

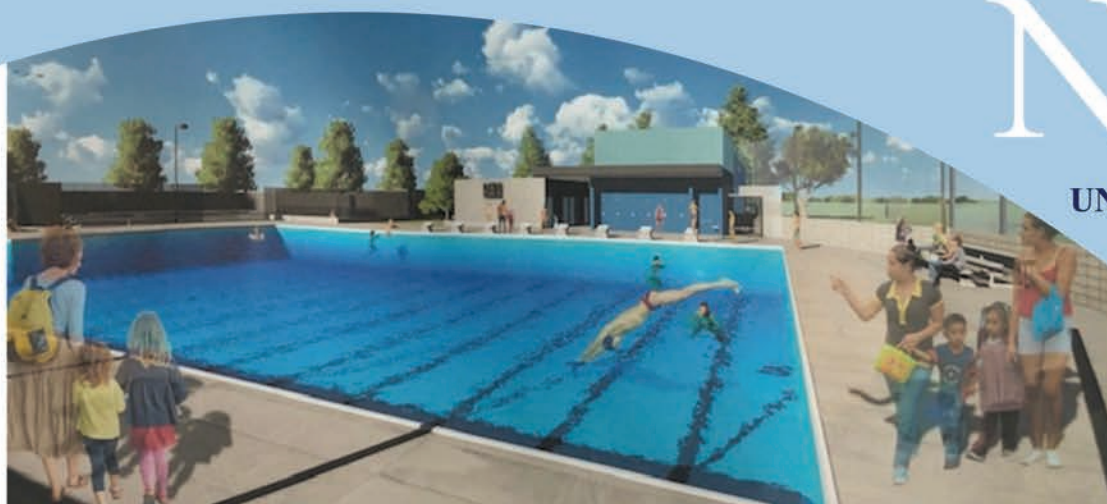
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Imagine UC 2020 ... is Happening in 2020

by John Lee Evans, San Diego School Board President

Imagine UC 2020 is finally coming to fruition...in the year 2020! The project was approved by the school board about two years ago. On February 11, 2020 the joint use agreement was unanimously approved by the city council with the strong support of our Councilmember Barbara Bry. The next step will be to put the project out to open construction bid. We may have a groundbreaking as early as June if all goes according to plan. School district and city staff have worked hard on an agreement that will serve as a template for joint use pools in other neighborhoods of San Diego.

The fields between Spreckels Elementary and Standley Middle schools are on school district property and have been maintained by the city for decades. The city-owned land is around the Recreation Center, tennis courts and the current pool. We have had many decades of successful joint use. This will be the first time that a swimming pool has been added to a joint use project (*rendering above*).

The project will include an aquatic center, a jogging path, a stage/pavilion and a grass field for Spreckels. It will be joint use between the city and the school district, because they will be used by students during school hours and open to the community the other hours. Within the scope of this project the school district will also modernize Spreckels Elementary and improve the drop off area and expand parking for the school and the park. This project will be followed by updating the Standley Middle School campus.

By combining school district and city resources, we are achieving efficient use of taxpayer dollars. We recognize that the long, uninterrupted public space from Standley Middle to Spreckels Elementary is a unique gathering place in University City. Our students will enjoy these facilities during the school hours. The community will be able to run or stroll along the jogging path, swim at the aquatic center, enjoy music and other performances at the stage/pavilion and play in the expanded grass fields.

I would especially like to thank committee members Sandy Lippe, Barry Bernstein and Greg Zinser who have worked with us on this project since 2014. UC is more than just a neighborhood.



Meet for Cars and Coffee Every Month

The popular Cars and Coffee event continues to attract community car enthusiasts every month. The meetups are held the last Saturday of each month, from 8:00-10:00am, at the Sprouts Marketplace, in front of Round Table Pizza. The community is invited to bring their special automobiles, and talk about cars over coffee and donuts. Cars and Coffee is organized by Ryan Ahearn and David Wright. A special version is held each year at the UC Celebration on the 4th of July.



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

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- Include who, what, why, where, and how.
- Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors.
- DO NOT send articles in a pdf formats.
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- Submitted materials may be published on the Internet.
- The Editor reserves the right to edit articles as needed.
- Articles or ads considered to be political will not be accepted.
- Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
- Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com.

Deadline for the April issue: MARCH 19, 2020

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the April issue is March 19, 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

February 12

by Jemma Samala



- Phoebe Truong, UCHS student and fellow students spoke with regards to the Childhood Cancer Awareness Club at the school. Phoebe, along with Honieh Hemati and Lily Bates, helped create the club in honor of Phoebe's sister who had acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

- Sam Nejabat, City Council District 1 candidate, introduced himself and spoke about his campaign issues.

- Ryan Cunningham, 52nd Congressional District candidate, introduced himself and spoke about his campaign issues.

- Sabrina Bazzo, San Diego Unified School District Board District A candidate, introduced herself and spoke about her campaign issues.

- Stephen Groce, San Diego Unified School District Board District A candidate, introduced himself and spoke about his campaign issues.

- Chris Ward, San Diego councilmember and 78th Assembly District candidate, introduced himself and spoke about his campaign issues.

- Justine Murray, Council Rep. for Councilmember Barbara Bry, thanked CASA, primarily Diane Ahern and Ron Belanger for the Aviation 2020 program; it was found that there were no permit issues from the UC Golf Course by Willmark; Bry prepared a statement with regards to the Imagine 2020 joint use project between the city and school district (see page 5).

- UC resident Ryan Preston spoke about 5G and EMF issues arising from a new cell tower installation in front of his home. And as UCLL President, he reminded everyone that Opening Day is February 29.

- Lisa Smith, Doyle Elementary PTA President, requested \$500 for the annual Jog-a-Thon, which was approved.

- UCCF President Ruth DeSantis reported that the Owl Boxes have been installed at Marcy, UC Gardens and Standley parks, and through a live cam, owl box maker Robert Wiegand has seen five owl eggs in his own backyard owl box. The Pure Water lawsuit was finalizing a settlement favorable to the UC neighborhood (since additional lawsuits from other parties are still in process, Ruth cannot expand on the details).

- Katie Dunahoo, Coldwell Banker, requested funds of \$341 for the spring shredding event, which was denied.

- Hallie Burch, UCCA membership chair reported that there are currently 472 members.

- The next UCCA meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 6:00pm at the UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive.



