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Holiday Lighting Tradition Returns to UC

by Sandy Lippe and Barry Bernstein

Do you remember dinner with Santa and the Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Menorah last December at Standley Park? Of course you don't. We were learning about Covid-10, lockdowns, masks, and working from home. What a difference a year makes! Our hometown tradition is back in business.

Standley Rec Council member, Carol Parham, promises a delicious boxed spaghetti dinner from Lorna's at 5:15pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Rec Center for \$8/adults and \$5/children. Stay for the 6:30pm spectacular lighting of the Christmas Tree and Menorah. UCCA Past President Barry Bernstein will be introducing special guests and acknowledging the many "elves" that helped with the preparations for this special evening holiday event, including Event Coordinator Darlene Ventimiglia. US Marines who sponsor "Toys for Tots" have been invited, alongside the SD Firefighters from Station 50. Feel free to bring unwrapped new toys to support Toys for Tots.

The musical part of the holiday program will feature Standley Middle School Marching Band, the popular Key of She, an adult women's singing group, and the UC High Chorale. Tom Ventimiglia, a longtime resident and songwriter/performer, wrote a special Hanukkah song he will perform. New building decorations will be presented with special lighting. The finale will be the Standley Band performing "Here Comes Santa Claus" then out comes jolly St. Nick to spend time with the little ones.

All sorts of activities will also take place. The craft room will be buzzing with creativity after the Santa dinner. Hot chocolate from Coffee Bean, cookies from Jersey Mike's will add to the celebration. Circle December 10 on your calendar and join your neighbors at Standley Park for this special holiday community tradition. It will be a night to remember.

University City Lights Up the Night

Friday, December 10

Standley Park Rec Center
3585 Governor Drive

5:15pm – UC Park Council's
Dinner with Santa
Boxed Spaghetti Dinner from
Lorna's Italian Kitchen
\$8 – adults
\$5 – children

6:30pm – UCCA's Christmas
Tree and Menorah Lighting
Musical Program

Musical Guests:
Standley Marching Band
Key of She
UCHS Chorale
Tom Ventimiglia
and other surprise
performances

Throughout the evening:
Holiday activities
Crafts
Hot chocolate
Cookies



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- 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.

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SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 10 UCCA MEETING

Held in-person at the UC Library

by **Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary**

(*Editor's Note: the original summary has been shortened due to space constraints, see full minutes online.)

President Barry Bernstein announced: (1) a community survey on UCCA's new plan is underway with results in January; (2) Assembly-member Chris Ward is meeting with community groups on standards for ADU development; (3) The community opposes a single lane in each direction for Governor Dr., west of Genesee Ave. City Council member, Joe LaCava, is asking for a new traffic study and will hold meetings; (4) New sewer lines will be installed in the area; (5) The Pure Water project is delayed because of lawsuits and disagreements with SDG&E on moving utility lines. Construction will be done at night to minimize disruption to traffic; (6) The aquatics center construction had delays, but the plan is still to open in December; (7) CASA members were meeting with the new commander on approved air routes and safety for MCAS Miramar; (8) The redistricting group is working on three plans with a new map being drawn. Multiple hearings are set.

Officer M. Bognuda of the SDPD reported that all residents should lock their houses and cars. Be on the lookout for thefts from front porches, and coordinate with neighbors. Catalytic converter thefts are still going on. Having shields installed can cut down on thefts.

The UC Fire Safe Council was given a plaque by the UCCA for their work in developing a neighborhood fire safety and prevention plan, the first approved in City of San Diego District 1.

Chris Nielsen, President of the UCPG, reported La Jolla Avia Apts. development on Gullstrand was still on hold due to the issue of continuing the golf course as part of the building permit. Code enforcement may start after December 1, 2021, if not resolved.

Amanda Berry, Assistant to County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported the County was starting a youth environmental job corps to be operated by the San Diego Foundation.

Guest speaker Sabrina Bazzo, a San Diego School Board Trustee, reported: (1) a vaccine mandate for all staff and students 16 and up was adopted; (2) the joint use pool at Standley Park had delays but expected to open by January; (3) Spreckels Elementary is under construction to modernize facilities; (4) She visited all public schools in UC and attended the "Climate Strike" organized by UCHS students; (5) The Board has selected three finalists for School Superintendent with a final decision in January; (6) Mission Valley will receive a new school under the new school plan; (7) The Board is expanding "cluster classrooms" to group students together; (8) The planned Mental Health Day off is optional.

PUBLIC FORUM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chris Nielsen, President of UCPG reported that two projects by Alexandria Development for north of La Jolla Village Dr. have been approved. Construction of the new project at Costa Verde has been delayed with no start date set.

Judy Bethel announced details of the Christmas/Menorah Lighting program on December 10. Volunteers are needed to help set up and run the program. December 6 and 7 at 9:00am will be set up time, and volunteers are needed. (see page 1 for more details)

Judy Sweet, coordinator of pickleball players at Standley Park requested assistance from the Board regarding the UC Racket Club cutting out pickleball from the courts in January 2022. She was referred to the Park Recreation Council to address the issue.

Don Hotz was presented a plaque for his service as Treasurer on the Board for the past 4 years, as well as **Barry Bernstein** for his service as President of the Board for the past 8 years.

