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BREAKING GROUND ON NEW FIRE STATION

Officials broke ground on the new Fire Station 50 on April 4. The new station will work in tandem with Fire Station 35 to reduce emergency personnel response times in the local area. Located on the southeast corner of Nobel Drive and Shoreline Drive, Fire Station 50 has an anticipated completion date of Fall 2020. The 12,600-square-foot station will include a new emergency traffic signal, public lobby access off Nobel Drive, efficient storm water design, solar panels, screened parking areas and more. Read more about the Fire Station 50 project by visiting ShiftSanDiego.com/blog/2019/project-spotlight-fire-station-50. Below is a design rendering of the future Fire Station 50.



UCCA's Own Songs

The University City Community Association would like to thank Tom Ventimiglia and Greg Zinser for collaborating on two songs in honor of University City. *More Than Just A Neighborhood* and *Happy Days Are Here Again* can be listened by clicking on the link on the UCCA website at: universitycitynews.org, or on SoundCloud.com by searching for UC Talks. You can also find the UC Talks podcasts on both sites. Tom and Greg are two neighbors that help University City become more than just a neighborhood. Thanks Tom and Greg.

Next UCCA Meeting is Wednesday, May 8, 6:00pm
UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

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- 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.

Deadline for the June issue: MAY 16, 2019

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UCCA Meeting Synopsis

April 10

by Deanna Ratnikova, UCCA Secretary

- Tom Ventimiglia and Greg Zinser were acknowledged for their collaboration on our podcast melody.
- Officer Brandon Broaddus with SDPD provided an update on the front office closure at the Eastgate Mall location (due to remodeling). If you have videos of potential crime incidents (such as individuals testing doors in the neighborhood), you can send them to him.
- Mathew Gordon representing Assemblymember Todd Gloria outlined Assembly Bill 1477, which is designed to empower large California cities to confront deceitful businesses by allowing the municipality to collect all civil penalties awarded as a result of prosecution by the city.
- Corrine Busta representing County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar announced the July 28 Live Well San Diego 5K and Kids 1-mile fun run at the Waterfront Park in Downtown.
- Erin Magee representing Congressman Scott Peters announced The Climate Playbook and Congressional Art Competition.
- Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry reported on the groundbreaking of Fire Station #50. He invited everyone to the next Brews with Bry to be held in University City.
- Will Moore, District 1 City Council Candidate, introduced himself and outlined his issues: climate, housing, and jobs.
- Community guests included new resident Jacob Chaparro, Albert Schafer representing the San Diego Outreach Synagogue, and Raejean Fellows, President of the Electric Auto Association.
- Janis Deady discussed air quality control issues from the landfill. Recent successes from her efforts to report issues include a \$3 million grant to fix the root of the problem and a letter of enforcement issues in March.
- Requests for funding were heard from the 4th of July Celebration Committee and the Grad Nite event committee. Funding was approved for EdUCate's Taste of the Triangle event.
- Mark Salata provided a presentation on Governor Drive traffic.
- Merle Langston discussed her efforts on median improvement. The UCCA Board voted to fund her efforts and expressed appreciation to Our Mother of Confidence Church and University Square (Vons Shopping Center) for also providing support to this effort.
- The next UCCA meeting will be Wednesday, May 8 2019.



UCCA President

Barry Bernstein

(Happy Mother's Day!)

It's May already and I've done more than my share of the usual weeding and gardening work. I hope all that winter rain we've had will have a positive effect on my overused soil. The Padres are off to a decent start....and I know not to get too excited as there are still about 130 games left to play!

Recently appearing at our UCCA meetings we have had the pleasure of meeting two of the District 1 City Council candidates, (Joe LaCava and Bill Moore), and a third candidate, Lou Rodolico, will be at our May 8th meeting. UCCA Board members will be asked to approve the sponsorship of a mayoral candidate's forum in conjunction with the San Diego League of Women Voters. This is tentatively set for January 2020 and to be held at University City High School. This will be a very important election for the City of San Diego with all of the major issues facing our great City...UCCA congratulates EdUCate! on their 25th Anniversary in supporting our public schools...and also thank Our Mother of Confidence Church and the University Square Shopping location for their financial support of a one-time median clean-up project on Genesee and Regents. And finally, a big thank you to Barbara Bry for her announcement to support C.A.S.A.'s efforts in reaching out to Miramar, MCAS.

I am cutting short my typical "local" chat in this column to ask you to take a moment to read and consider a much more important topic. The UCPG subcommittee is developing our new Community Plan update that will be a blueprint for the next twenty or so years. This plan will address many important issues affecting all of us. Perhaps none as important as having the potential to UNIFY our community...that being, in my opinion, agreeing to a reasonable solution/compromise to the decades old "REGENTS ROAD BRIDGE" controversy.

At a previous Plan Update meeting, Ruth DeSantis, "Improve UC/UCCF" president, noted a number of issues seen as important areas for discussion, which included new bicycle paths and pedestrian walkways spanning Rose Canyon. I would like to expand on that. Those who live in UC know the issue of connecting the South and North rims of Rose Canyon has unfortunately caused divisiveness amongst our locals. Not quite the "Hatfields and McCoy's"... but pretty close. There have been rational and reasonable reasons, pros and cons, expressed...and they all make sense to me.