UCCA President Barry Bernstein

Welcome to March...Spring officially arrives this month...a leap year day late. Home gardens are being prepared, clocks are moved forward, ambitious souls begin "spring cleaning", and the elusive leprechauns and plain folks look forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

When you hear the word "crack" what comes to mind? Is it the illegal drug or the bat hitting the ball, (UC Little League and UC del Sol have begun their seasons). Or could it be a mahjong player discarding their tile? For major league baseball fans, particularly this Spring, because of the well-publicized cheating scandal, this could become a real blow to our National Pastime's credibility. Our Padres go back to their original brown/gold colors...and you'll definitely need a scorecard of sorts to recognize all their new players. "Hope springs eternal" for Padre fans like myself.

The Primary elections are over and the final two candidates in most categories have been identified. UCCA and the San Diego League of Women Voters will be finalizing details for a candidates forum to be held at UC High School later this year. For the time being we can take a break from reading/tossing out all the candidate election material we received in the U.S. mail, not have as many flashing advertisements on our home computer screens, and maybe not as many survey/robot calls asking for a response. Do you know that in other democratic countries, for instance England, election campaigns are restricted to eight weeks...in Canada 50 days, and in Japan far less.

On February 24, the San Diego City Council approved the "ImagineUC 2020" project, with a target date in June to begin the new swimming pool component at Standley Park. Many thanks go out to Dr. John Lee Evans for his leadership in getting this often delayed project to the finish line. As you may or may not know the approval was dependent upon using ALL of the amount of funds in our South U.C. Developers Impact Fees, DIF. (Read Dr. Evan's report on the front page.)

And other important San Diego City Council news, in this case regarding UCCF's law suit opposing the Pure Water/pipeline alignment. City Council approval has run into legal complications with the union workers contract. This may delay not only the project construction for an untold number of months, but may derail all the hard work that's been accomplished in establishing a favorable settlement for our community. Stay tuned!

On February 27, the City's Planning Department held an Economic Forum focusing on the current and projected impact of growth in University City. This forum's purpose was to provide information for the development of the new University City Community Plan.

Saturday, February 29 saw the new U.C. Little League President, Ryan Preston, preside over the Grand Opening at Standley Park, and California Coast Credit Union president, Todd Lane, officially announce their Grand Opening at the MarketPlace just down the street from the ball field. It's interesting to point out that both Ryan and Todd, when younger, participated in youth sports at Standley Park.

Here are your "March"-ing orders...do your best to stay healthy, (as of this writing the Coronavirus is still spreading), root for the Aztec basketball team in their run for the NCAA Basketball title, and to show you care about University City - JOIN UCCA in supporting the events/activities/and organizations that make University City "more than just a neighborhood". Thanks...have a great Spring. ~Barry

UC TALKS PODCASTS

Tune in to UC Talks podcasts on SoundCloud.com, and search "UC Talks".

Recent episodes include talks with University City residents Ruth Mitchell, author of "Deleted", and Ron Salisbury, San Diego's Inaugural Poet Laureate.

Podcast links can also be found on universitycitynews.org.

Podcasts are made possible through a grant from the County of San Diego.

calendar

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS

Sunday, March 8, 2:00am
"spring forward" clocks one hour

UC PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, March 10, 6:00pm
10300 Campus Point Drive

UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 6:00pm
UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, March 15
7:30-9:00am
Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Tuesday, March 17

UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 17, 6:00pm
University City High School
6949 Genesee Ave

UC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE 4th of July Event

Wednesday, March 18, 7:00pm
Standley Park Rec Center

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Thursday, March 19

UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL

Thursday, March 26, 6:00pm
Standley Park Rec Center

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP

Thursday, March 26, 7:00pm
Standley Park Rec Center

SPRING BREAK (SDUSD)

Schools Closed – March 30 to April 3

CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

Tuesday, March 31



New Neighborhood Watch Signs

City Councilmember Barbara Bry helped install some new Neighborhood Watch signs in University City. Special thanks goes out to Community Relations Officer Melanie Bognuda who worked with Bry's office to proactively obtain the funding for the new and replaced signs. Pictured with Bry (on the stairs), is Barbara Gellman, UC's NW Chair, and Don Danner, NW Captain.

Erase Graffiti – Use the Get it Done App

Info from Officer Melanie Bognuda, Northern Division SDPD

The Get it Done application is the best way of reporting for graffiti as it allows a photograph to be directly attached. The photograph with the information will be uploaded in to the Graffiti Tracker System which will work to connect related styles to lead to the person doing the vandalism. The system is also monitored by detectives to track the movement of gang-related taggings.

Please encourage people on Nextdoor to report graffiti using the Get it Done application. If the graffiti is on private property, please paint over as soon as possible after reporting. Below are some additional resources for graffiti. Feel free to share.

Graffiti Hotline – GET IT DONE APP/WEB 619.525.8522

www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done

GRAFFITI REMOVAL:

Urban Corps Hotline 800.829.6884

Cal Trans 858.467.4042

City Traffic Signs 619.525.8522 or 619.527.7500

Fraud and Scam Prevention Workshop

by Diane Ahern

Unfortunately, older individuals are the most frequent targets of fraud scams. Many schemes are performed over the telephone, door-to-door or through advertisements. Older adults are prime targets for schemes attributed to credit cards, sweepstakes or contests, charities, health products, magazines, home improvements, equity skimming, investments, banking or wire transfers, and insurance.

Please join friends and neighbors for this presentation by the San Diego District Attorney's office. Learn about the top ten scams targeting members of our community; with a concentration on scams targeting those over 60 years. Wednesday, March 18, from 6:00 to 7:00pm, at the University Community Branch Library, 4155 Governor Drive.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy walking around our beautiful neighborhood...at least once a month?

UCCA needs you!

Volunteers are needed to distribute the University City newsletter once a month, with January and August off.

If you are interested, please contact Newsletter Chair Don Hotz, don.hotz@yahoo.com

Weekend Project: Spring forward and improve your household fire safety



Are you ready University City? It seems like just yesterday that we turned our clocks back an hour and here we are about to spring forward. San Diego County and the Fire Safe Councils remind you to change your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, March 7, for Daylight Saving Time. And while you're at it, check to make sure all your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working. Typically, you just need to press a button to hear the alarm activate. If it beeps, the battery is still good.

