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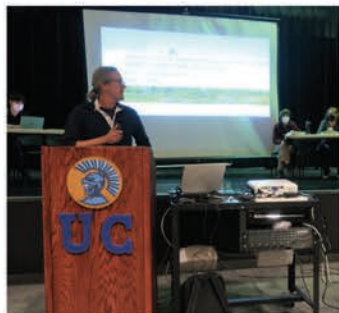
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## Hundreds Show Up In-Person and Via Livestream to University Community Plan Update Meeting

Hundreds showed up to the University Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS) meeting in response to surprise up-zoning scenarios shared at the February 2022 CPUS meeting. UC resident reactions were immediate and action was quickly put in place to share these opinions with the city. In response, the city has decided to take South UC townhouse up zoning options out of the plan choice. "The City of San Diego would like to thank everyone who made it out to the University Community Plan Update Open House and Subcommittee meeting on June 17. Staff enjoyed the opportunity to interact directly with the community, provide answers to questions and hear your valuable input. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with the community to draft the updated University Community Plan. We would also like to thank the UCCA for providing support in broadcasting a live stream of the meeting." The recording is available for one month on the University City Community Association Facebook page, or go to [universitycitynews.org](http://universitycitynews.org). The next meeting will be on June 21, go to [planuniversity.org](http://planuniversity.org) for details. A meeting recap and article from Save UC can be found on page 10.

Photos by Jennifer Martin-Roff and Jemma Samala

It's time to vote University City!



**California Primary Election is June 7, 2022**

Under the California Voter's Choice Act, every active registered voter received a ballot in the US mail. Voters can choose when, where, and how you vote. Elections are no longer a one-day event and there is no need to wait until Election Day to vote. After you have marked your selections on your ballot, signed and dated your return envelope and sealed your ballot inside the postage paid return envelope, you can return it to a USPS Collection Box (Blue Box) near you; return it to any Official Mail Ballot Drop Box Locations; or return it to a Vote Center.

Starting Saturday, June 4, over 200 Vote Centers will be open daily from 8:00am to 5:00pm. All Vote Center locations will be open on Election Day, June 7, when voting hours change to 7:00am to 8:00pm. You can find a complete list of Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations inside your voter information pamphlet or at [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com). Learn more about voting in the June Primary Election at [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com), call 858.565.5800 or toll free 800.696.0136.



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- Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors.
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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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Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the July/August issue is June 16, 2022, 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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## SUMMARY OF UCCA MAY 11, 2022

by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

### Featured Speakers and Public Safety:

**President's Report - Diane Ahern** reported that some people may have difficulties in acquiring homeowners fire insurance coverage due to certain areas in UC shown as higher fire risk on insurance company maps. Go to "Match Up Insurance" online to find coverage if dropped. MCAS Miramar confirmed there would be no public access on base property east of 805. City Parks and Recreation and the City Art and Culture are creating statues along roads that react to car lights to illuminate popsicle statues starting June 24 through November 2022.

**Lt. Dan Brinkerhoff of SDPD** stated that they were starting to staff for summer by adding two teams for the beach areas. This will not affect staffing elsewhere. They were implementing "Neighborhood Policing" to deal with the homeless, and suggested reporting homeless problems through the "Get it Done" app at the City's website. If an emergency, call 911. By seeing reports on Get it Done, SDPD can identify areas to watch. SDPD is also monitoring high speed areas.

**Chief Bill Ganley of San Diego Humane Society** reported: (1) there has been increased demand for assistance, but they are shorthanded. (2) He described the 5 priority categories that effect the response time. (3) They have a program to rescue and shelter animals in case of fire. (4) They do Rattlesnake removal and relocation with no killing unless threat to people and animals. (5) Dogs are not permitted off leash in parks/joint use areas (other than dog parks).

### Legislative and Community Reports

**Matt Griffith, aide to Mayor Todd Gloria**, reported the Mayor's budget for the next year was submitted to the City Council. Programs covered include outreach and assistance to the homeless to receive \$63 million which is two thirds state and federal money. He also said if homeless camps show up to report them on the "Get It Done" site for the City. He also said it was not the Mayor's idea to rezone single family residences in UC from R-1 to R-4.

**Elissa Landsman, the Housing Services Coordinator for "Elder Help"** reported on the program to find matching roommates for seniors, frequently in existing homes. Match Agreement options include service exchanges in lieu of rent. The program benefits both owners and tenants to provide long term solutions for senior housing. They can be reached at info@elderhelpofsandiego.org or 619.284.9281.

**Cole Reed, aide to St. Sen. Tony Atkins** (via Diane Ahern), provided a list of housing related state legislation. The list is on their website.

**Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to Councilmember Joe LaCava**, reported that residents can opt out of SDG&E's program to go to 100% clean energy. She also said that comments on the Community Plan Update can be submitted to LaCava's office and they will be considered.

**Chris Nielsen, Chair of the UCPG**, reported: (1) The City Planning Dept. denied revising an easement for 8293 Gillman Dr. (2) Alexandra Dev. has taken over the redevelopment of the former Costa Verde center. (3) Repairs of water and sewer lines will commence on Genesee in front of UCHS, and along with Governor East of Genesee and west of Gullstrand. (4) The location for the next UCPG meeting has not been set but City representatives involved in rezoning plans are requested to attend.

**Rachel Granadino, aide to Assembly member Chris Ward**, reported that AB# 2316 currently pending allows for greater use of utility generation by homeowners.

**Sabrina Bazzo, a trustee on the San Diego School Board** reported the schools are busy with end of year programs including school band concerts and graduation planning. There is a new summer program called "Level Up" for recreation and sports. There will be an election in the fall for a new school board trustee since the district including UC is changing because of redistricting.

**Katie Rodolico, UCCA rep to the CPUS (City Plan Update Subcommittee)** reported the CPUS was trying to have the next meeting live at UCHS. It will be held on May 17 at 7:00 and will be in-person.

### Open Forum

**Randal Tonini, Chair of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**, reported that the event will be live after two years. It will be all day long starting with a 1 mile/5k run, bike and dog parade, games for kids, vendors of all types, food, and music. UCCA approved a donation of \$1,000 to help support the event.

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## UCCA President Diane Ahern

Hello University City, it's June!

This month it's about Flags, Fathers, and Family Fun. Happy Flag Day (June 14), Father's Day (June 19), and Summer Solstice Day (June 21) to all. Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States by resolution of the Second Continental Congress back in 1777. On Father's Day we have the opportunity to honor and remember fathers as well as

fatherhood and the influence of fathers and father figures in our community. The Summer Solstice is the day with the longest period of sunlight hours and typically marks the first day of Summer.

