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Looking Forward to 2022: Join UCCA Today 2022 membership drive officially kicks off this month

Now is the time! November is the month to join UCCA or renew your membership for the 2022 calendar year. During the past year and a half, during COVID-19, UCCA membership dues were used to provide support and funding for many of the events and worthwhile organizations that make us all proud to call University City our home.

UCCA has conducted Zoom monthly meetings, and will return to in-person meetings at the UC Branch Library this month. The UCCA meetings continues to provide a forum for residents to discuss concerns such as neighborhood safety, traffic issues, local development, neighborhood cleanup, and more. The monthly gatherings are a chance to hear regular updates from local law enforcement and fire/rescue officers, and state and local leaders.

UCCA has continued to provide a monthly newsletter provided free of charge to UC residents, delivered by volunteers. The UCCA newsletter was first printed in 2002, when UCCA was revived in March of that year. The first edition in May 2002 – a simple two-sided page filled with information about the re-ignited UCCA, the first street banners, community clean up, free street trees, the Garden Club, and the new website. Sixteen volunteers responded to the call to deliver the newsletters, with Tom Ventimiglia placing the first ad. Now, the newsletter has grown to 20 pages, and in full color. We regularly have over 100 volunteers delivering 6,000 copies. The website is continually updated with local and regional news. We have expanded communications through use of social media platforms. Many UC groups were formed out of needs brought up by UCCA – UC Community Foundation, Neighborhood Watch, Fire Safe Council of UC.

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

UCCA to Hold Bi-Annual Election

UCCA will hold the Bi-Annual Executive Board Election at the November general meeting on Wednesday, November 10.

See page 12 for election information, and candidate profiles.



Oktoberfest Brings Crowds Outdoors to Standley Park

Record crowds came out to Standley Park for EdUCate's Oktoberfest, on October 9. The 2020 event was cancelled due to COVID, but this year's fundraiser for the five public schools in UC was a great way for the neighborhood to catch up with each other in person. Go to pages 10 and 11 to see photos from Oktoberfest.



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Guidelines:

- Your article should be approximately 250 words or less, sent in a Word document and attached to an email.
- Include who, what, why, where, and how.
- Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors.
- DO NOT send articles in a pdf formats.
- UCCA does not guarantee publication.
- Submitted materials may be published on the Internet.
- The Editor reserves the right to edit articles as needed.
- Articles or ads considered to be political will not be accepted.
- Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
- Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com.

Deadline for the December issue: NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the December issue is November 18, 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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UCSD Liaison: OPEN

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SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 13 UCCA MEETING

by Jim Beshears, Secretary

President **Barry Bernstein** announced: (1) The election of officers will be held at the November 10 meeting; (2) Oktoberfest by EduCate! was a success with a good turnout; (3) October 9, 2021 was recognized by the San Diego City Council as UC Fire Safe Council Day; (4) The UCPG is having an election to fulfill an open seat and it will address the ADU issues; (5) The new community plan is underway, all are encouraged to complete an online survey published by the City on its website.

Officer M. Bognuda of the SDPD reported that Lt. Phillip Konz is the new Lieutenant of the Northern Division.

Katie Witherspoon, UC Community Plan Project Manager, reported:

(1) The planning stage will last until summer 2022, details at www.planuniversity.org; (2) The trolley is opening in November. Analysis of locations for urban transit villages within 5 to 10 minute walk times from trolley stops was underway; (3) A survey for what people want to be in the community plan is available at the library on Governor Dr.; (4) A redevelopment of the shopping center at Governor and Regents and the Vons center may have residential units on a second level above commercial and retail; (5) The existing 4 gas stations would be "grandfathered in" but long-term plans would reduce the number.

County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported that the County:

(1) Has a 78% full dose and 82% one dose vaccination rate; (2) Implementing mobile mental health crisis response teams; (3) Planning to have zero carbon emissions by 2035 through conversion to electric vehicles and better designed buildings; (4) Encouraging development of local sources of food; (5) Leading with programs to deal with a year round fire season as a result of climate change; (6) Creating jobs in the "green economy" for young people; (7) Building coalitions and acquiring funding to prevent pollution from the Tijuana River; (8) Enacting legislation to help homeless, including LGBTQ community, to have safe places to go; (9) Providing a small business and rental relief program, (10) Preventing encroachment on Marion Bear Park by expansion of Hwy 52 and taking steps to cut the car noise into the canyon.

SDUSD Trustee Sabrina Bazzo, reported: (1) She attended the student led climate change march from UCHS to Standley Park; (2) There is a vaccine mandate in all schools with students 16 years and older required to be fully vaccinated by January 2022; (3) The Board is searching for a new superintendent; (4) The district has a free lunch program open to all students.

PUBLIC FORUM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spreckels Elementary School PTA requested \$500 to put on a "Jog-a-Thon" to raise money for art education, physical education, and field trips. Request was approved.

Chris Nielsen, UCPG President, announced it was having an election for fill an open position. The candidates are Louis Rodilico, Karen Martien, Tom Hekman, and Tom Feerick. They will vote at their next meeting along with reporting a position on ADU development.

Julie Chapa gave a report on the status of police reform concerning bias in policing. Many more black people are stopped and searched by police. An ordinance is supported by Council member Montgomery to prevent these practices.

Planning for the annual UCCA winter holiday is underway.

