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Ready for 2021: Join UCCA Today 2021's membership drive officially kicks off in November

Now is the time! November is the month to join UCCA or renew your membership for the 2021 calendar year. During the past year, even during COVID-19, UCCA membership dues were used to provide support and funding for many of the events and worthwhile organizations that make us all proud to call University City our home.

UCCA has transitioned to Zoom monthly meetings, where UCCA continues to provide a forum for residents to discuss concerns such as neighborhood safety, traffic issues, local development, neighborhood cleanup, and more. The monthly gatherings are a chance to hear regular updates from local law enforcement and fire/rescue officers, and state and local leaders.

Newsletter History Lesson: UCCA has continued to provide a monthly newsletter provided free of charge to UC residents, delivered by volunteers. The UCCA newsletter was first printed in 2002, when UCCA was revived in March of that year. The "can do" spirit of UC residents launched the first edition in May 2002 – a simple two-sided page filled with information about the re-ignited UCCA, the first street banners, community clean up, free street trees, the Garden Club, and the new website. Sixteen volunteers responded to the call to deliver the newsletters, with Tom Ventimiglia placing the first ad. By the second edition, it was a four page publication, and by the first year there were 100 volunteers. Ad revenues offset part of the printing costs, with membership dues covering the rest – as it does today.

Fast forward 18 years later, the newsletter has grown to 20 pages, and in full color. We regularly have over 100 volunteers delivering 6,000 copies. The website is continually updated with local and regional news. We have expanded communications through use of social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and developed UC Talks podcasts. Many UC groups were formed out of needs brought up by UCCA – UC Community Foundation, Neighborhood Watch, Fire Safe Council of UC.

Help UCCA continue the work, and become a UCCA member! Join at universitycitynews.org (find the "Join UCCA Today" tab), or send in the enclosed membership envelope today! Thank you!

University City Shows Up to Support Local Rabbi with Message: All Are Welcome Here



Many in the UC community were shocked upon hearing about an attack on local Rabbi Yonatan Halevy in October. Since then, an outpouring of support has been shown to the Rabbi and our local Jewish community. Please see accompanying articles on pages 4 and 10.



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Be the Eyes and Ears of UC: The University City Community Association Newsletter is comprised of information sent to the editor. The association does not have reporters, photographers or staff. You are welcome to write and submit articles and story suggestions that pertain to community and residents.

Guidelines:

- Your article should be approximately 250 words or less, sent in a Word document and attached to an email.
- 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.
- UCCA does not guarantee publication.
- 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 DECEMBER issue: NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the December issue is November 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 October 14, via Zoom

Minutes taken by Jim Beshears, Secretary



Discussion Regarding Assault on Rabbi Halevy

SDPD Report: Three officers of SDPD, led by Captain Matt Novak, explained that Rabbi Yonatan Halevy was attacked on October 10, 2020, outside the Market Place Shopping Center where he leads a synagogue. He was knocked to the ground and racial epithets were made by a juvenile boy. Not much more could be said as there was an ongoing investigation. Capt. Novak apologized for the delay in officers showing up and how they handled the situation. He did not know prior but has come to learn of other incidents of harassment and vandalism that may be related to the October 10 attack.

Numerous (12) community members appeared via zoom and asked questions or made statements concerning the matter. Included was Rabbi Halevy expressing appreciation for the community and follow up police response. Also appearing was Officer Bognuda discussing increased patrols of the Chabad Center, the synagogue and the shopping center. Margaret Sullivan, the agent for the owners of The Market Place said they would do what they can to ensure safety, including hiring private security.

PUBLIC FORUM

William Beck of the UC Fire Safe Council stated the Council was working on a set of recommendations that people should follow to cut their fire risk. Still under development, but a few are: (1) Follow plans for an emergency exit in event of fires; (2) Have emergency supplies; (3) Plan where to go and get around in the dark; (4) If fire in the home, cover mouth with a wet cloth, close all doors, jam wet cloths around doors if one cannot get out; (5) stay low when moving around; (6) Have carbon monoxide and smoke detectors and check them monthly.

Cory Briggs, candidate for City Attorney, presented his position on what he would do as City Attorney. He also said to check your water rates once the Pure Water system was operating.

Janice Deady reported that a pipeline had been laid down the west side of the golf course off Gullstrand owned by Willmark. Its purpose and effect on reopening the golf course is uncertain. She also reported an eroded ravine that had a lot of water in it during the rainy season.

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

Justine Murray, assistant to Barbara Bry, reported that the SDFD code compliance unit investigated the property on Gullstrand owned by Willmark for fire danger. It issued a Notice of Violation and Willmark had 30 days to comply.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

1. Diane Ahern reported that the banners around UC need to be replaced with the change of seasons, and to remove them before construction at the Costa Verde Center. The sum of \$1,370 was approved for the change-over to current seasonal banners.
2. Don Hotz presented the Financial Report for September 2020. It was approved by the Board.

The next meeting will be held on November 11, 2020 via zoom at 6:00pm. Meeting ID# 817 0584 1972



UCCA President Barry Bernstein

Hi Everyone,

November has snuck up on us, with cooler weather on the way and with a modified Halloween having been celebrated, we now are awaiting results from National, State, and local elections.

COVID19's impact has apparently not lessened, and we mourn the many deaths of

innocent victims here in San Diego, the United States and around the world. Keeping positive just isn't an easy thing to do these days.

