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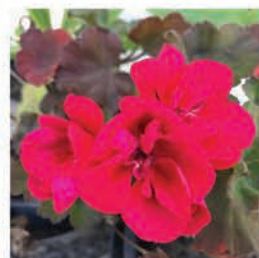
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UCHS Student on American Idol

University City High School student Mica Giaconi took her musical aspirations up to a new level when she auditioned for TV show American Idol. Mica was selected to sing in front celebrity judges Luke Bryan, Lionel Richie and Katy Perry. Although not part of the final contestants, Mica is not done with her musical career. She said that "I think with every new opportunity or gig, I come close to finding my own style. I do think that every musician has their own vibe, and I'm still trying to find that." Mica is active with the UCHS Music Club, and performs regularly with her father Daniel Giaconi at Pesto restaurant on El Cajon Blvd. We're sure to hear more of Mica's voice in the future.

UNIVERSITY CITY SUPER BLOOM

Walk about the streets of University City and you'll find our own local super bloom of flowers. No need to drive to Lake Elsinore or the Anza Borrego Desert, the neighborhood gardens and canyons are in full bloom. Take time to walk our streets and enjoy springtime. University City is known to be a very walkable neighborhood, with our parks and access to open canyons. Listen to our UC Talks podcast with Ruth DeSantis about walkability, read about the butterflies and the bugs on page 11, and take a free Rose Canyon Spring Bird Walk. University City...more than just a neighborhood.

Next UCCA Meeting is Wednesday, April 10, 6:00pm
UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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- Include who, what, why, where, and how.
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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.

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Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the May issue is April 18, 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

March 13

by Deanna Ratnikova, UCCA Secretary

- Officer Brandon Broaddus provided staffing updates and an update on the indecent exposure case. He answered questions from the crowd on graffiti, safe vendor laws, and AirBNB mobile units.
- Chevelle Tate representing State Senator Toni Atkins provided further information on the safe vendor laws (SB946). She extended an invitation to the Breaking Down the State Budget event.
- Bridger Langfur representing City Councilmember Barbara Bry discussed the community plan update process and provided statistics on residents, workers, and transportation in University City. He noted that DIF funds moving forward will be combined for North and South UC. He read a statement on the glider port deaths and a memo on micro-mobility solutions.
- Corrine Busta representing County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar noted the Safe Kids initiative that the Supervisor is hosting with San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan and the Safe Homes Coalition. The event will be Saturday, April 6, at the Waterfront Park.
- UCCA heard a request for funding from EdUCate! and their Taste of the Triangle event.
- UCCA approved funding requests for the UCHS Music Showcase and the Doyle Elementary PTA Jog-a-thon.
- Anthony Episcopo, Field Director for the San Diego County Republican Party, invited everyone to the Bi-Monthly Official Republican Party event and the next Caucus Meeting.
- Joe LaCava, candidate for City Council District One, provided a brief introduction and outlined his issues.
- Yaifon Pattiya with AaHarn Thai Restaurant announced she will soon offer a discount for showing your UCCA membership card.
- Matty Wuest with C.A.S.A. read a statement regarding enforcement of existing flight paths at Miramar.
- Ruth DeSantis with UCCF reported on Marcy Park upgrades, the Pure Water lawsuit, and a potential home tour in UC.
- Katie Rodolico announced the interactive workshop with consultants for the University Community Plan Update Subcommittee and the CIP process with UCPG.
- The next UCCA meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

*Tune in to the new UCCA podcasts, "UC Talks" by going to the UCCA website.



UCCA President

Barry Bernstein

Spring is here! With all the rain accumulated these past few months our canyons are more beautiful and lush than ever...and the wild flowers are in abundance. However, this may become a concern when drought/fire conditions are elevated...as well as how to remove all the anticipated and visible weeds growing on our street medians (and in some cases, in our own yards). Please do **YOUR** part in maintaining your sidewalk parkways and front yards. The Community Plan Update Subcommittee met on March 19 at UCHS...you can read Katie Rodolico's report on page 12. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, with location to be determined. These are public meetings, so try to attend, participate, and share your vision for what

you feel is important to the future of University City.

The Padres have opened their 2019 season, and hopefully will have a much more successful year. Standley Park is holding their annual Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13...bring your kids and a basket to collect eggs for decorating or placing on a Seder plate (the Easter/Passover connection!).

We're looking forward to the Tom Ventimiglia/Greg Zinser collaboration for our UC Talks podcast music...and don't forget to listen in to podcast #2 featuring Library Manager Melissa Martin and #3 with UCCF President Ruth DeSantis.

This past month UCCA honored two major businesses that have contributed to the University City community over the years. (See photos on page 11 of Ryan Perry, accepting for Westfield/UTC and Michael Borchard, owner of Carl's Jr.). At our March meeting UCCA voted to support UCHS Music Department's "Sights and Sounds" event to be held at the JCC on April 19, and EdUcate!'s 25th Anniversary edition of "Taste of the Triangle" to be held at Pirsch at Westfield UTC on May 3. The Standley Park Rec Council 4th of July "UC Celebration" planning committee, chaired by Randall Tonini, is pleased to announce they will have the two very popular free activities introduced last year will be returning, (for children 10 yrs. and under). The two are; "Pony Rides", sponsored by the Ryan Ahearn Group, and "Snow-Day" sponsored by realtor Nancy Beck. Be sure to plan some great daytime family fun at the "Celebration", and come back later to enjoy a picnic dinner while enjoying the closing evening concert.

Our next UCCA meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10. A special discussion focusing on ideas on how to improve street safety on Governor Drive will be led by Mark Salata. On behalf of the UCCA Board, I want to wish you and yours a most wonderful Easter and Passover holiday season. Remember, University City is "more than just a neighborhood"...so pull those weeds and start your Spring Cleaning! ~Barry

UC TALKS PODCASTS AND NEWSLETTER READINGS

UCCA's podcast program, UC Talks, is now available and can be found on the universitycitynews.org or go to SoundCloud.com and search "UC Talks" where you can subscribe for free and be alerted when new podcasts are posted. Recent podcasts include conversations with Barry Bernstein, UCCA President; Melissa Martin, UC Library Branch Manager; and Ruth DeSantis, UCCF President. Each newsletter will also be recorded and is a service provided to those who cannot read the newsletter, and for many people who do not get a physical copy of the newsletter. If you have a suggestion for a future podcast topic, please contact Jemma Samala, jemmasamala@gmail.com.

calendar

UC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

4th of JULY EVENT

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00pm
Standley Park Rec Center

