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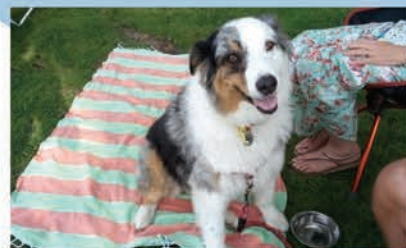
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UC's Dog Days of Summer

Our UC dogs enjoyed the Summer Concerts too. Relaxing while enjoying the music. And as Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Barbara Gellman reminds us, they're a big part of our Neighborhood Watch community. For info about NW, contact Barbara Gellman at bggellman@yahoo.com.

Photos courtesy Barbara Gellman



Summer Concerts Brings UC Together

The Summer Concerts returned in August with an abbreviated schedule with four concerts that featured a variety of styles. The Sunday evening concerts were a great way for UC neighbors to get together and catch up after a year and a half without community events. Bands included: Royal Heat, Front Porch Pandemic Jazz Band, 3 Car Garage, and The Distractions. Many folks had picnics, danced, and enjoyed the company of longtime friends and neighbors. Thanks to the Concert Committee members for organizing the concerts on short notice: Andy Freeburn, John Schindel, Greg Pardue, and Rick Kern. UC residents are already looking forward to next year's concerts.

Photos courtesy Greg Hom



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UC Community Association

July 14 Meeting Recap

by Jim Beshears, Recording Secretary

President Barry Bernstein announced: (1) the Sunday concert series at Standley Park was slow in getting clearance from the City; (2) August 3 is National Night Out for Neighborhood Watch; (3) the ice cream/banana split party will be held at on August 7 at Standley Park.

Officer M. Bognuda of the SDPD reported officers will visit the neighborhood events on National Night Out. She also reported that there have been break-ins in the underground parking in Costa Verde Shopping Center and other areas and encouraged people not to leave valuables visible in the car and be sure to lock their cars.

Guest speaker Sabrina Bazzo, San Diego School Board Trustee, reported the summer school schedule is proceeding as planned. In the fall, they will follow California guidelines re mandatory mask wearing for in-person classes and virtual options for those who do not wear masks. The School District is working on a licensing agreement with the City to allow people walking on Rose Canyon trails to park in the parking lot of UCHS. Signs were suggested stating when the lot gates would be closed so cars are not stuck in the parking lot.

Amanda Barry, aide to Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported that the County budget for the next fiscal year was around \$7.0 billion with funding for storm water systems, mental health programs, and homelessness issues. The Small Business Relief Program is still open to provide funds for Covid-19 relief.

Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to City Council Member Joe LaCava, reported the City was working on "traffic calming" issues for Governor Dr. and expanding the coverage from Radcliff St. to Stresemann Dr. Various issues being considered include eliminating one lane in each direction, widening, and marking bike lanes and restricting parking on Governor Dr. in front of the recreation center and sports fields. Barry Bernstein stated that the City has not involved local community members in the planning.

Helen Liebowitz, from San Diego library, reported the UC Branch opened last week and all 36 branches will open by September. The library is open for in-person use but masks are requested, and capacity is limited to 50%. The library system is currently hiring.

Jessica Brown, aide to Congress member Scott Peters, reported they were working on regulations for methane gases. Congress member Peters met with MCAS Miramar officers concerning flight pattern compliance. Middle and high school students can apply for federal grants and scholarships, and should contact his office for details.

Cole Reed, aide to St. Senator Toni Atkins, reported (1) Stimulus checks for children of up to \$600 will be sent to 2/3 of California families; (2) Funding and planning for universal pre-K classes for four-year-olds was being implemented; (3) California is spending \$12 billion over the next two years for aid to homeless including housing, medical, drug counseling, and job training.

Chris Nielson, UCPG President, reported (1) the UCPG approved office use at the old Sears location at UTC; (2) City Council districts will have to be redrawn do to census changes and it could affect the UC Community; (3) "Traffic Calming" for Governor Drive from Radcliff to Stresemann will be studied with public input; (4) the building of ADU's (Alternative Dwelling Units) will be the topic of meetings and input is welcome.

John Lee Evans reported on the Governor Dr. "Traffic Calming" project. A subcommittee was formed to address the issues. He discussed a joint use idea combining the School District and the City, the modernization of Spreckels Elementary, the building of a jogging path, and the construction of a pavilion/stage for music at Standley Park.

Katie Dunahoo, of EdUcate!, made the formal request for \$2,000 from the UCCA to be used to help sponsor Oktoberfest on October 9 to raise money for the local schools. The request was unanimously approved on motion submitted to the board.

Diane Ahern submitted detailed written reports on the Fire Safe Council, Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation (CASA), Standley Community Recreation Group (CRG), University City Parks Council. For details, go to www.universitycitynews.org

The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2021, via Zoom at 6:00 pm. Zoom.us ID# 864 1114 1984.



UCCA President Barry Bernstein

September is here...Our schools are back in session with appropriate health/safety protocols being observed. The COVID variants continue to make our lives complicated and frustrating. Our next UCCA meeting, (September), will only be on Zoom, so please check our Zoom info in this newsletter, or find the link in our UCCA member's pre-meeting eBlast. I want to recommend that you take a

moment to read Councilman LaCava's column as it will provide further information related to the highly controversial Governor Dr. "calming"/lane reduction proposal. More info on proposed sewer pipeline replacement on Governor Drive has made this issue that much more complicated. (This is separate from the plans for the Pure Water raw sewage pipeline project that will intersect Governor Drive.) And let's not forget the demolition of Costa Verde starting this Fall. OMG, how will we navigate through all of these street/pipeline repair/construction projects these next few years? Maybe arrange for some helicopters from MCAS Miramar to ferry us from one area to another. Seriously, there is a justified concern not only for general public travel, but perhaps more importantly, related to emergency vehicles providing services in a timely manner.