I believe it's time to act and consider a compromise that focuses on SAFETY, AND a genuine improvement of the quality of life for our residents. Call it what you like...a canyon crossover, a railroad overpass, a UC safety connection, or be it so bold, a Rose Canyon Community Bridge. Here's what I am proposing to present to the Community Update Committee meeting on May 21 during public comment:

A UNIVERSITY CITY "COMPROMISE TO UNIFY

Build a beautiful stone, or contemporary expansion over the railroad tracks, that is designed to accommodate the needed and safe bike paths along with a wide scenic pedestrian walkway, (which could possibly connect the newly proposed canyon overview parks). Along with this beautiful community enhancement, and most importantly, the construction of an adjoining SINGLE EMERGENCY VEHICLE LANE, (not for regular vehicle traffic). This single emergency vehicle lane for City first responder's vehicles only, would be designed to include electronically controlled gates. In the event of an earthquake, canyon fire, or other catastrophic event the emergency lane could serve as an evacuation route. This emergency vehicle lane only would not only provide UC families with needed additional SAFETY, but also our Clairemont and La Jolla neighboring communities. Please plan to attend the scheduled May 21, Community Update committee meeting, and bring YOUR ideas forward for discussion. We can't let this opportunity pass us by. ~ Barry

calendar

UC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

4th of JULY EVENT

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00pm
Standley Park Rec Center

CINCO DE MAYO

Sunday, May 5

RAMADAN

Begins Monday, May 6

NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

Tuesday, May 7

UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, May 8 6:00pm
UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, May 19
7:30-9:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 12

UC PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, May 14, 6:00pm
10300 Campus Point Drive

ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday, May 18

UCPG COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00pm
Location TBD

STANDLEY RECREATION

Thursday, May 23
Recreation Council - 6:00pm
Advisory Group - 7:00pm

DOYLE RECREATION

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30pm

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27



How To Prevent "Crimes of Opportunity"

by Barbara Gellman

A "crime of opportunity" is a crime that is committed without planning when the perpetrator sees that he/she has the chance to commit the act at that moment and seizes it. In other words, given the opportunity, a crime can be committed with little or no premeditation. Suggestions on how to prevent:

1. Keep all doors and windows locked. If you have an alarm, activate it. Keep side gates locked.
2. Never leave keys in doors near glass. hang spare keys out of reach from doors and windows.
3. Never leave your purse in the cart at the supermarket or department store; on the floor next to your chair; hanging from the back of your chair or on the chair next to you in restaurants or public transportation or in an unattended desk at work.
4. Never leave strollers, bikes, lawn mowers, tools, sporting equipment or any other valuable items sitting unattended around your home.
5. Never leave laptops, purses, keys, cameras or other valuable items next to a door or visible from a window or in a car, place them in the trunk before you reach your destination.
6. Do not leave exterior lights on during the day, but do leave them on all night. Put lights on a timer. Put inside lights on timers when away.
7. Never give your Social Security Number, Medicare number, Birth date, bank account number or pin number to anyone who asks for it on-line or on the phone. A bank will never ask you to do so. This is a scam!
8. Never send money to someone who claims to be traveling and without money. This is a scam!
9. I-phone, I-pad and I-pod are prized by robbers. If they see it, they will want it. Do not show them out in public.
10. Wear only one ear bud when listening to music or messages so you can still hear what is going on around you. Pay attention to your surroundings.
11. Try to go to the ATM inside the bank or during the daylight hours, not at night. Block the screen when putting in your pin number so others don't see it.
12. Don't carry large sums of money with you while walking on the street and don't count money in public.
13. Have your car VIN(vehicle Identification Number) etched to prevent auto theft.
14. Get to know all of your neighbors so that you can recognize those who don't belong on the block and ask a neighbor to take in mail and papers while you are away.
15. Install a peep-hole in your front door and do not open to strangers, talk through the door. Add dead-bolt locks to all doors.
16. If the subject line of an email reads: Delivery Confirmation, Do not open it-unless you know you are expecting a package, it is an infection that can damage your computer.
17. If you witness a burglary or other crime in progress, call 911 and report. Write down everything you see and keep notes in a safe place. Non-emergencies call 619.531.2000, push the *star key when you reach the phone tree to connect to a dispatcher quicker.
18. Participate in Neighborhood Watch: be part of the solution. Contact me at bggellman@yahoo.com to find out if you have a street Captain and be part of the crime prevention team in partnership with our police. Help protect your family, property and neighborhood.

READABLE HOME NUMBERS

Is your home address readable from the street and on the curb?

Help the police, fire department and ambulance locate your home easily and quickly in case of emergency.

WELCOME LA FLORENTINE TO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

by Barbara Gellman

La Florentine at the Renaissance is now part of the Neighborhood Watch Community. We welcome Patti Sherron and Elisa Parker as volunteer Co-Captains of this 98 unit complex. They are committed to crime prevention and have the support of their HOA. Join them in being part of the solution; become educated in preventing crimes of opportunity, how to report suspicious activity and work in partnership with our police.



Free Smoke Alarms For Seniors

If you are a homeowner over the age of 62, the Burn Institute will install free smoke alarms in your residence. They are equipped with 10 year lithium batteries. A trained professional will do it for you at no cost. Email mdelveaux@burninstitute.org or call 858.541.2277 to schedule your installation.

Community Plan Update Subcommittee April 16 Meeting Notes

by Katie Rodolico

The meeting started with public comment: Matty Wuest spoke on the issue of flight corridors at MCAS Miramar and the impact of flights outside of these corridors; Diane Ahern spoke of the MCAS Miramar F35 flights coming to Miramar, and the heavy lift helicopters coming in a few years, and their impact on the University City community; Joe LaCava advised the sub-committee to be careful, when writing the plan, to use strong language like "require" rather than "prefer" in laying out the plan for the community.

Dan Monroe, City of San Diego, reviewed the progress on the plan so far. The results of the "vision" workshop held in March will be available at the May meeting. The community survey is being finalized. It should be circulated to subcommittee members within a few days, and the broader community in early May. The results of this survey will be discussed at the May meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Rajeev Bhatia to lead discussion on land use.

Mr. Bhatia presented a new generated map of "potential" land use changes. The map identified areas that could have increased density or land use changes. The meeting then broke up into smaller groups to identify and comment on this map. Unfortunately, the map did not have current information and much of the discussion was spent noting the areas that already had new or planned densification in progress. Dyett and Bhatia agreed to do 'ground verification' before the next meeting.

