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Annual Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting

by Sandy Lippe

As we look back and mourn the dark losses in communities like The Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the fires in Malibu, Paradise, and Thousand Oaks, California, which also saw a deadly shooting of twelve people, we still look ahead and anticipate our University City community celebrating Hanukkah and Christmas. Hanukkah will begin the evening of December 2nd and end the evening of December 10th, while Christmas is on December 25.

On December 14, the lighting of the Christmas tree and the menorah will bring us together in unity and respect for each other's religion. Small towns across America will celebrate also this year. If the Statue of Liberty is an icon of freedom, then the menorah and the Christmas tree lighting are also icons of freedom.

Traditionally the University City Community Association has provided the tree and menorah lighting. Holiday music will enhance the evening with Standley Middle School Marching Band and the Tectonics, a barbershop quartet. Coffee Bean will supply hot chocolate to go with Carl's Junior delicious cookies. Regency Centers is underwriting many of the costs and SANDAG is providing the lighting.

Santa Claus will hear the wishes of children and spend time at the Dinner with Santa in the Standley Park Rec Center. Dinner with Santa is at 5:15 PM with food provided by Lornas. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, free for children under age 2. The Lighting of the Christmas tree and menorah is at 6:30 PM. The Standley Recreation Center is located at 3585 Governor Drive. If you have questions, contact 858.552.1652.

Whatever your age, whatever your belief, join the community to celebrate this UC tradition. "There is no place like home for the holidays."

Memorial and Tree Dedication



Saturday, Dec 8, 2018

11:30 AM

University Village Park
7100 Florey Street

Join neighbors and friends to remember and honor the four family members who died ten years ago on December 8 in a crash of a military aircraft in University City. Four trees have been planted at the park as a living memorial.



Next UCCA Meeting is Wednesday, January 9, 6:00pm
UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

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

Deadline for the February issue: JANUARY 17, 2018

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the February issue is January 17, 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

November 14

by Deanna Ratnikova
UCCA Secretary



- Upcoming events in the community include Dinner with Santa and the tree/menorah lighting at Standley Park on December 14 and a local transportation meeting on December 4 from 4:00-7:00pm at the Doyle Recreation Center (the Doyle Recreation Advisory Group will also meet that evening at the recreation center at 6:30pm).
- Officer Brandon Broaddus noted that there are efforts to find the young man from Bloch Street who has been driving dangerously.
- C.A.S.A. (Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation) presented on the airspace above Miramar, which encroaches into University City, and the memorial event on December 8, 11:30am, at the park at 7100 Florey Street.
- A resident attended to address concerns about traffic and fast driving at Radcliffe Lane and Genesee Avenue.
- Legislative representatives from Todd Gloria, Scott Peters, and Barbara Bry's offices provided updates. Councilmember Bry is pushing for responsible regulations regarding dockless vehicles, and the next Brews with Bry will be held in Del Mar Heights.
- City Council recently voted to rescind the ordinance on short-term vacation rentals. By nulling the action, City Council can take some action on the matter in the next year rather than waiting for a referendum. City Council is also voting on opening the bidding process for the Pure Water project.
- The UCCA Board approved the appointment of Mack Langston as Vice President and his fulfilling that position for the remainder of Diane Ahern's term. The Board also approved amendments to the by-laws outlining how to fill possible future vacancies for officers.
- The UCCA Board voted to endorse CASA as a legitimate organization representing our community and provide a \$250 donation towards their memorial event.
- Katie Rodolico reported that the first community plan meeting was cancelled, and the first meeting will now be in January. Please reach out to Katie if you wish for something to be addressed or you have an idea to be reflected in the plan.
- The UCCA Board will meet next on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. There is no regular meeting in December.



UCCA President Barry Bernstein

Happy Holidays to everyone...with Thanksgiving having come and gone, and the December month of celebrations to look forward to, there's no better way to spend a joyous family evening than being at UCCA's Christmas Tree/Menorah Lighting event at Standley Park on December 14. I hope you'll be there to enjoy and share the best of the holiday season with your family and friends.

These past few weeks have been filled with loss of life of so many innocent people...caused by natural causes and in some cases, human hand. It's been difficult to watch and read about these catastrophic events, day after day, with seemingly little one can do to prevent. Of course, there are reliable and legitimate gov't, church, and private agencies one could contribute to ease the pain and suffering of the victim's families.

*There will be a special University City event, at 11:30am on Saturday, December 8. C.A.S.A. and UCCA will be holding a 10-year Anniversary Memorial Event remembering the military aircraft crash that claimed four lives in our community. This event is open to the public and will be held at the "tot-lot" at the corner of Cather and Florey. If you are unable to attend, please consider a moment of silence beginning at 11:58 am...the moment of this tragedy.

On a less somber subject, have you thought about your New Year's resolutions for 2019? I have plenty of generic suggestions for your consideration beyond the typical weight loss, exercise, more reading, etc. Here they are; (in no special order), spend less time watching television political programs, (even though there's an expectation that the "Dems" that now control the House will get something done), attend the San Diego County Fair, support local arts...take someone to enjoy a San Diego theater production, find time to become involved with our schools, churches/synagogues, as well as the many events/organizations, (join UCCA), that are part of our community fabric. And most importantly, everyday tell those that you love that you care about them...in today's unsettling world it's the least one can do.

The UCCA Board does not have a regular meeting scheduled in December...however starting on December 6 you can listen in to our new "podcast" format to keep up with any current issues regarding local "happenings". Our UCCA podcast is titled "UC Talks" and our catchy jingle/tune is a creation of long time U.C. resident/songwriter/lyricist Tom Ventimiglia. Our next UCCA meeting will be held on January 9. On behalf of our Board, I want to wish you a most wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa holiday season...and a very happy, healthy, and safe New Year. Cheers! ~Barry

University City to Remember 10th Anniversary of F-18 jet Crash with Memorial and Tree Dedication

December 8, 2018, is the 10th anniversary of the F-18 fighter jet crash in University City that killed four members of the same family, destroyed two homes, damaged several others, and caused multiple fires. Neighbors will gather at a local park to share memories, for a moment of silence and to dedicate four trees to be planted as a living memorial to those who lost their lives.