We had a great, although shortened, Sunday Summer Concert series this August at Standley Park, and a very nice Banana Split Ice Cream event as well. Thank you Heimbürger Family for your ice cream donation and to all the volunteers who helped to "scoop." See photos on page 11. Thanks to the Standley Park Rec. Councils and Park/Rec employees for making these events happen. Special congratulations to the Fire Safe Council of UC, and particularly President Diane Ahern for receiving the final approval of the required University City Wild Fire Protection Plan. Mark Powell, former County Board of Education member, was recently elected to the prestigious position as president of "Parents for Quality Education. Welcome to Michael Paredes, new University City High School principal...see page 10. Mr. Paredes was vice-principal at UCHS a few years back and is very excited to return.

A special High Holy Days wish to our Jewish families who will be celebrating year 5782 starting at sunset on September 6 and ending with Yom Kippur eve on the 16th. The 16th of September is also the official day of Independence in Mexico. We are all looking forward to EdUcate's hosting of the wonderful community Oktoberfest at Standley Park on Saturday, October 9. I wish I could say with assurance that October will also provide Padre fans like myself with "playoff" games...but the way they are currently playing has only increased my doubts.

UCCA has their election of officers coming up in November...If you are a member and have attended at least two meetings this year, you are eligible to run, and or nominate someone for the position of President, Vice-president, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. See special election information on page 4. As mentioned above in the first paragraph, our September 8 meeting will be Zoom only. We've canceled our library room reservation in an abundance of caution related to the Delta variant emergence in Southern California.

Stay well, stay safe! Remember, University City "is more than just a neighborhood". ~
Barry

VIRTUAL UCCA MEETING Wednesday, September 8

The next UCCA meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, September 8, starting at 6:00pm – the regular monthly meeting time.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To participate, join at us02web.zoom.us/j/86411141984

You may also go to zoom.com, and join meeting

ID: 864 1114 1984

And you can also call in at: 408.638.0968, 86411141984#

calendar

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 6
Holiday – Schools Closed

ROSH HASHANAH

Begins evening of Monday, September 6
Ends evening of Wednesday, September 8

UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, September 8, 6:00pm
Zoom.us, meeting ID#864 1114 1984

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, September 14
6:00 – 7:30pm

Agendas and Zoom meeting info:
planuniversity.org

YOM KIPPUR

Begins evening of Wednesday, September 15
Ends evening of Thursday, September 16

COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 21
6:30pm (New Start Time)

Agendas and Zoom meeting info:
planuniversity.org

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, September 19
7:30-9:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, September 23

Contact Rec Center for meeting info:
858.552.1652

UCUC BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, September 10
8:00am to 1:30pm

Sprouts Marketplace on Governor Drive

RENEW YOUR UCCA MEMBERSHIP GO TO UNIVERSITYCITYNEWS.ORG

SAVE THE DATE!

EDUCATE'S OKTOBERFEST

Standley Park
Saturday, October 9
2:00-6:00pm



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT MEMORIES

by Barbara Gellman

"We had a very well attended event, perhaps one of the best since we started National Night Outs. It was great having the police stop by."

"We had a wonderful gathering! Everyone wants to have another one very soon. The police staff were great."

"So many kids, without phones, playing hide and seek, running around. I loved watching the interaction between the officers and kids, that was my highlight of the evening."

It was a "magical" evening with lively conversations, laughter, neighbors reconnecting, good food and enjoying the interaction of our police with residents."

"Good friends, good food."

These are some of the comments overheard at the various hosted homes for National Night Out. It was like a "release" from a balloon, the air was electric with conversation as reported by all the Neighborhood Watch Captains who provided this opportunity for their neighbors. It acted as a reminder, the importance of knowing your neighbors and feeling their support.

We are better as a community when we can interact with each other in positive ways. We all hold the key to safety, our actions or inactions determine the outcome so keep up the good work educating, observing and reporting suspicious activities; we are the extra eyes and ears of the police, we need each other's support.



Thanks to Officer Bognuda, Lt. Scott, Capt. Wahl from Northern and Assistant Chief Connelly and Executive Assistant Chief McGrath from Headquarters for participating in this community event. Pictured above from left to right: Capt. Wahl of Northern Division, Assistant Chief Connelly, Executive Assistant Chief McGrath, Barbara Gellman Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, U.C., Lt. Scott of Northern Division, and Officer Bognuda Community Relations Officer of Northern Division.

Non-Emergency Response Times

by Captain Jerry Hara

In response to questions regarding response times when calling the non-emergency number, Captain Hara answers as follows:

1. This year, we have surpassed a record breaking 1.4 million calls this year. Last year, was the previous record setting year with 1.3 million. So our dispatchers answer more and more calls each year. This past year we answered an extra 100,000 calls this year.
Example: 4th of July: We had over 5500 calls into our Communications Center in one day. Last year was 4200 calls.
2. We have lost many dispatchers to retirement, to other agencies or they have moved to other cities with family. We are currently short 22 dispatchers.
3. During the pandemic, the City's Testing Department was only inviting 10 people a week to test for dispatcher. So we could not keep up with attrition.
4. Since Police substations and City buildings are closed, citizens call us to inquiry about their issue. Once city and police buildings open, we hope it will drop our call volume.

Here's what we are doing to fix it:

1. I have worked with City testing Department to invite 38 people to test each week.
2. I have three dispatchers starting next week, and three more starting next month.
3. I have an additional 13 candidates in the background check process. Please tell people we are hiring. 911 dispatchers will be making over \$80,000 a year.
4. Since SDPD dispatchers were paid the lowest in 16 surveyed SD County and San Bernardino County dispatchers, they finally got a 19% raise over 2 years. Now they are middle of the pack regarding pay and we can retain dispatchers.
5. We have new technology that will handle the hundreds of abandoned 911 calls we get each day. This frees up our 911 dispatcher for real emergencies.

I checked the star feature several times and it does work properly on the non-emergency line. When you call 531-2000 and hear a ladies voice, your call is in a phone tree that routes your call. When you hit star, your call is routed to the non-emergency line and you will hear a male's voice on the line. This means you are in the queue for the non-emergency line and several dispatchers answer calls in the order they come in. Depending on time and call volume, wait times vary. The daily average wait time for the non-emergency line is 4 minutes and 30 seconds. If you call during prime time hours when many 911 calls come in, wait times can be longer.