Barbara Gellman of Neighborhood Watch reported people should watch out for fake Amazon deliveries which are methods for thieves to take packages from houses.

Election results: New officers elected via acclamation are: Diane Ahern as President, Mack Langston as Vice-President, Jemma Samala as Treasurer and James Beshears as Secretary. All are elected to serve a two-year term effective December 1, 2021. Barry Bernstein will serve as Past-President.



UCCA President Diane Ahern

Hello University City, I'm honored to write my first column as the newly-elected president of University City Community Association (UCCA). Thanks to all who supported our slate of candidates and who took the time to vote at the November UCCA meeting.

I'm privileged to volunteer with talented and energetic board members including Vice-President Mack Langston, Treasurer Jemma Samala, Secretary Jim Beshears, Beautification Chair Merle Langston, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Barbara Gellman, Membership Chair Hallie Burch, North University City Liaison Bill Beck, Newsletter Coordinator Don Hotz, Advertising Volunteer Terri Day, Special Events Coordinators Darlene Ventimiglia and Barbara Henshaw, Community Plan Update Liaison Katie Rodolico, and 100s of other volunteers who help deliver the print newsletter, serve in neighborhood watch groups, attend UCCA and other community meetings, and serve on various committees and special events. Thank you!

A heart-felt shout-out and thank you goes to our long-time UCCA president Barry Bernstein who has termed out this year. We're all pleased that he will continue to serve on the UCCA board in the role of past president. We thank him for his years of service and dedication to making University City more than just a neighborhood.

You're reading our combined December / January print newsletter. This issue is always a challenge to put together because there's so much University City News. This month's publication not only contains a summary of fall events and news, it also covers two of the busiest months of the year. For instance, in December:

- On Friday morning, December 10, the SANDAG board of directors is scheduled to discuss SANDAG's 2021 Regional Plan which includes a proposal to add three additional lanes in each direction on SR-52 from I-5 to 1-15 through Marian Bear Park. We'll be able to join the SANDAG meeting via Zoom.
- On Friday evening, December 10, I hope to see you at the in-person Standley Park *Dinner with Santa and Holiday Celebration with the Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting* and a visit from Santa.
- On Wednesday evening, December 15, the *Redistricting Commission* is scheduled to make its final recommendation to the City Clerk about changes in City Council district boundaries. Will University City be moving to Council District 6? We'll all be able to join the Redistricting Commission meeting via Zoom.

And what about UCCA? We will host a ZOOM meeting on Wednesday, December 8 at 6:00pm, as well as Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 6:00pm, also on ZOOM. Should we continue our monthly community meetings via Zoom? Or would you like to meet in-person at the Library at 4155 on Governor Drive? Please give it some thought and let us know via email at UniversityCityNews@gmail.com or voice mail at 858.412.0786.

As we get ready to start the New Year, I'm sure we're all hopeful that we can continue with outdoor, in-person events like we enjoyed this fall such as EdUCate's Oktoberfest, October's Halloween festivities, last month's trolley grand opening on the UCSD campus, and the holiday pie giveaway at Standley Park. You'll find news and photos from these events in this issue.

I know you'll enjoy reading this edition of the University City News which is produced by many dedicated UCCA volunteers, friends, and neighbors. Best wishes for Joy, Love, and Peace this holiday season and the happiest new year.

Diane

calendar

HANUKKAH

Ends sundown, Monday, December 6

UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, December 9

Contact Rec Center for meeting info:
858.552.1652

CHRISTMAS TREE AND MENORAH LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Friday, December 10

Dinner – 5:15pm

Lighting Program Begins – 6:30pm
Standley Rec Center
3585 Governor Drive

UCCA MEETING

Wednesdays, 6:00pm

December 8 and January 12

Zoom.us meeting ID#858 774 3266

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sundays, December 12 & January 9
7:30-9:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25

KWANZAA

Begins Sunday, December 26
Ends Saturday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday, January 1

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, January 11

6:00 – 7:30pm

No meeting in December

Info: planuniversity.org

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Monday, January 17

COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 18

Info: planuniversity.org

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OR SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP
FORM ON PAGE 13**



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. Join the other 100 Neighborhood Watch Captains that help keep our streets and community safer.

Most of the listed streets below do not have any volunteer leadership; some may have partial coverage and could use a co-captain.

Arnoldson	Mercer St & Ct
Bajar	Mervell 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
Erlanger	Stadium Pl, Ct, St
Enders Ave	Steinbeck Ave
Farley Dr, Ln, Ct	Stetson Ave
Ferber St	Stettler Way
Finsen Ave	Syracuse Ln & Way
Florey St & Ct	Tula Ct
Fried	Tulane Ct
Gullstrand	Valoma Pl
Janan Way	Werner St
Kanter Ct	Whipple Ave & Way
Maynard St	Willard St

Governor Drive & Lakewood Street Update

Over 11 years ago, Mark Powell advocated for the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Governor Drive and Lakewood Street. The dangerous intersection gets speeding drivers on the way to or from the 805 freeway. Recently, an update was provided by Councilmember Joe LaCava's office noting that "the Notice to Proceed (official start date) was issued to the contractor effective 11/29/2021. The contractor is required to start field work within 15 working dates of the Notice to Proceed. But please note that due to difficulties obtaining materials the construction duration is set at 200 working days."

