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## Local Students Hold Climate Action Strike

Students from University City High School (UCHS) participated in a global climate strike ahead of the 26<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference in November. The goal of the strikes are to demand public action on climate change, climate justice and to look towards a fossil free future. Students marched from UCHS to Standley Park on Friday, September 24.

Mike Paredes, principal of UCHS, shared that he "was extremely impressed by the way our students embraced the opportunity to take part in the Climate Action Strike." He added that the students worked with administration to organize the purposeful event, so that the more than 150 students who participated got a permission slip signed by their parents, excusing them from their fourth period classes. UCHS students were joined by staff, school police, and SDUSD board member Sabrina Bazzo. All helped to ensure the activity was well-supported and that student safety was addressed throughout the event.

UCHS senior Ella Delle Monache, one of the event organizers, wrote in her speech that "the effort is global, and right now we stand in solidarity with our strikers in Berlin, in Tokyo, and in thousands of other cities to say loud and clear, the youth are ready for a change." Locally, students support efforts to have San Diego County set a goal for zero-emissions by the year 2030. More info about the Global Climate Strike can be found at [fridaysforfuture.org](https://fridaysforfuture.org).

Photos courtesy Elisa Delle Monache





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### Deadline for the November issue: OCTOBER 14, 2021

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the November issue is October 14, 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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## UCCA September 8, 2021 Recap

**President Barry Bernstein** introduced Bill Beck as the north UC representative to the Board. Then led discussions on the following: (1) Information and comments were made related to Senate Bills 9 and 10 concerning Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in single family zoned neighborhoods; (2) A plan by City Council member Joe LaCava for a traffic study and UCCA establishing an ad hoc committee to review options for Governor Dr.; (3) The "grand opening" of the trolley for the UC community will be on November 21; (4) The City's Planning Dept. will be disseminating a community survey to support efforts of a New Community Plan. The info related to the survey will be presented by Katie Witherspoon and the results compiled during November/December; (5) Volunteer Recognition/Appreciation gift cards will be distributed in December.

**Officer M. Bognuda** of the SDPD reported that thefts of catalytic converters are on the rise in the UC area and across the state. They can be cut off from cars in just 1-2 minutes and sold for the precious metals inside. Legislative action is needed to prevent the resale of the metals by the buyers. She recommends installing a "catalytic converter shield" that slow down thieves and may cause them to go elsewhere.

**Melissa Martin** of UC library reported the hours are 11:30am to 8:00pm Monday and Tuesday. The rest of the week is 9:30am to 6:00pm. On November 6 there will be a book sale from 10:30am to 4:30pm.

### LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

**Rachel Granadino**, aide to Assemblymember Chris Ward, reported he toured many locations in the district during the legislative recess. If people still have pending and unpaid unemployment claims, they should contact Rachel.

**Amanda Barry**, aide to Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported: (1) The Supervisor is promoting local solutions to reducing housing shortage and pricing. The options are to let the state set regulations, adopt local regulations, or do nothing and let developers do their developments with less regulations; (2) The County is developing an updated fire prevention and fire safety plan, information is on the County's website; (3) A re-districting commission is set up to determine new voting districts.

**Kaitlyn Willoughby**, aide to City Council Member Joe LaCava, reported: (1) He did a tour of MCAS Miramar concerning flight patterns; (2) Construction on the Pure Water project is occurring from 9:00 pm to 5:30 am in most areas. The UC area is expected to be completed by June 2022; (3) The Mid-Coast Trolley is expected to open in November 2021; (4) She would investigate City code enforcement regarding the golf course on Gullstrand and the status of underground utilities.

**Helen Liebowitz**, from San Diego library, reported they are looking into getting the Parks Dept. to do brush management around the North UC Branch Library as the property belongs to it.

**Jessica Brown**, aide to Congress member Scott Peters, reported the congressman met with the new Colonel in charge of MCAS Miramar who was receptive to complying with existing flight regulations. He is also processing requests to assist Afghan evacuees to obtain passports. He is also assisting those who want to apply for ROTC programs.

**Matt Griffith**, aide to Mayor Todd Gloria, reported The City is investigating noise mitigation for MCAS Miramar. The City is providing locations (listed on its website) for Covid-19 vaccinations.

### PUBLIC FORUM

**Katie Dunahoo**, of EdUCate, stated the Oktoberfest fundraiser will be on October 9 from 2:00-6:00pm at Standley Park. A trolley will be running on Governor to assist in transportation. There will be a beer and wine garden, games for kids and businesses with booths.

**Jennifer Dill**, assistant to Dr. Lydia Greiner at UCSD, reported Dr. Greiner is doing a study on tobacco use and waste and needs community input.

**Barbara Gellman**, of Neighborhood Watch expressed thanks to supporters of the National Night Out last month. The "Socks for Safety" program to sell socks to raise money for Neighborhood Watch will be at Oktoberfest in October.

**Chris Nielsen**, President of UC Planning Group, reported it was getting reports from the City on bike accidents and determine what could be done to cut down on bike accidents from a planning side.

**The Treasurers Report** for July/August 2021 prepared by Don Hotz was unanimously approved by the Board. Spending approximately \$1,000 for officers' liability insurance was also approved unanimously.

**Next meeting: October 13, 2021, via zoom at 6:00 pm.**



## UCCA President Barry Bernstein

October and Fall weather is here! Believe it or not only about 5.24 inches of rain were recorded this year in San Diego...not sure when it was less, but I suppose we can blame it on the "climate change" phenomenon. It's time for annual "flu" shots, and for some, booster COVID vaccinations as well. Our Padres sure needed some sort of booster, as the very long baseball season took its toll. At this writing, it appears their season will NOT be in the playoffs.

Saturday, October 9, from 2:00-6:00pm at Standley Park, EdUCate will be holding its annual Oktoberfest event. UCCA is a major sponsor of this annual event which is held to raise funds to support our five local public schools. I will be at the UCCA table with 2022 UCCA membership forms, along with Barbara Gellman, who will be touting "Socks for Safety"... a fundraiser for our Neighborhood Watch/and local SD police.

