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## NEWS

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## UC Del Sol 12U Girls Going to State

by Perry Peters

The UC Del Sol Girls 12U Softball team battled the heat in the District playoffs in Santee and qualified for the State Tournament playoffs in Lancaster!! The team will take on a field of 24 teams the weekend of July 2 – 4 to try to advance to the U.S. Regional playoffs. Let's cheer on these tough athletes!

And looking forward, registration is now available for the 2021 Fall Ball softball season! Please go to [www.ucdelsol.com](http://www.ucdelsol.com) in order to sign up your daughters for the Fall softball season. The girls will play in approximately 10 to 12 games from September to November. UC Del Sol will field teams in the 6U, 8U, 10U and 12U divisions. Practices will take place at Standley Middle School and games will be against teams in the local area. Fees are only \$125 for all divisions except 6U, which is free!

To see how much fun girls' softball is, please visit our fan page at [www.ucdelsol.com/fanpage](http://www.ucdelsol.com/fanpage) for videos set to music on our girls!!



## UC Resident Jill Harvey Wins at Monopoly

Have you been saving the monopoly pieces, going online and diligently entering piece numbers and wonder, does anyone ever win at the annual grocery store Monopoly game? Well, yes they do – and UC resident Jill Harvey won free groceries for a year (\$5,000) from Vons on Governor Drive. Congrats Jill!





## UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Deadline for the September issue: AUGUST 19, 2021

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the July/August issue is August 19, 2021, 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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## University City Community Association

### June 9 Meeting Recap

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm and President Barry Bernstein briefly spoke of recent deaths in the news. Donna Fallon, a teacher at UCHS, two SDPD police detectives, and a death in the family of UCCA Board member Jim Beshears. A moment of silence followed.

He then announced the resignation of Deanna Ratnikova from the UCCA Board, and the change of status of Barbara Henshaw to that of a non-voting Board member.

Special guest speaker, John Stufflebean, Assistant Director of the Pure Water project, and community outreach officer, Sarah Bowles led the PowerPoint presentation. Sean McCarty, Pure Water consultant for the City provided some detailed construction information. A very lively, somewhat contentious Q & A followed related to safety of the pipelines and the pending settlement agreement with tree replacement on the medians where damage may occur.

SDPD community officer introduced Capt. Scott Wahl, the new Northern Division commander. City, County, State legislative liaisons gave brief reports.

In Public Forum, Katie Dunahoo announced EdUCate's request for funding assistance, Chris Nielsen gave his UCPG report on the C.I. P. process and the Governor "traffic calming" proposal. Lou Rodolico presented an opinion on what he perceived as inappropriate use of funds to thwart the building of Regents Road Bridge, Jeff Dosick reminded us of the need to complete safe and marked bike lanes in U.C.

UC Park and Rec. regional director, Berenice Garcia will be leaving for a "trainer" position.

Our Fire Safe Council has received initial approval of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan...final approval is expected later this month from the SD County office. There was not any definitive information related to a 4th of July "Celebration" at Standley Park, but further information is expected following the Governor's June 15 announcement and after the June 24 Park Council meeting.

Approval was given to allocate up to \$2,000 to weed/clean the Genesee median. UCCA memberships have grown to 725...still short of the 800 target. President Bernstein asked/informed the Board of his effort/intent to establish an Ecumenical Council in University City to coordinate efforts in addressing local issues of concern, i.e. homeless and indigent.

Next meeting, (via ZOOM) will be held on July 14.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

The next UCCA meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, July 14, starting at 6:00pm – the regular monthly meeting time. To participate, join at [us02web.zoom.us/j/87017981409](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87017981409)

You may also go to [zoom.com](https://zoom.com), and join meeting ID: 87017981409. And you can also call in at: 408.638.0968, 870179814909#





## UCCA President Barry Bernstein

Happy Summertime Everyone, Summer concerts at Standley Park are going to happen...(sorry, no 4th of July "Celebration" this year), so get your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers ready for some wonderful Sunday evenings in U.C. starting on July 11 at 5:00pm (Tentative - check our website for any date/time changes). If you are not vaccinated you are asked to wear a mask.

Saturday, August 7, at 2:00pm the traditional Banana Split event will begin...the free ice cream/toppings goes fast so don't be late. Thank you Heimbürger Family for your traditional ice cream donation this year and the past 21 years!

Our public schools are scheduled to open the last week of August for full regular classes...and possibly some sort of distance learning. Once again that will depend on the achievement of "herd immunity" in San Diego and San Diego County health officials' authorization. Maybe by July's MLB All-Star game our Padres will now be out of their losing ways. Some of you will be planning to do some long overdue traveling/vacationing and seeing the friends and families "in-person" for the first time in a couple of years. The many outdoor activities/venues associated with San Diego will once again be a most welcome change to normalcy.

I hope you have enjoyed our monthly UC quiz...This month's "summer edition" will be the final quiz. Remember, there will NOT BE AN AUGUST UCCA newsletter and there's no scheduled UCCA general meeting in August. We are meeting this July 14 via ZOOM...and are planning to have a regular in-person meeting in September. (fingers crossed). In the meantime stay informed by going to our website: [universitycitynews.org](http://universitycitynews.org)

There are currently vacancies on our Board, (corresponding secretary, parliamentarian), as well as needing volunteers with our Christmas Tree/Menorah event, street banner program, and substitutes for our newsletter delivery team. Let me know if you can help. It's just a few hours each month.

For our non-UCCA Members who read and enjoy our free/home delivered newsletter, I ask that you consider joining and become an active member/volunteer...We invite you to review the many activities/organizations UCCA supports (see our listed activities on our membership form, page 13). Support the community that you live in...consider volunteering and helping UCCA continue to be "more than just a neighborhood".

Have a fun, safe summer. Stay safe, stay well. Until September, ~Barry

\*Remember to attend our July 14 ZOOM UCCA meeting, meeting info below.

(\*Answers to UC Quiz #6: 1) C, 2) B, 3) A, 4) B, 5) B, 6) B, 7) D, 8) A, 9) C, 10) A, Bonus: A)

## VIRTUAL UCCA MEETING Wednesday, July 14

The next UCCA meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, July 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/8701798409](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8701798409)

You may also go to [zoom.com](https://zoom.com), and join meeting  
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# calendar

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sunday, July 4

## INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY OBSERVED

Monday, July 5

## UC COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE DAY

Saturday, July 10

## UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, July 13 and August 10

6:00 – 7:30pm

Agendas and meeting info: [planuniversity.org](http://planuniversity.org)

## UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, July 14, 6:00pm

Zoom.us, meeting ID#870 1798 1409

No August Meeting

## COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 20 and August 17

5:30 – 7:30pm

Agendas and meeting info: [planuniversity.org](http://planuniversity.org)

## PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, July 18

Sunday, August 15

7:30-9:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks  
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

## UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, July 22

Contact Rec Center for August meeting info:  
858.552.1652

## BANANA SPLIT DAY

Saturday, August 7

2:00pm

Standley Park

\*Please verify summer meeting dates at  
[universitycitynews.org](http://universitycitynews.org)

## DON'T FORGET!

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RETURNS

by Barbara Gellman

The first Tuesday of August is always National Night Out and this year it is August 3. It's a night that citizens across the country can send a powerful message about neighborhood unity, awareness and safety and police-community partnerships.

