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Groundbreaking Ceremony for ImagineUC 2020 in October 2020

by John Lee Evans, San Diego School Board President

Standley Park will have the official groundbreaking of the ImagineUC 2020 project in a modified, social distancing format, on Wednesday, October 7 at 1:00pm. This groundbreaking ceremony for this important joint use project will be attended by school district and city officials. This project has been in the making since 2014 with a dedicated local steering committee consisting of Barry Bernstein, John Lee Evans, Sandy Lippe and Greg Zinser.

The final approval of the construction contract was approved at the school board meeting on September 8, 2020 and construction will begin this fall. The Imagine UC 2020 joint use project construction bid has been combined with the whole site modernization of Spreckels Elementary.

The ImagineUC 2020 project envisions the public area between Standley Middle School and Spreckels Elementary as the central community gathering space. It includes a competitive swimming pool alongside the existing pool, a stage/pavilion for school and community performances, a jogging path around the perimeter of the park and an added grass field at Spreckels Elementary, which will be part of the park when school is not in session.

At Spreckels there will be an expanded parking area at the front of the school for safer drop off of students. This will be done by moving some playground equipment to another part of the campus. The existing classrooms, office and library will be remodeled, including having glass replace some of the concrete walls. There will be a new two story classroom building at the rear of the campus. All of this has been planned with input from the school community, as well as neighbors. Many projects have been completed at UC High and future projects will be done at Standley Middle School, Curie Elementary and Doyle Elementary. These projects are a result of Propositions S and Z, approved by the taxpayers of the San Diego Unified School District.

UCCA Supports COVID-19 Scripps Health Medical Team



UCCA president Barry Bernstein presented Scripps Health official Amber Ter-Vrugt with a \$1,000 donation check for their COVID19 medical team. The donated money was collected by the sale of the "I (Heart) University City" bandanas and a "matched" amount by UCCA.

SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE

Enjoy our special election issue with information on page 4 and candidate statements on pages 5 to 7. The voter registration deadline is October 19. UC's Recreation Centers will also be Super Poll locations, open for voting from October 31 through November 3.

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- Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
- Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com.

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

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UCCA Meeting Synopsis September 9, via Zoom Minutes taken by Jim Beshears, Secretary



LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES:

- Justine Murray, aide to Councilmember Barbara Bry, reported (1) the City-owned public utilities land adjacent to University Gardens Park is not public open space and no trespassing signs have been posted; (2) Speed controls will be installed on La Jolla Colony Dr.; (3) Storm water break on west side of Rose Canyon will be repaired; (4) Parking enforcement will start in October unless extended; (5) Documents regarding the City's lease/purchase of 101 Ash street will be available to the public; (6) Willmark Company was still asserting that no golf course would be part of the development on Gullstrand but no development can continue without an Amendment to the Permit; (7) The Fire Dept. was looking into reported fire hazards at the Town Park Villas; (8) She would investigate and report back on the City charging rent to community groups for use of City owned fields.
- Jessica Brown, aide to Congressman Scott Peters, reported (1) He is sponsoring a Service Academy Information Night on October 7 for those seeking a Service Academy Appointment; (2) He is seeking middle and high school students for the Congressional App Challenge, deadline October 19.
- Matt Gordon, aide to Assemblyman Todd Gloria reported (1) His office was working on legislation to ban puppy mills, protect victims of domestic violence, and promote ethnic studies at public universities; (2) allow businesses that had to shut down due to corona virus to have inside use of 25% for theatres, 25% for restaurants and 10% for gyms; (3) audit the EDD for faster responses to claims.
- Miller Saltzman, aide to State Senator Toni Atkins, reported the senators were working remotely while the Senate was in recess. A number of bills were being worked on including (1) Covid-19 relief act for benefits for tenants and small landlords; (2) funding for schools for protective equipment if reopening; (3) Fund and administer PPP loans for small businesses; (4) provide tax credits for small businesses retaining employees; (3) Accelerate bond funding up to \$540 million for corona virus relief.

OPEN FORUM

Janis Deady suggested buying from local restaurants by either dining in or taking out or there will be more permanent closings. She also raised alternative ways to entertain children on Halloween.
Chris Nielsen, President of UCPG discussed the status of the Avia Development project, the status of the fire station and the Costa Verde project, and open space and conservation goals for the updated Community Plan. Their next meeting is September 29, 2020.

COMMITTEE, MEMBER REPORTS

Diane Ahern reported the UCCA applied for County grants of \$11,000 to provide support for cost of newsletters, street banners, website fees and podcast interviews. The Fire Safe Council completed its first year and is working with the FSC of San Diego County for education on fire prevention, preparation and safety. It is also working to identify egress routes and to address fire safety for the community plan update.

Barbara Gellman reported (1) Neighborhood Watch has been trying to get more involved with the Northern Division of the SDPD and other first responders; (2) looking into a program to increase curb address painting; (3) discussing with SDPD to set up a PERT (Police Enforcement Response Team) to have PERT clinicians assist people after a police call; (4) discussing with the City about removing graffiti.

Merle Langston reported on the completion of median cleanup. The Beautification Committee will look for community sponsors for long term funding for median cleanups.

Don Hotz gave the treasurer's report for August 2020. There is approximately \$8,000 in two reserve accounts. He was authorized to pay a D&O insurance premium, and to pay his nephew \$100 to distribute the Newsletter when Don was on vacation.

Barry Bernstein advised that Scripps Health, who previously donated \$2,500 for the cancelled Summer Concert Series confirmed the money could be used for other Parks and Recreation needs or next year's concerts. He also requested authorization to pay up to \$500 in matching funds to the special fund for employees of Scripps Hospital affected by the corona virus pandemic. The Board approved.



UCCLA President Barry Bernstein

Fall is officially here . . . although we still may have a few more days of warm weather to enjoy. College and professional sports are back, but with their own COVID19 regulations/schedules to follow... and our Padres, (at this writing), who are in the "play-offs", have a shot to make it to the modified/ shortened - season World Series!

San Diego most recently has met the current COVID19 State/County standards and will be allowed to keep many businesses and services open for the public. The conundrum of how best to open schools and to ensure our children are getting the education they need in a safe and healthy environment continues to be a challenge. Kudos to our teachers and our parent/grandparent "substitutes" who are doing their best to implement and support these required "distance-learning" efforts.

