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## City of San Diego Dismisses Planning Group Concerns on Pure Water Pipeline

by Katie Nelson Rodolico, Member of the UCPG Pure Water EIR Subcommittee



The city has big plans for a water reclamation program known as Pure Water. The final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was recently released and City Council will be voting whether to approve the project on April 10. Phase One of this water reclamation project could produce 30 million gallons a day of potable water. It is hoped that when the entire project is complete, it would provide up to one third of San Diego's drinking water by 2035. Phase One of the project is scheduled to be complete in 2021 and cost \$1.2 billion. The entire project is expected to cost \$3 billion, of which \$2.3 billion would be provided by the EPA in low interest loans to the city of San Diego. This project serves two purposes: reducing dependency on imported water; and reducing the amount of solid waste being processed at the Point Loma Sewage treatment facility.

The Pure Water project consists of pump stations, pipelines, solid waste recovery, and the water reclamation facility. The water reclamation processing will take place at a facility just east of 805, between Miramar and Eastgate Mall. The Morena Pump station will be located just northeast of the I-8/I-5 interchange. (Article continues on page 3.)

Map shown above are of the Pure Water proposed alignment and alternative routes proposed by UCPG. The red Pure Water proposal will have a valve and water hammer condition at the top of every hill, including Governor and Genesee. In order to purge air in the sewer lines the valve will periodically and without warning emit a potentially noxious, toxic sewer stench at the intersection. Water hammer, which is a loud banging sound will also occur at every hill, some may assume that an earthquake is in progress. There are several of these hills with the red Pure Water proposal. The yellow SDGE alternate has very few hill conditions because it is a straight, deep, underground run. The yellow solution is the only one that encloses the sewage pipes within a larger pipe and has a built-in safety feature that contain sewage spills. Many consider yellow both the conservation and environmental choice.

### A CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL UNIVERSITY CITY

On April 10, the San Diego City Council is scheduled to hear the case for approving the City's Pure Water Project at 2:00pm (Council Chambers, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 202 "C" Street). UCCA, UCPG, and UCCF have all voiced opposition, not to the project itself, but to the sewer pipe alignment along Genesee Ave/Town Center Drive. Please read the article above, which continues on page 3, to see how YOU can show your support to have this project postponed until other pipeline location options are fully explored.

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### **MEMBERSHIP FORM PAGE 14**

Passover Observance

Begins Sunset Friday, March 30 Ends Nightfall, Saturday, April 7

> Easter Sunday Sunday, April 1

## UC Celebration Committee

Wednesday, April 4, 6:30pm Standley Park Rec Center

## People for a Clean UC

Sunday, April 8, 7:30-9:00am Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks 3202 Governor Dr. Supplies provided.

> UC Planning Group Tuesday, April 10, 6:00pm 10300 Campus Point Drive

## **UCCA Meeting**

Wednesday, April 11, 6:00pm UC Library

> Patriot's Day Monday, April 16

## **UC Cluster Committee Meeting**

Monday, April 16, 4:30pm Standley Middle School

> Tax Day (Taxes Due) Tuesday, April 17

> > Earth Day Sunday, April 22

Doyle Recreation Council Tuesday, April 24, 6:30pm

Standley Recreation Council Thursday, April 26, 7:00pm

> Arbor Day Friday, April 27

## UC Library 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Saturday, April 28, 1:00-3:00pm

## UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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- 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.
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- 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 May issue: APRIL 19, 2018

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the May issue is April 19, 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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## UCCA President Barry Bernstein

April is here! Holiday gatherings have brought many together to share time with their loved ones and to speak of a brighter future.

Our young people in San Diego and across our country have "marched" to demonstrate their concerns and hopes for a safer nation. The national political scene remains chaotic and divisive...with

little chance of that changing in the near future...And locally, Spring Break is over and our students are back to finish out the last few months of the schoolyear.

Congratulations to the UC High School's boys' division soccer champions. The JCC will once again be the location of the UC High School music department's "Sights and Sounds" production. This is a wonderful community event cosponsored by UCCA and Costa Verde's Regency Centers.

We can now hear the familiar, "play ball" resounding through the P.A. system at Petco Park, and at our local ball parks. Vegetable and flower gardens are being planted and awaiting the long sun filled days to warm the soil.

But not all is so wonderful in University City...**The "Call to Action" explained below deserves your attention.** 

A serious challenge faces us...the postponement of the City Water department's plan to trench/tunnel a huge underground sewer line right through University City along our one and only north / south thoroughfare...Genesee / Nobel / Town Center Dr. UCCA/UCPG/UCCF have reviewed the plan and joined forces to oppose the current pipeline alignment, (NOT the concept or need for the PURE WATER Project), based on the realization that the planned route could have a very deleterious impact on our environment and traffic management.

UC organizations are urging Councilperson Bry, other city council members, and the City Water officials to consider other feasible routes.

**Call to Action**: write, call, email Ms. Bry's office to share your opinion with her. Please see the front page map of the proposed pipeline and the accompanying article on page 1 and 3, which provides more detailed information, as well as what YOU can do to support this community "Call to Action".

If you have forgotten, a reminder to JOIN UCCA for 2018 is always important...as UCCA's efforts to maintain and improve the quality of life for all our families need your support.

Remember, University City is "more than just a neighborhood". Please plan to attend our April 11 meeting, starting at 6:00pm at the UC Library, for an update on the Sewer pipeline.

