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Congrats to Girls Water Polo Team

by Diane Ahern

Our very own University City Centurions competed for the girls water polo championship at La Jolla High School last week. After a winning season (19-8), the lady Centurions took home the Second Place crown in a hard fought match with Canyon Crest Academy. UCCA congratulates the team for their winning season. And we're excited to see that they are wearing the warmup jackets that we helped purchase with a donation to the Centurion Foundation for the water sports teams at UCHS. Go Centurions!



TAKING CLEANUP IN TO HIS OWN HANDS

University City resident Rudy Molina decided to take cleanup on the median on Genesee Avenue into his own hands, as he has lately been seen out there with his shovel and truck taking overgrown weeds to the dump. He plans to continue the cleanups on the weekends whenever possible. Molina is not the only UC resident to help clean up UC streets. Vince Reardon created the group People for a Clean UC to help clean up the community. The group meets the second Sunday of each month at 7:30am in front of the Starbucks in the Sprouts shopping center on Governor Drive. Supplies are provided, so lend a hand and help with the community clean ups.

REGENTS ROAD BRIDGE/GENESEE WIDENING IS OUT

Last month, the presiding judge ruled in favor of the City having the right to remove Regents Road Bridge and the Genesee Widening proposals from the current University City Community Plan.

UC Celebration Committee

Wednesday, March 7, 6:30pm
Standley Park Rec Center

Daylight Savings Starts

Sunday, March 11, 2:00am
("spring forward" clocks one hour)

People for a Clean UC

Sunday, March 11, 7:30-9:00am
Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Dr. Supplies provided.

UC Planning Group

Tuesday, March 13, 6:00pm
10300 Campus Point Drive
(New Location)
*Election Meeting

UCCA Meeting

Wednesday, March 14, 6:00pm
UC Library

St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 17

UC Cluster Committee Meeting

Monday, March 19, 4:30pm
UCHS Media Center

First Day of Spring

Tuesday, March 20

Standley Recreation Council

Thursday, March 22, 7:00pm

Spring Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24, 10:00am
Standley Park

Spring Break (SDUSD)

March 26-30

Doyle Recreation Council

Tuesday, March 27, 6:30pm

Good Friday/Passover

Friday, March 30
Passover begins at sundown

Cesar Chavez Day

Saturday, March 31

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

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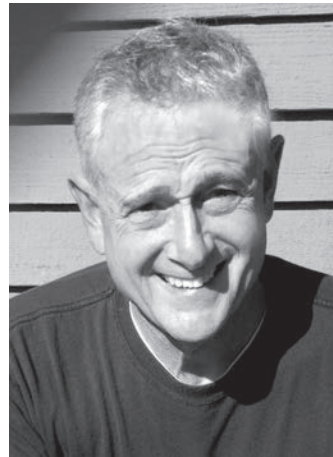
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UCCA President Barry Bernstein

It will soon be officially Spring (don't forget to change your clocks on March 11), and our February rainfall total was dismal! Let's hope we catch up on the rain totals this month and manage to get those summer veggies planted.

Weren't the winter Olympics fantastic, what great athletes! "March Madness"

will begin with the 2018 NCAA Basketball Championship to be determined in early April. Our Padres will be starting their regular season schedule in the last few days in March...with a couple of new, HIGHLY PAID, players to bolster their chances. Passover and Good Friday are on March 30 this year...some children will be looking for the afikomen, while others are waiting for the annual Easter Egg hunt at Standley Park on March 24.

Plans/drawings for the Costa Verde Mall renovation will be discussed at the UCPG meeting on Tuesday, March 13, ...that's also the night of their elections for our local representatives. (See candidate's profiles on page 3.) On Wednesday, Costa Verde Mall representatives will be at our UCCA meeting...so you have two opportunities to be informed and to provide your input as to their current plans.

Pure Water's Genesee Ave. Sewer Line Update: On March 6, Pure Water project will have submitted their final EIR to the City...their spokespeople will be at the Tuesday, March 13th UCPG meeting. We, UCCA and UCPG, have requested a different sewer line route that would not impact our already congested Genesee Ave. (It would take up one lane on the west side of Genesee from Clairemont Mesa Blvd north to Nobel, where it then heads east to Town Center Drive.)

As noted on our front page, the Regent's Rd. Bridge and Genesee Widening options, have been removed from our Community Plan. Plans for a new University City Community Plan will begin this calendar year and there will a number of public meetings held. The dates and locations for these meetings will be announced later this Spring.

If you missed the February "Senior Scam Seminar", UCCA and our community library will be hosting a second session provided by CA Assemblyman Todd Gloria's office at our library on March 16. After much discussion, the recycle bins in front of Swanson Pool, will be removed! Thank you to Standley Park Rec. Council for your support, and to the Park and Rec. administrative staff for making this happen.

Have a most wonderful month of March...and thank you again to those who have joined/renewed their 2018 UCCA membership. Remember, University City is "more than just a neighborhood"

~ Barry

(Have you noticed our new Spring California Poppies street banners?)



UCCA Meeting Synopsis

February 14

by Deanna Ratnikova, UCCA Secretary

- Battalion Chief David Connor of San Diego Fire/Rescue and Officer Brandon Broadus of San Diego Police Department both addressed the recent shooting in Florida. Other safety topics included rattlesnakes, fire, and car break-ins.
- Javier Gomez, Todd Gloria's representative, announced that there are two free "Senior Scam Seminars" scheduled. One on February 23 at the JCC and one on March 16 at the University Community Library. Assemblymember Gloria is accepting nominations for the 78th Assembly District Women of the Year Awards.
- Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative, announced that the traffic light project at Lakewood and Governor Drive was submitted as a Capital Improvement Project priority.
- Dr. Robert Brown, the UCSD Community Liaison to UCCA, provided a construction update on several projects.
- Andy Wiese from UCPG spoke on the potential sale of properties in University City. He announced that UCPG recommended at its January meeting that the parcels be removed from sale, and the parcel in South UC has been removed from sale as announced at the February UCPG meeting.
- UCCA received two funding requests: UCHS Music Boosters and UC Little League.
- Jelita Mayville, Senior Property Manager at University Square (Governor Dr. & Genesee Ave.), announced that there will be weekly live music events at the shopping center in May, June and July.
- The full minutes will be posted on the UCCA website once they are approved (universitycitynews.org).

Costa Verde Renovation Plans and "Pure Water" Sewer Line

by Barry Bernstein

1. UCPG - On Tuesday, March 13, representatives from Costa Verde will be discussing their latest renovation plans. The meeting starts at 6:00pm at 10300 Campus Point Drive, above Green Acres Restaurant.