How will you spend your Summer in University City? Many of us are looking forward to the return of the UC Celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Standley Park. This University City Family Fun event is returning bigger and better than ever with the opportunity to start new traditions and to remember the past. It's University City's homecoming.

The Family Fun will continue when the Summer Concerts return to Standley Park on Sunday evenings in July and August. The Banana Split Ice Cream Social will also take place in August. We can't wait to get together with family, friends and neighbors.

Before we officially kick off Summer in University City, please exercise your right to vote (the Primary election is June 7), and attend the community association (UCCA on June 8), the planning group (UCPG on June 14), and the community plan update (CPU on June 21) meetings. You can make a difference in our community.

I think it's safe to say that most of us were relieved when the City's planning department announced last month that it will not move forward with its initial plan to expand Senate Bill 9 (SB9). SB9, which became law early in 2022, effectively did away with single family zoning in California.

However, the community plan update is all about change, including changes in land-use and zoning. UCCA urges residents to participate in upcoming meetings and to provide input to the planning department.

The June issue of University City News is full of local news and information and events that you won't find anywhere else. UCCA thanks the many community contributors, advertisers, UCCA members, and volunteers who make our print newsletter possible. If you haven't renewed your UCCA membership for 2022, you'll find the membership coupon in this issue. Have a great month; thanks to all who help to make University City more than just a neighborhood.

PS: UCCA will host a public meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, June 8, at 6:00pm. Please join us.

*Diane*

## VIRTUAL UCCA MEETING

**Wednesday, June 8, 6:00 – 7:30pm**

**Zoom.us – meeting ID: 810 9658 0867**

**Join at: [us02web.zoom.us/j/81096580867](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81096580867)**

*Note: Meetings will be recorded and a link will be available on the [universitycitynews.org](http://universitycitynews.org) website until the next meeting recording is shared.*

# calendar

**LGBTQ & PRIDE MONTH**  
June

**UCCA MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 8**  
**6:00pm**

**Zoom.us meeting**  
**ID# 810 9658 0867**

**UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL**  
Thursday, June 9, 7:00pm  
Standley Park Rec Center

**FLAG DAY**  
Tuesday, June 14

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (SDUSD)**  
Tuesday, June 14

**UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**  
Tuesday, June 14  
6:00 – 7:30pm  
Info: [planuniversity.org](http://planuniversity.org)

**UC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, June 15, 7:00pm  
Standley Rec Center

**FATHER'S DAY**  
Sunday, June 19

**JUNETEENTH**  
Sunday, June 19

**PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC**  
Sunday, June 19  
8:30-10:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks  
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

**COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**  
**SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**  
Tuesday, June 21  
Starts 6:00pm until...  
Info: [planuniversity.org](http://planuniversity.org)

**STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP**  
Thursday, June 23, 7:00pm  
Contact Rec Center for meeting info:  
858.552.1652

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**DON'T FORGET!**  
**TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW**  
**YOUR UCCA MEMBERSHIP**  
**GO TO [UNIVERSITYCITYNEWS.ORG](http://UNIVERSITYCITYNEWS.ORG)**  
**OR SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP**  
**FORM ON PAGE 13**



## Neighborhood Watch - What's In It For Me



by Barbara Gellman, *Neighborhood Watch Chair*

Whether you are an owner or renter, you are all important links in the safety chain. Being part of Neighborhood Watch strengthens crime prevention; the police can't do it alone, we are needed to be the extra eyes and ears of the community as we work in partnership with them. Education, observation and reporting is our method of operation, no confrontation or putting ourselves in

harm's way. Learn what to do if you observe some suspicious activity, graffiti, homelessness, car break ins, casing, solicitors, abandoned vehicles, sidewalk maintenance, noise, crimes in progress, just to name a few.

The best scenario is for every street to have a street captain so, if you don't know yours, please email me at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com) to find out. After reporting an issue to the police, they are next on the list, so they in turn can email the rest of the neighbors to be alert to the situation and assist. Knowing your neighbors and being observant is major in crime prevention. Please be part of the solution and help make a difference. We hold the key to safety, our actions or inactions determine the outcome.

Contact [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com) for more info.

### Hardening the Target

*Part 1 of a Series*

It means to enact measures to make it difficult for a criminal to commit his planned crime. It is meant to discourage or deter a would be robber, burglar or thief by increasing his risk of being seen, heard or caught during or after the crime. If you haven't taken proper steps, it leads to "crimes of opportunity" and that is when the perpetrator sees a chance to commit the act at the moment and seizes it such as breaking into a car to retrieve valuables.

#### What to do to harden the target at your home and property

1. Lock all doors, windows, side gates and activate alarms. The side gate is major because left unlocked, the perpetrator can walk behind the house, unseen and have plenty of time to get in via a patio door or window. Secure windows/doors with a wooden dowel.
  2. Install dusk to dawn or motion detector lighting; darkness invites trouble.
  3. Do not let mail, papers or flyers pile up; gives appearance of no one home. Ask neighbors to pick up. Set inside timers if gone.
  4. Add dead bolt locks to all doors, peepholes where possible. Add an extra boost to your security with a security camera doorbell.
  5. Lock car doors and leave nothing of value visible; park in garage or driveway if possible.
  6. Remove registration information from car to prevent identity theft. Make copies for wallet.
  7. Remove garage door opener and place in house to prevent possible entry. Be sure to lock door leading from house into garage. Keep garage doors closed unless working in or around area.
  8. Never leave children's toys, bikes, sports equipment, lawn equipment out around your home, it advertises what you have and can be tempting to a stranger; thinking "what else do they have."
  9. Eliminate hiding places; trim trees and plants close to your home.
  10. Get to know your neighbors so you know who doesn't belong.
- Witness a crime call 911 and report it. Non-emergency 619.531.2000, push the \*star button to speak with a dispatch person more quickly.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ALERTS

**MAIL** - Postal Inspectors are investigating the recent mail thefts from the outside "blue boxes" and recommend that mail be dropped inside the post office at this time until problem is solved.

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE** - Do you have a friend or family member that is elderly or requires additional help and needs to be checked on regularly, or would you like to be visited to ensure you are doing well? You can sign up to the SD Police Department's "You Are Not Alone" (YANA) program. Info at: [sandiego.gov/police/services/you-are-not-alone](http://sandiego.gov/police/services/you-are-not-alone).