Locally, UCCA provided an excellent candidate's forum last month in coordination with San Diego's League of Women Voters, AND a very important public meeting with the San Diego Police related to the incident involving the rabbi of the Shiviti congregation. Thanks to Tama Becker-Varano, president of "Change Begins with Me", for organizing the peaceful rally event supporting our Jewish neighbors. (See front page photos and the accompanying articles on pages 4 and 10). We anticipate a follow-up police report on this incident at our November 11 UCCA meeting. Please plan to join us.

Along with some college/NFL football and basketball, (congratulation to the Lakers), with the Dodgers and Tampa Bay Rays playing the 2020 World Series to take our minds off the less pleasant things going on in the world.

This November may find that many more UC residents are playing mah jong online and "binge" watching their favorite television series. More familiar and important activities will still feature the flying of our American Flag on Veteran's Day and the carving of a Thanksgiving Day turkey/ham via the challenges of a family ZOOM event. We will be recognizing our Veterans and preparing for Thanksgiving in a way perhaps most of us never thought would happen. We will need to re-think/plan. It's pretty hard slicing that turkey/ham on a family ZOOM, but for some it will be a fun challenge. Even the National Balderdash event which I usually host at my home the day after Thanksgiving will need to be a ZOOM event this year.

I am sure you have noticed our 2021 UCCA membership envelope attached to this newsletter. PLEASE DO JOIN...it is your dues money that pays for this newsletter and the many activities and organizations that you and your family take part in...so JOIN and support all the good we do. Remember, University City "is more than just a neighborhood".

Stay well, stay safe. ~Barry

**** Great news! Our submitted grant application to the County has been funded. UCCA received notification from the County of San Diego (San Diego County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar's office), that our grant application to fund our street banner program has been accepted. Thanks to Diane Ahern for making this happen.*

VIRTUAL UCCA MEETING – November 11

The next UCCA meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, November 11, 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/81705841972

You may also go to zoom.com, and join meeting ID: 817 0584 1972

And you can also call in at: 408.638.0968, 81705841972#

calendar

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

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

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3

VOTE

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, November 8

7:30-9:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

VETERAN'S DAY

Wednesday, November 11

UC PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, November 10, 6:00pm

Agendas and meeting information posted on
planuniversity.org

UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, November 11 6:00pm

Zoom.us, meeting ID#817 0584 1972

BOSS'S DAY

Friday, October 16

UC COMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

No Meeting in November

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

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 26

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY

Friday, November 27

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Saturday, November 28

SHOP LOCAL UC BUSINESSES



A Community Coming Together

by Barbara Gellman

In response to a recent physical and verbal assault on Rabbi Yonathon Halevy, founder of the University City Shiviti congregation and longtime U.C. resident, Captain Matt Novak, Lt. Jason Scott and Officer Melanie Bognuda of the

SDPD Northern Division attended our UCCA Zoom meeting on October 14 and shared factual information and their action plan regarding this occurrence.

The teen involved with the alleged assault has been identified and the DA's office is also part of the investigation. Due to rules and regulations regarding juveniles and an ongoing investigation, Capt. Novak shared only what is allowed under the law and assured us that updates will be forthcoming. He also stated his displeasure with the response of the officers who were initially called to the scene and will have a separate investigation dealing with that issue.

Capt. Novak assured us that the community is not in danger of this happening again. There will be extra patrols in the area and around other religious institutions in University City and he will continue his conversations with the Rabbi. They will also revisit previous teen incidents whose behaviors were unacceptable and questionable.

A representative from the Marketplace/ Sprout's Center assured us that they are looking into some security measures and supporting the community and police in the investigation.

The outpouring of support for the Rabbi and his congregation is strong and uncompromised. This type of untoward behavior from anyone, will not be tolerated and those at the meeting made it perfectly clear; stay calm and carry on.

Article updated after submission: "As of Friday evening, October 16, a 14 year old teen was charged with a hate crime for the assault on the Rabbi and is now in juvenile detention." This is two days after the police discussion at our UCCA meeting.

Help Keep San Diego County Seniors Safe

Reported in the DA Newsletter from the SD District Attorney

San Diego County handles approximately 9,000 cases of elder and dependent adult abuse each year. Many other incidents go unreported, leaving vulnerable adults in distressing, potentially life-changing, even dangerous, situations. Victims will live in silent desperation, unwilling to seek assistance because they believe their cries for help will go unanswered and they fear retaliation from their abusers. Many remain silent to protect abusive family members from the legal consequences of their crimes, or they are too embarrassed to admit that they have fallen victim to predators.

Reporting Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse

If a situation appears to be life threatening or a crime is in progress, call 9-1-1 or your local law enforcement. If you believe elder or dependent abuse has occurred, call Adult Protective Services at 1.800.510.2020, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Outside the County of San Diego call 1.800.339.4661.

Often victims of elder abuse can be abused in more ways than one. For example, an abuser may hit the elder (physical abuse) in order to convince him or her to turn over money to the abuser (financial abuse). If any of these conditions apply, please call Adult Protective Services at 1.800.510.2020 immediately to report it.

Connect to the link www.danewscenter.com/resource/elder-abuse to read more regarding warning signs of elder abuse, mental abuse, financial abuse, neglect and scams.

Take Care of Your Mental Health During the Pandemic

by Mara W. Elliott, San Diego City Attorney

Protecting our families during a health crisis requires keeping track of a lot of numbers.

