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Join UCCA Today 2020's membership drive officially kicks off in November

Now is the time! November is the month to join UCCA or renew your membership for the 2020 calendar year. Join now and you can check this off your to-do list. During the past year, UCCA membership dues were used to provide support and funding for many of the events and worthwhile organizations that make us all proud to call University City our home.

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

At monthly meetings at the Community Library on Governor, UCCA provides a forum for residents to discuss concerns such as traffic safety, neighborhood cleanup, short term rentals, and Miramar air traffic. The monthly gatherings are a chance to meet other neighbors and provide regular updates from local law enforcement and fire/rescue officers, and state and local leaders.

Thank you to all who support University City by joining UCCA. The 2020 membership drive officially kicks off in November. For your convenience, you may join online now through PayPal on the Join UCCA Today page of the University City News website. Or use the membership application envelope or coupon you will find enclosed in the center section of the November newsletter.



NOVEMBER 2019

UCCA MONTHLY MEETINGS

UCCA holds monthly meetings with frequent guest speakers. In October, Assemblymember Todd addressed meeting attendees. In November the guest speaker will be Councilmember Barbara Bry.



HOMELESSNESS TALK

City Councilmember Chris Ward was the guest speaker at UC United Church where he provided comprehensive overview of the City and County's current efforts and strategies in addressing the problems of the homeless in the San Diego

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Guidelines:

- Your article should be approximately 250 words or less, sent in a Word document and attached to an email.
- Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors.
- DO NOT send articles in a pdf formats.
- Include who, what, why, where, and how.
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- · The Editor reserves the right to edit articles as needed.
- Name the file appropriately so it can be identified.
- Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
- Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com.

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UCCA Meeting Synopsis October 16



by Diane Ahern

- Special Guest Assemblymember Todd Gloria made introductory remarks and emphasized that although he is a declared candidate for mayor, he was visiting UC in his role as State Assemblymember. He answered audience questions about the status of Prop A and Prop B, both of which were citizen initiatives, not City Council initiatives. In response to questions, he also discussed Pure Water, gun control legislation, transportation and speed limits, motorcycle lane-splitting, housing issues including short term vacation rentals (STVR), affordability, and homelessness. He mentioned that STVR issues tend to be coastal concerns but that affordability and homelessness tend to be state wide issues. When asked a question about his priorities if elected mayor, he stated that he's a housing advocate although he has concerns about HOAs and fees because high HOA fees tend to make housing more expensive. In his closing remarks, he mentioned that his office as State Assemblymember functions as the state's customer service department and urged constituents to contact his office.
- Justine Murray with City Councilmember Barbara Bry mentioned that Councilmember Barbara Bry was aware of UCCA's efforts to start a Fire Safety Council and was supportive. Announced a community concern about brush buildup in Rose Canyon near Tony and she was looking into code compliance to resolve. In response to concerns about traffic safety, mentioned that long approved traffic light on Governor at Lakewood was in design phase; issues with V-Calming traffic speed devices can be reported through Get-it-Done; she's on a committee looking into making improvements to Get-it-Done; and that the Mayor proposes the City budget and the Council refines and approves it; council favors increased police salaries.
- Janay Kruger of Trees 1000 presented a request for \$500 \$1000 to support efforts to replace trees removed during construction. All trees are planted in the UC area on private property. She relayed that to date, 266 trees have been planted on private property and they've raised \$25,000. SDGE has donated 100 trees to be planted in HOA properties. UCCA board decided to postpone vote on this request until November.
- Kristen Ojeil of Spreckels Elementary PTA made a request for funding of \$500 to support the annual Jog-a-thon to support fundraising efforts to provide enrichment programs, art instruction, field trips, educational assemblies and physical education programs that are not funded by the school district. UCCA voted to approve this request.
- Isabel Lemus with the US Census provided information about the upcoming census with the mandate to count all CA residents, both citizens and non-citizens, adults and children, homeless and sheltered, living in the state of California. Because of fewer residents, CA will lose one US House of Representatives seat and federal money. All households will receive a postcard reminder in mid-March and the census counting period will be from April 1 to July 31, 2020. Most counts will be taken electronically with kiosks in libraries for those without access to computers. Residents can also call in their counts. No personal identification will be asked (no social security number and no name); just number of people in the household.
- Joe LaCava, candidate for City Council District One provided a brief introduction and expressed enthusiasm and confidence about running for City Council in District 1.
- Jemma Samala, Fire Safety Council of UC, gave a brief update and first meeting is scheduled for October 28. She and Diane are meeting with the Miramar fire department as part of the Community Leaders Forum at Miramar. She also noted a FSC would need to identify the Council's location and activities. The current evacuation meeting center for south UC is Standley Middle School. One activity would be to work with the SD Fire Department to publicize evacuation routes.

