am
("spring forward" clocks one hour)

People for a Clean UC

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

UC Planning Group

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

UC Celebration Committee

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

St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 17

First Day of Spring

Monday, March 20

Spring Break (SDUSD)

March 27-31

Standley Recreation Council

Thursday, March 23, 7:00pm

Doyle Recreation Council

Tuesday, March 28, 6:30pm

Cesar Chavez Day

Friday, March 31

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Be the Eyes and Ears of UC:

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Guidelines:

- Your article should be approximately 250 words or less, typed in a document and attached to email or pasted inside the email.
- Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors. Type in plain text format; no pdf formats.
- Include who, what, why, where, and how.
- UCCA does not guarantee publication.
- Submitted materials may be published on the Internet.
- The information contained in submissions may be edited and/or combined with others; for example: upcoming events.
- 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 April 2017 issue: MARCH 16, 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

Happy Springtime! Time to get your gardens planted and to plan that weekend to Padre's Spring Training in Peoria or to enjoy the beauty of Borrego's desert blossoms. The rainy season has ended, leaving our hillsides and canyons green and our roadsides full of California golden poppies.



Other local news...UC High School was recognized as the top high school in the city...and in the top 100 in the State. Congratulations to Mr. Jeff Olivero, principal, and the outstanding faculty at University City High School.

Barbara Bry held her first "office hours" meeting last month...and it was standing room only (see photo page 5). Jemma Samala and Randall Tonini, "Celebration" co-chairs are off to a great start...they invite and encourage you to be part of their planning committee. The next "Celebration" committee meeting will be on March 15, 6:30pm, at Standley Park Rec. Center. UCPG elections for South UC business and resident representatives will be held at the March 14 meeting...for further information please read Nancy Groves' UCPG report on page 13.

UCCA approved donation requests for UC High's Swimming and Music departments at our February meeting. The UCCA Board will be voting on the "ImproveUC" and U.C. Mesa del Sol Girls' Softball donation requests at our March meeting. I am pleased to report that our Chase Bank branch has become a UCCA member recently, (pictured below is J.P. Morgan Chase Bank Manager Matt Jimenez, left, with Barry).



Diane Ahern, UCCA vice-president, announced plans to apply for a San Diego County Neighborhood Enhancement Grant to add to our street banners designed to reflect special community events and the changing seasons. This grant will also provide continuing support for the painting of electrical boxes on Governor Drive. It was recently learned that the law suit filed by "Citizens for Regents Road Bridge", will be addressed at a court hearing on August 4.

The next UCCA meeting will be on March 8, 6:00pm. Please feel welcome to attend and learn what's going on in University City. Remember, "University City is more than just a neighborhood". JOIN UCCA! ~Barry

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

It's raining, it's pouring, and Jemma is writing. Nothing like a good rain to inspire me to write. But I'm writing for the March issue, which is the beginning of Spring. Although, I am thankful for all the rain, and it helping us get out of the drought.

I'm thankful for a green lawn again, and flowers are blooming (not my flowers, I have a brown thumb). A number of UC neighbors sent me their spring photos, which I've collected on the back page. I had a lot of submissions of the flowering ornamental pear tree, that must have been a popular tree at one time. I wonder if they were part of the Project L.O.V.E. (Landscaping Our Various Environments) and tree giveaway 15 years ago. Hopefully you read the front page article. You see this year marks UCCA's 15-year anniversary, of being revived as an organization, and of starting this newsletter. We've come a long way UC, but the love of community has never faltered.

And I'm sure you will love the many ways to enjoy the UC community during the spring. Let me count the ways, with my top ten:

- 1) Take a walk, through the neighborhood and the canyons
- 2) Dine outside (Outcast, Lorna's, Ahi Sushi, Papa Chitos)
- 3) Watch a baseball/softball game
- 4) Entertain friends in the backyard
- 5) Have a picnic at the park and watch the sunset
- 6) Attend one of the schools' fundraisers
- 7) Have a spring cleaning garage sale
- 8) Get in the water – pool, hot tub, beach, bubble bath
- 9) Attend to the garden
- 10) Enjoy having kids home for spring break.

Hope you've got your spring list together. And with all this rain pouring down right now, we're sure to have roses to smell and a bouquet of flowers to photograph during a neighborhood stroll. Enjoy UC!

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UCHS: One of the best high schools in California

by Diane Ahern



Congratulations to University City High School which has been ranked in the top 100 high schools in California by Niche, a company that ranks public high schools based on statistics and feedback from students and parents. University City High School (UCHS) ranked in the top one hundred in California in both the Best High Schools and College Readiness categories. Compared to other San Diego metro area public schools, UCHS also ranked highly for its STEM curriculum, quality teachers, and diversity.

Principal Jeff Olivero commented, "Being recognized as the top high school (over La Jolla, Scripps Ranch, and Patrick Henry) in our district says a lot about growth the school has made over the last series of years. The school has strived to expand the rigor and access to AP and community college courses for students. This is in addition to expanding its career pathway programs. Extracurricular interest from students is at an all-time high."

Much of the school's success is due to its positive school culture, according to Olivero. "UCHS has always been a quality school. But what I think has even gotten better is the overall positive school culture. Students, staff, and parents at UCHS have grown to have a deep appreciation for their school. All are contributing and recognizing the efforts being made to make UCHS the best possible place to learn, work, and have fun."

UCCA is proud to play a role in the school's success through its donations to support the Hall of Fame, many booster clubs and athletic teams, music department, fundraising efforts; and the promotion of activities and accomplishments through UCCA's website and print newsletter. "The high school (and all UC schools) has definitely enjoyed overwhelming support from the UC community," added Olivero. For more info, visit the UCHS website at www.sandiegounified.org/schools/university-city.