Thanks for your support. ~ Barry



by Deanna Ratnikova, UCCA Secretary

- Battalion Chief David Connor of San Diego Fire/Rescue reported that response time for the recent fire near Regents and Governor was 2 minutes and 40 seconds.
- Officer Brandon Broaddus of San Diego Police Department discussed the staffing changes at Northern Division.
- Erin Magee, Scott Peters' representative, announced legislative priorities and the 2018 Congressional Art Competition for high school students. More info is available at scottpeters.house.gov/artcompetition.
- Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative, announced that the 47-acre parcel in north UC that was under consideration for sale has been reserved for future mitigation projects. Councilmember Bry's office is partnering with I Love a Clean San Diego on a clean-up at Doyle Park in April.
- Boy Scout Troop 11 shared the news that their trailer and gear were stolen and invited community members to support their fundraising efforts to replace the stolen items.
- Representatives with Regency Centers presented on the Costa Verde Revitalization project. Stephanie Boudreau with Vi La Jolla asked attendees to express support for Alternative 2.
- Representatives from the San Diego Coalition of Town Councils shared their history and goals. They have invited UCCA to join the organization.
- Ruth DeSantis, the new president of University City Community Foundation, spoke of the priorities of the organization that is commonly known as "Improve UC".
- UCCA heard a funding request for the high school's Grad Night celebration and awarded grants to UCHS Music Boosters and UC Little League.

Information related to the proposed Sewer pipeline on Genesee was discussed. UCPG and UCCA are opposed to its current alignment and will be meeting with Councilmember Barbara Bry to seek her support.

## **Citywide Town Council Coalition**

At the March UCCA meeting representatives from the Clairemont Town Council, Eden Yaege and Lynn Haims, announced the formation of a Citywide Town Council coalition. The first order of business for this new group will be to focus on the major issue of "short-term vacation rentals."

Informing and influencing City Council members on key community/citywide issues is a key objective of this coalition. UCCA has been invited to join this coalition and will be discussing the implications of membership at our next meeting on April 11.

### Con't from page 1: Pure Water Project

The portion of the force mains that impacts us here in UC is the part that runs north from Clairemont along Genesee, then east on Nobel, and north on Town Center Drive. Most of the pipeline will be placed by trenching the roadways deep enough to place the 48" pipe and the 30" pipe 5-8' below the surface, and below existing utilities. The trench is expected to be 12-16 feet wide and will require lane closures during construction. Additionally, there will be tunnels bored to run the pipeline under San Clemente creek at the Genesee and 52 intersection, and under Rose Creek and the railroad tracks near Centurion Square, and another tunnel under I-805 from the end of Executive.

Of specific concern are the intersections of Genesee and Governor and the corner of Nobel and Genesee. Genesee and Governor is a critical intersection for South UC. Governor is the only East/West connector for emergency vehicles. There is also a high risk to encounter contaminated soil from leaking underground gas storage tanks. Three of the four gas stations at the intersection have active status for leaking underground storage tanks. If the trenching encounters contaminated soil, additional steps must be taken to handle this soil. The risk of contaminated dust being generated increases. This intersection is adjacent to Curie Elementary School, Regency Villas Senior community, All Saints Preschool, and Standley Middle School. Seniors and children could be at risk if contaminated soil is encountered. EPA processes would be triggered.

At Nobel and Genesee there are two residential communities on the south side of Nobel that have already had major impacts of construction from the trolley construction and Westfield renovation. The Westfield residential tower is currently under construction, impacting traffic, creating dust and making noise, and not be completed till late 2019/early 2020. If approved the proposed Costa Verde expansion is slated to start in 2019. The cumulative impact on the residents was minimized and misrepresented in the final EIR.

The construction along Genesee will be done at night between 9:00pm and 5:00am. It will be between 8:30am and 3:30pm on Towne Center between Nobel and La Jolla Village, and between 7:30am and 4:30pm on Nobel. Once the pipeline is under operation there is a risk of rupture or leak of the pressurized sewage. There is also the risk of noise due to 'water hammering' as the pressure changes when it goes up and down the canyons. And there is a risk of odor at the relief valves. One of the valves will be just north of Governor Drive.

The local planning group, UCPG, formed a subcommittee to review the draft EIR and submit a response. They submitted a letter produced by the subcommittee expressing concerns about construction impacts and whether it was appropriate to run this pipeline through a residential neighborhood and risk of sewage spill if the pipeline breaks or leaks. The city dismissed these concerns. The draft and final EIRs did not present alternative pipeline alignments and the Morena pipeline alignment was not presented to the public till the draft EIR proposed several alternative UCPG stage. pipeline alignments, including one that the city had studied prior to the draft EIR, which would run under the SDG&E high power lines. (See front page map.) The city rejected all alternatives in their final EIR.

The Morena Pipeline is scheduled to commence construction in April 2019 and last through October 2021. The Final EIR is at: www.sandiego.gov/water/purewater/purewatersd/reports



Preventing Mail Fraud by Diane Ahern

Assemblymember Todd Gloria (pictured speaking) sponsored a recent Senior Scam Stopper seminar at the UC Library. The speaker panel included representatives from the Bureau of Automotive Repair, the Contractors State License Board, the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Mail fraud is a scheme to get money or something of value from the victim by offering a product, service or investment opportunity that does not live up to its claims. Ricky Vida, from the Postal Service, advised residents to be suspicious of mail notifications of 'free' prizes and 'free' vacations, government look-alike mail, solicitation letters disguised as invoices or checks, unsolicited merchandise and reshipping offers, and fees charged for normally free services. If you believe you or a loved one has been victimized by a scam involving the U.S. Mail, report the incident to the United States Postal Service.