We will be including next month membership/voting eligibility information for UCPG, (University Community Planning Group). Many of you are currently NOT eligible to vote for your choice of resident/business representative. There are six representatives from each of the three boundary areas in University City. Each area has three residents and three business representatives. Membership in UCPG is free (not to be confused with UCCA, which has categories for membership donation). These publicly elected representatives meet monthly and review various land use proposals, generated by private and public entities, and serve as an official advisory group to our City Council representative, Joe LaCava.

California can continue in its efforts to combat the COVID challenges combat the COVID challenges by keeping focused and following the science to ensure our citizens will have what is needed to stay well and safe. The Governor signed the very controversial SB 9 and SB 10 housing bills into law...which many California cities opposed as written and with little control of how they may be modified locally to meet unique community characteristics.

Kudos to Diane Ahern and the Fire Safe Council of UC for earning final approval of our Community Wildfire Protection Plan. In recognition of this accomplishment, Councilman Joe LaCava has declared October 9 as "University City Fire Safe Council Day."

UCCA will be applying to San Diego County for the Neighborhood Enhancement Project and the Community Reinvestment grant. Our UCCA Board is very pleased to announce our many dedicated newsletter and Neighborhood Watch volunteers will be receiving as a token of appreciation and thanks, a gift coupon for the "Outcast Grill". Special thanks to owner/mgr. Ron Vyas for his generosity and support in recognizing our volunteers and their contribution to our community, and to AlphaGraphics for their donation of the gift card production.

Our 2022 UCCA membership drive will be beginning this month...see our membership application and required annual dues categories on page 13. I will have membership applications at Oktoberfest...and those joining at Oktoberfest will receive a complimentary "I Love University City" bandana. Costa Verde/Regency Centers and Westfield UTC renewed their corporate memberships with UCCA...and their donations will help support our December Christmas Tree/Menorah Lighting event, along with other community/school events this coming year. Thank you John Murphy/Costa Verde and Ryan Perry/Westfield/UTC for their personal interest and support of UCCA's efforts and activities in University City.

Please join us, via ZOOM, on Wednesday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. The ZOOM link can be found in this newsletter as well as being posted in our members' E-blast meeting reminder. Our special guest for our October 13th ZOOM meeting will be San Diego County Supervisor, Terra Lawson-Remer. We invite you all to join us and hear how San Diego County, in cooperation and coordination with the City of San Diego, is meeting the many challenges we read and hear about everyday related to housing, transportation, COVID, and other topics. Lots going on in UC...stay involved, stay informed. Remember, University City is "more than just a neighborhood."

Happy Halloween!  
~Barry

# calendar

## EDUCATE'S OKTOBERFEST

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

## NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Week of October 3 - 9

## COLUMBUS DAY / INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

Monday, October 11

## UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, October 12  
6:00 - 7:30pm

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

## UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, October 13, 6:00pm

### Special Guest:

Terra Lawson-Remer,  
SD County Supervisor

Zoom.us, meeting ID#846 4109 9198  
or call: 408.638.0968, 86411141984#

## COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 19  
6:30pm (New Start Time)

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

## PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, October 17  
7:30-9:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks  
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

## UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, October 28

Contact Rec Center for meeting info:  
858.552.1652

## HALLOWEEN

Sunday, October 31

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**RENEW YOUR UCCA MEMBERSHIP  
GO TO UNIVERSITYCITYNEWS.ORG  
OR SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP  
FORM ON PAGE 13**





## Socks for Safety

by Barbara Gellman

Socks for Safety is a fundraiser for Neighborhood Watch, our community crime prevention program, sponsored by the University City Community Association (UCCA), in partnership with the San Diego Police Department (SDPD).

Walk on the "wild" side and look for us at the UCCA booth at Oktoberfest, October 9 at Standley Park from 2:00-6:00pm, and wrap your feet in "happy." Funds may be used towards, programs, events, appreciation gifts or special equipment.

Men's, Women's and Children's colorful socks.  
25 assorted styles  
\$5.00 each or 3 pairs for \$12.00



### 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 9:00pm to 5:30am from Sunday to Thursday nights:

- Now-January 2022: SDG&E will relocate gas lines.
- February-April 2022: Process Lines 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](mailto:sbowles@sanidiego.gov). For more information and to sign up for Email Updates, visit [sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd](http://sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd)

## WHY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

by Barbara Gellman

Consider being part of the solution by participating, as a Captain or Co-Captain on your street for Neighborhood Watch, one of the most effective means of fighting crime in our communities in partnership with our police. We do this through education, observation and reporting, not confrontation.

Learning how to report a crime, how to recognize scams, how to help prevent vehicle related crimes, home security tips and more. One of the most important aspects of this program is knowing your neighbors so you will then recognize the strangers.

If interested, check to see if neighbors feel the same and that 50% or more would be comfortable with you as their street captain. Once that is established, we can meet and discuss further, contact me at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com). Join the other 100 Neighborhood Watch Captains that help keep our streets and community safer. Most of the listed streets do not have any volunteer leadership; some may have partial coverage and could use a co-captain.

Arnoldson	Merwell St
Brannick Place	Occidental St
Branting	Pauling Ave
Broomfield Ave	Pennant
Calgary Ave & Ct	Ramsay Ave
Combe Way	Red Deer St
Cozzins St & Ct	San Clemente Ter
Curie St & Way	Sandburg Ave
Dunant	Sandburg Way
Enders Ave	Stadium Pl, Ct, St
Farley Dr, Ln, Ct	Steinbeck Ave
Ferber St	Stetson Ave
Finsen Ave	Stettler Way
Florey St & Ct	Syracuse Ln & Way
Fried	Tula Ct
Gullstrand	Tulane Ct
Janan Way	Valoma Pl
Kanter Ct	Werner St
Maynard St	Whipple Ave & Way
Mercer St & Ct	Willard St



## SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK

Free evening movies all summer long for the whole family

**Friday, October 8**  
**Nightmare Before Christmas**  
(PG)

**Location:**  
Doyle Community Park  
8175 Regents Road, San Diego • 858-552-1612

Summer Movies in the Park is a perfect chance to relax and enjoy a safe and special night under the stars.