The Memorial and Tree Dedication is on Saturday, December 8, at 11:30am, at University Village Park (the Tot Lot park), at 7100 Florey Street in University City. The park is located at the intersection of Gullstrand/Cather and Florey.

The public is welcome to join with neighbors and friends to connect with each other to remember the crash and its aftermath. Sponsors hope that by dedicating four newly planted trees as a living memorial to the four neighbors who died in the crash, the long process of healing will continue.

Neighbors who are not able to attend the Memorial and Tree Dedication are urged to set their alarms to 11:58am on Saturday, December 8, as a reminder to participate in a moment of silence and to remember all those affected by the crash. For more information, visit UCCA's website at www.UniversityCityNews.org.

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calendar

HANUKKAH

Sunday, December 2 (sunset) through
Monday, December 10

UC JET CRASH REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, December 8, 11:30am
University Village Park
Corner of Gullstrand/Cather & Florey

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, December 9 & January 13
7:30-9:00am
cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

STANDLEY RECREATION COUNCIL

Thursday, December 13 and
January 24, 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS TREE AND MENORAH LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Friday, December 14
Dinner - 5:15pm, Lighting - 6:30pm
Standley Park Rec Center

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, January 1

CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 25

UC PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, January 8, 6:30pm
10300 Campus Point Drive

UCCA MEETING

No December Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 6:00pm
UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Monday, January 21

DOYLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 22, 6:30pm



Beautification Art Projects Continue

Katerina Gribkoff recently transformed the utility box at the corner of Governor and Genesee into the newest public art UCCA beautification art project. Katerina went to the University of Colorado in Boulder for two years before transferring to the Pratt Institute in New York

City and graduated last year with a Bachelors of Fine Arts. She is now working towards becoming a full-time artist, by maintaining a small studio in Barrio Logan, selling art and originally designed merchandise, and participating in small group shows. She will be leaving soon for a month-long residency in Tasmania. Upon her return, Katerina looks forward to getting more involved in the San Diego art scene

SAFETY TIPS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The holidays are a time when thieves are frequently on the prowl. It's the time of year to keep your antennae up whether at home or in a mall parking lot.

Keeping Your Home Safe:

- Always lock your doors and windows, even if you are only gone for a few minutes.
- Lock your side gate, leave lights on at night, if you have an alarm, use it.
- Post a "Beware of Dog" sign even if you don't have a dog.
- Install LED lights outside your home; dawn to dusk or motion detector lights.
- Arrange to have packages delivered to a neighbor if you are not home and avoid leaving packages on your doorsteps or porches.
- Dispose of packaging discreetly. Criminals observe discarded product packaging of enticing items and then target you or your home for their next burglary or theft.
- If you park in the garage, drive in, close the door, then get out of the car and remove your packages. Criminals may be on your street watching for any chance to take what is yours.
- Keep door locked between the garage and house.

Staying Safe While Shopping:

- Park in a well-lit area as close to the entrance as possible. Avoid dark and/or isolated areas. Lock your car.
- Place purchases in the trunk of your car, leave nothing of value visible, including electronic wires.
- Always remain aware of your surroundings and scan the parking lot for suspicious activities or persons.
- Never leave your purse or purchases unattended.
- As you approach your car, check around, under and inside, to make sure no one is hiding.
- Have your keys in hand, enter your car and immediately lock the doors. Don't sit and make phone calls, leave!
- Ask security to escort you to your car if you feel uncomfortable.

Call 911 if you see a crime in progress or feel threatened by someone. Call 619.531.2000 for suspicious activity on your street or shopping mall.

Thank You Neighborhood Watch Captains

My thanks again to all the neighborhood watch captains who have gathered their neighbors and helped empower them to improve the quality of their lives through crime prevention, education, problem solving and cooperation with the San Diego Police Department. If your street does not have a captain, step up and take the lead, email me at bggellman@yahoo.com to increase the positive energy on your street. — Barbara Gellman

Neighborhood Safety Tips

Stephanie Vetter, one of our Neighborhood Watch Captains, shares this info about the California Fire (CalFire) recommendations for wildfire readiness: Their site provides steps for preventing/minimizing fire risks, plus general guidance for evacuation; our local fire agencies would provide specific evacuation guidance as needed. The CalFire Preparation info is at: www.readyforwildfire.org/Prepare-For-Wildfire/



Browse the site and watch the preparation videos—they are short but quite informative. Included is the most current CalFire ReadySetGo! brochure set. CalFire also provides an online mapping service for current incident status (www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents). They also have a mobile app for your smartphone (search for "Ready for Wildfire" in Apple Stores or Google Play). And make sure to have a backup plan for pet evacuations. We can't all be home all the time, and sometimes, things happen fast that could prevent us from getting to our pets. Please be sure you have a backup plan for them such as a neighbor or other friends.

TIME SAVER TIP

Be sure that your house number can be seen clearly from the street to avoid delays from the Fire Department or Police Department; paint your number on the curb also. Clear shrubs or any obstacle from blocking. Add LED lights to the front of your home, either dusk to dawn or motion detectors for added protection and safety.

FREE, INSTALLED SMOKE ALARMS

The Burn Institute continues to offer free smoke alarms to households with residents aged 65 or older. Call 858.541.2277 ext. 18 at the Burn Institute to speak with Brittany Herrin to set up an appointment.