*There will also be representatives from the City's Water Dept. (Pure Water project) to review plans/EIR for a new sewer line.

2. UCCA - On Wednesday, March 14, representatives from Costa Verde will be discussing their latest renovation plans. Also, the Pure Water project will be discussed as it relates to its planned impact on Genesee traffic/noise/pollution and its effect on residents, schools, and businesses. The meeting starts at 6:00pm at the UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive (next to Carl's Jr.).

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR UCPG RESIDENT 1B

There is one contested position for the University City Planning Group for the Resident 1B position. Candidates are incumbent Andrew Wiese and challenger Katie Rodolico.

Andrew Wiese

A UC resident since 2007, I am a professor and chair of the History Department at SDSU, where I write and teach about the history of urban development, planning, and politics in the U.S. My son, Lucas, is an 8th grader and band member at Standley Middle. As a father, dog owner, soccer coach and player, reader, walker, and birder, I use the parks and public facilities of UC every day. As a member of the UCPG since 2012, I have focused special attention on the protection of our parks and open spaces, on fire safety, improved transportation, and preserving our quality of life for the next generation through smart growth choices.



I am proud of my work on subcommittees reviewing the new North UC Fire Station 50 (set to break ground this year), and the community plan amendment to remove the damaging Genesee widening AND Regents Road bridge from our community plan. I believe that the hallmark of good planning is balance, and I see my role as a representative to listen carefully, to communicate respectfully, to advocate forcefully, to pay attention to details, and to seek solutions that can work for the greatest benefit. In my two terms on the UCPG board, I have learned a lot about our city planning process "that they don't teach in school," and I want to use that experience to the advantage of UC if I am elected to a third term.

Katie Rodolico

I grew up in University City and attended Curie Elementary as a child. I am active in the community: attending UCPG and am a member of UCCA; I am an active participant in the UCPG Pure Water subcommittee; I have coached and mentored robotics teams; and cheered my kids at UC games. I worked as an engineer for Motorola for 20 years and am a problem solver. I'm an environmentalist and member of Sierra Club. I'm a wife, and mom to two teenagers.



I'm very concerned about the development that has been approved, and is in the approval process. The impacts on our neighborhoods need to be considered. We need to find a balance between economic growth and gridlock.

I am in favor of merging the development impact fees between North and South University City, using the funds for parks, median beautification, traffic calming measures along Governor and a Fire Station in South University City.



TRI-N-HARDER-4-KIDS Indoor Triathlon

by Barbara Gellman

On Saturday, January 20 from 8:00-11:00am, some hearty Northern Division Officers met at the Lawrence Family JCC to raise funds for STAR/PAL youth programs and the SDPOA Law Enforcement Memorial Fund in memory of Officer Jeremy Henwood. This has become an annual fundraising event that is open to individuals or as part of a 3-person relay team from other divisions or departments within SDPD.

Swim Team (10-min.): Officer Larry Hesselgesser, Acting Detective Katie Koehne, and Officer Angela Johnson
Stationary Bike Ride Team (20 min.): Officer Eric Wiseman, Officer David Burns, and Officer Moriah Maraschiello
Treadmill Run Team (15 min.): Lt. Steve Waldheim, Officer David Yellin, and Officer Jacob Vasinda

A note from Captain Tina Williams: "Congratulations to Northern Division for winning the 2018 TRI-N-HARDER-4-KIDS Indoor Triathlon's San Diego Police Department Chief's Challenge Trophy! This trophy is awarded to the SDPD division that fundraised the most money. Northern Division comes out on top with \$480. Thank-you for all your generous donations which made it possible for Northern Division to retain the trophy for another year."



The Big Spring Cleanup, Inside and Out

by UCCA's Beautification Committee

Spring cleaning is not just for the inside of your home, it extends to the outside too! Doesn't it feel good to freshen up, to get rid of unnecessary items, and reorganize? This year, why not step outside your home and really look at it as an extension of your indoor space. Ask yourself, how can I make my property look better?

Minor improvements such as weeding, trimming, removing debris, dead trees and shrubs, putting trash cans away, repairing broken fences, removing furniture, storage units could make a big difference. Grab a shovel, rake, clippers, trash bags and a buddy. Let's work together as neighbors to maintain the beauty of our community, our University City.

Governor Drive Safety and Transformation

by Mark Salata

Governor Drive has two large public parks, three schools, two shopping areas, and multiple houses of worship. Pedestrians find motorists driving dangerously above the speed limit of 35 mph (near schools it's a 25mph speed limit when children are present). There are several intersections which pedestrians have had multiple near hits and there was even a death of a cyclist.

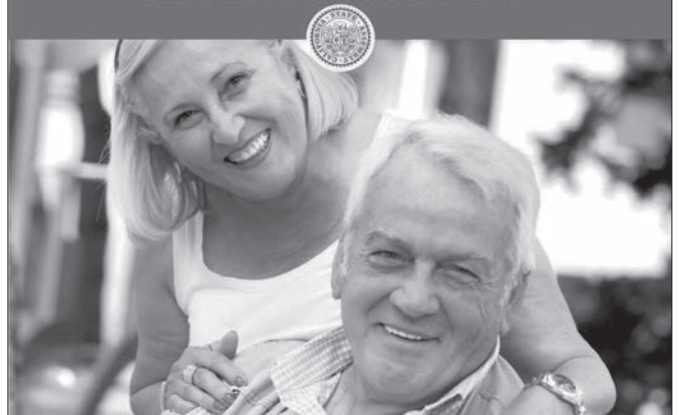
I had small group gatherings at my home to discuss safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists along Governor Drive. We discussed a variety of ways to calm traffic, encourage cyclists to use the road instead of the sidewalks, improve emergency vehicle times, and even improve all home values within South UC. A similar successful project was done for La Jolla Boulevard in Bird Rock. Among several changes, lanes were reduced from five to two and mini-roundabouts were put in appropriate intersections.

The results: speeds were reduced from 40-45mph to 20mph; traffic crashes fell by 90 percent; noise levels dropped 77 percent; and motorists no longer waited 24 seconds for pedestrians to cross, they waited only 3 seconds, if at all - due to safe islands for pedestrians. Interestingly, the traffic count is about the same, but it takes less time for motorists to travel.