Generally, all smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years to ensure that continued protection is in place. This simple step can save your life or your loved ones. More than half of fatal home fires occur from 11:00pm to 7:00am and the risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half by having a working smoke alarm installed, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

For older adults who may not be able to evacuate as quickly or who may need assistance, smoke alarms are particularly critical. National safety statistics indicate that people 65 or older are two times more likely to die in a house, and that quadruples for those older than 75, according to the Burn Institute. If you're a senior without working smoke alarms, the Burn Institute wants to help with its Senior Smoke Alarm Program, which offers people over 62 who own their homes free smoke alarms and installation in San Diego County. For more information, contact the Burn Institute at burninstitute.org.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS

Info from County of San Diego, compiled by Jemma Samala

The County of San Diego is working closely with federal and state partners to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. As of February 28, in San Diego County a total of 18 persons were tested for coronavirus, 13 of which were negative and 5 were still pending results. Of those that were under Federal Quarantine at MCAS Miramar, 13 persons were tested, 2 were confirmed positive, and 11 were negative. Additionally, the number of people under public health supervision in San Diego County, as of February 28, there are a total of 390 persons monitored, with 249 people who completed their monitoring, and 141 being actively monitored. Those who are being monitored are persons who are at risk for possibly being exposed, which includes those with close contacts of confirmed cases and those who have traveled to China within the past 14 days.

Symptoms include: fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty of breathing. At this time, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) believe symptoms may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure. Everyday habits to prevent the spread include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Contact your health care provider immediately if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19. For more info, including travel recommendations, go to sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry

Council Approved the Joint Use Agreements for Standley Field, Spreckels Field, and the Standley Aquatic Center with San Diego Unified School District

The City Council approved the Joint Use Agreements for Standley Field, Spreckels Field, and the Standley Aquatic Center with San Diego Unified School District. This is a great opportunity that benefits the entire UC community as well as the broader region. South UC Developer Impact Fee (DIF) funds of \$90,000 were approved for improvement on the City-owned portion Aquatic Complex lands. If the Joint Use Agreement that includes the South UC DIF funds had not been approved, the project would be suspended indefinitely. I was proud to take this vote and to move forward an important project that UC families will enjoy for years to come.

This vote does not unseat Marcy Park as a priority. The City Council approved \$35,000 in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for Marcy Park as a part of the Mid-Year CIP report and adjustments. The design phase was fully funded and I am working to appropriate funds for construction. I prioritized the first phase of construction for Marcy Park improvements as one of my top two budget priorities for the entire UC community. You can see all my priorities in my FY2021 Budget Priorities Memorandum: sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/budget_priorities_final_executed.pdf

Further, I continue to support combining the North and South UC DIF funds. Combining the funds will be addressed throughout the community plan update process which is currently taking place. University City is one community and there should only be one DIF fund to serve the entire UC region. If you have any questions about the various projects, please contact my UC Community Rep. Justine Murray, 619.236.6611 or jrmurray@sandiego.gov.

Skilled Negotiations Save Taxpayers' Money

by City Attorney Mara W. Elliott

As your City Attorney, I advise the City Council, defend the City from lawsuits, prosecute violations of the law, and protect taxpayer dollars. When it comes to litigation, you might picture lawyers waging a dramatic battle in a courtroom trial. However, a skilled negotiator can often find a way to avoid a costly trial by working out a settlement that saves everyone time and money.

- In 2018, a man filed a lawsuit to halt the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon because of the noise. We persuaded the judge to deny the injunction.

Last year, the same man threatened to sue again. We worked with him to address his concerns; the marathon went forward, and the City avoided a lawsuit.

- Last year, we negotiated the dismissal of a lawsuit in which a homeowner sought title to the City's unused rights-of-way next to his home. He was most concerned about a tree on City land he wanted replaced with one that looked healthier. The City's arborist said the tree was fine, but after much discussion, the case was resolved and the man was allowed to replace the tree out of his own pocket.
- In 2017, nine homeless individuals filed a suit saying the City violated their constitutional rights with its Encroachment Ordinance, which prohibits the obstruction of sidewalks with personal belongings. The City argued that it needed to keep the streets safe and clean; however, the plaintiffs said they had nowhere else to put their things.

The case was settled when the City offered to open another storage facility, and ensure that police offer homeless people they contact a bed or storage bin.

These are just some examples of how your Deputy City Attorneys are working hard every day, often behind the scenes, to resolve conflicts and reach solutions that save taxpayers' money.

Kristin Gaspar SD County Board of Supervisors, District 3



Prioritizing Mental Health

San Diego County and Tri-City Medical Center marked a major milestone in the effort to find real solutions to our region's behavioral health problems. We reached an agreement to build a 16-bed facility that will provide psychiatric services in North County. But our work is not done. We must continue to build on the entire continuum of care, including prevention, early intervention, long-term care and recovery. I am incredibly pleased to see the progress we have made as a region to address the critical challenges to our Behavioral Health Continuum of Care in the 15 months since the Board Conference. When I called for that Board conference in 2018, I knew it was necessary to take a comprehensive in-depth look at the current system and its failures. It would require every stakeholder from across the County to come together and help fundamentally redesign our entire system of care from prevention and early intervention to crisis stabilization and acute in-patient services to long-term care and recovery. It has truly been through collaboration and innovation that we are developing a system of care that is person-centered, sustainable, and focuses on prevention rather than crisis.

San Diego's Growing Human Trafficking Problem

It is hard to believe that San Diego is home to a vile and thriving sex trafficking industry that rakes in nearly \$1 billion dollars in revenue each year. The average age of children being lured is just 15. Recently I traveled to Washington, D.C. for the White House Summit on Human Trafficking in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. It lays out a national framework for the federal response on human trafficking focusing on the 3 Ps - prevention, protection and prosecution. We must come together united across every level of government to address the challenges before us to protect our children from becoming exploited.

We know that dangerous online predators are luring and recruiting our children through the internet and through their mobile devices. They are exploiting children through online content and chat rooms. At the federal level, I am advocating for stronger intervention to help regulate these channels and allow for information sharing with law enforcement so they can deliver justice and protection. If it is a crime offline, it is a crime online! We must have a coordinated response that allows law enforcement to efficiently identify and protect victims, swiftly prosecute the predators, and ultimately eradicate the exploitation of children online. I am pleased to announce I brought forward, and the Board of Supervisors approved \$100,000 in grant funding for Humans Against Trafficking to further develop their AI software that will help parents identify their child's online vulnerability. The app called "Radlee" will allow parents to analyze their child's social media profile to understand how vulnerable and attractive it would appear to a trafficking recruiter. The app can identify specific photos, comments, and suspicious followers that indicate higher risk. The free app will be available by the end of the month on the App Store.

It is my honor to serve as District 3 Supervisor. Please feel free to contact me at Kristin.Gaspar@sdcounty.ca.gov or 619.531.5533.

Holiday closure: Tuesday, March 31 for Cesar Chavez Day; Book Drops are available for returns

University Community Branch | March 2020 | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655



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

Events for Adults

Tech Help - Looking for help with SDPL apps? Have a problem setting up an email account? General computer questions? Visit our Thursdays walk-in Tech Help program. No appointment needed. Wed, March 4, 11 & 18 @ 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Concert: Doug Beaupre - Enjoy well-known songs written by singer-songwriters such as James Taylor, John Denver, Loggins and Messina, Cat Stevens, Neil Young, Billy Joel, Elton John, and many more. Wednesday, March 4 @ 6:00 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, March 6, 13, 20 & 27 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Succulent Swap - Bring some of your own succulents and swap them out with others. Saturday, March 7 @ 2:00 p.m.



