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Thank You for Caring: Your UCCA Membership Goes a Long Way

We can all agree that University City is more than just a neighborhood; it's a wonderful community to live and work. During the past year, UCCA membership dues were used to provide support and funding for many of the events and worthwhile organization that make University City a place we are proud to call home.

UCCA sponsors the monthly newsletters, beautification projects such as the street banners, utility box artwork, and street median maintenance, as well as Neighborhood Watch, and the Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting. Membership dues enabled UCCA to help support the Community Foundation (UCCF), the 4th of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, Library Friends, EdUCate!, as well as many school and sports team projects, activities and fundraisers. Hundreds of UCCA volunteer residents joined UCCA to help with these events and projects as well as many others.

At monthly meetings at the Community Library on Governor, UCCA provides a forum for residents to discuss concerns such as the Pure Water sewer pipeline, short term vacation rentals, the University Community Plan update and Miramar air traffic. The monthly gatherings are a chance to network with other neighbors and provide regular updates from local law enforcement and fire/rescue officers, and state and local leaders.

Thank you to all who support University City by joining UCCA. The 2019 membership drive begins this month. For your convenience, you may join online through PayPal at www.universitycitynews.org/join-ucca-today/. Or use the membership application envelope or coupon enclosed in the center section of the November newsletter.

Note: Please join us at the November University City Community Association meeting, Wednesday, November 14, at 6:00pm, at the Community Library at 4155 Governor Drive. This is an open meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and other community leaders. All are welcome. For those who wish to network, we suggest you arrive at 5:30, as we begin our setup.

UCCA Begins Podcasting in December

UCCA was awarded a grant by the the San Diego Board of Supervisors, and part of the grant is to begin producing a series of local podcasts. UC Talks will begin airing in December, and more information will be available in the next newsletter on how you can listen to the episodes.

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

The podcast crew is currently planning the various subjects to be covered. To suggest topics, interesting UC residents, and local events, send an email to jemmasamala@gmail.com.

Make sure to follow UCCA on Facebook-
[@universitycitycommunityassociation](https://www.facebook.com/universitycitycommunityassociation)
Instagram – [@ucca_sd](https://www.instagram.com/ucca_sd), and Twitter -
[@UCCA_SD](https://twitter.com/UCCA_SD).

**Next UCCA Meeting is Wednesday, November 14, 6:00pm
UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive**

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Guidelines:

- Your article should be approximately 250 words or less, typed in a document and attached to email or pasted inside the email.
- Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors. Type in plain text format; no pdf formats.
- Include who, what, why, where, and how.
- UCCA does not guarantee publication.
- Submitted materials may be published on the Internet.
- The information contained in submissions may be edited and/or combined with others; for example: upcoming events.
- The Editor reserves the right to edit articles as needed.
- Name the file appropriately so it can be identified.
- Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
- Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com; email any questions.

Deadline for the December/January issue: NOVEMBER 15, 2018
Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the December/January issue is November 15, 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

October 10

by Deanna Ratnikova
UCCA Secretary



- Officer Brandon Broadus with SDPD announced that Captain Tina Williams is back from the FBI Academy and has resumed command. He noted that there are several new officers on the force to ease the turnover.
- Fire Chief Woolery reported that Colin Stowell is the new fire chief. Stowell was born and raised in San Diego and spent much of his firefighting career in the area.
- Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry provided an update on dockless vehicles. He also invited attendees to Brews with Bry and noted there would be another event in the UTC area soon.
- Erin Magee with Congressman Scott Peters announced that their office is hosting an information night for students interested in service academies and ROTC, and the deadline for the Congressional App Challenge is October 15.
- President Barry Bernstein announced that the community plan process has officially begun, and there is no update on the sewer line other than the pre-scheduled January court date.
- Melissa Martin with San Diego Public Library announced plans to host additional information sessions from the League of Women Voters at the library. She also noted that each library has full documentation on the soccer city initiative that patrons can check out.
- UCCA voted on funds for EdUCate and the Friends of the University Community Library and heard a request from Spreckel's jog-a-thon.
- The UCCA board approved Katie Nelson Rodolico to serve as UCCA's delegate on the UC Community Plan with Deanna Ratnikova serving as the alternate.
- UCCA heard by-law language recommendations for filling officer vacancies, and Barry indicated that he will officially nominate Mack Langston as Vice President to serve the remainder of Diane Ahern's term. The UCCA Board will vote to approve his nomination at the November meeting.
- Diane Ahern expressed interested in serving as the UCCA representative to the Standley Park Advisory Group and the Standley Park Recreation Council, and the board was in favor of this action.
- Barry asked everyone to mark their calendars for the tree/menorah lighting on December 14 at Standley Park. This event is held in conjunction with the Standley Park Recreation Council's dinner with Santa.
- The UCCA Board will meet next on Wednesday, November 14, at 6:00pm.





UCCA President Barry Bernstein

It's November and our weather has really changed, as soon must our clocks! With Oktoberfest and Halloween behind us, our thoughts are turning to an early Thanksgiving. This means that there will be many more days to begin holiday shopping...like it hasn't already started. Hanukkah is early this year too...as the first candles will be lit the evening of December 2. Christmas and Hanukkah will be celebrated at Standley Park on Friday, December 14, with the Rec Center's "Dinner with Santa" at 5:30pm, and UCCA's Christmas Tree and Menorah lighting program beginning at 6:30pm. There will be lots more information about this event coming in our December issue.