Of course, the specific solution for Governor Drive won't be exactly the same, but there are ample opportunities for improvements. If you would like to be part of conversation and improvements, then contact: marksalata@gmail.com.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A FREE SENIOR SCAM STOPPER SEMINAR

Hosted by Assemblymember Todd Gloria
& the Contractors State License Board



Friday, March 16, 2018 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
University City Community Library
4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122

For more information or to RSVP contact the office of Assemblymember Todd Gloria at 619.645.3090



Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry

Public Utilities Department Billing Audit & Policy Change to Maintain Water Service

Our office has been receiving complaints from District 1 residents regarding abnormally high water bills. Our team has been meeting with constituents and connecting them with the Public Utilities Department (PUD) to have their individual situations investigated. Based on conversations with my Council colleagues and recent news reports, it is clear this issue is having an impact citywide.

In order to ensure the water bills San Diegans are receiving are accurate and precise, I have asked our City Auditor, Eduardo Luna, to conduct a comprehensive audit of the PUD's data acquisitions and billing procedures. I am grateful that Mr. Luna has agreed to expand the scope of an already scheduled FY 2018 audit of the PUD's Customer Support Division to include this additional review, and I look forward to seeing the results of this audit. The Mayor has announced his support for this audit and is seeking to expedite the process so that ratepayers will get answers faster about the reasons for these dramatic increases.

In addition, I have requested that the PUD not require full payment if the account holder is contesting the amount of their bill until the department completes its investigation and provides a response. At that time, the customer should be given a minimum of 30 days to pay or make arrangements for payment. If the customer still believes the billing is inaccurate, they should be allowed to delay full payment until the City Auditor has completed their report. During this time, residents who are challenging their bills should pay an amount based on their average usage or the usage reported for that particular billing cycle during the previous year. We must ensure that San Diegans retain access to water during this investigation.

I am pleased that the PUD has adopted our proposals to protect ratepayers' water service and will work with those who are contesting their bills on appropriate payments until the audit is complete.

My office will continue to be a resource to residents who are challenging their bills as we await the results from the City Auditor. Please contact Ray Khan from my office if you need assistance with your claim: khanr@sandiego.gov; 619.236.6611.

I rely on your thoughts and feedback to set the priorities for our office. I encourage you to reach out to your UC Council Representative, Bridger Langfur, to share your concerns and ideas for making UC a better place to live, work, and play: blangfur@sandiego.gov; 619.236.6611.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Pates, long time University City resident, UCCA member, and wife of Hugh Pates, a past UCCA president, recently passed away due to a long-term illness. A Memorial service was held last month at Our Mother of Confidence Church.

Congressman Scott Peters

In February, I helped pass the Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act of 2018, to ensure program beneficiaries are not being taken advantage of, nor that they are targets of scams. The Social Security Administration's Representative Payee Program assists approximately eight million Social Security beneficiaries with financial management of their Social Security benefits. The bill I helped pass will improve this program by increasing oversight and protections for beneficiaries, reducing reporting requirements that can be burdensome for caretakers, and preventing individuals with certain criminal convictions from serving as representative payees.

Since coming to Congress, I have hosted dozens of Senior Scam Seminars to give San Diego seniors and their loved ones the tools they need to identify when someone is trying to take advantage of them. Taking advantage of people who need assistance with their federal benefits is a terrible crime that targets some of the most vulnerable Americans. Many seniors and disabled beneficiaries need help managing their finances and rely on their family, friends, or caregivers to manage their benefits for them. This bill will help make sure that individuals who offer to help Social Security beneficiaries with financial management are doing just that – helping them, not stealing from them. Social Security benefits are earned and paid into over a lifetime of hard work, and I'm glad Congress took bipartisan action to safeguard this benefit.

John Lee Evans, SDUSD Board Trustee

San Diego Unified needs a \$59 million increase for next year to maintain status quo (due increased pension and healthcare and other costs), but the Governor has only proposed a \$25 million increase. We already calculated that we would need \$350 million more to provide all of the teachers, counselors and nurses to meet the public's expectations for our schools. But what are we getting with the \$1.3 billion that we already have?

- Some of the smallest class sizes in the state
- A broad and challenging curriculum at all schools
- Advanced learning including AP and community college courses
- Rigorous requirements for a meaningful diploma
- Highest graduation rate for urban districts in California
- Narrowing of the achievement gap
- Pathway programs for specific career fields
- Scholarship level athletic programs for a variety of sports
- Junior ROTC for high school students
- All students learning a world language
- Special assistance to 27,000 English Language Learners
- Individualized Education Plans for 27,000 Special Education students
- Nationally recognized technology program for personalized learning and collaboration
- Nutritional lunch for all students regardless of ability to pay
- Professional development for staff
- Arts and music in every school
- Maintenance of almost 200 district facilities
- Character education, conflict resolution and restorative justice programs

This list is just a start. We are doing so much more. What have we left off the list? We will continue our work to create Quality Schools in Every Neighborhood under Vision 2020.



Holiday closings in March
 Friday/Saturday, March 30/31, in observance of Cesar Chavez's birthday;
 Book drops remain open at all Libraries on holidays.

University Community Branch March Highlights | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655 | sandiego.gov/public-library

Senior Scam Stopper, a free seminar hosted by Assemblymember Todd Gloria and the Contractors State License Board. For more information or to RSVP contact the office of Assemblymember Todd Gloria at (619)645-3090. Friday, March 16 @ 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Programming for Adults

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 1 @ 1:30 p.m.
Concert: Finnegan Blue - This group strives to capture the essence of folk/Irish/rock music by performing high energy original music by sibling duo Anna Lee and Willie Fleming. Songs such as "Rye Whiskey", "Come Follow Me" and "San Francisco" are crowd favorites that are upbeat and engage the audience. Wed, 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 9 @ 10:00 a.m. & Noon.
Accordion Club meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. All are welcome! Saturday, March 10 & 24 @ 9:30 - 12:30 p.m.
University City Community Association (UCCA) - This is a community meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and other community leaders. All are welcome. Wednesday, March 14 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Women Artists - Julia Pfister, MFA, looks at the work of well-known and less-recognized female artists. She discusses traditional oil paintings and sculpture as well as textile art such as embroidery and quilting. Thursday, March 15 @ 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

UC Book Club will be discussing Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian. Wednesday, March 28 @ 2:00 p.m.

