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## UCCA Receives County Grant for Full-Color Newsletter and Podcasts

The San Diego Board of Supervisors has awarded UCCA a \$10,960 grant to produce a full-color newsletter (10 issues) for one year, to produce a series of podcasts, and to replace and install street banners. This issue marks the first time in its 16-year history that the newsletter has been printed in full-color.

UCCA thanks Supervisor Kristin Gaspar and University City community representative Corrine Busta for encouraging the organization to apply for a Community Enhancement Program grant and for approving its grant application.

What do you think? Do you like the full-color issue? Please let us know at the September 12, UCCA community meeting, at 6:00pm at the Community Library at 4155 Governor Drive. Kristin Gaspar and Corrine Busta will be our special guests.

Barry Bernstein, UCCA President, on behalf of Assemblymember Todd Gloria, presented special volunteer awards to those pictured above - left: Ruth DeSantis, new UCCF president; top: Don Hotz, UCCA Newsletter Coordinator and Treasurer; and bottom Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator of UCCA, for their outstanding contribution of their time, efforts and leadership for the benefit of the University City community at the August 19 summer concert.

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- Send to [UCCAeditor@gmail.com](mailto:UCCAeditor@gmail.com) or [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com); email any questions.

### Deadline for the October issue: SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the October issue is September 13, 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 Meeting Synopsis

**July 11**

by Deanna Ratnikova  
UCCA Secretary



- Chris Neilson, chair of the University Community Planning Group (UCPG) joined the meeting and reported that the largest issue on the docket for UCPG is the update of the Community Plan.
- Officer Brandon Broadus reported on the staffing changes in the department. He also provided information on the Spray and Pay program: <https://www.sandiego.gov/street-div/services/graffiti/rewards>.
- Diane Ahern provided an overview of grants UCCA submitted to/obtained from the County of San Diego. The total award amount for UCCA from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors is currently \$37,680.
- UCCA heard a funding request from the Doyle Park Recreation Council and awarded grants to the San Diego Police Foundation and the San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation.
- Steve Kalvelage and Julie Dennis presented an overview of the upcoming request to the Stanley Park Recreation Council regarding a grass and joint use field at Curie Elementary.
- Genevieve Wong joined the meeting to discuss ongoing construction in the area; the website is <http://www.shiftsandiego.com>.
- The full minutes will be posted on the UCCA website once they are approved ([universitycitynews.org](http://universitycitynews.org))



## Do you Like UCCA?

**More than 500 people do!**

University City Community Association reached a Facebook milestone recently - 500 Likes. When you Like us on Facebook, you can easily share information and comment on concerns important to our community. University City, more than just a neighborhood ... we are a community of neighbors. Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/universitycitycommunityassociation/](http://www.facebook.com/universitycitycommunityassociation/)



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## UCCA President Barry Bernstein

Summer is just about over...students are back in school and there's probably still a few very warm days ahead in September. These past couple of months were busy ones in U.C. Of course, there was the fabulous "Celebration", (with pony rides and snow), all thanks to co-chairs Jemma Samala and Randall Tonini. Standley Park's "banana split" was great family fun for everyone as were the summer Sunday concerts-in-the-park. The National Night Out, on August 7, returned to its popular format of neighborhood gatherings.

By the way, welcome to all of our new University City families...it seems like these past six months many new families have moved to U.C. Good news for our local

realtors! Del Mar Racetrack just finished its summer schedule, with the Bing Crosby session scheduled to begin in November. Curie School moved a step closer to a grass field, as the Standley Park Advisory Committee gave their approval at their July meeting.

It has been so dry this summer...the second lowest amount of recorded rainfall in San Diego history! Those of you who chose the drought resistant yards/plants made a smart move at just the right time. It's been very tough on vegetables however, even with additional watering my tomato yield was disappointing. You may notice I have said nothing about our Padre's very dismal win/loss record.

On Sunday, August 19, UCCA honored its many volunteers during the concert intermission. Special volunteer recognition awards provided by CA Assemblyman Todd Gloria's office were presented to...Don Hotz, (Newsletter Coordinator), Barbara Gellman, (Neighborhood Watch Coordinator), and Ruth DeSantis, (UCCF president). Complimentary drink vouchers and a special refreshment table, (courtesy of Coffee Bean) were distributed to our many newsletter and neighborhood watch captains as we all sang along, danced or tapped our toes to the music of the Corvella's tribute to the "Supremes".

### PURE WATER/SEWER PIPELINE LAWSUIT UPDATE

The UCCF lawsuit, supported by UCCA, against the City Public Utilities Dept., (Pure Water Project) which challenges the EIR, had an initial settlement conference in early July. As of August 20, there has been no discussion of alternative pipeline routes. In April, the City Council ordered the formation of "working groups" to provide oversight and safety recommendations related to the Pure Water pipeline construction. Up to now these groups have met four times. The groups, two in Clairemont, one in University City, and one in Scripps Ranch will have the opportunity to continue their oversight responsibilities once construction begins in May/June of 2019.