Diane Ahern of the UC Fire Safe Council reported the City was honoring the UC Fire Safe Council for its fire prevention and fire safety plan. October 9, 2021 is dedicated as UC Fire Safe Council Day. A plaque honoring the Fire Safe Council was approved. Diane Ahern also reported the need to replace two banners that were damaged (\$210) and taking down and installing winter banners (\$1,100). The expense was approved. Diane Ahern also reported a need for the Board to certify it is a not-for-profit organization for purposes of applying for a grant from the County. With that, the Executive Board is authorized to apply for one grant of \$12,600 and \$6,500 for a community enhancement grant.

Bill Beck reported he is contacting realtors to get HOA information to coordinate with the HOA's for distribution of the UCCA Newsletter online as a link on their websites.

Barbara Gellman of Neighborhood Watch expressed thanks to supporters of the National Night Out last month. She also announced the "Socks for Safety" program to sell socks to raise money for Neighborhood Watch. The first sale was held at Oktoberfest in October.



UCCA President Barry Bernstein

Hi...

It's November and time for everyone to join / renew their UCCA membership. For your convenience we have attached a membership mail-in envelope...please take a moment to look it over and review the many activities UCCA supports, within our community ... and consider a generous membership donation.

We can't do those things which make University City "more than just a neighborhood" without your help.

Lots of important events this month, besides turning our clocks back and observing Veteran's Day. UCCA "salutes" all the men and women who have served so valiantly in our country's history.

Thanksgiving and Hanukkah are this month's one-two punch...so there's lots of family holiday planning ahead for many of us. And of course some of us will enjoy the MLB's Fall Classic, the World Series...with the Los Angeles Dodgers in a position to repeat as winners. The SDSU Aztec team has lived up to its pre-season hype and is on its way to a very successful season. And as I am writing, the Padres are looking for a new manager.

Wednesday, November 10 is UCCA's ELECTION OF OFFICERS. We invite you to attend our meeting IN PERSON AT OUR LIBRARY to VOTE. If you prefer to VOTE ONLINE please email Don Hotz for your ballot. See page 12 for details on the voting protocol. You will notice that my name will NOT be on the ballot, as our bylaws restricts the president's service to two consecutive two-year terms.

I would like to close my final column as president with a most sincere thank you to all UCCA members for their support these many years, and in particular to the UCCA Board...which includes my fellow elected officers and committee chairs, our very able and hardworking newsletter editor, and our advertising coordinator. I have appreciated and needed their support and assistance and know they will continue their support of our newly elected president.

I will stay active in UCCA, and as a past president I will do everything needed to ensure a smooth transition. As I have commented before, our community has many challenges in the years ahead, and I plan to be part of the process to finding fair and reasonable solutions.

On a more personal note, my wife Jacque also deserves a special thank you for her understanding and support, she along with my daughter Stephanie and grandson Sam, will need to think of a new title for me other than the make-believe "mayor" of UC.

My best to you all for a most wonderful, safe, and healthy holiday season. ~ Barry

UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

6:00 – 7:30pm

**University Community Branch Library
4155 Governor Drive**

**Special Election Meeting – In-Person
Seating will follow social distance protocols**

Voting starts at 5:30pm

calendar

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 7, 2:00am
(set clocks back one hour, to "fall back")

VETERAN'S DAY

Thursday, November 11

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, November 9

6:00 – 7:30pm

Agendas and Zoom meeting info:
planuniversity.org

UCCA MEETING

Bi-Annual Election Meeting

Wednesday, November 12,

6:00pm, voting starts 5:30pm

**UC Branch Library
4155 Governor Drive**

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, November 21

7:30-9:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

TROLLEY BLUE LINE GRAND OPENING AT UTC TRANSIT CENTER

Sunday, November 21

UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Contact Rec Center for meeting info:
858.552.1652

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 25

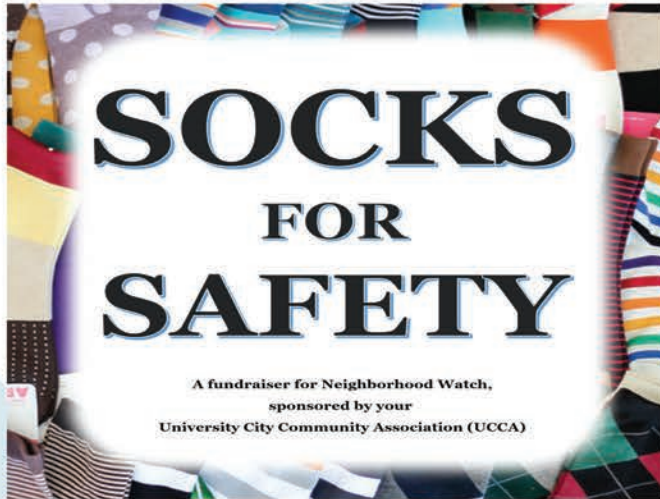
HANUKKAH

Begins sundown, Sunday, November 28

COMMUNITY PALM UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

No Meeting in November
Agendas and meeting information posted on
planuniversity.org

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



Socks for Safety Continues

by Barbara Gellman

If you missed Oktoberfest on October 9, you missed the first of our Socks For Safety fundraiser for Neighborhood Watch. But you can still order by going to universitycitynews.org/neighborhood-watch. Funds will be used for Neighborhood Watch signs, programs, special events, curb addresses or appreciation gifts.