**HOME SECURITY** - In an effort to improve safety in our community, the Ring Doorbell company has agreed to provide the UC community (92122) with discounts on certain Ring products from June 1 - 30. Go to [ring.com](http://ring.com) and choose from:

\$25 off Rind Video Doorbell (2020 release),  
Ring Alarm 5-piece kit, or

\$40 off Ring Video Doorbell 3, Ring Video Doorbell 4

Use the following codes when checking out: UniversityCity25, UniversityCity40. For more info, email [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com).

## San Diego Humane Society Encourages

### Animal Emergency Planning

by Bill Ganley, *SD Humane Society  
Chief of Humane Law Enforcement*

As we welcome summer, there is no better time to think about protecting your pets. Not just by taking extra precaution during hot days, but by ensuring you have an emergency plan in place for your pets and livestock.



San Diego is no stranger to disasters and our Humane Society Emergency Response Team is at the ready to help at a moment's notice. You can reduce the burden on first responders and protect your loved ones by planning ahead. The tips below will help you be ready to evacuate with your animal, so that you never have to face the difficult decision to leave them behind during an emergency.

1. Prepare an emergency kit: Gather a 2-week supply of food, water and your pet's medications and have it ready to go. Don't forget shot records, bowls, crates, bedding and toys.
2. Practice transporting your animal: Make sure your pet is comfortable getting into a carrier and know where they hide when scared. It's essential to have your carrier(s) readily available in case you need to load your animals quickly. If you have large animals/livestock, have trailers available for all of them and practice loading and unloading them in advance.
3. ID: Make sure your pets are wearing identification at all times, including animals who don't normally go outside. Collars with tags that have your up-to-date info are important, and having your pet microchipped can help identify them quickly if they become lost.
4. Leave early and take your pets: If you receive orders to evacuate, do so immediately — and bring your pets. Animals can't fend for themselves when left behind, and taking them with you can save their lives and help protect our first responders.

For more disaster preparedness information, visit the Humane Society website: [sdhumane.org/disasterprep](http://sdhumane.org/disasterprep)



## Councilmember Joe LaCava District 1 Update

### Update on the University Community Plan Update

If you haven't heard, the City is no longer proposing to rezone certain single-family blocks in South UC. The City is moving forward only with the University Community Plan Update land use scenarios focused on North University City and the commercial centers and office uses in South University City. Thank you to those who are participating in the Update process and shared your questions and concerns with our office. We hope you will stay engaged as many issues important to the future of University City (north and south) remain to be discussed and decided. Find details at <https://www.planuniversity.org/>.

### Community Power Residential Rollout

Beginning in May, San Diego residential customers began receiving clean power at competitive rates from San Diego Community Power (SDCP). Last year, SDCP rolled out to institution and commercial customers including the City of San Diego who opted up all city facilities to 100% renewable energy. The city-wide launch to nearly 700,000 residential customers is an important milestone in meeting our city's goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2035 or sooner. Residents with solar panels or other net energy metering (NEM) will automatically transition to SDCP's NEM program at the time of their annual true-up or bill reconciliation with SDG&E.

You will continue to receive the same single bill from SDG&E, who will deliver the power; manage monthly billing and customer service; and provide system maintenance. A new line item on your bill identifies SDCP as the electricity generator. With the currently adopted rates, power will cost about the same or less than you are currently paying.

We encourage you to join the Padres, the City of San Diego, Sharp HealthCare, and Illumina by opting up to receive 100% clean and renewable energy at a competitive rate. Opt-up on-line at <https://sdcommunitypower.org/your-choice/opt-up-to-power100/>. You can opt out of SDCP service at any time, staying supports clean energy procurements and local investment.

The adoption and transition to clean energy is an urgent need as San Diego already experiences climate change effects evidenced by our wildfires and air quality. The largest source of greenhouse gas emissions is burning fossil fuels for electricity, heat, and transportation. Studies suggest that SDCP can reduce local carbon emissions by an estimated 2.8 billion pounds—equal to planting about 33 million trees or taking 270,000 cars off the road—in one year alone. Renewable energy generation also drives local job creation, with the potential of more than 107,000 local jobs.

I am proud to serve on the SDCP Board. I look forward to its positive effect on our environment, workforce, and economy.

### Open Space

Natural open space is important to the makeup of our San Diego communities and our quality of life. Protecting these spaces safeguards and supports our biodiversity. While San Diego develops homes and businesses, keeping these spaces as sacred becomes more important.

Open space dedication limits the area to recreation park use only and restricts future development. I commit to advancing the dedication of open space in University City as advocated by the community and currently reflected in the draft Community Plan Update.

*Councilmember LaCava's UC community rep is Kaitlyn Willoughby; contact her at: 619.510.6875, [kwilloughby@sandiego.gov](mailto:kwilloughby@sandiego.gov).*

## Prosecuting Hate Crimes Is Our Business

*by Mara W. Elliott, San Diego City Attorney*

Over the past three years, my Office has prosecuted more than 20 hate crime cases, which is both too many and too few. It's too many because each hate crime is an attack on someone for no reason other than who they are. No one in San Diego should feel targeted or harassed because of their disability, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or for belonging to any other protected class. It's too few because we know that most hate crimes are never reported and so can never be prosecuted.

Hate crime victims are reluctant to come forward for a variety of reasons, including embarrassment, fear of retaliation, and distrust of authorities. As City Attorney, I implore anyone who has been a victim of a hate crime to report it to law enforcement. Hate crimes are rarely isolated. Offenders who get away with it once are likely to reoffend. As misdemeanor prosecutors, we know that stopping haters early may prevent later, more serious crimes, including felonies. When a case is brought to my Office, we take it seriously. We work with victims to ensure the best outcomes for them. We listen and we seek justice. We can help you.

A hate crime is defined as a crime against a person, group, or property motivated by the victim's real or perceived protected social group. Examples include threats, both verbal or written; physical assault or attempted assault; and hate-related graffiti, including swastikas and other offensive symbols. We've prosecuted a wide variety of cases:

- One recent case that received a lot of publicity involved an Ocean Beach man who struck and verbally abused a Latino SDG&E worker who was monitoring a roadblock, yelling at him to go back to his country and to "speak English."
- Another current case that will be going to trial soon involves a man who was verbally and physically abusive to an autistic transgender person living in the same apartment building. The perpetrator disparaged the victim by mockingly calling him a "freak" and a "weirdo" and referring to the victim as "she" even though his preferred pronouns are he and him.
- In one particularly violent attack, a man brandished knives at four victims, threatening to stab them while stating, "I hate Mexicans."
- Some perpetrators attack multiple groups at once. A recent case involved a man who battered an employee at a Hillcrest café, employing an anti-gay slur and then drawing a swastika on the restaurant window.
- At least half a dozen prosecutions involved people yelling the "N-word" at Black victims, which constitutes a hate crime.