The groups presented their ideas. The ideas included several ideas for the light industry area west of 805 off of Miramar road. Discussion of the Coastal Overlay Zone height limits for the areas around La Jolla Village Square, and discussion of the need for segregated bike lanes on Genesee, Nobel, and Governor Drive.

Next meeting: May 21, 2019. Location TBD.



Councilmember Visits University City

During last month's Brews with Bry at Outcast Grill, Barbara Bry reminded residents that University City is an economic driver in San Diego with many high tech and other jobs. She addressed community interests and concerns including traffic, transportation and construction, the community plan update, scooter and micro mobility regulations, City budget shortfalls and upcoming hearings, and military aircraft overflights and resulting safety and noise concerns. UCCA will provide more information at its May 8 meeting at the community library on Governor.

District 1 Updates from Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry

What do you need from the City of San Diego?

I ran for public office for one sole purpose – to work on your behalf to get things done for our community. After successfully tackling a wide variety of issues, I now need your input as we approach our next budget season. Mayor Faulconer's five-year financial outlook projects a \$74 million deficit for FY 2020 which starts July 1 despite a strong economy and revenue increases. Your voice is vital to ensuring that your priorities are seen and heard.

As Chair of the City Council's Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, I am determined to address issues that are important to you and not just "special interests."

Some of the issues I'm undertaking include: developing new sources of revenue related to scooters, examining where the city has vacancies and how to prioritize filling them, improving how the City of San Diego connects with small businesses, and making sure our streets are in good repair.

Now your voice needs to be heard! What are your top budget priorities? What city services matter the most to you? Tell me at our community budget forum on Saturday, May 4 from 9:30am to 11:30am at the La Jolla Village Community Center (adjacent to the AMC Movie Theater) at 8657 Via La Jolla Drive.

In order to hear from as many constituents as possible, the Budget Committee will also hold two evening meetings downtown on Wednesday, May 1 and Monday, May 6 at 6:00pm. Since San Diegans live busy lives, you always have the option of contacting my office directly to provide input on your city budget priorities.

I know my role as Budget Chair is even more critical to ensuring both the stability and the growth of San Diego's economy. I will continue to fight for the city services that affect and improve the daily lives of the citizens of San Diego.

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



San Diego County Supervisor Kristen Gaspar

For the fourth year in a row, the number of San Diegans who died from unintentional drug-related deaths went up. According to the San Diego County Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force, 273 people died in 2017. The report card also revealed that four in ten teens who have misused or abused a prescription drug say they stole it from their parent's medicine cabinet, a loved one or a friend's parent.

We cannot sit back and allow this problem to get worse every year. On April 6th, together with Sheriff Bill Gore, the Safe Homes Coalition and the San Diego Association of REALTORS, we launched the "Keep Kids Safe" program. The goal? To reduce access to dangerous opioids.

More than 150 real estate professionals went door-to-door around the county explaining how unused prescription medications languishing in medicine cabinets can end up in the wrong hands. The volunteers provided pre-paid, pre-addressed envelopes in which San Diegans can discreetly place unwanted prescriptions that will be shipped to a facility and incinerated. Others were given a plastic bag to transport their prescriptions to a designated drop box at a later time.

Many of those who end up addicted get their opioids and other prescription drugs from the home medicine cabinet. When those drugs run out or no longer provide the high they want, they often turn to harder drugs like heroin, cocaine, meth or fentanyl. As a mother of three children, this terrifies me. That's why I contributed \$100,000 of District 3 funds to help launch the "Keep Kids Safe" program. I want every parent to know about the silent danger that may be sitting in their medicine cabinet. If you have expired or unused prescription medications, please take them to a designated drop box. MakeItSafeHome.org has a list of locations around the county. And if you still need your prescriptions, please consider locking them up. The hope is for San Diegans to be proactive and make prescription drugs less accessible to children.

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.

UC TALKS PODCASTS AND NEWSLETTER READINGS

UCCA's podcast program, UC Talks, is available 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 Mark Salata on Governor Drive traffic solutions, Mark Powell, SD County Off. of Ed., and EdUCate! board members. Each newsletter is also 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.

May 2019: Library Holiday Closure; book drops will remain open.➤ **Monday May 27: CLOSED** in observance of Memorial Day**University Community Branch May Highlights | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655 | sandiego.gov/public-library****Special Community Event**

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

Events for Adults

Concert: Anthony Smith - Master of the Vibe (vibraphone). Following the successful release of his book, *Masters of the Vibes: Conversations with Great, Living Jazz Vibraphonists*, Anthony Smith brings his skill and love of jazz to the vibraphone in this great performance. Wednesday, May 1 @ 6:30 p.m.

Qi Gong (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body. These gentle exercises are suitable for any age and health condition. Friday, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Accordion Club meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. All are welcome! Saturday, May 11 & 25 @ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Making Sense of Science - Come for a fun, informative and interactive class and see what real DNA looks like, learn about the tools and methods scientists use to make amazing discoveries, and understand how genes, genotypes and the epigenome connect together. Please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Part 1 on Wednesday, May 15 @ 6:00 p.m. Part 2 on Wednesday, May 22 @ 6:00 p.m.

UC Book Club will be discussing Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie. Wednesday, May 22 @ 2:00 p.m.

Events for Children

Spring into STEAM: Go Beneath the Waves with Minecraft - Enjoy coding your own aquarium and coral reef habitat and finding sunken ships to create a story—no need to bring a laptop. Recommended for 9-12 years old. Sign up on the SDPL homepage to RSVP. Wednesday, May 1 @ 2:00 p.m.

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

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

Kid's Craft - Kids will handcraft a pair of earrings with paper and decorative stones. Space is limited, please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Wednesday, May 8 @ 2:30 p.m.