Email me your order: bggellman@yahoo.com. \$5.00 each or 3 pair for \$12.00. Payment by check, made out to UCCA with "socks" in the memo and you will be notified when filled for pick up or delivery. If mailed, there will be postage added per current postal fees.

These socks are great conversation starters, whether you choose cupcakes, soccer, pizza or others for the kids; ladybugs, sushi, dogs or others for women and chili peppers, burgers & fries, football and others for the men. Help support our community crime prevention program and wrap your feet in "happy" at the same time. A big "thank you" to all who did purchase at the event.

HOW DO SCAMMERS KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT ME?

Here are some of the ways that you get on the radar of crooks, as summarized by the AARP.

1. **I frequently enter contests.** Online contests are gateways to unwanted sales pitches. Along with name, address, age, they may learn other things about travel or buying a car.
2. **I mail in warranty card.** When you submit the card it has asked you about how much money you make. It is likely that your info is being sold to others either legitimately or as part of a scam.
3. **I fill out lots of surveys.** Questionnaires rating your stay at a hotel or the service at a restaurant. Selling survey info is a big business; your travel preferences, type of home you own or car you drive.
4. **I share personal updates on Facebook.** Scammers turn to social media postings to learn more about those they've targeted. Don't post personal info, narrow who can see your posts and avoid posting real-time updates about your whereabouts.
5. **I toss my mail.** Shred all mail that has your name and address, account numbers, or other personal data.
6. **Someone in my family has died recently.** Obituaries are prime hunting grounds for scammers, who learn the names of vulnerable widows, widowers, children or grandchildren. Personal information should be kept to a minimum.
7. **I live in the United States.** Many public records are available at the federal, state, county and city levels.



City Trash Rules, Clearing Up "The People's Ordinance"

by Louis Rodolico

At the City Council Environmental Subcommittee meeting on October 7, the city explained that trash pickup, paid for by property taxes, is not for single homes only. There are many condo and apartment complexes that have city trash pickup. As long as you put your receptacles on the street the city will pick it up. The city is careful to use the word residence when it comes to qualifying for trash pickup. Residences include: single family homes, duplexes, apartments, condos. However, many apartments and condos opt out and have a dumpster so they do not have to deal with smaller city approved receptacles. Also there are many single home developments in the city that have opted out of city trash pickup and use private haulers. Saying single family homes exclusively receive "Free" trash pickup is untrue and only misinforms and creates division.

If the city successfully overturns "The Peoples Ordinance", then the lowest income households will see an increase to their budget of over 5%, especially when one adds in the new water and sewer rates. Wealthy households will see their property operating costs go up less than 1%. We have to find a method that is fair to poorer households. Perhaps a bond issue tied to recycling? Or trash service fees attached to property taxes? Please share your ideas with City Councilmember Joe LaCava through his UC rep Kaitlyn Willoughby at kwilloughby@sandiego.gov.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Please join California State Assembly Minority Leader Marie Waldron and California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara for an Emergency Preparedness and Wildfire virtual town hall.

It is imperative for you to have up to date information on services and resources. The event will be held on:

Thursday, November 18, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Register in advance and submit questions for this webinar:
https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_xtvAtM8MQKs_y1FXkd0Ow

We will do our best to answer all submitted questions during the virtual town hall. For questions not addressed during the meeting, you will receive contact information for specialists who may be able to assist you directly.

We look forward to a productive conversation!



Monthly Message from District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava

Green Lifestyle Options in UC – Transportation and Water!

The Blue Line trolley extension is on schedule—and on budget—and will open later this month, bringing with it connections to Downtown, access to housing and jobs, and a green alternative to cars. Neighborhood access to transportation alternatives is integral to meet our Climate Action Plan goals. The Blue Line is just one way to meet our transportation and sustainability goals, in addition to options like biking and electric vehicles (EVs.)

University City enjoys one City of San Diego EV charging station site located at 8810 Judicial Drive. There are four charging stations with six ports. Many think of EVs as a future solution, but the technology is readily available now. I drive an EV and advocate for City infrastructure needed to support them. More charging stations means more accessibility and potential for EVs to become the norm, not the exception, of cars on the road. More information about this particular charging station can be found at <https://bit.ly/3mOmSCV>.

Another way that our community can become more sustainable is through water conservation efforts. Last month, my office participated in the Ride the Tide education tour of water conservation in University City, hosted by San Diego Coastkeeper with San Diego Sustainable Living Institute and Catching H2O. Kathleen Ferrier, our policy director, photographed above, joined the half-day, six-mile bike tour of five home gardens demonstrating sustainability in the University City neighborhood.

Gray water systems need to be more easily accessible for interested households both in terms of the expenses and permits required. These systems reduce public water use and, in turn, reduce your water bills. Team LaCava is reviewing the permit process and costs for potential policy solutions.