**BUY A BRICK AND BE A PART OF UCHS HISTORY**

UCHS Stadium is going through a complete renovation that will be completed this year. Now you can be a permanent part of UCHS Stadium through our Brick memorial fundraising campaign. Each brick purchased will be prominently displayed on the new tower of UCHS Stadium to show your support for many years to come. Cost is \$100 for 4" x 8" brick, \$225 for an 8" x 8" brick. Order at www.bricksrus.com/order/uchscf/.



ANOTHER COMPLEX ADDED TO UC NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

The latest addition to the UC Neighborhood Watch group is the Avanti at Renaissance complex. Pictured left is the NW Captain Greg Barnes, and James Harris, who installed three signs in the complex.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE (YANA) PROGRAM

*Provided by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol)
Submitted by Art Gurrero, Supervisor*

Volunteer RSVPs from the San Diego Police Department are available to provide regularly scheduled welfare-check visits to persons living alone who have no one else to check on them. Under unusual circumstances, YANA candidates with full or part time caregivers may also qualify for the program. Basic Eligibility Requirements to Participate:

- YANA candidates must agree to participate.
- YANA candidates must be physically and mentally able to answer the door or telephone.

Visits are on weekdays only and are always done by two RSVPs. During the visit the general health and well-being of the YANA will be checked. Typical visits are five to fifteen minutes of social interaction. If there are problems during the visit, RSVP officers can notify emergency contacts approved by the YANA. For more significant problems or if the YANA fails to answer the door or telephone, RSVP officers can notify medical personnel or regular police officers for resolution.

Residents of University City should call the Northern Division RSVP Office at 858-552-1737 or the Northern Division front desk at 858-552-1700 for more information.

FREE SMOKE ALARMS FOR SENIORS 62+

*Submitted by County of San Diego Health
and Human Services Agency*

Smoke alarms save lives. National safety statistics show that adults age 65 and older are two times more likely to perish in a home fire than any other segment of the population. Local non-profit, the Burn Institute wants to keep our seniors safe. If you are a homeowner over the age of 62, they will install free smoke alarms in your residence that adhere to the California safety code. These free smoke alarms are equipped with 10-year lithium batteries. Don't get up on a ladder and risk falling-let trained professionals do it for you at no cost. Email smokealarm@burninstitute.org, or call 858-541-2277 to schedule your free smoke alarm installation today.

BUY LOCAL 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 that 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)
- 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)
- Katie Dunahoo, Broker, Coldwell Banker
- Kelly Johnson Fitness
- Klassen Painting (Darrell and Kelley Klassen)
- Liz Linder Photography
- Lorna's Italian Kitchen (Steve and Joy Stern)
- Mack Langston, Realtor, Pacific Coast Commercial
- Mariya's Skin Care (Mariya Brzhustovsky)
- Michael A. Cohen State Farm Agency
- Professional Roofing Services (John Houge)
- Round Table Pizza on Governor (Joseph Sassano)
- Save Their Story Video Biographies (Bridget Poizner)
- Steve Gray, Gray Loan Team
- Steve Lyons State Farm Agency
- 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/.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

To start a Neighborhood Watch Group on your street, contact UC Coordinator Barbara Gellman at bgellman@yahoo.com or 858.452.2326. UC Neighborhood Watch is sponsored by UCCA. For a Contact Directory of useful resources, such as police, and city and county area services, go to www.universitycitynews.org/neighborhood-watch-contact-list/

Understanding Public School Funding

John Lee Evans, San Diego Unified Trustee, District A

As taxpayers, we provide support for our public schools, but the methods by which funding is determined are often difficult to understand. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions.

Where do we get funding for our schools? Most of funding comes from the state, which is subject to the variability of sales and income taxes each year. Less than 10 percent of our funding comes from the federal government. By the way, less than 2 percent of the funding comes from the lottery.

How well does California fund public education? For several years, we ranked near the very bottom for per pupil funding compared to other states. Even with the approval of temporary taxes, we are still in the bottom fifth of states. Proposition 98 was approved by voters to guarantee that 40% of the state budget goes to public schools. This was meant to provide a minimum for education funding, but it has turned out to be more of a ceiling. When politicians talk about our schools being "fully funded" it means only that the Prop 98 MINIMUM has been met. When Governor Brown implemented the Local Control Funding Formula, the goal was only to reach the level of funding we had in 2007 by the year 2020. That goal has not yet been met. But at the same time as funding has increased in the last few years, the state has taken back a lot of the money by more than doubling the amount of money the district is required to pay into the state pension fund.

About two years ago San Diego Unified calculated that our funding was about \$350 million short to provide those essential services that the educators and the public agree are needed in our public schools. We do not even seek the highest funding of the nation, but we do believe that if we approached the national average of funding that we could provide a world class education to our students.

How well does San Diego fund education? San Diego taxpayers have strongly supported our schools through local bond measures. Propositions S and Z have provided for new schools, modernization of outdated facilities, improved technology for all of our students, athletic facilities, arts facilities and career technical facilities that have transformed our high school programs. However, these are capital funds that cannot be used for any operational expenses.

How are decisions made about how the funds are dispersed locally? The Board of Education must approve a balanced budget based on whatever amount the state gives us each year. Through public meetings we develop a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), which is based on San Diego Unified's Vision 2020 for Quality Schools in Every Neighborhood. This plan sets in place our community's priorities, so that whenever we have a major budget shortfall (as we will have next school year), we protect what is most important (classroom instruction) and make reductions around the edges (administration) to have the least impact possible on our children's education.

It is also important to set a conservative fiscal example at the highest level. For that reason, the Board of Education has waived its right every year to increase its small salary that was set in the 1990s. Our Superintendent, who leads the second largest district in the state, takes a lower salary than some superintendents at smaller districts. We must lead by example when we face budget challenges. Our commitment is to provide the highest quality education for our children with whatever funds we receive.



