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## SUMMER CONCERTS END WITH THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS

The University City Community Association's (UCCA) Volunteer Recognition Event was held on Sunday, August 25 at Standley Park during the last Summer Concert, which was a performance by local jazz band Forecast, led by University City resident Greg Pardue. During the intermission, University City Community Association President Barry Bernstein asked all of the newsletter delivery volunteers and our Neighborhood Watch captains/co-captains in attendance to come forward to be recognized for their much appreciated voluntary service to our community. Each was given a Coffee Bean gift card and invited to enjoy coffee/tea and pastries at the special volunteer table. UCCA is always looking for new volunteers, contact [universitycitynews@gmail.com](mailto:universitycitynews@gmail.com) if you would like to be a UC community volunteer. And remember to thank your UCCA volunteers, and so a big thank you to Greg Hom for these photos and being our unofficial UC photographer.



## SPECIAL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

UCCA presented special thanks to two long-time UC residents and volunteers Tom Ventimiglia (above left) and Greg Zinser (above right) who collaborated on two songs for UCCA and the community: "More Than Just A Neighborhood" and a UC version of "Happy Days Are Here Again" which were played during the Volunteer Recognition event. You may listen to the songs on SoundCloud.com and search for "UC Talks" or go to [universitycitynews.org](http://universitycitynews.org) and click on "UC Talks – Podcasts." Thanks Tom and Greg for sharing your talent with University City.

Next UCCA Meeting is Wednesday, September 11, 6:00pm  
UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive



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### Deadline for the October issue: SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the October issue is September 15, but the newsletter can fill up before the deadline. Articles and news items are reviewed as they are received. Priority may be given to UCCA members and time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited for allowed space. UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter. The UCCA Newsletter receives information and advertising from a variety of sources. UCCA cannot and does not guarantee the accuracy of the information or the complete absence of errors and/or omissions, nor does UCCA assume responsibility for the same. Publication does not constitute an endorsement.

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## UCCA Meeting Synopsis July 10

by Diane Ahern for  
Deanna Ratnikova, UCCA Secretary



- Officer Melanie Bognuda took questions about speeding and traffic enforcement and mentioned that officers have to see the violation in order to provide enforcement.
- Battalion Chief Erik Windsor with Fire Department Battalion 5 (at Station 35 on Eastgate Mall in University City) stressed emergency preparedness in light of recent nearby earthquakes and upcoming fire season. In response to questions and brush management and eucalyptus trees, Chief Windsor provided an overview of the SDFD's Risk Reduction division.
- Dr. Robert Brown from UCSD mentioned that the Design and Innovation Building will begin construction soon adjacent to the Pepper Canyon Trolley Station.
- Erin Magee with Congressman Scott Peters introduced intern Ari Weizman, recent UCHS graduate, and explained the intern application process. Congressman Peters is accepting Service Academy Nominations and seeking participants in the Congressional APP Challenge.
- Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry's office announced that Council District 1 was able to provide almost \$10,000 in additional money to the Marcy Park Project. Bridger announced that he was leaving Councilmember Bry's office to enter the UCSD graduate program in International Studies. Chris Nielsen, Ruth DeSantis and Barry Bernstein, representing UCPG, UCCF, and UCCA respectively, thanked Bridger and presented him with a plaque in appreciation for his service to University City.
- John Hartley with Neighborhoods for Clean Elections spoke of the clean elections initiatives which allow for full public funding of campaigns to give neighborhoods more voice and clout. He referred interested people to their website at <http://www.sdcleanelections.org/>
- Chris Nielsen reported there were between 1500 and 2000 community plan update surveys returned, more than any other community plan update survey. The comments will take a while to tally and evaluate.
- Ruth DeSantis from UCCF showed a concept illustration of a pedestrian walkover connecting Regents Road across Rose Canyon. The Pure Water EIR lawsuit is in settlement talks and will be discussed in closed session with City Council in September.
- Diane Ahern reported that MTS would like to rent 26 light pole banner spaces to promote their October 2<sup>nd</sup> free ride day. Request approved unanimously.
- Barbara Gellman announced National Night Out plans as well as the SDGE lighting safety program for those who wish to add additional lighting on their street; and Stop the Bleed, a nation-wide effort to reduce the number of trauma-related deaths.
- Barry Bernstein spoke of the cost sharing arrangement with Our Mother of Confidence Church, Chabad of UC, UC Marketplace, Carl's Jr, and La Jolla Property Management to clean up the medians on Governor, Genesee and Regents. The UCCA board unanimously approved additional cleanup costs for the median on Regents Road near the 52 entrance.
- Barry Bernstein asked for a motion to approve payment of the \$100 registration fee to the League of Women Voters forum (to be held in January). Request approved unanimously.
- Deanna Ratnikova, on behalf of Doyle Recreation Council, submitted a \$800 request to help cover the cost of musician and performer fees at their annual Art in the Park celebration featuring music and art from around the world. Request approved unanimously.

**The next UCCA Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11 at the UC Library, located at 4155 Governor Drive.**

**All are invited and welcome; networking begins at 5:30pm; meeting is called to order at 6:00pm.**





## UCCA President Barry Bernstein

September has gotten here so fast ! I hope all of our families had a safe and fun summer...and our kids are all back to school and "hitting the books" or whatever it may be called these days. July/August were busy times here in UC...Our community 4th of July "Celebration" at Standley Park, was a huge success as was the annual "Banana Split" event, Neighborhood Watch "National Night Out", Movies at the Park, and of course the Sunday "Concerts in the Park", all provided us with great family activities.

UCCA began a coordinated street median clean-up campaign, but at last sighting it was obvious that maintenance is more than just a one-time thing. The new "West End" homes had a very well attended "open house" and are putting on finishing touches.

The "Pure Water" ( raw sewage pipelines through UC) project has run into some headwind...a second lawsuit, filed by a City employee group, and the very recent departure of the project director, have contributed to recent delays. UCCF's pipeline lawsuit related to a faulty EIR is scheduled to be heard in January. There has been some disturbing "not so good happenings" in UC which included "hate" graffiti at one of our condo complexes (SDPD working the case), and lots of aircraft noise and encroachment out of Miramar this summer...just wait until the F-35's arrive!

SoCal had a big earthquake in July. UCCA, Neighborhood Watch, along with our public library, sponsored an "Emergency Preparation " class taught by San Diego Fire/Rescue on Saturday, August 24. (see pg. 14). A small recent canyon fire in West Rose Canyon (which was quickly brought under control), brought attention to the need for all residents to be aware of the fire danger possibility and that having additional access over the railroad tracks will allow first responders to provide needed safety for our residents.

UCCF sponsored a very well attended CPR class in August, and will be having a second class this month, along with a movie in Marcy Park early in September, which will be co-sponsored by Costa Verde/Regency Centers. Then on Sunday, August 25, UCCA honored its many volunteers at the summer's final concert at Standley Park. Coffee Bean gift cards were distributed to those volunteers attending the event, and Greg Zinser and Tom Ventimiglia were co-recipients of this year's special volunteer awards for their many years of community service, and in particular for their original "University City, More than just a Neighborhood" song.