UC PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, April 9, 6:00pm
10300 Campus Point Drive

UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, April 10 6:00pm
UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

SPRING EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 13, 10:00am – 12noon
Standley Park

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, April 14
7:30-9:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

UCPG COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00pm
Location TBD

PASSOVER OBSERVANCE

Begins Sunset Friday, April 19
Ends Nightfall Saturday, April 27

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 21

EARTH DAY

Monday, April 22

DOYLE RECREATION

Tuesday, April 23, 6:30pm

STANDLEY RECREATION

Thursday, April 25 7:00pm



TRI-N-HARDER FOR KIDS

by Barbara Gellman

On February 2, the Jewish Community Center held the 9th STAR/PAL indoor triathlon that supports the police-youth mentorship program and the Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. Northern Division's Julie Denny, swam for 10 minutes, Moriah Marashiello, biked for 20 minutes and Ariel Oriate, ran on the treadmill for 10 minutes; took 3rd place as the top relay team competitors. Their coach was Officer Larry Hesselgesser who with others from many divisions and departments, cheered them on, including Captain Tina Williams and Chief Nisleit.

This is a high energy, high sweat level event that brings out the best from all participants who are passionate about empowering our under-served youth. Further information can be found on the website: www.starpal.org and all donations are tax deductible. The award to the SDPD division who fundraised the most money, bringing in \$1,223, went to Northern division. Way to go!

BE SMARTER THAN YOUR SMART SPEAKERS

by Garry Kachkovsky

Smart technology and personal devices have features and connectivity that could expose your personal information. As consumers, we need to determine what's more important: our personal privacy or a device's functionality. Smart speakers such as Amazon's Echo and Google's Home have numerous uses to make life easier, such as turning on music, reading the day's headlines, creating reminders, adding events to a calendar, getting traffic information, or even a weather update. These devices constantly listen to their surroundings to process your commands by sending them over the Internet. Each interaction is stored in a database which helps the device function better. Unfortunately, anyone with access to your device's account can see your search history and hear all previous commands. Periodically clearing search data can help prevent unauthorized access. You can also turn off the microphone button to stop it from listening, but then the device is no longer available at your command. Consider disabling or requiring a PIN (personal identification number) to complete voice purchases and network features to help further protect your wallet and privacy. Additional security tips to help protect your privacy when using smart devices include:

- Cover cameras, turn off microphones or even unplug devices when not in use
- Check default privacy settings
- Periodically delete your usage data
- Research and understand privacy policies before making a purchase.

If you have any questions, contact Garry Kachkovsky at 858.450.9711 or email garry@kachkovskyandfisher.com.

Package Theft Prevention Tips

Millions of packages are delivered every day in the U.S. and thieves know they are delivered straight to your front door step where they may sit for hours until you come home. Here are some tips to ensure packages are delivered safely!



1. Tracking numbers let you see when your package is supposed to arrive. This gives you the ability to pick up the package immediately upon delivery or to set up an alternate method of pick up.
2. Ask your neighbor to please pick the package up for you or Leave a note on your door instructing the carrier, where to leave the package or request the delivery to be at a location where somebody will be home.
3. Request a "Signature Delivery Option." This ensures the package will not be left on your doorstep. If you are unable to sign, the package will be taken to the post/carrier office.
4. Request a specific drop off time when you will be home.
5. Use a post office box and pick up all your packages there.
6. Have packages delivered to your workplace if possible.
7. If purchasing something online from a large retailer, have the item delivered to a local branch of the store so you can pick it up in person.
8. Request that the shipper holds the package at their facility for pick up.
9. Use Nextdoor.com to communicate any suspicious vehicles seen roaming the neighborhood after delivery times, take pictures if possible.
10. Call 911 if you see a theft occur and report all package thefts to San Diego Police by calling 619.531.2000 or report online at www.sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/startaccess.
11. Set up a surveillance camera system aimed at you porch like Ring, Nest or Samsung's SmartCam. Let it monitor your entire front porch area. Some of these can record 24/7 video footage and send instant motion alerts to your smart phone. If you have any suspicion that a package might have gone missing, simply check the delivery time (as confirmed by your shipping service) against the stored recordings from your camera and see what happened. If indeed a theft has occurred, you can download the video and use it as evidence when you file your police report.

Reporting Odors and Emissions

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District monitors and investigates air quality complaints about the emissions of air contaminants - including smoke, dust and odors - which have the potential to cause injury, nuisance or annoyance. The APCD commonly investigates improper asbestos removal, gasoline dispenser nozzle problem, unpermitted equipment and operation, and illegal burning in addition to smoke, dust, and odors.

Complaint information is forwarded to a District inspector as soon as possible for investigation and resolution. However, complaints received outside of normal business hours may be investigated the next business day. If a business is in violation of any air quality rules or regulations, the District may issue a Notice of Violation. If a Notice of Violation is issued, the business must take action to correct the violation and may pay a monetary penalty to the District.

When an air quality problem is observed at a stationary source, call 858.586.2650 or email apcdcomp@sdcounty.ca.gov. You can also submit complaints using the Tell Us Now App (available for mobile devices). To report a smoking car, email airinfo@sdcounty.ca.gov. For more info and to download the app, visit the San Diego County website at www.sandiegocounty.gov and search on Air Pollution Control District.



District 1 Updates from Council President Pro Tem

Barbara Bry

Please join me at the next Brews with Bry, which will take place in University City on Thursday, April 25 from 6:00-7:30pm. For details, please contact Bridger Langfur (blangfur@sanidago.gov) or look for a social media post on NextDoor, Twitter and Facebook in the next couple weeks.

Brews with Bry is becoming a popular District 1 way of connecting with me and my team as well as your neighbors. We meet at a local restaurant, enjoy a beverage together and talk about current city issues and how our office can better serve you.

The University City Community Plan is currently going through an update process which will provide direction for the long-term development of the community. The plan was last updated in 1987. The University City Planning Group (UCPG) currently has a subcommittee specific to this issue.

On February 28th, the City Planning Commission received an update from the Planning Department. Representatives from the subcommittee and community members also spoke. I'm appreciative that University City has so many engaged residents, and would like to particularly thank Andy Wiese, who is chairing the subcommittee. Here are some interesting facts about UC that were presented at the Planning Commission meeting:

- 70,000 people live in University City.
- University City has 92,000 jobs which accounts for 12.3% of all jobs in San Diego.
- 93% of employees in UC commute into the area with the highest number of commuters coming from Carmel Valley.