You may be following the frequency of COVID outbreaks, the total cases in your zip code, the county unemployment rate, border wait times, or maybe the entire dashboard of statistics that determine whether schools and businesses are open or closed.

All of these numbers come to bear on the one measurement we don't talk about enough: the level of our anxiety.

Nearly 50 percent of Americans say the ongoing pandemic is harming their mental health. As your City Attorney, I see every day how that impacts our community – through domestic violence, threats of suicide, and dangerous behavior that requires intervention.

This rise corresponds with warnings from health experts that pandemic-induced stressors – such as job loss, food insecurity, fear, and isolation – can exacerbate mental health issues and increase incidents of substance abuse, depression, and suicidal ideation.

My Office has seen a recent spike in the number of mental health-related Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs), which may be attributable to pandemic-induced stress. GVROs are used to remove firearms from a person who threatens violence or poses a serious risk of harm to themselves or others.

Stress and uncertainty can also contribute to escalating household tensions. For anyone sheltering in place with an abusive partner or family member, risks heighten with isolation. I urge you to reflect on how you and your family members are feeling, and to seek help when needed. Don't hesitate – it's an act of caring for yourself and others: San Diego Access and Crisis Line 888.724.7240.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, contact our Family Justice Center: 619.533.6000 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday, or the 24-hour hotline 888.385.4657.



2-1-1 San Diego is your resource for COVID-19 testing

COVID-19 tests are used to evaluate your health for COVID-19 infection and help public health agencies control the virus' spread. Testing also helps identify specific areas and groups with higher rates of infection. Understanding these patterns is important to protect the public's health and continue safely reopening the County. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider. If you do not have a healthcare provider, call 2-1-1. If you have serious symptoms, like difficulty breathing, call 9-1-1.

Free testing is available. Health plans are required to cover COVID-19 tests at no cost to the enrollee. It is recommended that you first contact your healthcare provider for a COVID-19 test. If you are unable to get a test from your healthcare provider, the County of San Diego has coordinated free diagnostic COVID-19 testing at many locations. These tests take about 5-10 minutes. Results generally come back in approximately 3 days. Appointments can be made up to one week in advance. For information about COVID-19 testing sites and appointments, call 2-1-1- or visit the 2-1-1- San Diego County website at 211sandiego.org/.



District 1 Update from Councilperson Barbara Bry

No Place for Hate

As you may well know, a community member was viciously attacked on Governor Drive on Saturday, October 11. I spoke with the San Diego Police Department, and they assure me that this is high priority. The victim has confirmed to my office that Police are actively working the case.

My heart is broken. This incident, and the actions of the perpetrator(s), will not be tolerated. Violence, hatred, bigotry and racism have no place in our District, nor in our society.

Imagine no more!

Construction on Imagine UC 2020 has finally begun. I was excited to help break ground on this fantastic project! By developing and improving community and school spaces, we provide greater access to community facilities for all San Diegans.

When it's finished, University City will have a new aquatic center and pavilion. And both Standley Middle School and Spreckels Elementary School will receive wonderful upgrades. Some of the improvements include a new pool, outdoor pavilion, running path, classrooms, and joint-use grass field.

This project was funded by San Diego Unified School District's Proposition Z and Measure YY, as well as a small contribution from the City of San Diego. It is a perfect example of how the City and the schools can partner for the benefit of our residents.

I was proud to make the motion to approve this project at both the Environment Committee and City Council meetings. I'm looking forward to bringing my grandchildren there. By March, Neil and I will have seven grandchildren!



San Diego County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar

OUR KIDS MATTER!

After months of pleas with Governor Newsom and personally crafting a comprehensive protocol for our children to safely return to the practice fields, a powerful coalition came together for a rally October 5th. More than 200 kids, parents and coaches from around the County gathered at the County Administration building to lend a voice to the thousands of young athletes who continue to be disconnected from passion and purpose without the ability to play the sports they love. California is one of only three states in the entire country with kids still standing on the sidelines.

We must ensure that young people have access to sports in a safe environment and receive the physical, emotional, and character-building benefits that organized sports provides. Time to blow the whistle, Governor, and let our kids play again! If you would like to see children be able to practice and condition again, please contact the Governor, 916.445.2841.

MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Throughout COVID-19, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has witnessed dramatic increases in reports of child sexual exploitation to the Cyber Tip Line and increased vulnerability of children. With many children being educated remotely this fall and using virtual devices for school lessons and social interactions, it is essential that we work together to help keep them safe online.

NCMEC recently launched an online Safety Pledge where adults and caregivers can digitally sign and formally commit to safeguarding children online. The website - www.safetypledge.org - has practical toolkits about internet safety. Please join me in helping promote this important initiative through social media (using the hashtag #SafetyPledge) and encourage others to explore these resources and sign the Safety Pledge.

GET YOUR FLU SHOT

The County of San Diego is ramping up its flu vaccination efforts to lower the risk of San Diegans getting influenza and the novel coronavirus at the same time and to prevent the local healthcare system from being overwhelmed. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone six months of age and older get a flu shot every year.

The flu vaccine is covered by medical insurance and is also available at doctors' offices and retail pharmacies. People with no healthcare coverage can get vaccinated at a Community Health Center or County public health center throughout the flu season. For a list of locations, visit sdiz.org or call 2-1-1.

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.