Most likely many of us have been pre-occupied with the upcoming November 3 elections. Social unrest/injustice remains a reality and our democratic voting process is being scrutinized. Getting our mail-in ballots, (expected the week of October 5), and reviewing candidate's qualifications and State propositions, and exercising our right to vote is everyone's responsibility.

UCCLA, as part of their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 14, which begins at 6:00pm, and then at 7:00pm, will switch to co-hosting, along with San Diego's League of Women Voters, a forum for our City Council candidates, Joe LaCava and Will Moore. Please plan to join this ZOOM meeting and take the opportunity to send in your questions for the candidates. Take a moment or two to see/read the comments of some of the candidates for public office in San Diego on pages 5 through 7.

On October 7, the official "ground-breaking" of ImagineUC 2020 will take place at Standley Park. This long awaited "joint-use" project, (the construction is funded by previously approved school bond issues, will be maintained and staffed by the City of San Diego), will provide a beautiful new competitive pool/aquatic center, as well as an outdoor pavilion and jogging path. It also includes a major renovation of Spreckels Elementary and building improvements at Standley Middle School.

UCCLA was proud to present Scripps Health with a major donation for their COVID19 medical staff. See page 10. Thank you to those who donated to this cause by purchasing the "I (Heart) University City" bandanas. UCCLA's 2021 membership drive begins this month...please support our efforts in making and keeping University City "more than just a neighborhood", by joining and becoming part of UCCLA.

Thank you...have a fun and SAFE Halloween, ~ Barry

VIRTUAL UCCLA MEETING – October 14

The next UCCLA meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, October 14, starting at 6:00pm – the regular monthly meeting time.

Since libraries are still closed, the meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To participate, join at us02web.zoom.us/j/4690121178

You may also go to zoom.com, and join meeting ID: 469 012 1178

And you can also call in at: 408.638.0968, 4690121178#

Separate registration is required for the San Diego League of Women Voters City Council Candidate Forum starting at 7:00pm. Register at: us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0wsNQ-h9SKC_QppFfx9oxg
We hope to "see" you there!

calendar

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 4 – 10

IMAGINE UC 2020 GROUNDBREAKING

Wednesday, October 7, 1:00pm
Standley Park

COLUMBUS DAY NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

Monday, October 12

UC PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, October 13, 6:00pm
Agendas and meeting information posted on planuniversity.org

UCCLA MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 6:00pm
Zoom.us, meeting ID#469 012 1178

Co-hosting with San Diego League of Women Voters

Forum for City Council Candidates Joe LaCava and Will Moore

7:00pm, register at:
us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0wsNQ-h9SKC_QppFfx9oxg

BOSS'S DAY

Friday, October 16

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, October 18
7:30-9:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

UC COMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 27, 6:00pm
Agendas and meeting information posted on planuniversity.org

UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Contact Rec Center for meeting info:
858.552.1652

HALLOWEEN

Saturday, October 31

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Clocks Fall Back One Hour
Sunday, November 1, 2:00am



TIME TO GET AHEAD JOIN UCCA TODAY!

Now is the time! November may be the month when UCCA traditionally begins our membership drive, but why what? You can join now and check this off your to-do list. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many local events have been postponed or canceled. Despite the pandemic, UCCA continues to publish a print newsletter, host public meetings (via Zoom), and provides news and information to community residents through its email lists, website and social media. Earlier this year, UCCA provided financial contributions to UC High School for its graduation event, to EdUCate! to support the five University City public schools, and sponsored a street median cleanup.

UCCA looks forward to getting back our regular event and project support when restrictions ease. Thank you to all who support University City by joining UCCA. The 2021 membership drive officially kicks off in November. For your convenience, you may join online now through PayPal at www.universitycitynews.org/join-ucca-today/. Or use the membership application coupon below.



San Diego Candidate Forum Schedule

The League of Women Voters (LWV) has long been known for moderating great discussions between candidates. Unfortunately, the pandemic has put a pause on in-person events. One bright spot: it's easier than ever to attend virtual League of Women Voters events such as the Candidate Forums listed here:

- SD Unified School District - Thursday, October 8, 6:00–8:00pm
- SD City Council District 1 – Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 – 8:30pm (sponsored by UCCA)
- SD Mayor - Thursday, October 15, 4:00 – 5:00pm
- City Attorney and US Congress - Monday, October 19, 6:00 – 8:00pm
- SD County Board of Education - Thursday, October 22, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Go to the League calendar to register for any of these and other online events; available at <https://my.lwv.org/california/san-diego>



Registrar Announces Official Mail Ballot Drop-Off and Super Poll Locations

Ballots will be mailed to voters beginning the week of October 5, giving voters nearly a month to mark their ballot and return it before Election Day. The voter registration deadline is October 19 to vote in the November 3, 2020 election. Those who need to vote in person will also have that option. There will be fewer locations than in prior elections, so the location of your assigned poll has most likely changed.

Early Vote-in-Person begins at the Registrar of Voters, 5600 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA, 92123, on October 5, 2020, and continues Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Official Mail Ballot Drop-Off Locations in University City (92122) are open during normal business hours Tuesday, October 6 through November 3, 2020:

- North University Community Library on Judicial Drive
- University Community Library on Governor Drive

Super Poll Locations in University City (92122) are open October 31, November 1, and November 2, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. On Election Day, November 3, Super Poll Locations in University City (92122) are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

- Doyle Recreation Center on Regents Road
- Nobel Recreation Center on Judicial Drive
- Standley Recreation Center on Governor Drive

Learn more about voting in the presidential general election from the Registrar of Voters at sdvote.com or call 858.565.5800.

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University City Community Association 2021 UCCA Membership Application*

2021 Members will receive a 2021 membership card and a special thank-you gift for joining.

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

Please print Name(s) _____

Address _____

Business name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

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

Individual and/or Business members' names will be listed in the newsletter. Please indicate if you do NOT want your name to be listed.