A YouTube information video "SDPF Emergency Response" sheds a lot of light on the 911 Communications Center can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mc9Hui91zzg>

NOTICE: UCCA ELECTIONS

UCCA will be electing 2022-2023 (two-year term) officers at the November 10 UCCA meeting. Candidates for President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer will be published in the November newsletter. In order to run for office, you must be a member in good standing and have attended at least two UCCA meetings during this calendar year. If you are interested in running for office, or have any questions, contact Mack Langston, Elections Coordinator, at langstonmack@gmail.com.

Monthly Message from District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava

Governor Drive

As discussed at the UCPG subcommittee, well attended by 85 individuals, the City is proposing the restriping of Governor Drive from the west end to Radcliffe Drive. This work would not be started until after the city's sewer/water replacement project is completed after its August 2022 start date. In other words, repaving and restriping will not occur until late 2022 and more likely 2023.

The City has previously assessed Governor Drive in developing the concept. I requested, and city staff has agreed, to re-assess traffic patterns and volumes on Governor Drive. This will be done on or about November once regular school traffic resumes, Standley Park is fully reopened, and InnovateUC is completed to ensure decisions are based on current data. Accordingly, my original proposal to convene a community forum in August or September will now be delayed until at least November.

This is an important issue with passionate advocates. I want to express my gratitude to community members for sharing their thoughts and working together to ensure Governor Drive is a safe corridor for all at all times.

Please continue to contact my UC rep, Kaitlyn Willoughby, at kwilloughby@sandiego.gov with your questions, comments, and concerns.

Fire Safety Protocols – From Prevention to Evacuation

Fire safety protocols in UC is of utmost importance to all of us due to the number of canyons in and around your community. Those canyons and open space add to UC's quality of life but we need to be pro-active and prepared during fire season. It is essential that residents not only practice fire prevention in and around their homes, but also know what to do in the event of an active fire and if there should ever be a call for an evacuation.

Discussing what to do in the case of an evacuation is not meant to scare you, it is intended to prepare you. Preemptively sharing information will hopefully equip you and your family with the information to evacuate safely and efficiently, should that day come.

How does the city decide to call for an evacuation? Firefighters consider all elements of a fire's behavior including the terrain, proximity, weather conditions, etc. and measures that against the threat to homes and structures. The decision is then made whether to evacuate all or a portion of the community.

If there is a call to evacuate, there are mechanisms in place to notify affected residents, including:

1. The Wireless Emergency Alert System (WEA); the City will activate alerts that automatically go to cellular devices within a specific area to notify of a need to evacuate. The alerts do not require extra software on phone and may instruct the public to go to sandiego.gov for any additional instructions
2. Reverse 911; like the WEA but will target landline phones.
3. Boots on the ground - San Diego City employees will work with law enforcement to provide in-person assistance as well as help spread information related to evacuating and egress routes.

Residents can proactively prepare themselves by embracing the following safety measures:

- Reading and familiarizing yourself with the University City Fire Safe Council's "Community Wildfire Protection Plan" and <https://www.ucfiresafecouncil.com/>
- Reading and familiarizing yourself with SDFD's "Ready, Set, Go!" wildfire fire action guide;
- Creating a family disaster plan that includes meeting locations and communication plans;
- Downloading 'SD Emergency App'; the official mobile app managed by the County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services;
- Following 'SDFD Newsworthy Events' (@SDFD_Incidents) on social media for updates on any active fire-rescue incident within the City of San Diego.

In closing, I acknowledge and thank Diane Ahern and the University City Fire Safe Council for their diligent work both in pro-active prevention and educating the community about fire-safe protocols. Their efforts and continued dedication are instrumental in keeping our community safe.

Protecting Victims from Domestic Violence Homicide

by San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott

Helping victims of domestic violence escape the cycle of abuse is one of the most difficult and important things I do as City Attorney. The catalyst for a program that saves lives every year was the murder of 19-year-old Diana, who did everything she could to escape her abusive husband, but was ultimately killed by him.

Diana knew she was in danger, so her family accompanied her wherever she went. They were waiting for her to finish class at City College one day in 2010 when her husband brutally murdered her in a campus restroom.

Diana's death led to a special task force that fast-tracks critical services and rallies around individuals who are at extreme risk of being murdered by their partner. A coalition of law enforcement, government agencies, and non-profit organizations make up the San Diego County Domestic Violence High Risk Case Response Team, also known as the "High Risk Team."

My office's Victim Services Coordinators support High Risk Team victims through the worst times in their lives with the goal of preventing another case like Diana's. If warning signs indicate a victim is at risk of being murdered -- they've been strangled or threatened with a firearm, for example -- the High Risk Team steps in, regardless of whether criminal charges have been filed.

High Risk Team victims are often financially dependent on their abuser, have young children, and need medical care. When a victim is identified as a High Risk Team candidate, we first respond to their immediate safety needs, then help them access public benefits, childcare, and a safe home.

If you are in danger, please call the San Diego Family Justice Center. You are not alone. We are here to help.

619.533.6000 - Business hours
888.385.4657 - 24 hours
Call 9-1-1 for emergencies
www.sandiego.gov/fjc

Mara W. Elliott is the San Diego City Attorney

University Community Branch Library

4155 Governor Dr., San Diego, CA 92122, 858.552.1655

Branch Manager: Melissa Martin, Youth Services Librarian: Larry Hoeckelmann

New Hours!

Monday-Tuesday 11:30 am to 8:00 pm, Wednesday-Saturday 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sundays: All locations closed (some locations will re-open later this year)

San Diego Public Library: www.sandiego.gov/public-library

What's New this Month at the Library?

Welcome back! The Library is slowly and carefully returning to in-person services again after many months. We opened our doors on July 6 and staff were thrilled to greet everyone who has come to visit. Many things are different: at the time this newsletter went to press, libraries are at 50% capacity.

Face masks are optional but recommended if you are vaccinated, and required for unvaccinated guests.

We encourage you to follow our Facebook page and the San Diego Public Library website for the most current information. Please note the libraries follow State and County health and safety guidelines, so information and events may change on short notice.