This is a smoke and alcohol-free park. Dogs on leash are welcome.

[SummerMoviesinthePark.com](http://SummerMoviesinthePark.com)



## Monthly Message from District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava

### University City Community Plan Update

The City of San Diego is continuing to update your Community Plan, a process started in 2018 in collaboration with the University Community Planning Group (UCPG.) The plan, last revised over 30 years ago, will be the blueprint for land use, circulation, and more for the next 10 to 20 years while aligning community goals with the City's Climate Action Plan and General Plan.

Once the City, working with the UCPG Plan Update Subcommittee, completes the initial plan draft, the Community Plan update process will enter a public engagement period, which will include a public hearing. This stage is expected to begin in 2022. Prior to public hearings, community members are invited to share feedback from October 1 until October 31 via an online engagement tool found at [www.planuniversity.org/engage](http://www.planuniversity.org/engage).

Furthermore, residents are invited to attend the UCPG Subcommittee meeting on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm on Zoom. Register for these meetings at <https://www.planuniversity.org/meetings>.

Updating the Community Plan is essential to the future of University City, and, with any important task, is no small undertaking. Thank you to all those who have participated and contributed to shaping the document and University City's future and to Andy Weise, the Chair of the Plan Update Subcommittee, for his steady leadership. The community's high level of civic involvement is one reason why our community is, and will continue to be, a great place to live.

### Mid-Coast Trolley Update

Reliable, safe public transportation is critical to the success of our city and neighborhoods. The Blue Line's 11 mile "mid-coast" extension will connect University City with employment, shopping, education, and health opportunities and other parts of San Diego. The trolley will better equip us to accommodate our region's population as our children and grandchildren grow up and enter the workforce. Employment and the population along the trolley extension will increase by 12 and 19 percent respectively, which means more jobs, economic activity, and opportunities for our neighborhood.

Once the trolley opens in late November, University City residents will be able to travel to Old Town in 22 minutes, Downtown in 31 minutes, Chula Vista in 60 minutes, and the Mexico border in 70 minutes.

This project is a collaborative work spanning multiple agencies and will be delivered on-budget and on-time. I encourage everyone to think about how you can make use of this transportation extension to our community. For more information please follow this link: <https://www.sdmts.com/inside-mts-current-projects/mid-coast-trolley-extension>.

Please continue to contact my UC rep, Kaitlyn Willoughby, at [kwilloughby@sanidiego.gov](mailto:kwilloughby@sanidiego.gov) with your questions, comments, and concerns.

**Scheduling Note:** Joe LaCava will be a special guest at Oktoberfest at Standley Park on Saturday, October 9 as he dedicates it as University City Fire Safe Council Day.



*California*  
LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

### Governor Newsom signs laws to allow up to four housing units to replace single-family lots and to rezone neighborhoods near mass transit for up to 10 housing units

As reported by the SD Union-Tribune: California Gov. Gavin Newsom (on Thursday, September 16, 2021) approved two measures to slice through local zoning ordinances as the most populous state struggles with soaring home prices, an affordable housing shortage and stubborn homelessness.

He signed the most prominent legislation despite nearly 250 cities objecting that it will, by design, undermine local planning and control. The outcome marks the latest battle between what's come to be thought of as NIMBY vs. YIMBY. While most agree there is an affordable housing shortage, proposed construction often runs into "not in my backyard" opposition.

He also announced the state will put \$1.75 billion into what his administration is calling a new California Housing Accelerator, which he said will speed building 6,500 affordable multi-family units that had been stalled for lack of tax-exempt bonds and low-income housing tax credits. It's part of \$22 billion that the state plans to spend to spur new housing and ease homelessness along with the new laws.

The bill by Senate leader Toni Atkins of San Diego would require cities to approve up to four housing units on what was a single-family lot. They would also have to approve splitting single-family lots so they could be sold separately. Newsom also signed a bill by Democratic Sen. Scott Wiener easing the way for local governments to rezone neighborhoods near mass transit for up to 10 housing units. Wiener made his bill optional in response to opposition, but the advocacy groups California YIMBY and California Community Builders still hailed its passage.

- To read the entire article as published by the Union-Tribune, visit [sandiegouniontribune.com/news/california/story/2021-09-16/california-enacts-2-laws-to-slice-through-local-zoning-rules](https://sandiegouniontribune.com/news/california/story/2021-09-16/california-enacts-2-laws-to-slice-through-local-zoning-rules)
- For information about Atkins' SB-9 Housing Development, visit [leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=20210220SB9](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220SB9)
- For info about Wiener's SB-10 Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Density, visit [leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=20210220SB10](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220SB10)

### UCCA ELECTIONS Wednesday, November 10 6:00 PM, UC Library

UCCA will be electing its officers for the 2022/23 calendar years.

Positions that will be voted upon are the following:

President – Incumbent Barry Bernstein  
Vice-President – Incumbent Mack Langston  
Recording Secretary – Incumbent James Beshears  
Treasurer – Incumbent Don Hotz

Additional nominations will be accepted at the election meeting.

In order to be considered 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 an elected position, or if you have any questions concerning the election process, please contact: Mack Langston, Chair UCCA Nominating Comm. 619.818.4205



**University Community Branch, 4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122; 858.552.1655**

[sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/university-community-library](http://sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/university-community-library)

**North University Community, 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego, CA 92122; 858.581.9637**

[sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/north-university-community-library](http://sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/north-university-community-library)

Library Hours are subject to change. Local libraries are currently open for in-person services on Monday and Tuesday from 11:00am to 8:00pm; and Wednesday through Saturday from 8:30am to 6:00pm. Closed Sundays.

Please contact the library for current Covid-related policies such as mask-wearing, building capacity, hours of operation, etc.