Do NOT list my name. Please make your check payable to UCCA; mail to UCCA, 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 many worthwhile organizations (i.e. public schools' fundraising, Standley Park, EdUCate!, Neighborhood Watch, ImproveUC/UCCF, Buy Local). Plus special projects and activities such as median beautification, painted utility boxes, street banners, 4th of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting, and our monthly newsletter delivered to your home and/or business. (*UCCA membership dues are not tax deductible.)

*This membership is valid for the 2021 calendar year. Thank you for joining UCCA. If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Chairperson Hallie Burch at UCCAmembership@gmail.com.

Candidate Statements: City Attorney



CORY BRIGGS

The two most important jobs for the City Attorney are protecting your family and your wallet. We have lots of laws on the books, but today's politicians refuse to enforce them fully and evenly.

The special interests who control the politicians get special treatment. Now more than ever, you deserve a gatekeeper to protect your family and your wallet from government misconduct, incompetence, and indifference.

Unlike career politicians, I've spent my legal career protecting neighborhoods, voters, and taxpayers from government waste, corruption, and abuses of power. I've always defended the public in making sure that the politicians and special interests follow the law, and I will continue to do so as the next City Attorney.

I respectfully request your vote if you want a City Attorney who will:

- Refuse money from lobbyists, special interests, PACs, political parties, unions, and their bosses.
- Protect you from government waste, abuse, and cover-ups.
- Prosecute lawbreakers outside and inside government.
- Protect public safety and good cops by getting rid of bad cops.
- Defend your neighborhood against greedy corporate speculators, overdevelopment, gentrification, and Big Tech scams.
- Vigorously defend voter-approved pension reforms in court and never take a pension. (Read more at www.CoryBriggs.com/SoQ.)

Because I represent change, I am endorsed by community leaders like former Councilmember Donna Frye, former District Attorney Paul Pflugst, Denise Willett Friedman, Geneviève Jones-Wright, Richard Rider, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, and Save San Diego Neighborhoods.

If you want your City Attorney to enforce the law, then I'd be honored to have you vote for Cory Briggs for City Attorney. www.CoryBriggs.com



MARA ELLIOTT

As City Attorney, my job is to protect San Diego: our families, neighborhoods, and taxpayers. Now, with our communities struggling to get through the current crisis, our work has never been more critical.

I took swift action when coronavirus hit, enacting the city's public health orders, enforcing the eviction moratorium to protect tenants and small businesses, and securing emergency child care for first-responders on the pandemic's frontlines.

We didn't stop there. We cracked down on price-gouging, stopped COVID scammers, and intervened when seniors were exposed to unsafe conditions in independent living facilities.

That's the kind of City Attorney I pledged I'd be when I was first elected, and my commitment hasn't wavered. Protecting the vulnerable. Speaking out for those who aren't being heard. Moving San Diego forward - safer, stronger, and fairer for everyone.

Prior to COVID, I launched California's most effective Gun Violence Restraining Order program. It's saving lives: we've removed over 600 firearms from people who threaten hate crimes, mass shootings, and domestic violence.

I've been a watchdog for taxpayers beating back frivolous lawsuits that could have cost the city millions, negotiating landmark taxpayer protections for San Diego with SDSU West, and making corporate polluters pay to clean up the damage they caused to our bays and waterways.

I'm passionate about serving because for me it's personal. I'm a public school mom, daughter of an immigrant, and I've dedicated my entire legal career to serving the public.

I know firsthand that San Diego families need champions who will fight for them and leaders dedicated to working together to get things done, especially in challenging times.

It's an honor to be trusted by you to protect San Diego as our City's Attorney. I'd be honored to earn your vote once again.

MaraElliott.com

Candidate Statements: San Diego City Council



JOE LA CAVA

After 15 years as a community leader advocating for our neighborhoods and tackling city-wide issues at City Hall, I am ready to be the consensus-builder who will ensure that the City keeps our communities safe, while delivering quality neighborhood services.

I have served on nearly 30 civic boards, local planning groups, and commissions addressing the city budget, land use, infrastructure, public safety, and the environment.

I am ready to take my experience to the City Council and prioritize tackling our infrastructure backlogs, supporting local businesses, and providing sustainable solutions to homelessness.

My priorities for District 1 include delivering superior constituent services, protecting our open spaces, and reducing emergency response times.

In the near term, COVID19, its impact on the budget, and working towards an economic recovery will dominate City Hall discussions.

My priorities for University City are to ensure the Fire Department's rapid response station remains operational until Fire Station 50 is complete and push for the timely completion of the UCSD fire station and the Standley Park improvements. I will continue to work with MCAS Miramar, the city landfill, and push for effective code enforcement and traffic calming.

I have been attending the University Community Plan Update meetings and look forward to working with you to address the community's future while ensuring single-family neighborhoods are protected. I will also help untangle the red tape that hinders UCCA, UCCF, residents, and businesses from improving their neighborhoods.

University City's wonderful open spaces are a great asset for the neighborhoods and city. I will ensure these open spaces are protected for next generations. But, we have to remain vigilant in taking proactive measures to protect residents from potential fires, and I will work with the Fire Safe Council to improve education and prevention.

I hope to earn your vote. Please visit www.JoeLaCava.com.



WILL MOORE

Will Moore is a small business attorney, a father, and community leader who has dedicated his life to the advancement of entrepreneurs, charitable causes, and working families. He was raised by his mother and grandmother in an economically devastated neighborhood in Macon, Georgia. More than half of his freshman classmates in high school would drop out before graduation.

But Will got a scholarship to a good public university, Georgia Tech, enabling him to be the first in his family to graduate from college. After college, Will joined the Peace Corps and was deployed to Tambacounda, Senegal where he taught small business techniques to entrepreneurs. After returning at the end of his tour, Will enrolled at Columbia Law.

A former resident of University City, he has lived in District One for a decade and a half where he has run his law firm and raised his son.

He is active in the community as, among other things, a longtime member of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, a founding board member of the San Diego Leadership Alliance and the American Constitution Society and a founding member of Business For Good. Will has also done extensive pro bono legal work for nonprofits and business organizations throughout the city.

As a councilmember, he will pull self-dealing special interests out of the shadows and make our city a place that works for all of us. University City, the neighborhood heart of the district, faces major issues in the next decade.