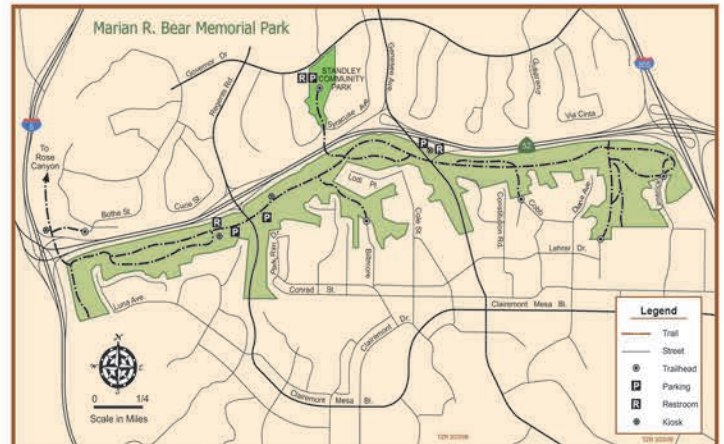
Ensuring Construction Coordination in UC

The residential half of University City is slated for several infrastructure projects including sewer mains, water mains, Pure Water, and asphalt overlays starting in 2022. I am committed to minimizing impact on the community at large. These concurrent projects will be staged to coordinate street closures, minimize construction storage, and ensure safe routes for residents, commuters, schools, and emergency vehicles. Kaitlyn, my University City rep, and I are in frequent communication with the City's Engineering and Capital Projects Department and have an open line of communication with the city's project managers.

I understand local construction can be stressful, so my office is here to monitor the progress and serve as a resource to you. Do not hesitate to reach out to Kaitlyn via email at KWilloughby@sanidiego.gov. She is available to answer any specific questions or concerns you may have.

Keeping Safe - COVID Precautions During Thanksgiving

While we are transitioning back to in-person events and gatherings, it is important to discuss how to keep safe during this Thanksgiving holiday. I encourage everyone to stay flexible with their plans and keep updated on the latest recommendations by the CDC. Consider celebrating with dinner outdoors or wearing your mask inside to reduce the possibility of transmission. California and San Diego are making positive strides against COVID, and it is important to continue the trend through the holidays as well as protect our loved ones.



Did you know? Possible changes to Highway 52

by Mack Langston

Let's skip the early history of Marian Bear Park and San Clemente Canyon when, approximately 40,000,000 years ago the Canyon was covered with Ocean water and about 10,000 years ago when Native Americans inhabited the area. Fast forward to the 1970's when state Route 52 was about to threaten nature's balance – plan was to construct it along the canyon floor. Marian Bear was the driving force behind realigning the highway from the canyon floor to the north hillsides.

Fast forward to July 1979 when Marian Bear Memorial Park was rededicated by the San Diego City Council to honor conservationist and naturalist, Marian Bear, for her contributions toward the preservation of open space and threatened habitat for future generations to enjoy. Another 40 years pass and we find ourselves needing to make room for more housing and employment, while addressing challenging transportation issues. In December of this year, the SANDAG Board of Directors will meet to take a big step toward alleviating traffic congestion while keeping in mind how climate change is stressing the entire planet. The proposal to add additional lanes to SR 52 between I-5 and I-805 is part of the SANDAG's Draft 2021 Regional Plan; available at sdforward.com/mobility-planning/2021-regional-plan

Our elected officials encourage us to stay informed about our Communities and provide feedback regarding how our resources are managed. This writer assumes we are all on the same page about not stifling growth and continuing to protect the natural habitat that dates back thousands of years. We at UCCA will continue to do our best to be a source of relevant information and provide a forum for discussion while encouraging constructive criticism about how to best achieve a healthy, safe and dynamic community that will protect our natural resources for future generations. For future additional information about Marian Bear Park and how its health is being preserved see www.universitycitynews.org and look for periodic updates about our park to find contact information for the City and County officials who encourage your questions and thoughts. For more info: <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-andrecreation/parks/osp/marianbear/marbear#history>

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

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

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:

- **Fiction Fanatics Book Club** meets on Saturday, November 13 at 10:00am. Title to be discussed: *Water from My Heart* by Charles Martin
- **Cookbook Book Club** meets on Saturday, November 13 at 2:00pm. November's book is *Dessert Person* by Clair Saffitz. Please contact the library for more information on joining the Cookbook Book Club.
- **Page Turners Book Club** meets on Saturday, November 27 at 1:00pm. Title to be discussed: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- **North University Chess Club**, Mondays from 6:00–7:30 pm.
- **DiNOVEMBER** is taking place all month long! Enjoy book recommendations from our Dino Friends, vote for your favorite dinosaur, guess what's hatching from our special dino eggs and much more!

UC Library (Governor Drive):

Story time is back!

- **Baby/Toddler Storytime:** Wednesdays at 10:30am. Focus is on ABCs and 123s
- **Pajama Storytime:** 2nd Mondays at 6:30pm. Stories to get the little ones ready for bedtime!

UC Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month via Zoom and will be returning to in-person meetings soon. Contact staff for details at 858.552.1655.



In-N-Out Cover-to-Cover (Book) Club from October 2 – November 13: Children ages 4-12 can read up to 15 books and receive certificates for a free hamburger or cheeseburger. Log your reading using the Beanstack app or website (sandiego.beanstack.org/reader365), or pick up a paper log available at the UC Library. Once completed, visit the library to receive your certificate.

Kamishibai - Thursday, November 4 at 3:00pm (outside on the west lawn): Love manga? Meet its predecessor! Kamishibai Storytime is Japanese street theater + storytelling (Kami = paper; shibai = theatre). Before TV & comic books existed in Japan, there was kamishibai, or paper theater. With a wooden box, illustrations and a great narrator to tell the story, kiddos will be in for a treat!