ALERT SAN DIEGO

Recent devastating wildfires throughout our state and the most recent Red Flag Warning in our county have served as critical reminders that we must do all that we can to be resilient and prepared in the face of disasters. Don't be caught off guard by an emergency. Register with AlertSanDiego, the region's emergency mass notification system. Get notified on your cell phone and email of evacuations and other important actions you can take during a disaster in your area

Registration is quick, simple, and free at:
www.ReadySanDiego.org/AlertSanDiego

The Office of Emergency Services also recommends being prepared to leave in 15 minutes or less after an evacuation order is issued. During a disaster, it's important that you, your family and your pets are prepared to leave before first responders order evacuations. Take time to talk with your family about your plan to stay safe and have your emergency kits ready to go. An out of control wildfire can move quickly, so if you feel unsafe, don't wait until you receive an evacuation order to leave your home. Questions? Contact the County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services (OES) at AlertSD@sdcounty.ca.gov.



District 1 Updates from Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry

Fire Station 50 Update

The City awarded a Design Build Contract in April 2018 to the Joint Venture group, Platt/Whitelaw Architects, ECC Construction and RA Burch Construction for approximately \$10.7 million. Onsite work is expected to start in the

winter of 2019 and completion of the fire station construction is scheduled for the summer of 2020. This fire station is long overdue and it will continue to be a top priority until the day that the station is open and ready to serve the University City community.

Touring One of Our District's Gems

My staff and I participated in a tour of Rose Canyon with Debby Knight. I want to personally thank Debby and Friends of Rose Canyon who have dedicated so much time and care to the preservation of one of the many natural spaces that make District 1 so special. Debby's understanding of the native flora and fauna in the canyon was wonderfully informative. I highly recommend that community members schedule a tour with Debby to get a "behind the scenes" look at the ecosystems in our backyard.

A Short-Term Rental Setback but not the End

After a multi-year process and numerous public hearings, the City Council in August passed a legally sound short-term vacation rental ordinance that upholds the current zoning law, maintains the character of our neighborhoods, collects transient occupancy taxes, respects the original spirit of the sharing economy and preserves our housing stock for San Diego families, workers and students.

I am disappointed that a corporation reportedly valued at \$31 billion descended upon our city with its unlimited funds and used deceptive tactics to put us in the position of having to either rescind our ordinance or put this measure on the ballot.

If this were to go on the ballot, this large corporation would likely spend millions of dollars. Since the next regular election is not until 2020, our city would endure a two-year freeze on any progress on this issue.

That is why I voted to rescind the ordinance. Rescinding the ordinance returns us to the existing municipal code. Like all other California coastal cities, San Diego uses a "permissive zoning scheme." Meaning, if the use is not listed, it is not permitted.

Therefore, I have asked the Mayor to follow the lead of Santa Barbara, Carmel, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Huntington Beach, Long Beach and over 40 other California cities, and enforce the law.

I am grateful to the many University City residents who have worked with my office to try and resolve this issue. Please know that while this vote was a setback, it is not the end. I remain fully committed to a short-term rental solution that preserves residential family zoning.

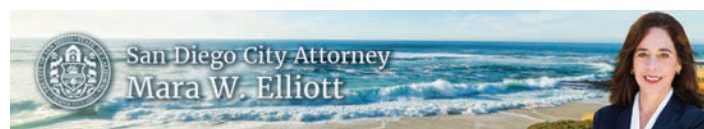
Thank you for allowing me to serve and represent you on the City Council. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns at 619.236.6611 or barbarabry@sandiego.gov.

Supervisor Kristin Gaspar

When we flip the calendar pages to December and January most of us can't help but reflect on the past year. For me, 2018 delivered its fair share of challenges and blessings. It was my second year on the County Board of Supervisors and my first time being Chairwoman of the year. The journey was an exciting one filled with personal and professional growth.



Last February at the State of the County Address I laid out my priorities of helping our most vulnerable populations, the mentally ill, the homeless, those with substance abuse problems, and our youth. Throughout the year my staff and I engaged with local non-profits and community groups that specialize in these issues and explored innovative ways to move forward with solutions. I believe we accomplished that. However, these are complicated problems that can't be quickly solved and will require a lot more work. I am committed to making these people my top priority in my next two years as County Supervisor. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and a blessed 2019.



GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS SAVE LIVES

Mass shootings and everyday gun violence have become so commonplace in America that many of us have lost hope that anything can be done to stop the senseless loss of innocent lives. But here in San Diego, the City Attorney's Office and Police Department are restoring hope and leading the state in using a relatively new law to stop gun violence before it occurs: The Gun Violence Restraining Order. A GVRO is an order issued by a judge that temporarily prohibits an individual who is at risk of harm to self or others from possessing, accessing, or purchasing firearms or ammunition. We can prevent a tragedy from occurring when the warning signs are present.

My office has obtained 80 GVROs since last December, and we've confiscated about 170 firearms, including more than a dozen assault weapons, and 80,000 rounds of ammunition from gun owners determined by a court to pose a serious danger to themselves or others.

Some made specific threats to kill. Others used their firearms recklessly, often because of addiction or mental health issues. Some threatened to kill themselves with their guns. There's no telling how many lives we saved.

The California law that empowers law enforcement to obtain GVROs was prompted by the 2014 mass shooting in Isla Vista, the community adjacent to my alma mater, the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Few California municipalities were obtaining GVROs when I took office. Due to our success over the past year, our office was funded by the state to train other law enforcement agencies and their attorneys on how to use GVROs to protect Californians.

We recently held a training in Ontario, a week after the mass shooting in Thousand Oaks, for 125 representatives of regional law enforcement agencies. We have also held trainings in San Diego and Riverside Counties, and more are planned in Orange County, the Central Valley, the San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento, and Los Angeles.