As many of you know, amongst the many issues/problems our City Council and Mayor have on their plates, the STVR, (short term vacation rentals) was one of huge importance to the character of our city. It's stringent restrictions, (crafted by Councilwoman Barbara Bry), are planned to be implemented next July. UCCA supports this ordinance and our Mack Langston and Diane Ahern played an important role in supporting and publicizing its adoption. Please be sure you carefully read and understand any petitions where signatures are being solicited related to this issue.

Hopefully you have noticed that this September edition is our first full-color UCCA newsletter. A San Diego County grant, approved by Supervisor Kristen Gaspar, has provided UCCA funds for 10 editions to be published in full color. The grant also allows for special additional community topics of interest to be communicated via "podcasts". UCCA Board is looking forward to establishing our first podcast in the next few months. \*Supervisor Gaspar is scheduled to be a guest speaker at our September 12 UCCA meeting...please plan to attend.

Once again, welcome to our many new University City families. I hope you will become involved as active UCCA members when our 2019 membership drive begins and support our efforts in making and keeping University City, "more than just a neighborhood".

Sincerely, Barry



# calendar

## LABOR DAY

Monday, September 3

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

Sunday, September 9

## PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, September 9, 7:30-9:00am  
cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks

3202 Governor Drive  
supplies provided

## ROSH HASHANA

(Jewish New Year)

Sunday, September 9, sundown

## PATRIOT DAY

Tuesday, September 11

## UC PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, September 11, 6:00pm  
10300 Campus Point Drive

## ISLAMIC NEW YEAR

Tuesday, September 11, sundown

## UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, September 12, 6:00pm  
UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

## YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, September 18, sundown

## FIRST DAY OF FALL

Saturday, September 22

## DOYLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 25, 6:30pm

## STANDLEY RECREATION COUNCIL

Thursday, September 27, 7:00pm





## National Night Out in San Diego

August 7, 2018

by Barbara Gellman

What a day, what a night! It began in Council Chambers at City Hall with a 35th Annual National Night Out Day Proclamation of the City Council. Neighborhood Watch, Law Enforcement and other local organizations were recognized for their commitment to crime prevention and strengthening our neighborhoods. Mayor Falconer, Chief Nisleit and Councilmember, Lorie Zapf spoke, praising those of us who volunteer to support our communities with this program and annual event. This was a serendipity and we all appreciated the acknowledgement.



Office Sheehan shows the kids his police car while visiting the Marcy Park NNO event.



The group from the NNO event on Villanova Street



## ...Meanwhile in University City

by Barbara Gellman

Fifteen Neighborhood Watch Captains and Co-Captains gathered their neighbors in driveways, lawns and a park, in the evening, for the festivities. Officer Brandon Broaddus scheduled police officers to do short visits at each venue to chat with residents, answer questions and eat. This is extra duty for our police force but they do it so willingly and graciously and we all love it. This is what community outreach looks like; it cements relationships between neighbors and law enforcement and helps to prevent isolation of our residents.

*Pictured above: Curie Place & Bothe Street teamed up for NNO, where they had a CPR demo, games for kids, BBQ and updates on local topics.*



Left: SDPD Officer Brandon Broaddus addresses neighbors at the home of Karen and Jorge Martinez on Edmonton St. Below: The gathering on Tony Drive, where residents felt it was a very positive experience.





## Working with the K9s

by Bruce Murray  
Neighborhood Watch Captain

I attended SD Police Department's very informative "Inside K9" two-hour program that started with an intro by SDPD Chief David Nisleit, Sgt. Adair who's been with K9 unit for 16 years, and by Sara Napoli of the SD Police Foundation that funds the K9 program. Our K9s are not part of the City of SD budget.

Next, we visited four different K9 training stations, which were each staffed by two SDPD K9 Officers:

- SDPD's K9 dogs cost an average of \$13,500 each, are highly trained, and have a service life of 6-8 years. Our K9 unit has 35 teams of an Officer and his/her dog for our city of 1.3 million and 2,000 SDPD officers. There are 32 dogs in our K9 unit.
- K9 dogs reduce the use of force needed to subdue suspects. The dogs keep our Officers safe and the people with whom they come in contact safe as well. Dogs are trained to bite and to hold onto suspects until the Officer calls off the dog.
- SDPD's K9 Unit works 24/7 to support SDPD's patrol and to answer calls. The K9 Unit is called in when either a dangerous call is in progress, such as a burglary, robbery, or vehicle pursuit. The dogs clear areas before officers approach on foot and perform area, canyon, or building searches for fleeing and hidden suspects. Our K9s can also sniff out and find narcotics, explosives, weapons, and articles like clothing.
- Most K9 dogs are Belgian Malinois and German Shepherds. Many are originally trained as "sport dogs" in Europe such as in Germany, Holland, and Czechoslovakia.
- SDPD Officers thus often give commands to their dogs in the language of their original handlers.
- SDPD selects from among these imported "sport dogs" to go through their basic 10-week K-9 program. About 30% of the dogs selected don't make it through this rigorous program; many have never been in a vehicle such as an SDPD vehicle.
- Trainers use positive reinforcement to train the dogs, who go home with their assigned Officer each night.