At the UC Library, we will resume our weekly story time the first week of October, moving from Thursday to Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. We are also introducing a new special pajama story time on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm with Mr. Larry beginning on October 11.

On October 15 at 4:00 pm, we are holding a sugar skulls craft program to recognize Dia de los Muertos. Contact the library to sign up. We are working on scheduling new and returning programs to start in October and November - we hope you'll join us!

Check us out on our Facebook page and watch NextDoor for more updates and events at the library. Contact library staff at 858-552-1655 if you would like to be added to our monthly email list.

Honoring September 11th for Kids: A selection of fiction & non-fiction books about the events of September 11, 2001. In remembrance of the 20th anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001, the staff of the Central Library have created a curated list of books for children of all ages. Visit the SD Public Library's home page for book selections at sandiego.gov/public-library



Welcome Station: Resources for New San Diegans

Available at all (open) San Diego Public Library locations, the new Welcome Stations provide transition resources for new arrivals to the United States. Each station comes with books, pamphlets, lists of resources and links to reputable online organizations to help new Americans connect with their communities.

Resources on immigration, housing, employment, social services, refugee services, legal help and education are available. If you are new to the United States or know somebody who is a recent immigrant, check out this free resource (and sign up for a library card while you are here)!

Mail Ballot Drop Off (MBDO)



University Community Branch Library and North University Community Library will serve as official Mail Ballot Drop-Off (MBDO) locations for the California Gubernatorial Recall Election from Tuesday August 17 through Tuesday September 14. Your signed, sealed and dated mail ballot envelope can be dropped off during these hours:

- **Monday & Tuesday 11:30 am – 8:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday 9:30 am – 6:00 pm**
- **On Election Day, Tuesday September 14, hours for dropping off mail ballots will be 7 am to 8 pm**

Three libraries (Central, Mission Valley, and Skyline Hills) will be voting locations (polls) in addition to MBDO locations. MBDO will operate as a standalone program from August 17 through September 10. From September 11 through September 14 voters can drop off their mail ballots at the voting location instead of the MBDO table.

Questions regarding voting locations and the Mail Ballot Drop-Off program should be directed to the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters 858.565.5800.

You Are Invited to join the:

SOUTH UC SENIOR WALKING GROUP

Endorphin Booster & Stress Reducer

To Be Held: Wednesdays 9:30-10:15am

Meet: In front of Swanson Pool on Governor Dr

How long: 30 – 45 minutes on mostly flat surfaces

Questions: Contact Marie at 858.453.2107

No walk'n in the rain



Oktoberfest Returns

by Katie Dunahoo

Mark your calendars and join us for the 12th Annual EdUCate! Oktoberfest on October 9 from 2:00-6:00pm at Standley Park on Governor Drive. We will have our famous beer and wine garden, a variety of food offerings, school marching bands, music, booths, games for the kids and more. We all have lots of fun raising money for the five UC public schools. When you donate a Dollar-a-Day (\$180) or more, you will receive unlimited pours for two of beer, wine and soda. This year the beer garden is featuring AleSmith, Harland, St. Archer, Mash Heads Home Brewing Club and beer selections sponsored by Garrett Lees from UC Photons, Richard Patchett from Blue Moon Pools, and more. This great event is NOT to be missed!

Special thanks to our Major Sponsors: Nancy Beck Century 21 Award, Valerie Upham Compass, Coldwell Banker UC, Caryl Lees Century 21 Award, Steve & Terri Gray, Katie Dunahoo Coldwell Banker UC, and University City Community Association (UCCA).

UC Resident Mark Powell Appointed Parents for Quality Education President

Mark Powell has been appointed President of "Parents For Quality Education" (PQE). Powell is no stranger to education. Powell has 25 years of hands-on education experience as a classroom teacher, vice principal and dean of students. Powell was elected to the San Diego County Board of Education in June 2016 and served on the board for 4 years. He is a business owner and Adjunct University Professor teaching graduate-level courses in teacher education for National University.



Powell is "honored and excited to lead PQE. I believe quality education matters – it matters to San Diego, to California, and to the country, but most of all it matters to parents and students." PQE founder Mitz Lee added, "We are fortunate to have someone of Mark Powell's caliber and experience step up to lead PQE. We are at a critical moment in public education and the board believes that Mark Powell has the right communication and leadership skills needed to deliver PQE's mission to transform and revitalize public education so each and every child receives a quality education."

Mark Powell also served on the County Commission on District Restructuring where he reviewed and evaluated district maps in a process to divide school district into equal areas that supported the Voters Right Act. As a former reserve police officer with the SDPD, Powell said that he is committed to keeping our schools safe and free from drugs and will be working with all stakeholders on an anti-opioid campaign. Powell and PQE will also be providing input on the reopening of schools to make sure all stakeholders' voices are heard.



Thank You UC

Dear UCCA and Community Members,

The UCHS Class of 2021 and the Senior Grad Party Committee would like to thank you for your support and generous donation to the Senior Grad Party that occurred on June 15, 2021. Unlike previous years where the party was held in the UCHS gymnasium, this year the party was held off site at the outdoors Party Pals venue in Sorrento Valley. Over 200 UCHS graduates were treated to an open taco bar, video games, live magician and hypnotist, mechanical bull ride, rock climbing wall, casino tables, jumpy, wrecking ball pit, dancing, dessert and smores bar. The party was a huge success and the kids all had a great time. We want to thank the community for helping us make this a memorable event for the seniors in a year where so much was canceled.

Sincerely,

UCHS Senior Grad Party Committee -

(UCHS Senior Grad Party is a UCHS PTSA sponsored event)



COMMUNITY SHORTS



People for a Clean UC

The next cleanup is Sunday, September 19, from 7:30 to 9:00am. Volunteers meet at Starbucks on Governor Drive. All supplies are provided (trash bags, pickers, gloves, reflective vests, etc.) Everyone is welcome to help.

UCUC Blood Drive

Saturday, September 18 is the next UCUC Bloodmobile Blood Drive at the Sprouts Marketplace on Governor Drive from 8:00am to 1:30pm. You can signup at: mysddb.org. The 2021 blood drives will be on November 13.