These statistics demonstrate the importance of having effective public transit in University City. This month, I will be hosting a roundtable with the area's largest employers, SANDAG and MTS in order to develop strategies to reduce congestion and incentivize mobility with a focus on what to do after the completion of the Mid-Coast Trolley in 2021.

For more information on the plan update, please go to www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/university

As many of you know, two lives were tragically lost in a paragliding accident at Torrey Pines. My heart goes out to both men's families who will understandably have questions as to what happened and what went wrong. I support an investigation to provide answers to the grieving families and to provide the paragliding community with more information in order to avoid future accidents.

Please let us know what issues are of most importance to you. I can be reached at barbarabry@sanidago.gov or 619.236.6611.

San Diego County Supervisor Kristen Gaspar

The sexual exploitation of children and adult sex trafficking is nearly a \$1 billion dollar industry in San Diego County. It is heartbreaking to hear the stories about how our local children are being lured and used to make money for others, stripping kids of their innocence and childhoods. When I heard about Saved In America, started in San Diego, I knew it was an organization I wanted to work with. Joseph Travers has a team of former law enforcement officers and Navy SEALs who are now licensed private investigators. They assist parents, San Diego law enforcement and officers from around the country, in tracking down missing and exploited children. Since 2014, Saved In America has rescued more than 150 children. The work they do is priceless and we are fortunate to have them in San Diego.

I was honored to present opening remarks for the Asian Pacific American Community's (APAC) 7th Annual Gala and Awards Dinner. I truly admire this organization for how it strives to ensure that its community is engaged and informed. This year's theme was "Everyone Counts - Our Vote Matters". I feel fortunate to have a large Asian population in my district, proud of their heritage and eager to have their voices be heard. Part of APAC's annual awards dinner includes raising funds for its civic and economic empowerment initiatives as well as its leadership development programs.

It is my pleasure to be your County Supervisor. Please feel free to reach out to my office with questions or concerns, 619.531.5103.



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April 2019: Library Holiday Closure; book drops will remain open.➤ **Monday April 1, CLOSED in observance of Cesar Chavez's Birthday****University Community Branch April Highlights | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655 | sandiego.gov/public-library****Special Events**

Concert: Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind - Multi-instrumentalist Adrienne Nims plays contemporary and world jazz, both as a solo artist and with her band, Spirit Wind. Nims has been a musician since the age of five and has opened for such greats as Spyro Gyra, Al Dimeola, Najee and Joe Cocker. Wednesday, April 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

University City Community Association – A community meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and other community leaders. Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Programming 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, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The Big Read Imagine Create and Write Out Loud present a short pop-up performance piece by Grossmont College theatre students. Saturday, April 6, Reception @ 10:00 a.m. and Performance @ 10:45 a.m.

Classics Book Club will be discussing selected poems by Robert Frost. Monday, April 8 @ 3:30 p.m.

All are welcome! **Accordion Club** meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Saturday, April 13 & 27 @ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

OASIS: The Environment and the Future - In this lecture we will examine the threats to our planet from our deteriorating infrastructure, the consequences of human impact on the environment, and the responses required to save civilization. Tuesday, April 16 @ 12:30 p.m.

Jewelry Making, take home something you made yourself! Earrings and/or other pieces of jewelry with an experienced crafter. Space is limited, please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Monday, April 22 @ 10:00 a.m. & Noon.

UC Book Club will be discussing Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann. Wednesday, April 24 @ 2:00 p.m.

Zentangle! If you can draw lines and circles, you can Zentangle. This class will be an introduction. Space is limited, please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Thursday, April 25 @ 12:00 p.m.

Programming for Children

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.

Spring into STEAM: Create-A-Creature - See how sea life has adapted to their unique environment and use this knowledge to create a creature of your own! Recommended for 9-12 years old, space is limited, sign up on the SDPL homepage to RSVP. Wednesday, April 3 @ 2:00 p.m.

Kid's Craft - Craft a paper bunny, put it on your fingers and help it grab some carrots. Space is limited, please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Tuesday, April 9 @ 2:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime for Kids; stories, crafts, finger plays and songs. Every Thursday @ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Spring into STEAM: Making Waves - Marine plants reduce global warming and provide our atmosphere. Learn about the science behind these funky plants. Recommended for 9-12 years old, space is limited, sign up on the SDPL homepage to RSVP. Tuesday, April 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

LEGO Club - Come build anything you can imagine with LEGO. Thursday, April 11 @ 3:00 p.m.

Wild Wonders - Come take a walk on the wild side, when Wild Wonders and their animal ambassadors visit. There's no telling what animals you might see! Wednesday, April 17 @ 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 @ 2:00 p.m.

Programming for Tweens/Teens

Video Game Fridays - Come play video games on the Nintendo Switch with your friends. Friday, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 3:00 p.m.

Paper Folding Craft - Kids will learn briefly about radial symmetry in addition to several simple paper-folding techniques. Using their knowledge about radial symmetry and their creativity, kids will make a relief sculpture by arranging the papers that they have folded into a colorful and symmetrical design. Recommended for 8 years or older, space is limited. Please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Monday, April 15 @ 3:00 p.m.

North University Community April Highlights | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637 | sandiego.gov/public-library**Events for Adults/Seniors**

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

Knitters' Circle, Thursday, April 4 & 18 at 1:00 p.m. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

Fiction Fanatics Book Club, Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. Title to be discussed is *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman.

Guided Meditation, Sunday, April 14 & 28 at 12:30 p.m. Guided meditation followed by tea.

A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults, Sunday, April 21 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!

S.T.E.A.M. works: The Puppet Musical, Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Whiz kids Max & Julie create competing entries in an effort to win a trip to Space Camp as part of the "Build a Better World Science Fair." Rap & Hip-Hop are a metaphor for STEM knowledge in this fun, musical S.T.E.A.M. adventure.

Chinese Storytime, Saturdays, April 6, 20, 27 at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Nancy sings, dances, and reads books in Chinese and English.

Tiny Tots PJ Storytime, Tuesday, April 9 & 23 at 6:30 p.m. A fun evening storytime with music.

Yoga Storytime, Friday, April 12 & 26 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.