This is the 20th anniversary of the non-profit San Diego Police Foundation that aside from funding the SDPD K9 program also buys bulletproof vests for our Officers to wear over their soft body armor.

Three K9s will retire in 2018 and an estimated 12 more K9s will retire in 2019.

If you wish to learn more or to donate, please visit [sdpolicefoundation.org/](http://sdpolicefoundation.org/)



## UC People Like to Clean Up

by Vince Reardon

Despite prickly heat and sticky humidity, 15 members of People for a Clean UC cleaned up numerous streets and avenues in UC in August, including portions of: Regents Rd., Governor Dr., Genesee Ave., the underpass at Governor and I-805, Gilman Dr., and the on- and off-ramps at Regents and I-52. Our next neighborhood cleanup is on Sunday, September 9. Please join us or tell a friend or neighbor about us. All cleanup materials -- litter pickers, trash bags, plastic gloves, water, sun screen, etc. - are supplied. Future cleanups: September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9.

# Help Wanted

## Neighborhood Watch Captains

There are still many streets in South University City that do not have a street captain and therefore, do not have one of the new crime prevention signs.

Wouldn't you like to know your neighbors?  
Wouldn't you like to know who to call for suspicious activity?  
Wouldn't you like to know how to prevent crimes of opportunity?  
Wouldn't you like to feel safe and in control of your neighborhood?

As a trained Neighborhood Watch street captain, you would be the messenger, sharing information and support with your neighbors and working in partnership with our police. Education, observation and reporting are the keys.

If this sounds like something that fits your idea of helping the community, please contact me at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com) and we will meet to discuss the step by step process. It's a minor effort but a major reward.

Don't hesitate, just step up and be in the loop.

Barbara Gellman  
UC Neighborhood Watch Coordinator



## Doyle Park Celebrates 25 Years with Global Music

by Deanna Ratnikova

The Doyle Recreation Advisory Group is excited to announce the 25-year anniversary celebration of Doyle Park will be held Sunday, September 16, 5:00-7:00pm. Join friends and neighbors in the park (8175 Regents Road) for an evening of music from around the world.

With its proximity to the University of California, San Diego, which attracts students and talent from across the globe, the community surrounding Doyle Park is extremely diverse. In addition to celebrating the 25-year anniversary of the park, the recreation advisory group aims to celebrate the diversity of our community as it is a unifying thread for many of our residents.

The timing of the event near the beginning of the school year was intentional, and the recreation advisory group hopes this event can serve as a nice welcome to the new students and families of North University City.



Mario Marauak (left), a singer, songwriter and guitar player from Brazil, will be one of the featured performers. Listening to his music you feel the influences of classic Brazilian Bossa Nova, Samba and Contemporary along with a combination of Reggae, Dancehall and Hip Hop. His greatest strength is a rare musical fusion of Brazilian Classics with America's African-Influenced beats. Marauak's repertoire is made of originals, in English and Portuguese, and reinterpretations of other artists.

The event will also feature the Dornob Trio (pictured above). Dornob are a collective of musicians – now spanning two generations – who've been playing Persian music in San Diego since 1985. Their goals, in addition to friendship and fun, include learning the musical traditions, fostering creativity and crossing cultural bridges.

This event is free and open to the public. Bring your own picnic; the recreation advisory group will provide water and cake.

## STVR REGULATIONS PROTECT RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS FROM MINI-HOTEL INVESTORS

by Mack Langston

UCCA's representative to the  
Community Working Group on STVR's

City Council held a second reading of the amended version of our Mayor's proposed regulation of short term vacation rentals (STVR's) on August 1st. The Council reaffirmed its decision of July 16 to legalize home sharing. The vote was 6-2, with Councilmembers Bry, Zapf, Ward, Kersey, Gomez and Cole in favor; and Councilmembers Alvarez and Sherman opposed. Councilmember Cate was absent.

Some will dispute the "primary residence only" provision. The Coastal Commission will need to determine that the laws of the State of California guarding the rights of The People to access the coast have not been infringed upon. And there are currently paid petition signature gatherers, primarily funded by Airbnb, working to secure the 35,000 signatures required to put a repeal of the short-term rental ordinance up for a referendum vote.

Unfortunately, there is much inaccuracy in the pitch made by many of the uninformed petition gatherers; for instance, the right of homeowners to continue renting out a room or two is being continued, not prohibited as claimed by Airbnb, in the new ordinance.