RE: UCPG - Katie Nelson Rodolico will be serving as UCCA's representative to the UC Community Plan writing committee, along with our designated alternate, Deanna Ratnikova. The first meeting will precede the regular UCPG meeting on November 13. All meetings are open to the public.

The UCCA Board would like to acknowledge and salute our many veterans living in UC and thank them for their service. (See page 10 for our veteran spotlight on Commander William Brook, Jr.)

By the time many of you will be reading this, Baseball's World Series Champions will have been crowned, and the Bing Crosby Del Mar racing card will just be starting. San Diego State University's football team is on its way to a bowl bid, and then there's the LOS ANGELES CHARGERS, we must wish them well I suppose.

I just learned today that Dr. Frances Arnold, who serves on the Illumina's Board of Directors, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in chemistry...congratulations!

Have you mailed in your election ballot? Don't forget you can drop your ballot off at the North UC library now, or at our Governor Drive Library branch on election day. Thanks to Melissa Martin, our community branch librarian, for helping to arrange the October 30 League of Women Voters ballot information meeting...As you know some of this year's local and state initiatives/propositions were confusing and controversial.

Of course, my message today wouldn't be complete if I didn't remind you to please fill out our attached UCCA membership form. And as you review all of the many activities/organizations that UCCA supports, I want you to know that we need and appreciate volunteers. If there's a particular activity/organization that you would like to be part of, or if there's an additional donation beyond your membership category choice, please do indicate on the membership form. Many thanks to our 2019 UCCA corporate members: Westfield, UTC, (Ryan Perry), Costa Verde/Regency Centers, (John Murphy), and Scripps Health, (Amber Ter Vrugt).

Our next regular UCCA meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14, 6:00pm at our community branch library on Governor Drive. Please feel welcome to attend. Our October meeting highlights are on page 2. Remember, University City is "more than just a neighborhood." Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. ~Barry

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San Diego Veterans Day Parade: Saturday, November 10, from 11 to 1 PM on Harbor Drive

UCCA salutes and thanks the many Veterans who live and work in our community for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. The San Diego Veterans Parade steps off on November 10 this year. Come to watch this patriotic parade and stand with hand over heart in honor and recognition to United States Veterans from all branches of our military. You'll see marching formations of Veterans organizations, military units, musical bands, civic organizations, floats, and flag processions celebrating Veterans Day. For more information about the parade, visit www.sdveteranparade.org/. For more information about Veterans Affairs, visit www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/.



calendar

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Clocks Fall Back One Hour
Sunday, November 4, 2:00am

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, November 11, 7:30-9:00am
cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive
supplies provided

VETERANS DAY

Sunday, November 11
Observed - Monday, November 12

UC PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, November 13, 6:00pm
10300 Campus Point Drive

UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 6:00pm
UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 22

DOYLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 27, 6:30pm

STANDLEY RECREATION COUNCIL

Thursday, November 29, 7:00pm

UCCA MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget - it's time to join and/or
renew your UCCA membership!

The UCCA 2019 membership drive
begins this month...
see attached envelope.

THANK YOU!



Be Alert to These Scams

Cold-weather capers.

Telephone scammers pose as utility company employees and threaten to shut off your service because of supposedly unpaid bills. If you really are overdue, most utilities will mail at least one, if not several, notices before terminating service. Utility

companies do not dispatch employees to your home for payments. Also, beware - and get second opinions - when contractors you've hired at low-ball rates tell you they've discovered costly jobs that you'd better take care of right away, such as cleaning chimneys, HVAC ducts or furnaces.

Investment fraud.

The year's final quarter prompts many folks to tweak their investment portfolios or search for year-end tax breaks. Remember that free lunch seminars touted as "educational" are really sales pitches for often unsuitable if not bogus investments. Don't believe words like "guaranteed," "risk-free," "secret," "can't miss" or "limited-time offer."

Charity cons.

It's prime time for heartstring tugging to get you to open your wallet. Besides the disaster du jour, scams that specifically target older donors often claim to help police and fire personnel, veterans, and sick or needy children. Unless you dialed, don't provide payment over the phone. If you didn't provide your email address to that organization, assume that email pitches are scams. Don't click on links, which could unleash dangerous malware programs into your computer. Ask door-to-door solicitors to leave some material with you. Gauge a charity's credibility at give.org, charitynavigator.org or your state's agency that regulates charities at nasconet.org.

**These words of wisdom are from Sid Kirchheimer, the author of Scam-Proof Your Life, published by AARP Books/Sterling.*

New Medicare Cards Are Being Issued

as reported by Ann Carrns for the New York Times

As people across the country receive new, safer Medicare cards in the mail, advocates are warning about fraudulent callers who try to dupe people into paying money or divulging personal information. Previously, the cards used the recipient's Social Security number as his or her Medicare number, which posed a risk of identity theft. Congress mandated a change in 2015.

Recent calls to the AARP fraud help line indicate that some people have received calls asking for a fee in order to deliver a new Medicare card, or asking for personal information before a new card can be issued. Such calls are bogus. "The card is free," according to Amy Nofziger, a fraud expert with AARP. According to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, "Medicare will never call you uninvited and ask you to give personal or private information to get your new Medicare number and card." Suspicious calls can be reported by calling 1-800-633-4227.

Everyone on Medicare should have a new card by April. Doctors can accept the old cards until December 31, 2019, the services agency said. To make sure that Social Security has your correct address, call 1.800.772.1213. Once you receive the new card, you can start taking it to your doctor visits and destroy your old card by using a "confetti" shredder.