Spring into STEAM - Dive In!, Build Your Own Watershed, Tuesday, April 16 at 12:30 p.m. What is a watershed and do you live in one? Students will explore how humans impact local waterways, build their own watershed model and discover how they can help keep our ocean clean in this workshop. This program is presented by SD Coastkeeper. *Limited to 20 participants, registration required.*

Notes: Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for their generous sponsorship. You, too, can be a Friend; ask at the Check Out Desk. Please call the libraries for more information and to confirm any given program. Changes are rare, but may occur. **Check with libraries to verify holiday closings.**



UCHS Grad Party Prize Committee Seeks Donations

by Michele Hagstrom

The UCHS PTSA Senior Grad Party 2019 has been busy planning the 28th Annual Event, for Tuesday, June 11. As some of you know, we have current parents and alumni families that come and volunteer every year and spend countless hours over three days transforming the high school gym into a Roman Coliseum. This is a huge undertaking. But year after year these parents come out to perform this miracle on the gym for the graduating seniors. They/we do it because it is an inexpensive insurance policy against potentially senseless tragedies that could occur when teens celebrate their graduation unsupervised.

We are asking for your support to continue the UCHS tradition that many of you have been instrumental in supporting in the past. We are hoping that you will be able to help us this year. The Prize Committee is looking for donations of checks and/or gift cards. Some gift card suggestions are: Target, Kohl's, Amazon, JCP, Uber, Staples, Subway, Jamba Juice, Panera Bread, gas cards, movie gift cards, Starbucks, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Sephora, restaurants, etc. Please make your checks payable to **UCHS PTSA**. If you would like for the committee to purchase the gift cards for you, please just put in the memo: Gift Cards.

Your support is greatly appreciated and would help ensure that the 2019 graduating class has a safe and memorable evening. There wouldn't be a UCHS PTSA Senior Grad Party without folks like you. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your contribution is tax deductible. Donations can be sent to: UCHS PTSA Senior Grad Party, 6949 Genesee Avenue, San Diego, CA 92122.



Save the Date for Music and Fun

by Christine Mailloux

Be a supporter of music in the schools!! Do you love a good talent show? Then join us for the 5th Annual Sights and Sounds Showcase hosted by the University City High School Music Boosters.

This wonderful community event gives our local youth the opportunity to show their talent while raising money to support the music program at the high school. We will have music, dance, singing and a concert by salsa band Rumba Y Sol. Come enjoy music, food, a dessert buffet, and an amazing silent auction.

Join us on April 19 from 6:00-10:00pm at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, Jacobs Family Campus. Tickets are \$45 for adults, \$15 for students (Ages 5-20) and available from the JCC or a UCHS Music Student.

Also, if you are a local business or community member that would like to support the Music Boosters and this event with an item for our silent auction or a sponsorship, please contact Christine Mailloux at uchsshowcase@gmail.com. See at the show on April 19!

(Editor's Note: UCCA is a proud sponsor of Sights & Sounds.)

Parenting Workshop Offered

by Reverend Iona Dickinson

On Thursday, May 2 UCUC Preschool will be hosting a Parenting Workshop entitled "How to Balance Love and Discipline." Family Coach & Stress/Anxiety Relief Specialist Hilde Gross will present a 2 hour workshop wherein she will introduce the concept of firm and kind discipline, unconditional love, and the value of more action and less talk. She'll help folks with tools to help them feel calmer and reduce arguing and yelling, while learning the difference between punishment, discipline and consequences.

When: Thursday, May 2, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

Where: UCUC Preschool – 2877 Governor Drive, 92122

Cost: \$25

For more information: email preschool@ucuc.org or call 858.455.0336. There will not be childcare provided. Please make alternative arrangements as this is an adult only presentation

S.T.E.A.M WORKS

The Puppet Musical



Tuesday
April 2nd • 6:30PM
Children's Story Theater

Join Noteworthy Puppets and whiz kids Max & Julie as they embark on a Hip-Hop musical S.T.E.A.M. adventure and strive to take the top prize at the Science Fair. S.T.E.A.M. Works: The Puppet Musical marks the debut of the World's first 3-D printed puppet character in a live show!

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Recreationally Speaking What's Happening at UC's Parks?

by Diane Ahern, Recreation Council

- The 4th of July Celebration committee is busy planning this year's fun filled day. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3, at the Recreation Center. For more information, visit www.uccelebration.com or contact Randall Tonini at randalltonini@icloud.com
- The UCPG planning group is taking suggestions for a list of proposed Capital Improvement Projects to be submitted to Councilmember Barbara Bry. These proposals may include parks, playgrounds, fitness courses, dog runs, and other public benefit projects that contribute to the quality of life in our community. If you would like to make a suggestion, please be as specific as you can. You may submit your proposals to the chair of the UCPG CIP at rogercavanaugh@gmail.com, or to the UCPG chair, Chris Nielsen at cn@adsc-xray.com. You are invited to attend the Tuesday, April 9, UCPG meeting to better support your proposal.
- Annual Spring Egg Hunt at Standley Park is Saturday, April 13, 10:00am to 12:00pm.
- Swanson Pool is now open and is hiring summer lifeguards. If staffing allows, Swanson expects to launch their water polo program in April and begin swim lessons in May. For more information, call the pool office at 858.552.1653 or visit the City's website at www.SanDiego.gov and search on 'Swanson Pool'.
- Standley's Spring Program began March 1. Copies are available at the Recreation Center and online; visit the City's website at www.SanDiego.gov and search 'Standley Park'.
- The Recreation Council (501c3) meets on Thursday, April 25, at 6:00pm, at Standley Recreation Center; the Advisory Group meets the same evening at 7:00pm. All are invited and welcome to attend either or both meetings.
- Save the date for the UC 4th of July Celebration (Thursday, July 4), the Summer Concerts (Sunday evenings beginning July 14), and the Banana Split Ice Cream Social, scheduled for Saturday, August 3.
- And, don't forget pickleball ... now offered two times a week at the UC Racquet Club; contact Brad at 858.452.5683.

Good-bye & Congrats Jesse

UCCA would like to say a bittersweet good-bye, but congratulations to Jesse DeLille, who has been a helpful and familiar face at the Standley Park Rec Center. He has been promoted to the La Jolla Rec Center Director. We wish him well in his new position!



Music for Winds at University City United Church

Please save Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 7:00pm for a performance in our sanctuary of music by Beethoven and Mozart, written for an ensemble of 8 wind players. Proceeds from a free-will offering at this program will benefit UCUC.

The musical selections will include Beethoven's *Octet* and a transcription of music from one of Mozart's operas. The Beethoven *Octet* is a piece written early in Beethoven's career. The transcription of music from operas was a common practice in Vienna in Mozart's day; such music was played at open-air concerts or in aristocratic settings for the enjoyment of everyone! The exact opera transcription that we will play is not yet determined, but they are all enjoyable, listenable music!