I became involved in the fight when I realized that my neighborhood was likely to see additional unwelcome investment by outside interests. True, the flow of investment is unlikely to amount to that of any of the true coastal neighborhoods, but nevertheless, according to several Realtors here, the encroachment has begun and will accelerate based on recent advertisements by several real estate agents.

Neighborhoods will be permanently changed if we continue to allow the slow encroachment of unchecked commercialization. Our zoning laws wisely separate commercial from residential uses, and the fact that for many years the City failed to enforce the laws, does not entitle those who chose to risk getting caught, to forever be allowed to commercialize a residential space.

So I applaud the courage of Councilmembers Bry, Zapf, Ward, Kersey, Gomez and Cole to uphold the zoning laws of the City of San Diego and to protect the City's neighborhoods from becoming overrun by de facto mini-hotels.

My hope here in University City is that we all can strive to do a bit more than in the past to leave a legacy of a vibrant, safe and caring neighborhood for future residents.

We appreciate the leadership of our Council Member, Barbara Bry, on this issue crucial to the quality of our neighborhood, and commit our support as the battle for implementation of the City's ordinance continues.

For updates visit:  
[universitycitynews.org/category/coalition-of-town-councils/](http://universitycitynews.org/category/coalition-of-town-councils/)



## District 1 Updates from Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry

On August 7, we celebrated National Night Out which is an annual neighborhood event that promotes partnerships between law enforcement and the community. This is an opportunity to foster and sustain positive relationships among neighbors to bring about a true sense of community among San Diego residents. I had the pleasure of spending my National Night Out evening in University City. I want to especially thank Ruth DeSantis and Barbara Gellman for inviting me to their neighborhood block parties. It's encouraging to see how this event always brings neighbors, the broader community, its leaders, and the San Diego Police Department together.



*Pictured left: Ruth Desantis, Barbara Bry and Ryan Ahearn at the NNO event at Marcy Park*

As I discussed in a previous update, I docketed an item to discuss a potential fee structure that would allow the City to establish necessary bike infrastructure and to promote the responsible use of all dockless options at the June Budget Committee meeting. My Policy Advisor, Raymond Khan presented the staff report which was well received by the Committee. We recently facilitated the first Dockless Vehicle Working Group to discuss how we can optimize dockless vehicles to meet the City's goals regarding transportation, equity, and infrastructure. This is one of several steps to engage in collaborative, creative, problem solving to develop a mutually beneficial regulatory framework for dockless vehicles in the City of Diego.

I also recently joined Mayor Kevin Faulconer at the grand opening of Doyle Recreation Center's new playground. This will be a safe place to play for all children with rubberized flooring and ADA accessibility. It is the first update to this playground since its construction in 1993. I want to acknowledge the City's Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation, the Doyle Recreation Council and its subcommittee consisting of Naomi McLean, Cynthia Roy and Sue Evens for working in tandem to complete this ambitious yet much needed project.

The Doyle Recreation Center is a flagship for public participation as it enrolls more residents in its programs that any other recreation center in the City of San Diego. Over 7,000 residents are enrolled in the programs that range from youth basketball leagues to the USA Kyokushin Karate Academy. Each month, at least 25,000 patrons come to the park for birthday parties, company picnics, room rentals, exercise opportunities or simply, to just relax and unwind. This new playground will be an incredible resource for families and their children to enjoy in this beautiful park.

Please feel free to contact my UC Council Representative Bridger Langfur at [blangfur@saniego.gov](mailto:blangfur@saniego.gov) or 619.236.6611 with any questions or feedback. My staff and I are here to serve and represent you!

## An Exciting New School Year

*by John Lee Evans, San Diego Unified Trustee*

With the end of summer vacation we are off to another great year for your schools in University City and across San Diego Unified School District. When I came onto the Board of Education in 2008 we embarked on an ambitious plan to transform the school district under Vision 2020 for Quality Schools in Every Neighborhood. At that time the Class of 2020 was in first grade. They are now entering their junior year in high school. A couple of years ago we also embarked on a plan to have all of our third graders proficient in reading by 2020.

During this period we have maintained our class sizes, expanded college prep and career tech programs, expanded AP and college courses at the high schools and accelerated the rate at which our English Learners become proficient. We scored the highest of 25 large districts in the nation for achievement in English and Math last year. We continue to be a leader in technology and all of our school facilities will continue to be upgraded. You can already see the great changes at UC High.

We have the smallest cluster in the district with three outstanding elementary schools and one middle school and one high school. We are blessed to celebrate 25 years of EdUCate, the University City foundation for public schools, which led the way in uniting our five schools. Don't forget to attend Oktoberfest at Standley Park on October 13. Everyone in the community is welcome.

**50th NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS**  
2018-2019

# HEROES AROUND ME

**Call for Entries!**

**Deadline for Entries:**  
**Fri., October 19th**

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## SAVE THE DATE

### OKTOBERFEST – OCTOBER 13

EdUCate! 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest is October 13, from 1:00-6:00pm at Standley Park!