Imagine UC 2020 Approved by School Board

*John Lee Evans
SD Unified Trustee*



The Imagine UC 2020 project was unanimously approved by the San Diego Unified School Board on September 25, 2018. This is a major step forward. It is a joint use project between the City of San Diego and the school district. This will

enhance Standley Middle School, Standley Park and Spreckels Elementary School and will serve the students of all UC schools and the general community.

Currently we have joint use baseball and soccer fields at the east and west ends of the park. They were built by the school district on school district property and are operated by the City Parks and Recreation Department when the schools are not in session. The City maintains the fields.

Now we will have a major expansion of joint use in our community's primary public space. There will be a permanent stage/pavilion near the middle school that will be available for concerts, other outdoor performances and community celebrations. There will be a jogging path around the park for PE classes and for community use in the evenings and on weekends. There will be an expanded parking area at Spreckels that will facilitate student drop off and extra parking for community events. At the same time the natural grass fields will be expanded to cover the current DG field at Spreckels for more green playing space.

The biggest addition will be an aquatics facility that will add an additional pool alongside Swanson Pool for high school competitions and practice, as well as swimming instruction for all ages. The additional pool at the enhanced aquatics facility will also be available to the public when not being used by the schools. In this joint venture school bond money will build the facility and City Parks and Recreation will cover the operating costs. This project can serve as a model for other areas of the city. (see pool sketch above)

The next step in this process is approval by the City Council of the negotiated joint use agreement. It is already in line with Mayor Falcouner's plan for expansion of parks across the city. After approval by the City the school district can open the construction bidding process in 2019. We're still on track for Imagine UC 2020 and we will continue with the modernization of all five UC schools, including many projects already completed at the high school.

Event to Honor the Victims of the Jet Crash of 2008

December 8, 2018, will mark the 10th anniversary of the jet crash in University City. To remember the victims of this tragedy, we will have a memorial ceremony at the University City Village Park (Florey & Cather), starting at 11.30am. The event will be open to the public. For info, contact: Pia Mantovani-Sud, piamsud@san.rr.com.

District 1 Updates from Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry

I was happy to participate in the University City Community Plan Update open house at the Nobel Library. The Community Plan was last updated in 1987 so a revamp is long overdue. At the UC Planning Group meeting on October 9th, the update subcommittee was formed which will include stakeholders from the community, local businesses, UCSD and Miramar. For more information about the plan update process, please feel free to contact Melissa Garcia at 619.236.6174 or magarcia@sandiego.gov.

The Mid-Coast Trolley project is continuing to make progress. The girder installations at the intersections will continue this month and will require full 24-hour closures of east and westbound traffic, starting at Regents Road at Executive Drive, La Jolla Village Drive, Esplanade Court and UTC Transit Center intersections.

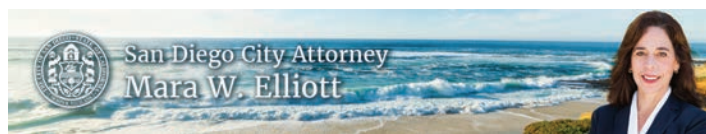
On the weekend and weeknights, one northbound lane will be open on Genesee Avenue, and the impacted cross street will be closed from 9:00pm to 5:00am. On weekdays, two northbound lanes and two southbound lanes will be open on Genesee Avenue (except for Regents Road, which will only allow for one southbound lane), and the impacted cross street will be closed from 5:00am to 9:00pm. During the holiday moratorium, infill work will be conducted north of La Jolla Village Drive using typical overnight lane closures. There will be no work and no lane closures on major holidays.

I had a wonderful time at the 25th anniversary celebration of Doyle Park. A new playground and international performances brought the community out for an enjoyable evening. Thank you to the Doyle Recreation Council for putting this event together and for everybody who came out to celebrate.

The City Council voted to ban polystyrene (commonly known as Styrofoam) food and beverage containers. In addition to food containers commonly used by restaurants, the ban would apply to ice chests, coolers, egg cartons, pool toys, etc. The regulation also requires restaurants to make plastic utensils and straws available only upon request which aims at reducing the amount of single-use plastic products that end up in the landfill. This would help San Diego to meet the goals of its climate action plan which includes a "zero waste" provision requiring the city to produce no waste that can't be recycled by 2040. Included in the ordinance is a waiver of up to two years for businesses that can demonstrate a financial hardship and a one-year grace period for any business with annual gross income of less than \$500,000.

I want to congratulate Illumina Board Director Frances Arnold for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. With 844 men being awarded the Nobel Prize compared to only 49 women, I think that I can speak for women all over the nation who echo the sentiment, "it's about time!" Dr. Arnold seems to feel the same. At a news conference at Caltech, she predicted that more future Nobel Prizes in Chemistry would be awarded to women. She went on to say that "As long as we encourage everyone — it doesn't matter the color, gender; everyone who wants to do science, we encourage them to do it — we are going to see Nobel Prizes coming from all these different groups. Women will be very successful." I wholeheartedly agree with Dr. Frances Arnold and will continue to do what I can to fight for gender equity.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and represent you on the City Council. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns at 619.236.6611 or barbarabry@sandiego.gov.



Clear coastal waters, breathtaking beaches, and rugged desert trails are just a few of the natural features that define San Diego and draw people here from all over the world. As City Attorney, I work to protect our environment by fighting for tough laws and holding violators accountable. I count you as a partner in this effort. As you read these highlights of the work my office does, remember: We need you to speak up when you see potential environmental violations. I've included reporting information below:

Water pollution. Our office is suing Monsanto, the chemical manufacturing behemoth, for the polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in San Diego Bay and the waterways leading to it. Monsanto manufactured PCBs for years despite overwhelming evidence of their public health risk. In August, a judge allowed our claim to move forward, bringing us one step closer to ensuring the company pays to clean up our watershed and bay.