Barbara Bry City Council, District 1

Keeping our neighborhoods safe is my first priority as your Councilmember. I recently provided a memo to the Independent Budget Analyst outlining my budget priorities, and public safety was at the top of the list. Some of these priorities include:

- Focusing on police recruitment and retention by filling the approximately 180 vacant budgeted jobs for SDPD officers.
- Conducting a nationwide Police Chief search upon the planned retirement of the current Police Chief that includes community workshops, online input, and recommendations from the Citizens Advisory Board.
- Supporting community policing programs that provide police officers with the resources they need to foster relationships with the community.
- Identifying resources to support the 9-1-1 Computer-Aided Dispatch replacement program.
- Preparing for the Citygate and CIP fire station recommendations and identifying resources for the proposed priority fire stations and fast-response squads.

As chair of the Council Committee on Budget and Government Efficiency, I will continue to prioritize public safety in the FY2018 budget and beyond.

On February 11, our office hosted our first round of community office hours in University City (see photo above). My team and I met with more than 40 residents to discuss their concerns and offer assistance with City services. Please contact your Council Representative, Bridger Langfur, if you need help from our office: 619.236.6611; blangfur@sanidiego.gov.

Team BB will be joining People for a Clean UC on Sunday, March 12 from 7:45-9:15am at the Starbucks on Governor (3202 Governor Drive) to beautify the streets of University City. Will you join us?

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 needs of District 1 residents.

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

Events for Adults

Qi Gong (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body. **Every Monday @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Zumba for Special Needs and Beginners. Every Monday @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Adult Yoga. Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. **Every Thursday @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.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, March 8 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** **Accordian Club** meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. **Saturday, March 11 & 25 @ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Concert: Alex Ciavarelli, Jazz Guitar. Well-versed in all styles Jazz, Alex is recognized for his virtuoso improvisations. **Wednesday, March 1 @ 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, March 2 @ 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, March 7 & 21 @ 2:00 p.m.**

CERT Meeting educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. **Tuesday, March 7 @ 6:30 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, March 10 @ 11:00 a.m.**

Computer Class about Email; Sign up, print Email attachments, attach photos to an Email. **Monday, March 13 @ 10:00 a.m.**

UC Book Club will be discussing *Waiting for Snow in Havana* by Carlos Eire. **Wednesday, March 22 @ 2:00 p.m.**

Concert: The **Pacificaires** are a thriving company of singing adults that has been performing since 1976 under the auspices of the San Diego Community College District's Continuing Education Emeritus program. **Wednesday, March 29 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Events 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).**

Events for Tweens/Teens

Teen Tech Week - Make some LED Throwies, which is an inexpensive way to add color to any magnetic surface. Also, you can come and make your own button

on our **Button Making machine. Wednesday, March 8 @ 2:00 p.m.** **Spring into STEAM, De-Bugging Coding** - Learn to code with Vox-L, a Minecraft modding studio. Students new to coding welcome. Space is limited, please RSVP at (858)552-1655. **Tuesday, March 14 @ 4:00 p.m.**

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



North University Community March Highlights | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637 | sandiego.gov/public-library

NOTE: THE NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MARCH 6 – MARCH 17, FOR SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES.

Events for Adults/Seniors

Hatha Yoga, Mondays at 12:00 pm. Postures and stretches in combination with the breath to increase flexibility and relaxation.

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 (March 22 only). Appointments available by calling the library.

Job Help Assistance, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 3:30 pm (March 22 only). 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; bring yoga mat or floor towel.

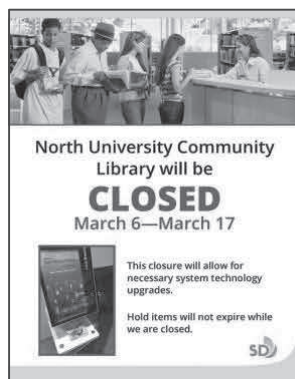
Page Turners Book Club, Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm: *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain.

Knitters' Circle, Thursday, March 2 at 1:00 pm. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

Fiction Fanatics Book Club, Saturday, March 18 at 10:00 am: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults, Sunday, March 19 at 1:00 pm. Each class will utilize a different art technique to inspire the creation of unique pieces. Bring a small sketchbook to class.

Saving for Your Kid's College in a Tax-Protected Way, Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 pm.



Events for Children/Families

Babies and Books, Mondays & Fridays at 10:00 am. 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 (NOTE NEW DAY BEGINNING MARCH 20).

Mondays at 11:00 am at the **Nobel Recreation Center.** Sing, Dance and Play! Children 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, March 27 at 10:30 am. Stretch both your body and your mind in this unique program that combines stories, songs and simple yoga poses.

Paws to Read, Monday, March 20 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, February 9 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.**

Spring Happening's at Standley Recreation Center

Standley Spring Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 8. The egg hunt for all ages will start a 10 am. Ages are 10 and under. We will have face painting, arts/crafts, egg coloring and more. Of course, there will be a visit by the Spring Bunny. Please bring your own basket to collect the eggs.

Youth Classes

Aikido: Tues, 7-10 yrs 5-6:00pm;
Thurs, 11-15 yrs 5-6:00pm. \$120/12 wks
Art: Tues, 2-2:45pm 3-5 yrs; 3:30-4:45pm 6-10 yrs. \$20/4 wks
Cooking: Wed, 1-2:00 pm, 6-11 yrs \$20/4 wks
Pee Wee Sports: Thurs 4-4:45pm, 3-7 yrs \$20/4 wks
Tap & Jazz Dance: contact www.civildancearts.org
Youth Tennis: contact www.ucrctennis.com
Master Sports: contact www.MasterSports.com

Jamie's Tiny Tots: Monday-Friday; 3-5 yrs 9:30 am -12:30 pm
More info www.JamiesTinyTots.com

Drama Kids: Thursday March 2-April 27; 3-5 yrs; 12-15 yrs and 6-11 yrs. \$129/8 wks. For drama class, you can register at dramakids.com/ca1/d. For more information call 619.846.2407 or email sandiegodramakids@gmail.com.