Booths \* Music \* Food \* Beer & Wine Garden \*  
Entertainment \* Games for all Ages

Join us for this fun-filled community event and help the EdUCate! Foundation for UC Public Schools raise money. EdUCate! provides vital Principal and Teacher Grants, sponsors Math Academy and Jr. Achievement BizTown and helps fill the funding gaps at all five UC public schools.

When you donate a Dollar-a-Day at the \$180 level (\$1 per school day) you will receive two VIP tickets to Oktoberfest giving you all you can drink soda, beer and wine.

For more details and to make your donation go to:  
[uc-educate.org](http://uc-educate.org)



## TRUCKLOAD OF BACKPACKS COLLECTED

*by Katie Dunahoo*

We collected a big truckload of backpacks and school supplies during our annual collection in August. The supplies will be provided to homeless and foster children covered under the Office for Children and Youth in Transition. Coldwell Banker University City wants to thank University City for their outpouring of support.



## Girl Scouts Earn Silver Award

*by Kelly Lyndon*

Members of Girl Scout Troop 3782 painted a utility box as part of their Silver award. The box is on the northwest corner of Governor and Regents and depicts the four seasons. Barbara Gellman and Merle Langston from UCCA coordinated the effort.



*Pictured above are Curie Elementary supporters for the "joint-use" grass field. It was approved by the Rec. Advisory Committee in front of a "standing room" only crowd. Next the proposal goes to the City Park and Rec. for their approval.*

## ARTISANS WANTED!

Do you make your own handcrafted wares? We're looking for artisans to sell their unique handmade items at our annual holiday craft fair to be held on Saturday, November 3. This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year the craft fair has taken place- that's right, 40 years and counting! So please help us make it bigger and better than ever by signing up for a booth! The fair features 100+ vendors displaying goods that are completely handmade. It's a fun event for patrons and vendors alike with a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, filled with families ready to start their holiday shopping. The event also helps support the Curie Elementary PTA! To find out more about participating with a booth at the fair, or to request a booth application form, please email [curiecraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:curiecraftfair@gmail.com).





## Movie Night at Tot Lot

*by Clair Palkovic.*

Jason and Clair Palkovic, Sellstate Realty, in collaboration with the Recreation Council's Carol and Gordon Parham, hosted a Family Movie Night on Saturday, August 11, at University Village Park located at 7150 Florey Street. This event marked the park's "first birthday" celebration of the installation of the Tot Lot playground.

The fun started with a bounce house provided by neighbor Bobby Rife and kid friendly games provided by Carol and Gordon. Jason and Clair provided popcorn and sponsored the showing of Disney Pixar's *Coco* at dusk on a 21-foot inflatable outdoor movie screen.

This event also benefited the San Diego Food Bank; generous neighbors donated canned food items.

## UC Blood Donor Champs

*by Ray the Bloodman*

For our recent July UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile Blood Drive at the Sprouts / Starbucks / Hunt Financial Marketplace, we collected 28 successful pints of life-giving blood. THANK YOU UC!

And on Saturday, September 15, we'll have another UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile Blood Drive at the Sprouts/Starbucks/Hunt Financial Marketplace on Governor Drive from 8:00am - 1:30pm.

You'll find the Bloodmobile in the center of the parking lot. If you know you're coming, you can sign up at: [www.mysdbb.org](http://www.mysdbb.org). Feel free to choose any available appointment time, and if it doesn't matter to you, choose a time between 10:00am and 1:00pm, so that the "Starbucks I Got My Coffee...Hey Bloodmobile! Walkins" can pop in. The Bloodmobile door shuts at exactly 1:30pm, so you have to begin the process before then.

Thanks goes out to our Top Three Blood Donors: Justina F, Jennene H, and Kathleen D! I bow in your general direction.

After the September 15 Blood Drive, the next UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Blood Drives at the Sprouts/Starbucks/Hunt Financial Marketplace will be on Saturdays: November 10, January 12, March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14, and November 9, all 8+ weeks apart for your perpetual bloodletting pleasure. Always give 100%, except when giving blood.



## UCUC Preschool News

*by The Reverend Iona Dickinson*

Fall is a time for new beginnings when it comes to school. UCUC Preschool, under the direction of Director Tracy Martin, has been busy getting ready to welcome new and returning students in early September. Students will find a warm, welcoming, and engaging space as they come to school, sometimes for the very first time. Additionally, the Preschool is pleased to welcome Assistant Director Kendra Brownsberger on staff and to share the news that the school has been re-accredited with NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children). Miss Tracy and Miss Kendra, along with all the teachers, are eager to get to know all the new families this fall and to help the students learn and grow and explore. To learn more about UCUC Preschool, or to see if there are any spaces available, visit our website [www.ucucpreschool.com](http://www.ucucpreschool.com) or call 858.455.0336.