University City United Church is at the west end of Governor Drive (2877 Governor Drive). There is plentiful parking available behind the church (on the west side of the church, accessible from Gobat). Come and enjoy the program! As one of our players said, "Sunday is Mother's Day and [I] would very much enjoy playing with you all to make it even more special." Come and enjoy listening to a harmonious end to a delightful day!

Standley Park's Annual Spring Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13 10:00am to 12:00pm

Standley Park Rec Center

Egg Hunt starts promptly at 10:00am for all ages. Please bring your own basket.

Face Painting, egg dying, arts & crafts, jumper and more!

UCHS Classes of '83 - '84 - '85

A multi-class Fasttime UC Rewind Party is being planned. To get more info, go to:

uc80sbash.com



Rotary Club to Host 6th Annual Quintessential Festival

based on information submitted by Brett Morey

On Saturday, April 27, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle will host its 6th Annual Quintessential Festival at Nobel Athletic Fields, 8810 Judicial Drive in University City. This year, the festival features over 30 of San Diego's finest craft breweries, wineries and distilleries, live music, food for purchase and fun for the entire community. Invite friends, colleagues, neighbors and family. Bring the dog, flash a valid ID (21 and over required in the garden) and enjoy a good time.

Organizers say the Quintessential Festival is far more than just another beer garden event as attendees will also learn about the many ways this group makes a difference in the University City community and the world. According to Rick Binder, 2018-19 President of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, the Rotary Club supports more than 55 local non-profits and charities annually and has completed over 350 International projects as well. And past president Brett Morey says connecting others with their passion is a huge part of what they do as Rotary members. Ticket information and more is available at the Rotary Club's website at www.lajollagrotary.org.



Spring into STEAM at your Public Library

San Diego Public Libraries are offering a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) program series for 9 to 12-year-old students. Workshops were held in March and are scheduled for April and May at all 36 branch

libraries across the city. The Libraries are partnering with local science experts and organizations to create a truly unique educational experience. Is your 9 to 12 year old unable to make it to a program this Spring? Don't fret! There are do-it-yourself projects that your student can do at home and then stop by your local library to get a prize. For workshop and registration information, visit the City's website at www.sandiego.gov and search on *Spring into Steam*.



EDUCATE!'S TASTE OF THE TRIANGLE RETURNS FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

by Jemma Samala

The popular Taste of the Triangle presented by EdUCate! returns on Friday, May 3 from 7:00-10:00 pm at the fabulous PIRCH Showroom in the Westfield UTC mall. The special 25th Anniversary event promises to be a glittering affair, starting with a special VIP Reception featuring specially selected wine and food pairings from 6:00-7:00pm. The VIP Reception is for those who have contributed \$500 or more to EdUCate! this school year and will get two tickets to Taste – so get your donations in!

Taste prices have been reduced for the 25th Anniversary. This year, tickets are: \$50 in advance/\$65 at the door for general admission, and \$25 in advance/\$40 at the door for school faculty and staff of the five UC public schools. The community is encouraged to sponsor local school teachers and staff. Tickets go on sale April 1; to purchase, go to uc-educate.org.

During the event there will be entertainment, a 25th Anniversary UC Trivial Pursuit Game, and restaurant tastes, including: Aaham Thai, Amardeen, Corner Bakery, Crossroads Deli, Eureka!, Farmer's Table, The French Gourmet, Great Maple, Lorna's Italian Kitchen, Outcast Grill, P.F. Chang's, Rock Bottom, Snooze, Vitallity Bowls, plus more.

The annual EdUCate! Silent Auction returns with baskets of all types to bid on, including a restaurant packages, Padre tickets, New Orleans accommodations, and the much sought after school graduation day packages. Much more will be offered, and you can plan ahead as auction items may be previewed online. Thanks goes out to current event sponsors: Platinum – Caryl Lees, Sprouts Marketplace, Steve and Terri Gray, Valerie Upham; Gold – Nancy Beck, Katie Dunahoo, and UCCA.

EdUCate! is a non-profit foundation established in 1993 with the goal of providing supplemental funds to all five University City public schools, through teacher and principal grants and funding programs such as the EdUCate! Math Academy and Jr. Achievement BizTown. To donate an auction item, become a sponsor, or volunteer, contact taste@uc-educate.org. More info about EdUCate! and Taste of the Triangle at uc-educate.org.

Sandy Huffaker, Jr.:

Telling Compelling Stories with a Camera



by Vince Reardon

Photo: The Lilac Fire

A mystical rainbow shimmers behind a row of white-bladed wind turbines in Palm Springs. *Click*.

Draping an arm around her neighbor's neck, a young girl in a disposable face mask and black gloves consoles the older woman as they pick through the few precious remains of her burnt-out home in the Del Dios area of Escondido. *Click*.

Grasping her mother's hand, a young girl stares wide-eyed through the slats of a wall from the Mexican side of the U.S.-Mexican border. *Click*.

A stout, white-robed Klansman stands next to a fluttering Confederate flag, behind a sign with a pathetic misspelling: "Attend 4:00pm Spheches." *Click*.

Welcome to the work and world of world-class photojournalist and UC resident Sandy Huffaker. Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Huffaker moved to Raleigh, North Carolina with his father at age six after his parents divorced. Later, he attended high school in Princeton, New Jersey. Meanwhile, his father had a distinguished career as a political cartoonist, being nominated twice for the Pulitzer Prize and having his political cartoons appear on numerous national magazine covers, such as *Time*.



Huffaker tried his hand at drawing, wishing to follow in his father's footsteps. But it wasn't until he picked up a camera in high school and fell in love with it that he knew what he wanted to do. His interest in photography only deepened after a friend's mother showed him photos she had taken while traveling through Peru. After graduating from New York's Pratt Institute with a bachelor's degree in photography, he and his then-girlfriend, now his wife Michelle, drove across the country in a van to take in the grunge music scene bursting out in Seattle. But first, the couple stopped

to visit family in the South. Then, rolling West, they made a fateful stopover for the night in San Diego. "This was it," said Huffaker with a laugh. "We weren't going anywhere after that."

The region's captivating allure only doubled for Huffaker after visiting Tijuana. "From the first day I went down there, I've been absolutely fascinated with Tijuana and the border separating two completely different cultures and countries," he said. As a freelance photojournalist for the past 25 years, Huffaker has shared his fascination of the border, as well as a wide range of other national news stories, with countless readers of local and national newspapers and magazines, most notably *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, *Getty Images*, *The Associated Press*, and *Smithsonian Magazine*.