We need to manage our traffic problems, finally get our utilities underground, and preserve our precious greenspace all while ensuring that we can house our young graduates and remain the hub of the region's most vibrant research facilities and industries.

Let's reform San Diego and make it a city our kids can live in.

mooreforsandiego.com

Candidate Statements: Mayor**Barbara Bry**

After a career as a small business owner in the technology sector, I ran for City Council in 2016.

I was astonished to get to City Hall and find a culture of no accountability and no transparency; a place where major decisions are made behind closed doors.

I challenged this culture immediately. I was the first elected official to oppose the Soccer City land grab.

I demanded an independent audit of the water department when customers were being over billed and were not being taken seriously.

I was the first elected official to speak out against the 101 Ash Street transaction.

As Mayor, my priorities are to:

- Lead an inclusive economic recovery
- Stand up to Sacramento politicians who want to eliminate single-family zoning and take away local control of land use.
- Run the city in a fiscally responsible way—no more 101 Ash Street deals—and prioritize the quality of life in our neighborhoods—the frustration with parking, impacts of homelessness, short term rentals and code enforcement.

Working with a diverse group of community leaders, small business owners, and tech and biotech entrepreneurs, I have written a Roadmap to Recovery to address how I will lead our city past the current economic disruption and to address existing inequities that Covid-19 has magnified.

I will bring my years of experience in business, the nonprofit sector, and government to leading our city.

Please join me. Together we can fix this.

barbarabry.com

**Todd Gloria**

We have experienced cataclysmic change since the COVID-19 pandemic struck in March. This disease has quickly taught us the fragility of every social structure on which we rely. COVID-19 has taken hundreds of lives, sickened thousands, and brought our economy to its knees.

Every community has been impacted – University City is no exception. In fact, it is representative of many communities throughout our city that are going to need the next Mayor to help lift them up.

It's important to remember that San Diego has experienced these kinds of crises before. When we faced financial crisis during the Great Recession, I led our city's Budget Committee to stabilize the city's finances and turn deficits into surpluses. When a former Mayor faced scandal and resigned, I stepped up as Interim Mayor to restore the city's trust in government and author a groundbreaking climate action plan.

Now more than ever, we need steady leadership and vision to bring our city together and protect people's health, strengthen our economy, and make sure you and your family can make ends meet during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. If there is any silver lining, it's in the opportunity we have in our recovery. Our recovery requires a deep investment in what makes us a truly great city – the people who live here.

For University City and as your Mayor, we will make intelligent and sensible investments in our schools, neighborhood and transportation infrastructure, housing and homelessness, as well as our small businesses. Our challenges in responding to the pandemic are undoubtedly great. But respond we must with everything we can muster.

This is no time for partisanship or politics -- we must come together. I'm up to the challenge as your Mayor, and I hope you will join me.

toddgloria.com



Neighborhood Watch News

by Barbara Gellman

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2020

National Night Out is a national date of support to celebrate police-community partnerships, crime, drug and violence prevention, safety and neighborhood unity and University City has been very actively involved in this event

through Neighborhood Watch, a program of our University City Community Association (UCCA).

Normally it would have taken place on August 4 but due to the pandemic, it was postponed to October 6. Unfortunately, we still cannot gather in large groups as we have in previous years and the police officers will not be available to stop and chat. We will miss this neighborly gathering over food and conversation.

The one thing we can do is on October 6, make sure we have our lights on starting at 7:00pm, sit outside in the driveway or front lawn and/or walk past a few homes to chat with people, at a distance, with masks. We can also commit to continuing the support for our police and neighbors. Being the extra eyes and ears of a community is a worthy task and all of you who are part of Neighborhood Watch are to be applauded for your persistence and commitment to this mission; it has made a difference for our law enforcement community and our neighborhood.

PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

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

1. Tracking numbers let you see when your package is supposed to arrive. This gives you the ability to pick up the package immediately upon delivery or to set up an alternate method of pick up.
2. Ask your neighbor to please pick the package up for you or Leave a note on your door instructing the carrier, where to leave the package or request the delivery to be at a location where somebody will be home.
3. Request a "Signature Delivery Option." This ensures the package will not be left on your doorstep. If you are unable to sign, the package will be taken to the post/carrier office.
4. Request a specific drop off time when you will be home.
5. Use a post office box and pick up all your packages there.
6. Have packages delivered to your workplace if possible.
7. If purchasing something online from a large retailer, have the item delivered to a local branch of the store so you can pick it up in person.
8. Request that the shipper holds the package at their facility for pick up.
9. Use Nextdoor.com to communicate any suspicious vehicles seen roaming the neighborhood after delivery times, take pictures if possible.
10. Call 911 if you see a theft occur and report all package thefts to San Diego Police 619.531.2000 or online 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.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - NEED TO KNOW

Every 2-3 months, the Captain of each police division (there are 9), has a meeting of representatives of their community, to discuss problems or concerns within that community; from the eyes on the ground. In most cases, Neighborhood Watch Coordinators, town council representatives, a UTC mall director and other community participants, compose the group. This group is named the Citizens Advisory Board or CAB for short and I have been attending for many years with periodic reports in our newsletter or emails to the Neighborhood Watch Captains who in turn will send out to their neighbors.

This month's meeting was held via Zoom with Capt. Novak hosting along with other police officers in the division and special guests, Mr. Wes. Albers, the Community /Law Enforcement Liaison for the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) and Lt. Ernesto Servin, an Investigative Lieutenant at Northern. Lt. Jason Scott and Officer Melanie Bognuda are the divisional liaisons for PERT. This is a non- profit, organization that contracts with the County of San Diego to provide licensed mental health clinicians to assist law enforcement with field evaluations of people who might be suffering from a mental health crisis.