Challenge Island - Can you and your tribemates build your own version of a roller coaster that sends a marble flying as far as it can and landing into a target? Or better yet - into another track and keep rolling? Come join the adventure and the fun! Space is limited, please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Wednesday, May 15 @ 2:00 p.m.

ThoughtSTEM - Kids will learn how to code a Shark & Minnows video game in MIT's Scratch programming language. In addition to creating shark & minnow characters that can be controlled with the arrow keys, kids will also learn how to code a points system so they can keep track of their score! Recommended for K-3rd Grades, space is limited, please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Tuesday, May 21 @ 4:30 p.m.

LEGO Club - Come build anything you can imagine with LEGO. Thursday, May 23 @ 3:00 p.m.

Events for Tweens/Teens

Video Game Fridays - Come play video games on the Nintendo Switch with your friends. Friday, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 @ 3:00 p.m.

String Art - Kids will be introduced to string art and working at their own level. They will create a geometric string art design using a needle, thread, and a graph design template. After they will mount their design on a cardstock background. Recommended for 8 years or older, space is limited, please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Thursday, May 13 @ 3:00 p.m.

North University Community May Highlights | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637 | sandiego.gov/public-library**Special Event for Children**

Free Comic Book Day, Saturday, May 4. San Diego Public Library is participating in Free Comic Book Day! Stop by and pick up some great titles! Plus, we'll have a fun art project from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Events for Children/Families

Babies and Books, Mondays at 10:00 a.m. This lap-sit storytime will introduce a love for books by using song, movement, rhythm and rhyme. Recommended age: Birth - 2 years.

Music and Movement, Mondays at 11:00 a.m. at the Nobel Recreation Center. Sing, Dance and Play! Children enjoy songs and movement activities that build motor skills and increase independence.

LEGO Club, Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. Make new friends and build amazing creations every week. Recommended for grades K-6

Kids' Art Studio, Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. A fun art project every week! No registration required. Recommended for grades K-6.

Preschool Storytime, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Stories and songs in English promote early literacy skills.

Fun with French, Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. Explore the French language through song in this bilingual program.

Sign Language Storytime, Thursdays at 12 noon. Baby Sign Language Basics author, Monta Z. Briant puts on a super-fun sign language performance for babies through preschoolers. Includes songs, fingerplays, books, fun toys and props, and bubbles!

Chinese Storytime, Select Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. (please call to confirm schedule). Ms. Nancy sings, dances, and reads books in Chinese and English.

Tiny Tots PJ Storytime, Tuesday, May 14 & 28 at 6:30 p.m. A fun evening storytime with music.

Yoga Storytime, Friday, May 10 & 24 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. Bring your own mat.

Paws to Read, Monday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m. Therapy dogs provided by Love on a Leash (Central San Diego Chapter) foster a supportive environment for emerging readers.

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, May 2 & 16 at 1:00 p.m. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

Fiction Fanatics Book Club, Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. Title to be discussed is *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware.

Guided Meditation, Sunday, May 12 & 26 at 12:30 p.m. Guided meditation followed by tea.

Dramatic Readers Group, Wednesday, May 8 at 3:00 p.m. New members are always welcome at this fun and entertaining meeting of the Dramatic Readers. This month the group is reading the play *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller.

A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults, Sunday, May 19 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.

Page Turners Book Club, Saturday, May 25 at 1:00 p.m. Title to be discussed is *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn

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.**

New Human Trafficking Prevention Education Program

by Mark Powell

FBI data indicates that San Diego ranks as one of the top 13 worst regions for human trafficking and San Diego County ranks in the top three areas in the state for human trafficking. Victims can be anyone – women, men, children, U.S. citizens, or foreign nationals. However, in the area of sex trafficking, minors are particularly vulnerable targets. Social media is one way traffickers access and exploit children. To help combat this problem the San Diego County Office of Education and the San Diego County District Attorney's Office are now part of the San Diego Trafficking Prevention Collective.

This newly developed program aims to bring human trafficking education, prevention, and awareness training into every public school in San Diego County and protect children from exploitation. The Collective empowers students in elementary, middle, and high school and teaches them about human trafficking in schools and neighborhoods, through a three-pronged approach: in-school prevention education, after-school intervention, and interactive multimedia training. Human trafficking is the second largest criminal industry in the world in which traffickers profit by preying on unsuspecting children, luring them right out of their schools and homes with deception and lies. This first-of-its-kind human trafficking prevention education collective will arm our kids with the knowledge and tools they need to protect themselves and to engage with trusted adults to help them remain free of abuse and exploitation.

The ugly truth is that schools across San Diego County have confirmed that traffickers actively recruit children on or near school campuses and use social media to lure and manipulate victims. In fact, 90 percent of high schools studied in San Diego County identified cases of human trafficking involving students, according to a 2016 study done by Point Loma Nazarene University and the University of San Diego. The San Diego County Office of Education is dedicated to supporting local school districts in prevention and intervention best practices to address the potential or actual victimization of students. By taking a proactive approach to address the commercial sexual exploitation of students, we are more likely to reduce the incidents of human trafficking in our schools. Young students are particularly at risk to commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking so schools must play an essential role in addressing it. So far, the school districts are using the free curriculum include the San Diego County Office of Education, The San Diego Unified School District, Sweetwater Union High School District, Escondido Union High School District, San Dieguito Union High School District, Poway Unified School District, and San Pasqual Union Elementary School District.

**Mark Powell is Vice President San Diego County Board of Education representing District 1. He's also an adjunct professor at National University.*

SAVE YOUR BOOKS

The Book Barn for the 4th of July Celebration at Standley Park is again seeking your donations for books, especially children's books. Please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, manuals, tapes of any kind, as we cannot sell those items. If you could hold on to them and deliver your donation on July 3 at Standley Rec. Center or anytime at 4315 Huggins Street, we would appreciate that. Thank you for your support-

Priscilla Hughes & Pia Mantovani-Sud



Doyle International Festival

by Vicki Barham

On Friday, May 31, Doyle Elementary School will host their 24th annual International Festival from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Join the festivities on the school's grass field and the blacktop for multicultural perfor-

mances and booths representing a variety of countries. This exciting event is free to the public. Food trucks will be available for purchasing dinner and dessert. For more information, please contact Kimberly Moore at kmoore@sandi.net.