Programming for Children

Preschool Storytime for Kids; stories, crafts, finger plays and songs. Every Thursday @ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Makerspace Craft Station available in the Children's Area with a different craft each week. All week long (Monday - Saturday).
Live! Homework Help - A volunteer will be at the library to help with homework. Available till May 4, 2017. Tuesday @ 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Magician Amazing Dana and his laugh-out-loud magic show. Wednesday, March 21 @ 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Programming for Tweens/Teens

Video Game Fridays, Wii gaming with your friends, Get your game on! Every Friday @ 3:00 p.m.
Girls Who Code Club - These are programs for 6th to 12th grade girls to explore coding in a fun and friendly way. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Tuesday, March 6, 13 & 27 @ 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Teen Tech Week - Build **LED lights** using a small battery and different color LED lights. Wednesday, March 7 @ 2:00 p.m.
LEGO Club - Come build anything you can image with LEGO. Wednesday, March 14 @ 2:00 p.m.
ThoughtSTEM is back again with more coding for kids. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Tuesday, March 20 @ 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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

AARP Tax Preparation, Thursdays through April 12
 Free income tax preparation service provided by AARP. Walk-in only. Bring 2017 all tax-related documents and a copy of 2016 tax return.

Events for Adults/Seniors

Chess Club, Mondays at 3:00 p.m. Casual public chess meet open to all ages and skill levels.
Knitters' Circle, Thursday, March 1 & 15 at 1:00 p.m. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.
Fiction Fanatics Book Club, Saturday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m. Title to be discussed is *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes.
Guided Meditation, Sunday, March 11 & 25 at 12:30 p.m. 20 minute guided meditation followed by tea.
Page Turners Book Club, Wednesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. Title to be discussed is *Genius of Birds* by Jennifer Ackerman.
A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults, Sunday, March 18 at 1:00 p.m. Each class will utilize a different art technique to inspire the creation of unique pieces. Participants are asked to bring a small sketchbook to class; all other supplies provided.
Cinema Café, Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. Please call the library for the month's selected feature.

Events for Children/Families

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

Music and Movement, Mondays at 11:00 a.m. at the Nobel Recreation Center. Sing, Dance and Play! Children enjoy songs and movement activities that build motor skills and increase independence.
LEGO Club, Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. Make new friends and build amazing creations every week. Recommended for grades K-6.
Kids' Art Studio
 Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. A fun art project every week! No registration required. Recommended for grades K-6.
Preschool Storytime, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Stories and songs in English promote early literacy skills.
Fun with French, Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. Explore the French language through song in this bilingual program.
Chinese Storytime, Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Nancy sings, dances, and reads books in Chinese and English.
Sign Language Storytime, Thursday, March 8 at 12 noon. Baby Sign Language Basics author, Monta Z. Briant puts on a super-fun sign language performance for babies through preschoolers.
Yoga Storytime, Monday, March 12 & 26 at 10:30 a.m. Stretch both your body and your mind in this unique program that combines stories, songs and simple yoga poses. Please bring your own mat.
STEAM2 Academy, Tuesday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m. The subject for March is Botany.
Tiny Tots PJ Storytime, Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. A fun evening storytime with music.
Spring into STEAM: Discover the Cosmos, Saturday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. Students will learn fascinating facts, including how much they would weigh if they lived on Jupiter and what causes craters on neighboring planets. Space limited; registration required.

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.**

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO AT YOUR LIBRARY

besides check out a book

by Melissa Martin, UC Library Branch Manager

1. Read the newspaper/check out a magazine
2. Attend a concert
3. Check out a DVD in another language (Korean, French, German, Hindi, etc.)
4. Take your children or grandchildren to story time
5. Check out an ebook or eaudiobook on your Kindle Fire, iPad or iPhone
6. Log onto a computer and print out a resume
7. Take a computer coding class (Girls Who Code)
8. Donate gently used books (and get a tax receipt)
9. Listen to a talk about: tidepools, whales, artists, architecture (new talks every month)
10. Take a monthly jewelry class (make earrings, bracelets, necklaces)
11. BONUS POINTS: Attend a community meeting (UCCA!) and much, much more!!

Spreckels Sip & Bid

Spreckels Elementary School PTA will be hosting their annual Parent Party on Saturday, March 10, from 6:00-10:00pm at Bay City Brewing Co., 3760 Hancock Street. Plan for a fun night of sipping beverages and bidding on the silent auction. There will be a raffle, teacher auction, and food trucks. Tickets are \$30 a person, \$50 for two, or \$70 for a Fun Pack that includes two admissions and five raffle tickets. Each admission includes one concession ticket, excluding food. Childcare will be available through Metro Dance where the kids will have their own party with games, pizza, and a dance party, cost is \$25 per child. For more info and to buy tickets, go to www.spreckelscommunityuc.com.

5th Annual Curie Parent Party

Get connected with our Curie Community while raising funds for PTA sponsored programs. The 5th Annual Curie Parent Party will be on Saturday, March 17, from 5:30-10:00pm, at the Karl Strauss Tasting Room & Beer Garden, 5985 Santa Fe Street. There will be a Taco Bar, DJ, and Live Auction. The event is casual attire, and expect to have lots of fun. Cost is \$30 per person (adults only), which includes one drink (beer/wine). Go to www.curiepta.org for info and tickets.



The UCHS PTSA 2018 Senior Grad Party Committee is busy planning this year's event for the graduating seniors the evening of graduation. This year we will be celebrating the 28th year of the Senior Grad

Party (formerly known as Grad Nite), a safe, sober and supervised all-night event for our graduating seniors, which has been a tradition since 1991. This wonderful evening is always enhanced by support from the community around us, as well as our local businesses and merchants. The Prize Committee is in need of cash, gift cards/certificates for services or products in any amount. Go to www.uchsptsa.org to make a monetary donation, or contact Prize Chair Michele Hagstrom, at hags4@yahoo.com to make a prize donation or for more information.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER to benefit Grad Party will be held on Friday, March 23, starting at 6:00pm. The event will be at Fast Times, 3065 Clairemont Drive. \$20 includes a tri-tip dinner. At 7:00pm, live music starts with 502 Blues Project, featuring UCHS parents. Go to UCHSPTSa.org for more info.



EDUCATE! GRANTED \$20,000 TO UC TEACHERS IN FALL 2017

The mission of EdUCate! is to provide supplemental resources to University City public schools. A cornerstone of this funding is the EdUCate! Teacher Grant program as it provides additional assistance directly to the heart of our schools...the classrooms! We are pleased to announce another successful round of funding. This year, through our fall grants, \$20,000 in grant monies was distributed directly to 28 teachers in all five UC public schools for their classrooms this school year.

The Teacher Grant committee carefully considers and scores all grant applications on the basis of several factors including the number of students the grant will impact, its educational value, the longevity of the project, its practicality, innovation, collaboration and cost effectiveness. This program directly impacts our children, schools and community so please consider supporting these grants with a tax-deductible donation at uc-educate.org!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UCHS SENIORS

The Sonnenberg Business Scholarship - The Sonnenberg family and Sonnenberg CPA firm offer two \$2,000 scholarships to UCHS seniors. Under the stewardship of EdUCate!, the scholarship offers assistance to UCHS seniors pursuing a business-related career at a 2 or 4-year college. The Sonnenbergs recognize candidates having a GPA of 3.0 or higher that have shown a combination of achievement that includes outstanding citizenship, volunteerism, school involvement, athletics and/or financial need.