Lead paint. Our office is part of statewide coalition of prosecutors that won a long-running case against paint manufacturers that knowingly sold toxic lead paint to California families. Lead, when ingested by children, can damage the central nervous system and cause lifelong learning disabilities. The companies tried to appeal this decision to the United States Supreme Court, but the court wouldn't take the case. The companies must now pay into a \$409 million fund to remove toxic lead paint from affected homes, including many in San Diego.

Illegal dumping. Lead paint can also contaminate our rivers and ocean. A citizen complaint led our office to successfully prosecute a Riverside County-based painting company that power-washed painted curbs in Del Cerro, allowing toxic paint chips to flow into the street and storm drains. Two employees and the CEO were ordered to pay more than \$12,000 in fines and restitution, and perform community work service.

Hazardous waste. The unlawful handling of hazardous waste puts us all at risk. That's why my office joined 21 other prosecuting agencies in a successful lawsuit against Whole Foods, which was illegally disposing of hazardous waste in our landfills. With inadequate safety protocols to protect customers, employees, or the public, Whole Foods improperly disposed of ignitable liquids, cleaning agents, aerosol products, and other flammable, reactive, toxic, and corrosive materials, at its California facilities. Stores in Hillcrest and UTC were implicated in the complaint. San Diego will receive more than \$110,000 in civil penalties, including funds to support the work of the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health.

You can help. To strengthen our ability to enforce environmental regulations, I recently created the Nuisance Abatement Unit to oversee cases related to illegal dumping, hazardous waste, fish and wildlife, illegal grading, lead paint, and the destruction of environmentally sensitive lands. You can report environmental violations to our Nuisance Abatement Unit by contacting us at: call - 619.533.5500, email - cityattorney@sandiego.gov, or online - www.sandiego.gov/cityattorney/divisions/communityjustice/nau.

Whether we are taking on powerful interests accustomed to operating above the law, or prosecuting individuals who threaten our precious ocean ecology, my office is committed to protecting the environment for the safety and enjoyment of all.

November 2018: Library Holiday Closures; book drops will remain open.

- Sunday, November 11, 2018 - Veterans Day
- Monday, November 12, 2018 - Veterans Day - City Observed
- Thursday, November 22, 2018 - Thanksgiving Day

**University Community Branch November Highlights | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655 | sandiego.gov/public-library****Special Events and Announcement**

Pastel Art Show and Reception: Featuring local community college students. Saturday, November 3 @ 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Concert: The Swingin' with Dean Show. Enjoy classics and oldies music from the 1940s through the 1980s with the multi-talented Dean Ratzman. Wednesday, November 7 @ 6:30 p.m.
Volunteer Opportunity: Friends of the Library are looking for volunteers to help with different projects. Please call the library at 858-552-1655 for more information.

Events for Adults

Qi Gong (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body. These gentle exercises are suitable for any age and health condition. Friday, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 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, November 14 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
UC Book Club will be discussing *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. Wednesday, November 28 @ 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.
Live! Homework Help - A volunteer will be at the library to help with homework. Tuesday & Thursday @ 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Makerspace Craft Station in the Children's Area with a different craft each week. All week long (Monday - Saturday).
ThoughtSTEM - Kids will be learning how to code a pet-themed project in Scratch programming language. They'll be able to create animated stories about their favorite pet dog, cat, turtle, or any pet they have! Kids will exercise their creativity while they learn foundational computer science skills. Recommended for K-2 grades. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Tuesday, November 27 @ 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Events for Tweens/Teens

STEAM @ Your Library - Fold a World Record paper airplane and learn how it flies. Everyone will learn how to fold the paper airplane that holds the world record for longest paper airplane flight (over 226 feet!). We will also discuss general principles of flight and experiment with different modifications to discover what factors affect how paper airplanes fly. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Wednesday, November 7 @ 2:00 p.m.
Girls Who Code Club - These are programs for 6th to 12th grade girls to explore coding in a fun and friendly way. Tuesday, November 13 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Challenge Island! Travel back in time; time destination is 1972. There were no video games back then but there was Pinball! Join the other kids and be part of a tribe to take on the Pinball Wizard Way challenge using only the materials in your tribal chest and your creativity! Space is limited, please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Wednesday, November 14 @ 2:00 p.m.

North University Community November Highlights | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637 | sandiego.gov/public-library**Featured Event**

Dramatic Readers Group, Wednesday, November 14 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 honoring noted American playwright Neil Simon with a reading of *The Prisoner of Second Avenue*.

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, November 1 & 15 1:00 p.m. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.
Fiction Fanatics Book Club, Saturday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. Title to be discussed is *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese.
Guided Meditation, Sunday, November 25 at 12:30 p.m. 20 minute guided meditation followed by tea.
A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults, Sunday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m. Each class will utilize a different art technique to inspire the creation of unique pieces. Participants are asked to bring a small sketchbook to class; all other supplies provided.