A special welcome to Dr. Cynthia Smith-Ough, the new principal at Curie Elementary. Next month, EdUCate!, will be sponsoring the annual Fall "Oktoberfest"...so be sure to read all about it on page 9. Congratulations to Mark Salata, the newly elected president of EdUCate!, who will have big shoes to fill as Bonnie MacRitchie, who was "termed out" was such an effective and well respected leader.

UCPG's Community Plan committee will be meeting on September 17 at UC High School...results from the June online survey will be on their agenda for review/discussion. UCCA was pleased to announce receiving approval from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for funding our full color newsletter, updating our street banners, and continuing our UC Talks podcasts this coming year.

UCCA will be electing officers at our scheduled November meeting. UCCA members that may be interested in running for one of our four elected offices (President, Vice-Pres. Treasurer, Secretary), need to have attended at least two regular meetings this past year to qualify as candidates. Officers are elected for two-year terms. If interested in being a candidate, please send an "intent notification" to our UCCA email address at [universitycitynews@gmail.com](mailto:universitycitynews@gmail.com). Candidate names and "bios" will be published in our November newsletter.

We want to welcome Justine Murray, Barbara Bry's new community representative for University City. She will be replacing Bridger Langfur who announced his departure to attend grad school at UCSD.

Our next UCCA meeting is scheduled for September 11, "Patriots' Day". September 30 is the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, and because of the Yom Kippur holiday falling on Wednesday, October 9, UCCA's regular October meeting date has been changed to October 16. Let's all continue working together to make sure University City is "more than just a neighborhood" Support UCCA ! ~Barry

# calendar

## LABOR DAY

Monday, September 2

## PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, September 8

7:30-9:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks  
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

## UC PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, September 10, 6:00pm

10300 Campus Point Drive

## NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

Sunday, September 8

## PATRIOT'S DAY

Wednesday, September 11

## UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, September 11, 6:00pm

UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

## UCUC BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, September 14, 8:00am – 1:30pm

Sprouts Marketplace

Governor Drive & Regents Blvd

## UCPG COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE (CPUS) MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 6:00pm

University City High School

6949 Genesee Ave.

## FIRST DAY OF FALL

Monday, September 23

## STANDLEY RECREATION

Thursday, September 26

Recreation Council - 6:00pm

Advisory Group – 7:00pm

## MCAS MIRAMAR AIR SHOW

Friday, September 27 through

Sunday, September 29

## ROSH HASHANAH

(Jewish New Year Day One)

Monday, September 29, sundown





## What a Beautiful Noise

by Barbara Gellman

To borrow from Neil Diamond, "what a beautiful noise, coming up from the street", in University City, a special beat. On August 6, 15 Neighborhood Watch captains hosted street parties and were visited by officers from Northern Division. Neighbors reconnecting with one another over food, music and laughter and officers welcomed into the front or backyards to find upbeat relief from regular duties; a time to renew partnerships.

National Night Out spotlights a time to stand up against crime, all over the country and send a message to the "bad guys", that we are a neighborhood that is organized to take action against crimes or suspicious activities. A huge "thank you" to all who participated this year and those who didn't, missed out on some "good vibrations." The sounds of summer in our neighborhood, keep it rolling.

Above: Residents gather at a NNO event on Cather St. with special guest Councilperson Barbara Bry, photo courtesy Pia Sud. Below: A large group from Curie and Bothe streets potluck for NNO, photo courtesy Don Hotz.



The following is part of a series of articles from the 2019 Neighborhood Watch Conference and Solutions Summit.

## Neighborhood Policing

info from Capt. Tina Williams and Lt. Corissa Pich, SDPD

Lt. Pich stressed that the mission of the Neighborhood Policing Division is "PROGRESSIVE AND COMPASSIONATE ENFORCEMENT". The City and County have a new joint program called Prosecution and Law Enforcement Diversion Services ("PLEADS") which provides NPD Officers a resource to offer homeless people with drug addiction rehab over jail. McAlister Institute (a recovery center) is trying to accept pets at their shelter to remove one of the barriers that keep individuals from accepting help.

QUESTION: Are fires legal in canyons?

ANSWER: ANY fire in a canyon, whether it's a campfire on the ground or a fire in a barbecue container, is illegal and one should call 911.

San Diego Fire Rescue sends notices to the San Diego Police Department on every fire. Camps should always be reported using the "GET IT DONE San Diego" App which can be downloaded (or reported online at <https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>).

To contact with questions, email: [neighborhoodpolicing@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:neighborhoodpolicing@pd.sandiego.gov). The Homeless Outreach Team can be reached at 619.446.1010.

## Was Roundup used in the cleanup of the Genesee, Regents and Governor Medians?

In June, UCCA sponsored a median cleanup of Regents Road and Genesee Avenue between the 52 and Governor Drive. Don Hotz, UCCA's treasurer, wrote about it in the July newsletter. In response to his article, UCCA received a note from an anonymous reader with a timely and important question:

**Q:** Was Roundup used in the cleanup? Please report. Thank you.

**A:** Courtesy of Don Hotz: No Roundup or chemicals of any kind were used in the UCCA-sponsored cleanup of medians on Regents, Governor and Genesee in University City ... as evidenced by the rapid return of the weeds.

For more information on UCCA's median cleanup efforts, contact Beautification committee chair Merle Langston at [merlelangston1@gmail.com](mailto:merlelangston1@gmail.com).



## HELP WANTED

If you would like to be part of the solution, then step up to participate in Neighborhood Watch on your street. Our understaffed SDPD need residents to be their extra eyes and ears and report what they can't see. We hold the key to safety, our actions or inactions determine the outcome.

The following streets in the Northeast section of University City lack Neighborhood Watch Captains and Co-Captains:

Steinbeck Ave.  
Enders Ave.  
Teasdale Ave.  
Florey St. & Ct.  
Whipple Ave.  
Tula Ct.

Pauling Ave.  
Ramsay Ave.  
Finsen Ave.  
Murphy Ave.  
Werner St.

Shake up the street, don't let the "bad guys" ruin your day. Please contact me for further information to discuss if you are the right fit for the job: Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator-University City & Captains Advisory Board, [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com).

## Attention Potential UC Blood Donors

UCUC San Diego Blood Bank  
Bloodmobile Blood Drive

Saturday, September 14

8:00am - 1:30pm

Sprouts Marketplace (Governor & Regents)  
Parked near Round Table Pizza

Sign up in advance at [mysdbb.org](http://mysdbb.org)



## Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry

### Calling for a Moratorium on Electric Scooters in San Diego

San Diegans deserve a safe, unobstructed and accessible public right of way. Electric scooters have posed challenge after challenge on our City sidewalks, boardwalks, and pedestrian walking areas. Last year, I was open to working with scooter companies to provide a new affordable transit option as I hosted a Dockless Vehicle Working Group. As time progressed, we have witnessed the situation worsen. In May, the City Council approved a permitting and regulatory program that went into effect on July 1. We believed these rules could help reestablish order on our sidewalks. Instead, we are left with companies willfully ignoring staging restrictions and geofencing requirements. Emergency rooms and urgent care centers are filling up with severe injuries. City resources are being wasted to collect and store inappropriately parked devices, and we don't even know if the fines cover our costs. In addition, private companies are picking up scooters left on private property. Thousands are piling up in at least one scooter graveyard, posing a long-term environmental hazard. Enough is enough – scooter companies have had their opportunity. I am now calling for a moratorium on electric scooters in San Diego until we demonstrate that we can develop a fiscally responsible, well-thought out plan that ensures public and environmental safety.