Front Porch Pandemic Jazz Jam

Plans are to continue each Thursday night, from 4:30 to 6:30pm (subject to weather). Located at 5600 Bloch St. Seating is outside – bring your own chairs, or sit in your car. Dancing is encouraged; picnicking and wine tasting too. Usual five musicians are: Jack Hoffman (piano or drums), Roy Jenkins (bass), Phil Marcus (guitar & vocals), Ray Conseur (our new drummer), and Greg Pardue (saxophone).

Ride the Tide in UC

Saturday, September 18, 9:00am to 1:00pm

Meet at Standley Park Rec Center

Join the San Diego Sustainable Living Institute, Catching H2O, and SD Coastkeeper for the 3rd annual Ride the Tide, a half-day, six mile bike tour of five home gardens striving for sustainability in the UC neighborhood. See how our UC neighbors contribute to local water supply, improve water quality, support community food systems, keep neighborhoods cool, and fight climate change. Cost is \$5. Go to sdsustainable.org/water-harvesting-bike-tour-2021.

Brown Bag Opera

The popular Brown Bag Operas at Our Mother of Confidence Church has returned. They are scheduled for the third Sunday of every month, starting at 12:30pm. Operas for the next year:

September 19: Dialogue of the Carmelites, Francois Poulenc

October 17: Porgy & Bess, George Gershwin

November 21: Carmen, George Bizet

No Opera December

January 16: Tales of Hoffmann, Jules Offenbach

February 20: Cosi Fan Tutte, W.A. Mozart

March 20: Ernani, Giuseppe Verdi

April 17: Faust, Charles Gounod

May 15: Die Fledermaus, Johann Straus

June 19: The Flying Dutchman, Richard Wagner

July 17: Lucia Di Lammermoor, Gaetano Donizetti

UC Aerial Quick Pics



Aerial photos taken by Karl Cranford (JK Computer Services) of the new Standley Park pool (above) and stage (below) construction.



Karl was also nice enough to head on over to Curie Elementary School and take this overhead shot of its new field construction. Thanks Karl!

Exploring University City

by John Lee Evans

While touring the construction in Standley Park, I became curious at what was BEHIND the park. Have you ever noticed the gate behind the playground at Standley Park? When you open the gate there are several wooden stairs descending into the canyon followed by a fairly steep trail.



You can walk down this trail on the way to San Clemente Canyon.

You will eventually come out at Syracuse Street after a leisurely walk of about 10 minutes.



Cross the road and the trail will continue under the 52. Did you ever notice a small overpass on the freeway between Regents and Genesee?

Voila! You have arrived at San Clemente Canyon and can go east or west...or turn around and go back to Standley Park, just 15 minutes to return. There are plenty of places to explore in our own back yard. This area is actually popular with mountain bikers, too.



Meet UC Artist Meera Ramanathan

Meera Ramanathan, a resident of University City is a visual art teacher for San Diego Unified School District and a paper collage artist. She enjoys working with paper as her preferred medium. Her works deal with subjects which are often mundane and ordinary; things that we look at every day and take for granted. Her aim is to raise these items to a higher level as she believes there is so much beauty and uniqueness in them. She thinks of her paper collages as an ode to the normal and typical and strives to elevate these objects.

Meera first sketches her subjects to get a sense of the form. She likes to exaggerate the color and light to create drama. She then use pieces of paper ripped from magazines to create bold chunks of color. Hand embroidery and sewing have been a huge part of her life - she learned Kutch embroidery while pursuing her Masters in Fine arts, drawing and painting with a specialization in textile design and looks for opportunities when she can incorporate thread into her works to create areas of interest.

"Pots and cups" is a collection of works she worked on during the pandemic and will be on view at Bird Rock Coffee Roasters, La Jolla from September 1 to 30, with an artist reception on September 4 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Having her family home during this past year had her spending much time in the kitchen. She was constantly looking at the coffee mugs, teapots and the flowers in her kitchen which became her inspiration for creating these works.





Welcome Back Mr. P

Mike Paredes takes over as Principal of University City High School this school year, after Jeff Olivero's retirement. Affectionately known as "Mr. P", he was Assistant Principal at UCHS from 2013-2018. Since then he has been principal at the Monarch School, a school for homeless students in downtown San Diego. And now he has come back to UC! We did a short Q & A with Mr. P. as follows:

Q. During your years as Assistant Principal, what were your fondest memories?

A. *When I think back to my time at UCHS, there really isn't one or two things that stand out. Honestly, it's what happened on a daily basis that I remember and cherish most. What feels deeply important to me is the trusting relationships that were fostered with students, families, teachers, staff, and members of the community. Over the past few years, I've been blessed to have stayed in contact with my UC family. I feel so fortunate to have the chance to build on my past experience, bring energy and enthusiasm into this amazing work, and Win the Day together!*

Q. What do you forward to coming back to the most?

A. *I'm so grateful to be back at UCHS. I'm looking forward to truly getting to know our learners and their families, engaging in the work again with the faculty that I know, and cultivating meaningful relationships with those I'll be meeting for the first time. There's an element of healing that will need to be addressed at every school with a return to in-person learning after being away as a result of COVID. I'm eagerly anticipating the opportunity to listen to our school community about the "bright spots" of our school and learning about where we can go from here.*

Q. What do you feel will be the biggest challenges, especially in dealing with COVID mandates?

A. *I embrace challenges, and understand that with COVID, we will need to be ready to pivot regularly to ensure that we are always making safety a priority for our UCHS community. I've been encouraged by what I've seen in these first couple of weeks on campus; our Centurions are owning it. There are so many students who are stepping into the physical classroom for the first time in a long time. This is an opportunity for us to be truly intentional about meeting the needs of each and every student, using what we've learned during the pandemic, and being our very best for each other. Communication and collaboration will be key on the road ahead.*

Q. You left UCHS to become the principal of the Monarch School, a school for homeless students. What lessons, or social inequities, have you experienced from dealing with a homeless population?