As the mother of young children, I was forever changed by the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Now, as City Attorney, the GVRO statute gives me a tool to protect San Diego's children and everyone else who could be the victim of foreseeable gun violence.

My office is dedicated to sharing our effective GVRO program throughout the state. If we've made this much progress in less than a year in San Diego, imagine the impact GVROs can have if this tool is used throughout California and beyond.

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

- Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day
- Tuesday, January 1 – New Year's Day

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

**This month's Featured Events**

Concert: Leah Panos will perform a variety of classical pieces on the harp. Wednesday, December 5 @ 6:30 p.m.

OASIS: Lost Murals - Recent archaeological discoveries at San Diego State University revealed multiple hidden and long-since forgotten student murals from the bowels of the historic campus. Wednesday, December 12 @ 1:00 p.m.

Events for Adults

Accordion Club meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Saturday, December 1 & 15 @ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Concert: Junior Knits featuring Alex Coolman. Indie/contemporary music. Saturday, December 1 @ 12:00 noon.

Classics Book Club will be discussing *The Arabian Nights* by Sir Richard Francis Burton. Monday, December 3 @ 3:30 p.m.

Qi Gong (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body. These gentle exercises are suitable for any age and health condition. Friday, December 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

University City Community Association – No formal meeting in December. The next scheduled UCCA meeting is Wednesday, January 9 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please stay in touch through our websites.

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 is available in the Children's Area with a different craft each week. All week long (Monday - Saturday).

STEAM @ Your Library - Build Roto-Copters, Hoopsters, and more. Paper airplanes aren't the only objects you can make that fly. Build an assortment of interesting flying objects while learning about how they fly! Wednesday, December 5 @ 2:00 p.m.

Noteworthy Puppets presents *Kid Zorro: the Bilingual Puppet Musical*. Zorro must embrace his family's destiny in order to save the local Mission from the corrupt politician with a diabolical plan. Monday, December 10 @ 4:00 p.m.

LEGO Club - Come build anything you can image with LEGO. Thursday, December 13 @ 3:00 p.m.

Events for Tweens/Teens

Girls Who Code Club - These are programs for 6th to 12th grade girls to explore coding in a fun and friendly way. Tuesday, December 4 & Wednesday, December 12 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Robotics Demo - The Green Griffins will be showing off their robot and letting attendees drive it. They will also be talking about FIRST robotics including how they build robots. If you are interested in Science, Technology Engineering or Mathematics, or have questions about robotics and the team, then stop by the library! Friday, December 14 @ 4:00 p.m.

Challenge Island! Travel back in time; time destination: 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, December 19 @ 2:00 p.m.

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

This month's Featured Event

Rising Up: Exploring Afrofuturism in Black Panther and Civil Right in March, Sunday, December 9 at 1:00 p.m. Join Professor Ajani Brown from San Diego State University as he discusses themes of social justice and Afrofuturism in the 2018 One Book, One San Diego selection *March: Book One*, by Congressman John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell, and the *Black Panther* graphic novels and feature film

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, December 5 & 19 1:00 p.m. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

Fiction Fanatics Book Club, Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. Title to be discussed is *The Mermaid Chair* by Sue Monk Kidd.

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

A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults, Sunday, December 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.

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. 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.

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.**



San Diego County Board of Education Member Mark Powell

I was honored to present a resolution on behalf of the San Diego County Office of Education supporting the Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego's Water Proofing San Diego's drowning prevention program.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 1 to 14 years and the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 4 years. 56 children under the age of 14 years died due to drowning or submersion in San Diego County from 2004 to 2013 according to Rady Children's Hospital and it is the San Diego County Office of Education's belief that youths should be introduced to aquatic activities early in life and continue to improve their aquatic skills through their childhood and into their teenage years.

The mission of the Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego is to save lives by funding swim lessons for underserved youth and providing aquatic safety education for all. Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego formerly known as the San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation believes drowning is preventable and it is our vision to teach every child in San Diego how to swim!

Since 2009, their purpose has been simple, they do everything they can to prevent drowning and save lives of children by targeting under-served communities that need swim lessons and aquatic water and ocean safety education.

With our local school, community and aquatic partners, the Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego has impacted tens of thousands of young people in San Diego County and made their lives safer and more enjoyable.

In addition to teaching kids to swim, the Foundation has two other major priorities. The first is to privately fund and build a state of the art aquatic project that will be the epicenter for aquatic safety in San Diego. It will allow increased SD Junior Lifeguard enrollment and provide a meeting place for all community aquatic partners in San Diego County.

The other priority of the Foundation is to continue supporting the 1,400 junior lifeguards and provide annual junior scholarships for underserved children. The San Diego County Board of Education supports efforts to waterproof San Diego's youth through aquatic education and drowning prevention, creating a healthier and safer culture for all.

At one time, Standley Middle School students took swimming at Swanson Memorial pool and discussions are currently underway between the San Diego Unified School District and the City of San Diego for a joint use agreement that would include a second pool in Standley Park as part of new initiative called Play All Day Parks program.

For more information regarding Standley Middle School Joint Use and Aquatic Facility General Development Plan you can log onto the website below.

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/prbr170518item103.pdf>



EdUCate! Awards 22K in Teacher Grants

What a terrific fall grant season! Thank you to all of our donors and Oktoberfest participants. Our fall grant cycle was a HUGE success! For the first time (that we know of!), 100% of all UC teachers or counselors who submitted a grant application were awarded a grant!

EduCate! Foundation for UC Public Schools awarded the \$22,000 in grant monies to fund items for our five UC schools. Items ranging from STEM & Robotics (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project materials to give students hands on experience in their classrooms, to classroom rugs, calculators, speakers and headphones. We awarded grants for books to help expand teachers' classroom libraries and school libraries, as well as laminated posters and recycle bins to promote environmentally conscious students and campuses. EdUCate! is supplementing the publishing cost of school newspapers, marching band instruments, and classroom items like fidget toys and stools for young students who need support to remain focused in class.