The Thalia Murray Scholarship - Bruce and Kevin Murray, sons of Thalia Murray, and Elizabeth Murray, in partnership with EdUCate! established an annual \$2,000 scholarship in her memory that's been awarded since 2005 to an eligible UCHS senior. Thalia Murray received a scholarship that enabled her to attend Radcliffe, a high-quality, 4-year college from which she graduated. This opportunity dramatically increased her options in life. Mrs. Murray taught in the San Diego Unified School District for 17 years, including 16 years at Marcy Elementary in U.C. (Pictured is the 2017 Thalia Murray recipient Veronica "Nikky" Berta who is currently attending UCSD.)



The EdUCate! Volunteer Scholarship - This \$500 scholarship is offered by the Board of Directors of EdUCate! to recognize two UCHS students for the spirit and practice of volunteerism in our community.

Applications are available at the UCHS Counselors office or at www.uc-educate.org/scholarships and are due by April 6, 2:30pm.

Buy Local Business Briefs

Three Ways UCCA can Help Support Local Businesses

by Diane Ahern

Advertise in our print newsletter: The newsletter, published by UCCA, is hand delivered to homes in south University City, posted online, and available throughout University City at the public libraries and recreation centers. Print circulation is 6,000 copies per issue, 10 times per year.

Participate in our Buy Local program: Buy Local with UCCA connects your business to the UCCA community member, providing the support you need for success. Register your special offer for UCCA members with UCCA and it will be listed on the UCCA website and promoted in the UCCA newsletter. Each business is limited to one offer at a time.

Sponsor online content: Write and submit an article to be posted on UCCA's website that features the unique services and/or products your business offers. This is an online paid advertising program; articles may also be featured in the print newsletter. For more information about Advertising, Buy Local, and Sponsored Content, visit UCCA's website at www.UniversityCityNews.org.



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AlphaGraphics is conveniently located in the UC Marketplace on Governor Drive. Contact them at us727@alphagraphics.com or 858.260.3000 to set up a free consultation.



UCUC Blood Drive

On Saturday, March 10, there will be a UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile Blood Drive at the Sprouts/Starbucks Marketplace on Governor Drive from 8:00am - 1:30pm. You'll find the Bloodmobile in the center of the parking lot. You can sign up at: www.mysdbb.org. Spontaneous Blood Donors and Blood Buddies are also welcome and I recommend that you pop in between 10:00am and 1:00pm as that's the general slow time with the fewest reservations. Also, the Bloodmobile door shuts at exactly 1:30pm, so you have to begin the process before then.

The next UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Blood Drives at the Sprouts/Starbucks Marketplace will be on Saturdays May 12, July 14, September 15, and November 10. THANK YOU, UC! Always give 100%, except when giving blood. Thanks, enjoy, and all the best, Ray the Bloodman

UC CARS & COFFEE TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETUPS

The highly successful UC Cars & Coffee meetups will become a monthly fixture in the Sprouts Marketplace, on Governor Drive. They will be on the 4th Saturday of each month, from 8:00-10:00am. This month UC Cars & Coffee will be on March 24. Look for the cars in front of Round Table Pizza. Bring friends and family to not only view cars, but show your own rare and classic car(s). Started by Mike O'Sullivan and David Wright, an expanded meetup will return to the 4th of July UC Celebration.



Spring Egg Hunt

Local Recreation Centers to host Spring Egg Hunts

Annual Spring Egg Hunt activities include egg hunt with goody bags, face painting, arts and crafts, inflatable jumpers, egg coloring, plus an appearance by the Spring Bunny!

- Doyle Recreation Center, 8175 Regents Road, 92122, Wednesday, March 21, from 12:30 - 2:30pm
- Nobel Recreation Center, 8810 Judicial Drive, 92122, Thursday, March 22, from 11:00am - 1:00pm
- Standley Recreation Center, 3585 Governor Drive, 92122, Saturday, March 24, from 10:00am - 12:00pm
Age brackets: 0-3 years, 4-6years, 7-10 years

Children will need to bring their own basket. For event details and more information, refer to the individual Recreation Center's Spring Program Guide or visit www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers.

SWANSON POOL CLOSURE

Swanson Pool will be reopened for regular community/swim team use beginning on April 2.



Pictured above is: Angie Weathers, President & 8U Assistant Coach, Amber Houston, Player Agent & 8U Manager, Jeremy Ray, 8U assistant coach and Kelly Arnold, 1st VP, 6U Manager & 8U Assistant Coach - attending USA Softball Coaches Clinic at Robb Athletic Field.

UC Del Sol Girls FastPitch Softball is In Full Swing

We started 2018 with the Annual Softball Clinic Day at UC High School. UCDS girls attended this softball skills clinic put on by current UC High Softball players. It's so much fun for the girls to see where recreational softball can take them, including learning from the young ladies at their local high school campus. We were happy to see both returning players as well as many new faces.

Our Opening Day was held on February 24, on our home fields located at Standley Middle School. After opening comments by our new President, Angie Weathers, we enjoyed the parade of teams, the banner contest, a yummy BBQ, the speed gun and let's not forget the raffle prizes – a fun day was had by all!

This season, many of our games will be held at these same Standley softball fields with a few interleague games scheduled at Peninsula, Terra Canyon, Coastal Bay and North Park. We have a one 6U team, oh how we love to see new faces of our littlest as they learn how to grip that really big ball and figure out which hand should wear the glove! In addition, we have three 8U teams and two teams each at both the 10U and 12U levels. Please remember, it's not too late to register, so if you know of someone who'd still like to join the league, go to www.ucdelsol.com.

UCDS is very happy to have five new board members this season – but we are always looking for more volunteers as it takes many hours of preparation to get the season up and running! We are pleased to welcome to the board: Angie Weathers – President, Kelly Arnold - 1st Vice President, Amber Houston - Player Agent, Theo Walton – Treasurer, and Nikkie DeWinter - Team Parent Coordinator. UC Del Sol would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to Tish Garcia, exiting Player Agent and Ted Iturriria, exiting President. They each put in countless hours on and off the field to keep UCDS running smoothly. It won't seem like a season without them, but the games must go on!