According to Mr. Albers, there are 72 budgeted PERT clinicians throughout San Diego. These are the trained mental health professionals who partner with the police and sheriff to assist with citizens who may be suffering from a mental health crisis.. They will accompany the police on a call that might need their expertise due to behavior concerns. They themselves are not police officers. Northern Division now has four budgeted PERT clinicians who can assess and help stabilize a situation; they do not do case management but they can do referrals to other resources that might also help a person. The City of San Diego EMS now has 2 clinicians assigned to their department. Since January of 2020 PERT has responded to nearly 17,500 calls for behaviors where they have been identified as a helpful resource, so they are a great benefit to our police. If you see some behavior where someone appears to present a danger to themselves or a danger to others, you could request a PERT response along with the law enforcement when reporting to SDPD dispatch at 619.531.2000 for non-emergencies or 911 for an emergency.

The beach and bay have many challenging issues that require 3 beach teams plus a boat team to handle the alcohol, parking, scooter enforcement, boat rescues and citizen warnings.

The car racing issue was discussed and according to our police, "car clubs", mostly from the North are the culprits. Call as soon as you know about or see this type of behavior; they move around the city using social media to decide where to meet and race.

Continue to report graffiti using the "Get it Done" app. Include photos since graffiti can be tracked based on style.

All divisions send out patrols but that is not enough to cover a community, that's part of our job; see something, say something. Capt. Novak and the other officers are grateful for the support from our community in the form of cards, emails and food. I've asked what else can we do or what else do they need and right now, nothing other than to continue reporting and giving our support.

BIKE THEFT (info from Lt. Lisa McKean)

Please make sure you write down the serial number of any bike you own. If your bike does not have one, engrave a unique number on it, so that if the worst should occur and it is stolen, we have a way to trace it back to you. Often times we locate the stolen property, but have difficulty locating the owner. A serial number/unique identifier makes this a much easier task. Taking pictures of your bike is also extremely helpful.



UC Little League

*An update from Ryan Preston,
UCLL President*

We at University City Little League (UCLL) hope that you and your family are doing well in these strange and trying times. We wanted to connect with you to provide an update about UCLL as well as make an “ask” in the hope that we can continue to keep the

UCLL tradition in University City alive and well for our kids!

As an update, due to COVID-19 and also the plans for our local parks, the UCLL Board of Directors made the difficult decision to cancel our Fall 2020 Programs. We did so with a heavy heart but also knowing that it was in the best interest of UCLL and most importantly the kids. That being said, we now have more time – and hopefully energy – to devote to planning the upcoming Spring 2021 Programs and even more importantly the trajectory of UCLL. We remember fondly how excited all the kids were on Opening Day 2020. We hope to have an even bigger and better celebration (plus more) in 2021. We will be in touch shortly regarding the Spring 2021 Programs and sign-up information!

Now the “ask.” Many may not know, but UCLL is run 100% by volunteers. These are parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and even just folks in the neighborhood who love baseball and kids. We cannot survive as an organization without volunteers. In the last few years, we have seen many of our volunteers move on as their children have grown or other commitments have arisen. We are now at a real turning point for UCLL. We need more volunteers to join the UCLL Board of Directors. Board members need no prior experience and need not even understand the game of baseball. All Board members need is a good sense of humor and literally just an hour or so per month. There are innumerable positions current open and in need of a volunteer. Many (if not most) of these positions do not require any significant time commitment or expertise. Some are as in-depth as Treasurer. Others are as simple as handing out flyers at a school. Any there are many in-between. Like fundraising? We have a position. Like to work outside? We have a position. Like to coach? We have a position. Like to run a small restaurant? We have a position. Please contact us to volunteer your time to ensure that UCLL is there for your child and in the future. We look forward to hearing from you and are happy to answer any questions.

So, if you would like to volunteer or nominate someone you know to serve on the Board, please contact Ryan Preston and you/they will be invited to the zoom meeting to be approved to serve on the UCLL Board. Our Annual Meeting and Election will take place on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held via zoom, but when things open up again, we hold monthly Board meetings at Round Table Pizza (Free beer and pizza...). This is a truly pivotal point in UCLL’s history and if we do not get people to join this great organization and give back to our neighborhood program, there is a risk the whole league could fold over the next few years!!! Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Available Positions: Treasurer, Sponsorship Coordinator, Uniforms, Scorekeeper Coordinator, Equipment Coordinator, Division Player Agent, Youth Umpire Coordinator, Opening Day Coordinator, Parent Party Coordinator, Pictures & Trophies Coordinator, Field Maintenance (Several Fields), Challenger Agent Community Outreach, Coaching Coordinator.

If interested, contact president@ucll.org, or 858.775.9223. More info at ucll.org.

UNIVERSITY CITY PLANNING GROUP UPDATE

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

At the UCPG meeting on September 15 the following topics of interest to the community were discussed:

- Costa Verde Revitalization
- The golf course at the Avia development in south UC.
- The process for designing a new Fire Station for UC San Diego.

The UCPG delayed its September 8, 2020 meeting by one week to September 15, 2020, in order to be able to consider responses to the UCPG comment letter in the Final Environmental Impact Report from the city for its recommendation. The UCPG also wanted its recommendation to be available to the Planning Commission when the project was heard on September 24. The project was discussed with comments ranging from the disposition of storm water from the McDonalds and Gas Station/Car wash (which will operate during construction) to traffic demand management (TDM), increasing bike/walking/transit use, and the desirability of adding density near transit. A final project recommendation to approve the project (178,000 sq. ft. retail, 40,000 sq. ft. office, 360,000 sq. ft. R&D, and 200 room hotel) passed by a vote of 10 yes, 3 no, and 1 recusal. The UCPG also recommended that the bicycle track be extended to the south side of Nobel allowing safe travel by bikes in both directions, extending TDM monitoring by the City for five years to better gauge progress after completion, and to consider connection of the storm water from the Gas Station/Car Wash and McDonalds to the new Costa Verde storm water collection system as soon as the project is complete.

On September 24, 2020, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the project as presented to the City Council with the addition of the UCPG recommendation of five years of TDM monitoring and recommending additional trees be added to the project to improve the tree canopy.

The golf course and construction activity (or lack of it) at the Willmark Avia property in south UC has been a continual concern for the community since late November of 2019. Justine Murray, Barbara Bry’s community representative, said that Development Services has confirmed that a golf course is required under the Conditional Use Permit for the Avia property. Willmark, the developer and owner, has stated through its representative, Beth Binger, that there will be no golf course going forward, and ongoing redevelopment of the property shows this to be their intent. Justine said that Councilmember Bry’s office will pursue aggressive code enforcement with the Mayor’s office to try and get this issue resolved. The UCPG has on multiple occasions said that Willmark should apply to the City to amend their Permit and remove the golf course if they do not intend to keep and maintain it.