### A Busy Summer in UC

This summer, I have enjoyed some fascinating and fun events out and about in University City which included watching multicultural celebrations during UC's 4th of July celebration in Standley Park. I learned about new technologies at a drone workshop at the UC South Branch Library. Cities need to be proactive in regulating new technologies, which is why it is important to provide information and get feedback from the public on how we use commercial and police drones. I also spent time with old and new friends during National Night Out which brings the community together with local law enforcement to help foster and maintain safer neighborhoods.

### Bidding Farewell to a Member of our Team

I have some bittersweet news that affects University City. My UC Community Representative, Bridger Langfur, will be attending graduate school at UCSD in the fall and will be resigning from his post. My office and I will miss Bridger, but we are excited for him. His replacement will be our veteran Community Representative, Justine Murray, who can be reached at [JRMurray@sandiego.gov](mailto:JRMurray@sandiego.gov). Justine graduated from UCSD and has been the community representative for the Torrey Pines-Del Mar Heights community.

## UC Schools Off to a Successful Start

*John Lee Evans, SD Unified Trustee*

Once again we are starting a new school year in University City. UC has some of the highest performing schools in San Diego Unified. Each of our schools has its own unique characteristics. Doyle Elementary is an international school with students speaking 30 different languages. Spreckels is a bilingual magnet with multicultural events and Curie has many enhanced programs in the arts, science and physical education. The elementary principals work closely together to prepare the students for Standley Middle and UC High. Standley has been awarded by the school district for its Positive School Environment, as well as its character development program and extra support for math students. UC High, has national recognition with its Silver Medal rating by US News. It has college and career pathways that include biomedical, IT, visual arts and child development. All of the schools have outstanding music programs.

As a district we have an increasing number of students across the city successfully entering college and technical careers. Outcomes have improved significantly for the underperforming groups in a district which celebrates its diversity. We are proud to serve a diverse population in University City at a time of increasing national polarization. In the coming year there will be an increased focus on students with disabilities and English Learners. We will continue to develop a growth and development model to improve results for students and teachers. We will give priority attention to high priority schools, so that in San Diego students will succeed no matter their zip code.

We also realize the connection between student health and academic achievement. First, vaccination requirements prevent the spread of disease in our schools. Second, breakfast programs ensure that all students are able to learn with proper nutrition. Third, next year we will implement healthy start times in all of our high schools, as recommended by the Centers of Disease Control and all major medical associations, with all high schools starting between 8:30 and 9:00am.



## County Supervisor Kristen Gaspar

At the August 6 Board of Supervisors' meeting I asked County staff to develop a countywide lactation policy for employees and nursing mothers who do business at the County Administration Center. We will also identify rooms where nursing mothers can breastfeed their babies in a comfortable and private setting. The number of California mothers who nurse their children is impressive - 87%. It's even higher in San Diego - 96.

Next Spring, San Diego will have its own human milk bank that will be a valuable resource for hospitals and mothers. Research shows that breast milk is crucial for sick and premature babies, dramatically reducing their chance of suffering from a devastating intestinal disease that could be deadly or require invasive surgery. Full-term babies also greatly benefit from human milk. Studies indicate they are less likely to die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and are significantly healthier.

Dr. Lisa Stellwagen, a UC San Diego Health Pediatrician, is the Executive Director of the new Mothers' Milk Bank. She has worked tirelessly to raise funds for the new facility and to raise awareness of the link between a child's health and being fed breast milk. I was so impressed with her vision and passion during my visit to the site that I committed \$95,000 from my Neighborhood Reinvestment Program to this important community service. And, in honor of August being Breastfeeding Awareness Month, I was thrilled to present Dr. Stellwagen with a County proclamation for her leadership to the creation of the San Diego Mothers' Milk Bank.

Our region is grappling with the critical need for all types of housing opportunities for our most vulnerable populations. The county has dedicated \$50 million dollars to an Innovative Housing Trust Fund and spent over \$225 million last year on housing and services for people experiencing homelessness. Despite these large investments, there are areas of extreme vulnerability that still exist.

In late June, I brought forward an action to make three strategic investments to address critical areas of vulnerability and immediately increase emergency housing for three vulnerable populations. The action will assist the Palomar Family YMCA in purchasing a property for transitional youth housing. It will assist Interfaith Community Services in purchasing a facility for recuperative care and temporary housing and dedicate funds to a safe emergency shelter for minors who are rescued from sex trafficking.

I believe we must continue to make investments in the capacity of organizations that provide these essential programs and services to our community. We must allow them the flexibility to offer care in a person-centered way to foster individual success.

It is my pleasure to be your County Supervisor. Please feel free to reach out to my office with questions or concerns at [Kristin.Gaspar@SDCounty.ca.gov](mailto:Kristin.Gaspar@SDCounty.ca.gov) or 619.531.5533.



**Libraries closed Monday, September 2, for Labor Day; book drops remain open.**

**University Community Branch | September 2019 | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655**



### Featured Events

**University City Community Association** - This is a community meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and other community leaders. All are welcome to arrive at 5:30 for networking. Wednesday, September 11 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**National Voter Registration Day** - Have you just moved to the neighborhood recently or need to change your voter registration information? Join us for a special voter registration event. Tuesday, September 24 @ 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale** - Thursday, September 26 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Friday, September 27 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 28 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Programming for Adults

**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, September 4 @ 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, September 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**OASIS: Lost Squadron** - Mark Carlson tells the story of the worst air disaster to strike a Marine Corps fighter squadron during the Second World War. He shares the dramatic true story of a desperate and courageous fight for survival against the forces of nature and a conspiracy of silence. Based on his book by the same name. Thursday, September 12 @ 12:30 p.m.

**Making Macramé** - Join us for a fun class making macramé with Liz.

Instructions and supplies are provided, and the project for the day is to make plant holders. Space is limited, please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Saturday, September 14 @ 1:00 p.m.

**Understanding Back Pain, Prevention and Management presented by SHARP HealthCare** - Attend a free health workshop to learn about the body mechanics that cause lower back pain, how it can be managed through physical therapy and how to prevent it from occurring. Wednesday, September 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Zentangle** is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Space is limited, please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Monday, September 23 @ 12:00.

**UC Book Club** will be discussing *Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton. Wednesday, September 25 @ 2:00 p.m.

### Programming for Children

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

**Kid's Craft** - Watercolor-Resist Patchwork Quilt. Using wax pencils, crayons, and rubber cement, kids will design a patchwork quilt which they will wash with watercolor. Then the kids can add further embellishment to their quilt with oil pastels. Space is limited, please call 858-552-1655 to RSVP. Monday, September 16 @ 3:00 p.m.

### Programming for Tweens/Teens

**Video Game Fridays** - Come play video games on the Nintendo Switch with your friends. Friday, September 6, 13 & 20 @ 3:00 p.m.