UC Little League Opening Day

is Saturday, March 3 at Standley Park. Join UCLL for a fun day with a team and player parade, announcements of the 2017 All Stars, games, food, equipment exchange and donations, and the T-ball otter pop run. Registration is still open for check www.ucll.org for info and to register.



Sights and Sounds Showcase

The 4th Annual Sights and Sounds Showcase will be held on Friday, April 13 starting at 6:00 pm. 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 retired Standley Middle School Music Director, Phillip Marcus, and his trio providing the reception music. The evening show will feature talented UCHS staff and students. Showcase will close with UCHS Music Director, Brandon Corenman, performing with the Latin jazz band "Rumba y Soul."

Prices are: \$35 Adult, \$30 Pre-sale Adult (before March 23), \$20 SDUSD staff, and \$13 Student (under 21). Please see our website at www.uchsmusic.com to order tickets. Sights and Sounds Showcase is hosted by the UCHS Music Boosters/Centurion Foundation and all proceeds benefit the outstanding UCHS Music Program. Come support our talented student musicians! (UCCA was an event sponsor last year.)

Metropolitan Opera Live Showing

The Free Community Event will be held on Sunday, March 11, starting at 1:00pm, and it will feature Nabucco streamed direct from the Metropolitan Opera Catalog of live performances. It tells the story of an aging king who descends into madness while his bloodthirsty daughter begins a reign of terror, leaving a defenseless populace to battle for freedom from their oppressors. A monumental opera that made Giuseppe Verdi a national hero, Nabucco boasts a bold score that goes straight to the heart, highlighted by the immortal chorus (Va, Pensiero) of the Hebrew slaves. The powerful tale is loosely based on the historical and biblical figure of Nebuchadnezzar, a mighty king whose madness is cured by divine intervention.

Verdi's thrilling early opera is ideally served by the masterful conducting of Music Director James Levine and Elijah Moshinsky's powerful production. All are welcome to attend. Bring a sack lunch and friends. The event is free of charge and is at Our Mother of Confidence Church, 3131 Governor Drive.

Key of She Concert

University City United Church will be hosting a concert by the women's ensemble, Key of She, on Saturday, April 28, starting at 7:00pm. Their program is entitled *Book of Hours: Songs of Women*, and will include a mix of classical, contemporary, jazz and traditional music speaking to the lives of women.

The concert, on will be held in the UCUC sanctuary, and will feature selections by Schubert, Lauridsen, Narverud, Ramsey, Moore and Morrison. Key of She is a San Diego based women's ensemble formed in 2016 with the goal of engaging audiences in notable performances blending genres and cultural influences. For more information, go to www.keyofshe.org.

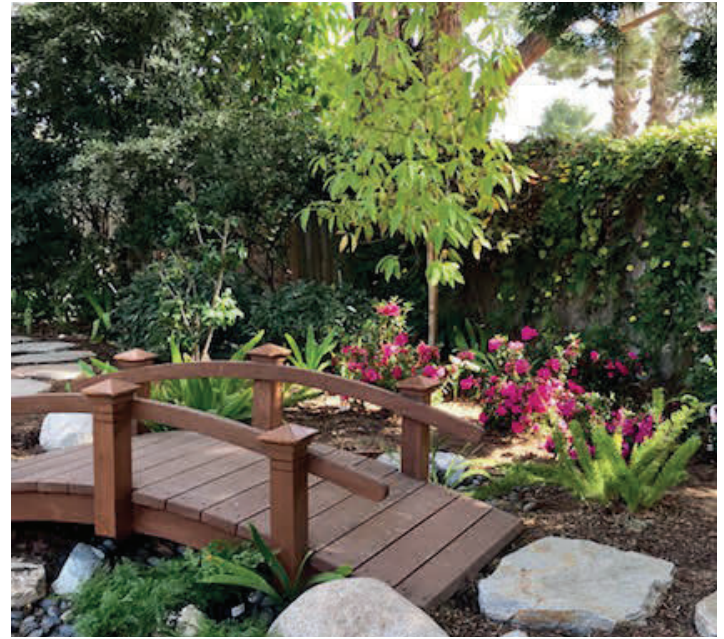


Look up, University City!

Check out the new Spring banners proudly displayed in UCCA's banner district of Governor Drive and cross streets Regents Road and Genesee Avenue. The new banners feature one sure sign of Spring –poppies in full bloom.

Many thanks go to County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar for her support; these new banners were funded with a grant to UCCA from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program provided for the design of attractive and uniform street banners to welcome visitors to University City.

Thanks also go to UCCA's Buy Local partners who made this project come to life: banner design by AlphaGraphics on Governor Drive; banner production by WikiTiki; and installation by The Décor Plan. A second set of new banners is scheduled for display in April.



UC Garden Club to Host March Meet-Up

by Ginger Steketee and Merle Langston

Come join the UC Garden Club on Sunday, March 18, from 2:00 - 4:00pm at the home of Mack and Merle Langston to experience an Asian style re-landscaped paradise in a woodsy Zen like setting complete with fountains, bridge, statues, bonsai, BBQ island, fire pit and pergola. As you wander through, you will see Azaleas, Camellias, Clivias and specimen trees, including the famous Alba tree from which the most expensive perfume in the world originates. Learn about the process required to create this outdoor living space while enjoying refreshments, a featured speaker and an informative tour of this beautifully done landscape upgrade. Contact the UC Garden Club at ucgardenclub@gmail.com for more info and exact location.



UC Artist Receives Prize for Printmaking

Congratulations to Julianne Ricksecker who was awarded the René Carcan International Public Prize for Printmaking at a reception this past February in Brussels, Belgium. The prize-winning art was selected by a public online vote. She received the highest total number of votes

for the four works she submitted to the exhibit. Ricksecker loves landscape and her inspiration comes from visits to national parks and southern California sites such as Torrey Pines State Park and the Anza Borrego Desert. The exhibit is available for viewing at award.renecarcan.be. Other works by Ms. Ricksecker are available for viewing at on her website at www.artbyjulianne.com.