UCCA presented Mr. Gloria and his community representative, Javier Gomez, with an "I Love University City" T-shirt. Assemblyman Gloria had a surprise attendee at this UCCA/Library co-sponsored event...his grandmother, who like himself, was born in San Diego.

## THINK YOU HAVE BEEN SCAMMED?

If you are not sure about the correct process when hiring a contractor or there are problems contact:

Contractors State License Board @ www.cslb.ca.gov or call 800-321-2752

Learn to recognize fraudulent offers before they cause damages or if you are a victim:

U.S. Postal Inspection Service @

https://postalinspectors.gov or call 877-876-2455

Need help in resolving an IRS issue from a suspicious call or letter:

Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Advocate Service @www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov or call 619-744-7156

Had a bad experience with an auto repair:

Bureau of Automotive Repair @ www.bar.ca.gov or call 858-716-1025

Avoid unscrupulous or unqualified people who promote deceptive or unsafe services. Get license verification. Department of Consumer Affairs @ www.dca.ca.gov or call 800-952-5210

To investigate charities before giving: Charitynavigator.org



## Watts Up? Reduce Energy Use by Tanya Sawhney

You don't have to own a home to save money on your utility bills. We spend a huge sum of our earnings on energy. Water and electricity are important resources worth saving. Conserving these precious resources will not only save you money but will contribute towards reducing increasing water and electricity shortages.

#### Top 3 ways to lower your energy bill

#### Turn off those electronics

A quick and easy way to reduce your electricity bill is to turn off appliances at the power point when you're not using them. When things like computers and TVs switch into standby mode, they still use electricity, which can really add up over time. So, unplug chargers and power strips

#### Take advantage of sun energy

Something as simple as turning off your lights when not in use can reduce energy costs up to 40 percent. The sun's energy can be used for everything from heating your home to drying your clothes. Switch to the free source of light, rely on natural sunlight as opposed to additional artificial lights which increase costs.

### Control water usage

Bathrooms take up a huge percentage of water consumption at home. There are lots of ways to save water in the bathroom such as taking shorter showers, installing a water efficient showerhead, installing a dual flush on your toilet and turning off the tap when you brush your teeth

Whether you are a renter or a homeowner, you can lower your utility bills and save energy.

## FREE Smoke Alarms

by Barbara Gellman

The Burn Institute continues to offer Free Smoke Alarms, installed, to any senior 65+ who owns a home. Call 858-541-2277 to request your alarms. As another safety precaution, make sure your home address is readable from the street with house numbers on the house and the curb to help our police and fire/rescue officers.

## **Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry**

It has been a busy month at the City of San Diego. San Diego's new police chief, David Nisleit, was confirmed by the Council and he started the job on March 2. Chief Nisleit has been with the San Diego Police Department for three decades and he has served in the department's gang, robbery, narcotics, homicide, sex crimes, SWAT, internal affairs and special operations units. One of Chief Nisleit's priorities is to strengthen the department's community policing program and to bolster long-term connections with community members. This is especially important for University City which has one of the most active and well connected Neighborhood Watch programs. Your efforts of being the eyes and ears of University City will continue to be an asset to Chief Nisleit and his department.

Recently, my University City staff member Bridger Langfur (pictured riaht in center) assisted community members in a cleanup of brush and debris at Marcy Park. We were happy to assist in this project and I invite the community to participate in our District 1 clean-up on April 14<sup>th</sup> at



Doyle Community Park beginning at 8:30am. I always look forward to these events because I get to talk to community members who are so dedicated and who care so much about our district. I will see you on April 14<sup>th</sup> with a trash bag in hand!

March 8th was International Women's Day and I had the pleasure of speaking in the University City community at Pfizer. I shared my personal story of workplace equity, my journey as a single mother and what motivated me to run for public office. As the first high-tech entrepreneur on the City Council, I believe that it is my responsibility to use my platform to discuss the issues that matter most to the innovation economy and to women. I welcome your ideas on the ways that local government can better support the advancement of both causes.

March also marks Women's History Month. I was proud to stand alongside my female Council colleagues to recognize the many contributions that women have made. It has been inspiring to see the #MeToo movement bring together women and men from all over the world to stand up against sexual harassment in the workplace. The movement is also raising broader questions about workplace equity that impact women and men in every field and at every career level. I am working with Council President Cole and Councilmember Gomez and a diverse group of community leaders in creating the Workplace Equity Initiative to address sexual harassment and pay equity issues. The initiative's abbreviation is WE because we are all in this together and I look forward to making this an inclusive endeavor.

Please don't hesitate to contact my office with your thoughts and ideas of how I can better serve and represent you. My University City Council Representative Bridger Langfur can be reached at 619.236.6611 or blangfur@sandiego.gov.



## **Supervisor Kristin Gaspar**

It's not often you get to celebrate a new year twice in one year, much less two of them within six weeks. The first one was January 1, filled with lots of American traditions. But it was the second one on February 17, that was so unique and special for me. The Vietnamese-American Youth Alliance invited me to the opening ceremony of their annual San Diego Tết Festival at Mira Mesa Community Park. This ceremony is rich with ancient traditions where the village elders pay their respects to their ancestors with generous offerings and prav for a prosperous new year. I was so honored to be part of this beautiful cultural experience. I think it's important to pay tribute to our roots as it is a way of recognizing the sacrifices our ancestors made along the way. I have to admit, I'm a bit envious that my family doesn't celebrate the new year with a dancing lion. I may have to borrow the idea and start a new family tradition of our own.