UCHS Grad Party Seeks Donations

by Michele Hagstrom

The UCHS PTSA Senior Grad Party committee has been busy planning the 28th Annual Event, for Tuesday, June 11. We have current and alumni families that volunteer every year and spend countless hours over three days transforming the high school gym into a Roman Coliseum. 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. The Prize Committee is looking for donations of checks and/or gift cards. Some gift card suggestions are: Target, Amazon, Uber, Staples, gas cards, Starbucks, Bed, Bath & Beyond, restaurants, etc. If you would like for the committee to purchase the gift cards for you, please make your checks payable to UCHS PTSA. Your contribution is tax deductible. Donations can be sent to: UCHS PTSA Senior Grad Party, 6949 Genesee Avenue, San Diego, CA 92122. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Volunteers Needed for UCSD International Students

Volunteers are needed to help international students at UC San Diego improve their English fluency. The UCSD International Students & Programs Office's English-in-Action (EIA) Conversation Program is looking for community member volunteers who will enjoy meeting with an international student, scholar or spouse for 1-2 hours on a weekly basis to assist them in improving their English conversation skills and to share our American culture.

Participating in EIA is very rewarding, as it provides considerable cultural insight and a deeper appreciation for diversity which helps students gain a greater respect and appreciation for other cultures. No knowledge of foreign languages or teaching experience is required. EIA volunteers attend an orientation session and have access to the materials and resources of the International Students & Programs Office. Conversation leaders can work with participants individually or in small groups and typically meet for 1-2 hours/week at a day/time and location that is convenient for both.

Please visit bit.ly/EIATutorExperiences to hear what current and past volunteers have shared about their experiences with EIA. To apply or for more information, please visit our website: eia.ucsd.edu Questions? Please email Shelly Taskin at eia@ucsd.edu.



UCCA welcomes new Nobel Recreation Center Director

Nicole Ann Otjens recently assumed the position of Recreation Center Director at Nobel. Here she's pictured at the Nobel Spring Egg Hunt. With over 18 years at San Diego Parks and Recreation, Nicole brings a wealth of experience and ideas to Nobel. She's working with staff to create more youth programming including a kids summer camp. For more information about programming at Nobel, visit the City's website at sandiego.gov and search on Nobel Recreation Center & Athletic Field.

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

by Diane Ahern, Recreation Council

- The Standley Park Recreation Council SPRC 501(c)(3) is exploring the opportunity to merge with Nobel and Doyle recreation councils to form one council for University City parks.
- Trash and recycle containers are on order for several area parks including UC Village, UC Gardens, and Villa La Jolla parks. The goal is to have both recycle and trash containers in every park.
- The trails and canyon behind Standley Park are scheduled to be cleaned in the next few months.
- There has been an increase in vandalism at Standley Park; area residents and park users are urged report vandalism to park staff and to call the police if they see any sign of vandalism activity.
- At Swanson Pool, water polo and swim team activities are well underway.
- University City Little League (UCLL) will host a Movie in the Park at dusk on June 1 at Standley Park as the culmination of UCLL Closing Day festivities. All are invited to join UCLL for Everyone's Hero, an animated film. Additional Movies in the Park are planned this summer at University City area parks including Doyle, Nobel, Standley, and UC Gardens.
- At the request of the CIP committee of the UCPG planning group, several capital improvement project ideas were submitted including upgraded lighting, bike trails, play structure shades, and parking lot repairs/upgrades at several University City parks.
- UC Del Sol softball, UCLL little league, floor hockey, cricket, Mesa Soccer and other user groups all report successful seasons this spring.
- Summer programs at the recreation centers will be starting soon. For more information, visit the City's website at SanDiego.gov and search on the individual recreation center.
- The Standley recreation council 501(c)(3) meets on the fourth Thursday, May 23, at 6 PM at the Standley Recreation Center. The recreation advisory group meets the same day at 7:00pm. All are welcome.



UC's Free Little Libraries: Cather & Lipmann

by Pia Sud

Members of the Paul family gather around the Free Little Library on Cather/Lipmann. Bob Paul was a longtime UC resident, who loved his family and gardening. He created and built the first ever registered First Little Library here in UC in 2014.

Music for Winds at University City United Church

Please plan to come 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 the church. The musical selections will include Beethoven's *Octet* and Mozart's *Serenade in C-minor*. The Beethoven *Octet* was written in 1792, when Beethoven was only 22 years old, and only 10 years after the Mozart *Serenade in C-minor*. Beethoven's piece was strongly influenced by the Mozart *Serenades*; however, his writing, especially for the French Horns, is significantly more challenging.

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!



University City Community Garage Sale

Saturday, June 1

8:00am- 12:00pm

The annual cleanup event, sponsored by Coldwell Banker University City returns on Saturday, June 1. Signs, advertising and maps will be provided, free of charge. The deadline to be on the map is May 29. Maps and addresses will be available at Coldwell Banker in the VONS Center at 7:00am, June 1. Contact Coldwell Banker to include your home in this huge University City event. Call us at 858.352.6587 or email coldwellbankeruc@gmail.com. This is the best day of the year to go shopping in University City. You will find a huge variety of things at wonderful prices.



UC HIGH ROBOTICS CLUB ADVANCES TO FTC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

by Nancy Carr

In March 2019, both of UC High School's Robotics teams were selected to compete in the San Diego Regional First Technical Challenge (FTC) Championship. Before going to the Regionals, both teams competed in league competitions, where they qualified to move on to the Regional Championship. This is the first year in which both UCHS teams have qualified for this stage, at which a total of 35 teams from San Diego County competed for trophies and scholarships. Our UCHS teams ranked 18th and 27th, a very respectable outing for these two relatively new teams as they move up the rankings.