**Button Making** - We will be making 1-inch buttons from magazines and printed materials. You can bring in your own print outs to make buttons too! Wednesday, September 18 @ 2:00 p.m.

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### Events for Adults/Seniors

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

**Knitters' Circle**, Thursday, September 5 & 19 at 1:00 p.m. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

**Fiction Fanatics Book Club**, Saturday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m. Title to be discussed in September is *March* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell.

**Guided Meditation**, Sunday, September 8 & 22 at 12:30 p.m. Guided meditation followed by tea.

**Dramatic Readers Group**, Wednesday, September 11 at 3:00 p.m. The Dramatic Readers will be discussing upcoming projects.

**A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults**, Sunday, September 15 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, September 28 at 1:00 p.m. Title to be discussed in September is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles.

### 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*. 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 1:00 p.m. A fun art project every week! Due to space limitations, this program is limited to 20 participants. Signups begin same day when the library opens. 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.

**Yoga Storytime**, Friday, September 13 & 27 at 11:00 a.m. Stretch both your body and your mind in this unique program that combines stories, songs and simple yoga poses. Please bring your own mat.

**Paws to Read**, Monday, September 16 at 4:30 p.m. Therapy dogs provided by Love on a Leash (Central San Diego Chapter) foster a supportive environment for emerging readers.

**Tiny Tots PJ Storytime**, Tuesday, September 10 & 24 at 6:30 p.m. A fun evening storytime with music.

**Notes:** Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for their generous sponsorship. Please contact the libraries for more information and to register and/or confirm program. Changes are rare, but may occur. **Check with libraries to verify holiday closings.** | [www.sandiego.gov/public-library](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library)



## School Volunteer Opportunities

### University City High School

A little less than two years ago, after the Parkland, Florida school shooting, Principal Olivero sent out a request to our UC community to help create an on campus "neighborhood watch" program. With this call out, UCHS had four amazing retired seniors agree to become senior "ambassadors" to the school. Not only did our UC seniors provide an extra pair of eyes on campus, they also immersed themselves into the fabric of the school. They did this by visiting classes, talking to students and staff, and by helping around campus when needed. I believe our students, staff, parents, and seniors came to fully enjoy our "neighborhood watch" program on campus. UCHS again extends this opportunity by asking our senior UC community for a couple seniors that have 2-3 hours free a week to join as Senior Centurions. We believe our seniors will enjoy this relationship with their local high school as there is nothing better than to be around an energetic and vibrant school community. If you would like to explore this opportunity, please email Principal Jeff Olivero [jolivero@sandi.net](mailto:jolivero@sandi.net) or drop by school.

### Curie Elementary

Do you like to hear a good story? Curie Elementary School has a dedicated team of volunteer reading tutors who work with students who need more practice reading. The "Everyone A Reader" program is a successful and positive way to support children in the process of learning to read. We need your help! Dedicating only one hour a week to help children improve their reading skills will make all the difference! Please contact Valerie O'Neill at 858.452.0548 or [voneill1@yahoo.com](mailto:voneill1@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Doyle Elementary

Everyone A Reader (EAR) is recruiting tutors wanting to make a difference in the life of a child in University City. Doyle Elementary is seeking reading tutors for the 2019-2020 school year. Tutors will read with students who have been identified by their teachers as needing help. Training is available through San Diego County Office of Education at community sites or at Doyle School. The tutoring commitment is about 2 hours, one morning a week (Thursday or as a sub) during the school day, October through May. Materials are provided and you'll be working with the same students each week. Tutors substitute for one another for appointments, traveling and unexpected events! For more information contact [cidunlevy@sdcoe.net](mailto:cidunlevy@sdcoe.net), coordinator of the Everyone A Reader Program. For information specific to Doyle, please contact Carol Parham at [cjparham@gmail.com](mailto:cjparham@gmail.com) or 858.864.3141.

### Kelsey's Closet at UCHS

The UCHS PTSA is collecting clothes, gently used shoes, backpacks, and more for students in need. Kelsey's Closet, named after Kelsey Feinstein who thought of the program, will help provide a means for students to obtain items they may not have funds for, and feel comfortable in being part of high school life. High school appropriate items can be dropped off at the school front office, or contact Kelsey at [kelsey@san.rr.com](mailto:kelsey@san.rr.com) for pickups. Items not appropriate for high schoolers will be re-donated to other charities.

## Welcome to New Curie Principal Dr. Cynthia Smith-Ough

The University City community welcomes Dr. Cynthia Smith-Ough as the new principal at Curie Elementary. She has experience as an elementary school principal for nine years, and looks forward to bringing the best practices she has learned to Curie's students. Ough is fondly known as "Dr. O" (let's not confuse her with UCHS principal Mr. O). Please welcome Dr. O to the UC community.

## Fall UCUC Preschool News

Fall is a time for apples and pumpkins, cooler temperatures and new school years! University City United Church (UCUC) Preschool is eager to welcome new and returning students, as well as the new director – Jessica Dolan. Miss Jessie is a San Diego native and has been working in early childhood education for 10 years. She strongly believes in creating a community in which children and adults experience a connection and children are free to explore. She is excited to work at UCUC Preschool and to continue to provide UCUC Preschool children with a warm, welcoming and engaging school experience.

UCUC Preschool is accredited by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) and is open to students beginning at age 2 and potty trained. To learn more about UCUC Preschool, or to see if there are any spaces available, visit [ucucpreschool.com](http://ucucpreschool.com) or call 858.455.0336.



## ARTISANS WANTED

Do you make your own handcrafted wares? Curie PTA is looking for artisans to sell their unique handmade items at our annual holiday craft fair to be held on Saturday, November 2. The fair features 100+ vendors displaying goods that are completely handmade. It's a fun event for patrons and vendors alike with a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, filled with families ready to start their holiday shopping. Curie Elementary has been holding this holiday craft fair for many years and we love to include local artisans from our community. To find out more about participating with a booth at the fair please email [curiecraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:curiecraftfair@gmail.com).



## SPRECKELS ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY TOUR

Friday, September 6  
10:00 - 11:00am

Please RSVP with our office by  
Wednesday, September 4 to  
858-453-5377 or [sherrera@sandi.net](mailto:sherrera@sandi.net)

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## Torrey Pines Church Launches Hand Over Hand Program

Torrey Pines Church will be launching a Special Needs Program on Sunday, September 15. The Children's Program at Torrey Pines Church has been dedicated to serving families in the community by giving their children a place where they can have fun, connect with other kids, and learn about the Bible. The Hand Over Hand program will

continue that mission while serving children with special needs. Hand over Hand is available to families with children, birth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, who need assistance to fully participate and connect in the kids and student programs.

Every volunteer is trained to partner with and serve the families that come through the doors. After meeting with the family to determine the best way to meet their individual needs, these volunteers provide a one-on-one partnership with the child during the 9:15 am or 11:00 am services. Parents and families will be able to enjoy service knowing their child is being cared for in a loving environment that meets their unique needs. In addition to the launch of this new program, the church will also be opening a brand new sensory room. If a child is having sensory challenges and needs to take a break from class, this room is designed to be a space where they can recharge and prepare to re-enter their class.