Adult Classes

Aikido: Tue, (beginning) 16 up 6:30-8:30 pm; Thurs (advance) 6:30-8:30 pm; Sat (mixed levels) 10:30am-12:30. \$120.00 12 wks.

Yoga: Monday, (beginning) 6-8 pm; Wednesday (intermediate) 6-8 pm \$210/12 wks. Sat. (mixed level) 10:30am -12, \$96/6 wks.

Senior Bridge & Pinochle Cub meets every Friday 9:00am to 12 noon. Free.

Gourmet Cooking Class; Fri, 6-7:00pm, \$ 38/monthly

Coed V-ball league: contact farid@volleyballec.com
Men's basketball League: contact anthonylachica@gmail.com
Softball leagues contact: www.govavi.com/softball
Monday&Tuesday League contact: Pete McNamara, 858.453.6208

For more information come by the recreation center or go to www.sandiego.gov. You can register online at: www.SDRecConnect.com, search Standley Recreation Center.



Youth Tennis League

Spring Tennis for boys and girls ages 7-14 will have tryouts on Sunday, March 19 at Standley Park. The day will start with a "Family Doubles Match", followed by tryouts and will end with a

lively draft. If you would like to facilitate tryouts for feeding tennis balls, contact Kevin at Your Court Tennis, 619.722.5106, kevin@yourcourttennis.com. For more info about the Youth Tennis League and the communities which participate, go to www.yourcourttennis.com. Deadline to register is March 17.

TIME TO PLAY BALL

by Meredith Kennedy



It's officially baseball season! Join us for UC Little League's kick off with Opening Day on Saturday, March 4th at Standley Park! Come for Opening Day Ceremonies with the team/player parade led by the Standley Middle Marching Band starting at 9:00am, the First Pitch, announcements of the 2016 All Stars, snack bar, equipment exchange and donations, the T-ball Otter Pop Run and games starting at 11:00am. Special guests: Padres Pad Squad!

Opening day also is our Annual Baseball Equipment Exchange. Please bring any used gloves, bats, baseballs or other baseball equipment to exchange or donate. Any equipment left over will be distributed locally and abroad through Kids Gear for Baseball (www.kidsgearforbaseball.org). Tables and donation bins will be located near the Snack Bar (near the pool).

Join UCLL for our March restaurant fundraiser night at Mendocino Farms, a family-friendly farm to table restaurant in La Jolla Square, on Tuesday, March 14 from 5:30- 8:30pm. Please print the required flyer, available at www.ucll.org, for the league to receive 50% of the proceeds!

Did you know you can order UCLL swag online? To get your customized UCLL gear and help support the League, visit our shop at www.mylocker.net/my/shop/ucll-gear/index.html where you can find UCLL shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and a variety of other merchandise such as bags, blankets and tablet sleeves. UCLL earns money back for every purchase, so show your pride on game day or any day. Check www.ucll.org for more info.

UCLL NEEDS VOLUNTEER UMPIRES

by Hardy Gold

While we tuned in to football's play-offs and pondered the unplugging of the Chargers, University City's little leaguers are forming teams and readying themselves for a new season of baseball. You can be a part of it by becoming a volunteer umpire. UC Little League is now recruiting. The league will provide training and uniforms.

UC Little League is seeking volunteers, age 15 to 105 (though they are flexible on the upper age limit). Juniors games, age 14 and up, are at UC Gardens' McElroy Field at the east end of Governor Drive, and run seven innings. Intermediate, age 11 to 13, are at Fort Field, on Governor just west of the Standley Recreation Center, and games are six innings. Minors games, age 8-10, are played at Jim Carl Field, between Swanson Pool and Standley Middle School, and run six innings. Volunteer umpires can be a part of as much of or as little as they can take on. Volunteer umpires will be paired with professional umpires for the older players' divisions, and with youth umpires for the younger players' games.

UC Little League is looking for volunteer umpires who are willing to learn the basics, who can be fair to all, decisive, and have a love of the game and our community. UC Little League is committed to making the little league experience fun for all players, with the goal to find umpires who will join in that commitment. Anyone interested in signing up or wanting more information can contact UCLL Umpire in Chief Hardy Gold at umpirechief@ucll.org or call at 858.699.9534.



BLOOD DRIVE REACHES SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES

As told to Diane Ahern by Ray Vance (pictured left)

For decades, University City United Church of Christ (UCUC) has been known for its annual

blood drives coordinated by Ginger Taylor, first indoors at the Church and then migrating to a blood mobile in their parking lot.

But it was difficult to meet the “magic number” of 27 successful blood donations to justify the San Diego Blood Bank crew to come out on a Saturday morning, their busiest day, according to Ray Vance, UCUC’s self-described “Blood Man.”

After partnering with the owners of UC MarketPlace at Governor Drive and Regents Road to set up the mobile blood donation site in their parking lot in June 2014, Ray has grown the program to six times a year and the site averages 30 and 40 donations each date. Both are significant milestones.

Most of the donors at the UC MarketPlace site are University City residents and they have helped to grow the program to one of the best mobile blood donation sites in San Diego. The next blood drive will be March 11, from 8:00am to 1:30pm in the parking lot of the UC MarketPlace.



by Katie Dunahoo

EdUCate! foundation for University City public schools, has been a major player in the filling the gap left by funding shortages at our local schools. Our Mission is to provide supplemental support to all five University City schools.