Next UCCA Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at the Community Library at 4155 Governor Drive. This meeting will serve as UCCA's officer election meeting; City Councilmember Barbara Bry will be our special guest speaker. All are invited and welcome; networking begins at 5:30pm; meeting is called to order at 6:00pm.



UCCA President Barry Bernstein

It's November...(time to JOIN UCCA), and to look forward to the beauty of the Fall season in San Diego. I suppose for some that just means changing the AC to heat rather than cool or watching some World Series games, (sans the SD Padres). We had our Halloween candy and now, after changing our clocks, and soon after Veteran's Day, start thinking about some new side dishes for the Thanksgiving crowd. In my home it also means preparing for the annual Balderdash competition.

It's also time to carefully remove the 2020 UCCA membership form from this newsletter and to decide on your membership category for this coming year. JOIN UCCA and support all the good things being done in our community to support one another. Our front page article reflects how UCCA does just that. Our election of officers, (see candidate's information below), will take place at our November 13 meeting. Please come to vote, you can JOIN UCCA that evening, and also hear mayoral candidate, Barbara Bry speak.

I do think it's worth mentioning that home sales prices in UC recently have reached heights I never thought to be possible...we live in a very special community, and UCCA is so very proud to be an integral part of maintaining and improving the quality of life for our residents. We have challenges ahead: safety/noise out of Miramar, MCAS, Pure Water raw sewage pipelines, Fire/evacuation planning, the impact of UCSD's growth on our traffic circulation and housing, and of course what the pros and cons of the trolley may mean for our community. These are issues that UCCA and the Community Plan Update Committee will be addressing in 2020 and beyond, but together we can find reasonable solutions. UCCA does represent you, but we need your support. JOIN UCCA and be part of the process to resolve these challenges.

Have a wonderful month of November...see you at our UCCA meeting on the 13th. When you fill out your 2020 UCCA membership form, please do think about volunteering by joining one of our committees, and don't hesitate to include any personal comments as to how we can do even a better job. Remember, University City is "more than just a neighborhood". ~Barry

UCCA ELECTIONS

Wednesday, November 13 6:00pm, UC Library

UCCA will be electing its officers for the 2020/21 calendar years.

Positions that will be voted upon are the following:

President - Current nominee, Barry Bernstein

Vice-President - Current nominee, Mack Langston

Secretary - Open, if interested, email universitycitynews@gmail.com

Treasurer - Current Nominee, Don Hotz

Additional nominations will be accepted at the election meeting.

In order to be considered 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 an elected position, or if you have any questions concerning the election process, please contact:

Mack Langston, Chair UCCA Nominating Committee, 619.818.4205

calendar

CURIE CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 2, 9:00am-3:00pm Curie Elementary School

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Clocks Fall Back One Hour Sunday, November 3, 2:00am

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, November 10 7:30-9:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks 3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

VETERAN'S DAY

Monday, November 11

UC PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, November 12, 6:00pm 10300 Campus Point Drive

UCCA MEETING

Election Meeting Special Guest:

Councilmember Barbara Bry Wednesday, November 13, 6:00pm UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

UC CLUSTER MEETING PTA/PTSA SPECIAL EVENT

Monday, November 18, 4:30-6:00pm Standley Middle School Media Center Childcare and treats provided

FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL OF UC

Monday, November 25, 6:00pm Contact jemmasamala@gmail.com for location

UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 19, 6:00pm University City High School 6949 Genesee Ave.

UC PARKS COUNCIL

No Meeting in November due to holidays, December meeting TBA

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 28



Package Theft Prevention Tips

by Barbara Gellman

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

- Tracking numbers let you see when your package is supposed to arrive. This gives you the ability to pick up the package immediately upon delivery or to set up an alternate method of pick up.
- Ask your neighbor to please pick the package up for you or Leave a note on your door instructing the carrier, where to leave the package or request the delivery to be at a location where somebody will be home.
- Request a "Signature Delivery Option." This ensures the package will not be left on your doorstep. If you are unable to sign, the package will be taken to the post/carrier office.
- 4. Request a specific drop off time when you will be home.
- 5. Use a post office box and pick up all your packages there.
- Have packages delivered to your workplace if possible.
- If purchasing something online from a large retailer, have the item delivered to a local branch of the store so you can pick it up in person.
- Request that the shipper holds the package at their facility for pick up.
- Use Nextdoor.com to communicate any suspicious vehicles seen roaming the neighborhood after delivery times, take pictures if possible.
- Call 911 if you see a theft occur and report all package thefts to San Diego Police 619-531-2000 or online https://www.sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/startaccess
- 11. Set up a surveillance camera system aimed at you porch like Ring, Nest or Samsung's SmartCam. Let it monitor your entire front porch area. Some of these can record 24/7 video footage and send instant motion alerts to your smart phone. If you have any suspicion that a package might have gone missing, simply check the delivery time (as confirmed by your shipping service) against the stored recordings from your camera and see what happened. If indeed a theft has occurred, you can download the video and use it as evidence when you file your police report.
- 12. Use a secure package delivery box. The following local establishments can be used for your package deliveries so you won't have to worry about stealing. Please contact them for detailed information:
 - Mail Exchange, 4079 Governor Drive, Vons Plaza, 858.458.1388
 - •Goodwill, 4023 Governor Drive, Vons Plaza, 858.909.0200
 - Postal Annex, 3268 Governor Drive, Sprout's Plaza, 858,546,3845