The UCHS Robotics Club fosters a STEM learning experience, where members are introduced to skills such as building and programming a robot, networking, communication, and leadership. The Robotics Club is a fun and competitive extracurricular, and a great way to form friendships with people who have similar interests. Congratulations to both of our UCHS Robotics teams! We anticipate a great future for them!

Centurion Robotics team members pictured above: Back row: Zachary Schremmer, Michael Smith, Pritam Mukhopadhyaya, Ian Cosgrove, Max Scott. Front row: Alex Banham, Mikaela Norum, Naama Mazor, Aleksa Radomirovic. Not pictured: Peter Eckmann

UC Robotics team members pictured below, left to right: Emma Bartlett, Alex Quynh, Anna Le, Mr. Roger Gallegos (mentor), Bridget Carr, Carter Iwanaga, Mr. Charles Rightmyer (mentor), Catalina Arreola. Not pictured: Erick Gudiel, Ian Clemmer, John Whistler, Aryan Ahuja



Upcoming Girls' Softball Tournament

Softball All Star Season is upon us and UC Del Sol's "Tournament Del Sol" will take place May 10th and 11th at both Standley Middle School's fields and Hickman Fields. Please join us as teams from around San Diego compete for top honors in this tournament. Games will take place on all fields all day long! The exciting UC Del Sol spring season ended last week with Closing Day, and now teams in the 8U, 10U and 12U divisions will embark on the All-Star season. Five weekend tournaments will take place until we reach the District playoffs in Santee the weekend of June 14 – 16. If our UC Del Sol teams are successful in Districts, we head to the Statue Tournament in Lancaster June 28 – 30. Come out to Tournament Del Sol and support girls' softball!



All Day July 4th Starting at 7:30am

University City's all-time favorite annual event returns for the 30th time. The UC Celebration continues to have the 5k Race and 1-Mile Fun Run, Pancake Breakfast, Pet & Bike Parade, Snow Play, and the UC Car Show. Throughout the day there will live entertainment, vendor booths to shop at, raffle baskets to win, the Book Barn, free Swanson Pool swim time, games for the children and fun field games for everyone, Beer & Wine Garden, plus food, food, food! The trolley will also be providing free transportation up and down Governor Drive.

Needs to pull off a successful event:

- **Booth Rental** – we need groups and small (or large) businesses to be vendors. Food, arts & crafts, clothing, activities, your family, clubs. We need lots of booths to create our Celebration festival atmosphere. Download the booth application on the website, early bird until May 31.
- **Volunteers** – we need lots, sign up on the website.
- **Sponsors & Donations** – gift certificates, themed baskets, vacations, anything you yourself would like to win, we will accept. We also need event sponsors – you'll get special recognition and a free booth!

It takes the UC Village to pull off the Celebration, so whatever you can do to contribute, please do. The next UC Celebration Committee meeting is Wednesday, May 1, 7:00pm at Standley Rec Center. Make sure to check out the website for more and updated information – www.uccelaboration.com, and like the Facebook event page @UCCelebration. Be there UC!



Why UC Neighborhood Schools Are the Best Choice for Your Kids

by John Lee Evans
San Diego Unified Trustee, District A

When it comes to our children's education we face many choices from the day they enter preschool. At the K-12 level we can choose between neighborhood schools, charter schools and private schools. What some people do not realize is that we have award-winning schools in our own backyard. San Diego Unified is the second largest district in the state. For this reason we have divided our district into clusters, with UC being one of the smallest.

A cluster is comprised of a high school and the middle and elementary schools that feed into it. University City Schools represent some of the finest in the city. Families across San Diego are on waiting lists for UC schools, but UC residents are always given priority for enrollment.

Please read a brief description provided by each school below. If you are not already enrolled we encourage you to take a tour of your neighborhood school to see firsthand what we are talking about.

University City High School

Principal: Jeff Olivero

sandiegounified.org/schools/university-city

Best described as a comprehensive high school, UC High School, traditional electives are offered, including performing arts and athletics, as well as College Career and Technical Education courses. Niche rates high schools across the country on academics, school safety, extracurricular activities and parent reviews. UC High received an "A" rating, making it one of the top high schools in San Diego. While students and families from across San Diego vie for enrollment in UC High, neighborhood students are guaranteed enrollment.

- Biomedical Science pathway, one of the top programs in the state
- Visual Arts and Technology Academy
- Education, Child Development and Family Services pathway
- New engineering pathway, including design, civil engineering and architecture
- Information and Communications Technology, including AP Computer Science
- Robust Advanced Placement program, rated in top category by US News
- 18 college courses taught on UC campus, the most in San Diego Unified
- Award winning music programs



The University City High School field and newly built tower at sunset, photo courtesy Greg Hom.

Standley Middle School

Principal: William Pearson

www.sandiegounified.org/schools/standley

William H. Standley Middle School, a California Distinguished School, is proud to serve the University City community. Standley has a diverse population by accepting students from across San Diego, but only UC resident students are guaranteed admission. Standley is very well known for its award-winning music program, including orchestra and band. Standley's music groups are often featured at community events.

- Advanced mathematics classes
- Rigorous Gifted and Talented Education Classes (GATE) for qualifying students
- Homework Academy, Math Counts, Math Upgrade and AVID
- Character development through Seahawk Sessions
- Electives: Spanish, Computers/Coding, Music and Art
- Clubs: Garden Club, Chess Club, Photography Club, GSA, Yearbook and ASB
- Integrated 21st Century Interactive Classrooms (i21), latest tech and instruction
- Quality Neighborhood Schools Award (QSiEN) for Positive School Environment



The Standley Middle School Band performing at Oktoberfest. The music program at Standley has an reputation for producing excellent musicians that continue into the UCHS music program.