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 Language Basics author, Monta Z. Briant puts on a super-fun sign 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, November 9 & 23 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, November 13 & 27 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 libraries for more information and to confirm any given program. Changes are rare, but may occur. **Check with libraries to verify holiday closings.**



Free Little Library

Now Available for 'Check Out' on Tulane Street

by Sharon Pfrang

Neighbors are welcome to visit our Little Free Library in the 5600 block of Tulane Street. My son Michel built this Little Library as a present for my birthday. Drop off a book or pick one up or both. This home on Tulane is one that my parents built it in 1960, where I was raised; and we moved back into in 2007. When you visit the Little Library, take a look at the back of the library box. In keeping with the family legacy he wished to create, my son included a replica of the porch on the home in Carlsbad where he was born and raised. The photo includes my son and granddaughter.

Help Wanted

The Friends of University Community Branch Library (4155 Governor) are looking for volunteers. Become a Friend and help support the library through book sales and other activities. Monthly meetings are open to all, whether or not you are a member. Contact ucfriends@aol.com for more information or come to the next Friends meeting at the UC Library on Wednesday, November 14 at 4:00pm.



Visual Arts on Display at Library

by Diane Ahern

Artwork by students of Rochelle Bradford (pictured), longtime University City resident, UCCA member, and faculty member at San Diego Continuing Education Older Adult (OA) Program, is on exhibit in the Community Room at the library, 4155 Governor Drive. Bradford's students work in pastel and subjects include still life, portrait, landscape, and more. Many of Bradford's students recently exhibited at the San Diego County Fair.

All are invited to the artist reception on Saturday, November 3 from 3:00 – 5:00pm. The San Diego Public Library's exhibition program allows free access to visual art and cultural exhibitions, while promoting San Diego artists and creative community groups. The artwork will be exhibited through the month of December. For more information, visit www.sandiego.gov/public-library/visualarts.

BARNES & NOBLE

ADD BOOKS TO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING LIST

by Katie Dunahoo

EdUCate! is partnering with Barnes & Noble/Bookstar in the Costa Verde Center for a book drive for the five University City Public schools – Curie Elementary, Doyle Elementary, Spreckels Elementary, Standley Middle and University City High Schools. The book drive will run the month of November. Our most successful book drive was in 2013 when 1100 books were donated to the five schools. Let's do even better this year!

How can you help? It's easy! Browse the school book display in the store or ask at the register for a list of requested books from one or more of the schools. Select and buy the books you would like to donate. Maybe you will find an old favorite! Bookstar will keep the books until the end of the drive. EdUCate! and volunteers will sort the books after the holidays and distribute them to the schools. Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for your support!

Give a child the gift of reading

The "Everyone a Reader" program is a highly successful and positive way of supporting children in the process of learning to read.

Curie Elementary School is looking for volunteer reading tutors to join our dedicated team.

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Contact

Valerie O'Neill at voneill95@yahoo.com to learn more.





ROSE CANYON HARMONIE IN CONCERT AT UNIVERSITY CITY UNITED CHURCH

by Steve Shields

Please save Sunday afternoon, November 11, at 3:00pm for a performance in the University City United Church Sanctuary of music by Bach and Ravel, transcribed for five wind players. Proceeds from a free-will offering will benefit the church.

The musical selections will include Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin* and Bach's *Orchestral Suite No. 1*, both arranged for an ensemble of oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophone, and bassoon. Both of these pieces are dance suites, consisting of a series of formalized dance movements; the Ravel, originally for piano, intentionally refers back in style to the dance suites written for harpsichord by Couperin. By the late Baroque the dance suite had developed into a grander piece, such as the one by Bach.

Le Tombeau de Couperin is especially appropriate to be scheduled on November 11 (Veteran's Day), as each movement is dedicated to a different friend of Ravel's who died during World War 1. Ravel himself was an ambulance driver during the war, and spent time recuperating after getting very sick. The piece is best known in its orchestration by Ravel, completed in 1919.

The French Orchestra Suite was a type of composition that became very popular in the German-speaking world during the late Baroque. Bach wrote 4 of them; other composers, such as Telemann, wrote over 130! Bach's *Orchestral Suite No. 1* was written originally for an ensemble comprised of 2 oboes, bassoon, strings, and continuo; it begins with a formal French overture, followed by six dance movements. Come and enjoy the program! And if you know students who are wind players, encourage them to come as well!

UCUC is located at 2877 Governor Drive, 858.453.3444.

Looking for Blood

by Ray the Blood Man

On Saturday, November 10, 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. Spontaneous Blood Donors and Blood Buddies are also welcome and I recommend that you pop in between 10:00am and 1:00pm as well, since that's the general slow time with the fewest reservations. Also, the Bloodmobile door shuts at exactly 1:30pm, so you Bloody Procrastinators have to begin the process before then. I'd like to thank our UC All-Time Blood Donors: Justina F # 1, Jennene H # 2, and Kathleen D # 3! I bow in your general direction.

Recreation Advisory Groups Created

by Deanna Ratnikova

This past July the Recreation Council Working Group finalized its recommended changes to City Council regarding the Council Policy 700-42. The changes were necessary due to a legal opinion issued by the City Attorney's Office in September 2017, which found fault in the financial operations of recreation councils. The issue was that funds collected by recreation councils were now deemed "city funds" and thus subject to applicable provisions in the SD Charter and SD Municipal Code.

The solution proposed by the Recreation Council Working Group was the creation of Recreation Advisory Groups (RAGs), which would replace recreation councils as the advisory group to city staff on park and recreation matters. RAGs will operate nearly identical to the recreation council model, with the exception of finances. RAGs can recommend an annual budget to the City (which would be reviewed and approved by City Council), and they will receive monthly updates throughout the year on the park/recreation center financial status.