Town Hall With Rep. Scott Peters



Wednesday, November 6, 6:00-7:00pm University City High School, 6949 Genesee Avenue RSVP via Eventbrite, space is limited. Questions: 858.455.5550



Mayoral Candidates Attend Local Forum

by Jemma Samala

Candidates for City of San Diego Mayor took the stage at Mission Bay Montessori Academy in University City on October 6 at a Forum organized by local Indivisible groups. The four candidates participating were Barbara Bry, Todd Gloria, Beatrice Marion, and Tasha Williamson who talked to over 150 guests in attendance. Questions asked to and answered by each candidate covered such issues as: affordable and low income housing, local economy, transportation, climate action, homelessness, criminal justice reform, immigration, the People's Ordinance, racial equity across

city districts, and campaign finance reform. While the candidates were mostly cordial towards each other, there were times insinuations were spoken about alleged campaign illegalities by certain unnamed candidates.

UCCA, along with the League of Women's Voters, is planning an additional Mayor's Candidate Debate following the primary election on March 3, 2020. The



UC local Indivisible group Change Begins with Me, will host their next election forum for County Board of Supervisors District 3 candidates on Sunday, November 3 at 4:00pm. RSVP at ChangeBeginsWithMeSD@gmail.com.

District 1 Updates from Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry

Requests from the Community:

I have received a handful of requests for traffic patrol on Genesee and La Jolla Village Drive (during the afternoon rush hour), Gilman Drive (for general speeding and the use of the road as a "raceway" during the late evenings), and the intersection of Genesee and Governor near Standley Middle School (during school drop off hours). My office sent the requests to the Community Relations Officer for the Northern Division who has forwarded them to their Traffic Division for additional enforcement.

I also received an email from a concerned constituent regarding pedestrian safety at Torrey Pines Road and La Jolla Village Drive. Currently, the "No turn on red" signs at this intersection are unlit and can be hard for drivers to see when approaching the intersection. Consequently, in the evenings, drivers turn on red when it's not allowed because they are unable to see the sign after dark.

The hope is that by upgrading and illuminating the signage, pedestrian safety would be greatly improved. This intersection is adjacent to the UCSD campus and is frequented by pedestrians, and would benefit from improved safety measures. My office sent a request to Traffic Engineering to study this intersection for improved "No turn on red" signage. The evaluation from the department is due in late December.

The Miramar Air Show took place from September 27-29. There was an uptick in complaints to my office about the planes and the flight path. I track these concerns and encourage you to continue to contact my office if you notice any violations.

University Community Plan Update: The University Community Plan Update Survey has been completed! The survey focused on identifying community priorities and recommendations for mobility, housing, nonresidential development, and parks and public spaces within the University City planning area. I'm proud that University City had 1,607 responses, which is high in comparison to most other surveys conducted for plan updates across the City of San Diego.

SDSU Negotiations: The San Diego City Council finally met in open session with SDSU which presented an offer for the Mission Valley site. The meeting ended months of secret negotiations from which the City Council and the public were excluded. My goal is to finalize a deal that honors the voter-approved Measure G—the creation of a beautiful river park, expansion of SDSU which will benefit our region for generations to come, and the development of affordable housing. The City spends \$11 million a year to maintain and operate the Mission Valley Stadium site. Every day that we delay this transaction with SDSU, we are spending taxpayer money. I look forward to the timely conclusion of a transaction that honors the will of the voters.

CRIME MAPPING INFORMATION

"Crime Mapping is a good tool to give a general idea of what is going on in your area, however the information shown is taken directly from the initial call placed for service. This means, what is posted may not be the location it actually occurred or what actually happened."

Officer Melanie Bognuda (as reported at the October UCCA meeting)



County Supervisor Kristen Gaspar

HONORING THOSE WHO SUPPPORT OUR TROOPS

Having one of the nation's largest populations of active duty service members and veterans living in San Diego, there's a good chance you know someone who has served our Country. The loved ones they leave behind when deployed are just as important because they often serve as a crucial support system back home. They are our "Hidden Heroes". And on October 22nd, we are going to honor them at the "San Diego North County Military & Veterans Forum". If you know a Hidden Hero, I would love for you to share this with them so Supervisor Jim Desmond, the County's Office of Military & Veterans Affairs and I can thank and honor them.

KEEPING PRESSURE ON SANDAG

We did it! At our September 27th SANDAG meeting, the Board voted to move forward with a balanced spending plan for our transportation system. With your advocacy, our coalition was able to influence the Board to adopt a budget amendment and capital improvement program that fulfills some of the most pressing infrastructure needs across our region.