Another Transformer Box by Stella Ting



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UC YOUTHS IN *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*

UC JCompany youth theatre actors pictured above: front - Rosie Shaughnessy, Miles Reinstein, Carolyn Sutton, back - Mikel Lemoine, Natan Lemoine, Camille Le Saux, and Rachael DeBaal help the Academy Award-winning film *Beauty and the Beast* come to life onstage in this romantic and beloved take on the classic fairytale. The J Company production is running at The Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive, from March 2 to 18. For show and ticket information, visit their website at: www.jcompanysd.org.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!!!

by Jemma Samala, certified cookie lover

Girl Scout Cookie season continues until March 11, and if you haven't already stocked up for the entire year (they stay fresh in the freezer), make sure to stop by Vons in South UC or North UC, or Bristol Farms in Costa Verde to get your fix. And in the age of digital shopping, you can also go to girlscouts.org and order online. If you know a local girl scout, you can order online through their digital cookie site, and they can deliver to you personally. And as if eating cookies themselves isn't a good enough reason to buy boxes and boxes, here's a couple recipes to whet your dessert appetite. If you need more recipes, go to girlscouts.org. And don't forget Operation Thin Mint – donate cookies to local community groups.

Please Pass Me Samoa Toffee



Created by: Teri Rasey

- 2 packages Samoas®
- 2 cups butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 dash salt

Pulse two packages of Samoas® cookies in a food processor until crumbled. Sprinkle one-third on a baking sheet lined with foil. In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook butter, sugar and salt, stirring frequently, until mixture reaches 300°. Remove; carefully pour over crumbled Samoas® cookies, spreading with a spatula to cover. Top with remaining crumbled Samoas® cookies, pressing down slightly. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. When cool, break into pieces. Yield: 10 servings. Prep/Total Time: 25 min.

Nutty Caramel Turtles

Created by: Michele Kusma

- 3 milk chocolate candy bars (1.55 oz. ea.)
- 12 caramels
- 60 pecan halves
- 12 Tagalongs®



Preheat oven to 250°. Break each chocolate bar into fourths. Place each piece 2 in. apart on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Top with one caramel. Bake 5-7 minutes or until caramel just starts to soften. Immediately press one pecan half on one side for head; press four pecan halves onto each corner for legs. Place one Tagalongs® cookie over the top of each candy, pressing down to secure. Let stand until set. Yield: 1 dozen. Prep: 10 min. Bake: 5 min. + standing.



Peppermint Chip Cheesecake

CRUST:

- 1 package (10 ounces) Thin Mints® Girl Scout Cookies, crushed
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted

FILLING:

- 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 5 teaspoons cornstarch
- 3-4 drops green food coloring, optional
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 egg yolk, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 teaspoons peppermint extract
- 1 1/4 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips

In a small bowl, combine cookie crumbs and butter. Press onto the bottom and 1 in. up the sides of a greased 9-in. springform pan. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar, and cornstarch until smooth. Add eggs and egg yolk; beat on low speed just until combined. Stir in the cream, extracts, and food coloring if desired. Fold in chocolate chips. Pour into crust. Place pan on a baking sheet. Bake at 325° for 50-60 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Carefully run a knife around edge of pan to loosen; cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate overnight. Refrigerate leftovers. Yield: 12 servings. Prep: 20 min.; Bake: 1 hour + chilling.

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THE UC PLANNING GROUP REPORT

Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1
FEBRUARY MEETING

Announcements: The 15-acre lot at Governor and Gullstrand owned by the City Water Department has been pulled from the sale list. We are still pursuing information on the north UC posted 45-acre area for sale. The Pure Water EIR deadline for comment is March 13; UCPG has already replied with an alternate route. The Costa Verde renovation sub-committee will prepare a UCPG response to the city for the next UCPG meeting. Illumina must take forward what the planning commission reviewed without UCPG and Illumina agreed upon changes. The City Council can allow changes by Illumina thru design guidelines which could reduce 10 to 7 stories as agreed upon.

Elections: Candidates for UCPG who are running for re-election uncontested with their district are Roger Cavanaugh (res. 3B), Caryl Lees Witte (bus. 1B), Rebecca Robinson (bus. 2B), Ross Caulum (bus. 3B); Andrew Wiese is being challenged by Katie Rodolico for the resident 1B seat, and two new candidates are also running Chris Nielson (res. 2A) and JoAnn Selleck (res. 2B). In March, we will appoint a partial term replacement for Donna Adonia (res. 3A) whose term expires in 2020. We will also have to reappoint Ryan Perry (bus. 3A). Voting will be at the March meeting.

SANDAG: Terry Martin gave an update on the mid-coast trolley progress and the Gilman bridge over freeway 5. He was asked to see if improvements could be made at the dangerous 52 entrance to 5 north where there is little room to merge; he will address this immediately. Councilperson Bry's representative brought up the complaints about the Gilman to campus traffic lane changes and the noise as the new sewer pipes are installed. The north end of Regents Road which exits to Genesee has been in progress for 14 months and should soon be completed. City Planning representative Dan Monroe referred questions for improving property to Mary Carlson, Real Estate Assets Dept.

UCSD: Robert Clossin, Director of Campus Planning, gave a presentation on the UCSD Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) and updates on near term projects. The university is increasing on campus housing to eventually house 65% of its students. Near term projects include the completion of the Ostler Parking structure (at the Gilman entrance) by August 2018, building the Voigt Parking structure (in the heart of the Engineering School, west of the library) by Fall 2019, and completing the Living/Learning Center on north campus by Fall 2020, which will house Sixth College. The site for the campus Fire Station has been mapped out at the corner of North Torrey Pines Road and Genesee. It was decided that the university will provide the money to the city to build; then the city becomes responsible for its planning and completion.

BioMed Realty gave an update of their demolition and construction of buildings previously approved. They had transferred 800 ADT's from another BioMed Realty property with an approved plan amendment. They will come to the April meeting to report on concerns raised, i.e., bird strikes from reflecting glass, lighting which might impinge on wildlife in canyon below, and the plant pallet for the landscape plan. Marcy Park: An information item on the new improvements to the park was presented by UCCF with nice plan pictures. There was also a request for funds for the park from the UC DIF (development impact fees.)

Costa Verde Retail Project: Regency, owner of the area, wants to build a 10-story 200-unit hotel, 120 apartments, and an additional 125,000 sq. ft. of retail space for a total of 303,000 sq. ft. of retail which will include Bristol Farms grocery, a drugstore, gym, offices and shops. The center will also keep the McDonalds and the gas station. Comments are due by March 19, but UCPG will ask for an extension. Various members of the sub-committee are researching noise and dust pollution during construction, greenhouse gases and air quality, lack of a park for housing, traffic ADT's and circulation (mitigation on Costa Verde Blvd.), and parking, to report at the next sub-committee meeting. John Murphy has been invited to present at the next UCPG meeting so the community can see the plans.

NEXT MEETING: March 13 at the 10300 Campus Point Drive above Green Acres Restaurant and voting for UCPG seats will be outside from 5:00-8:00pm. The agenda will include the expansion of Costa Verde, Pure Water Plan, and cell towers.