We are so glad to finally see our neighbors face-to-face at the 12 libraries that have opened for limited in-person services. If you want to try it out, the nearest libraries are the La Jolla/Riford Library, Carmel Valley Library and Mira Mesa Library.

At the University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive, we continue to provide contactless pickup service, but look forward to the day when we can open for basic services. In the meantime, check out the programs highlighted below.



The In-N-Out Cover to Cover reading program is back and has gone virtual! Children will receive an award of one free hamburger or cheeseburger for every five books read, up to three awards! If you participated in a reading program with the Library in the last three years, you may already have an account with our book logging site, Beanstack. Please call the library at 858.552.1655 if you need help accessing your account.

Craft kits for kids – prepackaged supplies in bags with directions on how to make fun crafts.

Our Climate, Our Future children's activity book – a free booklet with pages to color and draw, and information on how to tackle climate change.

UC Book Bundles – paperbacks for adults and children which are pre-selected and bagged for quick check-out. For kids, there are popular book series (such as Geronimo Stilton, Disney Fairies, Ninjago), new board books and more. For adults, there are popular authors and genres like cozy mysteries and thrillers. Each bundle is numbered, so you can keep track of the bags you've already borrowed. Check out the display at the front door of the library during open hours to make your selection!



The San Diego Public Library Virtual Hub is a Facebook group where Library Staff and partnering organizations offer daily virtual programs for all ages including: read-alouds, crafts & DIY, book talks, and more! You might be surprised to recognize some of the faces. For more information, go to sandiego.gov/public-library/sdplvirtual#undefined

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten: A Literacy Program for Pre-readers. The San Diego Public Library is pleased to offer an easy, fun and free program that puts children on the path to success. And yes, you can read 1,000 books. If you read just three books a day, you'll reach your goal within one year. But even if you read just one book per day, you'll reach the goal of 1,000 books in three years. Any time your child reads a book – or you read a book to them – mark it in the online or paper log. We encourage reading the same book several times – and each reading of the book counts.



Fall 2020 Virtual Library NEXt Courses are here!

All programs from September 24th through December 19th are online and will have live instruction via Zoom. Registration opens approximately one month prior to course date.

Library NEXt (Network of Education x Training) is a series of workshops for elementary, middle and high school students on topics including robotics, circuits and 64 + other STEAM subjects. Please note: class sizes are limited and fill up quickly.

This San Diego Public Library program is a collaboration with UC San Diego Extension and Sally Ride Science.

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 Monday-Thursday from 10:00am to 1:00pm and 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 and the full Virtual Homework Help schedule, go to sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsandteens/homework.



How do I get a library card?

You can apply for a library card online and be assigned a digital library card number that will expire after 30 days. Apply at: sandiego.gov/blog/digital-library-card. Customers may convert their digital library card into a physical library card by contacting any of our In-Person or Contactless Pickup Service locations.

You can use the temporary digital card right away to place holds and download materials (such as ebooks, eaudiobooks and digital magazines), use electronic databases, take online classes, and much more.



At the Library, it's not always about checking out the books!

by Diane Ahern

One busy day in October, volunteers from the Registrar of Voters were accepting signed, sealed, and dated mail ballot envelopes at one end of the parking lot while paving crews were busy resurfacing the driveway between the Library and Chase Bank. Both were a welcome site to patrons who stopped by to drop off ballots at the outdoor official Mail Ballot Drop-Off Location and to pick up their book holds. The driveway resurfacing, long anticipated, was courtesy of the Park II Condo Association.



UCUC Blood Donor Drive

On Saturday, November 14, is the next UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile Blood Drive at the Sprouts/Starbucks/Hunt Financial Marketplace on Governor Drive from 8:00am - 1:30pm. Bring your Driver's License and mask, and you'll find the Bloodmobile in the center of the parking lot.

The September Blood Drive collected 29 pints, although 39 people wanted to donate. If you know you're coming, you can sign up at: www.mysddb.org. The SD Blood Bank is particularly asking for type O blood.

The 2021 Blood Drives are scheduled for: January 9, March 6, May 8, July 20, September 11, and November 6. Thank you - Always give 100%, except when giving blood.

- Ray the Blood Man



2021 Kid's Calendar Contest sponsored by APCD seeks Entries

San Diego County's Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is calling on local student artists to submit their original artwork illustrating the importance of clean air in the District's 2021 Kids' Calendar Contest. The annual contest is a cool way for local kindergarten through 12th grade students to see their art get published and to make a difference by helping the APCD reduce air pollution and protect the public. Students are invited to mail their original artwork showing ways to reduce air pollution by November 20. More information on the Air Pollution Control District website at sdapcd.org



People for a Clean UC Continue Monthly Clean-Ups

Posted by Vince Reardon

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers — adults and teens — who came out during October's foggy morning to tidy up University City. A few are pictured above. We removed litter and debris from portions of Regents Rd., Governor Dr., Genesee Ave., the underpass at Governor and I-805, and the on and off ramps at Regents and I-52. Please join us on our next cleanup on Sunday, November 8. We meet and mingle from 7:15-7:30am and work from 7:30-9:00am. All supplies provided. Note: We all wear masks and maintain social distancing.