A. *My time at the Monarch School mirrored my work in other schools, and reinforced my belief in the importance of knowing a student's story. All of our young people come to us with different life experiences, talents, challenges, and aspirations. As a school, it's our responsibility to cultivate the genius that each of them possess and equip them with the academic and social-emotional tools that they need to be successful in what lies ahead for them in college, work/career, and life. I've learned that having wrap-around support and resources goes a long way in helping to achieve success for our students. I look forward to embracing and leaning into this work with our University City community, and forming partnerships that will have lasting impact.*



Mr. P in 2017 helping deliver presents to families participating in the UCHS Adopt-A-Family holiday program.

Q. What are the biggest issues that face high school students today?

A. *This is a tough question, because the response can be so different for each of our students. I do believe that all of our students, like so many of us, desire to be connected, heard, and seen. I am amazed by this generation of young people. We can learn so much from the way they demonstrate compassion and empathy and I can't wait to listen to what each of THEM say in response to this question.*

And the UC community looks forward to working with Mr. P in helping provide the best experience possible for our UCHS students. Congrats Mr. P – UC, U KNOW!

And know the other UC principals:

Bill Pearson

Standley Middle School – the Seahawks

Cynthia Smith – Ough

Curie Elementary School – the Colts

Armando Lopez

Doyle Elementary School – the Dolphins

Michel Cazary

Spreckels Elementary School – the Wildcats

Out and About in UC...

Annual Banana Split Day

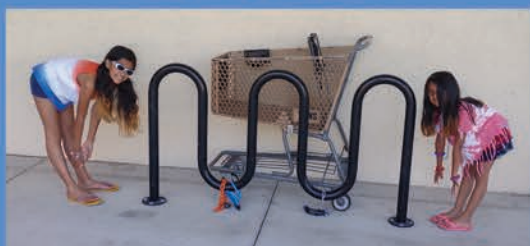


UCCA President Barry Bernstein scooping out some ice cream, along with many volunteers during the annual summer tradition in August. Ice cream provided by the Heimburger Family.

UC Celebration Virtual Scavenger Hunt



James Floyd organized the yearly Photo Scavenger Hunt on the 4th of July with teams submitting their photo answers. Participants included Team UC3 above, and Team Venka below.



Jersey Mike's Opens in UC



Jersey Mike's opened last month to an eager community. Located in the Vons Marketplace next to Lorna's Italian Kitchen, they have had steady crowds since opening.



Little Free Library Scavenger Hunt Helps UC Families Unplug

On Saturday, August 7, UC's Little Free Libraries partnered with the Unplug Collaborative to provide a neighborhood Scavenger Hunt, with a gnome and fairy theme. Participants answered clues posted at each Little Free Library (LFL). 11 libraries participated, including the UC Library. Congrats to raffle book prize winners: Ian Grover, Everett Smith, and Cathy Zumberge, who also won the \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card, from those who submitted their answer sheets. The trick question was counting the number of gnomes at the LFL at: 3134 Mercer Lane.



Scavenger hunt LFLs were at: 2851 Arnoldson Ave, 5469 Bloch, 3134 Mercer Lane, 3463 Wellesley, 3286 Millikin, Millikin & Ohm, 5615 Tulane St, 6115 Radcliffe Dr, 4523 Cather, and 6136 Erlanger St (Pennant Village). Learn about the National Day of Unplugging at unplugcollaborative.org. Another event will be scheduled for March 4-5, 2022.





Fire and Pet Safety for Pet Parents

by **Former Fire Chief William H. Beck**

Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to our pets can be among the strongest relationships

in our lives. However, according to the National Fire Protection Association, pets start over seven hundred house fires a year. Here are some of the more common ways this happens:

- jumping onto counters and turning on the gas or turning up the flame,
- accidentally knocking a lamp or candle down,
- playing near fireplaces and / or space heaters,
- chewing on wires.

We love our pets and the last thing we want to think about is one of them getting hurt during a fire. So, what can a pet parent do? The American Red Cross says that if a fire starts in your home, you may have as little as two minutes to escape. So, be prepared! Make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers that everyone knows how to use. Practice your fire escape plan which includes two ways out of every room and where to meet once you are outside. Be sure to include your pets in your plan.

Have leashes or carriers available near exits and remember your pet is going to be scared, so be sure you know where he or she is likely to hide. Unfortunately, if you can't find them quickly, you still must escape – and fast! Once you are outside stay outside! Leave the front or rear door open for your pet to follow. Call for them to help them find their way out. Let firefighters know you have a pet and that it may still be inside. Pet alert window signs also let emergency responders know that one or more pets are in your home.

Fire is a scary situation for people, but especially for pets. Once outside your pet may run off. However, a microchipped pet is more likely to be returned to their owners, so have your pet microchipped. After a fire watch your pet closely. If your pet is acting lethargic or having trouble breathing, it could be a sign of smoke inhalation. Visit your veterinarian as soon as possible for any needed follow-up care.

University City Fire Safe Council News

by **Diane Ahern, FSC of UC President**

We are very pleased to announce that the Fire Safe Council has received a grant from the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation for community outreach and fuel reduction projects. Plans are still in the discussion stage but should coincide with October's Fire Prevention Week and Oktoberfest.

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) has been revised (at the request of the County review committee) to include additional information to strengthen the evacuation planning section. The revised version has been approved by the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and is now under review by the County Fire Authority and CAL Fire.

If you would like information about the Fire Safe Council, please email us at UCFireSafeCouncil@gmail.com or visit UCCA's University City News site at universitycitynews.org/fire-safe-council-university-city/

SDFD Citizen Complaint Inspections

From the **San Diego Fire-Rescue Department website:**

Complaint inspections are done when a citizen is concerned about a potential fire hazard. Complaints can be related to buildings or brush management/weed abatement. Only complaints within the City of San Diego are inspected by SDFD. Residents should refer to the information posted on the SDFD website (sandiego.gov/fire/services/complaintinspections) before filing a complaint.

Complaints Related to Buildings: If a complaint involves conditions inside individual "dwelling units," it should be directed to Code Enforcement at 619.236.5500, unless the complaint is related to fire protection (i.e. smoke detectors, malfunctioning alarm system, etc.). Complaints concerning "combustible waste matter" should meet the legal definition found in the California Fire Code. Combustible waste matter: "includes magazines; books; trimmings from lawns, trees or flower gardens; pasteboard boxes; rags; paper; straw; sawdust; packing material; shavings; boxes; rubbish; and refuse that will ignite through contact with flames of ordinary temperature."