As cruel and disturbing as these cases are, victims should rest assured that our Office will always stand up against bullies and haters. If you have been subjected to a hate crime, please know that we are here to protect and to help you. Our Office works with state and federal agencies to ensure that anyone committing a hate crime is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

### What to do if you are the victim of a hate crime:

If you have been assaulted, contact 911 or go to a local hospital if you need immediate medical attention. You can also report hate crimes to the San Diego Police Department by contacting the San Diego Police Department's 24-hour number for non-emergency calls and general information at 619.531.2000. Call (858) 484-3154 if you live in the 858 area code. Or you can file a crime report online at [www.sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/startaccess](http://www.sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/startaccess).

You can also call the City Attorney's Office at 619-236-6220.

For more information, please visit the City Attorney's website, here: [www.sandiego.gov/cityattorney/resources/say-no-to-hate](http://www.sandiego.gov/cityattorney/resources/say-no-to-hate)



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

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

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

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

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

- North University Chess Club: Mondays 6:00 – 7:30pm. All ages and skill levels welcome for casual play.
- Tiny Tots with Ms. Kim: Tuesdays, 6:30pm.
- Toddler Storytime with Ms. Johanna: Wednesdays, 10:00am. (no Storytime on June 29)
- Amantes de la Lectura (Spanish Language Book Club) meets on June 4 at 2:00pm. Title to be discussed: *Tongolele No Sabía Bailar* by Sergio Ramirez.
- Baby Sign Storytime with Ms. Jennifer: Thursdays, 10:00am.
- Fiction Fanatics Book Club meets on June 11 at 10:00am. Title to be discussed: *Pieces of Her* by Karin Slaughter.
- Page Turners Book Club meets on June 25 at 1:00pm. Title to be discussed: *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Greene

The Summer Reading Program begins on June 1 and runs through August 31. It is open to all ages. Complete any combination of 10 activities, reading hours or books read to earn fun prizes!

Our special event for June is Ventriloquist Marc Griffiths, Saturday June 11 at 10:30am.

### UC Library (Governor Drive):

#### Adult Events

- Qi Gong (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body. These gentle exercises are suitable for any age and health condition. Thursday, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 9:30 - 11:30am.
- UC Book Club will be discussing *Being Heumann* by Judy Heumann. Wednesday, June 22 at 2:00pm.
- "Appy Hour" @ UC—Get help using library apps such as Cloud Library, SDPL To Go and more. Bring your own device and we'll help you out. Saturday, June 25 at 9:30am.



### BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

The Book Barn at the UC Celebration needs book donations. All types of books: fiction, non-fiction, biographies, mystery, cookbooks, young adult, children's, etc. (Except no textbooks, encyclopedias, or videos.) Please hold on to your books and deliver to the Standley Park Rec Center the evening of Sunday, July 3 from 5:00-7:00pm, or deliver to 2851 Arnoldson Ave anytime. Questions, contact: [jemasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemasamala@gmail.com). Proceeds from the Book Barn support Standley Park events, including the Summer Concert Series.

### Children's Events

- Preschool Storytime for Kids—stories, crafts, finger plays and songs. Every Wednesday at 10:30 - 11:30am.
- Pajama Storytime—Join Mr. Larry for stories and songs to get the little ones ready for bedtime! Every Second Monday at 6:30pm.
- Dance Pants—Saturday morning dancing, recommended for toddlers, preschoolers and kindergartners. Kids will twist, shout and make their own dance moves to musical favorites like "Baby Shark" and more! Saturday, June 18 at 10:30-11:00am.

### Tween/Teen Events

- STEAM Box—Get together with your friends after school in the community room with a big box of different STEAM projects and games. Wednesday, June 8 at 12:30—1:30pm.
- Teen Talk and Things—A place for teens to get together to talk about current events, movies, tv series, books, etc. There will also be a random project for the teens to do while talking. Thursdays, June 2 and 9 at 3:30-4:30pm.

### Virtual Exploring the Science of Harry Potter

Tuesday, June 7, 4:00 - 5:30pm

Register @ <https://www.sandiego.gov/librarynext#undefined>  
SDPL Virtual Branch | Level: Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Did you know a lot of the magic in the world of Harry Potter is rooted in real science? Explore how the Harry Potter books and movies reflect concepts in genetics, chemistry, herbology and more. This is a virtual workshop.



## 2022 Summer Reading Program: Reading Beyond the Beaten Path

June 1 – August 31

Explore your world and beyond during the Summer Reading Program! The San Diego Public Library is inviting all ages to sign up for this event and venture beyond the beaten path and read! Complete a combination of 10 books, hours of reading or activities to claim your prizes. Log your activities/reading online to keep track of your progress. Sign up begins June 1st and the program will last through August 31st. Adventure is just one book away!

Sign up and log in your reading: [www.sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsandteens/summerreading](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsandteens/summerreading)

Summer Reading Program activities:

Every Wednesday at 2:00pm – June 22 – August 17

Every Friday at 2:00pm – Children's movies (call library for movie schedule)

June 22 – Mad Science

June 29 – Wild Wonders





## Congrats UCHS PTSA

Congratulations to the University City High School PTSA for receiving the Membership Award – High School Division from the San Diego Unified PTA Council. Well done, and thanks to everyone who became UCHS PTSA members



## UC Student Artist Awards

by Andrea Lehman

Many talented UC students were recognized at this year's Read Imagine Create Award Ceremony in April. The event was organized by Write Out Loud ([writeoutloudsd.com/](http://writeoutloudsd.com/)), a non-profit organization that partners with educators. Every year they choose a work of literature and students are invited to submit their creative interpretations of the book using the medium of their choice. This year's featured book was *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros and fielded over 800 entries.

Standley Middle School's English teacher, Leane Leezy, had multiple students recognized from her 6th grade class. Receiving Special Recognition for entries in Literary Art were Eleanor Cheng, Sydney Eiskamp, and Lily Tichenor. Anna Chumakova, Alice Laur, Axel Magnuson, and Grayson Shpyrko received Special Recognition in Performance Art. For Visual Art, the students awarded Special Recognition were Mia Banerjee, Grayson Chirco, Maya Verdy Eisman, Drexel Frederickson, Stav Genschel, and Olivia Good. Ethan Jenne and Keigo Yoshinaga took Second and Third Prizes respectively in Visual Art. Second Prize in Media Art went to Aaran Chahal. Alexander Innamorato won the Artistic Director's Choice Award for his clever board game.