In 2019, UC San Diego deeded land near Genesee and North Torrey Pines together with a sum of money to the City to construct a new fire station. The City has established a new method of community involvement in providing input on the design and materials for new Fire Stations. This will include community presentations and a recommendation vote by individual community members. The city will begin this process at the UCPG meeting on October 13. The UCPG requested that the City come back to present the project to the UCPG next year to gather additional community input and obtain a final community project recommendation (as would be the case for any major project in the plan area).



CDC Shares Guidance for a Safe and Healthy Halloween

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends lower risk activities as safe alternatives:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with
- Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house

More information is available on the CDC website at www.cdc.gov.



Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Updates Meeting Procedures for Community Recreation Groups

From Jerry Abbott, Area Manager II (OCA), City of San Diego Parks and Recreation, University City Area: Recently the City's Parks and Recreation Department made a modification to their Community Recreation Group (CRG) meeting procedures to allow for meetings to be conducted via Zoom. The Standley Park CRG meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of the month, and the next meeting is Thursday, October 22 at 7 PM. Please contact Standley Center Director Roger Hughes at RHughes@sandiego.gov or 858-552-1652 for an invite to the Zoom meeting. For more information regarding Community Recreation Groups, visit www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/general-info/boards/crg

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The EdUCate! Foundation for University City Public Schools is asking for your help this fall. Sadly, there will be no Oktoberfest fundraiser but the NEED IS STILL THERE, especially for virtual teaching, e-learning and necessary equipment.

**A donation of a Dollar-a-Day of \$365 supports 1 Teacher
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You can also participate in our online auction, October 10 - 18, and win great items and packages from Trader Joes, VONS, Bristol Farms, San Diego International Film Festival, golf, local artists, and many more while helping our UC schools. Go to uceducate.org to donate and bid. Call 858.677.0989 if you have questions. Remember, strong schools help keep our community strong!



SHREDFEST RETURNS

Coldwell Banker University City and Guaranteed Rate Mortgage are sponsoring our annual "Shredfest" on October 3, 9:00am -12 noon in the Coldwell Banker parking lot, 3959 Governor Dr-in the VONS Center.

They are hiring a professional document shredding truck so bring your unwanted documents to shred for free. You can even watch your files turn into confetti. We are serving all of University City so please respect a three box limit. Also, please be safe and wear a mask!



Drive-In Movies at Westfield UTC

During the month of September, the San Diego International Film Festival group presented Drive-In movies at the Westfield UTC parking lot. Movies included Knives Out, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, The Man from U.N.C.L.E., and Yesterday. The 2020 re-imagined San Diego International Film Festival will be held from October 15-18, and presents more than 70 features, documentaries and shorts online and once again on the big screen at the Festival Drive-In Movies at Westfield UTC. There will also be live streaming and on demand viewing for industry panels and live chats with filmmakers. Go to sdfilmfest.com for info and tickets.



Flu Shot is Critical During COVID-19 Pandemic to Reduce Illness and Strain on Hospitals

Scripps Health urges early Flu Shot before the season intensifies. Being vaccinated against influenza is a smart thing to do every year, but getting the flu shot this year is especially important because the illness will be circulating alongside coronavirus, which could strain health care resources across the country.

Symptoms for flu, such as fever, coughing, headache and fatigue, are very similar to those for COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, and both viruses attack the respiratory system. It remains unclear how the two viruses might interact or affect overall sickness when infecting the same person.

Siu Ming Geary, MD, an internal medicine physician with Scripps indicates that it is possible to get both the coronavirus and the flu at the same time; and that both can result in severe illness and complications, including hospitalization and death. While there is not a readily available vaccine for coronavirus, getting vaccinated for influenza is the best thing you can do to protect yourself from getting the flu. For more information about how to obtain the flu vaccine this year, visit www.scripps.org/news_items



Take a look!

Can you find them?

Two New Owl Boxes Installed at Standley Park

Two owl boxes were installed at Standley Park in August, both of which were donated by community members. The next time you're at the park, take a look. One is in a tree on the west side of Swanson pool and the other is in a tree along the fence line to the south. Both are visible from the picnic tables adjacent to the gazebo. Thanks go to Parks and Recreation, to Don Hotz, and to Robert Wiegand and UCCF.





Fire Safe Council in University City

by Diane Ahern

Our local Fire Safe Council has spent its first year focused on education related to fire prevention, preparation, and safety with monthly articles and news in the print newsletter and posted on UCCA's University City News website. The Fire Safe Council is part of a

network of Councils in San Diego City and County and throughout the state of California.

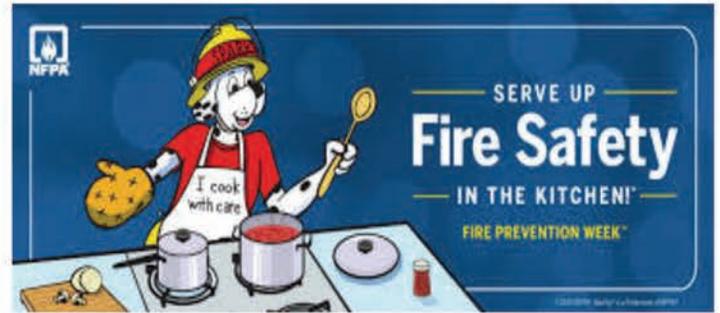
Fast forward to today, and the Fire Safe Council in University City is currently looking to continue its education efforts, to expand to the University City area north of Rose Canyon to encompass our entire UCPG planning group area, to create its own website, to identify egress routes, and to support the community plan update subcommittee when it addresses fire safety in the new community plan.

If you would like to get involved with the local Fire Safe Council in University City, please contact Jemma Samala at jemmasamala@gmail.com.

Be Prepared for a Disaster

September was *National Preparedness Month*! Here are tips from the San Diego County's Office of Emergency Services to help you be better prepared for emergencies or disasters. Disasters won't wait – be ready today!