This special event is presented by Write Out Loud. "Ayako's Story" (30 minutes) is intended for grades 4-6, but the entire family is welcome to join us outside on the west lawn. This program is part of "The Rebellious Miss Breed; San Diego Public Library & the Japanese American Incarceration" Visit: sandiego.gov/missbreed

Zentangle at Home (virtual) - Tuesday, November 16 at 4:00pm: Start your Zentangle journey today with Janet Masey. Zentangle is an easy art method that creates beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Please note: this is a virtual class held via Zoom. Zoom link and information on when to pick up the supply kit will be sent upon registration confirmation. To register: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/virtual-zentangle-home>.

Qi Gong - Thursdays at 9:30am/10:30am: Qi Gong, led by Robert Warren, is back on a new day. Class size is limited to 12, so to accommodate as many people as possible, Robert will host the first hour of class at 9:30am and repeat it at 10:30am. (skipping the acupuncture session). If weather permits, class may be held outside allowing for more participants.

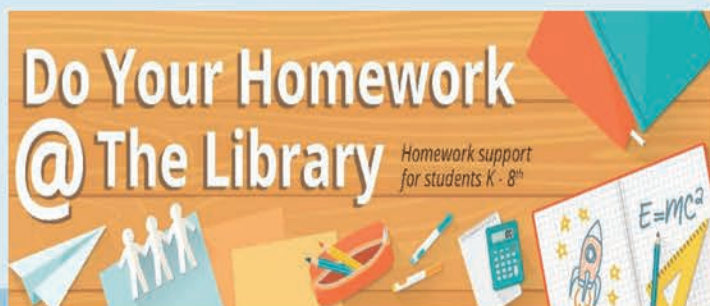
Eating the Rainbow, Thursday, October 21 at 2:30pm (Zoom). Becky Hofseth teaches you how to improve your nutrition and health by eating the many delicious varieties of fruits and vegetables that make up the rainbow.



One Book One San Diego - sandiego.gov/public-library/onebook

- Adult selection: *Being Heumann*: an unrepentant memoir of a disability rights activist / Judith Heumann
- Teen selection: *When stars are scattered* / Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
- Children's selection: *All the way to the top*: how one girl's fight for Americans with disabilities changed everything / Annette Bay Pimentel

This year's One Book themes are centered around including disability rights, human dignity, and the power of activism. "Being Heumann" is a story of fighting to belong in a world that wasn't built for all of us and of one woman's activism—from the streets of Brooklyn and San Francisco to inside the halls of Washington—Being Heumann recounts Judy Heumann's lifelong battle to achieve respect, acceptance, and inclusion in society. Candid, intimate, and irreverent, Judy Heumann's memoir about resistance to exclusion invites readers to imagine and make real a world in which we all belong.



University City Planning Group October 12 Meeting Recap

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

At the October 12 UCPG meeting there were four items discussed. First, in accordance with the newly signed AB361 legislation, we voted to hold next month's UCPG meeting by Zoom. We will continue to hold this monthly vote to authorize virtual meetings while the current health emergency is in effect.

Second, the following residents have declared for the open UCPG R1-A seat, Louis Rodolico, Karen Martien, Tom Hekman, and Thomas Feerick. Each gave an introduction at the October 12 meeting. The UCPG Board will vote at the beginning of the November 9 meeting on a new board member from this list of candidates. The term will run until March 2023.

Third, a sign permit for the La Jolla Village Square shopping center was recommended for approval.

Fourth, a presentation by Neighbors for a Better San Diego on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) was given, similar to the presentation made at the UCCA meeting on September 8th. After much discussion, the UCPG voted (10 Yes, 1 No, with 1 Abstention) to send a letter of support to the Mayor and City Council members stating: "Without agreeing with any state law regarding ADUs:

1. Support the city Municipal Code revisions by Neighbors for a Better San Diego outlined in their presentation.
2. Revise San Diego's ADU ordinance to allow a maximum of four units after a lot-split (SB9).
3. San Diego should NOT opt into of the provisions of SB10. "



La Jolla Meals on Wheels Delivers to UC

by Ron Jones,
LJMOW President

All through the past nineteen pandemic months, over 100 dedicated La Jolla

Meals On Wheels (*not* to be confused with San Diego Meals On Wheels) home delivery volunteers, safely brought lunch and dinner five days a week to locked-down and isolated clients throughout our community (La Jolla and University City) - many of them elderly and without a local family support system.

I marvel daily at their dedication to service as they carry on passionately and resolutely bringing nutrition to residents of The Jewel, just as those countless volunteers before them have been doing since 1974. I'm proud to be in their company as we continue to move forward with our mission; we're blessed to have neighbors such as these. If you feel a personal need for fulfilling community service, either give us a call at 858.4520391, or connect with us at LaJollaMealsOnWheels.org.



A Veterans Day Salute to Major Wallace H. Helm: Lost But Never Forgotten

by Jared Kuritz

University City looked very different when Major Wallace H. Helm (ret.) and his wife, June, became residents in 1964. Wally, as he was known to his family and friends, recently passed away at the age of 99. Born December 26, 1922, Wally grew up in a rural home just outside Washington, D.C., with no indoor plumbing or electricity. One of his first jobs was as a bicycle messenger, hand-delivering daily correspondence between elected officials throughout D.C.