*Lee Bausch on the USS Ticonderoga
in the South China Sea 1964*



Profile of a Veteran Naval Aviator: Commander Norbert Lee Bausch

by Jerry Herman

Longtime UC resident and volunteer Commander Norbert Lee Bausch, USN (ret.), was born in Boston in 1927 and served a long, varied, and illustrious career as test pilot, fighter pilot, ship's captain, accident investigator, and nuclear sub emergency operating instruction writer. Curiously, his 30-year career started in the Army Air Corps Cadet Pilot Training Program in the summer of 1944 following High school graduation. Within a year, his first choice the Navy V5 program opened and Lee was discharged from the Army, and while in Army uniform, sworn into the Navy.

In June 1948, as a Midshipman, Lee received his wings and was designated a naval aviator following advanced fighter training, operating from Pacific Fleet carriers USS Boxer and USS Antietam.

With the advent of the Korean War Lee was assigned to Airborne Early Warning Squadron 12 at NAS Quonset Pt. Rhode Island. He completed Naval All Weather Flight School at NAS Corpus Christi in 1951, then qualified for, and maintained for twenty consecutive years, the Navy's Special Instrument Flight Qualification. While on Mediterranean deployment on the USS Roosevelt in 1952, Lee had the honor of escorting a flight bearing the Queen of England (returning to Britain after her father's death) over a joint NATO fleet exercise from Malta across the Tyrrhenian Sea to the coast of France.

In 1964, Lee served as executive officer of squadron VF-5 (while James Stockdale was commanding officer), serving aboard the USS Constellation and USS Ticonderoga flying F-8 Crusaders during a combat tour at the outset of the Vietnam air war. After graduation from the Naval Test Pilot School, Lee turned down an opportunity to attend the Naval War College and instead served two tours at the test facility. Lee was the first military test pilot to fly the A-7 Corsair II at the LTV Dallas plant. He found out many years later that his application to be an astronaut had been turned down because of his 6'4" frame.

In 1969 Lee initially served as a Senior Command Center Watch Officer NATO Headquarters US European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. Later changed to the Emergency Actions Section. With his skill as an engineering technical writer, Lee updated the protocols for submarine emergency directives for the 6th Fleet.

Lee's twilight tour was at NAS North Island as Administrative Officer. In June, 1974 Lee retired from the Navy as a Commander,

(Continued from left) having accumulating more than 6,000 flight hours in 52 types of aircraft. Retiring in UC, Lee served two tours on the San Diego Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol, and eight years on the San Diego Citizens' Review Board.

Lee has been a longtime member Our Mother Of Confidence Catholic Church. Commander Bausch and his wife Judith have seven children, nineteen grandchildren, and are awaiting their 9th great grandchild. When asked his thoughts about his active and patriotic life, Lee responded "If I could see and hear, I'd do it all over again!"



Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial to Host Live Virtual Simulcast event on November 8

Due to COVID-19 restriction, there will be no live event at Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial this year but there will be a Live Virtual Simulcast Commemoration and Honor Flight San Diego flyover on Sunday, November 8, from 11:00am - 12:00noon. The theme of this year's event is the Greatest Generation and will feature interviews with World War II Veterans. The Honor Flight San Diego flyover is expected to pass over Mt. Soledad and MCAS Miramar airfield between 11:45am to 12:00noon and may be visible from University City. Watch the Simulcast at soledadmemorial.org/.



BEFORE



AFTER

Local Fire Hydrants Looking Good

by Diane Ahern

Fire hydrants throughout University City are getting a fresh coat of paint. The bright yellow color makes them easier to find in the event of a fire emergency. The next time you take a walk through your neighborhood, take a look around. Where are the hydrants closest to your home? To report an urgent hydrant leak or knock over, call the Water Department at 619.515.3525.



School District Hosts Modified “Groundbreaking” Event for Imagine UC 2020

by Diane Ahern

Last month, construction of the long-anticipated Imagine UC 2020 project got underway; not with shovels in the dirt, but with a masked and socially distant press conference hosted by SDUSD board president Dr. John Lee Evans (right in photo), and attended by councilmember Barbara Bry and student school board member Zachary Patterson. All three speakers mentioned the unique nature of the project coordination necessary between the school district and the city to move the project forward.

The Imagine UC 2020 project includes a new joint-use aquatic center next to Swanson Pool, upgrades to surrounding joint-use fields, a pavilion, a perimeter jogging path, and site upgrades to both Standley and Spreckels schools. The principals from Standley and Spreckels were at the press conference as well as several community members and school officials. Dr. Evans thanked Greg Zinser, Sandy Lippe, and Barry Bernstein for their long-time support of the Imagine UC 2020 project. It was certainly a non-traditional event in these COVID restricted days. But it's great to see this project started.

What to do DURING an earthquake?



DROP

COVER

HOLD

During earthquakes, drop to the floor, take cover under a desk or table, and hold on to it so that it doesn't move away from you. wait there until the shaking stops.

ShakeOut Aims to Get You Moving on Earthquake Preparedness

Many of us in San Diego and throughout California took a step toward better earthquake preparedness by participating in International ShakeOut Day 2020 in October. The annual drill is an opportunity to practice “Drop, Cover and Hold On” and reinforce additional lessons on what to do, and what not to do, during an earthquake. Being prepared can make the difference between life and death. Earthquake preparedness is important because in a significant earthquake, people are more likely to be injured from falling debris than the shaking itself. Did you miss it? No worries. Today is a good day to practice.