I am excited the Board agreed to follow through on the prioritization of TransNet projects including the 67, the 78 and the 52. The amended plan proposed by Poway Mayor, Steve Vaus Escondido Mayor, Paul McNamara illustrates the balance we wanted. A large portion of the plan's funding, 67% over the next seven years, is still dedicated to mass transportation. Our vote on the amended plan did alter the timeline of our TransNet projects, making their completion dates sooner than expected.

While this is a win, I'm cautiously optimistic about what will happen after this crucial vote. The planning, environmental and design phases are extensive and expensive, and we must remain vigilant to ensure that SANDAG follows through with its promise to repair and improve our highways. I want to thank every one of you who shared your comments about this plan as well as our North and East County coalitions who refused to back down. We fought for what was right and it paid off! Interested in learning more? KUSI covered the meeting: https://bit.ly/2nfCnc1

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Are you ready? This is the time of year those dangerous Santa Ana winds whip through Southern California and when coupled with critically low humidity will create an increased risk for fire. The County's Office of Emergency Services created the evacuation checklist above with some items to pre-pack should you have to leave your home quickly. They're also asking San Diegans to do a few things to reduce the fire risk: https://bit.ly/31ZYvH1. If you haven't registered your landline or cell phone numbers to receive emergency alerts, please do so here: https://bit.ly/2zgV6qz

It is my pleasure to be your County Supervisor. Please feel free to reach out to my office with questions or concerns atKristin.Gaspar@SDCounty.ca.gov or 619.531.5533.

Libraries closed November 11 for Veteran's day & November 28 for Thanksgiving; book drops remain open.

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

Events for Adults

Qi Gong (Chi Gong), a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body. Gentle exercises suitable for any age and health condition. Friday, November 1, 8, 15, 22 &29 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Concert: Dean Ratzman - Enjoy classics and oldies music from the 1940's through the 1980's with the multi-talented Dean Ratzman. Wednesday, November 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Sharp Talk - This Sharp Talk will be about diabetes, how to manage it and live a long and health life. Thursday, November 7 @ 12:30 p.m.

Accordion Club meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. All are welcome. Saturday, November 9 & 23 @ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

OASIS: Remembering Before They Forget: Early Stage Dementia - Learn tips and techniques for capturing memories of a loved one whose recall is fading. Tuesday, November 12 @ 12:30 p.m. University City Community Association - This is a community meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and other community leaders. All are welcome. Wednesday, November 13 @ 5:30 p.m. for networking; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for meeting.

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, November 18 @ 12:00. OASIS: Remembering Before They Forget: Late-Staged Dementia - Learn a unique way to connect with your loved one using reminiscing and reading. Tuesday, November 19 @ 12:30 p.m.

UC Book Club will be discussing Goodbye Mr. Chips by James Hilton. Wednesday, November 20 @ 2:00 p.m.

Events for Children

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

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



Kid's Craft - Kids will learn how to assemble a pop-card that can be mailed in a standard sized card envelope. Kids will create their own design and decorate their card with pre-cut autumn images that they can color and embellish. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Wednesday, November 13 @ 3:30 p.m.

Challenge Island - Join us for the coolest Thanksgiving challenge around at Mayflower Harbor! The Pilgrims are off to America and need your tribe's help! Build your own wind-powered Mayflower and race it to America with your Pilgrim crew! Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Wednesday, November 20 @ 2:00 p.m.

Events for Tweens/Teens

Video Game Fridays - Come play video games on the Nintendo Switch with your friends. Friday, November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 @ 3:00 p.m.

North University Community | November 2019 | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637

Events for Adults/Seniors

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

DIY for Grownups: No-sew apron, Saturday, November 16 at 11:00 a.m. Perfect for Thanksgiving, make a no-sew apron in under 2 hours! All supplies provided. Registration required.

Knitters' Circle, Thursday, November 7 & 21 at 1:00 p.m. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

Fiction Fanatics Book Club, Saturday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m. Title to be discussed in November is *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* by James Joyce.

Guided Meditation, Sunday, November 10 & 24 at 12:30 p.m., Guided meditation followed by tea.

A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults, Sunday, November 17 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, November 23 at 1:00 p.m. Title to be discussed in November is *On the Move* by Oliver Sacks.

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 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, Saturdays, November at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Nancy sings, dances, and reads books in Chinese and English.

Yoga Storytime, Friday, November 8 & 22 at 11:00 a.m. Stretch both your body and your mind in this unique program that combines stories, songs and simple yoga poses. Families enjoy healthy fun and bonding. Please bring your own mat.

Paws to Read, Monday, November 18 at 4:30 p.m. Therapy dogs provided by Love on a Leash (Central San Diego Chapter) foster a supportive environment for emerging readers.