## What's Happening at the Libraries?

### North University Community Library:

Saturday, October 9 at 10:00am: Fiction Fanatics Book Club, title to be discussed: *Water from My Heart* by Charles Martin

Saturday, October 9 from 11:30am to 12:30pm: Halloween Paper Crafts with Ms. Priyanka. Registration is required, register at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/halloween-paper-crafts-ms-priyanka>

Saturday, October 25 at 1:00pm: Page Turners Book Club, title to be discussed: *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell

North University Chess Club every Monday from 6:00 – 7:30pm

The Friends of the North University Community Library are seeking volunteers to work at the NUC Friends bookstore. We are looking for volunteers to work 2 hours per week in the afternoon. Volunteers will greet customers, help them find books and handle sales. If interested, please contact Steve Taylor (bookstore manager) at 650.278.0526.

### UC Library (Governor Drive):

Preschool storytime and Qi Gong are back!

- Preschool Storytime is back at the library with Mr. Larry on a new day – come practice your ABCs and 123s with us at 10:30am on Wednesdays!
- Qi Gong is restarting in person on a new day (Thursdays) at the library. The first session is scheduled for Thursday, October 14 at 9:30am with the first 30 minutes set aside for a discussion and planning meeting. With City facilities still at limited capacity, there is not be enough room to accommodate everyone who would like to attend. We welcome you to come and meet with the instructor to come up with a solution to meet the needs of as many folks as possible.



NEW! Pajama storytime, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, 6:30pm. Mr. Larry reads bedtime stories for the little ones to help them on their way to dreamland.

Children's Craft: Decorate sugar skulls for Day of the Dead with Ms. Maribel on Friday, October 15 at 4:00pm. Sign up by calling the library at 858.552.1655 or through the library's online calendar.



### Online classes in October:

Disneyland's Haunted Mansion, Wednesday, October 20 at 6:00pm, presenter James Keeline (Zoom). Learn about the origins of this famous Disneyland ride and learn about the technology behind the spectres and special effects that make it an fun and amazing experience!

Eating the Rainbow, Thursday, October 21 at 2:30pm (Zoom). Becky Hofseth teaches you how to improve your nutrition and health by eating the many delicious varieties of fruits and vegetables that make up the rainbow.

### The Rebellious Miss Breed: San Diego Public Library & the Japanese American Incarceration

[www.sandiego.gov/missbreed](http://www.sandiego.gov/missbreed)

(Check this link often as more programs are being added through January 2022.)

This fall, the San Diego Public Library will be reflecting on Japanese American experiences during World War II and after the war by exploring themes of social justice, activism, and the power of the written word. From September through December, the library will be hosting a series of programs and events to raise awareness and encourage discussion of historical and contemporary issues faced by marginalized voices, especially within the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

The Rebellious Miss Breed also underscores the remarkable activism of Clara Breed, a San Diego Public Librarian, as she advocated on behalf of Japanese American children during and after wartime. The young library patrons - who were incarcerated in "internment camps" throughout the United States - exchanged letters, packages, and books with Miss Breed. These exchanges provided significant lifelines and consolation for the several thousand San Diego residents of Japanese descent who were incarcerated across the United States.

At the core of this due celebration of Clara Breed is a major exhibit, *Call to Serve*, organized by Bonnie Domingos, appearances by authors Cynthia Grady (*Write to Me*) and Joanne Oppenheimer (*Dear Miss Breed*), an inaugural Clara Breed Civil Liberties Memorial Lecture, and two great partnerships with the San Diego Asian Film Festival and the Fresno County Public Library respectively. Miss Breed's book, *Turning the Pages*, about SDPL history will be re-published, updated with a new chapter written by Matt Nye and an introduction by California State Librarian, Greg Lucas.

### One Man's Internment Story – Jack Kubota

**Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 2:00pm - 3:30pm**

San Diego Central Library- Shiley Special Events Suite. Register through the Miss Breed Library webpage.

This program will be conducted in an interview format after a short history of Japanese American internment is given. Carlsbad resident Jack Kubota was born in Pasadena, California, but moved to the Imperial Valley when he was an infant. His family had a trucking business, and he grew up and attended school in El Centro. In 1942 when he was 13 years old, his family was forced to move to an internment camp at Poston, Arizona. His conversation partner, Linda Canada, is a historian of local history who was the archivist for JAHSSD. Check the Miss Breed page on the Library's website to register for this and other programs.

### SDPL To Go

Do you use the SDPL To Go app on your phone or tablet to access library resources? A new version was released on September 27 with new features which provide much more integration with the Library's online catalog and easier access to information about Library events, services and locations. It is also simpler to check the status of borrowed items and browse for new items. Check it out!





## What can the Library do for you?

### Input Needed on the Proposed Library Master Plan

From Councilmember Joe LaCava: Help shape the future of the library system in San Diego and share your thought on the newly released master plan. The master plan was developed to create a long-range vision and strategy for San Diego Public Library facility, technology, and program investments. For more information on the proposed plan, as well as a full copy of the draft and comment submission link, please visit [san-diego.gov/public-library/about-the-library/library-master-plan](https://san-diego.gov/public-library/about-the-library/library-master-plan)

## UC San Diego

### Named Top 10 Public University by U.S. News & World Report

Congrats to UCSD! U.S. News & World Report has once again named the University of California San Diego among the best colleges in the country. In a news release published in September, the U.S. News & World Report 2022 Best Colleges rankings listed UC San Diego as the nation's eighth best public university. The school also ranks 13th among best colleges for veterans, moving up two spots from last year. Overall, UC San Diego was ranked No. 34 in the complete list of over 300 private and public universities in the nation, jumping one spot from the previous year. For more information, visit the UC San Diego News Center at [ucsdnews.ucsd.edu](https://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu)

### Yes, You Can Get A Free Lunch

This year, lunch is free for all students attending San Diego Unified School District schools, along with a grab bag at the end of the day. In UC, that includes the five public schools: Curie, Doyle and Spreckels Elementary, Standley Middle, and UC High Schools. Encourage your students to participate as this is open to everyone. A sample menu is pictured below.

## LUNCH

<p><b>MONDAY</b> teriyaki chicken &amp; noodles or turkey pepperoni pizza or chicken caesar salad</p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> cheeseburger or chicken tenders &amp; waffles or ava's avocado salad ✓</p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> teriyaki chicken &amp; noodles or chili cheese nachos or chicken garden salad</p>	
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> chicken sandwich or cheese pizza ✓ or ava's avocado salad ✓</p>	
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> cheeseburger or beef hot dog or chicken caesar salad</p>	

✓ Vegetarian  
Menu subject to change.