Love Old Cars? Classic Car Enthusiasts and Kids will Love This Turkey Trot!

by Julie Halter

The San Diego Model A Ford Club will be cruising University City via Governor Drive on Saturday, November 14 around 10:30-11:30am. We'll be driving Model A Fords from the 1928-1931 era. Watch from your driveways and balconies and we'll honk our classic AHOOGA horns! We honk for bikers, strollers, dog walkers, and runners too! Driving these old cars brings us joy and we hope it brings some Thanksgiving joy to you too!

The Club must abide by the CDC guidelines for Covid 19, so we will just be touring through UC, not stopping, to maintain 6-foot social distancing with our members and the public. If you plan on watching the drive-by cruise, please wear a mask and also abide by the 6-foot social distancing rule.

Who are we? The San Diego Model A Ford Club was first founded in 1957 by a few dedicated Model A owners. Our purpose is to help preserve the Model A, which was in production by the Ford Motor Company from 1928-1931. Fun fact: 4 cylinder engines, top speed 45 mph! Check out our website at www.sandiegomodelaclub.com.

Here's the proposed Turkey Trot route: We'll begin at Mission Bay, parading through Canyon Villas (assisted living facility) on Claremont Drive at 10:00am, and then heading to UC. The plan is to drive north on Claremont Blvd/Regents Road, go west on Governor Drive, left on Stresemann passing by Marcy Park, and then head back east on Governor, passing Standley Park. We will proceed down Governor to the senior living housing on the east end (Kantor/Gullstrand Street). We will then head west on Governor to turn north onto Genesee. Caveat: All tours are weather dependent. Route may change due to traffic/roadwork conditions. Times are approximate. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

FRONT PORCH PANDEMIC JAZZ BAND CONTINUES INTO FALL

Greg Pardue, Jack Hoffman, Roy Jenkins, Phil Marcus, and Bob Horne make up the five musicians that have been playing for almost 30 consecutive weeks on Bloch Ave. After we fall back to standard time on November 1, the band will start performances at 4:00pm, Thursdays. The neighborhood jazz band hopes to come up with enough lighting to make it feasible to continue playing throughout the year.

Family groups are encouraged to stay socially distant and to bring masks. For the two-hour sessions, bring lawn chairs, picnics, and your favorite beverage. It's getting colder in the evenings, so bring something warm to wear too.



UC Community Rallies Behind Jewish Community

On Saturday, October 17, over 100 UC residents lined both sides of Governor Drive to show support to our local Jewish community. The gathering was organized by Change Begins with Me President Tama Becker-Varano in response to the attack on Rabbi Yonatan Halevy by a juvenile as the Rabbi and his father were walking to services. The support rally was to relay the message that "all are welcome" in the University City neighborhood.



Rabbi Thanks UC Community for Outpouring of Support

The following statement was written by Rabbi Yonatan Halevy and is a summary of his public address on October 15, 2020.

By now, most of you must have surely heard about the unfortunate attack I experienced with my father on the final days of the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Instead of focusing on the negative of what happened, I wished to utilize this platform to share the positive of what has and will continue happening since then.

A great Jewish sage once shared his thoughts on how to promote positive change in the world:

"In my youth, I wished to change the entire world. After some time, I realized that it would be more effective to try and change my country. When that did not succeed, I dedicated myself to changing my community. As that seemed to be impossible, I committed myself to changing my family. I finally gave up, realizing I could only change myself. I realized that if I changed myself for the better, my community would change, my country would change, and ultimately – the world would become a better place."

As the rabbi and spiritual leader of Shiviti, a Jewish educational movement that challenges the accepted norms and beliefs of our own faith community through rigorous study and spiritual discipline, we have always hoped that by working on ourselves, we could eventually inspire constructive change and growth in the whole world.

While this incident demonstrated just how much work our world needs to become better, our community has stepped up to show just how good we already are. The outpouring of love and support has inspired my community, my family, and myself in ways which we never could have imagined.

My messages going forward as a University City community and proud American citizens:

We as a community will not cower to fear, and we are stronger together. I would love to see UC residents and San Diegans come together for positive reasons more often!

Our beloved America has sadly become a divided country – perhaps, more divided than ever before. This event has shown us how we are so much closer and share more in common than we are different.

I wish to conclude **with a quote** from **Victor Frankel**, a Jewish neurologist, psychiatrist, and Holocaust survivor:

"From all this we may learn that there are two races of men in this world, but only these two – the "race" of the decent man and the "race" of the indecent man. Both are found everywhere; they penetrate into all groups of society. No group consists entirely of decent or indecent people."

Thank you to this special groups of neighbors and friends for being from the most decent people I have been honored to know.



Around UC During Halloween...

Neighborhood Decorations Delights UC

Traditional Halloween activities may have been adjusted this year, but many residents continued on and kept up their spooky spirits and decorated their homes to the delight of the neighborhood. Here's a preview of neighborhood haunts. Decorations may be up into early November, so take a drive, bike or walk around UC.





FireSafe Council UNIVERSITY CITY

Exit Drills in the Home and Functional Detectors

*by Bill Beck, retired New York Fire Chief
and Fire Safe Council of UC Member*

Although October was National Fire Prevention Month, fire prevention should be practiced year-round. In this article, I will discuss E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drills In The Home).

Start by making a floor plan of your home and mark two ways out of every room. Discuss the plan with every member of your household and agree on an outdoor meeting place. Practice your plan often, especially if you have children in your home. Make your drills realistic, pretend that some exits are blocked by fire or smoke, or that the lights are out. Make sure everyone in the household can unlock all doors and windows, even in the dark. Have a phone by your sleeping area.