UC Girl Scouts Builds Little Library for Homeless Families

Info/photo from the San Diego Union Tribune article by Luke Garrett (9/29/19)

Girl Scout Troop 3969 from University City created a Free Little Library in the courtyard of Father Joe's Villages Joan Kroc Center. The colorful miniature library contains three large shelves, each with a certain readership group: children, parents and adults. A bench is adjacent to the Free Little Library so families can sit and read together. The project began after the Girl Scouts finished updating a park at the shelter on Imperial Avenue near 15th Street and decided homeless children should have a library on the property.



Spreckels Wildcat Run 10th Annual Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser

by Kristen Ojeil

A fun and healthy day for our Wildcats! On Friday, November 8, Spreckels PTA will host its 10th Annual Jog-A-Thon fundraiser. Would you, or someone you know, be interested in sponsoring the event? Your tax-deductible donation contributes to enhanced educational opportunities for Spreckels' students that include but are not limited to: enrichment programs, art instruction, physical education, classroom funds, field trips and more!

Sponsors at various support levels may have their company name or logo on a Spreckels Wildcat Run t-shirt, a company banner on Spreckels' fence facing Governor Drive, or recognition in various online/social media Spreckels communications. Please contact Lindsay King or Kristen Ojeil at spreckelsjogathon@gmail.com for more information. Thank you UC for your continued support! See you on the track!

MATH TUTORING OPPORTUNITY

Do you love crunching numbers, solving equations or just have a passion for math? Then we are looking for your help! UCHS is seeking Math Tutors for our students in all grade levels during the school day or after school. If you are interested in becoming a Math Tutor, please contact the UCHS Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Myers, at smyers1@sandi.net. We're "counting" on you and appreciate your help in making our students successful!

UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2009 REUNION

by Connor Creagh

Last- chance reminder! Join us at our *UC High School Class of 2009* ten-year reunion at Amplified Ale Works Kitchen + Beer Garden; 1429 Island Ave San Diego, on Saturday, November 30, 4:00 - 7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite (note: +1's must have their own ticket) and includes:

- Admission to event
- Two drink tickets
- Mediterranean Street Taco Bar

We have booked the entire venue for our event so let's fill it up with 2009 UC High graduates! Help spread the word to other '09 classmates who may have missed the message. Just like back in high school, ticket prices will go up, so purchase yours soon. Thank you and we're looking forward to seeing you all! For more info: please check out www.facebook.com/events/2258776397735519/.

U.S. News Best High Schools 2019: UC High School Makes the List



Congrats to our University City High School faculty, students and staff! The U.S. News and World Report rankings of high schools place UC High in the top 10 among schools in San Diego and in the top 5 among all schools in the San Diego Unified School District. For more info, visit www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools

UC CLUSTER MEETING PTA/PTSA SPECIAL EVENT



You are invited to our November UC Cluster Meeting.

At this meeting we want to honor the AMAZING work being done by the PTAs and PTSAs at all 5 of our incredible UC Schools!

We are encouraging the Executive Boards from each school to attend to get to know one another, celebrate one another, and strengthen our partnerships!

Childcare and treats will be provided!

November 18, 2019

4:30 - 6:00pm

Standley Middle School Media Center



Imagine UC 2020 Moving Forward

by John Lee Evans, SD Unified Trustee

Imagine UC 2020 is moving ahead. We displayed the graphics above at Oktoberfest. Then on October 15, city and school district negotiators worked out final details of the joint use agreement for Standley Park. It has already been approved by the school board and now needs official approval of the agreement by City Council. We hope that it will be placed on the council agenda soon. In the joint use agreement the school district contributes the capital funds for construction and the city provides the operational funds. Once it is approved by City Council the project can be put up for bid and construction can begin in 2020.

The full project includes an Aquatic Center with a new competitionsize pool alongside the current pool. It will be available for swim team and water polo, as well as for instruction in PE classes. Both pools will be available to the public when not being used by the schools. Additionally, there will be a jogging path around the perimeter of the park, a stage/pavilion for community events and an added grass field next to Spreckels. Eventually there will be an additional parking and drop off area at the front of Spreckels that will also be used on weekends for parking at the park.

Special thanks to committee members Barry Bernstein, Sandy Lippe and Greg Zinser who have been working with me to make this community project a reality. It looks like we will be able to make our 2020 target date.



You Are Invited to join the:

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How long: 30 minutes - 1 hour (flat surfaces to start)

Questions: Contact: Geri @ 858.558.1888

No walk'n in the rain

Youths Sing and Dance in My Son Pinocchio, Jr.

Disney's My Son Pinocchio, Jr. is being presented by JCompany, and playing at the JCC. The cast includes UC residents: Hillel Angel,



Zohara Angel, Laine Burfitt, Hannah Goold, Michael Kosma, Natan Lemoine, Maital Meltzer, Miles Renstein, and Rosie Shaughnessy. Family members of all ages will enjoy this new take on a timeless story as well as classic songs like "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "I've Got No Strings."