From UCHS, English teacher Marissa Churchwell's 9th grade class also had several winners. Jason Weistrop received Special Recognition in Media Art for claymation. Special Recognition for Visual Art was awarded to students Angeleena Ahmadi, Jasmine Lim, Sawyer Landry, and Tomas Steinberg. Noah Nordstrand received First Prize in Performance Art for his piano, sax, & vocal composition.

A huge thank you to our UC teachers for nurturing the talents of our students and to all the participants for their efforts and creativity!

The full award ceremony, including many of the student entries and performances, can be viewed anytime at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iN6BfWtfs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iN6BfWtfs). In addition, the UC Community Library is currently displaying some of the students' work. Next year's contest will feature the book, *The Bear*, by Andrew Krivak. It is open to all students and is a great opportunity for artistic expression and potential cash prizes.



## Curie Holds Art & Music Showcase

by Kerri Bertrand

On Friday, May 20, the Curie Elementary School PTA hosted the 2022 Art and Music Showcase. The school's black top was filled with over 1000 students, parents and family members- all smiling, singing, playing, eating, and enjoying the school event.

All students displayed between one to three pieces of artwork that they created in class with Curie's Art Consultant, Mr. Lee Bertrand. The art was spring-themed and the students used a variety of mediums including: watercolor, oil pastels, chalk pastels, graphite pencil and colored pencils. The 5th grade class also had a recycled art project on display which they created using recycled objects.

A number of students submitted two-dimensional original artwork for the Curie Art Contest. Their work was judged and the top three winners from each grade were announced and awarded art related prizes. The winners included: Kavya Rajput, Sana Tadokoro, Benjamin Guest (1st, 2nd, 3rd place; 5th grade); Rozal Khandodiya, Kyle Loren, Avery Mitchell (1st, 2nd, 3rd place; 4th grade); Star Yang, Malaila Slagter, Keerthana Karthikeyan (1st, 2nd, 3rd place; 3rd grade); Lenka Medic, Mia Leon, Chika Yoshinaga (1st, 2nd, 3rd place; 2nd grade); Hermione Su, Isabelle Lee, Sloan Gunn-Wilkinson (1st, 2nd, 3rd place; 1st grade); Marlo Medic, Summer Bertrand, Georgia Owen (1st, 2nd, 3rd place; TK/K).



TK through 3rd grade students participated in a Spring Sing Performance led by Curie's Music Consultant, Ms. Deb O'Neill. Each grade performed two songs at the event. The music included hit songs like: "A Million Dreams" (1st Grade), "Believer" (2nd Grade), and "Happier" (3rd Grade). 4th grade students participated in a recorder performance led by Mrs. Katherine Popping and the 5th grade students participated in a violin performance led by Mr. Rogello Zamora, both part of SDUSD's Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) program.

Attendees enjoyed food trucks (Taco Picasso, Lia's Lumpia, and Mahalo Shaved Ice) and pizza/snacks from the 5th Grade Class. The families also enjoyed playing games like Giant Connect Four and Corn Hole in the Family Fun Zone.



## COMMUNITY SHORTS

### UC GARDEN CLUB IS PLANTED

The initial UC Garden Club meeting in May was a success, and will continue to grow. Attendees also decided to include a philanthropic portion to the club, adding a new community benefit to UC.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, June 18, starting at 2:00pm, featuring the backyard of Merle and Mack Langston. If you are interested in attending, contact [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com) for address information. The UC Garden Club is open to all garden lovers, whether you have a green or brown thumb.

### CCSA FOOD DRIVE

University City United Church (UCUC) will be holding a food drive to support the Community Christian Service Association (CCSA) on Sunday, June 26 from 12:00noon to 1:00pm in the UCUC parking lot, 2877 Governor Drive.

CCSA supplies emergency food to individuals and families in the local area that are experiencing hardships. CCSA welcomes donations of unopened, prepared food items, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables. A list of recommended items is on the CCSA website at [ccsasandiego.org](http://ccsasandiego.org). UCUC thanks you in advance for your generosity.

### FRONT PORCH PANDEMIC

#### JAZZ JAM PLAYS EVERY THURSDAY

Every Thursday from 4:00 to 6:30pm, at the 5600 block of Bloch St., University City. Featuring: Greg Pardue (saxophones), Jack Hoffman (piano/drums), Roy Jenkins (bass), Phil Marcus (guitar), Ray Conseur (drums), and Jim Napier (trumpet).

The June line-up includes:

June 2: the regular band

June 9 and 16: Chris Penny on keyboards

June 23 and 30 – the regulars

The jam plays Jazz, Swing, Funk, Blues, Bossa Novas and more. It's a FREE event and all ages are welcome. Seating is on the sidewalks and edge of the street, bring your own chairs or listen from your car. Picnics, wine tasting and dancing are very popular. Dogs welcome on leash. It's outdoors so masks are at the discretion of the audience. Cancellations possible due to weather.

Congrats are in order for the band as the winner of the Best Local Band in the San Diego Reader's Best of 2021! They were also finalists in the Best Cover Band and Best Neighborhood Event!

### UC COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

The Coldwell Banker UC neighborhood garage sale is on Saturday, June 4, 8:00am to 1:00pm. Maps will be available June 4 starting at 7:00am at our office in the VONS Center at 3959 Governor Dr. Please observe current CDC Covid precautions and have a great day of buying and selling!

### CURIE FIELD NOW OPEN

The new joint-use park between the City of San Diego and the San Diego Unified School District is now open and has begun hosting Mesa Soccer tournaments. The field is located behind Curie Elementary School.



## New Art Installation – Tribute to Paleteros

Standley and Gardens Parks on  
Governor Drive

from the Commission for  
Arts and Culture

*Park Social* is a citywide initiative introducing social-specific public art into San Diego's vast and varied park system. Held for six months in 2022, *Park Social* engages with a broad and constantly shifting audience of park goers, intervening and interacting in

the social spheres of public parks and exploring topics ranging from environmental justice to belonging and social cohesion through responsive artistic projects.

In his project, *Tribute to Paleteros*, artist Roberto Salas celebrates paleteros. Salas reveres the paleteros as vendor-heroes with desirable treats because they create everlasting memories for generations and park-goers in the instance of *Park Social*.

*Tribute to Paleteros* takes the form of various large-scale, Popsicle sculptures. As vehicles pass these sculptures, their headlights illuminate these roadside attractions. The drivers are the participants as their cars project lights that glow and animate the pieces. This interaction creates a new art venue, a new museum, a new gallery where anyone driving or walking by can become part of the experience. From this, Salas hopes that community members will become unofficial docents of this new museum, sharing their enthusiasm for the work.