This school year we have had some wonderful accomplishments. We granted \$20,000 to teachers, \$30,000 to the principals for school wide needs, we are continuing our popular Math Academy at Standley Middle School and UC High School, we sponsored Jr. Achievement BizTown for 5th graders at all three elementary schools and we had our most successful Oktoberfest ever!

There is exciting news for the spring! In lieu of Taste of the Triangle this year, EdUCate! is holding three fundraisers. A Teacher Wish List, Honor a Teacher and an online auction in late spring. Your gift will support our five local UC schools as we continue to provide enhanced education for our community.

Donors and volunteers like you make it possible for EdUCate! to provide funds and materials to the University City public schools. Since 1993, we have funded over \$1,600,000 in teacher grants, principal grants, special programs and scholarships. Thank you for your past support of Taste of the Triangle and ongoing support.



Standley Middle School's Climate Action Striving Toward Peak Energy Efficiency in UC Households

by Claire Shaughnessy

Standley Middle School PTSA won \$500 and received recognition for being the leading school in promoting the Energy Troopers energy saving program at the Family Climate Action Summit last month. The summit was hosted by San Diego Unified School District, San Diego Unified Council of PTAs and the Sierra Club. Standley PTSA President, Claire Shaughnessy (pictured above 3rd from left), attended on behalf of the PTSA to receive the Big Check from Energy Troopers. Standley PTSA and Standley Middle School encourage all local families to participate in this energy conservation program. Every person who enrolls gives Standley PTSA more money to run programs like Career Fair, Prep Day, Teacher & Club Grants, Legacy Tile Project, and more.

What is the Energy Troopers Program? Energy Troopers encourages people to cut back on energy use during certain peak periods, reducing carbon emissions by promoting energy efficiency. With Energy Troopers, Standley competes against other schools to see who can have the most enrollments and maximum energy savings. The program is open to everyone in the community. **How Does the Program Work?** SDG&E customers enroll with Energy Troopers to join the program. Energy Troopers contracts with SDG&E to determine when energy demands are high. Energy Troopers provides the information to participants through alerts by cell phone or email. These alerts remind you to save energy during peak periods. Conserving energy during these peak periods should save money on your energy bill and Standley will receive credits. The school with the most credits wins money from Energy Troopers. **How do you enroll in the program?** Any household may enroll at www.energytroopers.org and designate Standley. It's free and easy, all you need is your SDG&E bill. Everyone in the community may enroll, even if you have solar and even if you do not have a child at Standley.

UC CLUSTER MEETING

Next meeting: March 20 at Standley Auditorium, 4:30pm
Free daycare provided!

Help Needed: The Cluster is looking for parents, students, teachers and local business to be a part of the conversations.

The Cluster needs individuals interested in joining the following committees: Cluster Volunteer Committee, Articulation Committee and Safety Committee. Are you interested? Email info@uccluster.com



by Mark Powell

University City High School's Drama Department is proud to present "The Addams Family" a Broadway Musical. The weird and wonderful Addams Family comes to standstill when Wednesday Addams falls in love with a charming and intelligent young man from a highly respected family. The only problem is that her parents have never met Wednesday's boyfriend. And if that weren't distressing enough, Wednesday opens her heart to her father and pleads with him not to tell her mother about her newly found love. Gomez Addams must do something that he has never done before, and that is keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Gomez Addams decides to host a dinner for Wednesday's boyfriend and his parents and the dinner turns out to be a disaster and a joy all at the same time. Please help support our neighborhood schools by attending at least one performance...you will not be disappointed. Show dates are March 22, 23, and 24. All shows start at 7:00pm in the UCHS Auditorium. University City High School is located at 6949 Genesee Ave. For ticket information, you can call University City High School at 858-457-4030.



SIGHTS AND SOUNDS SHOWCASE

by Sharon Hom,
above photo of 2016 showcase courtesy Greg Hom

The 3rd Annual Sights and Sounds Showcase will be held on Friday, April 14 starting at 6:00pm. The entire community of all ages is invited to come and enjoy a spectacular evening of music at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center on Executive Drive. This event will begin with a silent auction and cocktails for adults with the Standley Middle School Music Director, Phillip Marcus, and his trio providing the reception music. The evening show will feature talented UCHS staff and students, and of course, UCHS Music Director, Brandon Corenman, performing with the Latin jazz band "Rhumba y Soul."

Tickets are: \$30 adults (\$35 after March 30th); \$20 SDUSD staff; \$13 Students (under 21). Please see our website at 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 outstanding UCHS Music Program. Come support our talented student musicians!



DUST OFF YOUR DANCING SHOES

by Susan Castronovo

University City High School will be having Friday Night Dancing sponsored by the UCHS PTSA. Put these dates for dancing on your calendar and go to the gym at 6949 Genesee Ave. ready to grove and move on these Fridays: St Patrick's Day starts the spring dances on March 17, with the "Wear Something Green to Swing" Dance from 6:30-9:30pm. Then more dances on March 31, April 28, May 12, and June 9, starting at 7:00pm. Attend any one dance or attend them all. Everyone is welcome, at any dance. All ages and all levels! Couples are welcome but no partner is necessary. Arriving solo is fine. Attire: casual or business casual. Shoes: dress flats and business shoes, or any sneaker or boat shoe. (Please, no high heels on wood gym floor.)

The dance is a great environment for beginners too, to learn the basics of West Coast Swing, California's official state dance. Each night of dance will begin with a lesson followed by "open social dancing"...a fine opportunity to practice and meet new friends. This is a fundraiser for UCHS PTSA. Please help us "get the word out" by telling your friends and neighbors who also may be interested. Have fun dancing while supporting the UCHS PTSA. Tickets are sold at the door. Cost is \$10 per dancer general admission, \$5.00 with any school's student ID.