Torrey Pines Church will also be launching a Young Adult Dinner Service catered to college age students on the same day, September 15th, at 6:00 pm in our Community Room. For families who have young adults with special needs that are interested in attending this gathering, volunteers will be available to assist them. Feel free to reach out to Michelle Martin (Hand Over Hand Director) for more information at [mmartin@torreypines.church](mailto:mmartin@torreypines.church).

## UCUC presents "Homelessness in San Diego"

The Social Concerns Committee of University City United Church (UCUC) plans a two-part series on homelessness to provide information about the current status of homelessness in San Diego and to consider additional ways the community might become involved. In September, UCUC will host a special viewing of the documentary film, "Tony, the Movie." In October, UCUC will host a presentation and discussion led by the Chair of the San Diego County Regional Task Force on the Homeless.



- Sunday, September 29, 11:45am (immediately after church): Lunch and a screening of the film "Tony, the Movie". This documentary film focuses on the day-to-day experiences of a homeless man on the streets of San Diego and will be shown in the church's Koehler Hall. It is a moving and personal presentation of the challenges facing individuals in Tony's situation. The film lasts about 75 minutes and will be followed by a brief discussion of participants' reactions.
- Sunday, October 20, 11:45am (immediately after church): Lunch and remarks from City Councilmember Chris Ward. Councilmember Ward is vice chair of the committee on land use and housing and chair of the San Diego County regional task force on the homeless. He will discuss current city and county efforts to address homelessness and review available resources. The session will conclude with a group discussion of reactions of the audience and an exploration of possible additional efforts to address homelessness in the immediate neighborhood and city.

UCUC is located at 2877 Governor Drive (at Stresemann). The public is welcome; the events are free of charge; donations welcome. Call 858.453.3444 or visit [www.UCUC.org](http://www.UCUC.org) for more information.



## Archery Open House

The All-Girl BSA Troop 555 Archery Open House will be held on Sunday, September 8, 3:00–5:00pm at BSA Camp Balboa, 1217 Upas Street. Girls ages 10-17 and their parents are invited to the fun-filled Open-House & Introductory to Archery. Upcoming activities include Colorado River Canoeing, Grand Canyon, First Aid, Robotics/ STEM. Join and earn BSA Merit Badges, do Community Service, and make new friends. And earn BSA's highest honor: Eagle Scout. For more info and questions, contact: Scoutmaster Lorna, 949.412.2526 or Asst. Scoutmaster Jeanne, 619.838.9736.

## BROWN BAG OPERAS

Our Mother of Confidence Church invites the whole community to their Brown Bag Operas every month. The event is free of charge and held in the church hall, below the church, at 3131 Governor Drive. There is no need to register. The operas start at 1:00pm. The operas for the rest of the year are:

September 15: La Cenerentola by Giochino Rossini

October 20: Don Carlo by Giuseppe Verdi

November 17: La Fanciulla Del West by Giacomo Puccini

There will be no opera in December. The videos are all part of the "Live from the Metropolitan Opera", high definition Library, and viewed on a 25-foot screen with surround sound. All are welcome. Bring your own sack lunch, snacks and a bottle of wine. Bring your friends and neighbors.

## Free Workshop: Introduction to Suicide Prevention

Sharp Healthcare and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will host an informational session about suicide prevention, its risk factors, and how to spot the warning signs in the others and in ourselves. The session is on Thursday, September 19, 4:00pm, at the North University Community Library on Judicial Drive. To register, call 1.800.827.4277.

## Musical High Holy Days Services

San Diego Outreach Synagogue (SDOS), an independent, egalitarian congregation, will be holding unique, musical High Holy Days services open to the San Diego community in an exquisite setting at Morgan Run Club & Resort in Rancho Santa Fe. Services are:

- \* Rosh Hashanah morning: Monday, September 30; 10:00am-12:15pm, followed by complimentary vegetarian lunch
  - \* Yom Kippur evening (Kol Nidre): Tuesday, October 8; 7:00-9:00pm
  - \* Yom Kippur morning (including Yizkor memorial service): Wednesday, October 9; 10:00am-12:30pm
- Tickets may be purchased via the SDOS website at: [sdo-synagogue.org](http://sdo-synagogue.org), or call: 858.280.6331.

The Outreach band includes pianist Diane Benaroya, bassist Rocky Smolin, and guitarist Dan Weiss. High Holy Days services will also feature guest musicians Emilia Lopez-Yañez on oboe & vocals (on Kol Nidre evening) and Alicia Previn on violin (on Yom Kippur morning).



Chabad Center of University City invites you to join us for authentic and meaningful High Holiday services on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. All Jews are welcome to attend, regardless of affiliation and no membership or tickets required. All services take place at our synagogue, conveniently located at 3813 Governor Drive. For more information, visit our website [chabaduc.org](http://chabaduc.org), email [info@chabaduc.org](mailto:info@chabaduc.org) or call 858.455.1670.



## UC Del Sol Movie in the Park

Please join UC Del Sol on Saturday, September 7 for UC Del Sol's Movie Night at Standley Park. The movie "Ralph Breaks the Internet" will start at dusk. Aside from the movie, UC Del Sol will have raffles and the snack bar will be open. The following day will be the first games of the season for UC Del Sol's four Fall Ball teams. Come join them at East Clairemont Athletic Fields as the girls take on teams from around the area on Opening Day.



## Doyle Park Hosts Art in the Park

by Deanna Ratnikova

The Doyle Recreation Advisory Group is excited to continue its annual celebration of Doyle Park and our community's diversity. This year's event will be held Sunday, September 15, 4:00-6:00pm. Join friends and neighbors at Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road, for an evening of music and art from around the world. With its proximity to the University of California, San Diego, which attracts students and talent from across the globe, the community surrounding Doyle Park is extremely diverse. In addition to celebrating the park, the recreation advisory group aims to celebrate the diversity of our community as it is a unifying thread for many of our residents. The timing of the event near the beginning of the school year was intentional, and the recreation advisory group hopes this event can serve as a nice welcome to the new students and families of north University City. The celebration is free and open to the public. Bring your own picnic; the recreation advisory group will provide water and cake. For more info visit: [sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers/recctr/doyle](http://sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers/recctr/doyle) (Photo from 2018)



This year's Miramar Air Show is dedicated to first responders. For decades, the Marine Corps has been "America's 9-1-1 force" and that idea was built upon the deeds and service of countless men and women in our first responder communities. The 2019 Miramar Air Show gives the public and current service members an opportunity to recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices of our first responders. The Air Show also provides visitors the opportunity to see Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Army and civilian aircraft spanning 70 years as well as to get a firsthand look at Marine Corps tactical equipment.

While the 2019 Air Show performance dates are Friday to Sunday, September 27-29, military and civilian aircraft are expected to be seen and heard in the skies above University City and surrounding areas from Wednesday, September 25 to Monday, September 30.