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## A Summer of Creating Memories

by Diane Ahern

A shout-out and thank you to the Summer Concert committee who put together a series of eight free concerts at Standley Park featuring a variety of musical styles. Many of the performing bands featured local residents.

Do you have feedback? Suggestions? Do you represent a band interested in performing during the 2019 Summer Concerts? Email your thanks and comments to the Concert Committee: Andy Freeburn, Concert Committee chair: [promovstar@aol.com](mailto:promovstar@aol.com) John Schindel, President, Standley Park Rec Council: [jschindel1@san.rr.com](mailto:jschindel1@san.rr.com)

Greg Pardue, Concert Committee Member, Band Liaison: [forecast@san.rr.com](mailto:forecast@san.rr.com)

*Pictured top: UC residents dance it up during the Corvelles performance, photo courtesy of Greg Hom. Pictured below: Concert Committee members from left – John Schindel, Andy Freeburn and Greg Pardue. Photo courtesy of Diane Ahern.*



## Learn to Swim at Swanson Pool

Fall at Standley Recreation Center and at Swanson Pool begins after Labor Day. Swanson Pool is pleased to announce that it will once again be able to offer fall swim lessons this year. For more information and to register for classes, programs, and activities offered at Standley Park and Swanson Pool, please stop by the Recreation Center or Pool; or visit San Diego Parks and Recreation at [www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation](http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation)



## UC Goes Bananas

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Banana Split Day was another rousing success, as families from all over University City descended upon Standley Park on August 4. Thanks to the Heimburger Family for donating the ice cream, and to the Standley Park Rec Council for donating the toppings. Also thanks to the many volunteers. Photos are courtesy of Greg Hom.





## UC CELEBRATES 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

Once again University City had a successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July UC Celebration. Big thanks to event chair Randall Tonini, the event committee, and the day of volunteers. We'll let the pictures tell the story, again courtesy of Greg Hom.



To volunteer for next year's UC Celebration, go to [uccelebration.com](http://uccelebration.com)



## Elementary Music Book Donations Needed

by Sharon Hom

If your child was involved in the music program and has a music method book that is not used anymore, please consider donating it. The following books are needed for all band and orchestral instruments:

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- Standard of Excellence Book 1: Comprehensive Band Method
- Standard of Excellence: First Performance

### Band and Orchestra

- Essential Elements Book 1

This is part of a Girl Scout Gold Award Project to help promote music education in the elementary schools. If you have a book to donate, please email: [music.gsgold18@gmail.com](mailto:music.gsgold18@gmail.com).

## What's on the ballot? November Propositions

by Diane Ahern

Members of the League of Women Voters San Diego ([my.lwv.org/california/san-diego](http://my.lwv.org/california/san-diego)) have researched all the propositions, their goals, and who has funded each and will share what they have learned. Bring your ballot or paper to take notes. Become informed about each proposition to enable your making an informed choice about your vote. Invite a friend, and/or neighbor as each session is open to the public.

The League of Women Voters will provide information on the November propositions in two separate 90-minute presentations at these two University City area locations in September:

- Saturday, September 29, 9:00am, at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 4321 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, CA 92121. For more information on this location, call 858.458.1501.
- Sunday, September 30, 12 noon (light lunch included), University City United Church of Christ, 2877 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122. For more information on this location, call 858.453.3444.

## Shift Program Construction Update



To keep University City commuters and businesses informed of the major public, private and transportation infrastructure projects impacting the area, the Shift program collaborates with construction partners to collect and distribute monthly construction information. Please note, construction schedules are subject to change. To confirm the below and other work schedules, contact Shift at 844.SHIFT.SD.

**Construction Term** A **girder** is a large iron or steel beam or compound structure used for building bridges and the framework of large buildings (see photo above). Pre-cast girders, the large beams used to support the trolley bridge, will be placed on top of the completed columns to build the viaduct, the bridge structure that will carry the trolley along its alignment. The girders along the Mid-Coast Trolley project are being installed from September to October.

**Mid-Coast Trolley Construction Along Genesee Avenue, SANDAG Project** Column work for the section of the viaduct from La Jolla Village Drive to Regents Road on Genesee Avenue is complete. Work for the installation of girders is scheduled to begin late August and will tentatively continue through October 2018. This construction will require closures of east and westbound traffic at six intersections, including Regents Rd, Eastgate Mall, Executive Dr, La Jolla Village Dr, Esplanade Ct and UTC Transit Center.

The project will require left hand turns to be closed across Genesee Avenue at each intersection, but traffic will be able to turn right onto north or southbound Genesee Avenue. On the weekend and weeknights, one northbound lane will be open on Genesee Avenue, and the impacted cross street will be closed from 9:00pm to 5:00am. On weekdays, two northbound lanes and two southbound lanes will be open on Genesee Avenue (except for Regents Road, which will only allow for one southbound lane), and the impacted cross street will be closed from 5:00am to 9:00pm. For more information, including upcoming traffic plans and detours, visit: [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoast](http://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoast).