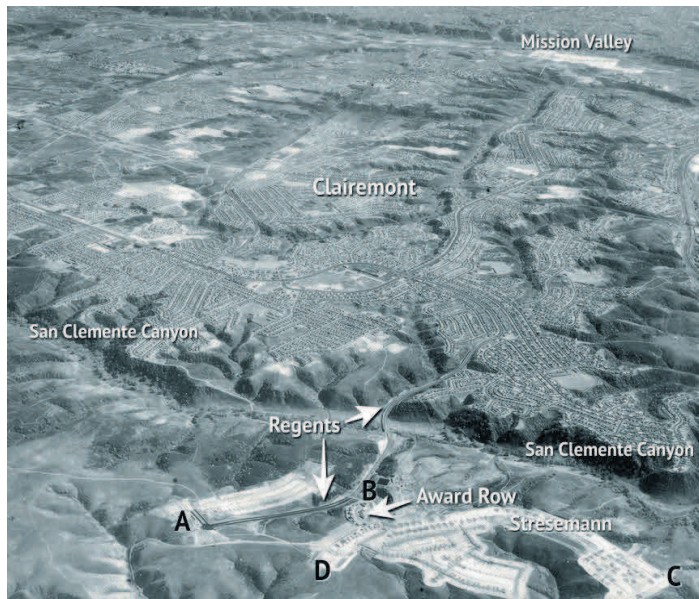
Pictured above are dancers from the 2016 dance season.

PARENT PARTY REMINDERS

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 price is \$35. The event is casual and for adults only. For info and to order tickets, go to: www.curiepta.org/parent-party.

Out and about in UC... ...in the beginning



THE BIRTH OF UNIVERSITY CITY

by Jerry Herrman

Have you ever wondered what University City looked like at its beginning, or wonder where the first houses were built? Might you be one of the original settlers? This photograph taken by Howard Rozelle on November 15, 1960 shows the original development of University City.

The light-colored areas along the bottom of the picture are the first subdivisions. At the time, the only paved road into UC was Regents Road. State Highway 52 and Governor Drive had not been constructed. Genesee Avenue did not yet extend down the hill from Clairemont.

Regents Road originates in south Clairemont and travels northbound across the bottom of San Clemente Canyon and up the other side to where the Sprouts shopping center is today (A). About halfway up the hill, Regents Road intersects with Pennant Way (B) which goes past Honors Drive and ends in a T-intersection at Stresemann Street. If you travel south on Honors Drive, you will arrive at Award Row where the original model homes were built. Here today you can see the butterfly roof house of a Mid Century Modern home designed by William Krisel, the pioneering architect who was commissioned to design the University City tract in 1960. Nearby, Stresemann St. makes an arc to the right and becomes Soderblom Avenue, ending at a T-intersection with Bloch St (C).

Additional information and pictures about the development of University City can be seen at the University City Community Association (UCCA) website. See "Pictures & History of UC" and "William Krisel's University City Development" under the Photo Albums tab (www.universitycitynews.org/history-of-uc/).

Special thanks to John Fry, president of the Pacific Beach Historical Society, for use of the photograph.



Girls play ball...the UC Del Sol Girls Fastpitch Softball league celebrated Opening Day on February 25 at Standley Park. The league is for girls ages 5 to 13. Above we see the Neon Strikes team ready to start the season. For info: www.ucdelso.com. Photo courtesy Sonia Gomez-Neri.



Spreckels Elementary: A Place to Learn and Grow

by Michel Cazary, Principal

Check out our new mural at Spreckels Elementary at the corner of Governor Drive and Stadium Street. We have been so thrilled to welcome local muralist Matthew Cavanagh, who is painting an exciting mural for our front entrance. Our continued work on our front entrance is our way of inviting our community, parents, staff, and students into this school we all hold so dear. At Spreckels Elementary we often talk about the connection between the way our campus looks, the way it feels, and the way we teach and learn. Our beautification projects are one way we honor our school as a place of learning and growth for all who set foot on our campus. We are excited for this opportunity and partnership with Matthew in helping us show our Wildcat pride to the community.

Rose Canyon is Green and Beautiful

Free Nature Exploration Walks by Friends of Rose Canyon

Adults and kids welcome. Walks last 1-1.5 hours, but you can leave at any time. We'll look for insects, spiders, flowers, seeds, birds, lizards, animal tracks, animal homes – we never know what we'll find. We'll bring bug boxes and hand lenses to examine small things. To register just email rosecanyon@san.rr.com the number of kids and adults you'll be bringing. Wear closed-toe shoes good for walking on dirt trails. And remember there are no bathrooms or water in Rose Canyon Park or at the trailheads.

Walks starting at Regents trailhead (two blocks north of Governor):
Saturdays, March 4 and 11, 2:00pm

Walks starting at Genesee Ave. entrance:
Sundays, March 19 and 26, 2:00pm

For info, contact: Debby Knight, rosecanyon@san.rr.com, 858.597.0220
Website: www.rosecanyon.org
Walks offered with support from SDGE/Sempra Energy and Patagonia.



From Concept to Reality: UCCA's recent Transformer Box Art installation

by Diane Ahern

It started as an idea to beautify the intersection of Governor Drive and Genesee Avenue by painting one of the SDG&E transformer boxes and using the new University City banner designs as inspiration. Barbara Gellman, representing the University City Community Association (UCCA) beautification committee, contacted graphics designer Andrew Sanchez of AlphaGraphics (on Governor) to gauge his interest. Andrew had already created the eight new banner designs currently hanging on light poles in UCCA's banner district. Andrew enthusiastically agreed, and stated that he wanted to challenge himself to create a wraparound, continuous design, to cover all four sides of the highly visible box. UCCA's design team asked him to include our community name as an integral part of the design to provide place identification to both residents and visitors passing through the busy intersection.