The installation work will be complete by June 24 and *Tribute to Paleteros* will be on display from June 24 to November 20, 2022, at both Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive, and at University Gardens Park, 6431 Gullstrand Street. For more information, visit [sandiego.gov/park-social](http://sandiego.gov/park-social)

## 2022 – the Return of Summer Movies in the Park

It's Free and Fabulous Family Fun in Your Neighborhood. Summer Movies in the Park is a perfect chance to relax and enjoy a safe and special night under the stars. Come early and get a good seat. The Summer Movies in the Park event series began in 2007 as a 'take back our parks' initiative, giving local residents a reason to visit their local county and city parks for a free and safe evening event.



For the complete schedule, visit [summermoviesinthepark.com](http://summermoviesinthepark.com). The Summer of 2022 Movies in the Park include the following events at our University City Parks:

- June 4, Saturday: The Standlot at Standley Park
- June 18, Saturday: War with Grandpa at Marcy Park
- July 8, Friday: Clifford the Big Red Dog at Doyle Park
- July 9, Saturday: Encanto at University Village Park





## MCAS Miramar hosts Flight Line 5K Race

by Diane Ahern

The Wings Over Miramar Flight Line 5K takes place aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar (MCAS Miramar). The event is open to the public and will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 25, 2022. Participants will run/walk on Miramar's flight line.

All participants will receive a commemorative event t-shirt and a participation coin. For competitive runners, medals will be awarded to 3 top male and female finishers in each age group. Chip timing provided. Strollers are allowed on the course. After the race, the fun will continue on the Flight Line with post-race food trucks, music, static aircraft, and more.

Pre-registration is required; there is no event day registration. For more info and to register: [mccsmiramar.com/wingovermiramar/](http://mccsmiramar.com/wingovermiramar/)



## SDPD 911 Dispatchers to Refer Mental Health Calls to Mobile Crisis Response Teams

from County News Center

County behavioral health officials, law enforcement representatives and community partners announced last month that all of the region's 9-1-1 dispatchers have signed on to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to refer certain mental health calls to the County's Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRTs).

MCRTs began in January 2021 as a pilot in the North County. Since then, the non-law enforcement program has expanded countywide and responded to referrals from both the County's Access and Crisis Line and from law enforcement agencies including the San Diego Police Department. The service expanded in April to offer in-person response 24 hours a day.

The teams of behavioral health experts offer non-law enforcement intervention whenever possible. They travel to the patients to assess the individual's condition, expedite medication, connect them to support services including food and shelter and even provide transportation.

The County funds prevention and treatment services throughout the region. If you, or someone you care about, needs treatment, please call the Access and Crisis Line at 888.724.7240.

## 2022 – University City Community Association Celebrate 20 Years

and as the community ages...



### ElderHelp HomeShare: Could this be your solution for housing?

From ElderHelp Solutions for Living: With ElderHelp's HomeShare program, rent means so much more than a monthly payment. HomeShare facilitates a match between home providers (those with a room to share), and home seekers (those looking for housing).

All parties are vetted to create a match based on individual preferences. The match agreement can be rent or service based. If service based, a seeker provides services in exchange for either a reduced rent or no rent. The program is available for anyone over the age of 18, however one person in each match is over the age of 60.

Currently, we're connecting residents in the cities of San Diego, Poway, and Vista with amazing results.

- 89% of our clients feel their quality of life is better.
- 74% of our clients feel safer at home.
- 94% of our clients believe they are more likely to remain independent.

In short, lives are transformed. Learn more at [elderhelpofsandiego.org/solutions-for-living/homeshare/](http://elderhelpofsandiego.org/solutions-for-living/homeshare/) or call 619.284.9281.

Note: A representative of ElderHelp presented at the May 2022 UCCA meeting. The ElderHelp presentation with more information is available at [UniversityCityNews.org](http://UniversityCityNews.org).



## SD Seniors Community Foundation Announces SD Master Plan for Senior Centers

by Barry Bernstein

On May 26 at the North Clairemont Rec. Center/Cathy Hopper Senior Center, a special kick-off event was held to advertise the San Diego Seniors Community Foundation (SDSCF) and city/county effort to support the building of new comprehensive senior facilities throughout San Diego County. County Supervisor Norma Vargas and City Councilmember Chris Cate were among the speakers. The importance and challenge of providing all kinds of services to the quickly-growing numbers of seniors in San Diego County will be the focus and purpose of the new Master Plan. For further info, contact Joe Gavin, Chief Program Officer of the SDSCF, 619.988.6189.



## Community Plan Update Subcommittee

### (CPUS) Meeting Recap – May 17, 2022

by Katie Rodolico, UCCA Rep to the CPUS

Agenda and supporting documents for meetings at: [planuniversity.org](http://planuniversity.org). The May 17 meeting was held in person at University City High School. From 6:00 to 7:00pm, the city planning department had poster boards of the community plan update proposals. These posters can be found under the 5/17/22 meeting notice at [planuniversity.org/meetings](http://planuniversity.org/meetings).

**Public Comment:** Public comments dealt with questions about the EIR that will happen later this year, concern about increased density when we have water shortages, and concern about infrastructure needs with increased density. **Councilman Joe LaCava** discussed the recent changes to the zoning, calling the previous townhome zoning in south UC a distraction.

**Agenda Items: Item 1:** Discussion of the open house.

**Linda Beresford, UC resident**, thanked planning for listening to the community and removing the townhome zoning. She stated that the survey was flawed and results should be disregarded. Cited data about how many new units were expected in the grant proposal for the plan update, how many new units SANDAG said were needed, and wondered why the planners were pushing for density far higher than these previously stated needs. Wondered about lack of infrastructure to support proposed density.

Several UCSD students spoke of the need for more affordable housing. One mentioned they would love to live on campus, but there is not enough on campus housing.

Other residents spoke of urban planning without a plan, deception by the city, problems with the outreach for the survey, and the need for more infrastructure to support any increased density. Feeling that the city is targeting UC for increased density when other areas are more suitable for increased density. Increased density unlikely to produce affordable housing in this area. The UCSD campus should provide four years of housing for students to take pressure off of the off campus rental market. Increased density would not be affordable in this area no matter how many units are built.

**Nancy Graham, City Planner:** Survey was not intended as a scientific survey, but rather one of several tools for gathering data. Planning is to meet the needs of a reasonable, foreseeable future. Rezoning creates the possibility of new housing units but they do not magically get developed. The CEQA analysis will look at the worst case (most dense) for the analysis. Only a fraction of the possible new density will actually get developed.