In previous years, each Neighborhood Watch Captain, or someone else on the street has volunteered to host a pot luck or barbecue or appetizer menu with everyone donating something. Some are held in driveways, back yards or front lawns; the hours can be from 5:00-7:00pm, 6:00-8:00pm, or 5:00-8:00pm, whatever will work best for you and your neighbors. If you decide to do this, please let me know and I will contact our Community Relations Officer, who in turn will set up the schedule of stops for the evening, assuming that they have permission. If they are not able to stop by, plan to have it anyway; it's a great way to meet new neighbors and greet old ones and have pleasant conversations. At the end of the evening, please make sure your outside lights are on, gates are locked, cars locked with nothing valuable visible and a new found feeling of "good vibrations". Please contact me if you have any questions at [bgellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bgellman@yahoo.com).

## Reporting Neighborhood Nuisances

by Mark Powell

As you drive through University City one thing you will notice is pride of home ownership. UC residents spend a lot of time and a lot of money caring for their homes and yards and are extremely invested in their properties. However, when you have a neighbor that piles up junk in their front yard and refuses to maintain the exterior of their house you should take action, because some of these situations are health hazards to you and your family and could even drastically affect the value of your home. Your neighbors' unpleasant property could also cost you time and money. If you've found yourself in this situation one way to resolve the predicament is to try to make friends with your neighbor. By making the effort to build a relationship with your neighbor, you are taking one step closer to resolving the issue.

However, when outreach attempts fail you can report your neighbor as a Neighborhood Nuisance. The first step is to contact San Diego's Code Enforcement Department and request an investigation. There are 4 ways to request an investigation; online; by mail; in person or over the phone. Once a case is opened it is given a priority level and assigned to staff followed by an inspection. If an inspection reveals code violations, staff will determine the appropriate remedy. This may include the issuance of a citation or notice. In most cases, the person responsible for a violation is given an opportunity to voluntarily comply and correct the situation. For more info on how to report a nuisance you can call 619.236.5500 or [sandiego.gov/development-services/code-enforcement](http://sandiego.gov/development-services/code-enforcement) Code Enforcement will not accept anonymous requests for investigation. Although complainant information is kept confidential, in rare instances the City may be required to reveal this information in a judicial proceeding. If you do not want to file a complaint, but still want to resolve the neighborhood nuisance you can also try mediation by calling the National Conflict Resolution Center at 619.238.2400 or at [www.ncrconline.com](http://www.ncrconline.com) to open a case. A case coordinator will call you within 24 hours to gather information about your case. The NCRC mediates disputes free of charge.

## WELCOME BACK

Left as a Lieutenant,  
Returned as a Captain

by Barbara Gellman

In 2015, Lieutenant Scott Wahl was part of SDPD Northern Division; reassigned in 2016 to the spokesperson position for the SDPD and in May of 2021, returned as the Captain, replacing Captain Matt Novak, who was transferred to oversee the centralized investigative units at Police headquarters.

It all began in 1998, when Scott Wahl joined the SDPD. Over the years, as an officer, he was part of the beach team, graffiti investigation team and in charge of the critical incident management unit that focuses on disaster planning. In 2009, he was assigned to the Vice Unit as a Detective and in 2010 promoted to Sargent in Mid-City. In 2018 he was promoted to Captain and headed the newly formed Neighborhood Policing Division that was initiated by Chief Nisleit. He also assisted with the creation of the "get it done" app that helped redirect non-emergency calls to the proper departments thereby eliminating the dispatch call.



In his opinion, the major challenges in the community and Northern are to "make sure voices are being heard" and we are finding creative ways to resolve issues such as assigning problem oriented teams to deal with a specific problem in a timely manner. According to Capt. Wahl, the addiction problem is greater than the mental illness issue and both need facilities and professionals to address the crisis. Adding more Police Emergency Response Team (PERT) clinicians and the Mobile Crisis Response Unit would be helpful partners.

Policing the beach and bars are two other major areas of concern. In his "pocket full of wishes", Capt. Wahl would like to see the purchase of 4 vehicles that can be driven on the sand in order to be effective in policing that terrain. This is also where using overtime with existing officers is less expensive than hiring special full time teams to monitor the bars and beaches. He is excited to be back at Northern and will continue to raise the bar for our 250K residents within Northern Division. We are so fortunate to have, again, such an experienced, capable, approachable, problem solving leader at the helm and offer him support in this ongoing partnership.

## 2021 CIP RECOMMENDATIONS

by Roger Cavanaugh

Every two years the City asks the UCPG for recommendations for Capital Improvement Projects. These are to be over \$100,000 but not for routine maintenance or large projects under major titles like streets, water, police and transport. In 2019, the Library expansion and the Marcy Park renovation were the two main priorities ranked by the UCPG. Both are reported to be in process and will remain the Board's top priorities. Please send any suggestion or questions to the UCPG via myself, [rogeracavanaugh@gmail.com](mailto:rogeracavanaugh@gmail.com). Recommendations will be discussed and evaluated in the July 13 meeting. Please ask to be on the agenda if you would like to speak for a particular project.



## Monthly Message from District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava

**Budget** For the past six months, the City has been working to a balance create and responsible budget. My budget priorities included protecting core services and leading from our values. The budget approved unanimously by City Council on June 14, does both. It does not fund all our needs, it never does. Nor can it. There is more need than resource. Yet, this budget pivots from past practices and moves our city forward in a holistic, equitable, and financially prudent manner. This budget is not a milestone, it is a steppingstone, and we have more work to do.

In response to the Mayor's "May Revise" draft of the budget, <http://bit.ly/FY22MayRevise>, I worked with my colleagues on the City Council to make changes to meet the needs of our District 1 communities with the follow amendments:

| Table 1 - Recommended Expenditure Modifications to the FY 2022 Budget |             |                     |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Expenditures  | FTE         | Amount              |
| <b>Ongoing Items</b>  |             |                     |
| Increased Support for Arts  |             | \$ 2,000,000        |
| Tree Trimming   |             | 900,000             |
| Additional City Attorney Positions                                    | 3.00        | 504,303             |
| Office of Child and Youth Success                                     | 1.00        | 350,000             |
| Fire-Rescue Helicopter Maintenance                                    |             | 350,000             |
| Weed Abatement/Brush Management                                       |             | 328,000             |
| Additional Graffiti Abatement   |             | 150,000             |
| Restore City Auditor Funding  |             | 91,251              |
| <b>Subtotal Ongoing</b>   | <b>4.00</b> | <b>\$ 4,673,554</b> |
| <b>One-Time Items</b>   |             |                     |
| <i>One-Time Operating Budget Items</i>                                |             |                     |
| Streets Condition Assessment  |             | \$ 700,000          |
| Public Power Feasibility Study  |             | 500,000             |
| <i>One-Time Capital Items (General Fund)</i>                          |             |                     |
| New Streetlights  |             | \$ 500,000          |
| Kelly Street Park GDP   |             | 400,000             |
| Unimproved Street - S. Bancroft at Greely                             |             | 250,000             |
| Barrio Logan Traffic Calming  |             | 100,000             |
| <i>One-Time Capital Items (Climate Equity Fund)</i>                   |             |                     |
| Emerald Hills Park Design   |             | \$ 1,000,000        |
| Boston Avenue Linear Park GDP   |             | 400,000             |
| Berardini Field GDP   |             | 400,000             |
| Streetlights in Communities of Concern                                |             | 200,000             |
| <b>Subtotal One-Time</b>  |             | <b>\$ 4,450,000</b> |
| <b>Total Additional Expenditures</b>                                  | <b>4.00</b> | <b>\$ 9,123,554</b> |