Take a look at the completed project and the transformation! We know you'll agree with us that this transformer box art installation project, and all our UCCA-sponsored painted transformer boxes in south University City, add both a sense of community pride and an appreciation for public art to our street-scape. Note: The 2016/2017 Transformer Box Art Installation project was funded by the County of San Diego through a Community Enhancement Program grant. UCCA thanks former County Supervisor Dave Roberts for his support of this project, as well as for the Street Banner Design and Installation project. For related posts, visit www.universitycitynews.org/category/beautification/

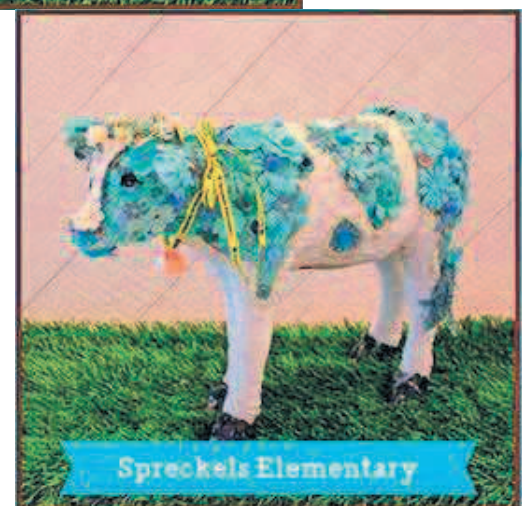
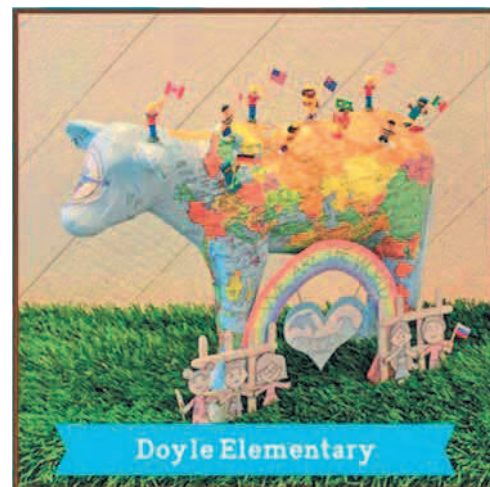


The Curie Community Service Group gathered to make no sew blankets for Project Linus. They provide comfort by distributing new, handmade blankets to critically ill children or those who have gone through trauma. CCSG was excited to be able to help other children by making these blankets. Well done Curie students!
Photo and info courtesy Ian Kim.



'Paint Me Mendo' Winner Goes to Doyle Elementary

Mendocino Farms held an elementary school art competition among five area schools, and Doyle Elementary won and earned \$1,000 for their art program. The schools (Bird Rock, Doyle, La Jolla, Spreckels, and Torrey Pines Elementary schools) each took a mini 'Mendo the Cow' back to the schools to decorate. The winner was determined via the total number of Instagram and in-store votes. Doyle won by approximately 100 votes over Spreckels. Well done to all the little artists. *Photos from Instagram.*





UCCA JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIPS

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Ken & Linda Juengel
Rabbi Leider
Eve Malakhof
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Janet & Gary McNamara
Carl & Marilyn Nehr
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Vicki Miller
Diana & Rudy Mottis
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UC Del Sol Girls Fastpitch
Softball
Ray Vance –Heather Ray Del
Sol Books
Paulette Williams

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UC Marketplace Owner LLC
– Kerrie Ozartski – Reef Real
Estate
Dianne Villone

UTC CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

During early March, crews will demolish and permanently remove the pedestrian bridge at Executive Square and Genesee Avenue. The work will require a full closure of Genesee Avenue from Genesee Avenue from La Jolla Village Drive to Eastgate Mall. A new pedestrian crossing signal will be installed. Advanced notice will be provided to nearby businesses and residents prior to the beginning of this work. Please heed all traffic signs and traffic flagger direction, and use caution when traveling near the work area. Check for any changes in bus routes and stops at sdmts.com. Construction schedules are subject to change.



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

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact our membership chairperson Hallie Burch at UCCAmembership@gmail.com.

UC PLANNING GROUP REPORT

by Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1

Janay Kruger, Chair listed the items on the agenda and then pointed out that an emergency permit for onsite treatment of expired chemicals by Vertex Pharmaceuticals on 11010 Torreyanna Rd. has been issued. Jason Moorhead was appointed to ask Vertex to respond to UCPG with information. SDPD updated us on burglary in La Jolla Colony and, an assault at the recycle center next to Vons.

UCPG elections are at the next meeting, March 14. Members are elected for a 3-year term, which terms out at 9 years. There are three business representatives running unopposed for reelection: B1-John Bassler (realtor), B2-Ash Nasser (escrow co. owner), B3-Ryan Perry (rep for UTC). There are three residential representatives running for reelection: R1-Meagan Beale, R2- Janay Kruger, R3-Donna Andonian. Janay is only running for a 1-year appointment to complete her 9th year. Meagan is being challenged by Katie Rodolico (resident since '66, and retired firmware and software engineer). Meagan is the current vice president of UCPG, member 4 years and was on subcommittees: Trolley, FBA, MTS, fire station and Community Plan Update. She is currently a lawyer in Office of Attorney General.

Reports: UCSD Long Range Development Plan is in progress. Completion will assist the campus in meeting its long-range plan to house at least 50 percent of students on campus. Current plans show that the number of students will increase 25-30% by 2035. Ongoing plans for a UCSD fire station are being negotiated with the city. You may view the monthly updates online, which are available at physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/community/monthly.html.