Thanks to show sponsor Geppetto's Toys and donors who support the Random Acts of Culture Show on November 10 at 2:30pm, where JCompany Youth Theatre is proud to provide under-served San Diego communities with the joy of live youth theatre free of charge. Also, students from Doyle Elementary will enjoy seeing the show as a field trip, as will students from all over San Diego County. Shows are scheduled from November 2 - 17, with showtimes at 8:00pm Saturdays, and 12:00noon and 2:30pm on Sundays November 3 and 17, and Sunday November 10 at 12:00noon. The Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center in the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre is located at 4126 Executive Drive. Go to sdcjc.org/JCompany for more info or to purchase tickets. Group rates available, and tickets may be purchased at the box office.

Recreationally Speaking: Swanson Pool Happenings

by Diane Ahern

Morning Water Fitness classes:

- Aquatic Body Conditioning (ABC) - This is a total body conditioning class; Multi-level, low impact, cardio respiratory workout held in shallow water. Flexibility, muscular strength and endurance are emphasized. Participants do not need to know how to swim. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:15 - 9:15am.
- Arthritis Exercise Participants perform gentle stretching strengthening exercises in the water.



Lifeguard Training at Swanson Pool during Thanksgiving break The Winter Aquatic Vocational Education (W.A.V.E.) program at Swanson Pool offers individuals an opportunity to participate in a standard Lifeguard Training Class in rapid succession during Thanksgiving Break. Upon completion of the course candidates will receive American Red Cross Certification in Lifeguarding, in First Aid for Public Safety Personnel (Title 22) and in CPR/AED. Tryouts and Orientation are Friday, November 22, 2019, starting promptly at 3:30pm and ending at 7:00pm, at Swanson Pool, 3585 Governor Drive; course is Saturday through Wednesday, November 23-27, from 7:30am to 3:30pm. Applicants must be 15 years of age and older; and must participate in the Friday tryouts and meet eligibility

muscular strength, endurance and increase range-of-motion.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

For prices/fees, course materials, more details, or questions, please contact the pool manager at Swanson Pool or call 858.552.1653.

requirements. Attendance at all scheduled classes is mandatory.



Fifty-five — and Going Strong

by Sally W. Buffington

University City United Church (UCUC) is fifty-five years old now, and we are proud! We're a vigorous, progressive congregation of one hundred and forty that began in 1964 when "the mesa" we stand on was bare land.

Nearly ten years ago, we declared ourselves Open and Affirming: we welcome *everyone*, with special outreach to the LGBT community. For forty-six years we've supported Community Christian Service Agency; we work to assist the homeless. We often visit an orphanage in Tecate, Mexico, and contribute to it financially. We offer space to community groups; we run an excellent accredited preschool.

We are also a friendly group of people you'd love to know and discuss books with and we would love to have you meet our minister, Rev. Iona Dickinson, an excellent preacher and inspiration. Yet you might say, this is just what churches do. But wait--something important underlies all this. We are united; we've stayed "tied." In these contentious times, lasting is something to celebrate. Rejoice with us in our fifty-five at University City! You are always welcome here. ucuc.org

UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile Blood Drive

Saturday, November 9

8:00am - 1:30pm

Sprouts Marketplace (Governor & Regents)
Parked near Round Table Pizza
Sign up in advance at mysdbb.org
Walk-ins accepted best times are between 10:00am to 1:00pm

Eat your beans and greens prior to giving blood, and if you're sick or on antibiotics, wait til next time.

Drink lots of water before and after giving blood.

Future Blood Drive dates in 2020: January 11, March 7, May 2, July 11, September 12, and November 14



UC Del Sol Girls Softball

by Perry Peters

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

And for girls ages 5 through 10 who are new to softball, UC Del Sol will be conducting a softball clinic in December at Standley Middle School's field. This will give your daughters a chance to throw, catch, field and bat – to learn about softball and see what the fun is all about. All equipment (glove, helmets, bats) will be provided. Details of this event will be provided in the December UCCA newsletter.

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

Socialize and/or Play Tennis or Pickle Ball in UC

by Bob Morrison

The University City Racquet Club (UCRC) in Standley Park offers opportunities to socialize and learn/play tennis or pickle ball right here in University City. Membership is open to all, and the courts are also available to the public. To socialize, members and the public are invited to breakfast with the UCRC Men's Birthday Club each mid-month on a Saturday at 10am. UCRC is managed by Brad Vo who is also the Head tennis instructor. He leads a team of three others, O'Neal Solema, Simon Shen, and Brian Ailes. All are certified instructors. Non-members pay \$8 for tennis or \$5 for pickle ball per person per day. Contact Brad at (858) 452-5683 for more information.