Mural at Curie Elementary School

Curie Elementary School

Principal: Cara Marshall

www.sandiegounified.org/schools/curie

At Curie Elementary we are focused on cultivating and maintaining deep relationships across our community to empower our learners and maximize their individual and collective potential. We believe in teaching the whole child. We deliver comprehensive, meaningful, rigorous instruction. Our PTA provides funds for Art, Music, and PE consultants who work with our students weekly. We look forward to you joining our Curie Family. Together we will continue building a courageous community and courageous classrooms full of students and adults with Kind Hearts, Fierce Minds, and Brave Souls.



Spreckels students work on projects

Spreckels Elementary School

Principal: Michel Cazary

www.sandiegounified.org/schools/spreckels

Spreckels Elementary School offers a culturally, linguistically diverse and rich learning environment that helps all students learn and grow. We understand the important work of education as addressing not just what students know, but who they are and are becoming as individuals. We pride ourselves on our academic work and building a sense of independence and self-reliance in all our learners. We also take great pride in our deep sense of community as evidenced in our wide array of school wide events. As a Spanish magnet, we offer Spanish Language Enrichment instruction to all our students 3-4 times a week for 30 minutes. We are always growing and improving at Spreckels! If you haven't had a chance to visit our school, please do so. We offer tours on a monthly basis.



Doyle Elementary students working together

Doyle Elementary School

Principal: Kimberly Moore

www.sandiegounified.org/schools/doyle

Doyle Elementary is a proud member of the incredible UC Cluster Schools. In our culturally diverse school, students hail from over 30 countries and speak more than thirty languages and dialects. The mission of Doyle Elementary School is to provide a program with high expectations for academic achievement in a multicultural setting. We foster positive self-esteem through the collaborative efforts of staff, students, parents, and community. In addition, we believe all students deserve access to high quality teaching and learning every day, where students are intellectually engaged in critical reading, thinking, writing, problem solving, and meaning making. We work interdependently and positively in a collaborative environment to provide a world-class education for all the students we serve. Staff, parents, and community members work together focused on our mission, while fostering positive home, school, and community connections. Our positive school culture stems from a celebration of diversity, mutual respect, and common goals.



Graduation Day at UCHS



UC's principals from left: Michel Cazary, Kim Moore, Cara Marshall, Jeff Olivero and Bill Pearson at the annual Principal's Challenge during Oktoberfest



Photo: F-35 demonstration jet at 2017 Air Show by Ron Belanger.

Miramar Matters: Aviation Plan 2019

by Diane Ahern, Miramar Community Leaders Forum Rep

The Marine Corps recently unveiled its updated Aviation Plan. This year's plan includes information about upcoming changes at Miramar related to construction, operational support, and to airframes based at Miramar including the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the CH-53K heavy-lift cargo helicopter, the MV-22 Osprey tilt rotor, and the KC-130 Hercules cargo plane. The plan also includes information about other Marine Corps installations and their relationship to MCAS Miramar. A link to the 2019 Aviation Plan is available on UCCA's website at UniversityCityNews.org.

The single engine Joint Strike Fighter F-35 aircraft will begin operation out of Miramar this year. The first F-35 squadrons will arrive in 2020. According to the Marine Corps, the F-35 will sound different than the F/A-18 aircraft that they will eventually replace. Miramar flight operations primarily follow longstanding approach and departure corridors; however, aircraft sometimes fly outside their normal routes and over the highly populated areas of University City. Community members with questions or concerns about flight operations at MCAS Miramar are encouraged to email the Operations Duty Officer at mirarmarmcas.odo@usmc.mil; for general inquiries contact the Communications Office at mirarmamedia@usmc.mil; or call 858.577.6000.

Rose Canyon Trunk Sewer Repair Update

by Clem Wassenberg, Construction Manager

Last year, the City's Contractor completed the Rose Canyon Trunk sewer rehabilitation from east of Genesee Ave. through the Rose Canyon and worked his way down Santa Fe St. With the onset of the rainy season the project was shut down in late November as scheduled to avoid capacity issues in the sewer system. Now that the end of the rainy season is here, the Project Team will coordinate with the North City Water Reclamation Plant to start the project back up in May. As of right now, work is approximately 85% complete and we hope to finalize the project by July/August. Even though the Contractor has a few work items left in the canyon, impacts should be minimal and the trails will be open bikers and hikers like last year.

BROWN BAG OPERA - RODELINDA

Our Mother of Confidence Catholic Church presents the next Brown Bag Opera on Sunday, May 19, starting at 1:00pm. This month's opera is that of Rodelinda, one of Handel's greatest dramas, seen in Stephen Wadsworth's 2004 Met premiere production. Rodelinda is faced with an impossible dilemma: With her husband Bertarido believed dead, she either has to marry the despised Grimoaldo (the elegant Joseph Kaiser), who has usurped her husband's throne, or see him murder her son. But Bertarido (leading countertenor Andreas Scholl) is alive and eventually reclaims both throne and wife—and makes peace with his enemies. Bring your own lunch to this free event at OMC, 3131 Governor Drive.

THE 5G EXPERIMENT

by Roger Cavanaugh

5G, the next generation of wireless, will operate at speeds up to 100 times of our current network as well as allow lower power devices more connectivity. All kinds of devices can be connected to the internet, creating the "Internet of Things". Networks of all kinds and even communities can become "smart", meaning more efficient and integrated.

So far, so good. What are the problems? First, enormous amounts of data and increasingly complex networks will be ever more vulnerable, and more of our personal information will be available to massive entities that have their agendas and not necessarily our interests at heart. Recognition technologies to prevent or solve acts of terrorism and crime, massive connectivity, growing use of AI, and government and corporate monitoring let others know where we are, what we are doing, who we associate with, and what we have to say.