SANDAG Mid-Coast Trolley update: K-rail in place for clearing from Nobel to Villa La Jolla Drive, in May drill holes for columns for VA, for one year there will be two big drills in operation on Genesee. In April, they will close Executive to Nobel North to UCSD for a weekend to take down the pedestrian bridge at Executive. Also, discussion of MCTC firm who is still doing the unsatisfactory and unfinished work in Rose Canyon and now the same firm will be doing part of Mid-coast trolley. Will there be scale back of the Voight Drive Bridge due the \$30 vs. \$45 million projections? Janay asked that SANDAG send the finance guy to the March meeting since we have lots of questions.

Public Comment: A question was asked about the house on Regents Rd across from Pennant Way and Janay answered that the owner has not gotten everything through the city process so it cannot yet come to the UCPG for a vote. Public issues with cell towers at Nobel Park and now proposed at Doyle Park will be discussed at the March meeting. A formal request from Katie Rodolico was made to investigate that the Business Members are in good standing. Nine letters from their employers or companies were submitted and placed in the membership file. All are in good standing. The Bylaws have changed since these members were elected.

Westfield presenter John Alderson showed the apartment design for the planned apartment building, which was approved years ago. The subcommittee went over the process 2 and moved the item for approval. Vote was taken and approved 14 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.

SANDAG Mobility Study for HUBS: this is a grant-funded study to enhance access for ridership on the trolley and to find what may encourage you to ride transit. Ideas put forth: shuttle from both East and West, South U.C. to the trolley, more lighting at stations, express trolley, charging stations at each hub. UTC retail and shuttles to hubs, importance of landscaping at stations.

NEXT UCPG MEETING: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at Scripps Office Bldg., 10010 Campus Pointe Drive. (Enter to right of building to free parking lot and entrance.) **VOTING 5:00-8:00pm FOR UCPG RESIDENTIAL SEAT**

UCCA FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT

by Barry Bernstein

The UCCA February meeting audience had a chance to hear Fire Chief Dave Connors review the status of Fire/Rescue response times, as well as his announcement of the addition of a brush control unit to be working in the South UC area.

New representative from CA State Senator Toni Atkins' office, Chenille-Tate, was in attendance and she explained how busy our State Senate has been in its early weeks of work in their discussions related to possible new government regulations. Bridger Langful, Councilwoman Barbara Bry's representative to UC, gave his report on recent storm damage and a reminder for Barbara Bry's first "Office Hours" on Saturday. Brian Elliot, Scott Peter's representative, announced the new congressional committee assignments for Scott Peters, and provided information related to the elimination of the WebTrak app, which tracked flights in and out of Miramar.

Our UCCA Board authorized donations of \$1,000 each to UC High's Swim Team as well as to the support of UC High's Music Department's Spring Showcase. The Marcy Park Project request was put on hold for further review later in the Spring. New requests for funds were received from UC Mesa del Sol Girls' Softball and "ImproveUC 2020".

UCCA President Barry Bernstein announced that the Standley Park Rec. Council did NOT endorse the proposed "joint-use" field at Curie Elementary. The City's Park and Rec will decide next month if to move forward on the project. He said there was no further information related to the "Citizen's for Regents Road Bridge" law suit to report. Barry also reminded everyone about the planned work to be done on Genesee Ave. the next few weeks.

Diane Ahern, UCCA Vice-President, reviewed new county grant applications to support continued work on street banners and electrical box painting. She will be seeking Standley Park Rec Council's support for publicizing special community events with street banners.

Barbara Gellman, our Neighborhood Watch chair, announced some tentative plans to coordinate with both Clairemont and La Jolla Rec Councils to support SD Police on the August 1 National "Nite Out" with a fundraising dance event.

For complete meeting information, go to our UCCA website: universitycitynews.org.

UCCA's next meeting will be March 8, 6:00pm.

Regents Road Bridge/Genesee Widening Update

The official filing of the lawsuit against the San Diego City Council, which voted 6-2 to support the Community Plan Amendment to remove the Regents Road Bridge and the Widening of Genesee, has now been received and documented by the Court. A hearing of August 4, 2017 has been set.

This legal action will temporarily freeze any action to allocate funds from the University City DBA/DIF accounts, as well as stall the planned development of a new Community Plan. UCCA will continue to provide updates as needed.

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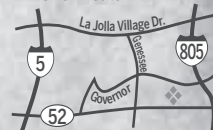
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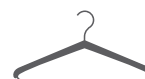
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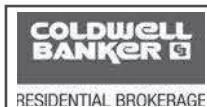
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3810 Governor Dr	4	3	\$680,000
3464 Governor Dr	4	2	\$690,500
6521 Edmonton Ave	4	2	\$740,000
5862 Stadium St	3	2	\$787,000
5652 Lamas St	3	2	\$854,220
2948 Curie St	3	2	\$880,000
3544 Villanova Ave	5	3	\$880,000
3275 Welmer Pl	4	2.5	\$890,000
5349 Renaissance Ave	4	2.5	\$1,007,500

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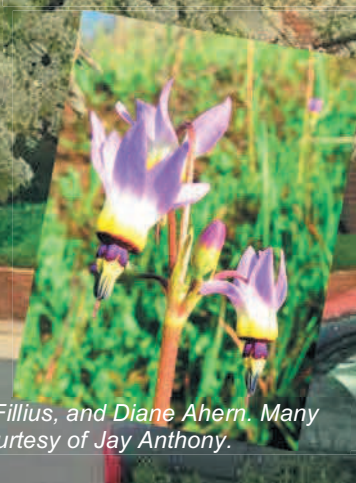


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