- Wednesday, September 25 – Aircraft arrival
- Thursday, September 26 – Air Show practice
- Friday– Sunday, September 27-29 – 2019 Miramar Air Show
- Monday, September 30 – Aircraft departure

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



## OKTOBERFEST BY EDUCATE! RETURNS TO STANDLEY PARK

Mark your calendars for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual EdUCate! Oktoberfest on October 12, 1:00-6:00pm at Standley Park on Governor Drive. Plan for the famous beer and wine garden, a variety of food offerings, music, booths, loads of games for the kids and more. The event has become an international-German festival along with lots of fun raising money for the five UC public schools. When you donate to the Dollar-a-Day (\$180) program, or more, you will receive unlimited pours for two in the Oktoberfest beer garden.

The EdUCate! Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the five University City public schools, University City High, Standley Middle, and Curie, Doyle and Spreckels Elementary schools. Since 1993, EdUCate! has funded over \$1,900,000 in teacher classroom grants, principal school-wide grants, multi-school programs like the EdUCate! Math Academy and Jr Achievement BizTown, technology improvements and scholarships. For more info, go to: [uc-educate.org](http://uc-educate.org).

Thanks goes out to the current 2019 Major Sponsors: Nancy Beck, Century 21 Award; Valerie Upham Realtor, Compass; Steve & Terri Graygrayloanteam.com; Coldwell Banker UC; Katie Dunahoo, Coldwell Banker; Regency Centers-Costa Verde; Caryl Lees, Century 21 Award; and the University City Community Association.

Ready for a sneak preview of the beer we will be serving at EdUCate! Oktoberfest? Go to the EdUCate! happy hour night at Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery, 8980 La Jolla Village Dr., Friday, September 20, 4:00-7:00pm. Rock Bottom will be tapping their Rocktoberfest brew. And bonus – 10% of all sales during the happy hour event will be donated to EdUCate!



## Friends of the Library Book Sale

Thurs 1:00p-5:30p • Fri 9:30a-5:30p • Sat 9:30a-5:30p

Stock up on children's books, language and travel books, hardcover and paperback fiction for all ages. Find a great cookbook or discover some long-lost favorite movies on VHS or DVD—all at great prices.

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### 38 Years of UC Going Bananas

University City experienced another successful Banana Split Day in August at Standley Park. For 38 years now, the Heimburger Family has donated the ice cream for this UC tradition. Thanks to the Standley Park Rec Council and the UCCA for additional donations. Photos above and below courtesy of Greg Hom.



### Successful Summer Concert Season

The Summer Concert season at Standley Park has ended, and a big thanks goes out to the committee members John Schindel, Andy Freeburn and Greg Pardue for putting it all together.

The concert series included great bands with local members, including the Electric Waste Band whose members not only included UC's Bob Harvey, but also basketball legend Bill Walton. That performance brought out Fox 5's sports anchor Troy Hirsch to interview Walton about his involvement with the Grateful Dead tribute band. See the interview on [universitycitynews.org](http://universitycitynews.org). Other bands included: Ron & The Reapers, Teaser, Los Tecolotes, Full Strength Band, Y3K, and Forecast.



## UC Celebration Car Show Winners Crowned



Congrats to the winners of the UC Celebration Car Show, pictured:

Left – First Place

Below left – Kid's Choice

Below right – Car Supreme  
Above 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Thanks to the UC Cars & Coffee group for organizing. Check out their Facebook page for the next UC Cars & Coffee meetup.



### Thank you to UC Celebration Prize Donors

by Bill Massicot

Thanks to the generosity of the individuals, businesses, and organizations listed below, the Opportunity Drawing at the recent 30th Annual UC 4th of July Celebration was a tremendous success. The various types of donations provided an excellent array of prize packages for the drawing which received excellent response from attendees. Many of the donations were from University City residents and businesses. The entire UC Celebration Committee thanks the donors very much for their time, effort, and generosity in supporting our event and helping to make it another extremely successful 4th of July Celebration in University City. Donors were:

Becky Claborn \* Belmont Park \* Coral Tree Tea House \* Coronado Playhouse \* Del Mar Thoroughbred Club \* Elaine Moore \* Excel Fundraising (Butter Braids) \* Gonstead Family Chiropractic \* Governor Animal Clinic \* Hornblower Cruises \* JK Computer Services \* La Jolla Playhouse \* Maritime Museum of San Diego \* Mountain Mike's Pizza \* Outcast Grill \* Pacific Southwest Railway Museum \* Round Table Pizza \* Rubio's \* Sammy's Woodfired Pizza \* San Diego Natural History Museum \* State Farm (Steve Lyons) \* Ted's Grooming Emporium \* The Fish Market \* United Studios of Self Defense

### THANK YOU UC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Big thanks to the UC Celebration Committee for their hard work in putting on the entire event, including:

UC Celebration Chair Randall Tonini;  
event committee members John Schindel, Andy Freeburn, Bill Massicot, Pia Sud, Priscilla Hughes, Mike O'Hara, Barry Bernstein, James Floyd, David Wright, Billy Kilmer, Gary Young, Brooke Law, Tom Berge, Greg Hom, Carol Parham and Jemma Samala;  
and all the day-of volunteers.

To volunteer for next year, look at more photos, and see the 5k race results, go to [uccelebration.com](http://uccelebration.com).



## THE 4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY UC CELEBRATION IN PICTURES

*Photos courtesy of Greg Hom*



UCCA President Barry Bernstein leading the Bike & Dog Parade



Selections for the whole family at the Book Barn



Boy Scouts and Standley Middle School Band for flag ceremony



Snow play and bull riding fun



Vendor booths and Pancake Breakfast



Polynesian dancing entertainment



Heading over to the UC Celebration Car Show



Musical entertainment and inflatable game





**Memorial Gathering for Kevin Crosthwaite**

UC residents gathered in Marcy Park to honor longtime UC resident Kevin Crosthwaite, who lost his life under tragic circumstances on July 8. Kevin loved to spend time in Marcy Park with his dog, Daisy, and made many friends there over the years. Approximately 50 UC neighbors gathered in the park to remember him, share refreshments and many fond reminiscences. As the gathering came to a close a magnificent rainbow appeared over the park - a fitting finale in celebration of Kevin's life. (Photo courtesy Stephanie Webber.)

## CPUS Meeting Report - July

by Katie Rodolico

Barry Bernstein asked if the results of the survey were available. They should be available at the September meeting.

Info Item 1: Pedro Valera and Claudia Brizuela of the City of San Diego presented on the topic of Mobility Strategies and Existing Conditions. They then distributed packets for people to mark up on mobility improvement suggestions. The packets focused on Pedestrian, Bicycle, Transit, and Roadway improvements. These packets were collected and the results should be available at the September meeting.

Action Item 2: The board discussed and voted to add an additional statement to the vision statement approved at the June meeting. It added a statement that recognized the different natures of North and South University City.

A question was asked about what happens if the plan update subcommittee drafts a plan that does not meet the needs identified by the city (such as increased density near traffic priority areas.) The planning commission would potentially reject the plan if this happens and the existing plan would stand until an acceptable plan was drafted. The next meeting will be September 17 at University City High School.