Sock Flashing

by Barbara Gellman

It's legal; show your feet that are covered in designer socks of your choice. Men, women and children can take advantage of a wide assortment of fun and colorful socks at affordable prices, \$5.00 each or 3 pair for \$12.00. Gift giving made easy for anyone on your list; provide a conversation starter or non-traditional fashion statement that will give the receiver a spark of joy.

This Neighborhood Watch fundraiser to provide extra funding for community programs dealing with crime prevention, special events, gifts of appreciation, curb painting addresses and perhaps, added safety equipment for homeowners.

Check out all the styles that include 9 different dog breeds, by going to www.universitycitynews.org/neighborhood-watch, click on the "socks for safety reorder form" and then email me your order to bggellman@yahoo.com with name, email and phone number along with style number, quantity, description and color. (example: 1 FC-02 Cat/Dog Stargazing, blue or 2 FC-10 Golden Doodle, pink & grey).

You will be contacted to arrange delivery; if by check, make out to UCCA with "socks" in the memo; if mailed, postage will be added according to current postal fees. Order today and be part of the "happy feet" group.

Redistricting Commission: University City could move from Council District 1 to Council District 6



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.

Last month, the Redistricting Commissioners voted to accept Preliminary Map 74956 as the basis for further discussion. The Preliminary Map proposes that most of University City would move from Council District 1 to Council District 6.

The Commissioners held Public Hearings about the map in November and will hold additional hearings in December. They are scheduled to vote on the Final Map on December 15. Check the Redistricting Commission website for current information, meeting details and Zoom links: sandiego.gov/redistricting-commission

Redistricting Commission Special Meetings and Public Hearings include:

- Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 5:30pm: Preliminary Map hearing
- Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 5:30pm: Preliminary Mapping hearing
- Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 5:30pm: Commissioners scheduled to vote on the Final Map



Monthly Message from District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava

Divestment from Fossil Fuels

I have been working with Mayor Gloria to ensure that the City of San Diego divests from fossil fuels, an important action that aligns with our climate action plan and further protects our financial interests.

In November, my City Council colleagues, and I voted to divest from companies that engage in the exploration, production, drilling or refining of coal, petroleum, or natural gas. Following the lead of cities from around the world, we will demonstrate that climate and financial success are not mutually exclusive. Achieving our climate goals is not a singular action and the divestment movement has proven its effectiveness by focusing on the financial sector.

Divesting will help the City of San Diego reach our Climate Action Plan goals and further ensure our local environment, biodiversity, endangered species are all protected from the dangerous impacts of fossil fuels. Combating climate change also helps protect our beaches, coastal bluffs, canyons, and reduce the impact of wildfires. Moreover, while divesting from fossil fuels is an important step, there are still many actions we must take to be a truly sustainable city. As your Councilmember, I will continue to be a champion for the climate.

More on Climate Action

Last month, the City released an update to its ground-breaking 2015 Climate Action Plan (CAP). The update expands on our ambitious goals and timelines to reduce Greenhouse Gases. The draft is open for public input and is expected to come to full Council in February. See details at www.sandiego.gov/sustainability/climate-action-plan

Reforming Community Planning Groups

Community planning groups, like UCPG, are a fundamental part of public input in San Diego. They work with City staff to develop long term community plans as well as advise the City on land use, transportation, and infrastructure projects and issues.

Over the last year, based on a legal analysis from the City Attorney and recommendations from the City Auditor and Grand Jury, I have been working with City staff and the City Attorney to bring forward changes to Council Policy and Municipal Code sections that govern CPGs. My goal is to ensure their expertise, voice, and input are retained while complying with the City Charter, our local constitution. I am proposing changes to CPGs that will:

- retain the hundreds of volunteers and community leaders who serve;
- improve opportunities for broad community representation and transparency;
- allow for an effective and supportive use of City resources; and
- maintain CPGs' position as advisory bodies to the City.

(continued from left)

As a long-time CPG advocate, I am proud to lead on this issue. As I bring this proposal before City Council within the next few months, I invite you to follow along, tune in, and share your feedback. Follow me for updates at @joelacava_d1 or by contacting Kaitlyn UC representative, kwilloughby@sandiego.gov.

Give Back and Paying it Forward this Holiday Season

I encourage everyone to shop locally and consider giving back this holiday season. From locally made gifts to gift cards for restaurants in your community, there are many ways you can both complete your holiday shopping and support our local business owners this season.

While shopping locally is one way to support your local community, volunteering or giving back this season are other great ways to make a positive impact in our community. Over the past year, Team LaCava has volunteered with local groups to clear brush, pick up litter, and beautify the District. We have visited with civic-minded second-graders and with college students exploring career options in public service. We also volunteered at the San Diego Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, and donated blood at the San Diego Blood Bank.

These organizations offer volunteer opportunities for individuals as well as groups. Check in with your local community groups, service providers, and religious and educational institutions for opportunities to volunteer. Or use www.volunteermatch.org/search for an opportunity near and dear to you.

Mayor Gloria Launches 'Mayor for a Day' Contest, Now Open for Submissions

As part of his efforts to engage more young people in civic issues, Mayor Todd Gloria has launched his administration's "Mayor for a Day" contest and invited San Diego's youth to participate.



The contest aims to foster civic engagement and build key leadership skills in young people and is open to all elementary and middle school students.