Shift Program Construction Update

For the next several years, University City and La Jolla residents, businesses and commuters will continue to be impacted by the major public, private and transportation infrastructure projects underway in the area. The Shift program has construction information and transportation resources in one place to assist the residents, businesses and commuters who are and will be impacted by the nearly 50 projects underway or planned for the area.

We're excited to share updates in this column on some of the major projects in your neighborhood that will bring access to new community amenities and resources.

Regents Road, City of San Diego project: Paving along Regents Road was completed in late February and traffic is now directed to navigate the fully expanded lanes. SDG&E is expected to conduct additional storm water improvements through March 2018 to the east of Regents Road that should not impact the north and southbound lanes. Final paving of the intersection at Regents Road and Executive Drive is anticipated in May 2018.

I-5/Genesee Interchange, SANDAG/Caltrans project: Crews are now constructing the raised concrete median that will separate the eastbound and westbound lanes on Genesee Avenue. Median construction should not impact traffic flow. The major installation of the falsework, the temporary framework structures used to support the structure during construction, for the pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Genesee Avenue is now completed. Concrete pours were anticipated to begin at the end of February. You can check the weekly closure list at shiftsandiego.com/improvements/Notices. Please feel free to sign up for I-5/Genesee Interchange Project updates at KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/transnet-contact. The project is expected to be completed June 2018. Once completed, the project will improve east-west connectivity and access to and from the freeway, and a new separated and protected bike facility linking the SRV Coaster Station to UC San Diego, Scripps Memorial Hospital and Westfield UTC.

Mid-Coast Trolley Construction Along Genesee Avenue (from Regents Road south to Nobel), SANDAG project: Drilling and column work for the section of the viaduct, the bridge structure that will carry the trolley, from La Jolla Village Drive to Regents Road on Genesee Avenue is underway and is expected to be completed in Spring 2018. Once completed, the construction team will bring in pre-cast tubs for further assembly of the viaduct. While this work takes place in the median, motorists are encouraged to follow signage indicating the appropriate speed in active construction zones. For info: KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoast

Mid-Coast Trolley Construction Along Interstate 5, SANDAG project: As of February 2018, construction crews continue viaduct construction from La Jolla Colony Drive to Voigt Drive. Drilling, column, and drainage construction work between La Jolla Colony Drive and Voigt Drive began February 20 and is focused within the media of Interstate 5, requiring some closures. This work requires heavy drilling machinery and will generate noise. Work hours for the drilling operation are Sunday through Thursday, from 9:00pm to 5:00am. Regular work hours are Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Traffic controls will remain in place 24 hours a day. For info: visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoast

Let us know what projects you most want to hear about by sending us an email at info@ShiftSanDiego.com or giving us a call at 1-844-SHIFT-SD. You can also sign up for email alerts about major construction information and see a map of all the ongoing projects at ShiftSanDiego.com

The Shift Team





Autonomous Vehicle Testing at MCAS Miramar

MCAS Miramar, as a part of the Marine Corps' Mobility Transformation effort, is exploring innovative options to make transportation smarter, cheaper, more accessible and more efficient. This initiative seeks to engage industry stakeholders, collect market research, execute and analyze demonstrations catered to installation characteristics, and share information to enable installations to create local solutions. MCAS Miramar is scheduled to host a number of projects that will showcase the installation's commitment to mobility transformation, energy security, resilience and innovation. A collaborative agreement facilitated by SSCPAC in San Diego initiated the first project. In this project MCAS Miramar will facilitate autonomous vehicle testing by industry stakeholders, to include Qualcomm Technologies.

Fight the Online Outlaws: Savvy Steps to Stay Cyber-Safe

by Garry Kachkovsky

Americans lose tens of billions of dollars each year to financial fraud. In the digital frontier, many crimes – including identity theft, tax fraud and elder abuse – are committed by online outlaws, making cybersecurity all the more important. As cybercrime becomes more prevalent, learn how to defend yourself with simple, everyday practices that can help protect your identity, your accounts and your devices.

Fighting Fraud: Familiarize yourself with common scams to help protect your assets and your identity. Often, identity thieves pretend to be someone they're not, whether they're claiming to be from a legitimate organization, acting as though they are in love or purporting to be someone you trust. The effort is an attempt to induce you to reveal personal information, such as passwords or credit card numbers. Crimes such as these fall under the umbrella of phishing, a popular fraudulent activity.

Prudent Prevention: By taking small steps toward a safer online presence, you and your loved ones will be less likely to experience a loss of personal information and privacy. For example, use complex and unique passwords that are different for each account; turn on two-step authentication for your accounts; and keep your electronics free from malware and viruses. Apply updates and patches on computers and mobile devices as soon as possible, and wipe computers and mobile devices of data before selling or disposing of them.

Post-Theft Protection: The Federal Trade Commission reports that 11.7 million people are victims of identity theft each year. Should your information be compromised, contact the Federal Trade Commission to report the issue or access the online complaint form; file a police report, and retain a copy as proof; contact your creditors' fraud departments, close affected accounts and notify credit card companies and banks in writing.

Talk to your financial advisor about these and other ways you can protect yourself and your accounts. Together, you can explore options like secure file sharing, fraud and consumer preference text alerts, and two-factor authentication.

Change your Clocks, Change your Batteries



Daylight saving time will begin at 2:00am on Sunday, March 11. It's time to spring forward and move your clocks ahead one hour. It's also a great time to

spring into action and change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. After all, only working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms can save lives.

Here's more ways you can spring into action:

- The Consumer Products Safety Commission recommends that smoke alarms be placed on every level of your home, outside sleeping areas and inside bedrooms.
- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms once a month to make sure they are working.

And, don't forget to have a fire escape plan and practice it with your family.



Updating the City's Utilities Undergrounding Implementation Plan

by Diane Ahern

There's good news and bad news in the proposed undergrounding plan. San Diego is accelerating how quickly it buries utility lines across the city, shrinking the size of projects to boost efficiency and creating more accurate schedules so neighborhoods know when to expect such work. That's the good news.

The bad news for University City is that we'll have to wait until 2020/2021 for undergrounding work to be completed in our area. That's according to the City's proposed five-year implementation plan for 2018-2022.

The Undergrounding Master Plan is a guiding document that outlines the scope of work and provides a prioritization sequence of projects for citywide strategic placement of electrical and communication utility lines underground. The proposed plan must be approved by City Council. More information is available on the City's website at www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE JOINED UCCA FOR 2018



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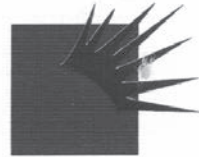


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