## Shift Program Construction Update

**Westbound State Route 52 to Northbound Interstate 5 Auxiliary Lane, Caltrans Project:** A new auxiliary lane will be built from the westbound SR-52 to northbound Interstate 5 (I-5) freeway connector to the La Jolla Colony Drive off-ramp. Signage will be in place to alert drivers when that connector is closed for work and will indicate recommended detours. Crews will be conducting work on the site during the day behind a protective barrier.

**Trolley Underpass at La Jolla Colony Drive:** To accommodate work on the Trolley underpass, lanes of La Jolla Colony Drive have been widened and restriped to provide one lane of traffic in each direction on what was previously the northbound side of the road. During the second phase of work, traffic will be moved to the southbound side of the road. The traffic switch for the second phase is anticipated to take place in September.

**Along Genesee Avenue:** Mid-Coast Trolley work at the intersections along Genesee Avenue will require some upcoming overnight closures to allow for concrete deck pours and falsework removal. Teams are hoping to complete work planned north of La Jolla Village Drive before the winter shopping construction moratorium, taking place between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Access to up-to-date closure details for all Mid-Coast work is available via [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoastNotices](http://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoastNotices).

Visit [ShiftSanDiego.com](http://ShiftSanDiego.com) or follow @ShiftSanDiego on Twitter for the most up-to-date information on construction impacts in the area. For any questions regarding current or ongoing work, contact Shift at 844-SHIFT-SD (744-3873).



## UCCF/Marcy Park Updates

by Ruth DeSantis

Marcy Park is finally getting the attention it deserves thanks to the efforts of area residents with the support of University City Community Foundation (UCCF), the University City Planning Group (UCPG), San Diego City Park & Rec and our District 1 Councilmember Barbara Bry. I am happy to report that engineering plans for the renovation of the existing play structure, the addition of an older child play area and regrading to allow for ADA access are in process at the City. Councilmember Bry was instrumental in getting this project off the ground by allocating approximately \$40,000 of her discretionary funds to get the ball rolling with the City. Then, UCPG President Chris Nielsen and Member, Roger Cavanaugh, made sure the UCPG board considered Marcy Park in their capital improvement list and in the end, it was placed as the #2 project, right behind the expansion of the south UC library.

Even if we were lucky to get Marcy Park fully funded today, it would still take several years before it was completed. Therefore, UCCF has continued to push to complete the Phase 1 renovation of the park. You may have noticed the new sand that was recently added to the play area to replace the old sand and soon the School District will be replacing the chain link fence. We are happy to see more and more neighbors visiting Marcy Park, volleyball teams practicing on cool afternoons and kids kicking soccer balls around. The new purple Jacaranda and yellow Cassia trees bloomed for the first time and we welcomed neighbors as they came out for ice cream and a movie in the park in June. **The next MOVIE will be THE GREATEST SHOWMAN at 7:30pm on Saturday, September 14,** and while we can't promise you a sunset and double rainbow like we saw at the last movie night, September nights are historically beautiful and it will be a great night to watch a movie under the stars.

While we are still a few years away from completion of the big Phase 2 renovation of Marcy Park, it does finally seem that it will actually happen. Meanwhile, we need your help to protect and preserve the improvements we have made so far. Recently some new trees were vandalized and tire marks were burned into the grass. If you see suspicious activity or vandalism in progress, please take a photo with your cell phone and call the Police. Also, we have had some unfortunate incidents with off leash dogs and worse, disrespectful owners. We want everyone to feel welcome at the park, whether they have 2 feet or four. Marcy Park is a leash-only park and will remain a leash-only park due to its size and logistics. While many accept the occasional off leash dog who is well trained and running without bothering anyone, some pets are not well trained. The pack mentality of off-leash dogs makes it impossible for some pet owners to feel safe visiting the park with their leashed dog. Please don't let a handful of people spoil it for everyone. Furry friends should not be running loose anywhere near the play area and certainly not relieving themselves in the new sand. Lastly, any group gathering in the park requires a City Permit. This includes small parties with an inflatable jumpy, team sports events and hash gatherings. Permits can be obtained from the Standley Park Rec Center and the fee is minimal. Call Roger at 858-552-1652 for more info or stop by the Rec Center on Governor Drive.

## LAWSUIT UPDATE

The CEQA lawsuit that was filed by UCCF alleging the Pure Water EIR did not fully consider alternate routes is still pending. A second lawsuit was filed in June by Associated General Contractors to stop the project from requiring project labor agreements, which drives costs higher.





## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE JOINED UCCA THIS SUMMER June/July/August Memberships

### INDIVIDUAL

Susan Anuskiewicz &  
Kim Misegades  
Laurel Barile  
Anne Marie Bilyeu Dirks  
Ingrid Lee  
Brad & Lori Lents  
Shabtay & Naomi Mizan  
Zoubir Ouadah, Traffic Engineer  
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Mark Rago & Mary Beth Zopatti

To become a member or make a donation to the University City Community Association, go to [universitycitynews.org](http://universitycitynews.org).

### NOTICE: UCCA ELECTIONS

UCCA will be electing 2020 officers at the November 13 meeting. Candidates for: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be published in the November newsletter. In order to run for office, you must be a member in good standing and have attended at least two UCCA meetings during this calendar year. If you are interested in running for office, or have any questions, contact: [UniversityCityNews@gmail.com](mailto:UniversityCityNews@gmail.com)

### UC Nonprofits Receive County Grants

by Diane Ahern

The County Board of Supervisors has approved Community Enhancement Program allocations to several University City nonprofits for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The goal of the Community Enhancement Program is to stimulate tourism, promote the economy, create jobs, and/or a better quality of life. Local nonprofits receiving awards include:

- Friends of Rose Canyon received a grant to provide small group nature walks that inspire a sense of wonder about the natural world in kids and adults. The walks introduce urban residents from diverse backgrounds to Rose Canyon Open Space Park and Marian Bear Park. Funds will pay for guides and buses.
- Standley Park Recreation Council received a grant to help offset the costs of sponsoring eight Summer events including the 4th of July UC Celebration and seven concerts, to expand and/or enhance entertainment, permits and fees, promotions and banner installation, sound system, kids activities and required rentals. Grant funds will also help to support the Old Town Trolley providing public transportation to and from the 4th of July UC Celebration at Standley Park.
- University City Community Association received a grant to help fund five projects including a full color monthly newsletter, twice monthly podcasts, signage to promote monthly meetings and other community activities, business cards, and street banner replacement.
- University City Foundation for Public Schools, also known as EdUCate!, received a grant to redesign their website with upgrades to make it more relevant to their diverse community, mobile friendly, and improve the user experience. Additional funding was granted to support their Oktoberfest and Taste of the Triangle fundraising events.

To view Fiscal Year 2019-20 Community Enhancement Awards by Organization and by Individual Supervisor, visit the San Diego County website at [sandiegocounty.gov/auditor/commehnc.html](http://sandiegocounty.gov/auditor/commehnc.html).



### University City Bids a Fond Farewell to Bridger Langfur

At UCCA's July meeting, Bridger Langfur announced that he was leaving Councilmember Barbara Bry's office to enter the UCSD graduate program in International Studies. Barry Bernstein, Chris Nielsen, and Ruth DeSantis, representing UCCA, UCPG, and UCCF, thanked Bridger and presented him with a plaque in appreciation for his service to University City.