University City Community Association - A community meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and community leaders. All are welcome. Wednesday, March 11 @ 6:00 p.m.

Accordion Club meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Saturday, March 14 @ 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to Zentangle - A fun, meditative drawing class that requires no prior art experience. No supplies cost. Call library to RSVP. Monday, March 16 @ 12:00 p.m.

OASIS: Women in Aztec Society - This lecture highlights the roles and everyday life of Mesoamerican women and how they lived

before the European conquest, particularly in the region of the Valley of Mexico before 1492. Tuesday, March 17 @ 12:00 p.m.

Elder Fraud Scam/Scheme Prevention and Education - This presentation is provided by the San Diego District Attorney's Office and will cover the top ten scams targeting members of the community. Wednesday, March 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

UC Book Club will discuss *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai. Wednesday, March 25 @ 2:00 p.m.

Events for Children

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 assemble a small shadow box out of cardstock and acetate to make an aquarium. Then they will create an underwater scene with fish, plants, and accessories they color with markers and colored pencils. Using narrow acetate strips kids can arrange their aquarium creatures to appear as if they are swimming in the aquarium. Space is limited, please call (858) 552-1655 to RSVP. Wednesday, March 4 @ 2:00 p.m.

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

ToshWerkS in here and we will be making beautiful a Sun Catcher from wax shavings, pressed flowers and leaves. Space is limited, please call (858) 552-1655 to RSVP. Wed, March 18 @ 2:00 p.m.

Programming for Tweens/Teens

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

Teen Time - Activities and crafts in the community room just for teens. This month we will be doing Glass Etching, learn how to customize glassware with glass etching. Space is limited, please call (858) 552-1655 to RSVP. Thursday, March 12 @ 3:30 p.m.

North University Community | March 2020 | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637



Free Tax Help provided by AARP, Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free Tax Prep Help provided by AARP volunteers. Walk-in only for same-day help. You may wait or sign-up for one date in the future. Through April 9.

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

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

Fiction Fanatics Book Club, Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m. Title is *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai.

A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults, Sunday, March 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; other supplies provided.

Aloha Ukulele Strummers, Friday, March 20 at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a fun strum-along with fellow ukulele players! Music provided. Familiar songs, Hawaiian songs, oldies all played.

Page Turners Book Club, Saturday, March 21 at 1:00 p.m. Title is *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.



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. For 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.

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, toys, props, and bubbles!

Yoga Storytime, Friday, March 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. Families enjoy healthy fun and bonding. Please bring your own mat.



University City High School students participated in the San Diego County Mock Trial Competition in February. Mock Trial is a contest in which students simulate a real trial. The trial concerns an official American Mock Trial Association case that remains the same through the entire academic year. The case alternates between a civil and a criminal case every year and it is entirely fictional. Teams consist of six to ten members, but only six compete at any given time - 3 attorneys and 3 witnesses. These six students will go against six other students from different San Diego County High Schools. Teams must prepare both sides of the case (prosecution/plaintiff and defense) for every competition. This means that any given student could have two roles: one for each side of the case. Attorneys, judges, high school teachers and support staff volunteer their time to help put on the Mock Trial. Submitted by Mark Powell

Affordable Housing for Teachers

by Mark Powell,
San Diego County Board of Education, District 1

One way to retain teachers and help them cope with soaring rents is by encouraging local school districts to build affordable housing projects exclusively for teachers. In San Diego, a school teacher needs to make \$130,986 a year in order to afford a median-priced single-family home. With the average public school teacher salary at \$61,113, purchasing a home is unlikely. San Diego is one of the most expensive cities to live in, with rents among the highest in the state. The only option for most new teachers is to rent — an expense that can eat up over 50 percent of a teacher's pay, and that's not including utilities. To make ends meet, many teachers often take on second and even third jobs. To avoid paying high rents, many teachers spend hours each day commuting long distances to work from areas where rents are less expensive.

District-owned affordable housing projects aren't a new idea — they have been built in Los Angeles, Santa Clara and San Mateo over the last 20 years. But the idea is new for San Diego, where recent state laws make building employee housing easier for school districts. California's Teacher Housing Act of 2016 allows school districts to provide affordable housing specifically for district employees and their families. Building affordable housing can help take off some of the financial pressure for new teachers, allowing them to focus on teaching kids, not paying the rent.

As school districts in San Diego struggle to pay salaries that keep pace with the high cost of living, many are turning to incentives such as signing bonuses to attract and retain new teachers. Affordable housing projects for teachers are one more incentive. Building more housing will also help address San Diego's rental crisis by increasing the housing inventory. Non-teaching district employees who are usually paid less than teachers also need affordable housing, so they would be included in the teacher affordable-housing program. Having teachers live in the neighborhoods they work in benefits students and parents, because most teachers want the opportunity to connect with the community and families they teach. District-owned affordable housing programs can help make that happen and help create stability in our schools, which is vital.

There is no arguing that San Diego has a housing problem, and most agree that there is no individual method to tackle the housing crisis. We will most likely need a multifaceted approach to increase the number and affordability of homes. Due to the complexity of the problem, innovative solutions such as district-owned affordable housing projects need to be given serious consideration, because San Diego is still behind in building housing, which is keeping rents and home prices too high, especially for teachers.



This is the completed utility box in front of the University Community Branch Library on Governor Drive, and it was completed by Haley Schildgen who has painted two others in our community. She is a student at SDSU in the arts program, loves it and is very talented. This box is sponsored by Friends of the Library and UCCA.

City Budget Cuts to Affect Libraries

The following is information provided by the San Diego Public Library Foundation.

Recently the Library Department, and all City Departments, were asked to prepare a 4% reduction to the budget for Fiscal Year 2021. For the libraries this would amount to \$2.2M. This cut would have a dramatic impact on open hours at our local libraries particularly on weekends. Sunday hours could be eliminated entirely and Saturday hours would be reduced. The Foundation recommends no cuts to library hours.

Currently the materials General Fund budget is \$1.8M, the same as it was in 2009 and one of the lowest in the nation for a major city. The materials budget has declined 22.4% per capita since 2010 when adjusted for inflation. This decline has significantly put the City's ability to purchase critical digital resources at risk. The Foundation therefore recommends a modest increase of \$500,000/year for three years to the library's material budget.