**Mid-Coast Trolley La Jolla Colony Drive Cut-and-Cover Tunnel, SANDAG Project** Work on the cut-and-cover tunnel at La Jolla Colony is anticipated to begin in late-September or early October. There will be a series of full closures to expedite work on nights and weekends. The traffic configuration on La Jolla Colony Drive for work on the cut-and-cover tunnel has been narrowed to two lanes, one lane in each direction. This configuration is in preparation for work to begin creating the tunnel and to allow for grading for the installation of a wall next to the tunnel. For more information about the tunnel work schedule, visit [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoast](http://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoast). Follow @ShiftSanDiego for the latest project updates and closure notices.

**Gilman Drive Bridge, SANDAG Project** The final pour of the bridge deck, the top surface of the bridge span, is being scheduled. The pour to complete the deck for the keyway as well as the side barriers was completed in late August. For the next phase of this project, falsework will be removed this month and will require additional temporary closures. Visit [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com](http://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com) to learn more about the Gilman Drive Bridge project and sign up for the Shift newsletter at [ShiftSanDiego.com](http://ShiftSanDiego.com) to receive the most recent notices.

Let us know what projects you're most interested in receiving information about via email at [info@ShiftSanDiego.com](mailto:info@ShiftSanDiego.com) or phone at 1.844.SHIFT.SD.



## UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NEWS

by Ruth DeSantis

It's been a busy few months for UCCF board members. The lawsuit that we filed against the City Water Dept is on the calendar for hearing in January 2019, and in the interim, we are in settlement negotiations. Concurrently, Board Member Merle Langston and I have been participating in the Working Group for the Pure Water project along with other community leaders and advocates, such as UCCA President, Barry Bernstein. We are very vocal in these meetings about the construction impact to our community. These meetings are open to the public at the Water Reclamation Facility. Visit [ImproveUC.org](http://ImproveUC.org) for meeting dates and times.

Mack Langston (both UCCF and UCCA Board Member) was a UC leader in the coalition to create tighter restrictions on short term vacation rentals. Our Councilmember, Barbara Bry, supported these restrictions and it was nice to see the Council approve it.



On a lighter note, UCCF partnered with its own board member, Ryan Ahearn, and his team to organize a successful Neighborhood Night Out at Marcy Park. With a taco stand, ice cream truck and luxury bathroom donated by Chariot Bathroom, the event was well attended. Councilwoman Barbara Bry and her rep, Bridger Langfur, stopped by to chat with residents, while the kids were thrilled to get gold paper badges from some friendly SDPD officers and climb in their patrol car.

UCCF received two bits of great news recently; the City has agreed to prepare a cost estimate for a major renovation of Marcy Park (Phase 2). Meanwhile, Phase 1 of the renovation is almost complete with UCCF having planted 9 new trees, purchased 5 new concrete garbage surrounds, an ADA fountain with bench, replaced the swings, purchased the paint for the play structure and had the City replace the missing table and benches. UCCF is also willing to replace the failing pines in front with a row of purple Jacaranda trees. Meanwhile, the City has agreed to replace all of the sand in the play area and to repair the broken concrete. UC Area Manager for City Park and Rec, Berenice Garcia, has been a big help in working with us. She lined up a group of volunteers from Sekesui Diagnostics, who took time out of their busy day to clean up the perimeter of the park and help UCCF board members and residents like Carrie Reichert, Chris Yunos and Ginny Bial paint the play structure. None of this ever would have been possible without generous donations from residents like you. It really does take a village. Phase 2 should include regrading to provide ADA access, an additional older child play area along the school fence line and an upgrade to the younger play area with lots of ADA play equipment. The open green space will not be disturbed and the park will remain leash-only and welcoming to everyone to use harmoniously.

In other good news, the under grounding of overhead powerlines is back on track for south UC. We've been pushing hard for this as it is a safety concern in the event of a wildfire or earthquake. Several streets that were approved but in a holding pattern due to environmental concerns have been released from that hold, so we should see more streets being undergrounded in the near future.

Lastly, thanks to input from the community and a nudge by UCCF board member, Sandy Lippe, I was happy to support an agreement for the creation of a track and field at Curie Elementary at the last Standley Park & Rec meeting. Passionate parents, grandparents and children made it clear that it was an important improvement for their school, and an improvement to any part of our community is a win for us all.

*Pictured above: UCCF Board Members bottom from left – Ruth DeSantis, Mack Langston, Sandy Lippe, and at top Ryan Ahearn, during a cleanup day at Marcy Park.*



### 100 YEARS OF WOMEN IN THE MARINE CORPS

This year's Miramar Air Show theme is "100 Years of Women in the Marine Corps." The 2018 MCAS Miramar air show gives the public and current service members an opportunity to honor the 100 years that women have served in the Marine Corps by celebrating their accomplishments and recognizing their contributions to the Corps.