At age 10, Mayor Gloria entered then-Mayor Maureen O'Connor's "Mayor for a Day" contest. He was selected as the runner-up. Thirty-two years later, he now serves as San Diego's 37th Mayor.

Participants are invited to write an essay (up to 300 words) or submit a video (no more than 3 minutes) answering the prompt, "How you would make the City of San Diego a better place if you were the mayor?" The selected winner will be given an opportunity to shadow Mayor Todd Gloria for a day.

The deadline for applications is December 13, 2021. The full application can be found at: sandiego.seamlessdocs.com/f/mayorforaday

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 9:30am 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 the second Saturday of the month at 10:00am. December title - Run for Your Life by James Patterson; January title - The Mountain Between Us by Charles Martin

Cookbook Book Club meets on the second Saturday of the month at 2:00pm. December title - See You on Sunday by Sam Sifton; January title - To Asia with Love by Hetty McKinnon

Page Turners Book Club - Due to the holiday, the December meeting of the Page Turners Book Club will be on Saturday, December 18 at 1:00pm. Title to be discussed - The Help by Katherine Stockett. The January meeting will take place on Saturday January 15 at 1:00pm. Title to be discussed - The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Chess Club meets every Monday from 6:00 - 7:30pm.



SD Access 4 All program: the North University Library has a limited number of WiFi hotspots available to check out for a 3-month loan period.

UC Library (Governor Drive):

Flag Disposal/Prescription Eyeglass donation: UC Library is an official flag disposal location. If you have a flag of any size you can bring it to the library, place it in the disposal bin near the front entrance and library staff contact the Boy Scouts who will retire the flags appropriately. If you have prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses or readers that you no longer use, you can drop them off at the UC Library in the donation box near the Circulation Desk. The Lions Club will send a representative to pick up your donations when the box is full. We appreciate the Boy Scouts and the Lions Club for performing these important services.

Special Programs:

Friday, December 3 at 4:00pm -- Dessert in a Jar: Sign up for this fun class on making delicious desserts in a portable package to take home with you. Yum! No cost. To register: sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/dessert-jar

Tuesday, December 7 at 5:00pm -- A Personal History of the Japanese Internment: Learn about one man's experience in the Japanese internment camp in Poston, Arizona. Local historian Linda Canada, an archivist for twelve years with the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego, will give a brief overview of the Japanese Internment and lead a discussion with Jack Kubota about his early life during the internment. If you missed this program earlier this year when it was part of The Rebellious Miss Breed series, this is a second chance to learn more about this critical period in U.S. history.

Tuesday, December 14 at 4:00pm -- Zentangle at Home (virtual): Start your journey today with Janet Masey. Zentangle is an easy art method that creates beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Zoom link and information on picking up supply kits will be sent upon registration. A waitlist will be offered for the class. If you can't make the class, call the Library at 858.552.1266 to cancel your reservation. To register: sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/virtual-zentangle-home-0

Wednesday, December 15 at 4:00pm -- Food Art, or Playing with your Food: Turn your favorite foods into a work of art! For ages 12 and under. To register go to: sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/food-art-or-playing-your-food

Friday, December 17 at 4:00pm -- Holiday crafts with Miss Maribel: Miss Maribel shows you how to make winged hearts and other seasonal crafts. Recommended for ages 7-12. To register: sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/holiday-crafts-miss-maribel

Weekly programs:

Thursdays at 9:30am -- Qi Gong, led by Robert Warren. Class size is limited to 15. If the weather is good, class may be held outside to allow for more participants.

Wednesdays at 10:30am -- Baby/Toddler Storytime, with a focus on ABCs, 123s and other concepts.

2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm -- Pajama Storytime, with stories to get the little ones ready for bedtime!

Available through all City of San Diego Public Libraries

Cloud Library: With just your library card, you have free access to lots of digital content. We offer Cloud Library for reading ebooks and e-audiobooks.

Download the free Cloud Library app and you can read on your phone or tablet, including the Kindle Fire (sorry, no Paperwhite).



Kanopy, a digital video streaming service: You can view up to three movies per month for free - and children's content and The Great Courses do not count toward your monthly

allotment. You can see movies such as Moonlight, Parasite and Rashomon and genres include documentaries, world cinema, noir, popular films and more - over 30,000 to choose from. Teachers: viewing films in a group forum is permitted for all Kanopy films for classroom viewings.

San Diego Public Library online calendar: sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/month



Discover and Go! Visit San Diego attractions for FREE with the San Diego Public Library's Discover & Go program. The program offers family day passes to several of San Diego's biggest attractions, including the New Children's Museum, Museum of Us, The San Diego Museum of Art, Children's Discovery Museum and Skateworld! Reserve passes today and discover what San Diego has to offer! For more information and to sign up, visit: sandiego.gov/discoverd



Friends of the UC Library Susan Quinn (left) and Amy Barkan (right) are pictured with quilt winner Max Dunseath.

Important Information from the Friends of the UC Library

by Helen Lebowitz

As many of you know the recent big book sale held by the Friends on Saturday, November 6, was a huge success. With the accompanying raffle of the beautiful quilt donated by Susan Griffin and Amy Barkan the total income came to just over \$1900.00 in just 6 hours! The winner in the quilt drawing was Max Dunseath. Many thanks go out to Susan and Amy and to a tremendous group of volunteers who spent several weeks in preparation. And, of course, to you, our patrons, who arrived in large numbers and bought the books, games and bookmarks.