Over 50% of all fatal home fires happen when people are asleep. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Install them outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home, including the garage. Test them monthly and replace batteries twice a year. New detectors have 10-year batteries. There are also smoke detectors for the hearing impaired. If your detector is more than 10 years old, replace it with a newer model.

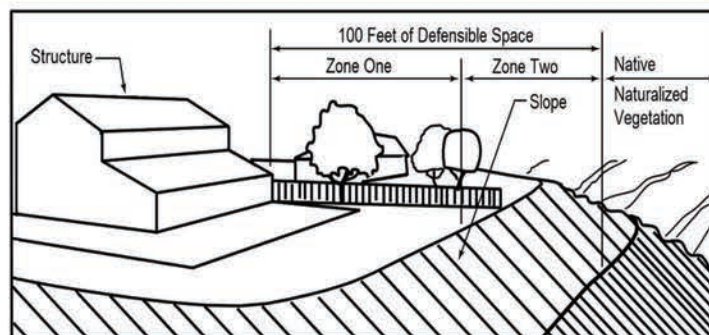
Set up your E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drills In The Home) plan and conduct practice drills frequently. Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are functioning. These actions could save your life.



Preparedness Starts with You and the San Diego Emergency App

The County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services (OES) created the SD Emergency app to better prepare and inform San Diego County residents and visitors about disasters. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different disaster situations.

The SD Emergency App can help you plan and prepare for an emergency with information about creating your own emergency plan and emergency supplies kit. When disaster strikes, the San Diego Emergency app will keep you and your family informed with emergency updates, interactive emergency maps, and shelter locations. Plus, the app features a recovery section with resources during the aftermath of disasters. For more information, visit readysandiego.org.



Brush Management Zones San Diego Municipal Code 142-04E

Defensible Space and Brush Management in Canyons

*by Louis Rodolico and Tom Cartier,
Fire Safe Council of UC Members*

Homes located next to canyons are required to have 100 feet of defensible space. This is the area where combustible vegetation has been reduced, but not eliminated, to act as a barrier between the homes and an advancing fire. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to conduct brush management on their property consistent with San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) Section 142.0412 and with required protections for environmentally sensitive lands.

The Open Space Division of the Park and Recreation Department is responsible for conducting brush management and vegetation thinning on city owned open space adjacent to privately-owned lots which are developed with "previously conforming" (legal) structures built prior to establishment of the city's first brush management regulations in 1989.

The most recent Open Space Division brush management cleanup in our area was completed in May 2020. They aren't scheduled to be back in our local area until the fall of 2021. Homeowners can conduct brush management or hire a private contractor to do so under certain conditions. Homeowners can also contact the Fire Hazard Advisor to request an inspection.

For more information, including schedules and contact information, can be found on the city's website Open Space Parks Brush Management Program page at sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/osp/brush. For more information about the University City Fire Safe Council, email us at ucfiresafecouncil@gmail.com or visit our website at ucfiresafecouncil.com.

Fire Safe Council Debuts New Website

San Diego is home to 46 community Fire Safe Councils, more than any other area in California. In collaboration with San Diego Fire Rescue, CAL Fire, and the Resource Conservation District, the mission of the Fire Safe Council is twofold: to provide an exchange of information through education and training; and to foster fire prevention and safety in our local area and throughout the San Diego region.

Thanks to the help of Jordan Esguerra at Creative Media, you can now learn more about our local Fire Safe Council of University City, or visit our new website at ucfiresafecouncil.com. You can also email us an email at ucfiresafecouncil@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to be a part of the Fire Safe Council of UC.



TIME TO JOIN UCCA!

Now is the time! Renew or become a member of UCCA. November marks the month that UCCA begins our annual membership drive. Join now and check this off your to-do list. 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. 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. For your convenience, you may join online now through PayPal at universitycitynews.org/join-ucca-today/. Or use the membership application coupon below.



Vote Safer San Diego – Official Mail Ballot Drop-Off and Super Poll Locations

Mail Ballot Drop-Off Locations in University City (92122) are open Monday through Saturday 9:30am–5:30pm. On Election Day, Tuesday November 3, hours for dropping off completed mail ballots are 7:00am to 8:00pm.

- North University Community Library at 8820 Judicial Drive
- University Community Library at 4155 Governor Drive

Vote in person at Registrar of Voters Office in Kearney Mesa or at Super Poll Locations in University City (92122). Open Saturday, October 31 through Monday, November 2, 8:00am to 5:00pm. All will again be open on Election Day, November 3, when the voting hours change to 7:00am to 8:00pm.

- Registrar of Voters Office at 5600 Overland Avenue
- Doyle Recreation Center on at 8175 Regents Road
- Nobel Recreation Center at 8810 Judicial Drive
- Standley Recreation Center at 3585 Governor Drive

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



Let's Keep the Thanks in Thanksgiving

by Diane Ahern

Thanksgiving will soon be here and the pandemic continues to be on everyone's mind. Although we look forward to celebrating with friends and family, this year may look quite different for some with the new reality of smaller gatherings and reduced travel plans.

We, the volunteers at University City Community Association, are looking for ways to keep the 'thanks' in Thanksgiving. We give thanks to the many UCCA members who, through their UCCA membership dues, helped support and fund many events and projects in University City. Despite this year's ongoing pandemic, UCCA continued to publish a print newsletter, host virtual public meetings, and provide 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, to the Scripps Health COVID-19 Fund, and sponsored a street median cleanup.