**Item 2: Public Spaces. Martin Flores, Parks Department,** and **Nancy Graham** discussed the existing park infrastructure. They explained the Park's Master Plan point system that targets 100 points per 1000 residents. UC currently has a deficit of parks and park points based on current population and park infrastructure. They talked about proposed overlook parks at both sides of Rose Canyon at Regents and at the west terminus of Governor drive. New development projects should be encouraged to provide public access to onsite parks or playgrounds on the private development.

Audience comments raised questions about land ownership for proposed linear parks, how to get local developers to pay/provide park services locally vs money going into a citywide budget. Questions: whether parks need to be in place before development or after the fact and perhaps then never built because of budget; whether the parks department would have developers interests, or residents interests in new development and park needs; whether developers would pay in-lieu fee rather than providing parks; and concern about homeless encampments at one of the proposed linear parks. Next meeting: 6/21/22. Location and format to be determined. Register at: [planuniversity.org/contact](http://planuniversity.org/contact).

## Update on Land Use Scenarios

by Nancy Graham, Supervising Project Manager

In an email dated May 12, 2022, Nancy Graham provided the following statement related to SB 9 and proposed upzoning: The Planning Department thanks everyone who has taken the time to attend the University City Community Plan Update meetings, review the draft land use scenarios, and provide your feedback. We understand that the land use scenarios represent in some instances big changes; particularly, to some single-family neighborhoods in south University City.

The change to the single-family zoning was introduced by the City to reflect greater clarity and opportunity to implement the City's recent adoption of Senate Bill 9. The Planning Department, the Mayor, and Councilmember Joe LaCava understand that by and large, the community disagrees. Further, we understand the community believes existing SB 9 regulations better suit your neighborhood than the proposed upzoning. Continued discussion of zoning for south University City detracts from the important conversations and decisions on the remainder of the Plan Update. We will move forward only with the University Community Plan Update land use scenarios focused on north University City and the commercial centers and office uses in south University City. For more information, contact Nancy Graham at [NHGraham@SanDiego.gov](mailto:NHGraham@SanDiego.gov).

## Help Save UC Gives Thanks and Urges Continued Involvement

by Bonnie Kutch & Jennifer Martin-Roff

On May 12, University City residents received the welcome news that the City of San Diego had withdrawn the proposal to rezone over 930 single-family residential properties to medium-density townhomes. This emailed announcement also confirmed the in-person UC Plan Update Subcommittee meeting at UC High School on May 17.

Many community members celebrated the news, including *Help Save UC*, the group of volunteers who had started the petition asking the City to withdraw the rezoning proposal and to hold in-person meetings. With both objectives achieved, *Help Save UC* closed the petition, which had collected almost 2,400 signatures in less than six weeks. Thanks to the dedication and involvement of all engaged residents, our united voices were heard. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who participated in this grassroots effort!

University City residents contributed by:

- Getting the word out to neighbors via door-to-door signature collection, flyers, and social media
- Writing hundreds of emails and making phone calls to the City
- Participating in the UC Plan Update meetings
- Communicating with Councilmember Joe LaCava and his staff
- Attending virtual District 6 City Council Forums hosted by the League of Women Voters and submitting questions regarding the rezoning

While we can all feel very proud of this hard-earned victory, it is clear our work has just begun. The City is still proposing as many as 1,000 dwelling units at the Sprouts and Vons shopping centers as well as high-density development in north UC. We were encouraged by the large turnout at the May 17 in-person meeting and the support for our presentation and other public comments. We urge you to continue paying attention and staying involved. Please visit [www.helpsaveuc.org](http://www.helpsaveuc.org) for our presentation slides from the meeting and to sign up for email updates.

Thank you again for caring about the future of our treasured community! *Members of Help Save UC: Andrew Barton, Linda Bernstein, Linda Beresford (pictured above), Natasha Del Cid, Paul Goldstein, Iby Kantor, Bonnie Kutch, Pablo Lanatta, Brad Melton, Shweta Melton, Jonathan Marsters, Jennifer Martin-Roff, Nancy Powell, Rich Quinonez, Suzy Shamsky, Cheryl Stigall, Laura Valera*



## University City Celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Standley Park - [uccelebration.com](http://uccelebration.com)

All proceeds from the UC Celebration support the UC Parks Council, including the Summer Concert Series

### THE RUN

The UC Celebration starts bright and early with the One Mile Fun Run starting at 7:45am, followed by the 5K Run/Walk at 8:00am. But our volunteers will be there even earlier as day of registration and bib collection starts at 6:30am! (Bibs can be picked up the evening of Sunday, July 3 from 5:00-7:00p at the Standley Rec Center.) You can register in advance at [uccelebration.com](http://uccelebration.com). Registration fees are \$20 per person for both the Fun Run and the 5K.

The courses will start and finish in the grass field east of Swanson Pool at Standley Park. The 5K course is two loops around Standley Park and Standley Middle School along sidewalks, paved areas, and grass athletic fields. Awards will be given to age group winners, and will take place later in the day at Standley Park. Age groups start at 10 and younger, continues with 10 year ranges, with the last age group at 66 and older. Both events are open to all ages and abilities. Feel free to run, jog or walk. The goal is to enjoy the park and the celebration. Afterwards, head on over and grab some of the community breakfast options.

Thanks to Bruce Stone and the UC Running Club for organizing the event. The run proceeds support the UC Parks Council and the UC community.

More info: [uccelebration.com](http://uccelebration.com) and [ucrunningclub.com](http://ucrunningclub.com)



### THE SNOW

Thank you to Nancy Beck for once again sponsoring the Snow Play area for children. Located behind the Standley Park Rec Center, the Snow Play area will be open for children with the following schedule:

1:00 pm – Ages 2 to 5  
1:30 pm – Ages 6 to 8  
2:15 to 3:00pm – Ages 9 to 12

Bring the kids out to enjoy a snow day in July!

### THE FOOD

UC Little League – hot dogs and snacks  
Up in Smoke – BBQ favorites, including pulled pork sandwiches  
Flavors of East Africa – east African favorites, including jerk chicken and curry  
Finest City Treats – kettle corn and cotton candy  
Plus: Mahalo Shaved Ice; Sweets from: Caked, Candra's Desserts, Mallow Bites  
Food booths open at 11:00am and have the option of staying open until 7:00pm.

### THE BOOTHS

Local vendors and artisans to shop include: Nailed It, Heavenly Vessels, Dogtopia, BeauFait Designs, Hand Made Treasures, Essentially Minded, Ravine Glass, JK Computers, and much more! Community booths include: University City Community Association, Neighborhood Watch, Grace City Church, Friends of Rose Canyon, EdUCate!, Save UC, UC Planning Group, UC Fire Safe Council, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, So Cal Adult Softball, and Spreckels Elementary PTA (will be handing out Bike & Pet Parade swag, and opens early).