Healthy food. Successful students.



### UCUC Preschool Director Serves as Exchange Leader

by Lynn McNeal

UCUC Preschool is delighted to share the news that our director, Jessica Frazier Dolan, was featured in the July/August 2021 issue of *Exchange: The Early Childhood Leaders' Magazine*.

Dolan is currently serving as one of the 2021 Exchange Leaders, a collaboration of educators working to enhance early childhood education. "Participating as a member of the San Diego Reggio roundtable motivated me to step into a leadership role. As a steering committee member, I felt emboldened and empowered, through the support and encouragement of my fellow committee members, to use my voice and advocate for children and teachers, making real and tangible changes in my own school and community. They showed me that leadership supports multiple perspectives and welcomes differing viewpoints as a means of achieving lasting and meaningful change."

The UCUC Preschool Board is pleased to have Dolan at the helm of the school for the last three years, especially helping the school in COVID. Dolan, along with all of UCUC Preschool, has, since 1970, been a school to promote social responsibility, interest in the unfamiliar, and respect for nature for children aged 2-5 in our University City community.



## Friends of the Library Book Sale

Stock up on children's books, fiction for all ages, find a great cookbook, puzzles, bookmarks and so much more—all at great prices.

Proceeds benefit the UC Library.

Saturday  
November 6  
10:30a-4:30p

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[facebook.com/UniversityCommunityLibrary](https://facebook.com/UniversityCommunityLibrary)





## COMMUNITY SHORTS

### UC Little League

Registration is OPEN for FREE Tee Ball Clinics (Ages 4-6)! This is a basic introduction to baseball. The players learn to hit the ball off a stationary tee and play in the field with coaches nearby to help with instruction. These clinics will include small group learning station training with lots of big group fun activities mixed in. The goal is to get kids excited about baseball! Parent participation is welcome and encouraged!

Dates: October 9, October 16, October 23, October 30

Time: 11:00 am-12:00 noon

Location: McElroy Field ("Dino Park") 6431 Gullstrand St.

Register now at ucll.org!

### UC Rec Centers Halloween Events

Each of our local Recreation Centers is hosting a Halloween Event this year:

- Friday, October 8, Doyle Recreation Center, 8175 Regents Road, presents a movie in the park. **The Nightmare Before Christmas** begins at sundown. Follow the misadventures of Jack Skellington, Halloweentown's beloved pumpkin king, who has become bored with the same annual routine of frightening people in the "real world." For more information, contact the recreation center at 858.552.1612.
- Saturday, October 23, Standley Park Recreation Center, 3585 Governor Drive, presents a movie in the park. **Monsters University** begins at sundown. It's fun for the whole family when Mike Wazowski enrolls at Monsters University to learn how to be a Scarer where he meets Sulley, a natural-born Scarer. For more information, contact the recreation center at 858.552.1652.
- Thursday, October 28, Nobel Recreation Center, 8810 Judicial Drive, presents a **Halloween Drive Through** from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Show off your costumes as you drive through for a goody bag. For more information, contact the Recreation Center at 858.552.1626.

### People for a Clean UC

The next cleanup is Sunday, October 17, 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.

### 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).

### Brown Bag Opera

The popular Brown Bag Operas at Our Mother of Confidence Church, 3131 Governor Drive, has returned. They are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, starting at 12:30pm. Operas for the rest of the year:

**October 17:** Porgy & Bess, George Gershwin

**November 21:** Carmen, George Bizet

No Opera December

### Spreckels Jog-A-Thon

Spreckels Elementary will be having their annual Jog-a-thon on Friday, November 5. If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Jog-a-thon co-chair Andrea Townsend at spreckelsjogathon@gmail.com.

## September UC Parks Meeting Recaps

by Barry Bernstein

### UC Parks Council

President John Schindel reported on his communication with the SD Arts Council and the needed connection with the City attorney's office to clarify "insurance" before the "dumpster" painting could begin. He said he is hopeful that all be cleared up and that by Octoberfest the painting project will have been completed.

John announced the resignation of Deanna Ratnikova and Dawn Yandell from the Council. Dawn will stay on as the Del Sol softball representative.

Guest Barry Bernstein, the UCCA president, alerted the Park Council members that the City Planning dept. will be releasing a new community survey on or about October 1.

### Standley Park Community Recreation Group

Jennifer Walsted, a new Standley Park temporary staff member introduced herself and assisted with the agenda items substituting for Roger Hughes, Park director. In attendance was the new Park and Rec. area mgr. Mr. Jose Villanueva. He spoke about the UC parks staffing and new staff member Sammie's accomplishment and hard work in our local park maintenance. He indicated some new City rules for volunteers who volunteer for 20 hours or more needing additional vetting and requiring finger printing. He will clarify this requirement at the next CRG meeting.

Other guests included John Lee Evans and Mark Salata. The only major topic for discussion was the concept of additional parking brought to the CRG by Ruth DeSantis. The proposal included the possibility of connecting the two existing parking lots adjacent to Governor Drive. It was agreed to continue this conversation as other projects are being put in place along Governor. U.C. residents taking the new City planning survey will have an opportunity to reflect "parking" in their responses to the Governor Drive Village options.

Community Recreation Groups (CRG) meet monthly to make recommendations about local Parks and Recreation programs, events, and expenditures. Meetings are open to the public. For more information about upcoming meetings, please contact the Recreation Center.



## NOBEL DRIVE-UP HALLOWEEN EVENT




Nobel Recreation Center  
8810 Judicial Drive  
(858)-552-1626



**Thursday, October 28, 2021  
4:00 to 6:00 P.M.**

**Celebrate Halloween with Nobel Recreation Center & UC Library. Show off your costumes & drive up for a goody bag.**

**There will be No contact with staff, drive up service only**

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## Redistricting Commission to Determine New Boundaries for City Council Districts

**UCPG Position:** Redrawing council district boundaries is underway by the City Redistricting Commission. At its August meeting, the University Community Planning Group (UCPG) passed a resolution asking that the University Community Planning Area be kept intact, that the Planning Area be kept in Council District One, and that the current composition of District One be maintained if possible.