We thank our newsletter advertisers without whom we would not be able to publish our monthly print newsletter. We're also thankful for all the volunteers who give tirelessly to our community through various volunteer organizations such as the Parks Council, Community Foundation, EdUCate, PTAs, UC Cluster, Planning Group, Community Plan Update Subcommittee, Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation, Fire Safe Council of UC and UCCA's own University City News newsletter, various special committees, newsletter delivery and neighborhood watch volunteers. Thank you for making University City more than just a neighborhood.

University City Community Association 2021 UCCA Membership Application*

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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.

Shift Program Construction Update

The Shift program is dedicated to providing you with up-to-date information about major projects in your neighborhood. Please note, construction schedules are subject to change. To confirm the information below and other work schedules, contact Shift at: 844-SHIFT-SD.

Mid-Coast Trolley Construction, SANDAG Project

Along Genesee Avenue

Crews recently completed a series of successful full closures along Genesee Avenue which completed a great deal of major work in the area. A new bus pad was installed at the new UTC Station, along with other projects including setting k-rail. Crews will be continuing with nightly southbound closures of Genesee Avenue from approximately 9:00pm – 5:00am each night as crews continue to widen the road. As work in this area moves toward its final stages, crews will continue construction in the area which may include filling, overlay and restriping of Genesee Avenue for its final configuration. For additional details, visit: KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCoast.

La Jolla Colony Trolley Underpass

The La Jolla Colony Trolley Underpass is nearing completion! Traffic along La Jolla Colony Drive has been restored to its original configuration and crews are completing the installation of signage along the roadway. Crash attenuators – bumper-style barriers that are placed to reduce damage to structures and vehicles in the event of a collision – have been installed and remaining work will not impact traffic.

Voigt Drive Improvements Project, SANDAG, Caltrans, and UC San Diego Project

Campus Point Drive Realignment

The next phase of work for the Voigt Drive Improvements Project is underway. A full closure of Voigt Drive will be in effect as crews continue efforts to realign Voigt Drive and Campus Point Drive. Construction activities will include road widening and utility improvements. A joint effort of SANDAG, Caltrans and UC San Diego, the Voigt Drive Improvements project will help accommodate existing and future traffic demand in the area. Upon completion, the project will provide direct access to and from the future Voigt Drive Trolley station, improving transit access to the medical facilities in the area.

North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood, UC San Diego Project

Muir College Drive is now open to all traffic. The new traffic signal and streetlights at North Torrey Pines Road and Muir College Drive have been installed and crews are currently working to complete the storm drain connection, concrete cross gutter, pedestrian ramps, striping and sidewalk construction. Residents should expect one northbound lane of traffic to remain closed during work hours, from 9:00am – 3:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Construction During COVID-19

With public works construction activities deemed to be essential, SANDAG is continuing to keep active construction projects moving during the pandemic. Protecting the health and safety of the San Diego region, including our partners, contractors and stakeholders, is a top priority for SANDAG. Please be assured that construction crews are following precautionary health measures, and we continue to monitor developments and follow all health guidance and orders. For additional information, visit: sandag.org/COVID-19. For any questions or inquiries regarding construction taking place in your neighborhood, please feel free to contact Shift at: info@shiftsandiego.com.

UC PLANNING GROUP UPDATE

OCTOBER 13, 2020 MEETING

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The UCPG heard several interesting presentations concerning preservation two of our most important local habitats. Mike Hastings of the Los Penasquitos Lagoon Foundation gave us an overview of the lagoon and its changes over a 130 year history, and showed us how the lagoon is handling present day water, sand, and sediment issues. Darren Smith, Senior Environmental Scientist for the State of California is someone many community members have gotten to know for his work at Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. He showed the history of the Torrey Pines, which the City of San Diego has protected since 1899, through the acquisition of much of the present park land by Ellen Browning Scripps in 1912 through the present day State Park with its golf course. He also emphasized the battle with invasive plant and insect species due to proximity to residential and commercial development.

The UCPG had a presentation by Assembly Member Todd Gloria on state legislative issues and by Councilmember Barbara Bry on City of San Diego issues.

Justine Murray, Barbara Bry's representative to the community, gave a report on the fire code violations at the Avia property in South UC. There will be another walk through of the property in November to determine if the code violations have been fixed.

The Costa Verde Revitalization project that the UCPG recommended for approval at its September meeting received an approval recommendation from the Planning Commission. The PC included an additional recommendation by the UCPG for five year Transit Demand Measures monitoring in order gauge the effectiveness of these measures significantly past the opening of the redeveloped project. The project is scheduled to go before the City Council in November.

City Council Does the People's Business

From David Roland, Council Communications Director: Did you know that the City Council has a lively, easy-to-follow blog that previews City Council meetings, as well as meetings of policy committees? It's called "The People's Business," and each week, the blog provides summaries of all the issues that the Council and its committees will discuss. It does so in a short and engaging narrative style that demystifies the Council's business and provides a greater level of transparency and accountability while making the government process accessible to you.

San Diego city government is your government. You pay for it with your tax dollars. You elect the representatives who make the decisions. As a resident, you are a crucial partner in this process. You can find "The People's Business" on the City's website at sandiego.gov/citycouncil/the-peoples-business. You can sign up to have each post sent straight to your inbox at sandiego.gov/form/get-peoples-business-email.



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