You can't talk to Huffaker for long without him circling back to his passion – photojournalism. "I want to tell a story and show people in those quiet, little moments," he said. All too often, he said, certain photojournalists travel to world crises to take photos in the hope of winning awards. "There's a difference between being a voyeur and telling the story," Huffaker said. Photographers whose work has told stories and influenced his work include: Diane Arbus, Eugene Smith, Sebastiao Salgado and Don Bartelli.

Huffaker moved to UC in 2005. He and his wife, a graphic designer, have three children, two girls and one boy. When he isn't working, he loves to run through Rose Canyon or kayak.



Looking for ways to celebrate National Volunteer Month?

by Diane Ahern

Volunteers make a difference. In University City, volunteers produce the monthly newsletter and host monthly community meetings, deliver newsletters and participate in neighborhood watch groups and join UCCA. Others help People for a Clean UC with monthly cleanups, support EdUCate! and Rotary, help out with events at our recreation centers and libraries and schools, and plan neighborhood events such as the UC 4th of July Celebration and the Summer Concerts. Still others serve on community boards and committees such as the planning group, the recreation advisory groups, church committees and scouting.

UCCA will host a volunteer recognition event during one of the Summer Concerts. But why wait? Volunteers are at work throughout the year. This month, UCCA gives a shout-out and thank you to all volunteers. Do you know someone who volunteers? Then, why not thank a volunteer today? If you don't have much time to give, then please join UCCA to support the volunteer work that UCCA does in University City. If you are looking for opportunities to volunteer, take a look throughout this newsletter and you will find many.

As a special tribute to UCCA volunteers, Tom Ventimiglia and Greg Zinser collaborated on a song just for you. Take a listen on SoundCloud at soundcloud.com/ucca-785209867/happy-days-are-here-again-tom, or search for our "UC Talks" tracks. You may also find a link on our website at universitycitynews.org.

Pictured: Above we see the monthly volunteers of People for a Clean UC, organized by Vince Reardon. And right, volunteer Kathy Neiss delivers the monthly newsletters on her Lord Cecil route.





Recognizing Corporate Friends

The University City Community Association (UCCA) awarded the Carl's Jr. on Governor Drive a Community Appreciation plaque. Pictured above, the plaque was presented to CEO/Owner Michael Borchard, along with District Manager Tylene Cody, and General Manager Rudy Lopez. UCCA Beautification Chair Merle Langston was on hand to present the award, in recognition for Carl's Jr.'s arranging for free landscaping maintenance along Governor Drive by the restaurant. UCCA felt their good deeds deserved the community's attention and recognition.

At a recent UCCA meeting, Ryan Perry, Senior General Manager of Westfield UTC, was thanked for their support of UCCA in their capacity as a corporate sponsor, seen right given a plaque by Barry Bernstein, UCCA President. Thank you Carl's Jr. and Westfield UTC for their support of University City.



Painted Lady Butterflies in March, More Mosquitoes in April?

by Diane Ahern

University City was "blooming" with painted lady butterflies in March, the result of Winter rains, according to Chris Conlan, with the San Diego County's Vector Control office. The butterflies build up their populations in the deserts near the Mexican border where it's a little warmer and then begin migrating north, laying eggs all along the way on the various weeds and flowers they use for food. Eventually they will end up in northern California and Oregon to spend the Summer. The increase in the normal painted lady butterfly migration this year is due to the abundance of rain and could last into April.

Conlan indicated that the same conditions that create more butterflies are likely to mean increased numbers of other insects. Residents are likely to notice more insects such as crane flies, spiders, gnats, ticks, beetles and other crawlers. It could also mean an increase in mosquitoes. The Vector Control Program monitors the population of vectors — animals like ticks, fleas, rodents and mosquitoes — that can transmit diseases to people. For more information about how to protect against vectors and the kinds of diseases they can spread, visit the County's Vector Control program at sandiegocounty.gov.



Spring Bird Walks

by Debby Knight

Friends of Rose Canyon invites you to Free Spring Bird Walks during the months of April and May.

Bird migration and breeding are underway, and Rose Canyon is green and beautiful. Experience the amazing sights and sounds of spring birds, including some that have migrated here from the tropics. Walks are hosted by Friends of Rose Canyon and led by skilled birders. We welcome beginners and experienced birders.

Binoculars are provided if you don't have them. Both beginners and experienced birders are welcomed, and the best ages are for those ages 9 and up. Walks are easy, and participants may leave at any time during the walk. Remember there are no bathrooms or water in Rose Canyon Open Space Park.

Meet at the trailhead at intersection Regents Rd/Lahitte Ct. Walks start at 8:00am and run until 10:00am. Please arrive 10 minutes early to park and borrow binoculars. Dates are:

**Saturday - April 13,
Saturday - April 20
Sunday - April 28
Sunday - May 5
Saturday - May 11**

If you have any questions, contact Debby Knight, rosecanyon@san.rr.com, 858.597.0220.

Spring is the best time of year to see and hear a great variety of birds in Rose Canyon, including migrants from the tropics, winter residents getting ready to migrate north, and year-round residents. Many are in breeding plumage, some with spectacular colors. Some are singing to establish territories and attract mates. Some are building nests, gleaning insects off the trees, feeding their young. Birds of prey are on the wing, courting, hunting, and carrying prey to their nests. Rose Canyon becomes a different world during spring bird migration. Join us to experience this dramatic annual display of nature in our midst.

Pictured above: This handsome little Wilson's Warbler stopped over to feed on some insects in Rose Canyon during its long migration from as far south as Central America to as far north as Alaska to breed. The population of Wilson's Warblers is in steep decline, so we love to catch sight of them during our bird walks in Rose Canyon. Photo © Bill Mittendorf



UC Community Plan Update Subcommittee Meeting Recap

by Katie Rodolico

On March 19, the University Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS) met at UCHS with about 70 people attending. The city planning office was represented as well as consultants from **Dyett and Bhattia**.

Public comment was provided:

Matty Wuest requested that flight corridors described in FAA and DOD documents be followed.

Andy Gurney requested that noise studies for the MCAS flights be based on actual flights.

Barry Bernstein of UCCA requested that a mail in survey be done by the city of all the major stakeholders: residents, businesses, and organizations, by the city, to provide data for the plan update.

Carole Pietras requested that the plan consider safety and evacuation routes.

Betsy Pelling requested that open spaces be converted to parks.

Ruth Desantis requested renovation of the south UC library, renovation of Standley Rec Center, Marcy Park improvements, improve medians, and a pedestrian/bike bridge across the canyon.

Peter Hekman stated that the CPU is about removal of the Regents Road bridge. He also defended the Marines flights.

Harry Matthis said that there was a danger to UC in the case of a wildfire without the Regents road bridge.