Recreation councils, which are separate 501(c)3 organizations, are no longer recognized by the City as an advisory group to city staff on park and recreation matters. They may elect to remain in operation, however, and city staff can be requested to collaborate with them to facilitate their mission. In the case of Standley Park Recreation Council, they will continue to operate and sponsor major events such as Dinner with Santa, the summer concert series, and the 4th of July Celebration.

What does this mean for the volunteers who served on recreation councils? Assuming the recreation council remains in operation such as Standley Park's, volunteers now have two groups to serve with and two separate monthly meetings to attend. The recreation council volunteers also now have the added responsibility of financial reporting (which was previously a shared burden with city staff) and fundraising.



Dramatic Readers Group

Thursday, November 14 · 3-5 p.m. · Community Room

Experience a play through oral reading in a minimalist setting—no scenery, no props, no lighting or stage direction, just books and voices.

This month, the group will be performing *The Prisoner of Second Avenue* by Neil Simon. New members always welcome.

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UC Del Sol Opens Spring Registration

As the Fall Ball season for girls' softball winds down, UC del Sol is announcing that registration for the Spring Ball season is now open! This year's season promises to be a great one as several teams are expected in each division (6U, 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U). Spring Ball starts in mid-January and lasts until the end of April. Please visit the leagues website at ucdelsol.com for information on registration.

And for girls ages 5 through 10 and are new to softball, please feel free to drop by Standley Middle School fields on Saturday December 8 at 10:00am for a free softball clinic. This will give your daughters a chance to throw, catch, field and bat – to learn about softball and see what the fun is all about. All equipment (glove, helmets, bats) will be provided!

Check out ucdelsol.com for more information. Spring Ball home games are played at the Standley Middle School fields. Playoffs are typically played on the last weekend of April. Our current Fall Ball teams are entering the playoffs next weekend. Wish them luck! If you have any questions about UC del Sol and/or softball in general, please email them to pr@ucdelsol.com.



Share Thanksgiving with UCSD Students

by Shelly Taskin

The UC San Diego International Students & Programs Office would like to invite UC families to participate in the Thanksgiving Holiday Exchange Program. This program gives international students the opportunity to celebrate the Thanksgiving Day holiday with an American host family in the San Diego area.

Volunteering host families invite two international UCSD students into their homes for a Thanksgiving meal and share how the holiday is celebrated in their family. This program is a wonderful opportunity for both international students and host family members to learn more about each others' cultures and foster new friendships. If you are interested in participating in the program as a host family, please apply online at <http://bit.ly/UCSDThanksgivingHostApplication>. For info or questions, email Emily Stewart at iprograms@ucsd.edu.



Pickleball is the New Game in Town

by Diane Ahern

Have you heard? Pickleball is now offered at the University City Racquet Club at Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive. Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton and tennis. Players use solid paddles to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a Wiffle Ball, over a net.

Leslie Anderson has been a pickleball enthusiast for nine years and is excited to see the sport grow over the years. Coach Mike Shinzaki, pictured left with players from a recent Monday morning session, played tennis as a child and through college. He began playing pickleball only three years ago and now instructs locally and competes on the pro circuit.

Open play pickleball is currently available on Monday mornings from 9:00 - 11:30am. Those who wish to play at other times are welcome to contact the Racquet Club for more information. Group lessons, clinics and private lessons are also available for those who want to learn the sport. According to Leslie, the Racquet Club can set up as many as four pickleball courts for players. The fee for non-members is \$5.00. Paddles and balls are available for those who do not have them.

Both Leslie and Mike are actively promoting pickleball at the Racquet Club as another club option for pickleball players in the area. They both hope to see more players on the courts in the coming weeks and months. And each is thrilled to participate in the national pickleball championships in Palm Springs in November. For more information about pickleball in University City, stop by the club, contact the Racquet Club through their website at www.ucrcennis.com, or call their voice mail at 858-452-5683.

CURIE CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 3

9am-3pm, rain or shine

**Over 100 vendors of handcrafted gifts and crafts, lunch grill, bake sale, silent auction.
Curie Elementary, 4080 Governor Drive**



UCCA Salutes All UC Veterans

VETERAN'S DAY SPOTLIGHT: COMMANDER WILLIAM N. BROOK, JR.

by Sandy Lippe



Tom Brook did not set out to write a love letter to his dad, William N. Brook, Jr., a retired Navy Commander. However, the story of Bill Brook's life in the military is really written as a love letter from son to father this Veteran's Day. Bill Brook was born in LaGrange, Georgia in 1924 and was raised in Florida. As a skinny, 16-year-old kid nicknamed in the military as "Chicken Legs," Bill lied about his age and got his mom to sign off on his enlistment papers for the Army in May of 1940. Described as dirt poor, Bill loved the Army with its three meals a day and rose

through the ranks to eventually become a test pilot, a college graduate. He rubbed elbows with fellow servicemen like astronaut Neil Armstrong and Alan Bean, another astronaut also on the Apollo 12 flight who walked on the moon. According to Bill's caretaker for the last two years, Raul Padayao, Jr., "Pops told Neil Armstrong he would be the first man to walk on the moon because Neil had an all-American name." Pops is Raul's affectionate name for his hero, Bill.

Serving in three wars, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, Bill was first sent to Panama Canal after basic training. "It was so hot and humid, I had to change my uniform three times a day." Rotating back to the states in 1943, Bill was an 18-year-old drill sergeant. Then he became attached to a combat engineer battalion specializing in building airfields. His unit later participated in the Battle of Saipan in June 1944. According to his son Tom, "Dad's job was rebuilding airfields for our B-29 bombers. Dad watched a dogfight between two Navy Hellcat fighters and a Japanese Zero which kindled his interest in flying even more."