UCRC dates back to 1976 soon after Standley Park was completed. Before long however, the city decided that it would close down all of its tennis courts because of lack of funds. The UCRC officers, led by President Jorgen Heimberger, started negotiating a contract with the city to manage the courts for its members. After two years of nit picking, a contract was signed allowing UCRC to operate the courts as a public/private club. Anyone could be a member by paying the annual membership, the public would have access to two courts for a daily fee, and the club would build a clubhouse and donate it to the city. A few years later, Ernie Lippe led the charge that met the last requirement. That contract became the template for the management of all of the city's courts.

SPRECKELS STUDENTS GO TRUNK OR TREATING.

Spreckels students and their families enjoyed the anuual Trunk or Treat event in October. Held in the Kindergarten playground, cars were spookily decorated, and children went trunk to trunk to get treats. They also had music, crafts, games, a photo booth, and food. Here's a few of the decorated trunks, as shared on Instagram.













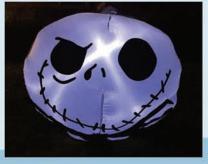
... and around the UC hood











Thanks to Don Hotz, Kathy Neiss, and Kate Shannon for their spooky submissions.



Thanks to UC Community for Another Successful Oktoberfest

EdUCate! thanks everyone for coming to Oktoberfest 2019. For all the Dollar A Day donations, for playing games, cheering on the marching bands and UCHS Cheer, participating in the Principal's Challenge, hanging out in the beer/wine garden, sampling food and perusing the booths, and so much more – Thank You! Also thanks to the Oktoberfest Committee and to everyone who volunteered the day of the event – you are the best! Numbers are still coming in, but thanks for making this our most successful Oktoberfest yet. All proceeds will go directly to benefit the University City public schools. For more about EdUCate!, go to: uc-educate.org.









From left: EdUCate! Board Member Holly Doolittle introduces UC school principals Michel Cazary, Spreckels; Jeff Olivero, UCHS; Kim Moore, Doyle; Cynthia Smith-Ough, Curie; and Bill Pearson, Standley – who eventually lost his long-holding title to Cazary.









Pictured right is Oktoberfest Chair Katie Dunahoo with John Lee Evans, SDUSD Trustee.

Thanks to Greg Hom and Keith Thygerson for the photos. Additional photos can be found at: uceducate.org/events/oktoberfest/



CPUS Meeting Report - October

by Katie Rodolico

Agenda and supporting documents for this meeting, and previous meetings can be found at: www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/university/subcommittee-university-documents or the new plan update website: www.planuniversity.org/. Public Comments:

- Mark Salata presented his proposals to improve public safety along Governor Dr. He stated that "design changes behaviors" and with better road design pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists would all see an improvement, lower gas, lower emissions. He also requested that the city consider replacing one of the four gas stations at Governor and Genesee to provide a place for a south UC fire station.
- Barry Bernstein invited the community to the UCCA meeting on 10/16 where mayoral candidate Todd Gloria would be speaking. He also mentioned the intention to form a fire council for UC.
- Carole Pietras asked about the mitigations called for when the existing plan was amended to remove the Regents Rd bridge. Did the city have a plan to complete these mitigations.
- Roger Cavnaugh pointed out the interest expressed in improved mobility and safety from people at the UCPG booth at the recent Octoberfest. He asked whether mobility would be revisited in the future. Dan Monroe responded that the input from the previous mobility workshop would be 'coming soon'. The CPU subcommittee would be revisiting mobility in early 2020. Email with comments/suggestions.
- Pete Hekman commented that reducing Governor to single lane and eliminating service stations was reducing community services.
- Harry Matthis commented that any redesign of Governor would need input from the fire department.
- Dan Monroe responded to the mitigation question that they will be looked at when public facilities financing/FBA are reviewed/updated.
- Joann Sellick commented that she'd heard concerns from business and residential community members that the trolley would result in more homeless in our area. She requests to respond in a compassionate manner.

Item 1 of the agenda was to revisit the land use planning. Four areas were identified as having potential. Discussion of restrictions due to coastal height overlay, land use restrictions from the military airport, and an emphasis on areas with the Transit Priority areas. Subcommittee and audience members pointed out further restrictions for some of the identified parcels due to HOA and industrial land use agreements. The next meeting will be on November 19, 6:00pm at UC High School, 6949 Genesee Avenue.

Network of Local Town Councils

by Mack Langston

UCCA is one of the founding members of the San Diego Coalition of Town Councils that organized in 2017. On October 15, 2019 this Coalition of town councils and community associations met to discuss and revise the organization, purpose and focus of the Coalition. This was initially a working group of mainly coastal community associations that formed in response to combined interest in the short term vacation rental issue. Since the Coalition was formed out of the Working Group, the emphasis on the support of limiting short term vacation rentals remained until now. La Jolla Town Council continues to chair a San Diego Community Working Group on STVR and all interested community groups are highly encouraged to learn more about this group at: www.lajollatowncouncil.org/short-term-. UCCA continues to serve with this group.