All proceeds go to supplement City funds for UC Library's books, media, programs and equipment. Another quilt has been promised for a sale next Fall. And our sincere thanks as well to Barb Springer for all the beautiful and popular bookmarks. Our next book sale will be scheduled for the Spring at a date still to be determined.

The Friends of the UC Library will be holding an election for Officers and volunteer committee heads at our January 19, 2022 meeting, starting at 4:00pm. We would love to have more members of the community become more involved at all levels. If you are interested please give a short note to one of the library staff with your contact information. They will pass it on to the Friends and we will then contact you with further information.

We are currently in the midst of our annual membership drive and are pleased with the response. Income from memberships also qualify for the City Match. And please don't forget our daily sales of books and other items which are available in the entrance hallway during all library open hours. Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays

The University City High School PTSA is holding its annual Adopt-a-Family program, which helps provide a few selected families holiday gifts and food items to help them celebrate the holidays. To make a donation, go to uchspsta.org. To coordinate adopting a family or providing gifts/gift cards, contact program chair Jemma Samala, jemmasamala@gmail.com.



UC Del Sol Girls Softball

by Perry Peters

Registration for the 2022 Spring Season of UC Del Sol Girls Softball is now open! Turnout is expected to be high as several teams are anti-

cipated in each division (6U, 8U, 10U and 12U). Spring Ball starts in late January and lasts until early May. Girls will get jerseys, socks and play in about 12 games. Please visit the league website at ucdelsol.com for information on registration.

And for girls ages 5 through 10, or those who are new to softball, UC Del Sol will be conducting its annual softball clinic on December 4 at 9:00 am at Standley Middle School's field. This free clinic will give your daughters a chance to throw, catch, field and bat – to learn about softball and see what the fun is all about. Equipment (glove, helmets, bats) will be available if needed.

Check out ucdelsol.com for more information. Practices and home games are played at the Standley Middle School fields – road games are played at local leagues in the area. If you have any questions about UC del Sol and/or softball in general, please email them to pr@ucdelsol.com.

Registration is Open for Spring Season at UC Little League

by Jared Kuritz

UC Little League provides an opportunity for kids ages 4-15 to learn the fundamentals of baseball and to build

pride, sportsmanship, and a healthy self-esteem. We promote teamwork, communication, and community involvement. UCLL has been a member of this community for nearly 60 years.

We are looking forward to a fantastic Spring Season and are so glad you will be on the field with us! Spring Season will run from 1/29/22 to 6/18/22. Info for players is:

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6-8	MAPS – Coach/Machine Pitch	\$75
8-11	Minor – Player Pitch	\$140
11-12	Major	\$140
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13-14	Junior	\$140
14-16	Senior	\$140
4-18	Challenger*	\$50

For boys and girls with disabilities

Learn more at UCLL.ORG or scan the QR code below to register.



COMMUNITY SHORTS



Coldwell Banker UC Toys for Tots Collection

Join with your Coldwell Banker UC agents, in supporting the Toys for Tots program, as they will be accepting new, unwrapped items. Since 1947, this Marine Corps-founded organization has been collecting toys to ensure that children in need have gifts for the holidays. Their goal is to rally the community and put smiles on the faces of children during the holidays. Thank you for your support – together we can make an impact.

Call/e-mail your neighborhood Coldwell Banker UC agent or leave a message at the Governor Drive office, 858-352-6587, no later than December 14 to arrange for pick-up of your unwrapped gift(s) or donation checks. Thank you and Happy Holidays from Coldwell Banker UC.

Front Porch Pandemic Jazz Band

Front Porch pandemic Jazz Jam will be going forward in December, subject to weather of course. For now, the schedule continues on Thursdays, but it's possible they may move to the weekend to be able to start earlier. The December schedule, starting at 3:30pm, for now is: December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Feel free to include or pass out our email address for more info: frontporchpandemicjazzjam@gmail.com.

UCUC Bloodmobile Blood Drive

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

People for a Clean UC

The next cleanups are scheduled for Sundays, December 12 and January 9, 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.

No More Brown Bag Operas

Please note that the Brown Bag Operas at Our Mother of Confidence Church have been cancelled.

DOYLE & NOBEL RECREATION CENTER DRIVE-UP

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

Thursday, December 16, 2021
3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Celebrate the Holidays with Nobel & Doyle Recreation Center. Drive up for a goody bag. Arts & Crafts are Sponsored by North University Community Library UC.

There will be no contact with the staff, drive-up service only.



Recreationally Speaking

by Diane Ahern

At the November UCCA community meeting, community members had questions about operations at the new joint-use Aquatic Center adjacent to Swanson Pool, parking at both the pool and the Standley Recreation Center, the Curie joint-use field, and operations at the University City Racquet Club.