- **Make a Personal Disaster Plan** and talk about it with your family, loved ones and members of your household in advance. Available to download for free in 11 languages at ReadySanDiego.org.
- **Put together an emergency supplies kit or "go bag"** with enough supplies to last you and each member of your household for at least three to five days after a disaster, like a wildfire. Review your kit every six months to replace expired items and reevaluate your needs. Place it in a sturdy, easy-to-transport container, like a plastic bin or suitcase. And don't forget your pets!
- **Most importantly, register your cell phone and email with AlertSanDiego** to get evacuations and other protective actions you should take if a disaster were to impact your area. Listed and unlisted landline phone numbers are already registered in the system, however, cell phones are not and must be registered separately. Registration is simple and only take a minute at ReadySanDiego.org/alertsandiego.
- **We also recommend downloading the no-cost SD Emergency App**, available in English and Spanish, to your mobile devices to get regional disaster updates, preparedness information, interactive preparedness checklists, recovery information, and more.
- **Use the Know Your Hazards Map Tool**, which allows them to type in any address within the county to discover their level of risk for wildfire, earthquakes, tsunamis and flooding as well as the specific actions they should take to prepare.
- **Visit ReadySanDiego.org or ListoSanDiego.org** (in Spanish) to learn more about the hazards we face in San Diego County and how you can be better prepared for each.



Celebrate Fire Prevention Week and "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen"

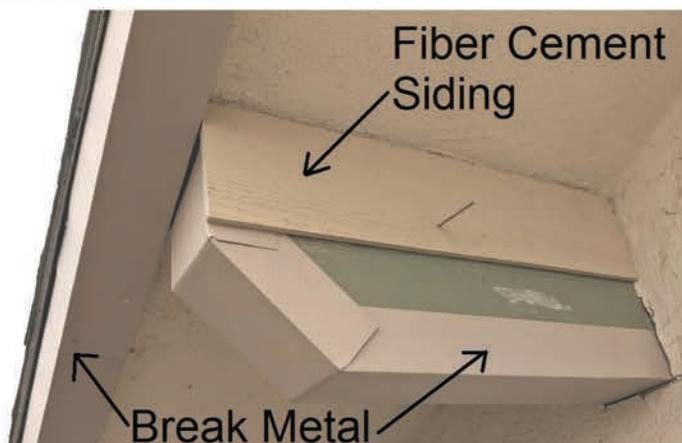
by Diane Ahern

Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2020. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen, and two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

You can do a lot to prevent kitchen fires. Although you can't remove every possible source of a kitchen fire, you can minimize fire risks by removing hazards and maintaining your kitchen. Follow these prevention tips to keep your kitchen safe:

- Keep appliances serviced, clean, and in good repair. Dump the crumb tray and clean out the toaster crumbs periodically from the toaster or toaster oven. Wipe out the microwave. Clean the oven. Unplug any appliances that start acting funny, then have them repaired or replace them.
- Unplug electric appliances when not in use. Toaster ovens, mixers, coffee makers, and so on, continue to draw electricity even when they're not turned on. So if the wiring is old or faulty, or if the thermostat overheats, a fire could break out.
- Install a smoke detector near, but not in the kitchen. You don't want the small amount of smoke or steam that cooking sometimes generates to constantly trigger the alarm — but you do want it to sense an actual kitchen fire.
- Use caution when lighting the pilot light or burner on a gas stove. Follow the manufacturer's instructions
- Don't use metal in the microwave. The sparks can turn into fire or can seriously damage your microwave.
- Don't overfill pots or pans with oil or grease. The hot oil or grease, like in this figure, can splatter and cause a fire.
- Wipe up spills and don't cook on a dirty stove. Grease buildup is flammable. A clean stove is a fire-free stove.
- Always roll up long sleeves and tie back long hair when cooking. You don't need your beautiful flowing silk sleeves trailing in the spaghetti sauce, and you certainly don't need to catch on fire!
- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen, especially if you're cooking in grease or if the oven is at a very high heat. Turn off the burner or oven if you need to leave the house or get caught up in a phone call.
- Keep dish towels, pot holders, and paper towels away from the stove. You might have left a burner on by accident, and built-up heat could ignite combustibles left near or on the stove or oven.

For more information, visit www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week



Should We Try and Fireproof Our Houses?

by Louis Rodolico, Member Fire Safe Council of UC

The recent California wildfires have reduced entire neighborhoods to ashes. This begs the question; Can we do anything to improve the survivability of our houses during a conflagration? The city fire department assessed our house a few years ago and they gave us some basics. Remove all; trees, brush and low growth close to your exterior walls and replace or cover combustible components on the outside of your home with non-combustible materials.

Let's take one component like soffit vents. In 2007 the city of San Diego greatly improved its municipal code and eliminated soffit vents. If you look under the eaves of your house you may see soffit vents that are slots designed to allow air to flow into the attic or roof cavity for ventilation. These soffit vents are also an efficient path for fire embers to enter the structure. They should be replaced with a soffit vent that can resist the intrusion of embers and flame. See more at: fire.ca.gov.

In San Diego most wildfires will travel east to west. We are putting much of our effort on the east facade. After our fire department assessment we began the process of removing plants near the house and began covering all exposed wood trim with break metal. We will also replace combustible exterior wall panels with fiber cement siding (Hardie). We will replace existing soffit vents with 4" x 22" "wildfire rated vents" at about \$40 each. Covering over exterior wood components is a fussy job. The attached illustration shows one method with the fascia wrapped in break metal and wood outrigger brackets covered in break metal and fiber cement panel. This will go a long way to slow the intrusion of both fire and insects.

When we are finished there will be no combustible materials on the outside of our house. But with all this effort one can only extend the amount of time a structure can survive the sheer brutality of a conflagration. The more houses that are fire hardened then the greater the possibility many will survive, this will also improve responder safety and effectiveness.

If you think a conflagration cannot happen here you are mistaken. Had the winds from the east persisted a few hours longer in the 2003 Cedar Fire, University and Clairemont neighborhoods would have caught fire.