Complaints Related to Brush Management or Weed Abatement: The SDFD website provides a description of "Brush Management/Weed Abatement" and "A City of San Diego Guide to Fire Safety and Brush Management for Private Property". Weeds are an issue when they create the following problems: fire hazards to structures; visual hazards to motor traffic, bicyclists or pedestrians; physical hazards to motor traffic, bicyclists or pedestrians; an impediment in the right-of-way; or an impediment to drainage. Complaints related to brush, weeds, buildings or building access should be referred to the Fire Hazard Advisor at 619.533.4411 or be submitted through the Fire Department Customer Complaint Page at sandiego.gov/fire/services/complaintinspections.

IF YOU ARE TRAPPED: SURVIVAL TIPS

- Shelter away from outside walls.
- Bring garden hoses inside house so embers don't destroy them.
- Patrol inside your home for spot fires and extinguish them.
- Wear long sleeves and long pants made of natural fibers such as cotton.
- Stay hydrated.
- Ensure you can exit the home if it catches fire (remember if it's hot inside the house, it is four to five times hotter outside).
- Fill sinks and tubs for an emergency water supply.
- Place wet towels under doors to keep smoke and embers out.
- After the fire has passed, check your roof and extinguish any fires, sparks or embers.
- Check inside the attic for hidden embers.
- Patrol your property and extinguish small fires.
- If there are fires that you cannot extinguish with a small amount of water or in a short period of time, call 9-1-1

**From page 9 of the Ready, Set, Go! Guide*

University Community Planning Group's Report for August Meeting

by Chris Nielsen UCPG Chair

Governor Drive Traffic Calming Subcommittee: A subcommittee meeting on a proposed Governor Drive was held on June 26. Over 80 people attended, including Joe LaCava, to listen to the opinions of community members. The meeting lasted about two hours and many people gave their opinion in brief comments. John Lee Evans gave a brief overview of the project, and Georgia Kayser, UCPG board member, gave a brief presentation on the concept of a road diet.

Kaitlyn Willoughby, representing Joe LaCava's office, gave an overview from the Council office on the project. Two traffic studies along Governor Drive west of Genesee Avenue will be done, one in November, one after the first of the year, to measure traffic while school are operating. Specifically, traffic will be measured during drop off and pick up times at the schools along Governor Drive. Once the November traffic study is complete, the UCPG subcommittee for this project will meet to discuss it, and the Council office has committed to a town hall meeting.

New Parks Master Plan Passed by Council: Council passed a new Parks Master Plan, 8 – 1 (Cate: No) at its meeting on August 3. Joe LaCava was instrumental in getting amendments passed that strengthen the MHPA/MSCP by conducting an audit of the MHPA and considering MHPA/MSCP obligations prior to a revision of the city Trails Master Plan.

Smart Signalization Genesee Ave: Alexandria has proposed a series of traffic flow improvements along Genesee Ave extending from I-5 south to Nobel Dr. The project is in its conceptual stage and will be coordinated with the city and UC San Diego's smart signalization project set for La Jolla Village Drive and Regents Road between Nobel and Genesee. These steps include smart traffic signals, autonomous shuttles, transit access, secondary access to Campus Point Drive, and a possible extension of traffic "storage lane" accessing I-5 at Genesee.

CIP projects for the County CIP list: We have submitted our City CIP list to the County as examples of the type of capital improvement project we would like to see in our planning area. Amanda Berry from Supervisor Lawson-Remer's office gave a brief presentation on the County CIP list.

Housing Bills in the CA Legislature / ADUs: Christopher "Stropher" Vallejo from Sen. Atkins office gave a brief presentation on housing bills in the Senate. There are many "small" bills in the Senate and Assembly addressing housing issues from data collection to employee housing, but it was clear that a main concern was two measures, SB9 (Atkins), and SB10 (Wiener). SB9 requires cities to permit a lot-split of a parcel into two parcels, with some restrictions, which would allow two houses and two ADUs in a single-family zoned parcel. SB10 permits (but does not require) cities to allow up to 10 units on a parcel if it is in a "transit rich" zone or under other circumstances.

See "SB9 and SB10 Analysis" at universitycitynews.org.

It became clear that the current City of San Diego ADU regulations go far beyond state provisions that primarily establish the minimum cities must do, rather than the maximum cities may do.

Council Redistricting: Redrawing council district boundaries is underway by the City Redistricting Commission. The UCPG passed a resolution by a vote of 7 Yes, 2 No, and 2 Abstain asking that the UC Plan Area be kept intact, that the UC Plan Area be kept in District One, and that the current composition of District One be maintained if possible. Census data formatted to be useful in redistricting will be available in the next 7-10 days. The Redistricting Commission meets every third Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm.

In-Person Meetings: We are currently authorized to meet virtually until 30 September. September's UCPG meeting will be virtual by Zoom. It is unlikely that the UCPG will resume in-person meetings while COVID variants are still significant health threats.

September at the UCPG / Plan Update Subcommittee: The next plan update subcommittee meeting will be Tuesday, September 21 at a new time of 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Katie Witherspoon will lead a discussion about the Online Community Engagement Tool to be used to survey the community, starting in October. How the questions are framed will clearly be important.

Next month's agenda will feature a presentation by David Castro from Supervisor Lawson-Remer's office on the office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics (OEPA), a new approach to county decision making. Katie Witherspoon will present an information item on "Blueprint San Diego". SANDAG and CALTRANS will present an information item on the Coast, Canyons, and Trails Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan. We will have a brief follow-on presentation from Rebecca Robinson Wood on her land use proposal heard at the UCPG in July.



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Check this out! San Diego Police Department Northern Division and San Diego Fire Department's Engine 35 taking a refresher course together on first aid and rescue. Our University City first responders working together to serve our community.

Pure Water Construction Alert for Eastgate Mall / Eastgate Drive / Judicial Drive

From University City Community Liaison Sarah Bowles

Nighttime construction will continue to occur from on Eastgate Mall between Eastgate Drive to Judicial Drive from 9:00 pm to 5:30 am, from Sunday to Thursday nights, but the schedule has been extended until June 2022.