Diane Ahern requested aircraft noise monitors be installed at local parks and requested that the community atlas accurately reflect actual flight data.

Will Moore introduced himself as a candidate for council district 1.

City planner, **Dan Monroe**, gave an update of the CPU process and a review of the Planning Commission feedback. The commissioners suggested the plan consider stormwater issues, recognize this as a significant employment area, balance housing and jobs, address mobility and transit, and that the Regents Road bridge is needed. **Laura Black** from the planning department stated that since the council had voted to remove the bridge the Regents Road bridge would not be considered in the community plan.

Dyett & Bhattia ran two exercises: Small groups brainstormed their vision for the community. Main themes included: keeping south UC less dense, preserving Rose Canyon, improving bicycle and pedestrian mobility, more affordable housing, and providing better connections between north and south UC. The final activity was to put stickers on posters showing project priority preferences. The next meeting will be on April 16, 2019, location TBD.

Goldilocks No More?

by Roger Cavanaugh, Chair UCPG Cell Tower Subcommittee

Our Earth is sometimes called a "Goldilocks Planet" because there are so many physical conditions that define our environment to make it "just right" for life to flourish. Among the parameters congenial to life are various kinds of radiation that have been, as far as we know, at quite stable levels over the millions of years our biosystem has flourished. Sunlight, x-rays, and background microwave radiation (this last said to be consequence of the "big bang") are some of those radiations. We know that over exposure at high levels or long-term exposure at lower levels to the sun or to x-rays can damage cells and cause cancer. The most recent evidence points to a broad array of damage and/or changes in biological functioning from long term exposure to microwave radiation.

Laboratory studies have provided data that exposure to microwave radiation at the frequencies used in wireless communication likely damage DNA, impact the brain's expression of RNA, disrupt cell functions (including the regulation of cell death) and cell communication, change EEG and the activity of several neurotransmitters and hormones, increases oxidative stress, and is associated with higher blood indicators of diabetes as well as weakens the blood-brain barrier and lowers immunity. In addition to certain cancers, studies of human subjects exposed to long term non-ionizing radiation show there are other systematic effects like memory impairment, cognitive deficits, fatigue, and insomnia associated with exposure to the kinds of radiation used by cell phones, wi-fi and cell towers. Studies of plants, trees, animals and insects confirm the danger of chronic EMF exposure to all life forms.

In brief, there are serious health impacts of wireless communication. And we are all part of a worldwide experiment which is changing our electromagnetic environment drastically in a way that appears damaging to humans and nature. In the next months I will follow up with additional information helpful in understanding and responding constructively to this emerging environmental and public health issue. I believe that as people of good will we can work cooperatively with wireless providers to balance safety and convenience. For more information the websites of Electromagnetic Radiation Safety at safermr.com, BioInitiative 2012 at bioinitiative.org, and EMF safety Network at emfsafetynetwork.org are a good place to start.

UC San Diego in the News

From SDUT: UCSD Receives OK to Build Housing

UC San Diego's quest to create a massive residential campus got a lift Wednesday when the university received preliminary approval to construct housing for 1,400 students near Price Center. The \$320 million project was given an initial OK from the University of California Board of Regents, allowing UC San Diego contractors to start designing the complex. If plans proceed as expected, the university will begin building the so-called Pepper Canyon West Housing center in mid-2020, next to a Blue Line Trolley station that's being constructed along Interstate 5.

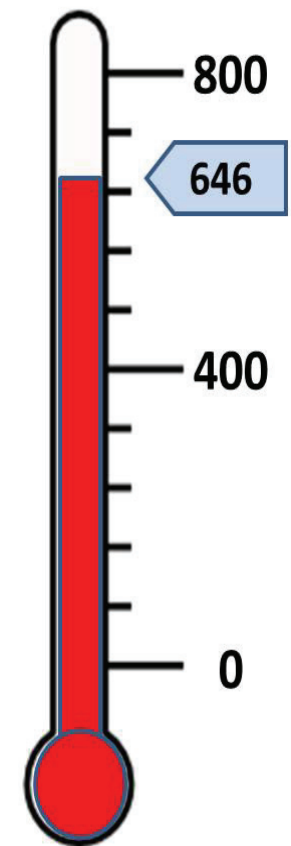
Miramar Matters: Miramar Community Meeting

by Diane Ahern, Miramar Community Leaders Forum Rep

From the Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation (CASA): In March, representatives of CASA reached out to representatives of MCAS Miramar, the FAA and the DoD seeking a community meeting to facilitate a better understanding of operations at MCAS Miramar related to published FAA/DoD rules for Miramar. Instead of the current back-and-forth communications by email, CASA co-presidents Stephanie Jed and Ron Belanger proposed a quarterly community meeting with representatives of the leadership of MCAS Miramar, the Marine Aircraft Wing, air traffic control and the FAA, elected leader representatives from the offices of Councilmember Barbara Bry, Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, and Congressman Scott Peters, as well as representatives of University City Community Association and Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation. The CASA group felt confident that, with this kind of regular face-to-face meeting, they would come to a better understanding of operations at MCAS Miramar and solutions for the benefit of all stakeholders. CASA reports that their request for a quarterly community meeting was turned down by representatives of MCAS Miramar. For more information about the efforts of Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation, visit UCCA's website www.UniversityCityNews.org and search on *Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation*.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY JOINED UCCA FOR 2019

February - March Memberships



UCCA Membership is currently at 646 with a goal of 800. Can we count on your support for University City this year? If you haven't had a chance to join or renew for 2019, there is still time. Don't delay – submit the form today!

Individual

Patricia Allen
Donna M. Benson
Sharon Bodrug
Jamie Chapel
Karen Coleman
Lloyd & Eileen Farrer
Anne-Marie Groves
Diane Hotz
Nancy Knight
Will Moore
JoAnn Padgett
Elisa Parker
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LouEllen Robbins
Patti Sherron
Stefani Walens
Dr. Ann L. Wood
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University City Community Association 2019 UCCA Membership Application*

2019 Members will receive a 2019 membership card and a special thank-you gift for joining.

___ \$20 Individual | ___ \$40 Supporter | ___ \$60 Angel | ___ \$100 Gold | ___ Additional donation enclosed \$_____

Please print Name(s) _____
Address _____
Business name _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Would you like to volunteer? We welcome your time, talent, comments and suggestions. Please let us know.

Individual and/or Business members' names will be listed in the newsletter. Please indicate if you do NOT want your name to be listed.
___ Do NOT list my name. Please make your check payable to UCCA; mail to UCCA, 3268 Governor Drive, Box 121, San Diego, CA 92122. Payment is also accepted through PayPal on our website www.universitycitynews.org.