We need to protect funding for programs. Currently, the Library Department provides only \$200,000, or \$5,555/branch, of General Fund money for innovative programs throughout the entire library system. During the Fiscal Year 2020 the City Council provided an additional \$200,000 of one-time resources. It is critical to maintain this funding in Fiscal Year 2021. The Foundation recommends maintaining a total of \$400,000 for library programs in the budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

If you would like to be an advocate for your library please contact our City Council representative (District 1), Barbara Bry at barbarabry@sandiego.gov or telephone 619.236.6611. If you would like to advocate in person please try to attend the City Council meeting for public input now scheduled for April 30, at 6:00pm, but please check the schedule for any change in time. Let's do all we can to keep our libraries open and thriving.

Elementary Instrumental Music Clinics

UCHS Senior Julianne Hom is organizing a Band and Orchestra Music Clinic for 4th and 5th graders at UCHS on Mondays, March 16 and April 27 from 2:45-4:15pm. Julianne will be recruiting her UC High classmates to volunteer. If you are interested in signing up your child, please email music.gsgold18@gmail.com.

**SAVE THE DATE****TASTE OF THE TRIANGLE****Friday, May 8****7:00pm**

On Friday, May 8, 2020 at 7:00pm, EdUCate! will host its 26th premier fundraiser, Taste of the Triangle, at the Room & Board Home Furnishings store in UTC. Each year "Taste" attracts hundreds of San Diego parents, educators, leaders and community members to a fun-filled evening. Restaurants from the Golden Triangle, and nearby, present a sampling of their cuisine. The evening includes a VIP reception at 6:00pm.

The EdUCate! Foundation makes a tremendous difference every day for the children and teachers in all five University City public schools (Curie, Doyle, and Spreckels Elementary, Standley Middle, and UC High). University City's K-12 public schools educate 5000 children annually. To date, EdUCate! has provided over \$1,950,000 in essential support to our five schools. This is a "not to be missed" event for the whole community!

SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

San Diego Outreach Synagogue (SDOS), an independent Jewish congregation led by Cantor Cheri Weiss and the Outreach Band, will hold its upcoming Shabbat celebrations on Friday, March 6, and Friday, April 3, from 5:45 to 8:00pm at a north University City location. There will be a musical Shabbat service, followed by a light vegetarian dinner at no cost. RSVP required for dinner. For details, call 858.280.6331 or email: Cantor@sdo-synagogue.org.



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, fiction for all ages, find a great cookbook, CD or DVD and so much more—all at great prices.

Proceeds benefit the UC Library.

**March 26,
March 27 &
March 28**



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JCompany Youth Theater Presents *Matilda*

Local youth continues to entertain the community with their latest show *Matilda*. The international Tony award-winning smash musical hit was inspired by Roald Dahl. *Matilda* tells the story of a girl who learns to believe in herself, despite having unloving parents. It's a story of empowerment told from the perspective of kids. And this JCompany production includes a cast of more than 80 young artists, featuring beautiful music and stunning choreography. The show runs from March 6 to 22, at the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. Get tickets at 858.362.1348 or sdjc.org/jc/. For show ticket information, go to the website. Special promo code is HONEY2020 to get \$3 off regularly priced tickets, available online only. Pictured are UC youth: Remy Ahrens, Ya'ara Oren, and Elizabeth Gelber.

**UCHS Centurion Theatre presents Disaster!**

Earthquakes, tidal waves, infernos and the unforgettable songs of the '70s take center stage in this hilarious salute to the era of bell-bottoms, platform shoes and the hustle ... and to classic disaster films. Live on stage at University City's Centurion Theatre. Nightly performances March 23 through 26, at Centurion Theatre at University City High School, 6949 Genesee Avenue. For show ticket information, visit www.ucperformingarts.org.

Choral Concert: The Crucifixion

The Classic Choir of Our Mother of Confidence Church will be performing a choral meditation on the passion of Christ on Sunday, April 5, starting at 3:00pm. It is an Oratorio by English Composer John Stainer, and is scored for SATB choir and organ. It features solos for baritone and tenor. There is no charge for admittance, and there will be a freewill offering. Parking is readily available. All are welcome and there is no need for registration.

OMC Church will also have a Brown Bag Opera event on Sunday, March 22 featuring Lucia Di Lammermoor by Donizetti. The operas are viewed on a 25 foot wide screen with surround sound.

These events are free to the public. Our Mother of Confidence Church is located at 3131 Governor Drive. For more info contact: Glenn D'Abreo, 858.736.4128 or gdabreo@omcsandiego.org.



Meet Captain Matt Novak

by Barbara
Gellman

As of February 8, 2020, Capt. Matt Novak became Northern Division's permanent Captain, replacing Capt. Tina Williams who was promoted to Captain of Operations and Support, supervising many different departments. Capt. Novak is another super qualified Officer to lead Northern, just as many previous Captains have done; let's get into some details.

He began in 1995 at Northern and after two years was selected for the SWAT team and for the next seven years worked in Patrol, Narcotics, Parolee Apprehension and Auto Theft. In 2005, he was promoted to a Patrol Sergeant in the Mid-City area and in 2008, became an Investigative Sergeant and worked in Internal Affairs, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Narcotics. In 2014, as an Investigative Lieutenant worked in Internal Affairs, Narcotics and the Gang Unit. As you can see, this guy has been around the block, no grass growing under his feet.

His core belief is to "be responsive to the community by identifying and directing the SDPD resources towards a resolution." He depends on his two Community Relations Officers to continue reaching out into the community and reporting issues to him. Capt. Novak also stressed that in order to solve problems, he needs to know they exist, so, if you have an issue, within the community, report it to Officer Boghuda or Officer Broadus.

The fact that there has been an increase in SDPD hiring and retention is a major game changer; they are now training close to 50 new recruits, four times a year; it used to be just 20-30. Eventually, each department will have more staff to support the services that a community needs.

If you see a patrol officer sitting in their car in a parking area, they are still working, by filing reports and observing an area of concern. Another issue is ongoing investigations; by law, they can only share certain information in order to stay within the law and the process.

Capt. Novak looks forward to meeting residents in the community and will attend community meetings or outreach in other ways. He is welcoming, transparent, knowledgeable and an excellent communicator; we are blessed.

UCUC BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 7

The next Blood Drive will be on Saturday, March 7, from 8:30am-1:30pm, at the Sprouts Marketplace at Governor Drive/Regents Road. Future Blood Drive dates are: May 2, July 11, September 12, and November 14. Sign up in advance at mysdbb.org, pop-ins are always welcome.

If anyone would like to be a Blood Donor Greeter for part of the day (particularly the busy times between 8:00-10:00am), just ask the Blood Super Crew if they need help guiding people in.