- **August - September 2021:** Crews will be completing water, sewer and storm drain tie-ins.
- **September 2021 - January, 2022:** SDG&E will relocate gas lines.
- **February - April 2022:** Process Lines will be completed.
- **May-June 2022:** Street improvements and traffic lights are anticipated.

Please note this schedule is subject to change. We will provide an updated schedule on this work as-needed. For questions or concerns, please reach out to the UC community liaison, Sarah Bowles, at sbowles@sanidiego.gov. For more information and to sign up for Email Updates, visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd>

Community Plan Update Meeting July 20, 2021

by Katie Rodolico

Agenda and supporting documents for this meeting, and previous meetings can be found at: www.planuniversity.org/. The meeting was held as a webinar.

Public Comment:

Roger Cavanaugh: UCPG finalized the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) list. Stressed the importance to pay attention to the list as it moves forward from the planning group to the city.

Barry Bernstein: Pure water working group is reactivated as the project is starting construction. The working group is meeting and there will be an upcoming survey for community issues.

Robert Dennis: Opposes the proposed traffic lane reduction for Governor drive.

Rebecca Robinson: Housing is needed for UCSD faculty, administrators and students. Asked to submit data into the record.

Iris Clauss: Opposed to lane reductions along Governor Dr.

Bonnie List: Opposed to lane reductions along Governor Dr. Proposed a drop off circle on the grassy area in front of Standley Middle School.

Agenda Items:

Katie Witherspoon: no meeting in August, October, or November. September will review community engagement tool questions before it goes live. October will have an OCET workshop. Survey will go live in October.

KW: Mayor Gloria issued a Blue Print for San Diego that specifically effects the University Plan update and Mira Mesa's plan update. Details of scoping meetings can be found at www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/notice_of_preparation_for_blueprint_sd.pdf

Diego Velasco reviewed the urban planning discussion for the five focus areas at previous meetings.

Martin Flores and Rick Barrett then presented the three proposed overlook parks.

North abutment of Regents Rd: Access maintained to utility service road. Traffic circle and ADA parking near canyon edge. Two lanes of asphalt removed, replaced with bioswales to reclaim storm runoff and a decomposed granite (DG) path from Porte de Merano to the canyon edge. Native plants and trees replace the removed asphalt. Access maintained to informal trails in the canyon.

South abutment of Regents Rd: Traffic circle at Lahitte, native plants and trees where the undeveloped dirt is on the west side of Regents with DG path for pedestrians and bikes to access the canyon. Storm runoff captured with bioswales. Crosswalks added at Millikan and Lahitte Ct. Diagonal parking on west side of Regents near the traffic circle.

West end of Governor Dr: Access maintained for LDS Church parking lot and possibly utility boxes adjacent to UCUC church. Access maintained to overlook trail. South side of the street to be replaced with plants, trees, and DG path.

All three overlook parks would be in the right of way owned by the streets department. Legal challenges to change ownership to Parks department. The city planning determined a fire station at Governor and Stresemann was not appropriate for that site.

Diego Velasco led a discussion about greenways integrated into Transit Oriented Development (TOD). Public spaces and connected greenways that traverse super blocks. Examples are the diagonal path through Westfield mall from the southwest corner towards the northeast corner. Another example is the proposal along executive drive that would be pedestrian friendly and tie into the trolley station.

The next University Community Plan Update meeting will be on September 21, 2021 at 5:30pm.

* get to know some of our *
Community Organizations



Summary courtesy of Diane Ahern

News items and discussion about community issues and concerns (such as traffic calming and ADUs and fire safety) have come up many times at meetings of the community association (UCCA), the Planning Group (UCPG), and at the Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS). Community issues and concerns also get discussed at the Standley Community Recreation Group (CRG), the Parks Council (UCPC), and at the University City Fire Safe Council (FSC) meetings. The print University City News newsletter (produced by UCCA) contains meeting notices for these groups and often includes meeting summaries. However, it's important to note that each group serves a different function in our UC community.

- **UCCA** (University City Community Association): The community volunteers who produce the monthly print newsletter rarely make the news. That's because one of the purposes of UCCA (a 501c4) is to identify issues or concerns of the population and provide a meeting place to discuss said issues or concerns. The community association rarely takes positions on issues. The community association hosts monthly community meetings, produces the print newsletter, and maintains several websites. Find out more about UCCA at universitycitynews.org/ucca-about-us/
- **UCPG** (University Community Planning Group): The volunteers of the University Community Planning Group provide official recommendations to the City on community goals and land development proposals. They provide important feedback to the City about future growth and community needs. Find out more about UCPG at sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/university/agendas
- **CPUS** (University Community Plan Update Subcommittee): The volunteers of the UC Plan Update Subcommittee are tasked with working with the City Planning Department to update the current Community Plan for our area. They consider current conditions, Citywide goals in the Climate Action Plan and the General Plan, and community specific goals to provide direction for the long-term development of the community. For more information about the Community Plan Update subcommittee, visit planuniversity.org/
- **CRG** (Standley Community Recreation Group): The role of the volunteers who make up the Community Recreation Group (CRG) is to make recommendations to City Council and the Parks & Recreation Department with respect to recreation programs in the community and to provide recommendations on the expenditure of Recreation Center Funds. For more information about CRGs, visit sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/general-info/boards/crg
- **UCPC** (University City Parks Council): The volunteers of the Parks Council maintain a 501(c)(3) organization which supports all UC parks. This group is best known for producing the 4th of July UC Celebration and the Summer Concerts at Standley Park. For more information about the Parks Council, visit universitycitynews.org/category/parks-recreation-dept/
- **FSC** (Fire Safe Council of UC): The volunteers of the Fire Safe Council are part of a network of community Fire Safe Councils in San Diego County and throughout the state of California. The role of the FSC is to provide education and outreach to prevent and prepare for fire so that all are well-protected from the threats of structure and wildfire. For more information about the FSC, visit universitycitynews.org/fire-safe-council-university-city/

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