EdUCate! has a long history of awarding grants that are practical, innovative, cost effective, use collaboration among teachers, classrooms, and grades, and have a high impact on our students. EdUCate's mission is to support the whole child from Pre-K through high school; academically, socially and emotionally.

Volunteer Opportunities in UC Schools

If you are interested in volunteering in any of the UC schools (Curie, Doyle, Spreckels, Standley, or UC High) for one hour a week or more, then contact EdUCate on the website: www.uc-educate.org/get-involved/ or directly by email: information@uc-educate.org. There are opportunities for tutoring during the day, after school, etc. For example, the EdUCate! Math Academy at Spreckels Elementary and Standley Middle Schools are seeking high school students and community members at large to help tutor math on Tuesdays, Thursdays or both days after school. If you are interested in helping with reading programs or science, then those are available as well. Help make the world a better place by serving your local community through EdUCate.

Registration is OPEN for Spring Baseball in UC

University City Little League invites all boys and girls ages 4-15 to participate in our Spring Baseball program. Price increases December 21, register now! Assessments for MAPs divisions and above will be held January 12. Visit www.ucll.org to for more information and to register.

The ENTIRE UC community is invited to support UC's favorite past time at Fast Times! UCLL's Parent Night Fundraiser! Save the date, February 9th. Tickets available on our website. Dinner, music, silent and live auctions, and live band Classic Buzz. #UCsfavoritepasttimeatFastTimes

If you are interested in supporting and having your company advertise to over 200 families, consider sponsoring a team through UCLL. Sponsorships range from \$100-\$2000+. Please contact Paula Obrigewitch at 858.717.1080 or pcinpb@san.rr.com



I Heart SD: The Church Has Left the Building

For the second year in a row, Torrey Pines Church shut its doors for one weekend in October to share their love for the city of San Diego by sending teams of volunteers into the local community for the *I Heart SD* Project.

More than 235 volunteers logged over 850 hours working at UC High, Standley Middle School, Rose Canyon, UC and Clairemont Little League Fields, as well as other sites in the greater San Diego area as part of the Project.

"TPC has a 58-year history of serving the community, and it's important that we continue that tradition in a way that is relevant now," said Kelley Klassen, a long-time UC resident and staff member at Torrey Pines. "Right now the schools, rec fields and open spaces are struggling for the funding to make repairs, do clean-up and perform simple upgrades. We felt like we could help."

Local students, families, seniors and UC neighbors all pitched in to successfully complete 11 service projects. Debbie Knight, of the Friends of Rose Canyon, was delighted with their work. "I love that we can now see the oaks from the top of the trail!"

I Heart SD is part of a larger initiative reaching from Tijuana, Mexico to Venice, CA. Started by the Eastlake Church Network, the Project exists to encourage churches and communities to show love by leading lives of tangible generosity and service.

Standley Students Participate in Identify Project

On November 7, 120 8th grade students from Monte Carroll's English classes at Standley Middle School traveled to La Jolla for the 2nd Identity Project. Designed by Carroll, this ambitious project brought together 32 student groups with 32 adult volunteers for conversations about the adults' identities – what factors and experiences influenced and shaped them. According to Carroll, the goal of the project is to "create a situation where the students can interact with real, complex people in a way that can be more meaningful than interacting with characters in a story - to bring what they are learning about in class into the real world, so their learning will be authentic."

The event was generously hosted by the Torrey Pines/Eastgate Church in La Jolla. "The enormous contribution of the great people at Torrey Pines Church helped the event turn out spectacularly," Carroll said. "They opened their beautiful location to us, set up the group meeting spaces, helped with technology, and even provided some last-minute adult participants." Other adult participants came from the UC community, Qualcomm, San Diego Unified School District, and Vi at La Jolla Village.

Feedback after the event revealed that the conversations were just as powerful for the adult participants as for the students. As one Vi resident said, the students "led us to do some important thinking. I hope we helped them do the same!" An exhibition of the students' work will be held at Standley on December 13 from 5:30 to 6:30pm.



LA JOLLA RENAISSANCE SINGERS TO APPEAR AT UNIVERSITY CITY UNITED CHURCH

by Steve Shields

The La Jolla Renaissance Singers will present our fall vocal program, Night Song, in the Sanctuary of University City United Church, 2877 Governor Drive, on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 3:00pm. The public is invited to come and enjoy the program. There will be a free-will offering taken.

We will be presenting a program of seasonal music for end of day and deepest night. The program, which will last about 1 hour, will include music by Renaissance composers Tomas de Victoria and John Wilbye, as well as contemporary compositions by Ola Gjeilo, Herbert Howells, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. All of the music will be presented a cappella; this means singing only, without accompaniment.

We plan to add some additional singers in January for our spring season, which will focus on Spanish Renaissance music (Spain and the new world) for a concert inside the San Diego Museum of Art inspired by their Spanish Renaissance art exhibit. If you enjoy singing challenging music in a small, a cappella ensemble we would love to hear from you; please contact Steve Shields at sjshields1@earthlink.net for further information.

UNIVERSITY CITY PLANNING GROUP UPDATE

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

Two UCPG meetings were scheduled back-to-back for November 13. The first half-hour was to be the initial meeting of the Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CUPS), followed by the regular UCPG meeting. The CUPS was cancelled due to unavailability of City staff and its agenda continued to January 8, 2019, when the regular UCPG meeting will be held following the rescheduled CUPS meeting.

Detailed plans for the construction and staffing of the new Fire Station 50 were presented by the City Public Works Department by Jason Grani, and by Naveen Waney, Platt Whitelaw Architects. The board is interested in hearing further on plant selection and outdoor art.