Mayor Faulkner's recent press release, citing the public safety and business benefits of wireless innovation, announced an agreement with Verizon for 5G deployment: "The City has agreed to work with Verizon to streamline its permitting process to cut red tape, reduce review times and get these technologies installed faster." Does that mean minimize or ignore community input and radiation safety concerns, and set aside a good measure of the transparency and consent of the governed that are integral to our democratic norms? In countries with strong public involvement in technology issues, 5G deployment is being debated since radiation levels are estimated to increase 10 to 100 times. Scientists and public interest groups are urging caution and research to establish safety standards. In rejecting 5G the City of Brussels said, "The people of Brussels are not guinea pigs". In the U.S. when an organized public has questioned wireless safety, providers have been willing to compromise in locating antennas. For details on 5G risks Google Dr. Martin Pall.

How pervasive will 5G be? 5G requires many more antennas, several for every neighborhood, many thousands for San Diego and at least, say industry sources, 800,00 for the U.S. - all located on structures that make them closer to people. Wireless industry documents assert 20,000 new satellites broadcasting 5G will be needed to ensure global coverage. Amazon alone will launch 3,236 to cover deliveries to 95% of global population, and Space X plans a 12,000 satellite network. Other competitive providers and countries have their own plans. In other words, it will be impossible to opt out of the substantially increased radiation that 5G and the Internet of Things will bring. In effect, the entire human population is participating in a long-term experiment with significant risks.

It remains to be seen how much 5G adds to electronic pollution and the toxic burden on our health. Next month we will look at safety standards and what we can do as individuals and communities to minimize radiation exposure.

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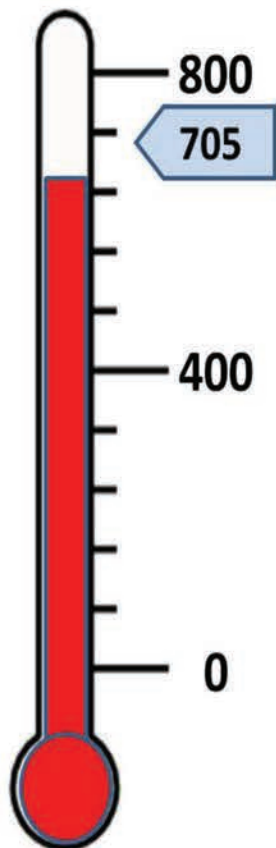
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Future Blood Drives: Saturdays – 2019: July 13, September 14, and 2020: January 11, March 14, May 16

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If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Chairperson
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Trees 1000 Gives Away Trees to Children

by Martha Emerald

This past Easter Sunday brought children more than just colored eggs and baskets of treats. Kids and their families received a new tree for their home, thanks to the non-profit Trees 1000 Foundation. Trees 1000 was founded last year to replace the estimated one thousand trees that have been removed to make room for major construction projects in the UTC and University City neighborhoods.

So far, the Foundation has distributed 211 trees, including 74 that were given away on Easter. The pop-up tree lot attracted shoppers outside the Ralph's supermarket at La Jolla Village Square. It was staffed by volunteers and a troop of Brownies from University City. The Brownies potted up kid-sized cypress trees and helped families pick a favorite tree from a wide selection: Japanese Maple, Fern Pine, Bottle Brush, and the ever-popular Money Tree, among others.

Special thanks to Ponto Wholesale Nursery in Vista and the Davey Resource Group for their generous donations and expertise that made this event possible. If you missed out on this Easter event, you still have an opportunity to receive a new tree and become a member of the Trees 1000 Foundation. Trees 1000 will be giving away more trees on July 4, at the Independence Day community celebration at Standley Park. You can find Trees 1000 online at: www.Trees1000.org.



Scenes from UCHS Music Department's Sights and Sounds

UCCA was a proud sponsor of this event



"Not Alone" sung by: Robyn Wilkinson, Lauren Hosmer, Lucas Wiese, and Sophia Lipkin



Karine Kim performs a dance solo, while UCHS teacher Susan Hooker sings opera song "Pieta, Signore"



Rumba y Soul band, featuring UCHS Music Director Brandon Corenman, and students from the UCHS Wind Ensemble perform the finale, while guests enjoy themselves in the danceline.



Thanks as always to Greg Hom for submitting photos for the Sights & Sounds event, as well as many others. See some of his works, including the one above, at the Landmark Photofest, showing at the La Jolla Riford Library until May 18.

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By Sean Karafin, Water Reliability Coalition Co-Chair and Vice President of Public Policy for the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

Although San Diegans had a wet winter, it's not **if** we will experience another drought, but **when**. The need for a sustainable water supply remains critical. San Diego currently imports about 85% of water from the Colorado River and Northern California Bay Delta, and only a small amount of water is supplied locally. Pure Water San Diego (Pure Water) will provide a sustainable supply, meeting one-third of our demand by 2035.

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Pure Water will use the same types of technologies as Orange County's Groundwater Replenishment System, which has produced purified water since 2008. San Diego is a leader in water reuse and now is the time to secure a local supply. After years of planning, environmental review and design, construction will start this year on Phase 1 of Pure Water, which will produce 30 million gallons a day of purified water after completion in 2023.

We just celebrated Earth Day, and in the spirit of environmental protection, are proud to support a sustainable program like Pure Water. Visit www.purewatersd.org for more information.



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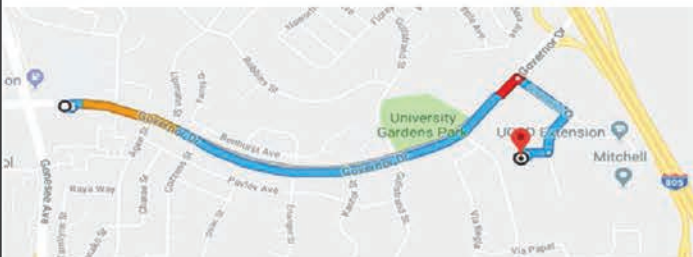
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