Further, I was able to ensure seed funding to designate the South UC Library expansion as a Capital Improvement Project (CIP), the first step in securing funding for design and construction (a project that has been slated for funding since 2002), as well as 2 park rangers previously cut from the budget, and full funding for the Public Power Feasibility Study.

Budget items like tree trimming, weed abatement, fire helicopter maintenance are all in recognition to the heightened risk of fire in our District with its abundance of natural open space. Congratulations to the University City Fire Council for securing approval of their Community Wildfire Protection Plan!

Thank you, University City residents, for participating in our D1 town halls, budget hearings, and council meetings to make your voices heard. I hear you, I see you, and I am working for you.

**Pay Equity** Last month, I brought forward the Resolution to Support the Principles of Pay Equity in the City's Workforce and Requesting Information and Support from the Mayor, which was unanimously passed by City Council.

This resolution followed two important audit previously presented at council. In 2019, the City Auditor's office released a performance audit of City Employee Pay Equity. This report uncovered that, compared to men, women earn 17.6 percent less and, compared to White employees, people of color earn 20.8% less. Then in January 2021, the City's Performance and Analytics Department (PandA) and Analytica Consulting released the City's first Pay Equity Study, which analyzed pay equity issues in the City's workforce and identified sources of apparent pay gaps among City employees. While the study uncovered no direct evidence of deliberate gender or racial bias in the City, it recommended the City take targeted, cost-efficient, simple actions to mitigate any pay gap.

Employees deserve fair compensation regardless of their gender identity, race, equity, ethnicities, or parenthood.

Created in collaboration with City staff, as well as several advocacy and non-profit organizations, the Resolution Supporting Principles of Pay Equity in the City of San Diego's Workforce calls for several policy priorities targeting pay equity. These policy priorities include: creating open and transparent compensation policies and culture including intentional, gender-neutral descriptive language in vacancy postings; providing diversity outreach and training programs for high-paying positions; standardizing the City's overtime pay award system; expanding future studies to include a more robust collection of employee data; reducing and eliminating the "Parenthood Penalty"; and completing a cost assessment and implementation plan to determine employee benefits directly targeting the work-life balance needs of mothers and parents of color. As this council looks to act through an equity lens on a variety of issues, there is no better place to start than with our own human capital. Our City employees represent the City, our goals, and our values. We must provide them equal access and opportunity and I look forward to seeing that come to fruition.

**Coastal Rail Trail** SANDAG just released its draft of the 2021 Regional Plan. This plan roadmaps improvements to transportation in and around our communities, including University City. It also describes ways we can reduce harmful emissions that cause climate change and help the City move toward achieving our Climate Action Plan goals. The Regional Plan helps ensure that residents can safely and efficiently travel around our communities, entertainment centers, or open spaces, whether they do so by bike, vehicle, or on foot.

We already know the draft Regional Plan mistakenly routes the Coastal Rail Trail through Rose Canyon instead of the route decided years ago--and already designed and slated for construction in early 2023--along Gilman Drive and through the UC San Diego campus. My office will be sending in a letter to SANDAG insisting on a correction and we encourage you to do so as well. There is a public comment period on the draft 2021 Regional Plan that is open through July 30. I encourage everyone who lives or works in San Diego to participate so this plan is as representative of our collective needs. I continue to advocate for environmentally friendly transportation plans and for community needs. The information for public comment is below:

- Online: English: [sandag.org/regionalplancomments](https://sandag.org/regionalplancomments) | Español: [sandag.org/comentariosplanregional](https://sandag.org/comentariosplanregional)
- Email: [SDForward@sandag.org](mailto:SDForward@sandag.org)
- Voicemail: 619.699.1934, toll free 877.277.5736 and TTY 619.699.1904
- Fax: 619.699.1995
- Mail: Attn: 2021 Regional Plan, SANDAG, 401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego CA, 92101

If you have any questions on these or other issues, please contact Kaitlyn Willoughby at [KWilloughby@sandiego.gov](mailto:KWilloughby@sandiego.gov).



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](http://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.

## What's New this Month at the Library?

There's a lot going on at our local libraries. Check out our featured programs and activities this month. You can call the University Community Library on 4155 Governor Dr. at 858.552.1655 or the North University Community Library on 8820 Judicial Dr. at 858.581.9637 with questions. Our operating hours are Monday-Saturday 9:30am to 5:30pm. For the most up-to-date information about current library services, open locations and more, visit the San Diego Public Library website at [sandiego.gov/public-library](http://sandiego.gov/public-library) and City of San Diego web pages at [sandiego.gov](http://sandiego.gov).



**North University Community Library Book Sale:** Saturday, July 24 – 10:30am to 4:30pm, 8820 Judicial Dr., North University Community Branch Library. Join the **Friends of the North UC Library** for their first book sale since 2019!! Purchase gently used

books at a great price, including fiction, nonfiction, children's and textbooks, as well as CDs and DVDs – so much to choose from! The book sale will be located next to the parking lot. Bring your "fun money" and come say hello! All proceeds support the San Diego Public Library.



**Summer Reading Program: Reading Colors Your World,** June 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021. Register now.