Questions about operations at City parks and facilities in the Standley area are addressed at monthly Community Recreation Group (CRG) meetings. The next meeting of the Standley CRG is Thursday, December 9, at 7:00pm at the Standley Recreation Center, 3585 Governor Drive. The CRG makes recommendations to the Parks & Recreation Department with respect to recreation programs in the community. This meeting is attended by City staff and is open to the public. Contact Center Director Roger Hughes to get on the email distribution list for the agenda and other updates at Rhughes@sandiego.gov. Holiday events include:

- Standley Recreation Center, 3585 Governor Drive, in partnership with the University City Parks Council and the University City Community Association, will co-host a holiday event with Dinner with Santa, crafts and snacks, and an outdoor musical program on Friday, December 10. All the details are in the front-page article.
- Nobel Recreation Center, 8810 Judicial Drive, will host Cookies with Santa Drive-Through on Thursday, December 16, from 3:30 to 5:30pm. Doyle Recreation Center will co-host. Participants will get a goodies bag, cookies, water/Juicebox, candy cane and arts/crafts. The arts and crafts are sponsored by Michelle Ruiz, Branch Manager, North University Community Library.

UC From Above

Construction and installation of SDUSD joint-use facilities continues at Standley Middle (top photo) and Curie Elementary Schools (bottom photo). Photos courtesy of Karl Cranford.





Halloween Decorating Turns into Neighborhood Contest

Colter is an 8 year-old who lives in University City and attends Maria Montessori School. With a September birthday he's a big fan of the Fall season. His family has a tradition to start decorating for Halloween on September 15. Last December a neighbor

hosted a holiday decorating contest to bring some extra cheer to the street. Colter was inspired by that and suggested that his family host a Halloween decorating contest this year. His mom, Natalie, and his sister, Cypress, and their family friend Carissa were happy to help him make this idea come to life.

They took their dogs for a walk so that Colter could count all the houses on the street. He tallied up 52 houses. He drafted the entry ticket which he and his mom typed up and printed out; they included a place for entrants to put their information and included that the prize would be a gift card for either Lorna's Italian Kitchen or Regent's Pizza. He stuffed 52 envelopes, put a Halloween stamp on each, and they went on another walk to deliver to each house on the street.

On the last day, Colter went around the neighborhood to vote for his favorite and was very fair. He commented "I think they all did such a great job, can't they all get pizza gift cards?" and as he walked around with a more discerning eye than usual, he noticed that many houses were decorated. Hopefully the neighbors felt a little more Halloween magic this year. Colter is already thinking about what they will do for the winter holidays.



Above & below right is the 1st place winner; 2nd place is below left.



Other Spooky Scenes in UC...



Pirate House and pirate owners, Dave and Andrea Lynch (photo from Ruth DeSantis)..



The Gorog Family House at Haworth & Pauling. Come by to view their holiday decorations too.



An evening stroll view from Dusty Reisch.



Can you see little Koi Wood on the left? And some friendly neighbors seen hanging about on Governor Drive.

UCHS Centurions are Making History



Varsity Football Reaches CIF Championship Game

The UCHS Varsity Football team qualified for the championship game after defeating Coronado HS in the Semifinal Division IV CIF game. The team then took on Patrick Henry HS in the CIF Finals at Escondido HS on November 26. While the result was a 49-21 win for Patrick Henry, the Centurions had a 9-5 overall winning season and played in the CIF Championship game for the first time in UCHS history. Well done!



Marching for the Championship

The UCHS Centurion Sound Marching Band took Second Place, out of 27 bands, in the Southern California Field Band Championships, 3A division, held in Riverside, California last month. The band and color guard scored a season high, 89 points for their show, "Reflection," just losing out to the winning band from South Hills HS, West Covina. Defending champion, Aliso Niguel, took 3rd place. Band Director, Brandon Corenman, remarked afterward that the Centurion Sound had 'caused a tidal wave' in the 3A division after moving up from the 2A division to compete with the larger bands this year. The Centurion Sound is grateful to UCHS Principal, Mike Paredes, who provided transport and rode to Riverside with the band, to the UCHS Music Boosters, and to the UCCA for its season-long support!



Running for the Championship

The UCHS Girls' Cross Country Team finished in the top four at the CIF Finals, qualifying them for the State CIF Championship in Fresno on November 27. The top boys' finisher, Gael McClain-Martinez, will also compete as an individual.

Pushing for the Championship

UCHS Field Hockey Team edged the Olay Ranch HS Mustangs which moved them into the CIF Semifinals game against the Mt. Carmel HS Sun Devils last month. While Mt. Carmel left victorious with a 2-1 win, it was a fantastic game that went into double overtime.



Pie Giveaway Tradition Continues

The 6th Annual Ahearn Team Thanksgiving pie giveaway was another success. UC neighbors lined up and down Governor Drive to get a free pumpkin or apple pie. After running out last year, the team ordered more pies for this year's giveaway – a whopping 350 pies! Thank you Ahearn Team for continuing the yummy UC tradition.



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Dinner with Santa & Tree & Menorah Lighting

The University City Parks Council (UCPC), University City Community Association (UCCA) and Standley Community Recreation Group invites the community to a festive, fun-filled evening. Enjoy a hearty Pasta Boxed dinner from Lorna's Italian Kitchen, entertainment, arts & crafts and an appearance from Santa.



Friday, December 10, 2021

Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m.

Tree Lighting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Standley Recreation Center
3585 Governor Drive





Welcome aboard the UC San Diego Blue Line Trolley

The opening of the UC San Diego Blue Line light rail extension expands the San Diego Trolley system from Downtown San Diego to the UTC Transit Center, serving nine new Trolley stations. The Trolley's UC San Diego Blue Line travels from the border with Mexico, through downtown and all the way to University City. It connects people with opportunities for jobs, education, healthcare, shopping and entertainment.