**Status Update:** The Redistricting Commission held public hearings for each of the existing nine City Council districts during August and September. The Commission will host a special public hearing in early October to discuss all of the feedback received from the nine district-specific meetings. The date and format (in person or virtual) of this public hearing have yet to be determined. For more information and to sign up for email updates, visit [sandiego.gov/redistricting-commission](http://sandiego.gov/redistricting-commission)

**Background:** The City Charter requires the creation of a Redistricting Commission at the beginning of each decade, after the U.S. Census, to adopt plans which specify the boundaries of districts for the City Council. This process takes place independently of the City Council and Mayor's Office.

Districts must be comprised of contiguous territory and made as equal in population as shown by the Census reports, and as geographically compact as possible. It also requires that the districts shall, as far as possible, be bounded by natural boundaries, street lines, and/or City boundary lines.

The Charter requires that the districts be drawn to provide fair and effective representation for all citizens of the City, including racial, ethnic, and language minorities. Additionally, to the extent possible, they preserve identifiable communities of interest. The redrawing of district boundaries is designed to ensure local legislatures are representative of the City's diverse population.

### Standley Middle School Farm Fresh Fundraiser

Local farm fresh fruits and vegetables from Yasukochi Farms.

Regular Box - \$25

Jumbo Box - \$35

Additional Items: Farmers bouquet \$25/ Seasonal \$35

Berry Trio/Strawberry 3-pack Boxes \$10

Dozen Eggs \$5

Starberry Jam \$9 Olive Oil \$11

Deadline to order for October: Monday, October 4

Go to: [standleypts.org](http://standleypts.org), select Farm Fresh Fundraiser link

Pickup – Tuesday, October 12, 2:00-3:00pm

Swanson Pool, 3585 Governor Drive

Questions: [standleyptsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:standleyptsfundraising@gmail.com)



### EdUCate! with Oktoberfest

Get together in-person with your family, friends and neighbors for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual EdUCate! Oktoberfest on Saturday, 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, music, booths, games for the kids and more. The community will have lots of fun raising money for the five UC public schools – Curie, Doyle, Spreckels, Standley Middle and UCHS. This great event is NOT to be missed!

#### • Beer & Wine Garden

We feature a variety of San Diego brews and wines. The beer and wine are donated, so all proceeds from the Beer & Wine garden go directly to our schools. 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.

#### • Dollar A Day VIP

Donate \$180 to EdUCate!'s **Dollar-A-Day** campaign (\$1 per school day) and receive unlimited beer, wine and soda pours for two people.

#### • Games & Rock Climbing Wall

Carnival games plus the ever popular rock climbing wall!

#### • Principal's Challenge

The principals from our five UC schools compete for the honor of their school, starting at 4:30pm. Who will win the crown this year?

#### • Food

Visit the Food Vendors – A portion of the proceeds go to EdUCate! There will be hot dogs, brats, gourmet nachos, kettle corn, and shaved ice.

#### • Booths

Fire Safe Council of UC, UCCA, Neighborhood Watch, I Love a Clean San Diego, UC Running Club, Dogtopia, Farm Fresh to You, JK Computer, Mary Kay, Friends of Rose Canyon, Skunk Cabbage Crafts, Ravine Art Glass

#### • Entertainment

Local entertainment from Joni and the Jeanies, Exalted, and DJ Rick.

#### • Trolley

Free trolley runs the length of Governor Drive, sponsored by Coldwell Banker UC Agents.

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 Cars & Coffee Continues Monthly Meetups

Organized by David Wright and Ryan Ahearn, the Cars & Coffee monthly meetups attract a large variety of cars and community members. Each month different cars are shared with the group, everything from your muscle car Mustangs to an elegant classic 1957 Rolls Royce. It's common to see whole families visit, whereas the older generation shares their love of the automobile with the younger folks. Come by the last Saturday of the month, in the Sprouts on Governor Drive parking lot, in front of Round Table Pizza, from 8:00-10:00am. You can follow the group on Facebook @UCCarsandCoffee.



### New Rose Creek Bike Path

*by Jeff Dosick*

From this beautiful spot along the new Rose Creek Bike Path, you can connect to Crown Point, Mission Bay, or the new MTS Balboa Station. Want to be part of making the bike route getting to here safer from University City? Then join us for the upcoming University City Planning Group (UCPG) meetings. Every second Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:30pm. Check the calendar section of the UCCA newsletter, for meeting info.

### Additional National Night Out Photos

*From Zenako St... Photos courtesy Meg Jacobo*



*From Bunche Ave... Photos courtesy Iris Clauss*







## Fighting Climate Change from Your Backyard

*by Ally Senturk, San Diego Coastkeeper*

Amidst the backdrop of another historic drought, a group of climate-conscious homeowners hit the streets in University City to learn about rainwater tanks, greywater systems, and thoughtful landscaping. On Saturday, September 18, the San Diego Sustainable Living Institute, CatchingH2O, and San Diego Coastkeeper hosted the third annual water harvesting bicycle tour, Ride the Tide.

The morning began with opening remarks from Coastkeeper and Councilmember Joe LaCava highlighting the importance of individual actions alongside regional efforts to improve local water supply, water quality, and climate resilience.

Participants explored five home gardens striving for sustainability in the University City neighborhood. Greywater systems with names like "laundry to landscape" and "showers to flowers" illustrated the potential for water reuse and recycling to grow food, irrigate plants, and beautify neighborhoods.

Homeowners and experts also addressed permitting, budget, and other construction factors associated with the water harvesting projects. The event concluded with a neighborhood park cleanup in conjunction with the 37th annual Coastal Cleanup Day and the relaunch of the City of San Diego's Think Blue initiative.