Join us for a summer of reading and fun – earn a badge each time you read one (1) book, read for one (1) hour or complete an activity. You can mix and match the type of badges as you see fit! Record your activities online or pick up a paper log at either the University Community Library or North University Community Library. Collect 10 badges to redeem prizes; prizes are available at both locations. Check the Summer Reading Program web page for a complete list of eligible activities, reading lists and resources, plus a schedule for weekly virtual programs. Special virtual programs are held every Thursday at 3:30pm and feature talented magicians, singers and storytellers to brighten up your day! Visit the Library's Virtual Hub on Facebook for additional live and recorded programs, including some very special storytimes. Details at: [sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsandteens/summerreading](http://sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsandteens/summerreading)

**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 72 + other STEAM courses. Initially started as a pilot program at six San Diego libraries in 2017, it has expanded to 24 locations in 2021 with plans to be offered all at City of San Diego library locations. This San Diego Public Library program is a collaboration with UC San Diego Extension and Sally Ride Science. Details at: [sandiego.gov/librarynext#undefined](http://sandiego.gov/librarynext#undefined)

**Lectures at the Library,** Third Wednesdays @ 6:00pm, Third Thursdays at 2:30pm. (note: this month's class is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday -- July 22). **Lectures at the Library** is a series of FREE lectures in collaboration with San Diego Oasis. These lectures will inspire discussion and engage you in learning more about many different of topics, from history to science to art. Classes are held twice a month and participants must sign up for a free MyOasis account to attend these virtual lectures. Details at: [san-diego.oasiseverywhere.org/](http://san-diego.oasiseverywhere.org/)

**John D. Spreckels and the Making of San Diego,** Wednesday, July 21 at 6:00pm. Join us for a look at the pioneering legacy of John Diedrich Spreckels with historian Dr. Sandra Bonura, author of the newly released biography, *Empire Builder: John D. Spreckels and the Making of San Diego*. Although harshly criticized for perceptions of ruthless business tactics, Spreckels was at the forefront of innovation and at the top of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, one in fifteen San Diegans worked for a Spreckels-owned company. Learn about the man who almost single-handedly built the City of San Diego after building empires in sugar, shipping, transportation, and construction up and down California and across the Pacific. Register: [san-diego.oasiseverywhere.org/product/john-d-spreckels-and-the-making-of-san-diego/](http://san-diego.oasiseverywhere.org/product/john-d-spreckels-and-the-making-of-san-diego/)

**Salt, Sugar and Fat...Oh My!,** Thursday, July 22 at 2:30pm. Meet the foods that can sabotage anyone's healthy lifestyle and learn to identify culprit foods that can sneak into your diet. Discover effective ways to reduce their intake without sacrificing flavor. This class will include short demonstrations of low-impact physical activities that can be done anywhere. Special note: This month's classes are scheduled for July 21 and July 22. Register: [san-diego.oasiseverywhere.org/product/salt-sugar-fatoh-my/](http://san-diego.oasiseverywhere.org/product/salt-sugar-fatoh-my/)

### Free Seeds & Seed Libraries.

We've got more than books at the library! Take a look at the seed libraries we have opened at multiple City libraries, including Ocean Beach, Scripps Ranch, College-Rolando and Rancho

Penasquitos. These seed libraries are free to use and can be picked up onsite or even mailed out! Seed varieties, pickup options and requirements vary by location. Check each seed library location for more details on what is available. By borrowing seeds, growing a plant and sending seeds back to our seed libraries, you'll be helping us keep our seed library programs going. In addition, many of these seed libraries have related workshops and events on gardening, composting and more. You can also find resources for growing and harvesting food on the City's Urban Farming website. Details at: [sandiego.gov/urban-farming](http://sandiego.gov/urban-farming)

In addition to seed libraries, all open Library locations have free seeds available to pick up. Seeds include melons, carrots, squash, and more! Helpful tips for starting your plants from seed included in each package. Thank you to Vlada's Seeds for Life and the Ahern Seed Company for their generous donation. Visit your local library today to get your free seeds and to check out books on vegetable gardening. New varieties are sent each month, so plan to come back for new fruit or vegetable seeds. One package of each type of seed available per visit while supplies last. Details at: [sandiego.gov/sdplseedlibraries](http://sandiego.gov/sdplseedlibraries)





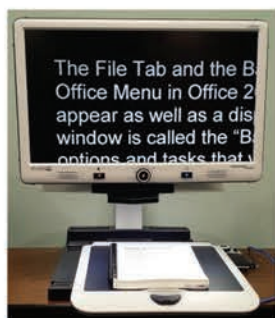
## Low Vision Resources Available

from Melissa Martin, University Community Library

As we get older, sometimes we find that our vision is not as sharp as it once was. Vision is such an important part of our everyday lives that it can be difficult to adjust to even minor changes. Maybe you don't read as often as you used to because your vision has changed or maybe you are facing a more serious loss of vision. While you should always check with your doctor to regarding any changes in your health, these tools and resources will help you keep on reading!

**Audiobooks on CD:** Listen to audio recordings of your favorite books at home or in your car. You can borrow an audiobook from your library for three weeks, with up to five renewals. Advantages: You can move about or work on other tasks while listening, and who doesn't love storytime? Disadvantages: Longer books, like Harry Potter #4 or anything by James Michener can have over 30 CDs or 30+ hours in a set. Also, scratched disks. Ugh.

**Large Print books:** Unabridged fiction and nonfiction titles set in 16 pt. font. Advantages: Same size/dimension as books set in 11 or 12 pt. font, so no worries about carrying bulky books. Also, a large print font puts less strain on your eyes and is easier to read. Disadvantages: Lots of bestsellers available, but LP publishers offer a smaller selection of titles.



**CCTV/video magnifier:** This type of device allows you to bring in print material and place it on an adjustable tray and an enlarged image appears on the monitor in front of you. Most magnifiers have a number of features useful for a variety of eye conditions. You can enlarge the font, adjust the focus, change the contrast to white/color on black, and several other useful settings. The user can gently guide the tray as you read the text or lock the tray so it stays in place. The UC Library has one as do many other libraries in the system. You can purchase a more basic model to use at home. This is my favorite piece of technology.

**Ebooks/audiobooks:** You can borrow ebooks and audiobooks for free from the library to read on your Kindle Fire, iPhone/iPad or other tablet, or your desktop/laptop computer. Download the CloudLibrary app to your device, and have your library card and PIN number ready to set up an account. Note: First-time library card holders must wait overnight to get started. New account numbers are uploaded nightly then validate you as an authorized user. Call the library at 858.552.1655 for assistance (or visit an open location). Advantages: portable, free, adjust to your preferred font size, can change contrast to white on black and some devices offer other accessibility options. Disadvantage: not for Luddites. Can't use Kindle PaperWhite with CloudLibrary.

**AT (Assistive Technology) Computers – I CAN! Center,** various library branches: standard office computers with specialized software and hardware to scan and enlarge text, scan and read text, read the computer screen out loud, and much more.

**Library-By-Mail Program:** This program is specially designed for customers who are homebound and visually impaired (those who cannot read standard size print, even with glasses). Selected items can be delivered to your home via the USPS. Your selection is limited to large print books, audio books or braille books. Materials will arrive free in the mail in a zippered bag. When finished with the materials, simply return them in the same bag, postage free! For more details call the OliverMcMillan I CAN! Center at 619.238.6665.



## BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

by June Kubli

It is once again time to purchase backpacks, school supplies, packaged socks and other items that children less fortunate can use to begin their school year. In conjunction with the Office of Children and Youth in Transition, SDUSD, the UC Agents of Coldwell Banker Realty will collect what you have to offer at Standley Park on Sunday, August 15 between 3:00 and 6:00pm.

Look for the truck parked by Swanson Pool at Standley Park to drop off your contributions. Last year, thanks to the overwhelming support of you and in spite of COVID, we filled the truck to overflowing. This abundance provided school supplies for many of the 5000+ students covered by the CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN TRANSITION program.