New stations include Tecolote Rd., Clairemont Dr., Balboa Ave., Nobel Dr., V.A. Medical Center, UC San Diego campus (2 stations), Executive Dr., and the UTC Transit Center. For more information on schedule updates and connections, visit sdmts.com.

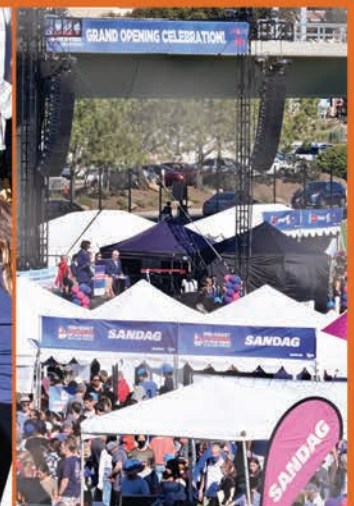
Following are photos from the UC San Diego Blue Line opening day ceremonies, held on November 21. Photos are courtesy of Greg Hom.



Above: Congressman Juan Vargas addresses the massive crowd at the Mid-Coast Trolley Grand Opening, while Mayor Todd Gloria prepares to make his remarks.

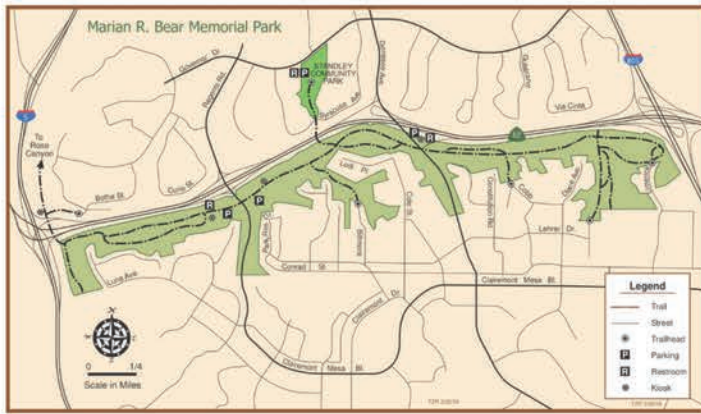


A packed crowd gathered to take advantage of a free ride, as MTS declared no fares required on any trolley line to celebrate Opening Day. The completion of the Mid-Coast trolley extension comes five years after the project was begun.



The young riders enjoyed the festive atmosphere as well, entertained by circus performers, UCSD cheerleaders, a rock-climbing wall, and other activities.

"This project is a renaissance of sorts into the future – 100 years ago this is how we got around" said Toks Omishakin, CA Dept. of Transportation Director. The extension will impact climate change in a positive way, will provide greater access for people to get where they want to go, and bring transportation equity. SD MTS Vice Chair and National City Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis noted that the expansion was more than just transit service, it will create new jobs, "more opportunities for education to residents of the Tijuana-San Diego region," as well as wider access to healthcare. Info about the Blue Line at sdmts.com.



SANDAG Proposes Additional Lanes on 52

On Friday morning, December 10, the SANDAG board of directors is scheduled to discuss and vote on the 2021 Regional Plan which includes a proposal to add three additional Managed Lanes (ML) in each direction on State Route 52 (SR 52) from I-5 to I-805 through Marian Bear Park. This is a Zoom meeting and the public is invited to participate. UCCA will post the agenda and Zoom meeting link on its website when available. Meanwhile, a link to the Board of Directors contacts and meeting information is posted on the SANDAG website at sandag.org.

The SANDAG Regional Plan is updated every four years and provides a long-term, 30-year blueprint for the San Diego region that seeks to meet regulatory requirements, address traffic congestion, and create equal access to jobs, education, healthcare, and other community resources.

Details of the 2021 update are included in the Draft 2021 Regional Plan, Appendix A - Transportation Projects, Programs, and Phasing; search on "SR 52" for all references. Proposed changes to SR 52 through Marian Bear Park are included in Appendix A, Table A.8, Coast, Canyons, and Trails; available at sdforward.com/mobility-planning/2021-regional-plan-draft.

Pure Water Construction Update

by Sarah Bowles, UC Community Liaison Pure Water SD

Beginning in early November, through 2021, the City of San Diego's contractor will be conducting nighttime underground utility work on Genesee Avenue from Appleton Street to State Route 52 as part of the Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels project. The underground utility work will help the City's contractor to confirm the location and depth of existing utilities in the public right-of-way. Work is scheduled from 9:00pm to 5:00am from Monday to Thursday.

After this work is complete, the next phase will start on Genesee and State Route 52 and move north on Genesee to Rose Canyon. The schedule will be made available on a section-by-section basis and posted to the Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels page on the Pure Water website.

The City team is continuing to work with the contractor to refine the construction schedule. Information will be distributed to the community when the schedule is ready, but it is anticipated that pipeline construction will begin in early 2022. As you may know, there are some supply challenges with steel and other materials.

As we discussed at the last meeting, we will reach out to schedule the next UC Working Group meeting when the pipeline construction schedule is available. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the upcoming underground utility work, please don't hesitate to contact me.