The UCPG voted to endorse a "Road Diet" restriping of Gilman Drive following the completion of the current UCSD Sewer Project as a measure to increase bike, pedestrian, and car safety. UCSD is in conversations with the City, Bike San Diego, and Bicycle Advocates to see if buffered bike lanes can be implemented during the Sewer Project restriping.

The next CUPS/UCPG meeting will be held on January 8, 2019, 10300 Campus Point Drive.



UC Del Sol 12U Wins Championship

Congratulations to the UC Del Sol 12U Girls softball team for winning the championship game in the Clairemont Fall Ball League. The girls bested a field of 9 teams to be league champions. Way to go!

Also, congratulations to our 8U girls who made it to the semifinals and to the 10U team that made it to the quarterfinals.

As a reminder, registration is now open for the 2019 Spring Softball Season. This season is shaping up to be a good one as several teams are expected for the 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U divisions. Please visit the UC Del Sol Girls softball website at www.ucdelsol.com for more information.

Also, if you have a young daughter that is considering a sport and thinks that softball might be the one, please feel free to attend our free Softball Clinic on December 8 at 10:00 am at Standley Middle School fields. If you don't have a bat, or glove, or helmet – no problem! We will supply all of the equipment needed.

Softball develops athletic skills, builds self-esteem, fosters teamwork, breeds leadership and creates friendships. It's a great sport that has in the last 20 years become one of the most popular girls sports in the country.

If you have any questions about UC del Sol and/or softball in general, please email them to pr@ucdelsol.com.

GIVING BACK

Coldwell Banker UC Annual Holiday Food Drive

Coldwell Banker UC invites you to reach out to the less fortunate. We will be collecting non-perishable food that will be distributed during and after the holidays by Feeding America San Diego. You can bring bags to Coldwell Banker UC at 3959 Governor Dr. (VONS shopping center) November 29 and 30, 10:00am to 5:00pm, or call our office, 858-352-6587 and we will pick up your donation.

Ryan Ahearn Group Clothing Drive

The Ryan Ahearn Group will be picking up clothing donations to benefit the Salvation Army. Donation bags will be distributed ahead of pick up dates of December 11-14, and the group will pick up at your home. Anyone interested please contact: utccommunityevents@gmail.com or call David, 858.349.7468 or Ryan, 619.540.2634.

Carmen Espinoza Retires from Rec Center

Carmen Espinoza, Recreation Center Director III, is retiring after serving the city of San Diego for 36.5 years. We know her from her years at Standley Park and the Nobel Recreation Center, but she has worked at various locations throughout the city, including Pacific Beach Recreation Center, North Park, and the Municipal Gym.



She's also counted over 2,000 volunteers she has had to supervise throughout her service, including at local events such as: Movies in The Park, Winter Wonderland Snow Day, Halloween Carnival, Teen Dances, Volunteer Clean Up Projects, Cookies With Santa, Spring Egg Hunts, Christmas Tree Lighting, Octoberfest, Concerts In The Park, Banana Split, SD Summer Lunch Program and Toys For Tots.

Carmen currently volunteers for the San Diego Police Department's Crisis Intervention Program as a Crisis Interventionist and is on the HOA Board for Village Square Condominiums. Other organizations she has been involved with include: Girl Scouts of America, I Love A Clean San Diego, Navy and Marine Corps, And the Father Joe's Villages. In her spare time she likes to read, hike, bike and exercise. She'll have more chances to do so when she officially retire on January 31, although Carmen's last day is January 4. Make sure to stop by and thank her for her service to our community.

Trees 1000 Foundation making a Tree-mendous Difference



November was a busy month for the Trees 1000 Foundation and the Davey Resource Group. Davey has already planted over 100 trees on private property throughout University City at the request of Trees 1000. This is in keeping with the Foundation's mission to re-building the tree canopy lost to recent construction projects, improving air quality and reducing the heat factor. Jessica Groat, a homeowner on Whipple Avenue (pictured), was a recent recipient of a redbud tree funded through Trees 1000. For more information, visit www.trees1000.org.



UC SPOTLIGHT: JOAQUIM CRUZ OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST

by Vince Reardon

It's 5,652 miles from Taguatinga, Brazil, to San Diego. It's a great distance to travel, both geographically and culturally. But the distance from Taguatinga in central Brazil to the Gold Medal podium in Los Angeles, is immeasurably farther. Joaquim Cruz, 55, a long-time UC resident and an Olympic gold-medal runner, knows just how far these journeys are. He has traversed both.

Growing up in Taguatinga, a satellite city of Brasilia, the nation's capital, Cruz, the youngest of six children, played "street soccer" with his older brothers, dreaming of soccer glory like another Brazilian, the great Pele. But his interest in soccer wasn't long-lasting. "As soon as I put my hands on a basketball, I fell in love with the game," he said.

When he was 12-year-old, Cruz, whose father worked in construction, became a member of a basketball club at school sponsored by the construction industry for employees' families. "It was a first-world setup," he said, "I never saw anything like it." But more important than the court's hardwood floors or plexiglass backboards was its savvy coach Luis de Oliveira. "He loved to spend time in each practice on conditioning," Cruz said.

Through de Oliveira's arduous workouts, Cruz discovered he was a fast runner, a very fast runner. A friend, impressed by Cruz's astonishing speed, entered him into a city-wide track competition, running the 1500 meters. He was 14 years old. "I ran against boys who were 18-years-old and won in 4 minutes and 19:00 seconds," Cruz said. Later, running in an 800-meters trial for 15-year-olds, he won handily breezing across the finish line at 1 minute and 51 seconds. Cruz's lightning speed quickly got people's attention and he made the Brazilian national team.