Being ever optimistic, this year we hope to fill Two Trucks! If for some reason you cannot join us on that Sunday, we would be happy to pick up your contribution. Just call/email your Coldwell Banker UC Agent or call our 3959 Governor Drive office at 858.352.6587. We look forward to seeing you on August 15 to thank you, in person, for your support of this important project.

## Standley Middle's Summer Fundraiser

Standley Middle School PTSA's partnership with Yasukochi Family Farms has been a continued success! To enable participants to plan in advance, we are excited to announce that orders will be due the first Monday of the month and deliveries will be the second Tuesday of the month, moving forward. We are appreciative of the UC Community for their overwhelming enthusiasm and support. It is fun to see how excited people are with the bounty in their boxes!

CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) are boxes of local farm fresh fruits and vegetables. Boxes are sold for a reduced price keeping the supply chain between local farms and consumers shorter and fresher. Boxes are \$25 or \$35 depending upon the size. Flower bunches, berry trios, strawberries, and fresh eggs are also available. As one community member said, "These strawberries are delicious and taste like strawberries should!"

Details and to place an order, please visit the Standley PTSA website at: [www.standleyptsa.org](http://www.standleyptsa.org). Click on the green "Shop and Earn" button on the right or the pulldown located below it, to place an order. Order deadline for July: Order by Monday, July 5, delivery Tuesday, July 13. August: Order by Monday, August 2, delivery Tuesday, August 10. Pickup will be from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in the Swanson Pool parking lot, located at 3585 Governor Drive.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**OKTOBERFEST by EDUCATE!**

**Saturday, October 9**

Plans are being tentatively planned, more info later.



## COMMUNITY SHORTS



You Are Invited to join the:

### **SOUTH UC SENIOR WALKING GROUP**

Endorphin booster Stress reducer

To Be Held: Wednesdays 9:00-10:00am starting June 30

Meet: In front of Swanson Pool on Governor Dr

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

Questions: Contact Geri at 858.558.1888

No walk'n in the rain



### **UC Community Garage Sale**

The annual UC Community Garage Sale hosted by Coldwell Banker UC will be on Saturday, July 10. Email [ColdwellBankerUC@gmail.com](mailto:ColdwellBankerUC@gmail.com) to join. The deadline is July 7 to sign up. Coldwell Banker UC will provide free advertising, signs and maps. Please be prepared to following CDC Covid precautions and have a wonderful day of buying and selling!

### **UCUC Blood Drive**

Saturday, July 17 is the next UCUC Bloodmobile Blood Drive at the Sprouts Marketplace on Governor Drive from 8:00am to 1:30pm. You can sign up at [mysdbb.org](http://mysdbb.org). Remaining 2021 blood drives are: September 18 and November 13.



### **Little Free Library Scavenger Hunt**

**Saturday, August 7, 10:00am – 2:00pm**

Start at the Little Free Library at 2851 Arnoldson Ave to get your clues for this Global Day of Unplugging event. Locate the LFLs, solve the clues, find books and win a chance to earn a prize. Contact [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com) for info.

### **Banana Split Day**

**Saturday, August 7, 2:00pm, Standley Park**

Get there early to enjoy the annual tradition with ice cream donated by the Heimburger Family and toppings provided by the Standley Rec Center. Don't forget to BYOB – bring your own banana.

## Recreationally Speaking

*by Diane Ahern, UC Parks Council Member*

At the June CRG meeting, the acting area manager confirmed that the Standley Recreation Center was scheduled to open the last week of June for registration only classes and events. Community members expressed a strong desire to host community events at the park. Non-registration events such as open-play basketball and outdoor concerts will take place when the Recreation Center fully reopens to the public and volunteers. For current status on City services, visit [sandiego.gov/status](http://sandiego.gov/status)

Swanson Pool will host a Lifeguard Training class in July. Tryouts and registration will be held Monday, July 12 at 9:00am. Contact the pool manager for more information at 858.552.1653. The parks and recreation department is experiencing a staffing shortage and is accepting job applications for pool guards and recreation leaders at [sandiego.gov/empopp/current](http://sandiego.gov/empopp/current)

Former school board president and University City resident John Evans provided an information item on the construction progress for the new joint-use aquatic center, jogging path, and stage pavilion as well as the joint-use fields. The joint-use pool will be available to the public and for rental when school groups are not using it. He asked the CRG to support traffic calming measures on Governor Drive between Stadium Street and Radcliffe Drive (between Spreckels Elementary and Standley Middle Schools) to make it safer for school children as well as community members to drive, bike and walk to Standley Park and to the adjacent schools, fields, and pools. The CRG voted to write a letter of support to Councilmember Joe LaCava in favor of traffic calming measures.

### **Construction to Begin on the Morena Pipelines Northern Alignment and Tunnels**

Starting this month, the City of San Diego will begin initial field work on the Morena Pipelines Northern Alignment and Tunnels, one of several major water infrastructure projects that are part of Pure Water San Diego. Pipeline construction will be underway in the coming months and is expected to be complete in mid-2024.

The Morena Pipelines Northern Alignment and Tunnels includes construction of two pipelines that will start at approximately Genesee Avenue/State Route 52 and will continue through University City on Nobel Drive, Towne Centre Drive, and Executive Drive to the North City Water Reclamation Plant (NCWRP). Construction is expected to take place predominantly from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Monday through Thursday; however, construction days and hours may change.

Three tunnels are included in this section: one at State Route 52, one at Rose Creek in University City, and one at Interstate 805. One pipeline will transport wastewater to the NCWRP, while the other will transport salt and contaminants removed from the water at the NCPWF to the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project will connect to pipelines to be constructed in the Clairemont and Morena/Bay Park communities.

A detailed project map of the Morena Pipelines Northern Alignment and Tunnels can be found by visiting [utc.purewatersd.org](http://utc.purewatersd.org). To receive regular project updates during construction, please click the "Sign Up for Email Updates" tab on the website's right side and select the "Morena Pipelines Northern Alignment and Tunnels Project Updates" email list. For questions about the Pure Water Program or the Morena Pipelines Northern Alignment and Tunnels, please call the project hotline at 833-UTC-PWSD (833.882.7973) or email [purewatersd@sandiego.gov](mailto:purewatersd@sandiego.gov).

The multi-year Pure Water San Diego program will provide nearly half of San Diego's water supply locally by 2035 through purifying recycled water to produce safe, high-quality drinking water.





## UC Celebration 2021 Virtual Photo Race

by James Floyd

While we are all still waiting for the return of large in-person events like UC Celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we've got a virtual photo race for everyone in UC for 2021. You still have to go outside to take photos of the answers, but just like last year's virtual event, you can solve and photograph at your own pace – no time pressure! And you can have a team of any size, so you can work alone or get your friends or family members to help out.

If you haven't done one of the UC Photo Races before, this is a good chance to try out the game without having to race on foot. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, go to [uccelebration.com](http://uccelebration.com) and you will see a set of ten clues. Each of the clues will lead you to a location or landmark in University City, and there might even be multiple locations that fit the clue criteria – you only need to find one of them! Go to each location and take a photo of your entire team there. Checkpoint locations don't need to be in order, but do need to be clearly identifiable. Unlike the regular annual photo race, you don't need to travel on foot, so feel free to use bikes, cars, scooters, or whatever.