The end of the war found him building an airfield on Ie Shima, a tiny island next to Okinawa, where famous war correspondent Ernie Pyle was killed by a Japanese sniper in 1945.

Bill saw Japanese transport planes land at Ie Shima with Japanese officials who flew on to Manila in American planes to discuss the surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945. After the war ended, Bill was discharged and returned to Florida. He earned money as a Greyhound bus driver, passed his high school equivalency, enrolled in University of Miami and in 30 months earned an accounting degree. Many veterans "worked and studied with a vengeance," according to Bill's son, and their young instructors were just pages ahead of the students/veterans who filled the classrooms, thanks to the GI Bill.

Too old for flight training for the Air Force but under the limit for the Navy, Bill began his Navy flight training in 1948 or 1949. When the Korean War started in June of 1950, Bill was an ensign and fully trained jet fighter pilot in a squadron flying the F-9-Fs. The squadron deployed to Honolulu and in a Tom Cruise move, Bill buzzed the airport and barely avoided getting into serious trouble. Later on he served two tours flying his fighter jet off a carrier bombing North Korean and Chinese positions...

Bill has lived in the same University City house since 1968. At 94, he is facing some obvious health challenges, but there is never a pity party with "Pops". (To read the entire article, go to universitycitynews.org.)



Ted's Grooming Emporium owners Jamey and Johnathan welcomed UC residents to their Grand Opening at the Sprouts MarketPlace this past month.



UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING

Left:
Nick van Daelen and
Rebecca Garcia were
crowned Homecoming
King and Queen

Below: Casey Granfors, wearing #2, and the football team sport special jerseys for the Homecoming Football Game on October 19. (Photos courtesy Nancy Weiss.)





EdUCate! Oktoberfest a Big Success

by Katie Dunahoo
photos courtesy Greg Hom

Thank you for attending the 10th Annual EdUCate! Oktoberfest. With your help, this fun-filled event raised over \$40,000 and that is great news for the five University City public schools. Special thanks for this year's major sponsors:

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Below: Making frankfurters, circus performers, and the Standley Marching Band.



UC Principals: Michel Cazary, Spreckels; Kim Moore, Doyle; Cara Ramsay, Curie; Jeff Olivero, UCHS; and Bill Pearson, Standley – who once again won the principals challenge.



Bridger Langfur, Council Rep; John Lee Evans, SDUSD Trustee, and Councilperson Barbara Bry visit with UC residents.



Above: Andrea and David Lynch with Meredith Kennedy. Below: UCHS Band drummers.





UC Construction Updates

Construction Term: Soil nailing is a technique used to reinforce and strengthen existing ground. Soil nailing consists of installing closely spaced bars into a slope or excavation as construction proceeds from top down. For the work related to the Torrey Pines Slope Stabilization Project, 40-foot long soil nails and water tie-ins are being installed into the retaining wall.

Mid-Coast Trolley Construction Along Genesee Avenue, SANDAG Project: The Mid-Coast Trolley construction is continuing along the Genesee Avenue at several intersections. Girder construction along Genesee Avenue will continue through the fall for the two remaining intersections at La Jolla Village Drive and the UTC Transit Center. Due to the complexity of the work, closures can be postponed at any time without notice. Updates: KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoastTrolley, [Facebook.com/MidCoastTrolley](https://www.facebook.com/MidCoastTrolley), or @ShiftSanDiego on Twitter.

Gilman Drive Public Sewer Improvements, UC San Diego Project: Phase 5 construction, the intersection of the middle driveway of the La Jolla Terrace neighborhood and Gilman Dr, and Phase 7 construction, the northernmost point of Gilman Dr before the La Jolla Village Dr overpass, began in October. Final overlay and striping of Gilman Drive is scheduled in November.

La Jolla Colony Cut-and-Cover Tunnel, SANDAG Project: Work on the Cut-and-Cover Tunnel at La Jolla Colony Drive is anticipated to begin in November. There will be a series of full closures to expedite work on nights and weekends. The area is currently being graded down to prepare for installation of wall 750 (next to the tunnel). For info about the tunnel work schedule, visit keepsandiegomoving.com/Mid-coast/midcoast-notice.aspx.

North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood, UC San Diego Project: Soil excavation and utility work is expected to be complete by the end of November. Concrete trucks will enter campus from North Torrey Pines Road and Muir College Drive. They will exit the campus from North Torrey Pines and La Jolla Shores Drive. Buildings structures are expected to be built from June to December 2019, and the student-ready housing is estimated to be complete by Fall 2020.

Torrey Pines Slope Stabilization Project, City of San Diego Project: Lanes on Torrey Pines Road have been shifted and re-striped to accommodate the construction work area. The project team has also set up k-rail on the eastbound side of Torrey Pines Road between Little Street and Roseland Drive. Work for the project has included connecting a water line to the existing main line on Torrey Pines Road and installing 40-foot long soil nails and water tie-ins into the retaining wall. Grinding and overlaying road work is tentatively scheduled in November, one or two lanes at a time, followed by the construction of a stamped asphalt median.

Westfield Residential Tower, Private Project: Construction continues on the 23-story residential tower at Nobel Drive and Genesee Avenue. While the last major concrete pour was conducted in late October, street work surrounding the tower will occur periodically over the next few months.

Let us know what projects you're most interested in receiving info: email info@ShiftSanDiego.com, call 1.844.SHIFT.SD, or visit ShiftSanDiego.com to sign up for email alerts.