### Learn CPR, First Aid & AED

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July earthquakes in Ridgecrest were a reminder to many to brush up on their emergency skills. University City Community Foundation hosted a CPR, First Aid & AED class at Standley Park Rec Center, with residents from UC, La Jolla and Bay Ho attending the July event. It was time well spent as one participant explained, "the better equipped we are to help ourselves and each other in the event of a natural disaster, the better off we will all be". An additional CPR / First Aid class will be held on Saturday, September 21, 1:00pm at the Standley Park Rec Center. Please email [rgd@san.rr.com](mailto:rgd@san.rr.com) to sign up. Space is limited to 30 people at \$42 per person.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
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### MEET THE CANDIDATES!

The purpose of this forum is to provide the candidates an opportunity to publicly address important issues that affect our community and city and allow voters to become better informed about their choices for City Council District 1. Reminder, our California Primary is in March 2020.

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Please RSVP to [Changebeginswithmesd@gmail.com](mailto:Changebeginswithmesd@gmail.com)

Upcoming Candidate Forums:  
Mayoral – October 6  
Board of Supervisors District 3 – November 3

**Editor's Note:** UCCA, in conjunction with the San Diego League of Women Voters, is planning a mayoral candidate's forum at University City High School on January 16.





## READY, SET, GO UC

The UC Library experienced a packed room last month when Charles Butler, Code Compliance Officer SD Fire-Rescue Dept., shared a wealth of information to educate UC residents on preparing to go when a wildfire endangers the area. A key element presented included preparing your family and home, such as having a Family Disaster Plan and preparing an emergency kit to last at least three days. Special focus was placed on creating defensible space around your home, including having tree canopies at least six feet above the ground and not over your roof.

When is it time to go? Officer Butler noted that if you hear the helicopters above announcing that residents should leave, it's probably too late. Try to determine which way the winds are blowing towards your home, and if you can see the fire five miles away -then it's time pack up and go. Embers can be carried from as far away as two/three miles. Don't forget any medications, important computers/software, and make sure you have cash and at least a half tank of gas.

Where do you go? As part of your disaster plan, have a designated place outside the fire area where your family can meet. During the evacuation discussion, it was noted that the UC area does not have a Fire Safety Council which can help determine an evacuation center in advance. UCCA members will work with Officer Butler to create a council in order to help the residents and community get ready for hopefully an incident that will never happen. If you would like to get involved in helping UC set up a Fire Safety Council, contact [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).

To download a Wildland Fire Action Guide, Red Flag Warning brochures, and look at real time wildfire info, go to [wildlandfireRSG.org](http://wildlandfireRSG.org) and look under the Explore/Resources and Tools tab.

## SAFE GUN STORAGE PROTECTS OUR KIDS

by City Attorney Mara W. Elliott

Gun violence often begins at home. Firearms are a leading cause of injury-related deaths among children, second only to motor vehicle injury deaths. Most of the 7,000 children killed and injured each year are shot are in their own homes. Usually these deaths happen when a child is playing with a gun, mistakenly thinking it was a toy, or was unloaded or locked. Studies show that 46% of gun owners with children at home do not secure their firearms. Among children 9 and under, 73% know the location of their parents' firearms, and 36% admit they've handled the weapons.

Protecting children from these horrific accidents is why I proposed the Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance. It requires that firearms in a residence be stored in a locked container, or disabled by a trigger lock, unless they are carried on the body or are in the immediate control of an authorized user. Fifteen other California cities have adopted Safe Storage Laws because studies show they are highly effective at saving lives. The Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance is easy to follow and does not infringe on a gunowner's rights to carry weapons or to use the weapon for self-defense. Firearms need not be locked if they are being carried by, or are within the immediate control of, a person who is legally authorized to use or possess the firearm.

Importantly, safe storage does not prevent quick access. More than 1,700 devices are available to stop unauthorized users from accessing guns, and owners can choose one that best suits their needs.

Like other common-sense safety measures, such as seat belt laws and child-proof caps on prescription drug containers, safe storage practices prevent tragedies from occurring. Before California's 1986 seat belt law was enacted, only 20% of Californians wore seat belts. After the law was enacted, seatbelt use doubled. After 25 years, 96% of California motorists and passengers were wearing seatbelts, making all of us safer.

For more information about available safe storage devices, please go to: [oag.ca.gov/firearms/fsdcertlist](http://oag.ca.gov/firearms/fsdcertlist). For additional info and tips on safe gun storage, visit: [besmartforkids.org/](http://besmartforkids.org/) or [askingsaveskids.org/](http://askingsaveskids.org/).



## Recreationally Speaking

by Diane Ahern

UCCA joins the Standley Recreation Center in welcoming assistant center director Maria Carriedo, pictured above left with recreation leader Hernica Judan and center director Roger Hughes. Most recently serving the Pacific Beach community, Maria is impressed with the amount of programming activity space, both inside and out, that's available for community use at the Rec Center. The Fall Standley schedule begins September 1 and Maria would like to highlight programming for all ages including Youth Flag Football; Pickleball and Racketball; the Connect 4 Tournaments every Wednesday at 1:30pm; and the Quilt Again Club (adults 18 years and older) on Thursdays from 4:00 to 8:00pm.

In other Standley news and updates:

- Swanson Pool will begin its Fall schedule after Labor Day; and is planning lifeguard training during Thanksgiving break.
- Parking lot, lighting, handball court and fence repairs/upgrades are underway at Standley Park.
- Thanks to the individual or group that cleaned up the trail behind Standley Park.

Save the date for these upcoming events at some of our University City parks:

- September 7 – Doyle Park sponsors Beautification Project
- September 7 – UC del Sol softball hosts "Ralph Breaks the Internet" movie at Standley Park
- September 14 – UCCF hosts "Greatest Showman" movie at Marcy Park (5504 Stresemann St.)
- September 15 – Doyle Park hosts its annual Music and Arts Festival (8175 Regents Road)
- October 4 – Nobel Park hosts "Casper" movie (8810 Judicial Drive)
- October 12 – EdUCate! hosts its annual "Oktoberfest" at Standley Park
- October 25 – Standley Park hosts Halloween Carnival

For more information, visit the City's website at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov) and search by park or call the Recreation Center. The next Recreation Council meeting is on Thursday, September 26 at 6:00pm, at Standley Park Recreation Center, 3585 Governor Drive.

## University City "Parks Council" in the Formative Stages

On December 20, 2017, City Council approved R-311478 which (among other things) cancelled the recreation council special use permits, effectively forcing the existing recreation councils to dissolve. As of July 1, 2018, the City of San Diego's Parks and Recreation Department, under the direction of the San Diego City Attorney, formally separated the Standley Park Recreation Council from the City's Recreation Advisory Group. Since that time, the University City recreation councils (Doyle, Nobel, and Standley) have been taking steps to form a 501(c)3 Parks Council to support all University City parks.

The Parks Council meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at Standley Recreation Center, 3585 Governor Drive, at 6:00pm. The Standley Park Recreation Advisory Group (RAG) meets the same day at 7:00pm. Both meetings are open to the public and all who have interests or concerns about any University City parks are invited and encouraged to attend.



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