University City Planning Group (UCPG)

November Meeting Recap

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

At the November UCPG meeting, a replacement for termed-out UCPG board member Meagan Beale was selected from four applicants: Thomas Feerick, Tom Hekman, Lou Rodolico, and Karen Martien. Karen Martien, a 25+ year UC resident, was selected unanimously. She will serve on the board until March 2023.

In regular agenda business, the board heard two projects presented by Alexandria, the "Science Village" mixed-use facility on Towne Centre Drive formerly known as "Podium 93", and a project change at the previously approved "One Alexandria Square" project on North Torrey Pines Road. Both projects were unanimously recommended for approval by the board.

Looking ahead to what's coming up at the UCPG in the next few months, we have:

1. The BIOMED project "Towne Centre View", located at the end of Towne Centre Drive. BIOMED informed me that they have encountered substantial delays in their traffic study by the city. They don't have a date certain when the study will be complete. The UCPG subcommittee for this project will meet when the traffic study results are ready.
2. We will have a presentation from Rebecca Robinson Wood on her "La Jolla Village 2" housing project at the January 11, 2022, UCPG meeting. This will be an action item for a Community Plan Amendment Initiation.
3. We have no news on the Robbins Way four-way lot split project.
4. We will evaluate the possibility of returning to in-person meetings in February.
5. We had an excellent presentation at the Community Planners Committee last month on "TREES: The inadequacies of the City's Urban Forest policies", and their request to advocate for trees by Community Planning Groups. We will have an updated version of this presentation in January.
6. We will have a presentation by Joe LaCava at CPC on November 30, a special date due to the Thanksgiving holiday, on revisions to Council Policy 600-24, the policy under which CPGs operate. This will be the only agenda item. Revisions to this policy will need to be passed by Land Use and Housing, the Planning Commission, and City Council. There may be significant changes to the way CPGs operate in the future. Please plan to attend if you're interested.

The UCPG will not meet in December. Happy Holidays to all!

The next meeting will be January 11, 2022, by Zoom.

Finally, the UCPG recognizes Barry's many years of leadership at the UCCA and his assistance in helping the UCPG with community input and information via the UCCA newsletter. Thank you!



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*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.



The Fire Safe Council of University City was honored by the UCCA at the November meeting. Members in attendance included those pictured above, from left: Jemma Samala, Bill Beck, Merle Langston, and Diane Ahern. Good work FSC of UC!



Watch one of Karl Cranford's eye-opening aerial footage of Rose Canyon, which shows a few dense brush areas close to structures. The technology will help pinpoint vulnerable fire hazard locations. Watch it at: https://youtu.be/vpk9fpSd_O0



Fire Safety Tips for Kids from the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Don't let your kids play with anything that can cause a fire! Doesn't that sound simple? You would be surprised at how many children play with things that can start a fire not realizing how fast a fire can grow. So remind your kids:

- Don't play with matches and lighters.
- Don't play with firecrackers.
- Don't use a candle without an adult in the room.
- Don't play with BBQ starters.
- Don't light anything on fire to see if it burns. It will and can get out of control in seconds.

Do your kids know what to do if their clothes catch on fire?

- Stop immediately.
- Drop to the ground.
- Roll over and over, back and forth and cover your face and mouth.

Roll until all the flames are out. Practice STOP, DROP & ROLL so you and your kids won't forget it in case of an emergency. For more fire safety tips for kids (and adults), visit sandiego.gov/fire/safety/kids.



Get Ready for the Holidays with these Fire Safety Tips

by Bill Beck, Fire Safe Council member and retired New York Fire Chief

During the winter holiday season period, feelings of joy and excitement reach an all-time high. Sadly, the chances of a fire happening also increases with the festive abundance of electricals and open flames.

The number one cause of home fires is unattended cooking. When you're preparing those special holiday meals, be mindful that you're working with heat and fire. It's easy to find yourself going in and out of the kitchen when you have family and friends over.

To stay safe, you can't be a part of every conversation or be able to drop what you're doing to answer every request. So, if you're cooking, focus on cooking; avoid rushing. Keep looking when cooking.

To help you keep your celebratory time free of fire risks, here are more fire safety tips:

- Avoid placing decorations near candles, fireplaces and heaters and minimize decorations in the kitchen.
- When you decorate use ornaments that won't catch fire easily.
- If you are using the same lights year after year, check the wires.
- Use LED lights as they are lower in voltage and generate less heat.
- Be careful not to overload outlets or extension cords.
- Use appropriate rated lights and extension cords for outdoor use.
- Turn off/unplug both indoor and outdoor lights when you're not around.
- Be careful when lighting and burning candles. Make sure to fully extinguish matches and place candles in areas where they won't get knocked over and cause a fire and never leave them unattended.
- Keep your tree hydrated.
- Consider an electric menorah and avoid real candles.
- If you're using a fireplace, use a fire screen to keep embers and logs from escaping. Lastly, make sure all embers are fully extinguished before you turn in for the night.

As long as you are sensible during the holidays, there's no reason why your holiday celebrations shouldn't be fire-proof. Safety measures don't have to put a damper on the holiday, but some precautionary steps will give you peace of mind and a holiday season that's unforgettable for all the right reasons.



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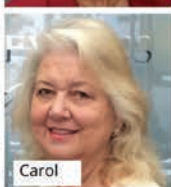
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