MTS Seeks Public Input on Proposed Transit Fare Changes

by Diane Ahern

Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and North County Transit District (NCTD) are proposing fare revisions and increases in their respective service areas to become effective no sooner than January 27, 2019.

According to MTS and NCTD, fare revisions are needed because operational costs over the past 10 years have increased, while fare revenue has declined and fares have not increased; increased fare revenue will assist in maintaining high levels of service; and proposed changes will simplify the fare structure across the region.

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Single one-way fare price (\$2.50) for MTS bus, Trolley, Rapid, SPRINTER and BREEZE
- Addition of a \$3 Day Pass for Seniors/Disabled/Medicare (S/D/M) and Youth for MTS bus, Trolley, Rapid, SPRINTER and BREEZE (\$6 for Rapid Express)
- One discounted monthly pass price of \$26 for S/D/M and Youth for MTS bus, Trolley, Rapid, SPRINTER and BREEZE (\$36 for Rapid Express)
- Increasing the minimum age for senior discounts from 60 to 65 years (seniors 60 or older prior to the effective date will remain eligible for reduced fares)
- Price increases for COASTER one-way, Day Pass and 30-Day/Monthly Passes
- Elimination of 2, 3, 4 and 14-day passes and Trolley transfers
- Elimination of the SPRINTER/BREEZE monthly pass (will now be \$72 to include service on the MTS bus and Trolley)

More information and comment forms are available at www.sandag.org/fares. Customers may provide input by calling SANDAG at 619.595.5321, emailing pio@sandag.org, or submitting comments in writing. After public input is received and analyzed, a final recommendation will be considered by the SANDAG, MTS, and NCTD boards of directors, at which time the public also can make comments. The deadline for public comments is November 9, 2018.

Note: The bus route that runs down Governor Drive is the 50-Downtown Express, when goes north along Genesee to UTC and south down Regents to downtown San Diego. Along Genesee, you can catch routes 41-Fashion Valley-UCSD, and 105-Old Town-University City. More info at sdmts.com.



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University City Community Foundation Update

by Ruth DeSantis, President

University City Community Foundation's (UCCF) new website (improveuc.org) is up and running and we are looking forward to 2019 and expanding our Board. Please see my post on nextdoor.com if you are interested in donating your time to our community projects and helping advocate for our residents:

- Marcy Park is on the City's radar for a proper renovation and we are working with the grant department to obtain funding under Proposition 68;
- The Pure Water EIR lawsuit hearing is docketed for January and we are still in negotiations with the City Water Dept;
- Efforts are being made to replace the traffic lights at Governor/Regents Rd. to allow for a dedicated turn arrow to make that intersection safer;
- We have a seat on the new Standley Park Advisory Group so please be sure to reach out to us with your comments and suggestions;
- UCCF has committed to donating 4 trees to the Tot Lot on Florey/Cather Street to honor the four UC residents who perished in the military plane crash 10 years ago.

As you do your year-end planning, please remember that we are a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corp and your donations are tax deductible. Your generous donations are what enable us to help your community.

University City Planning Group (UCPG) Update

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The next meeting of the UCPG will be Tuesday, November 13. This meeting will have a special starting time, 6:30pm, so that the first meeting of the Community Plan Update Subcommittee can take place at 6:00pm. The location remains the same, 10300 Campus Point Drive, second floor.

The agenda for the first Subcommittee meeting will be largely organizational. The first order of business will be the selection of a subcommittee Chair, who by rule must be one of the elected UCPG board members also serving on the Subcommittee. It is expected that future meeting dates and times for the subcommittee will be finalized, and a likely set of topics for the first few meetings will be discussed by our City Planner, Dan Monroe.

What changes should MTS make in the bus system in order to take advantage of the completion of the Trolley at the end of 2021? MTS is holding a community meeting at Doyle Recreation Center on Tuesday December 4, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm to gather input from community on bus routes and frequency. The format will be Open House, drop in and out. MTS will have staff there to answer your questions and take your suggestions and comments.

GET READY TO VOTE

IN THE NOVEMBER 6 ELECTION

As a result of a large number of contests in the November 6 Gubernatorial General Election, San Diego County registered voters will get a two-card ballot. Considering the length of the ballot, the Registrar of Voters is urging voters to plan ahead and save time at the polls. Options to save time include:

- Mail ballot voters are urged to send them in early. Keep in mind, you'll need 71 cents in postage.
- Voters can save postage by dropping of their completed mail-in ballot at any authorized polling place on Election Day.
- On Election Day, mark your selections on their sample ballot pamphlet before going to the poll.

To check your voter registration status and for more information, visit the Registrar of Voters website at www.sdvote.com.

City Council Votes to Rescind Short Term Vacation Rental Ordinance

by Mack Langston

Faced with a referendum seeking to repeal San Diego's new restrictions on short-term rentals, the City Council, at its October 22 meeting, rescinded the short-term vacation rental (STVR) regulations it had initially approved in July and reaffirmed in August.

The Coalition of Town Councils' STVR Working Group, made up of community organization leaders, will continue to meet with other and elected leaders to help formulate and recommend a compromise strategy to regulate the home-sharing business. Please feel free to contact me at langstonmack@gmail.com for further updates.



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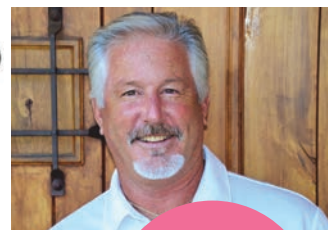
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