For more information and photos of the University City Ride the Tide water harvesting bicycle tour, go to and visit: [sdcoastkeeper.org/blog/water-conservation/water-harvesting-bike-tour-ride-the-tide-2021](http://sdcoastkeeper.org/blog/water-conservation/water-harvesting-bike-tour-ride-the-tide-2021)

*Photos courtesy of Ally Senturk, San Diego Coastkeeper*





## Fire Safe Council Granted Fire Agency Approval for Community Wildfire Protection Plan

by Diane Ahern, FSC of UC President

The University City Fire Safe Council is pleased and proud to announce that the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) has been granted final approval from the SD Fire-Rescue Department, the San Diego County Fire Safe Council, San Diego County Fire, and CAL FIRE.

The volunteers of the Fire Safe Council first came together in September 2019 as part of a network of community Fire Safe Councils in San Diego County and throughout the state of California. The role of a Fire Safe Council 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. During our first two years, despite COVID restrictions, the Fire Safe Council has published monthly fire prevention and preparation articles in the print University City News newsletter and on social media. At the same time, our Council was working to create the first Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for University City.

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan is a blueprint for fire prevention and preparedness at the neighborhood level. The CWPP organizes our community's efforts to protect our community from both structure and wild fires, and empowers residents and community members to move in a cohesive, common direction to prevent and prepare for fire. The Fire Safe Council developed the Community Wildfire Protection Plan collaboratively with input from residents and community members, the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and federal, state, county, and City of San Diego management agencies.

The Fire Safe Council thanks representatives from the agencies and community groups who made contributions to the CWPP and supported our efforts. The 2021 Community Wildfire Protection Plan for University City is posted at [universitycitynews.org/fire-safe-council-university-city/](https://universitycitynews.org/fire-safe-council-university-city/)

## Fire Safe Council Offers Defensible Space Assistance Program

Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. If you are over 65 and physically and financially unable to maintain the state-mandated 100' of defensible space around your home, the Defensible Space Assistance Program (DSAP) may be able to help.

For more information and to sign up, call the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County at 619.562.0096 or visit [firesafesdcounty.org/dsap/](https://firesafesdcounty.org/dsap/)



## Fire Prevention Week

Sunday, October 3, 2021 – Saturday, October 9, 2021

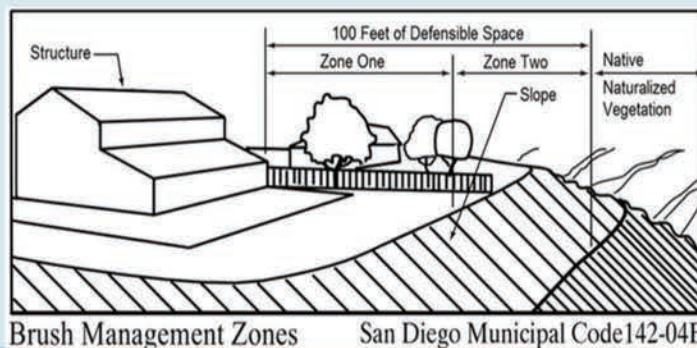
by Ex-Fire Chief William Beck

What is fire prevention? It is a proactive method by which the public is educated on how to take precautions to prevent potentially harmful fires, and to be educated about surviving them.

In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association designated the second week of October, FIRE PREVENTION WEEK in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire which began on October 8, 1871, and burned until early October 10th. Over 300 people lost their lives, 3.3 square miles of Chicago was destroyed and more than 100,000 residents were homeless.

This year Fire Prevention Week is dedicated to raising fire safety awareness, and to help ensure your home and family are protected. Although, I have already written several articles covering much of the following, I believe these are worth repeating. Can you answer YES to all these questions?

1. Have you installed smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home and/or outside sleeping areas?
2. Do you test these alarms every month and change their batteries when you adjust your clocks?
3. Do all family members know your family's fire escape plan and practice it?
4. Do you know that smoke is poisonous and that in a fire, it is best to get down on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest exit, closing doors behind you?
5. Did you know more home fires start in the kitchen than any other room in the home and that the number one cause of these fires is unattended cooking?
6. Do you have and know how to use a fire extinguisher?
7. Do you know that if there is a fire in your home you should get out, stay out - never go back and only call for help once you are out?
8. Did you know that the best defense against a fire is to be prepared? ARE YOU PREPARED?







## Welcome Bill Beck to the UCCA Board

Bill Beck was recently voted onto the UCCA Board to serve in the capacity as North UC Liaison. Here's a little bit about Bill:

### William (Bill) Beck

Volunteering has always been an important part of Bill's life. Even while teaching in New York City, Bill also worked for

the Village of Ardsley's Volunteer Fire Department for over 32 years, six of those years, as Chief.

In 2002, Eleanor and Bill moved to University City. Shortly thereafter, Bill became an active volunteer with San Diego's (RSVP) Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol - Traffic Division. In 2011, he resigned so that he could accept an appointment by the Mayor to serve on the San Diego Citizen's Review Board on Police Practices. In his 7th year on the Review Board, he was elected First Vice Chair.

For three years Bill served as an Executive Board Member of the University Community Planning Group (UCPG) and he and his wife still attend most meetings. Bill has been involved with many UCPG subcommittees including, Costa Verde and Seritage. He is also a representative on the Pure Water Project representing our community.

Starting his 18th consecutive year as Board President of the Renaissance La Jolla Community Association, is also President of the Vista La Jolla Board of Directors. In addition, Bill currently serves on the University City Fire Safe Council. Bill is honored and looking forward to serving on the University City Community Association's Board of Directors.



## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED UCCA SEPTEMBER 2022 MEMBERSHIPS

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Jeff & Eileen Struthers  
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Kay & Kent Hill

### GOLD

Diane & Thomas Ahern  
Amy & Anthony Bernal  
UC Fire Safe Council



As posted on Facebook @SDFDofficial, the SD Fire-Rescue Department was fortunate to receive permission to use a soon-to-be demolished UCSD building for a special training opportunity. Battalion Chief Bobby Allen organized the training - a multi-level, structure fire response with victims trapped - for several of our engine and truck companies. Special thanks to UCSD. The SDFD Structure Fire Training video is available at [fb.watch/84YqVrDHWS/](https://fb.watch/84YqVrDHWS/)

### University City Community Association 2022 UCCA Membership Application\*

2022 Members will receive a 2022 membership card and a special thank-you gift for joining.

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

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

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

\_\_\_ Do NOT list my name. Please make your check payable to UCCA; mail to UCCA, 3298 Governor Drive, #22574, San Diego, CA 92122.  
Payment is also accepted through PayPal on our website [www.universitycitynews.org](http://www.universitycitynews.org).