Once you've taken all the photos that fit the clues, cross the finish line by emailing them along with your team's name to [srocketrace@gmail.com](mailto:srocketrace@gmail.com) - you can either attach the photos or link to them on Instagram or Facebook or elsewhere online that's publicly viewable. We'll post the best photos on the UC Celebration site – [uccelebration.com](http://uccelebration.com).



### Summer Movies in the Park:

Summer Movies in the Park is launching in 2021 as a hybrid series with showings on lawns, from cars and online via a secret access code. These changes align with public health guidelines and add variety to the movie calendar... so you can truly

choose your own movie adventure! During July and August, Summer Movies are scheduled in parks throughout the City and County. Save the date for these University City area showings:

- Doyle Park, July 23, 2021: Cars
- Nobel Park, August 7, 2021: The Greatest Showman
- Standley Park, October 23, 2021: Monsters University

Dates, times, and movies are subject to change. Go to [summermoviesinthepark.com](http://summermoviesinthepark.com) or [@summermoviesinthepark](https://www.facebook.com/summermoviesinthepark) on Facebook for the most up to date information.

### MOVIE NIGHT AT MARCY PARK

5504 Stresemann Street, featuring

## MAMMA MIA

Bingo at 7:00pm – Movie starts at 8:00pm

Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Portable restroom onsite.

Hosted by UCCF, [uccfsd.org](http://uccfsd.org)

## So You Think You Know UC

### Part 6 – Summer Edition

1. Approximately how many volunteers help with delivery of our UCCA newsletter?  
A) 50 B) 75 C) 100
  2. What is the name of the University City family that traditionally donate the ice cream for the Standley Park Banana Split event ? (tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 7 at 2:00pm)  
A) Gelatos  
B) Heimbürger  
C) Neapolitan
  3. What is the mascot for our University City High School?  
A) Centurions  
B) Titans  
C) Falcons
  4. What is the last name of the assistant director of the City's Pure Water project?  
A) Puritano  
B) Stufflebean  
C) Seweresky
  5. What is the minimal cost for an individual's UCCA annual membership?  
A) \$5.00  
B) \$20.00  
C) \$40.00  
(hint: for non-members Andrew Jackson says...JOIN!)
  6. Which of these businesses are major sponsors of the Standley Park Summer Concert series?  
A) Kachkovsky and Fisher  
B) Scripps Health  
C) Chase Bank
  7. Who represented District 1 (UC) on the City Council before Barbara Bry?  
A) Scott Peters  
B) Sherrie Lightner  
C) Harry Mathis  
D) All three
  8. Who is the current president of EdUCate?  
A) Mark Salata  
B) Rick Kerns  
C) Katie Dunahoo
  9. Venkat Sethuraman represents which athletic organization on the Standley Park Community Recreation Group?  
A) Rugby USA  
B) Lacrosse Catchers  
C) Cricket on Sundays
  10. When is the new swimming pool at Standley Park scheduled to be completed?  
A) Fall 2021  
B) Winter 2021-22  
C) Spring 2022
- \*Bonus.... Which of these UC residents played in the Fairbanks, Alaska "Midnight Sun" baseball classic?  
A) Barry Bernstein  
B) Tom Cartier  
C) Greg Pardue

UC Quiz prepared by UCCA President Barry Bernstein.  
Answers on page 3, or go to [universitycitynews.org](http://universitycitynews.org).





## UCHS Student Nikhil Seshadri Selected to Represent U.S. in International Chemistry Olympiad

Nikhil Seshadri, a resident of University City and a senior at UCHS is one of the four students selected among roughly 16,000 students to represent the United States in the annual International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) that will be virtually hosted by Japan during July 24-August 2.

The U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) is a multi-tiered chemistry competition open to all students in the US. Nearly 16,000 students participate in local chemistry Olympiad competitions and roughly 1000 students are selected to participate in the National Competition. Finally, four students are selected to represent the US. Based on their performance, students are awarded gold, silver or bronze medals.

At UCHS, Nikhil was associate concertmaster in orchestra and cadet second lieutenant in JROTC. He enjoys playing piano at Anna Yanovsky piano studio and practicing Aikido at Ryushinkan Aikido Dojo at Standley Recreation Center. He is a member of San Diego Math Circle. Nikhil Seshadri will join Harvard University in Fall 2021. He plans to enroll in the Paulson School of Engineering at Harvard and major in Applied Mathematics with application to theoretical physics and chemistry.



## UC Teen Creates @CalFireBot

Bennett Kedrosky, a UC resident and high school senior at Francis Parker, created the Twitter @CalFireBot to provide real time info on wildfire calls and locations throughout the state. The information is pulled from the California Highway Patrol. He thought of the real time bot during a family vacation to Mammoth last fall, when the Creek Fire was destroying more than 379,000 acres in Fresno and Madera Counties. The @CalFireBot can be a critical and beneficial tool for fire torn Californians. Follow @CalFireBot on Twitter, and make sure to click on the bell icon to get notifications.



## Bernini's UC Owners Serves Up Seniors During Pandemic

Like with many restaurants during the pandemic, Bernini's Bistro in La Jolla had to find ways to stay in business. Through the Great Plates program, Bernini's, whose owners Reyhan and Hamdi Gumustekin are University City residents, have been serving 135 seniors in the area. About 2/3 of the meals are delivered in UC, with the rest in La Jolla and Solana Beach. Bernini's delivers the meals daily (including holidays), and consist of breakfast, lunch and dinner.

With COVID vaccinations more readily available and cases declining, the Great Plates program will end on July 9, 2021. Those who continue to need food assistance will be happy to know there are several nutria programs available in San Diego County. For current information, contact 2-1-1 San Diego by phone (dial 2-1-1) or visit [211sandiego.org](http://211sandiego.org) to ask about food assistance and referrals to local food programs and services.

Reyhan and Hamdi met while living in Canada, where Hamdi opened his first restaurant near Vancouver. After traveling to San Diego on their Christmas holiday, they made the decision to make their move. They settled in University City where they raised their daughter Esin, who was a familiar face at the restaurant before she left to study at UCLA, where she will return this fall to attend the David Geffen School of Medicine.

Bernini's Bistro, 7550 Fay Avenue, 858.454.5013, [www.berninisbistro.com](http://www.berninisbistro.com)



## Monthly Driveway Concerts Continue to Draw Crowds

Greg Zinser continues to host concerts on his driveway on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month, starting at 2:00pm. His driveway is located at the corner of Hurd Ct. and Willard St. Zinser and his musical guests perform a combination of familiar favorites and songs you may not have heard in a long time. Bring a lawn chair or listen from your car.





## UC's Bird Rescuer

by Ruth DeSantis

Approximately 11,000 animals are rescued each year by Project Wildlife, which merged with San Diego Humane Society in 2014. About 90% of the rescues happen during spring and summer months, mostly juvenile animals and birds.