UC Resident Ron Salisbury Named San Diego's Inaugural Poet Laureate

by Jemma Samala



Ron Salisbury was recently named the City of San Diego's Inaugural Poet Laureate. "San Diegans have a special story to tell and I can think of no one better than long-time resident Ron Salisbury to tell it," said Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer. "With the creation of this new City tradition, I encourage all San Diegans to explore the creativity and culture of our great city and I look forward to seeing our community's love for the literary arts continue to grow." Salisbury's own life is an on-going inspirational poem.

Salisbury's lifelong relationship with poetry began when he was in 7th grade, living in Orrington, Maine, outside of Bangor. His teacher sent the students home with copies of Robert Frost poems, and were told to write a poem. His mother was known as the neighborhood rhymers, and after a few minutes of her explaining poetry to him, Salisbury said "a switch went on and I told my mom I got this, and since then the only thing I've ever really wanted to do was to be a poet." And the attraction and inspiration of those initial Frost poems showed him that poetry can be a "magical keyhole to the inside of a person".

How did Salisbury eventually make a living as a poet? Become a banker. He's also been an actor, a pit boss in Las Vegas, and has owned seven coffee shops. During those years, Salisbury also pursued degrees at a later age than most, his most recent degree of a Masters of Fine Arts in Poetry obtained at the age of 69 from San Diego State University. He emphasizes that he obtained "education because I wanted it, not necessarily because I needed it." Those life experiences come into play when writing his poetry, with his inspiration being his age. He mentioned that it is said that you write one poem all your life, and what changes is your perspective. Salisbury shares those perspectives freely with a weekly poem he sends out every Monday, to those who sign up on his website – ronsalisbury.com.

Salisbury's new role as San Diego's Poet Laureate provides him not only a larger venue to share his poetry, but also to expose the beauty of poetry itself. In his role, Salisbury becomes an ambassador in and outside of San Diego, advocating for poetry, spoken word and the literary arts. Salisbury was chosen through a competitive process, with criteria that included artistic excellence, education and training as a literary artist, literary recognition, engagement in past projects that involve poetry, and other experiences related to poetry. During his two-year term as Poet Laureate, the goal will be to participate in a number of public events, and to lead a community oriented poetry project next year. Since the appointment is very recent, he is still formulating what the project would be and is open to all ideas. And he points out that he will be promoting all types of poetry, including slam, spoken word, computer poetry...yes, apparently there is a program that can generate poetry based on algorithms trained to look at how poetry is formed (google poetry bot).

Having taught poetry classes for more than 40 years, as Poet Laureate Salisbury can especially help adults put into words the struggles they have lived, how to put those struggles into words, and how to reach other people with those words. He currently leads a weekly poetry workshop at Writer's Ink, a local nonprofit. He's also received the Main Street Rag's Poetry Book Prize for his book *Miss Desert Inn* (2015).

Salisbury says "It is a great honor to be chosen as San Diego's first Poet Laureate. This appointment will empower me to represent the dynamic San Diego I love and promote. It will allow me to teach and encourage poetry to an even higher presence than I already do. I want to give back to the city that adopted me, share my poetry with its people and share San Diego with the world."

To listen more about Ron Salisbury in his own words, listen to my UC Talks podcast at SoundCloud.com and search for UC Talks Ron Salisbury. To learn more about the Poet Laureate Initiative and related programming please visit www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture. And to get a weekly poem from Ron, go to his website at ronsalisbury.com and sign up.

Around the UC 'hood...



6th Annual Sights and Sounds Showcase

was another success for the UCHS Music Program, enabling them to provide the best possible music education and performance opportunities for the students. The event featured performances by students, teachers, and school alum. Pictured above is the Phil Marcus Trio, Marcus (left) was Music Director at Standley Middle.



The Showcase included food, dessert, and a silent auction. Above right, UCHS alums Robyn Wilkinson and Logan Quessenberry perform "First Date/Last Night."



Performance of "Humoresque" by students Robert Helmuth, Violin, Jaden Laborete, Cello, and Joshua Laborete, Piano.



Attendees are free to get up and dance, including the conga line while Rumba y Soul plays in the background, featuring UCHS Music Director Brandon Corenman on trumpet.



UC Del Sol Begins Softball Season

began after being delayed one week due to rain. Opening day events included a performance by the Standley Middle School Marching Band (see below), the team banner parade, silent auction, and 50/50 raffle.



UC Little League Opening Day

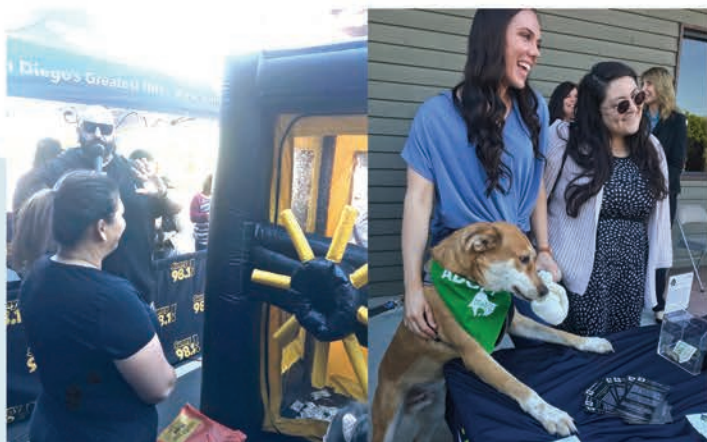
was held under beautiful blue skies. UCLL board members stood by the arch as the teams get introduced. The day included games, food, and the Otter Pop Run for the T-ball players (below).





Cal Coast Credit Union Turns on the Lights

during their official Grand Opening on February 29 (a very busy day in UC). The celebration included presentations of community donations (\$300 to each UC school PTA, and \$750 to UCLL), proclamations from elected officials, food, raffle prizes, pet adoption, Standley Middle School band performances, and the Sunny 98.1 Cash Cube, run by UC resident and on-air personality Rob Zilla. The UC Branch (located next to Great Clips in the Sprouts Marketplace) is offering \$100 to those who open accounts, with a minimum \$25 deposit, good until the end of March.



UC Branch Manager Aizell Tolentino, and CCCU CEO and President Todd Lane (who grew up in University City)

UC Says Goodbye to Beth West

and the lines were continuously out the door on February 29, as everyone wanted to give their hugs and share memories. Beth is retiring from the US Postal Service after 50 years, with 35 of the past years at the UC branch. The love for Beth was obvious.



Left: Beth, center, is presented a framed collection of her favorite "LOVE" stamp, by Mayra Elena (left) and Christine Carmichael (right) from the district marketing office.