Major Helm joined the Marines and became a pilot. When the military transitioned from propeller to jet engines, he volunteered as a test pilot. He fought in World War II, the Battle of the Pacific, and the Korean War, receiving the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, among others. After his military service, Wally pursued his education, earning his Master's Degree in Economics from SDSU. He also contributed to helping create the classroom curriculum for what became the Navy SEAL training program.



They say the only thing you truly leave behind is your legacy. Having had the honor of knowing Wally for nearly two decades, his legacy can be summed up in three lessons he lived every day:

- 1) Never stop learning. At over 90, Wally enjoyed learning to use his iPhone, trying out his great grandson's virtual reality goggles, and even flying a drone.
- 2) Don't waste time or energy complaining. Just about the only thing I ever heard Wally complain about was other people complaining.
- 3) Humility is a sign of great character. Despite his amazing life, Wally's least favorite thing to talk about was himself.

A true patriot from The Greatest Generation, Major Wallace H. Helm is survived by his daughter, Melanie, granddaughter, Jennifer, and great grandsons, Andy and Owen.

COMMUNITY SHORTS



Community Food Drive

The University City United Church (UCUC), 2877 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 will be conducting a drive-in-drop off food drive in the Church parking lot on Sunday, November 7, from noon to 1:00 pm to help the Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA). The agency is located in Clairemont and provides emergency food services to people in need. They request that donated food be non-perishable, unopened and prepackaged. Simply put the items to be donated in your car and bring them to the UCUC parking lot on Sunday, November 7, between noon and 1:00 pm. Church members will unload your vehicle and deliver the donations to CCSA. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

UCUC Bloodmobile Blood Drive

The next UCUC Blood Drive will be on Saturday, November 13 from 8:00am to 1:30pm, in front of Round Table Pizza in the Sprouts Marketplace on Governor Drive. Sign up in advance at: mysddb.org or 619.400.8251. Blood drives in 2022 are scheduled for: January 15, March 12, May 7, July 9, September 10, and November 5.

People for a Clean UC

The next cleanup is Sunday, November 21, 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.

Brown Bag Opera

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

November 21: Carmen, George Bizet
No Opera December

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, Strawberry Jam \$9 Olive Oil \$11 Deadline to order for November: Monday, November 1. Go to: standleypts.org, select Farm Fresh Fundraiser link. Pickup - Tuesday, November 9, 2:00-3:00pm at Swanson Pool, 3585 Governor Dr. Questions: standleyptsfundraising@gmail.com

And Now, Two Guys in Shorts...

Senior Gold Medal Winner

by Maureen Kennedy

The San Diego Senior Games Track & Field events were held at University City High School on September 19. Over 180 senior athletes gathered to compete in their age group. One of the competitors was University City resident Iraj Hashemzadeh, aged 81. He competed in the 50 and 100 meter dash

where he finished first and won gold medals. In the 200 meter dash he was awarded a silver medal. Iraj can be seen running several mornings a week around University City and at the UCHS track.



Another UC Senior athlete is Mike Alston, pictured left, who earned a silver medal in the 100m hurdles. Alston participated in the 60-64 age bracket of the Senior Games.

Congrats to both Iraj and Mike!



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It's Sunburst California in University City

by Diane Ahern

The University City Parks Council (UCPC) is excited to announce that the Sunburst California art installation at Standley Park has been completed. The artist muralist is Andrew Sanchez and is known by many as the designer of the Summer Concerts and UC Celebration banners, the silhouette street banners, and for his mural on a transformer box on Governor Drive near Genesee.

The artist chose a simple color block design because of the rough texture of the cement brick wall that surrounds the garbage dumpster and to enhance the ever-changing play of sunlight and shadow across its painted surface. In keeping with a public park that invites people of all ages to enjoy its outdoor spaces, the wrap-around design invites movement as the viewer must walk around the structure to see all three sides of Sunburst California.

This mural is the latest addition to the University City art scene and complements the existing Transformer and Utility Box Art Project sponsored by University City Community Association (UCCA).

The City of San Diego requires that any artwork proposed for property owned by the City, under the jurisdiction of the City, or both, be reviewed by the Commission for Arts and Culture and approved by the City before installation. Sunburst California is the first mural installation completed in San Diego that was facilitated by the Commission for Arts and Culture using their new Mural Tool Kit and Application. To learn more about how you can propose artwork for city property, visit sandiego.gov/arts-culture/publicart/civicart/proposingartwork



Can you find yourself?

These photos are courtesy of Karl Cranford and were taken during Oktoberfest 2021. Above is the Oktoberfest crowd; center is the SDUSD pool complex and Swanson Pool; and the bottom is the SDUSD joint-use Pavilion / Stage at Standley Middle School.





SAVE YOUR PUMPKINS!

UC resident Kathy Riess is collecting decorative pumpkins for the animal sanctuaries. Pumpkins need to be Uncarved, Unpainted, Unspoiled – any size or variety. Drop them off at 7343 Florey Street, please leave on the driveway. Thanks!