Irith Abada, pictured above, has been a volunteer with Project Wildlife since 2007. In her 14 years of service, she has grown into the expert on rescuing baby birds. I had the pleasure of crossing paths with her a few years ago when my son came across a downed nest. Several of the baby birds had died, but one was still hopping around the street. A trip to the Gaines Street location after hours meant that the baby might not survive overnight. Learning that baby birds need to be fed every 20-30 minutes, Irith stepped in and saved the baby bird. She made sure it was well nourished and then returned the hatching to its mother quickly. She found the nest, which had not been well built and had collapsed. It was repaired and secured on a stronger limb in a bush, and soon baby bird and both parents were reunited.

Since then I've had the opportunity to work with Irith again, when a bird had become trapped inside Vons, and the workers had no idea what to do. Once again, it was Irith to the rescue. Her cell number is one to save, because she can advise if a bird is truly in distress, and if so, what to do. 858.717.3785. The next time you see a baby bird in distress, you will know who to call. Thank you Irith for your many years of volunteer service to our wildlife.

## Front Porch Pandemic Band Gets National Recognition

The Front Porch Pandemic Jazz Jam is proud to be recognized by NAMM, the international trade association for the global musical instrument industry. Article at: [namm.org/playback/advancing-music-making/front-porch-pandemic-jazz-jam-rocks-neighborhood](http://namm.org/playback/advancing-music-making/front-porch-pandemic-jazz-jam-rocks-neighborhood)

When: Thursdays (subject to weather) from 4:30 - 6:30pm

Where: 5600 block of Bloch St. in University City

What: Classic Straight Ahead Jazz, Swing & Latin Jazz from the last 100 years of the Great American Songbook.

Seating is on the sidewalks, some driveways and edge of the street or in your parked car. Bring your own chair.

Who: Jack Hoffman (piano or drums), Roy Jenkins (bass & vocals), Greg Pardue (saxophones vocals), Phil Marcus (guitar & vocals), Albert Rubidoux III (drums) - plus occasional guests.



## UCHS Says Good-bye to Beloved Teacher and Advisor

Donna Fallon, AP English teacher and ASB advisor, suddenly passed away in June after collapsing from a brain aneurysm during a school rally. She was 44 and left behind three young sons, and husband Matt Fallon, principal at Wangenheim Middle School.

Fallon was well loved by students, staff and parents, with lots of energy and a great sense of humor, enjoying "Dad jokes". She was very respected in her job, voted twice by her peers as the school's Teacher of the Year, this year and in 2016.

During a memorial for her at La Jolla Shores, current and past students spoke about her warmth and mentorship towards them, always willing to listen. Afterwards, a flower petal tribute was held at the beach.

A memorial service will be held on July 1, at USD's Immaculata Church, starting at 10:00am. A GoFundMe Fund has been established for her sons education, search for "Fallon Boys Memorial Fund." Fallon was a firm believer in higher education.





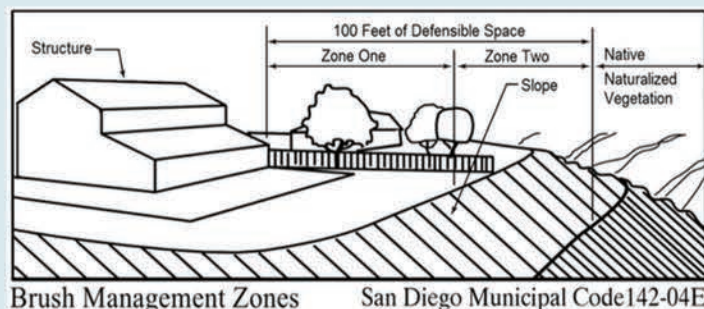


### Community Evacuation Challenge – Streets with faded signs and No Outlet

by Diane Ahern, Fire Safe Council of UC President:

You and your family know how to get out of your house. What if you had to evacuate your street or neighborhood? In our area, evacuation planning can be a challenge for some because many streets in residential and commercial areas are dead-ends, have no outlet, and there is only one way in or out. Where possible, each individual should plan ahead and identify at least two ways out of their street, neighborhood, and out of the community (a Primary and an Alternative route).

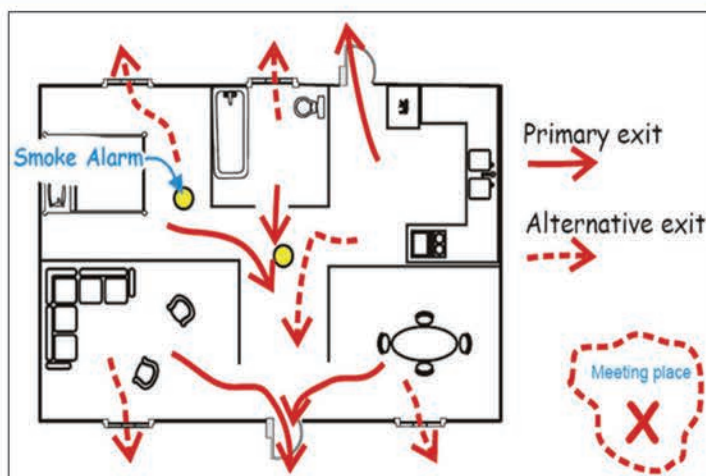
Evacuation planning can be further complicated by faded street signs and issues that block the streets (our evacuation corridors) out of the neighborhood. Please take the Evacuation Planning Challenge. The Fire Safe Council urges residents to use the Get-it-Done app to report issues such as faded street signs, trees and vegetation which affects the visibility of street signs, potholes and other street issues, illegal dumping, and any other health and safety issue that may impact our ability to navigate our streets in an emergency. Download the app at [sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://sandiego.gov/get-it-done). For more Fire Safe Council news, visit [universitycitynews.org/category/sdfd/](http://universitycitynews.org/category/sdfd/)



### Fire Department Schedules Inspections

This month, the SD Fire-Rescue Department's Fire Prevention Bureau staff will begin conducting door to door brush inspections of University City canyon rim homes or homes that are adjacent to native vegetation. University City area residents and property owners with affected properties will receive information by US Mail.

As we ease out of COVID restrictions and into vacation travel season, the Fire Safe Council urges all to follow these Summer Safety tips to prevent fires and burn injuries. Fire safe practices such as wearing short sleeves or roll them up when cooking on the grill, using long-handled barbecue tools, keeping a 3-foot safe zone around grills, fire pits, and campfires, will help to keep you and your family and community safe. For more information and fire safe news, visit [universitycitynews.org/category/sdfd/](http://universitycitynews.org/category/sdfd/)



### Evacuation Planning Starts at Home

Courtesy of the American Red Cross

Having smoke alarms that work is very important, but that's not the only thing that will keep you and your family safe in a home fire. You also need a plan to get out fast. Get the family together to make a plan and practice your Family Fire Drill.