# SD Public Library

## University Community Library Anniversary Party

Saturday, April 28 @ 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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

#### **Events for Adults**

**Classics Book Club** will be discussing Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman. Monday, April 2 @ 3:30 p.m.

**Concert: Jarabe Mexicano** - Performing on traditional mariachi instruments accompanied by lively percussion, Jarabe's arrangements feature stunning harmonized vocals in Spanish and English. Wednesday, April 4 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Qi Gong** (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body. These gentle exercises are suitable for any age and health condition. Friday, April 6, 20 & 27 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**University City Community Association** - This is a community meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and other community leaders. All are welcome. Wednesday, April 11 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Jewelry Making, take home something you made yourself! Make your own earrings and/or other pieces of jewelry with an experienced crafter. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Friday, April 13 @ 10:00 a.m. & Noon.

Accordion Club meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Saturday, April 14 & 28 @ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Meet the Neighbors** - Photographer Ed Sweed discusses the Witness2Resettlement project, which documents the lives of Syrian immigrants as they adjust to a new life in San Diego. Saturday, April 14 @ 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

**OASIS: Surf, Sand and Stone** -Dr. Keith Meldahl discusses the complex geologic history of the California coast, from Santa Barbara to San Diego; and how the coast's features developed and how they are continually changing. Tuesday, April 17 @ 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **UC Book Club** will be discussing Life in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Wednesday, April 25 @ 2:00 p.m.

### **Events for Children**

**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). Homework Help - A volunteer will be at the library to help with homework. Tuesday @ 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wild Wonders - Come take a walk on the wild side, when Wild Wonders and their animal ambassadors visit our library! There's no telling what animals you might see! Wednesday, April 18 @ 2:00 p.m.

#### **Events 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, April 3, 17 & 24 @ 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Spring into STEAM - Ozobot Moon Adventure. Teams will develop codes using markers to guide a mini-robot, called an Ozobot. This program is geared towards ages 9-12, to register, visit: sandiego.gov/steam. Wednesday, April 11 @ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. LEGO Club - Come build anything you can image with LEGO. Wednesday, April 4 @ 2:00 p.m.

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

#### **Events for Adults/Seniors**

**Chess Club** - Mondays at 3:00 p.m. Casual public chess meet open to all ages and skill levels.

**AARP Tax Prep** - Thursday, April 5 & 12. Free income tax preparation service provided by AARP. Walk-in only, first come first served. **Knitters' Circle** - Thursday, April 5 & 19 at 1:00 p.m. All yarn

enthusiasts are welcome.

**Guided Meditation** - Sunday, April 8 & 22 at 12:30 p.m. 20 minute guided meditation followed by tea.

Page Turners Book Club - Wednesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. Title to be discussed is *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery. Fiction Fanatics Book Club - Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. Title to be discussed is *Four Friends* by Robyn Carr.

A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults - Sunday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m. Each class will utilize a different art technique to inspire the creation of unique pieces. Bring a small sketchbook to class. Cinema Café - Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments while watching and discussing a thought-provoking movie. Please call the library for the month's selected feature.

#### **Events for Children/Families**

**Babies and Books -** Mondays 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 11:00 a.m. Ms. Nancy sings, dances, and reads books in Chinese and English.

Yoga Storytime - Monday, April 9 & 23 at 10:30 a.m. Stretch both your body and your mind in this unique program that combines stories, songs and simple yoga poses.

STEAM2 Academy - Tuesday, April 10 at 3:00 p.m. The subject for April is Farm Science.

Sign Language Storytime - Thursday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. Includes songs, fingerplays, books, fun toys and props, and bubbles! Tiny Tots PJ Storytime - Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. A fun evening

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.* 

storytime with music.

## UC LIBRARY CELEBRATES 45 YEARS

by Melissa Martin, UC Library Branch Manager

Residents of University City are invited to help celebrate the library's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary at an Open House on Saturday, April 28 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the University Community Branch Library located at 4155 Governor Dr. Music and refreshments will be provided, along with fun activities.



A little bit of history: The first storefront library, the University Community Reading Center, was а temporary facility which opened in March 1973 to provide services to local residents until the permanent library could be built. Located in the UC Marketplace, the original library housed 5,000 books and was open 33 hours per week.

The permanent building, located at 4155 Governor Dr., was dedicated on April 10, 1978 by District One Councilman Bill

Mitchell with Master of Ceremonies and Chairman of the Library Commission Hal Fletcher. Since then, the library has grown and changed in many ways. Computers and automation were introduced in the 1980s and eBooks and online databases came along in the 2000s which have enabled users to enjoy library services at the touch of a finger without ever stepping into a building.

If you haven't been to the library recently, come check out the monthly concerts, OASIS lectures, STEAM programs and story times for children, and of course the monthly University City Community Association (UCCA) meeting. There is something for everyone!



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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



## UC Resident Completes Girl Scout Gold Award Project About Water Wise Gardening

#### by University City Girl Scout Troop 3615

California has experienced periodic droughts throughout its history. During these times, we have made great sacrifices to reduce water use to an appropriate level. An important part of conservation efforts has focused on gardening practices to move away from using thirsty plants that are more common in damper parts of the country. The problem is that in between droughts, the population drifts back to previous practices and forgets lessons learned about water conservation.