Thank You UC for Supporting EdUcate! at Oktoberfest

*by Katie Dunahoo, EdUcate! Vice President
and Oktoberfest Chair*

Thank you to the wonderful University City community and our sponsors for making the EdUcate! Oktoberfest a huge success! We had record-breaking attendance, record-breaking fun, and a record-breaking amount of money raised for our UC public schools. Big kudos to all of the hard-working volunteers, as well as everyone who participated and attended this great community fundraiser. EdUcate! loves you!



Joanie and the Jeanies got the crowds up out of their chairs and dancing to some classic hits.



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Principal Challenge: A Friendly Competition



Before the challenge starts, UC's five principals pose with the eager crowds awaiting to participate in hot dog throwing. From left: Armando Lopez (Doyle), Cynthia Smith-Ough (Curie), Michel Cazary, reigning champ (Spreckels), Bill Pearson (Standley Middle), and Mike Paredes (UCHS)



Principals showing their skills...

...and the students throwing theirs.



Winner, winner, hot dog dinner! UCHS Principal Mike Paredes wins bragging rights for the next year.

Photos courtesy of Greg Hom and Jemma Samala

UCCA Candidate Profiles



**Diane Ahern,
President**

In my current role at University City Community Association, I volunteer as the publicity and promotions chair. I help to manage UCCA's websites and I contribute to the print newsletter. I also serve as a liaison to MCAS Miramar, the Standley Park volunteer groups, the Fire Safe

Council, the aviation safety group, and I help to write UCCA's SD County grant proposals.

My first introduction to UCCA was through Neighborhood Watch when in 2013, I volunteered to be a street captain. I'll never forget my first UCCA meeting that year when Barry made his president's remarks and he warned us about increased traffic on Genesee that would result from the expansion of both the Mid-Coast Trolley and the UTC Mall. Fast forward to today and increasing traffic is still a challenge.

These days I'm privileged to support local organizations and the activities of many dedicated community volunteers. I also help to publicize the meetings and activities of the UCPG planning group and community plan update subcommittee (CPUS), our City Councilmember, local news events, and community group activities.

My connections and networks with community volunteers make me uniquely qualified to partner with UCCA's elected officers, board members and neighbors to enhance UCCA's mission to provide and promote the civic, cultural, social, educational and recreational development and improvement of University City; and to provide a forum where the interests of our residents may be expressed and contributions made to the protection of life and property in the community.

Change is inevitable and we must be resilient and prepared to adapt to change. We don't yet know what the future may hold. My UCCA presidential goals include sharing news and information to help keep us all well-informed. I will also continue to encourage neighbors to volunteer their time and talents to influence today and to shape our future to keep University City more than just a neighborhood.



**Don Hotz,
Treasurer**

Incumbent candidate for Treasurer, Don Hotz is a native San Diegan having grown up in Pacific Beach.

For the last 25 years he has lived in University City with his wife Valerie. Retired from a CIO career, he now enjoys retirement camping, surfing and bike riding along our beaches and bays.

Don currently maintains the UCCA financials and manages the UCCA newsletter distribution and advertising.

**Mack Langston,
Vice President**



Mack Langston has been a resident of San Diego since 1989 and University City for the last 18 years. He is married to Merle Berman Langston, a long-time resident of UC, who continues to serve on the UCCA Board. He serves as UCCA's liaison to both the SD Network of Town Councils and the SD Working Group on Short Term Vacation Rentals. Plus delivers the UCCA newsletter.

This past year, Mack volunteered and served as Citizen Scientist, a SDSU project that gathers samples of genetic material from a variety of public places in South UC for a study of COVID-19, spread over several months.

Mack seriously enjoys gardening, especially raising several varieties of Clivia, a flowering plant that is native to South Africa, nature photography and engaging with his grandchildren to experiment with such musical instruments as guitars, ukulele, didgeridoo, piano and harp. Having lived in London and traveling internationally he has gained valuable insights into people working together in harmony.

Professionally, he has managed portfolios of larger apartment properties in several states and once served as President of the San Antonio Apartment Association and President of the San Diego Chapter of the Institute of Real Estate Management. He has been working full time as a broker in multifamily, hospitality, affordable and investment property sales for the last twenty years.

Jim Beshears, Secretary

Incumbent Secretary for the 2020 and 2021 term



UCCA Bi-Annual Elections

It is time for the bi annual election of UCCA officers. In person voting for two year terms will occur at the November 10 UCCA meeting to be held in the Library. The meeting itself will begin at 6:00pm and will last until 7:30pm. Voting will take place in the library foyer starting at 5:30pm. Election results will be announced at 7:45pm.

UCCA MEMBERS MAY VOTE:

- A. In person at our library between the hours of 5:30pm and 7:30pm; OR,
- B. Online from November 9 at 7:30am until November 10 at 7:30pm. Contact Don Hotz at don.hotz@yahoo.com for an online voting ballot.

Current candidates' names will be listed on the ballot, as will others who are nominated or who self-nominate by 7:30am November 9. Write-in candidates are acceptable. Rest assured that election monitors will be confirming that all votes are cast properly by current UCCA members. Current President, Barry Bernstein, is "termed out" in accordance with UCCA bylaws and is not eligible to serve another term as President.