Below: Her many well-wishers included: left – Mann Family; center – Conrad von Metzke, past supervisor at Clairemont Post Office; and right – event coordinators Iris Clauss and Michele Hagstrom.



Left: Beth got quite emotional after receiving a proclamation from Cesar Campo, representative for Congressman Scott Peters. Peters had been instrumental in helping her family resolve a past veteran's benefit issue. Right: Councilmember Barbara Bry presents Beth with a Special Commendation, which Beth attributes to the wonderful community of UC. A GoFundMe.com fundraiser has been set up for Beth, search "Thank You Beth for 35 Years at UC Post Office."

Fire Safe Council of UC South

by Jemma Samala

The Fire Safe Council of University City South will be concentrating on education to the UC community about fire safety during the next year. As part of a year-long series of fire safety articles, the following focuses on Making Your Home Fire Resistant. Think of it as spring cleaning for your home. Info provided by the San Diego Fire-Rescue, sandiego.gov/fire. Save the info for future reference.

MAKING YOUR HOME FIRE RESISTANT Harden Your Home

Construction materials and the quality of the defensible space surrounding the structure are what increases the chance of survival in a wildland fire. Embers from a wildland fire will find the weak spot in your home's fire protection scheme and can easily catch because of a small, overlooked or seemingly inconsequential factor. Below are some measures you can take to safeguard your home.

ROOFS

Roofs are the most vulnerable surface where embers land because they can become lodged and can start a fire. Roof valleys, open ends and barrel tiles and rain gutters are all points of entry. **Block off all open spaces, and regularly inspect these areas.**

EAVES

Embers can gather under open eaves and ignite combustible material. **Enclose your eaves to prevent ember intrusion, and regularly clear away debris that collect here.**

VENTS

Embers can enter the attic or other concealed spaces and ignite combustible materials. Vents in eaves and cornices are particularly vulnerable, as are any unscreened vents. **Use corrosion resistant metal mesh to screen all vents, and check them regularly to remove any debris that collects in front of the screen.**

WALLS and FENCING

Combustible siding or other combustible/overlapping materials provide surfaces or crevices for embers to nestle and ignite. **Build or remodel with noncombustible or ignition-resistant materials whenever possible. Regularly clear away debris from any crevices and perform annual upkeep.**

WINDOWS and DOORS

Embers can enter gaps in doors, including garage doors. **Install weather proofing around your garage door, and if your garage is attached to your home, make sure the interior door is solid and on self-closing hinges.**

Plants or combustible storage near windows can be ignited from ember and generate heat that can break windows and/or melt combustible frames. **Whenever possible, use dual-paneled windows with tempered glass, as they are less likely to shatter from radiant heat.**

BALCONIES and DECKS

Construct your balconies or decks with noncombustible materials, and do not store combustible items underneath them. If there is a fire threat, bring any furniture into your home. Embers can collect in or on combustible materials, or beneath decks and balconies, igniting the material and entering the home through walls or windows.

To harden your home even further, consider protecting your homes with a residential fire sprinkler system. It can help protect you and your family year-round from any home fire.



SD Planning Department Holds UC Economic Forum

by Barry Bernstein

The San Diego City Planning Department held a very informative and impressive Community Plan Economic Development Forum on Thursday, February 27 at one of the beautiful Alexandria locations in the Torrey Pines Business Park. This forum's objective was to provide opportunity and information for our UC New Comprehensive Plan Committee members to interact with our large University City business community, with a focus of "connectivity and mobility". Among the many business attendees were Irvine Corporation and Alexandria, both of which have big "footprints" in north UC, as well as representatives from Westfield/UTC and Costa Verde/Regency Centers.

Presenters from the City's Planning Department provided some of the needed background information for the anticipated conversations and interactions that would follow at the tables. These guided table talk discussions, based on identified map areas in U.C. provided opportunities for input from the nearly 100 participants. Data gathered will be a source from which the University City Community Plan Update Committee will be considering in their New Community Plan development efforts.



SD Coalition Network of Town Councils

by Mack Langston

A group of town councils and community associations met in October to discuss the future organization, purpose and focus of the San Diego Coalition of Town Councils. The Coalition was initially a working group of mainly coastal community associations, formed in response to combined interest in the short-term vacation rental (STVR) issue.

We decided to realign the organizational structure and focus on actions that more closely match the desire for increased networking among groups and broaden the scope of issues that are important to a large number of communities rather than focus on a single issue. The purpose of the SDNTC is to facilitate communications among San Diego community leaders in order to explore common challenges and possible solutions.

The first official quarterly meeting of the San Diego Network of Town Councils met at Elijah's in Clairemont on January 28, 2020. More than 20 people were in attendance from University City, Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach, Clairemont, La Jolla, Sorrento Valley, Mission Hills, Oak Park, Allied Gardens, Serra Mesa, El Cerrito, Pt. Loma and more. Everyone had a chance to speak about the issues currently facing their communities, and share ideas.

We will be updating the public regularly about the progress of the Network, including on UCCA's website and Facebook page.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED UCCA FOR 2020 January - February - March Memberships

Individual

Mary Eggen
Lloyd & Eileen Farrar
Ken & Linda Juengel
Jessica Middleton
Vicki Miller
Judy Morrison
Mary Ness
Nessa O'Shaughnessy
Paula Ries
Dr. Robert Riffenburgh
Don & Elaine Shankles

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Isidra Boroughs & Denise Fitch
David & Ines Campbell
Diane & Dean Canterbury
Lorna Diamond
Iryna Dzieciuch
Dan & Lisa Greene
Barbara & Brian Haggerty
Janice Hill
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Gene & Barbara Kading
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William & Jamie Pugh
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Michael & Judy Quinton
Janet & Steve Shields
Nils A. & Britta I. Tafvelin

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Joan Durkin & Ed Rubenstein
Roy Haas & Carol Costarakis
Clyde Hammond & Carol Mot
Jane & John Hargrove
Rudy Molina
Jason & Clair Palkovic
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Beverlee & Steve Ring
Dianne Roost
Mary & Bill Scheffel
Sally & Jim Syren
Greg & Cheri Zinser



Be Counted UC: 2020 Census Invites Arriving

Between March 12 and 20, invitations to participate in the 2020 Census will start arriving. This invitation will include instructions on how to respond to the 2020 Census online or by phone. Once you receive your household invitation, please respond to the 2020 Census by using the provided Census ID. No matter how you respond, it is important to do so to be counted. That's because Census statistics help determine the number of seats California holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and how billions of dollars in federal funds are allocated to state and local communities for the next 10 years. For more info: 2020census.gov.