University City Girl Scout, Lydia Cosford, designed this Gold Award Project with the aim to educate youth and children about the varieties of succulents, their cultural and environmental significance, and the science and artistic value behind gardening with them. Working with Sue Boudreau, UC resident and Expert Gardener, she developed content for the educational program. Kelsey Gogarty, a local Educational Therapist, provided recommendations to hold the interest of a variety of age groups and attention spans. The project culminated in a copyrighted Activity Booklet and Leader Guide, which Lydia used to hold several workshops at the Jewish Community Center, and at the La Jolla United Methodist Nursery School. Lydia was grateful for the help of UCHS volunteers such as Stephanie Dunlap, Savanna Hicke, Santino Arellano, and her family. Lydia says, "I hope my project can inspire people to plant beautiful gardens that are also good for our fragile environment."

## OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT UC SAN DIEGO

Here is a chance – call it a "golden opportunity" - to join a community of learners over age 50 that celebrates acquiring knowledge in the arts, history, science, medicine, international relations, political and social sciences. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of California, San Diego meets five days a week with morning and afternoon lectures and lively seminars led by scholars and experts.

No need to register ahead for each class. No grades or homework. This is learning for the sake of learning with likeminded peers.

Spring quarter lecture subjects range from Hollywood's Golden Age to Stem Cell Research. Registration for Spring Quarter is now open. For more information visit the UCSD Osher web site at olli.ucsd.edu or email olli@ucsd.edu. The first lecture takes place on April 2 at 10:00am at UCSD Extension campus located at 9600 North Torrey Pines Road in La Jolla. Come on down – try it out. You'll be hooked. Guaranteed.

## Parks, Recreation Center and Swanson Pool Updates

#### by Diane Ahern, UCCA Vice President

Standley Park Recreation Council held its monthly meeting at the Recreation Center at the end of March and UCCA was there.

- Parks and Recreation Area Manager Berenice Garcia announced that she had received no complaints regarding the removal of the recycle bins in front of Swanson Pool. Doyle Recreation Center is the designated drop-off location for recyclables in the University City area. UCCA President Barry Bernstein thanked the Recreation Council for their support in removing the recycle bins.
- Swanson Pool Manager Annie Flynn announced that Swanson Pool is scheduled to re-open on April 1. Schedule is posted online.
- Center Director Roger Hughes and Recreation Council President John Schindel discussed the process, required by the City, to separate monies donated to the Recreation Council for events such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Summer Concerts from monies collected through Recreation Center fees such as permits, sports leagues and exercise classes.
- Roger reminded park users that permits are required for jumpies/inflatables in all University City area parks, including the University Village (aka the Tot Lot), University Gardens (aka the Dinosaur Park) and Marcy Park. Permits may be obtained at the Standley Recreation Center.
- Marcy Park representative Don Hotz announced that usage is up at Marcy Park with people of all ages enjoying the park. Recently, additional trees, benches, trash containers and a water fountain have been installed.
- Mesa Soccer representative Danielle Segal announced that the team will participate in a tournament in April and in the NFFC Notts Forest Football Club (dedicated to soccer excellence) 2nd Annual 5K Walk/Run on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Village and Gardens representatives Gordon and Carol Parham reviewed some maintenance concerns at each of those parks.
- UC Little League representative Tom Cartier announced that there are over 350 players participating in Little League this year.

Standley Park Recreation Council are volunteers who advise Park and Recreation staff on matters related to programming, events, equipment and improvements. The Recreation Council meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:00pm at the Recreation Center on Governor Drive. Meetings are open to the public and any adult who is interested in making an impact or has concerns about the neighborhood parks and recreation center should attend the meetings.

### Shred-Fest at a New Location with Extended Hours



Have your files taken on a life of their own? UC Coldwell Banker is sponsoring their 13<sup>th</sup> annual, free Shred-Fest on Saturday, April 21, 9:00am to 12:30pm in the parking lot behind 3959 Governor Drive. Their new location is in the rear lot behind Vons

and the Coldwell Banker office on the west side of the shopping center. They have rented a huge, super-fast shredding machine. You are welcome to stay and watch your documents get chewed to pieces. Please limit documents to be shredded to three boxes.



## Friends of Rose Canyon Invites You to Free Spring Bird Walks

Experience the amazing sights and sounds of spring birds. includina that some have migrated here from the tropics. Walks are hosted by Friends of Rose Canyon and are led by We welcome skilled birders. beginners and experienced birders.

Spring is the best time of year to see and hear a great variety of birds in Rose Canyon, including

migrants from the tropics, winter residents getting ready to migrate north, and year-round residents. Many are in breeding plumage, some with spectacular colors. Some are singing to establish territories and attract mates. Some are building nests, gleaning insects off the trees, feeding their young. Birds of prey are on the wing, courting, hunting, and carrying prey to their nests. (*Cooper's Hawk photo above courtesy of Karen Straus.*)

For Adults and kids (best age 9 and up) we provide binoculars if you don't have them. We welcome beginners and experienced birders. Walks are easy, and participants may leave at any time during the walk. No bathrooms or water in Rose Canyon Opens Space Park. Meet: Trailhead at intersection Regents/Lahitte Ct. Walks start at 8:00am, until approximately 10:00am. Arrive 10 minutes early to park and borrow binoculars. Dates are: April 15, 21, 29, and May 5 and 12. Questions: Debby Knight, rosecanyon@san.rr.com, 858.597.0220. Rose Canyon becomes a different world during spring bird migration. Join us to experience this dramatic annual display of nature in our midst.