If, in the future, a conflagration approaches University City authorities will issue an evacuation order. Fire upgrades are not an absolute guarantee, but they will improve the chance that, when the firestorm is over, we will have a livable house to return to.



How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

by Bill Beck, Fire Safe Council of UC, Retired Fire Chief

Having a fire extinguisher won't help you much when you need it most if you don't also understand how it works and how to use it. "PASS" is a simple acronym used to describe the four basic steps in using a fire extinguisher:

PULL the pin. All fire extinguishers have a pin at the top that has to be removed before the extinguisher can be used.

AIM at the base of the fire. Never aim at the flame itself.

SQUEEZE the handle. That releases the fire retardant in the extinguisher.

SWEEP from side to side. Again, keep aiming at the base of the fire until it is out. Even then, keep the extinguisher at the ready and your eye on the area in case the fire re-ignites.

A portable fire extinguisher can be a life and property saver if used to attack a smaller, still contained blaze. However, a fire that has begun to spread will overmatch even the most powerful portable fire extinguisher. In such cases, the most important thing to do is to look first to your safety and the safety of others by conducting an orderly retreat until you are out of harm's way. Here are some things that experts say to look for and consider:

- Read the instructions on your fire extinguisher so you know what to do in an emergency. Understand the label. Fire extinguishers are labeled to identify what type of fires they are intended to fight. Most homeowners should opt for a Class "A/B/C" combo extinguisher.
- Fire extinguishers are worse than useless if they are not ready to go when fire strikes. Most have gauges, and you should check those monthly to make sure your extinguisher is fully charged. Proper maintenance is key.
- Take steps to protect yourself when using one. Keep yourself between the fire and your quickest escape route at all times in case things get out of hand. Don't try to use a fire extinguisher if there's too much smoke in the area.
- While it's possible to protect your property with a fire extinguisher, it's more important to protect yourself and your family. Have an escape plan for every location in your home, along with a pre-arranged meeting spot.

San Diego Public Library News and Events from University Community Branch Library Manager Melissa Martin. To find out the most current information about these programs and other events at the San Diego Public Library, follow us on Facebook or check our website: www.sandiego.gov/public-library.

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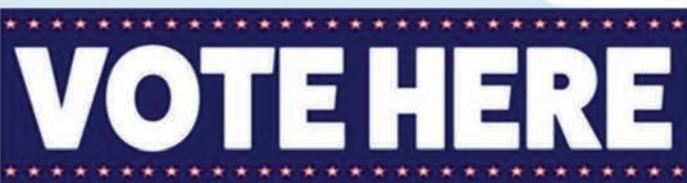
at the San Diego Public Library



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It has been quite an unusual year and so much has changed since we last saw you at the library in March 2020. For library staff, the best part has been the start of the Library Pickup Service in August. We are happy to see so many familiar faces and to send you home with new reading material! With the start of the new school year, we are facing a whole new set of challenges and opportunities.

We have included some resources and activities below that we think you will find useful and engaging. We hope we will continue to see many more of you at the library on Governor Dr. Place your book holds in the online catalog and once the materials arrive, you can pick them up Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, go to: www.sandiego.gov/public-library



Mail Ballot Drop-Off locations for the 2020 Presidential General Election:

All City libraries will participate in the Mail Ballot Drop-Off program, which runs from Tuesday, October 6th through Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd. Signed, sealed and dated mail ballot envelopes may be dropped off Monday through Friday 10:30am to 5:30pm. On Election Day, all libraries will be available for mail ballot drop-off from 7:00am to 8:00pm. We ask that mail ballots be placed in the official mail ballot drop-box, and not the library book drop. Questions regarding the Mail Ballot Drop-Off program should be directed to the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters 858.565.5800.



Celebrate Latinx Heritage Month:

San Diego Public Library celebrates the rich heritage, cultures, experiences, contributions and resilience of our Latinx, Latino-identified and Hispanic communities. Join us in the celebration by checking out our diverse program offerings or reading a book from our staff-created Latinx Heritage Month book lists. For more information, go to: www.sandiego.gov/public-library/latinx-heritage-month.

Do Your Homework @ the Library

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Virtual Homework Help:

The Do Your Homework @ the Library Virtual Homework Help is available six days a week to serve K-8th grade students. Homework help is available to students and their families for free.

Math, English and science help will be available everyday Monday-Thursday from 10:00am to 1:00pm, and from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. Additional help in Spanish and weekend hours are available. Email registration is required to connect with the DYH@L Virtual Homework Help program.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering as a homework coach, contact the Do Your Homework @ the Library program at 619.238.6687. For more information, go to: www.sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsandteens/homework

One Book ONE SAN DIEGO 2020 Selections



One Book, One San Diego:

Each year, One Book, One San Diego features a literary work for adults, young adults, kids, and Spanish language readers. For adult readers, Spanish readers and young adult readers; this year's selection is *They Called Us Enemy* (Nos Llamaron Enemigo) by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, Steven Scott and Harmony Becker.

For children, the selection is *Write to Me* by Cynthia Grady and illustrated by Amiko Hirao. For more information, go to: www.sandiego.gov/public-library/onebook



Rise Up with George Takei:

On Activism, Democracy, and Incarceration of Japanese Americans; Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 6:00 - 7:00pm. With his latest release, "They Called Us Enemy," actor, author, and activist George Takei shines further light on his experience in a frank and accessible way for readers of all ages. In "Rise Up with George Takei," we discuss his experiences and how he (and we) can use our voices to rise up against injustice and inequality. For more information, go to: www.sandiego.gov/public-library/onebook

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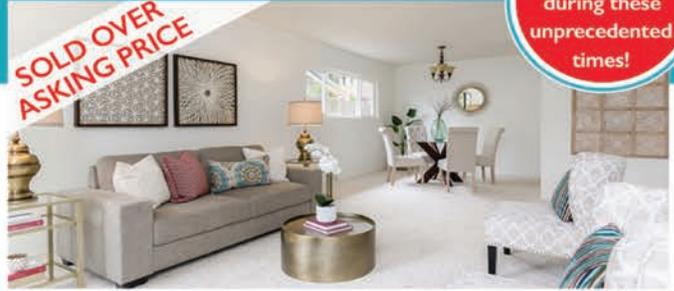


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