This is an important time for community organizations to be able to NETWORK with each other, communicate about issues and experiences and unite for shared common goals. We will continue getting together on a quarterly basis to take advantage of our collective voice and to do a quarterly newsletter. We are finalizing changes that will emphasize Networking in order to increase communication among community organizations.

Shift Program Construction Update

Mid-Coast Trolley Construction, SANDAG Project

Along Genesee Avenue

Crews will continue to remove falsework, the temporary framework used to support a structure during its construction, along Genesee Avenue over the next several weeks. Falsework has currently been removed from Eastgate Mall to Executive Drive. Overnight closures along Genesee Avenue will be in effect to allow for this work as well as construction at the trolley stations. Concrete work also will take place over the next several months and overall construction in this area will continue over the next year.

Along Voigt Drive

Work has begun on a project to realign the intersection of Campus Point Drive and widen Voigt Drive to accommodate the future Trolley station. Construction impacts in this area will continue through November and will include intermittent nighttime closures on Voigt Drive to allow for utility work and other construction activities. Anticipated in November, speed will be reduced along Voigt Drive, west of Campus Point Drive, and bike lanes in this location will also be removed. Cyclists should be advised that lanes in this area will now be shared with vehicle traffic. Please visit ShiftSanDiego.com for more details on the impacts in this area.

Along the Nobel Viaduct

Construction continues along the Nobel viaduct, the section of the Trolley bridge between Charmant Drive and the VA Medical Center. In mid-November, overnight full closures of I-5 will be required for crews to pour concrete along the Trolley overcrossing south of Nobel Drive. Notices will be posted to ShiftSanDiego.com in advance of the closures.



Rose Canyon Bike Path, SANDAG Project

The northern portion of the Rose Canyon Bike Path is anticipated to be closed for several days in mid-November. Shuttles will be deployed to transport bicyclists around the closure. More information on the timing of this closure will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

Southbound I-5 Auxiliary Lane, SANDAG Project The I-5/Genesee Avenue Auxiliary Lane project will construct a new southbound auxiliary lane between Genesee Avenue and La Jolla Village Drive. The auxiliary lane will improve merging patterns and traffic flow on I-5 between the two intersections. Current work includes hauling materials, constructing drainage systems and preparing the site for paving.

Visit 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).

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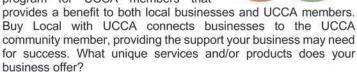
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by Diane Ahern

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MCAS Miramar Updates

Courtesy of Kristin Camper, Miramar Community Plans and Liaison Officer

MCAS Miramar will be expecting the first aircraft arrival of the F-35 in January 2020. While the F-35 Environmental Impact Study for the basing of the F-35 at MCAS Miramar was completed in 2010, the updated Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) study is expected to be published early next year.

The AICUZ is a Department of Defense requirement which will provide land use recommendations to the local community. The AICUZ will include an updated Noise Study, with slight changes to the noise contours. The Accident Potential Zones will remain unchanged from the 2005 AICUZ. MCAS Miramar plans to present the updated AICUZ at a University City Planning Group after it has been released.

In other MCAS Miramar news, residents adjacent to the airfield may experience increased activity during the first two weeks of November as visiting squadrons train at MCAS Miramar.

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF UC

The Fire Safe Council of UC has begun to meet (first meeting was held after print of this newsletter) in deciding area boundaries, evacuation routes, education programs, and prevention services. The FSC is created under the auspices of the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County. The purpose of the local FSCs is to help protect homes and neighborhoods from the devastating effects of wildfires. In case of evacuation, Standley Middle School will be the official evacuation center for south UC. To help prepare for a possible evacuation for any emergency, see the checklist below. If you would like to get involved with the FSC, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com. More info and resources can be found at: firesafesdcounty.org and readysandiego.org.

CUT OUT & SAVE THE EVACUATION CHECKLIST BELOW



Mt. Soledad to Host Veterans Day Celebration Monday, November 11

The annual Veterans Day Ceremony features many presentations and performances including: live music by Marine Band San Diego or Navy Region Southwest Band, the Marine Recruit Depot (MCRD) Color Guard presentation of the colors, MCRD Rifle Team conducting a 21 Gun Salute, and the Missing Man Formation Fly Over conducted by aircraft from the San Diego Salute Formation Team.

The Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial stands high on La Jolla's Mt. Soledad, offering panoramic views of San Diego, University City, the mountains, the Pacific Ocean and Mexico. It is the only memorial that honors veterans, living or deceased, from the Revolutionary War to the current war on terrorism, with an image of the veteran. More than 5,100 individual veteran tributes, embedded on black granite plaques, are mounted onto 11 curved walls honoring our United States veterans.

This year's ceremony is Monday, November 11, 2019; 2:00pm – 3:00pm, at Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial, 6905 La Jolla Scenic Drive South, San Diego, CA 92037.

















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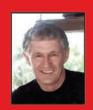




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