## **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need your help more than ever! We are asking if you might be able to spare a few hours each week to help our young people. I'm not sure if you are aware of the growing movement amongst our teenagers, but they want to be at school and want a safe place to learn. Your local public high school, University City High School (UCHS), is reviewing some of their practices to keep their school safe for learning. UCHS is a busy place that has students, parents, and staff coming and going throughout a school day. One support system the school wants to establish is to gain more eyes and ears on campus by increasing adult supervision through a sort of neighborhood watch/campus watch program.

To support this "campus watch program", the school is seeking the help of retired citizens. Once they are screened and cleared as volunteers, they can help the school by walking around campus with a school radio and letting school officials know if they observe a person coming and going off campus. The thinking is that if enough retired citizens devote 2-3 hours a week to help, the school can establish a more efficient system that will result in immediate responses to visitors on campus. If you would like to help make a difference for teens who care about their education, please contact Jeff Olivero, Principal, at jolivero@sandi.net or 619-204-1507. The school promises your efforts will be worthwhile and rewarding. Our students will value and appreciate your commitment.

Regards, Mr. J. Olivero, UCHS, Principal

## **UCHS Presents**



### by Matt Moody

Thank you for your continued support of University City High School Performing Arts. This spring, we are producing Bye Bye Birdie in the UCHS Auditorium. Shows run April 3 at 2:30pm for only \$5.00 (seat count limited to 167), and then April 4 through 6 at 7:00pm for \$7.00 w/ASB card, \$8 w/out ASB card, and \$13.00/adults.

From Tams-Witmark: "A loving send-up of the 1960s, small-town America, teenagers, and rock & roll, BYE BYE BIRDIE remains as fresh and vibrant as ever. Teen heartthrob Conrad Birdie has been drafted, so he chooses All-American girl Kim MacAfee for a very public farewell kiss. Featuring a tuneful high-energy score, plenty of great parts for teens, and a hilarious script, BIRDIE continues to thrill audiences around the world." Hit songs include "Put on a Happy Face," "One Last Kiss," "One Boy," "A Lot of Livin' to Do," "Kids!" and "Rosie." We hope you enjoy our latest spring musical with your family. Reserve your seats online at: www.ucperformingarts.org or pick up tickets without service fees in the Finance Office at UCHS located in the Media Center.



## Key of She Concert

University City United Church will be hosting a concert by the women's ensemble, Key of She. The 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 is Saturday, April 28, 7:00pm in the UCUC sanctuary.

## **OMC Brown Bag Opera: Romeo & Juliet**

Bartlett Sher's production of Gounod's sumptuous Shakespeare adaptation was a hit of the 2016–17 Met season ("a revelation" declared the Huffington Post). Now the sweeping tragedy returns with Vitorio Grigolo and Diana Damrau both celebrated in French repertoire, as the star crossed young lovers. While lovesick couples are hardly an unusual sight in opera, it's less common for them to emit real heat. But these particular singers — Diana Damrau and Vittorio Grigolo, the stars of a new production of Gounod's "Roméo et Juliette" that opens at the Met on New Year's Eve — have a chemistry that's distinctly rare for opera. Ms. Damrau and Mr. Grigolo, who appeared together for the first time just last year, have swiftly jumped near the front of the (admittedly paltry) ranks of opera's truly combustible pairs.

The free Brown Bag Opera showing will be on April 22, at 1:00pm in the Our Mother of Confidence Church Hall, 3131 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 91222. Feel free to bring your own brown bag lunch.



## Sights and Sounds Showcase

by Sharon Joe-Hom

The 4th Annual Sights and Sounds Showcase will be held on Friday, April 13 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 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, \$20 SDUSD staff, and \$13 Student (under 21). Please see our website at www.uchsmusic.com to order tickets. For more info, contact uchsmusic@gmail.com.

Sights and Sounds Showcase is hosted by the UCHS Music Boosters/Centurion Foundation and all proceeds benefit the outstanding UCHS Music Program. UCCA is once again an event sponsor, as well as Costa Verde Center/Regency Centers. Come support our talented student musicians!



Above: Costa Verde Center representatives Amy Spear (far left) and John Murphy (far right) and UCHS Music Boosters Tim and Leslie Wilkinson (center) at the March UCCA meeting. Costa Verde Center is a sponsor of the Sights & Sounds event. Below: John Murphy is explaining Costa Verde Center construction alternatives at the March UCCA meeting. Photos: Diane Ahern.





## Baseball Season Springs Upon Us

#### by Meredith Kennedy

It must be spring, baseball season has begun! UC Little League had an exciting rain-filled Opening Day on Saturday, March 3, at Standley Park. Opening Day Ceremonies included a team parade, the First Pitch, announcments of the 2017 UCLL All Star teams, Spring 2018 team annoucements with run through the arch (picture attached), and the annual T-ball Otter Pop Run! Come support UC Little League, catch a game (schedules at www.ucll.org)!



During the rainy ceremonies players huddled together to stay dry, like the Juniors Nationals team pictured left.

Opening day was also our Annual Baseball Equipment Exchange. UCLL families donated many helmets, gloves, bats, catchers gear and baseball jerseys to Kids Gear for Baseball. Thank you for your donations!

Did you know you can order UCLL gear 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. At this site, you will find UCLL shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and a variety of other merchandise. UCLL earns money back for every purchase, so show your pride on game day or any day.

Please check schedules and information at www.ucll.org. Follow us on Facebook at @UCLL! See you at the fields! PLAY BALL!



Pictured above: Little League Pledge with Luke Martin, Grady Kennedy, Declan Dunne, James Tovar, UCLL President Dusty Reisch, and Opening Day MC, Todd Clark.