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Hallie Burch
Nancy Powell
Bruce Murray
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Tracy Shaw
John Walsh

UCCA Sponsors Local Holiday Tradition

by Barry Bernstein

UCCA, along with Standley Park, will once again be providing a very special winter holiday event for our families on Friday, December 10. The traditional "Dinner With Santa" will be starting at 5:15pm, and UCCA's Christmas Tree/Menorah Lighting musical program at 6:30pm.

Details/costs are being finalized for the "Dinner with Santa", which will be a special pasta dinner prepared by Lorna's Italian Restaurant. UCCA's Tree/Menorah Lighting musical program will begin with the Standley Middle School marching band, followed by other choral/musical performances, and ending with the lighting of the Christmas Tree and appearance of "Ole Saint Nick".

So mark your calendars for this very special family evening and check our December newsletter for further information.



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University City Community Association 2022 UCCA Membership Application*

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Payment is also accepted through PayPal on our website www.universitycitynews.org.

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

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

(*UCCA membership dues are not tax deductible.)

*This membership is valid for the 2022 calendar year. Thank you for joining UCCA. If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Chairperson Hallie Burch at UCCAmembership@gmail.com.



Fire Safe Council Welcomes SDFD and Lifeguards to Oktoberfest Receives City and County Recognitions

It was a big day for the University City Fire Safe Council at Oktoberfest sponsored by EdUCate!, the University City Foundation for Public Schools (uceducate.org/). The SD Fire-Rescue Department, San Diego Lifeguards, and the Fire Safe Council provided outreach and safety information to hundreds of community members, families, and students.

The Fire Safe Council was recognized by both San Diego City Councilmember Joe LaCava and County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer's University City Representative Amanda Berry for its efforts to make University City and San Diego County a more fire safe community. To learn more about how to make your home and our neighborhood less likely to burn, visit the University City Fire Safe Council page at universitycitynews.org/fire-safe-council-university-city/

Pictured above from left: Councilmember Joe LaCava, Lou Rodolico (VP), Diane Ahern (President), Tom Cartier (Treasurer), and Gemma Samala (Secretary).



Fire Safe Council of SD County Offers Defensible Space Assistance Program

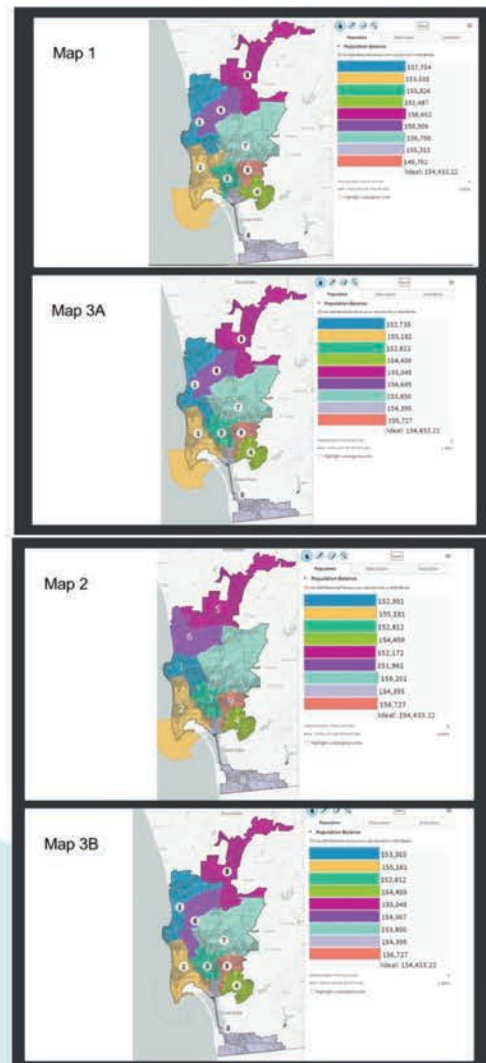
by Diane Ahern, UCFSC President

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.

- Brush and tree trimming/thinning.
- Raking of dead leaves and pine needles.
- Chipping of removed vegetation. Chips are left onsite.
- On-site education about effective defensible space.
- Initial one-day defensible space clean up.
- Performed by professional contractors, who are bonded and insured.

The University City Fire Safe Council can 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/.

Redistricting Commission to Determine New Boundaries for City Council Districts



Above: Illustration of the four Preliminary Maps is current as of October 19, 2021. For more information and to view full-sized maps, visit: sandiego.gov/redistricting-commission.

Now is the time to get involved; Redistricting Commissioners are voting on the Preliminary Maps on November 4; and on the Final Map on December 15. Check the Redistricting Commission website for meeting details and Zoom links. Redistricting Commission Special Meetings and Public Hearings include:

- Thursday, November 4, 5:30pm: Redistricting Commission votes on Preliminary Map with written statement of findings and reasons for adoption including the criteria employed in the process and a full analysis and explanation of decisions. Once approved, submit to the City Clerk.
- Tuesday, November 9, 5:30pm: Preliminary Map Hearing 1
- Saturday, November 13, 2:00pm: Preliminary Map Hearing 2
- Tuesday, November 16, 5:30pm: Preliminary Map Hearing 3
- Thursday, November 18, 3:00pm: Redistricting Commission Meeting
- Wednesday, December 1, 5:30pm: Preliminary Map hearing 4
- Tuesday, December 7, 5:30pm: Preliminary Mapping hearing 5
- Wednesday, December 15, 5:30pm: **Voting on the final map**
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