Your UCCA membership dues (and additional donation) make a big difference in our community. These funds help support many worthwhile organizations (i.e. public schools' fundraising, Standley Park, EdUCate!, Neighborhood Watch, ImproveUC/UCCF, Buy Local).

Plus special projects and activities such as median beautification, painted utility boxes, street banners, 4th of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting, and our monthly newsletter delivered to your home and/or business.

(\*UCCA membership dues are not tax deductible.)

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



## Growth and Development Reality Check

The reality is that growth and development in University City have really never stopped. Changes are taking place today and will continue into the future. The attached image depicts the 5 land use focus areas as suggested by the City Planning Department and the University City community plan update subcommittee (CPUS). You can be part of the new development and growth in University City by joining UCPG (so you can vote in their elections) and by attending the Planning Group and Community Plan Update meetings.

- Become a voting member of the University Community Planning Group (UCPG) by completing the membership application available on pages 29-31 of the University (UCPG) bylaws at [sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpg/bylaws](http://sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpg/bylaws)
- UCPG: [sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/university/agendas](http://sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/university/agendas)
- CPUS: [planuniversity.org/](http://planuniversity.org/)

## University Community Plan Update (CPU) Choose Your Community!

*by Katie Witherspoon, Senior Planner City of San Diego*

The City of San Diego is currently in the process of updating the University Community Plan, which was last updated in 1987. The updated Community Plan will provide direction for the long-term development of the community, including concepts for land use, urban design, parks, mobility, jobs, and housing. Through this process, the University CPU planning team has held over 30 meetings with the University Community Plan Update Subcommittee to seek guidance on these concepts and ideas for the plan update. Recently, this process included the creation of land use options that will guide the use and mix of development within the University Community.

Now is your opportunity to review these land use options and make your voice heard! The planning team has launched the University Online Engagement Platform: Choose Your Community!, which proposes two to three options for change within five focus areas. To provide your input, visit <https://bit.ly/UniversityCommunityPlan> or scan the QR code. If you would prefer a paper copy of this survey, please email or call Katie Witherspoon at [KatieW@sandiego.gov](mailto:KatieW@sandiego.gov) or 619.236.6017.

The engagement platform will remain open from October 1 to October 31. The University CPU Project Team will be out in the community during the month of October and will also host two Virtual Open Houses. For more information on our outreach efforts, please visit [www.PlanUniversity.org/Engage](http://www.PlanUniversity.org/Engage).

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## Community Plan Update Meeting September 21, 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.

### Public Comment:

**Diane Ahern** (Fire Safe Council): The Community Wildfire Protection Plan was approved by the required government agencies.

**Barry Bernstein** (UCCA): Kudos to Diane for her work on the Fire Safe Council. Joe LaCava will be announcing City Council will declare Oct. 9th as UC Fire Safe Council day.

**Elizabeth Fattah**: Would like bus service to East UC and from UC to the trolley.

### Agenda Items:

#### Katie Witherspoon:

- Community Engagement Survey will go live from Oct 1-31. The city will review the data and deliver the results in December or January.
- There will be a planning commission workshop in January.
- Review of the focus areas. Previously discussed focus area of Summers Governor Park (east end of Governor) now excluded since it is long cul de sac and fire department discourages new development with only one entry.
- She explained the math of how much development could be attained for residential, employment, and mixed use zoning.
- Discussion of Floor Area Ratios (FAR), the "walk shed" (5-10 minute walk to trolley stop).
- Two workshops will be held in October on the engagement tool. Outreach at Educate Octoberfest, UCCA newsletter and social media, and through schools and HOAs.

**Petr Krysl**: Why is density discussion limited to trolley stops. Other modes of transportation.

**Joann Sellick**: Trolley doesn't serve biotech workers who live in North County. 1000sf average for dwelling unit estimates is too small. Need to address impact of UCSD students on plan area.

**Debby Knight**: Town Centre Drive and Campus Point are included as focus areas despite not being in walkshed. We need to include (and fund) parks, rec centers, libraries if we are adding density.

**George Lattimer**: Campus Point and Town Center are also cul de sacs. If they are included then Summers Governor Park should be included.

**Madison Coleman** (Climate Action Campaign): Will there be an inclusive housing component? Does the CPU fit with the Blueprint for San Diego? Need discussion of Mode shift.

**Katie Witherspoon**: TBD on inclusive housing, this plan update feeds into the Blueprint. EIR for plan update will address mode shift.

**Jeff Dosick**: Why aren't we talking about funding bike paths?

**Tom Hekman**: Walk to trolley not realistic for most people. People change jobs and new job may not be served by trolley.

**Laurie Phillips**: Need to consider UCSD impact and get input from UCSD.

**Aiden Lin**: Agree input from UCSD needed. Students are part of community.

**Andy Wiese**: Math suggests much higher density than Manhattan.

**Katie Witherspoon**: Math is total density allowed, not just new units.

**Ryan Mottau** (MIG) - Gave a tool overview. CPUS members were given a preview prior to the meeting. Preview version forced a selection of 3 options of density per focus area. Released version will have an 'other' option allowing users to input their ideas.

**Barry Bernstein**: asked how many respondents are expected and how this process will proceed.

Planning department will do aggressive outreach for community survey including two workshops in October. The next University Community Plan Update meeting will be in either December or January.



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## The Defensible Space Assistance Program for Seniors and Physically Disabled Persons



The San Diego Regional Fire Foundation is pleased to announce, that Defensible Space Assistance funds are available with the generous support of SDG&E and the San Diego Regional Disaster Board Fund.

The Defensible Space Assistance Program (DSAP) was created to help low-income seniors and physically disabled persons adhere to defensible space regulations. Link to the online form: <http://firesafesdcounty.org/dsap/>

### Guidelines:

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