## An Afternoon with the Garden Club

#### by Diane Ahern

The 'Garden Doctor' made a house call at a University City garden on a Sunday afternoon in March. Neighbors gathered in a recently re-landscaped woodsy Zen-like setting complete with shade structure, BBQ patio and filled with blooming azaleas, camellias, clivias and specimen trees. UC Garden Club president Ginger and homeowners Mack and Merle welcomed UC Garden Club members to the Asian inspired oasis. As neighbors shared champagne and yummies, they wandered the delightful backyard garden space.

The Garden Doctor, also known as David with Walter Andersen Nursery highlighted the importance of soil enhancement in San Diego gardens. "If you take care of your soil, your soil will take care of your plants,' he said. "The key to success in any garden is the soil." He recommended that local gardeners use soil enhancers rather than rely on fertilizers. Soil enhancers will feed the soil, he said, making the soil better. And that benefits the plant. Fertilizers will feed the plant but must be applied every 2 weeks to be effective.

The next Garden Club meetup is scheduled for Sunday, April 8, from 2:00 to 6:00pm. The featured speaker is a professional cacti and succulent grower; the highlight will be the various plant varieties found in the gardens.

Ginger Steketee is the UC Garden Club president. The UC Garden Club is partnering with the Linda Vista Village and Community Garden Club. They are always interested in hearing from neighbors who would like to share their gardens with other garden lovers. Contact the UC Garden Club at ucgardenclub@gmail.com to get on the Garden Club mailing list and to volunteer to share your garden.



## Transformer Box Art Projects Continue to Beautify UC

by Barbara Gellman



Pictured above is the work of Haley Schildgen, a young artist who is attending Mesa College pursuing an Associate Art Degree (AA). She is a flower lover and has a created a very bright and stylish box in front of Swanson Pool.



This flower design box was painted by Audrey Gantz on a box in front of the UC MarketPlace. She said that every time someone came up and thanked her, she added an "ant" and if someone said it was beautiful she added a "ladybug." Audrey began her art hobby as a child and continues to enjoy and spread the beauty.



Chip Fasciana, who is a muralist, sculptor, painter, and designer, created a variety of art pieces for University City. His whimsical dogs took over the box in front of the post office to the delight of many dog owners. The octopus and seahorses are next to Spreckels Elementary School.



In University City, the Transformer and Utility Box Art Project is sponsored by University City Community Association (UCCA). We provide the paint and supplies along with a small stipend. We know there are many creative residents who are anxious to lose themselves in this artistic endeavor. If you would like to be part of this project, please contact Beautification Chairs Merle Langston at merlelangston1@gmail.com or Barbara Gellman at bggellman@yahoo.com for the details.

## THE UC PLANNING GROUP REPORT

Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1 MARCH MEETING

The UC community, both North and South need to unite to have the City Council force the water department to change their proposed route from Pt. Loma treatment plant to the new Pure Water plant being built on Miramar Road. The current plan is to trench through University City down Genesee Avenue to install a 48" raw sewage pipe pumped under pressure and a 30" brine pipe. This will take up 1 1/4 traffic lanes and will have to pass through the Genesee and Governor intersection opening soil with toxic gas station waste. We should all oppose this. The alternate routes east of 805 were proposed to the water dept. by the UCPG using the SDG&E easement or the Miramar land location, and both were rejected. Now the City Council needs to hear from the community. What can you do?

- Write to Council Woman Barbara Bry Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry (District 1) City Administration Building 202 C Street, MS #10A San Diego, CA 92101 E-main: barbarabry@ sandiego.gov Phone: 619.236.6611
- Write to Mayor Kevin Faulconer
  City Administration Building 202 C Street, 11th Floor San Diego, CA 92101
   E-mail: kevinfaulconer@sandiego.gov
   Phone: 619.236.6330
- If you see this by April 10, attend the City Council Meeting at City Administration Building 202 "C" Street, City Council meeting 12th floor Time TBA--check Council Agenda online

Over the last several years, I have endeavored to write a column for the UCCA newsletter that informs residents of the important items discussed at the UCPG in an understandable fashion. As an elected member of UCPG and a UCPG representative on the UCSD Community Advisory Group, I dutifully do my homework and review all plans brought before the group, attend and participate at all meetings. I am also a member of UCCA and previously gave a UCPG report at that meeting, but these two worthwhile organizations each have their own different unique role. However, I do not see everyone understanding, or even wanting to know the differences between the two groups. The roles should be complimentary, not duplicative. It was unfortunate that strong accusations were made at the March meeting casting doubt on the legitimacy of voting and membership criteria. The By-laws of UCPG which are posted on line by the city, were followed. The people on the UCPG are volunteers from your community and should not be denigrated. Let's not divide, let's all stand together to make positive improvements in U.C. I urge everyone to attend the UCPG meeting once a month on the second Tues. of the month and participate.

You can read the minutes of the UCPG meetings a month after the meeting after approval at the subsequent meeting. Minutes are not explanations of the issues, they follow Robert's Rules of Order and simply list the topics brought up, the motions made and record the votes on these motions. I do not take the minutes; you can read the UCPG minutes at SanDiego.gov, search for "Community Planning Group Agendas and Minutes."

NEXT UCPG MEETING: April 10 at the 10300 Campus Point Drive. Pass the old meeting place and pass the Lilly building; meeting upstairs above Green Acres Restaurant. The agenda will include the seating of new members, the election by the UCPG members of a new Chairperson, an update on the Pure Water route, and cell towers.