And yet, Cruz wanted to play basketball and had even been promised a scholarship to George Washington University. But de Oliveira saw that Cruz's future lay in running, not basketball. He gave the 14-year-old a running program and visited the young man's family urging them to encourage their gifted son to run track, instead of playing basketball. De Oliveira's persistence paid off. Cruz committed himself to track and his world suddenly began to grow exponentially.

In 1983 he attended the University of Oregon on a scholarship and trained under coach De Oliveira. Cruz lost no time impressing the racing world, winning the NCAA Championship in the 800 meters. "I never lost a race in Oregon," Cruz said.

That same year Cruz raced in the Helsinki World Championship and finished 3rd. In the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1984 he beat out record holder Sebastian Coe in the 800 meters in 1:43:00, becoming the first Brazilian track star to win a gold medal since 1956. In 1988 he won the silver medal in the 800-meter race. Cruz sat out the 1992 Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona due to injuries, returning in 1996 to run in his third Olympic Games in Atlanta, where he carried the Brazilian flag in the opening ceremony.

Cruz and his wife Mary, who met in Eugene in 1984, moved to San Diego in 1988 and bought a house in University City several years later. They have two adult sons – Kevin and Paulo. Today, Cruz works at Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, training Paralympic track athletes to compete in the Paralympic Games. "I travelled a long journey to realize all my dreams as an athlete. I help other athletes to accomplish their Olympic and Paralympic dreams." Cruz said

(If you have suggestions for future UC Spotlights on notable UC residents, please send them to uccaeditor@gmail.com, thanks.)



The Westfield UTC Residential Tower was recently "topped out" as they poured the top floor of the 23-story building. Pictured above left is Ryan Perry, Westfield UTC General Manager, and right is Nicholas Rumanes, Senior VP of Development for Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield. Westfield UTC is a corporate sponsor of UCCA.



The guys that brought UC the UC Cars and Coffee Meetups were spotted giving away pies for Thanksgiving. They gave away a total of 100 pumpkin and 150 apple pies. Thanks to David Wright and the Ryan Ahearn Group. Join their Facebook group UC Cars and Coffee to find out info on the next meetups





Standley's Halloween Carnival *by Nethra Venkat*

A Halloween Carnival was organized by Standley Recreation Center on October 26. There were activities for everyone to participate in and enjoy. In the gym, there were several games. There was 'guessing the candy in the jar' and the 'spiders on the web' – people had to guess how many there were and the person with the right answer won a prize.

Another game was 'knock them down' where participants had to knock down foam cans with bean bags. For bean bag toss, you tossed beanbags into little holes that had numbers for how many points you received. In 'tic tac toe', you stood behind a blue line and tried to get a bean bag into the tick, tack and toe squares to complete. In 'ghostly flush', you had to get toilet paper into a fake, decorated toilet.

'Howling for golf' was where you had to get golf balls into a hole. In 'booling', you had the option to knock down candy corns or bowling pins. In the 'pumpkin lollipop' game, there were two pumpkins with several lollipops. If you picked a lollipop with red on the stick, you got to keep it. Winners were given a piece of candy. There was a bounce house with a slide and ladder which was popular!

There were crafts in another room where people could decorate a foam pumpkin, scratch a cat face, make jack-o-lanterns, create monsters and owls which was fun. Thank you to all volunteers who made this event happen.

Nethra is one of UCCA's newest community contributor, and at eight years old, one of our youngest. Thanks Nethra.



Maria Cook and her family participated in the UCSD Thanksgiving Exchange program and hosted two students from China and Japan. Xinwen is a Cognitive Science major and Economics minor from Chengdu, China – a city famous for pandas and spicy food. Ami was an exchange student from Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo and she is at UCSD for one year studying Accounting. One of them had not seen a turkey before, so it was enjoyable for the Cook family to be able to share a traditional dinner as well as learn about their local traditions. After dinner, they all took a walk to La Jolla Cove and watched a beautiful sunset.



Around UC: Halloween

Ryan, Trumin and Joaquin at Curie Elementary



The Rife 'Incredibles' Family, and the Bottomley Family



The Nightmare Before Christmas House



The Jones Family, and the Moeckel children



Adorable Victoria Wright...



...and frightful scenes on Huggins Street

UCHS Centurion Foundation Offering Fundraising Opportunities

by David Lynch

The Centurion Foundation (CF) of UCHS exists for the sole purpose of supporting University City High School's athletic programs and clubs. We are a non-profit 501(c)3 organization comprised of dedicated parents, community members and alumni who seek to enrich all our students involved in sports and extracurricular school activities. Your dollars will help the Centurion Foundation award three scholarships to graduating seniors and to fund three rounds of grants, a round each sport season, to clubs and sports. CF values your fresh ideas, enthusiasm and involvement as well as your donations to ensure we maintain our school's winning edge! Go Cents!

We have two exciting opportunities coming in the next few months

- **Farmers Insurance Open Golf Tournament Tickets to benefit CF Foundation.** Tournament is January 24-28, 2019 at Torrey Pines Golf Course. Tickets are \$35/ticket (which is \$15 off the \$50 regular ticket price) and good for one day at the tournament. *Tickets available now until January 26th or while supplies last.* Purchase from Norma Smith in the UC High front office and tell her that the Centurion Foundation sent you. Makes a great holiday gift!



- **Make your mark at UC High!** Stadium brick sales will be coming Spring 2019 (not offered every year)! Great for current students & parents, past parents & alumni and upcoming students & parents! Add your name to the wall with a brick. More info at uc-centurionfoundation.com next Spring.

General info on the foundation and to view past scholarships and awards go to the website: uc-centurionfoundation.com, and questions email: president@uc-centurionfoundation.com.



Enjoy your Holiday Season; Let's Stay in Touch

UCCA wishes you Joy, Love and Peace during this Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. UCCA does not publish a University City print newsletter in January. However, we continue to update our web and social media sites with current news and features.