The air show also provides visitors the opportunity to see Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Army and civilian aircraft spanning 70 years as well as to get a firsthand look at Marine Corps tactical equipment.

While the Air Show performance dates are Friday to Sunday, September 28-30, military and civilian aircraft will be seen and heard in the skies above University City and surrounding areas from Wednesday, September 26 to Monday, October 1.

- Wednesday, September 26 – Aircraft arrival
- Thursday, September 27 – Air Show practice
- Friday– Sunday, September 28-30 – MCAS Miramar Air Show
- Monday, October 1 – Aircraft departure

The Miramar Air Show is free and open to the public. For more information and the complete schedule of events, visit [miramarairshow.com](http://miramarairshow.com).

### City upgrades 'Get it Done' App

Walking down the street and see a problem such as a pothole or illegal dumping or tree hazard or abandoned vehicle? Take a photo and upload it while still nearby or from home. Get it Done will automatically update the problem report with information about where the photo was taken.

Get it Done San Diego is the official app for reporting non-emergency problems. The upgrade makes it easier to access many city services including passport services and sidewalk repair and traffic signal issues in one convenient application. For more information and to access the app, visit [www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done).

## Library Holiday Closures

Monday, September 3 for Labor Day

*Book drops will remain open at all Libraries on holidays.*



**University Community Branch September Highlights | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655 | [sandiego.gov/public-library](http://sandiego.gov/public-library)**



### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Thursday, September 27 from  
1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, September 28 from 9:30  
a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday, September 29  
from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Programs for Children

**Preschool Storytime** for  
finger plays and songs. Every  
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**Storytime with Shahina** -

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15 @ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



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

### Programs for Adults

**4Concert: Leonard Patton/Danny Green Quartet**

uses the familiar as a springboard into a deep pool  
of originality and improvisation, adding creative  
twists and turns while maintaining the heritage of  
the original songs by Michael Jackson, Stevie  
Wonder and the Beatles. Wednesday, September 5 @  
6:30 p.m.

**Qi Gong** (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method  
of relaxing and harmonizing the body. Friday, September 7, 14,  
21 & 28 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Accordian Club** meets the second and fourth Saturday of each  
month. All are welcome! Saturday, September 8 & 22 @ 9:30 a.m. -  
12:30 p.m.

OASIS: Julia Fister will give a presentation on **Women Artists: 1960  
and Beyond**. Thursday, September 20 @ 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**UC Book Club** will be discussing *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa  
Wingate. Wednesday, September 26 @ 2:00 p.m.



### Programming for Tweens/Teens

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

**ThoughtSTEM** is back again with coding for kids. First  
time coders welcome, age 7 and up please. Space is  
limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Tuesday,  
September 18 @ 4:00 p.m.

**Button Making** will be making 1-inch buttons from magazines and  
printed materials. You can bring in your own print outs to make buttons  
too! Wednesday, September 19 @ 2:00 p.m.

**Girls Who Code Club** 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, September 25 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**North University Community September Highlights | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637 | [sandiego.gov/public-library](http://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.

**Knitters' Circle**, Thursday, September 6 & 20 1:00 p.m. All yarn  
enthusiasts are welcome.

**Fiction Fanatics Book Club**, Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m.  
Title to be discussed is *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng.

**Guided Meditation**, Sunday, September 9 & 23 at 12:30 p.m. 20  
minute guided meditation followed by tea.

**Dramatic Readers Group**, Wednesday, September 12 at 3:00 p.m.  
Experience a play through oral reading in a minimalist setting—no  
scenery, no props, no lighting or stage direction, just books and voices.  
The group will be performing *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine  
Hansberry.

**A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults**, Sunday, September 16  
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, September 19 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.

**Coping with Life Transitions**, Thursday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m.  
Life's changes can be hard. Join Sharp Mesa Vista clinicians to learn  
about healthy aging and coping with the transitions of life. Come away  
with tools to help combat stress and anxiety, helping you lead a more  
balanced, fulfilling life.

### 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.

**Sign Language Storytime**, Thursdays at 12 noon. Baby Sign  
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language performance for babies through preschoolers. Includes  
songs, fingerplays, books, fun toys and props, and bubbles!

**Chinese Storytime**, Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Nancy sings,  
dances, and reads books in Chinese and English.

**Yoga Storytime**, Friday, September 14 & 28 at 11:00 a.m. Stretch  
both your body and your mind in this unique program that combines  
stories, songs and simple yoga poses. Families enjoy healthy fun and  
bonding. Please bring your own mat.

**Tiny Tots PJ Storytime**, Tuesday, September 11 & 25 at 6:30 p.m. A  
fun evening storytime with music.

**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  
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