## **Shift Program Construction Update**

For the next several years, University City 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.

La Jolla Village Drive and Regents Road Intersection, Westfield project: As part of an off-site improvement, Westfield will be relocating MTS station 10793 from the northeast to the northwest corner of the La Jolla Village Drive and Regents Road intersection. This work is being done in advance of creating a larger right turn lane from La Jolla Village Drive onto Regents Road.

I-5/Genesee Interchange, SANDAG/Caltrans project: Crews recently installed new lighting on the south section of the bicycle path from Voigt Drive to Genesee Avenue and installed a chain link fence on the north section from Genesee Avenue to Sorrento Valley Road. Crews are currently working on placing the forms and reinforcing bars for the deck of the pedestrian/bicycle bridge. Additionally, crews are working at the pedestrian connection at the corners of the interchange, installing utilities, and will then construct a curb to provide access for pedestrians to sidewalk sections. Crews are also constructing the raised median along Genesee Avenue. The project is expected to be completed late May/early June 2018. Once completed, the project will improve east-west connectivity and access to and from the freeway, and create a new separated and protected bike facility linking the Sorrento Valley Coaster Station to UC San Diego, Scripps Memorial Hospital and Westfield UTC. How to keep up-to-date:

- Access the weekly closure list at
- shiftsandiego.com/improvements/Notices.
- Sign up for I-5/Genesee Interchange Project updates at KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/transnet-contact.
- Learn about your transportation solutions at ShiftSanDiego.com
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Mid-Coast Trolley Construction Along Genesee Avenue, 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 precast 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 more information visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoast



**Gilman Drive Public Sewer Improvements, UC San Diego/ City of San Diego project**: The casing and installation of carrier pipe is currently taking place on UC San Diego property from the southbound I-5 off-ramp to La Jolla Village Drive, to the La Jolla Shores / Gilman Drive off ramp. Impacts are also expected on Gilman Drive from La Jolla Village Drive to Via Alicante. Modifications have been made to existing travel and bike lanes on Gilman drive areas to address public safety concerns. For more information call Shift at 1.844.SHIFT.SD.

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.



## UC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ELECTS NEW BOARD

University City Community Foundation, better known as its d/b/a Improve UC, has a new President and some ambitious goals. Ruth DeSantis, a 21-year resident of University City took the helm of UCCF from her gracious predecessor, Greg Zinser, who had established the not-for-profit corporation, with the support of UCCA, to help promote community improvement projects. Ruth joined the Board in 2016 when donations for her pet project, the Marcy Park Project, began to roll in. Ruth and her park project partner, Don Hotz, knew that the 501(c)3 tax status would encourage donors and in their first year raised close to \$25,000.

Ruth has a long history of philanthropy, having spent much of her youth as an event volunteer for the American Cancer Society. It was a cause close to her heart, having lost her mother to Cancer when she was 5. With Marcy Park practically in her backyard, Ruth was again called to action. She witnessed neglect of the Park's maintenance over the years and could no longer stand by when she witnessed a large eucalyptus branch fall dangerously close to children playing.

Ruth partnered with Don Hotz, another long-time community activist, and together they are responsible for the park improvements that you see today. As Ruth admits, working with any government entity is a slow process, but with a background in law and real estate development, she is up to the challenge.

The 2018 UCCF Board is diverse and benefits from both seasoned and new volunteers this year. Don Hotz sits as Treasurer of UCCF & UCCA and Mike Alston enjoys his 6th year as Secretary. Mack Langston remains as the UCCA liaison, and is joined this year by his wife, Merle Langston, a designer well suited to be in charge of beautification. Also joining the Board is long-time resident historian and activist Sandy Lippe, as well as some new blood, educator Mark Salata and Realtor Ryan Ahearn.

Together this Board of eight hopes to complete some ambitious goals, the greatest of which is re-unifying the community in the wake of the Battle of the Bridge.

They are pushing to bring south UC into the 21st century with things like underground powerlines, improved parks, beautified medians, an improved library and speed reduction improvements, to name a few. One of their first challenges this year is stopping the Water Department from running a raw sewage line down Genesee. With her eye keenly on the ball, the Board is lucky to have Ruth leading the way and UC is lucky to have all these volunteers fighting for the benefit of south UC residents.



## Thank You to All Our UCCA Members

Your UCCA membership dues help UCCA provide donations to many worthwhile local organizations, public schools and projects. All members receive a UCCA membership card and a "I Love University City" sticker to display proudly on your window or car. And new this year, you have the opportunity to make an additional donation to support your preferred project or activity. For details, refer to the membership application on page 14 or online at www.UniversityCityNews.org.

## Three Ways UCCA can Help Support Local Businesses

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.

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### Beware of Guinea Fowls in Canyons



Guinea fowls have been reported in Marion Bear Canyon and San Clemente Park. Possibly loose pets from someone in the area, they have been known to begin attacking walkers and bikers. The information has been passed along to park rangers. Please be careful if you come across these animals during your walks or bike rides.

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## University City Community Association 2018 UCCA Membership Application\*

Your UCCA membership dues (and optional additional donation) make a big difference in our community. These funds help support our many worthwhile organizations, such as University City public schools, Standley Park Recreation Council, EdUCate!, ImproveUC, Friends of the Library; as well as many special UCCA-sponsored projects and activities such as street median beautification, utility box art, street banners, 4th of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, Buy Local, Neighborhood Watch, December holiday tree and menorah lighting, University City News website, monthly community meetings, and of course, our monthly print newsletter.

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