Your UCCA membership dues (and additional donation) make a big difference in our community. These funds help support our many worthwhile organizations, (i.e. public schools' fundraising, Standley Park, EdUCate, Neighborhood Watch, ImproveUC/UCCF, Buy Local) as well as many special projects and activities such as median beautification, painted utility boxes and street banners, 4th of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, December holiday tree and menorah lighting, and of course, our monthly newsletter delivered to your home and/or business.

*This membership is valid for the 2019 calendar year. Thank you for joining UCCA.
If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Chairperson
Hallie Burch at UCCAmembership@gmail.com.

Shift Program Construction Update

Mid-Coast Trolley Underpass, SANDAG Project:

Overnight closures of La Jolla Colony Drive began in March for construction of the Trolley underpass. Lanes on La Jolla Colony Drive have been reconfigured (widened and restriped) to provide one lane in each direction for the duration of construction. Work activities will also include drilling, excavation, removal of dirt and concrete construction. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2019. For more information on this project, including a map, detours and what to expect, visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoastTrolley, [Facebook.com/MidCoastTrolley](https://www.facebook.com/MidCoastTrolley), or @ShiftSanDiego on Twitter.

Mid-Coast Trolley Construction, SANDAG Project:

Along Genesee Avenue: Work for the Mid-Coast Trolley girder installation at the Genesee Avenue and La Jolla Village Drive intersection is complete. This work involved setting and securing four mega-ton girders (concrete beams used to support the trolley bridge) at the intersection. The construction schedule for the girder installation at the final intersection in this area (at the UTC Transit Center) will be listed at KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoastTrolley when available. Girder installation at other locations between intersections along Genesee Avenue continues with occasional overnight and partial closures.

Along Voigt Drive: In February, crews conducted a full closure of the southbound I-5 Freeway to allow for a concrete pour of part of the Voigt Drive viaduct, the bridge that supports the trolley, across the I-5 Freeway. The next phase of work will involve pouring concrete for the deck, the surface of the bridge. Stay tuned for more updates on this section of the Mid-Coast Trolley or contact Shift for work schedules.



Description: The Mid-Coast Trolley project along Voigt Drive.

UC San Diego Mesa Housing Pedestrian and Bike Bridge, UC San Diego Project:

Girders, or the large support beams for the bridge, were delivered in March for the Mesa Housing side of the project. Additional girders for the project are scheduled to be delivered in April for the mid-center side. For that delivery, trucks will route from the I-5 Freeway to Gilman Drive to Campus and across the Gilman Drive Bridge. Drivers may experience slight delays along this route during girder delivery.

Let us know what projects you're most interested in receiving information about by contacting info@ShiftSanDiego.com or 1-844-SHIFT-SD. Visit ShiftSanDiego.com to sign up for email alerts about major construction updates and access the map of all the ongoing projects.

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING AT UCSD

Registration for the spring quarter is now open at The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of California, San Diego -- a program for those over 50 who thirst for knowledge in a relaxed, friendly environment. The Institute conducts twice daily lectures and seminars with the first lecture for the spring quarter beginning on Monday, April 1, at 10:00am. All lectures are held on the Extension campus located at 9600 North Torrey Pines Road in La Jolla. This quarter's class offerings will include presentations from scholars and experts in the fields of International Relations, Science, Medicine, Art, History and Humanities. Highlights for the Spring Quarter are a lecture series on Leonardo da Vinci and the Renaissance by noted historian, Linda Blair -- plus lectures by the Shakespearian scholar, UC San Diego Professor Seth Lerer, on: "Why Shakespeare is Still Relevant". For further information visit the UCSD Osher web site at www.olli.ucsd.edu or by calling 858.534.3409.

Update from San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott

As your City Attorney, it's my job to protect San Diego and its residents. I do that in many ways, including defending the City from frivolous lawsuits, prosecuting people who damage your quality of life, supporting survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking, and advising City officials on how to follow the law. This month I'd like to update you on:

Protecting you from opioids. Addiction to opioids kills thousands of Americans and destroys countless lives every year. This national health crisis has its roots in deception, manipulation, and greed. Opioid manufacturers used dishonest tactics to manipulate doctors into overprescribing their drugs. They got rich; America got sick. That's why my office is suing Purdue Pharma and other manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids who created the opioid health crisis. Our lawsuit is part of a Multi-District Litigation involving hundreds of other cities, counties, and states. Opioids were falsely marketed to doctors as safe and non-addictive. Yet one out of five persons who are prescribed opioids for 10 days still take them one year later. Illegal labs that cook synthetic substitutes are a booming underground industry. And tens of thousands of Americans have died as a result of their addiction. In 2017, a record 273 San Diegans died from an opioid overdose. Our first responders are overburdened with emergency calls related to opioid use and overdose -- all at the taxpayers' expense. Our lawsuit will recover those costs and compel the companies to fund drug treatment and education programs to help our addicted population and prevent it from growing.

Protecting our ecosystem. San Diego is home to a rich and diverse marine ecosystem that we all enjoy. Yellowtail tuna are one species that sustains the fragile balance of our ocean ecology, while attracting sports fishing tourists from all over the world, stimulating the local economy. These fish need our protection. My office prosecutes anyone who compromises our marine species by overfishing or by taking young yellowtail at their prime mating age. Recently we prosecuted a fisherman who illegally took 81 undersized yellowtail from waters off San Diego. Returning from his excursion, the fisherman was stopped at the dock by wardens of the Department of California Fish and Wildlife, who discovered the undersized fish as he unloaded his vessel. Last month, he pleaded guilty to 16 counts of Unlawful Possession of Fish. He was placed on probation for three years and was ordered to pay an \$8,000 fine and perform 10 days of public work service. If he violates probation, he'll serve at least 90 days in custody.

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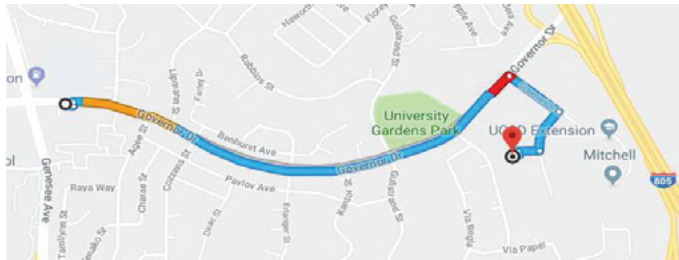
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