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The print newsletter will return in February 2019.



Advocating for Safe Aviation in University City and San Diego County

by Diane Ahern

UCCA thanks Chairwoman Kristin Gaspar of the County Board of Supervisors for meeting with representatives of University City Community Association (UCCA) and Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation (CASA) to understand mutual concerns for aviation safety throughout San Diego County.

The group reviewed the standard instrument procedure known as SEAWOLF8 which is designed to keep aircraft departing Miramar from flying over the highly-populated areas of University City. When pilots fail to follow the SEAWOLF8 departure procedure, they fly over residential, school, hospital and business areas of University City and unnecessarily put residents, students and workers in harm's way. In addition, failure to follow procedure puts other aircraft in danger including those arriving and departing San Diego International (Lindbergh Field) and Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport (Montgomery Field).

Ron Belanger, former naval aviator and crash investigator, reviewed the air traffic plan for San Diego County. That plan is known worldwide as one of the most complicated and challenging in the world. Ron also reviewed locations of area schools impacted by air traffic patterns as well as sites of past crashes.

Supervisor Gaspar was happy to hear that the CASA group is not anti-military and is not advocating that the FAA or the DoD change any procedures. Supervisor Gaspar was pleased to learn that CASA representatives want MCAS Miramar pilots to follow FAA and DoD mandated standard instrument departure and approach procedures.

Specifically, the representatives meeting with Supervisor Gaspar on November 5 asked her to speak on their behalf to MCAS Miramar command about safety concerns; to share safety concerns with the other county supervisors; and to support the responsibility of the San Diego County Airport Authority to protect public health and safety surrounding area airports.

Note: Supervisor Gaspar accepted a meeting request from community leaders after hearing community air traffic safety concerns at the September 12, 2018, UCCA meeting.

For more information, visit UCCA's website at www.UniversityCityNews.org.

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 If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Chairperson
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Shift Program Construction Update

Construction Term: **Retaining walls** are rigid structures designed to restrain soil to a desired slope that it would not naturally keep to.



Colony Drive will be constructed with cast-in-place walls under the roadway and various other types will be used leading into and away from the roadway area.

Various types of retaining walls are currently being constructed in the La Jolla Colony Drive area, including cast-in-place, soil nail, MSE, and soldier pile. Different wall types are used depending on many factors including soil type, protecting utilities, and supporting roadways among others. The future cut-and-cover tunnel at La Jolla

Mid-Coast Trolley Construction Along Genesee Avenue, SANDAG Project: The intersection work for the Mid-Coast Trolley at Genesee Avenue and La Jolla Village Drive is expected to begin in mid-January 2019. The girder construction at the final intersection at the UTC Transit Center is slated for February 2019. Due to the complexity of the work, closures can be postponed at any time without notice. For up-to-date closure updates, visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoastTrolley, [Facebook.com/MidCoastTrolley](https://www.facebook.com/MidCoastTrolley), or @ShiftSanDiego on Twitter.

Torrey Pines Golf Course, City of San Diego Project: Preparations for the Farmers Insurance Open began in early October with a wall-to-wall overseeding process of perennial ryegrass on both the North Course and the South Course. Each of these award-winning layouts play host to San Diego's PGA TOUR stop. The buildout for the event itself began on November 1, 2018, with the building of grandstands, hospitality tents and television towers across the two golf courses.

Immediately following the event taking place January 24-27, a South Course remodel is slated to begin in February 2019. This will include a new irrigation system, improved bunker infrastructure and improved addition, two holes will undergo a minor transformation to improve shot values that both San Diego residents, visitors and TOUR players alike can all enjoy. The City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department is proud to improve its flagship golf property for everyone.



UCSD Mesa Housing Pedestrian and Bike Bridge, UC San Diego Project: The Mesa Housing Pedestrian and Bike Bridge Project consists of a new bridge across a canyon on the UC San Diego Campus to directly link the Mesa Graduate Housing neighborhood with the Medical Center campus. The bridge will allow walking and biking with significantly shorter, safer routes to campus using the new Gilman Drive Bridge. Cranes will be set up in late November or early December for the installation of bridge girders. For more information on this project, visit: adminrecords.ucsd.edu/Notices/2018/2018-9-26-1.html

University City residents can visit ShiftSanDiego.com or follow @ShiftSanDiego on Twitter for the most up-to-date information. For any questions regarding current or ongoing work, contact Shift at 844.SHIFT.SD.



Buy Local Business Brief:

Cirque-It Fitness Expands Its Services Offerings

Cirque-It Fitness, University City's fitness studio that specializes in functional fitness and bodyweight training, has added several services in addition to its signature 45-minute "fit, fun & done" workout that utilizes circus equipment in a creative circuit workout adaptable to many fitness levels.

Beginning in December, clients can enjoy Pilates, yoga, and fundamental bodyweight training programs to complement their circuit training, or as an introduction to the studio. The studio also offers remote training packages that involve a trainer designing a workout for them to do at home, at their gym, or on the road.

The Cirque-It Fitness studio is conveniently located at 3961 Governor Drive in the University Square shopping area near Vons and Coldwell Banker. For more information, visit the Cirque-It Fitness website at cirqueitfitness.com/.

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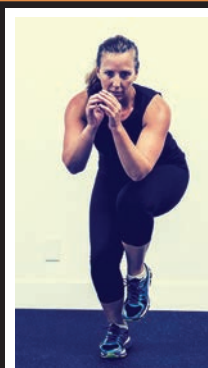
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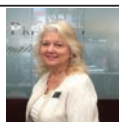


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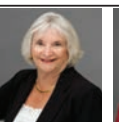
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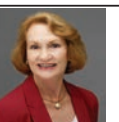
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