Parking Lot Patching and Repairs

The parking lot at University Square, home of Vons Supermarket and Rite-Aid on Governor Drive will undergo a planned maintenance and repair project. According to property manager Hildebrand Weatherspoon, "This year, we will be performing quite a bit of concrete and asphalt work. It will be a little disruptive, but it will address some areas in need of maintenance. Within the next 2-3 months (the time needed for asphalt to cure), we will perform the seal and striping of the lot."

University City Community Association 2020 UCCA Membership Application*

2020 Members will receive a 2020 membership card and a special thank-you gift for joining.

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

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

Individual and/or Business members' names will be listed in the newsletter. Please indicate if you do NOT want your name to be listed. ___ Do NOT list my name. Please make your check payable to UCCA; mail to UCCA, 3298 Governor Drive, #22574, San Diego, CA 92122. Payment is also accepted through PayPal on our website www.universitycitynews.org.

*Your UCCA membership dues (and additional donation) make a big difference in our community. These funds help support our many worthwhile organizations, (i.e. public schools' fundraising, Standley Park, EdUCate, Neighborhood Watch, ImproveUC/UCCF, Buy Local) as well as many special projects and activities such as median beautification, painted utility boxes and street banners, 4th of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, December holiday tree and menorah lighting, and of course, our monthly newsletter delivered to your home and/or business. (*UCCA membership dues are not tax deductible.)*

*This membership is valid for the 2020 calendar year. Thank you for joining UCCA.

If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Chairperson

Shift Program Construction Update

As construction continues in the University City area, Shift is your one-stop shop for updates on construction impacts and upcoming closures in your area. The Shift program collaborates with construction partners to collect and distribute monthly updates on the major public, private and transportation infrastructure projects.

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 info@shiftsandiego.com or text ShiftSD to 797979 for alerts sent directly to your phone.

Mid-Coast Trolley Construction, SANDAG Project

Interstate 5 Trolley Overpass, South of Nobel Drive

In early March, overnight full closures of Interstate 5 (I-5) are scheduled for crews to remove falsework—or temporary support structures—from the Trolley overcrossing south of Nobel Drive. Full closures of northbound I-5 will be in place from State Route 52 to La Jolla Village Drive beginning Sunday, March 1 and continuing through Thursday, March 5. Full closures of southbound I-5 will be in place from the I-5/I-805 split to Gilman Drive beginning Sunday, March 8 and continuing through Thursday, March 12. All closures will be in effect from 9:30 p.m. – 5 a.m. each night. Timing and closures are subject to change. Visit ShiftSanDiego.com for more details.

Along Genesee Avenue

Overnight partial and full closures of Genesee Avenue are tentatively scheduled for mid- to late April. During the closures, crews will be removing falsework from the Trolley bridge at the future UTC Trolley Station and Transit Center. Traffic controls and detour routes will be in place. Additional details will be posted to ShiftSanDiego.com in advance of the closures.

Trolley Underpass, La Jolla Colony Drive

While construction continues, two-way traffic on La Jolla Colony Drive is being maintained. Current activities include concrete placement and underground electrical work. The underpass structure is estimated to be completed by April. Once complete, crews will begin track work in the area as well as roadway restoration work on La Jolla Colony Drive.

Southbound I-5 Auxiliary Lane, Managed by Caltrans and Mid-Coast Trolley Constructors (MCTC)

The southbound I-5/Genesee Avenue Auxiliary Lane project will run under the Voigt Drive overpass and end at the La Jolla Village Drive off-ramp. The new lane will help improve traffic flow and merging patterns on I-5, allowing motorists to remain in one lane from the time they merge onto southbound I-5 from Genesee Avenue to the time they exit onto La Jolla Village Drive. Current construction includes laying asphalt on the shoulder alongside the new lane and electrical work.

Voigt Drive and Campus Point Drive Realignment, SANDAG Project

Voigt Drive will be reconfigured as part of the Campus Point Drive Realignment Project. Bike lanes will be shared with vehicles and pedestrian walkways will be diverted to the northbound side of Voigt Drive in lanes approaching the Voigt Drive bridge. Intermittent nighttime closures of a single lane of Voigt Drive will occur from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. each night from February through August 2020 for concrete work, asphalt work, trenching and landscaping on site.



UCCA and community leaders attend F-35C brief at MCAS Miramar

UCCA's Diane Ahern and CASA's Ron Belanger attended the F-35C aircraft introductory brief at MCAS Miramar in January. Speakers included Major Gen. Kevin M. Iiams (left), Col. Charles B. Dockery, and U.S. Rep. Scott Peters.

- Major General Kevin M. Iiams, Commanding General, Third Marine Aircraft Wing, provided an overview of the capabilities of the F-35C and its strategic importance to national security and to the Marine Corps. He also mentioned that the F-35C is used by both Navy and Marine pilots and this will enhance the relationship between the Navy and the Marine Corps.
- Colonel Charles Dockery, Commanding Officer, MCAS Miramar, provided an overview of the soon-to-be released AICUZ (Air Installation Compatibility Use Zones) document. He emphasized that the AICUZ is a DoD document that helps to ensure that development does not occur in areas adjacent to MCAS Miramar that could encroach on training and on national security.
- Congressman Scott Peters, representing the 52nd District, emphasized his long-standing support of the F-35 aircraft at MCAS Miramar. He also mentioned there is need for continued improvements in the relationships between MCAS Miramar and residents in the surrounding community.

In other aviation safety news, Congressman Scott Peters, representing the 52nd District, issued the following statement to the University City community related to the Aviation Update 2020 meeting held on January 29. Due to time constraints, community representative Jessica Brown (Jessica.Brown@mail.house.gov) was not able to read this statement from Congressman Peters:

"Thank you for inviting Jessica Brown from my office to attend this important event. I have been, and continue to be, concerned for the safety and quality of life of all residents of University City. As you know, I have met with members of the community, the FAA, and MCAS Miramar leadership to facilitate open communication on this issue. Earlier this month [in January], at my request, Colonel Dockery, the commanding officer of MCAS Miramar, briefed me in my office on recent MCAS Miramar operations and the integration of the F-35.

I asked that he ensure pilots, whether stationed at Miramar or visiting from other bases, are briefed on and adhere to aviation course rules, and he reaffirmed his commitment to doing so. I will also meet with TRACON [Air Traffic Control; provides Terminal Radar Air Traffic Approach CONTROL] for an update. I will continue to communicate with the FAA and the Marines to ensure that aviation safety is always a priority as they complete their national security objectives. Thank you for your continued engagement as a community."

For more information about Aviation Update 2020, visit UCCA's UniversityCityNews.org website and search on "Aviation".

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