- Walk through your home. Look for two ways out of every room. One way will be out the door. The other way could be a window. Talk to your family about all the exits in your rooms and how to get out safely.
- Pick a family meeting place outside. This is where everyone will go if the smoke alarm sounds. When you practice the drill with your family, have everyone start in their bedrooms. Then have a parent push the smoke alarm button so it makes a noise.
- Everyone should practice going from the room to the outside family meeting place using some of the exits that you found. Make sure to close the doors behind you as you leave.
- Pretend to call the fire department from outside so you know how to reach them if a real fire happens.
- In a real fire, if you see smoke on your way out, turn around and go the other way. Stay away from the dangerous smoke.
- Never go back inside a burning building. Once out, stay out. The firefighters will rescue anyone who needs help, even your pets.

Note to parents: Talk to your kids about meeting place outside your home. It should be a safe distance away from your home, like across the street at the neighbor's house. Make sure everyone in your family knows where to meet.

### Fire Safe Council of UC Updates

by Council President Diane Ahern

The University City Fire Safe Council is pleased to announce that it has applied for a grant from the SD Foundation / SDG&E for community outreach activities related to fire prevention and fire preparation. In addition, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) has received preliminary approval from both the San Diego Fire Department and the SD County Fire Safe Council. Our local council has been asked to make revisions to the Evacuation Planning section and hopes to have final approval from both SD County and CAL Fire by the end of the summer. For more Fire Safe projects to protect your home and family, visit the Fire Department website at [sandiego.gov/fire](http://sandiego.gov/fire)



## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED UCCA FOR 2021

### JUNE MEMBERSHIPS

#### INDIVIDUAL

Garrett Ashman  
Collin Friscia  
Jack & Diane Huth  
Micki Papini  
Don & Elaine Shankels  
Sunny Zhuang

#### SUPPORTER

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Mining Gems, LLC  
Constance Rawlins

#### ANGEL

Barbara Kading

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## Community Plan Update Meeting

June 15, 2021

by Katie Rodolico

Agenda and supporting documents for this meeting, and previous meetings can be found at: <https://www.planuniversity.org/>. The meeting was held as a webinar. Note: I was 5 minutes late so some public comments might have been missed.

#### Public Comment:

**Joann Sellick**, attended workshops regarding ADUs. Said SB10 would allow ADUs in areas with HOAs that restrict them. Wanted to let people know.

#### Agenda Items:

**Katie Witherspoon** reviewed the schedule for the plan update process. Of note, September meeting will review the online engagement survey that will be active in October 2021. City will be doing outreach in live events in the October timeframe. Contact her if you'd like to know more or to arrange for a presentation to an HOA or community event.

**Diego Velasco** presented ideas and led discussion of the proposals for the five focus area groups. The ideas presented were drawn from previous urban design discussions. The feedback emphasized that outdoor 'placemaking' would need to be separated from active traffic. With the exception of focus area 1 (Torrey Pines science park area) the proposals allowed for increased housing density at the focus areas. Concern was expressed that the increased density needed to be met with increased services like parks, bike lanes, and other infrastructure. A discussion about which should come first, density increase - which generates funds for infrastructure, or infrastructure in place before allowing increased density. Community members expressed concern that density would increase long before any infrastructure improvements were started.

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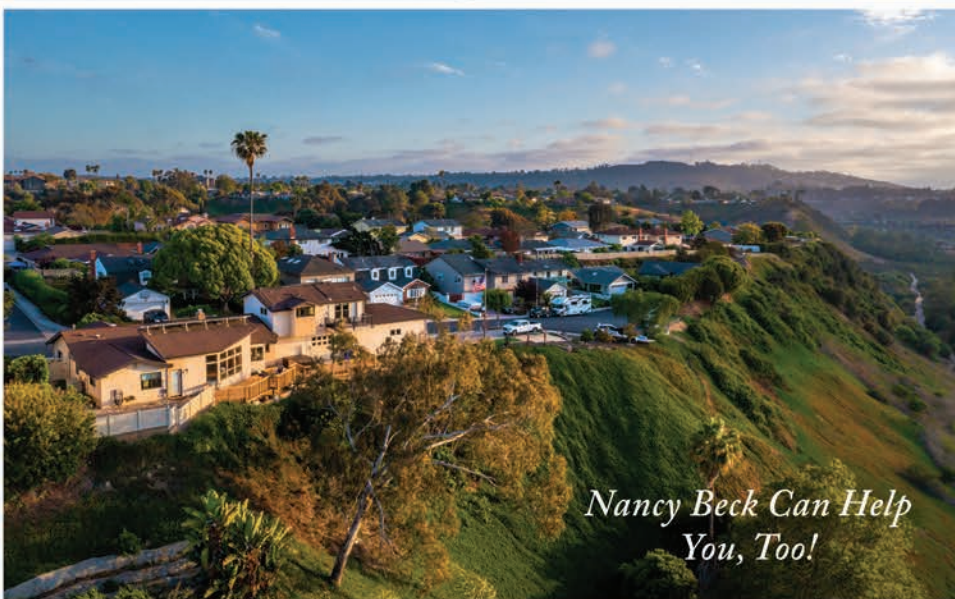
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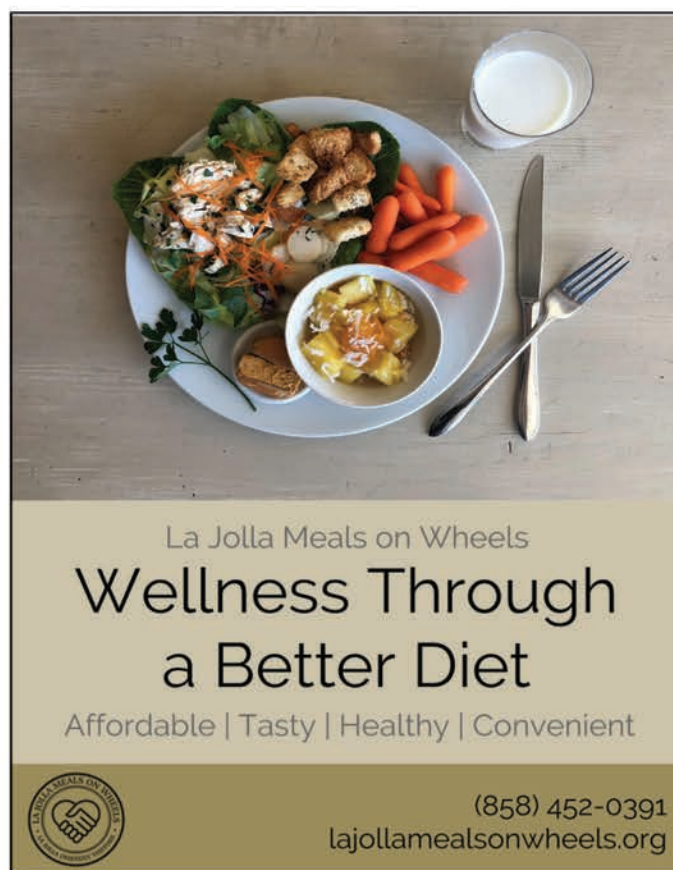
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