### THE BOOK BARN

A large selection of gently used books on sale from 50 cents to \$2. Book donations can be dropped off at the Standley Park Rec Center, July 3 from 5:00-7:00pm. Children's books highly requested, but no textbooks, encyclopedias or videos.

Booths are open from 11:00am to 4:00pm. To sign up for a booth or donate books, contact [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemasamala@gmail.com).



### THE CALENDAR

7:45 am	One Mile Fun Run Begins
8:00	5K Run/Walk Starts
	Community Breakfast Opens
9:00	Ticket Sales Start for Play Area
10:00	Bike & Pet Parade Begins Lining Up (Standley Middle School along Governor Drive)
	Community Breakfast Ends
10:30	Bike & Pet Parade Begins, led by the Crown Island Jazz Band and Phillip Marcus
11:00	Official Opening with Troop 11 Color Guard and National Anthem sung by Mica Giaccone
	Food, Booths, Book Barn, Children's Play Area, Beer & Wine Garden Opens (ages 21+)
	Trolley Service along Governor Drive Begins (to 7:30pm)
11:30	Sack Races
12:00 pm	Hawaiian/Polynesian Revue (to 1:30)
	Car Show at Spreckels Parking Lot (to 2:00pm)
1:00	Snow Play Begins (to 3:00)
1:30	Balloon Toss
2:00	Phil Marcus Trio performs
	Drawing Winners Announced
3:00	The Resonators performs
	Drawing Winners Announced
4:00	Tug of War
	Booths Close (Except for Food Booths)
4:30	Final Drawing Winners Announced
5:00 – 7:00 pm	3 Car Garage performs

\* Special Guest Councilman Joe LaCava



Photos from 2019 UC Celebration, courtesy of Greg Hom.



## UC Planning Group Update – May 10

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The UCPG heard an information item on May 10 from the city on a water and sewer “rehabilitation” north Governor and east of Genesee. There will be water and sewer work on the UC high school property and on Genesee in front of the school. They will be coordinating with Pure Water and the high school on scheduling. The project, called “AC Water and Sewer Group 1048”, will begin construction in February 2023 and run through July 2025.

The UCPG reviewed the current proposals from councilmember LaCava about changes or reforms for Community Planning Groups as an action item. The UCPG unanimously to send a letter to CM LaCava with recommendations from the UCPG.

The UCPG voted unanimously to hold the June 14 UCPG meeting by zoom. The current consensus of the group is that we need to be able to hold successful test hybrid meetings before returning to in-person meetings. We are expecting hybrid meetings will be a technical challenge.

We still receive inquiries about Rebecca Robinson Wood’s property along Gilman Drive, so I’ll repeat the following for those who might not have seen it. “Many residents have noted the posting of a Notice of Application for the Easement Vacation for proposed vacation of an open space easement, located at 8293 Gilman Drive, by the Robinson Wood Revokable Trust. I am told by the Planning Department “that nothing in the current Easement Vacation request has caused the department to change its recommendation for denial. The applicant is always allowed to submit more information to be taken into consideration, but nothing to date that has been presented to the Planning Department has changed the department’s position since the last time that this issue was reviewed.” I don’t expect to have additional information near-term but will keep the UCPG, community, and environmental organizations updated. (Editor’s Note: Additional info in support of this article will be posted at [universitycitynews.org](http://universitycitynews.org).)

## Housing Laws in San Diego – Focus on SB9 and ADUs

compiled by Diane Ahern

What does current State law and City regulation allow?

**SB9** - Senate Bill 9 was passed by the state legislature in 2021 and took effect on Jan. 1, 2022. It requires a City to approve the following: up to two new homes on a single-family zoned lot and/or splitting a single-family zoned lot into two lots about the same size.

- For current information from the City of San Diego, visit the Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) Implementation tab on the City website: [sandiego.gov/planning/programs/housing-action-package](http://sandiego.gov/planning/programs/housing-action-package)
- See also the current City SB9 YouTube Video Series [Implementation, Geographic Limitations, Setbacks, Tree Canopy, Parking Outside Transit Priority Areas (TPA), Development Impact Fee (DIF), Impact on Single Family Lot Standards, Development Scenario] on YouTube: [youtube.com/watch?v=CrgUrUHMLzA&t=8s](https://youtube.com/watch?v=CrgUrUHMLzA&t=8s)

**ADUs** - Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are detached or attached accessory structures on a residential lot that provide independent living areas. ADUs are intended as permanent housing solutions and shall not be used for rental terms less than 31 consecutive days.

- To review the permit-ready design/building plans and the City May 2022 ADU/JADU Bulletin, visit: [sandiego.gov/development-services/news-programs/programs/companion-junior-units](http://sandiego.gov/development-services/news-programs/programs/companion-junior-units)
  - To review SD County standard ADU plans, visit: [sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/bldg/adu\\_plans.html](http://sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/bldg/adu_plans.html)
- Learn more about the Housing Action Package: [sandiego.gov/planning/programs/housing-action-package](http://sandiego.gov/planning/programs/housing-action-package).

## Standley Park Community Recreation Group

### May Meeting Summary

by Barry Bernstein

The Standley Park CRG, (Community Recreation Group), met the fourth Thursday of May. Salome Martinez the regional park and recreation supervisor represented the Parks & Recreation Department. It was explained by Ms. Martinez that the new grass field area adjacent to the Aquatic Center and pavilion will need re-seeding and will NOT be available for use in time for the 4th of July Celebration. \*However Standley Middle School will have access to a limited identified area to conduct their graduation event. She also spoke to the hiring/employment concerns that the City has in getting and keeping staff and their new efforts in that process. Salome also brought to the committee’s attention that there was a “break-in” at the Racquet Club, over \$100.00 in cash was stolen. There is video evidence of the break-in which is being shared with SD Police.

The request to have both pools open for the UC Celebration was not able to be confirmed due to lack of staffing. The CRG pays for the free community swim and approved an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to cover life guard costs and other costs.

Dawn Yandel, representing EdUCate!, requested a number of items be available for the upcoming Oktoberfest. Dawn also reported on the successful season of Mesa del Sol softball. All-Stars tournament play starts in August.

Brandon, pinch-hitting for Tom Cartier, reported on the plans for the final weekend of UC Little League. They had the most ever number of players this past season.

Barry Bernstein reported on a number of community issues and stated that the UCCA June newsletter will be delivered to homes the weekend of June 4 - 6. He also stated a special subcommittee of the Celebration committee is working on providing a “continental breakfast”. Andy Freeburn is applying for all the needed permits.

Carol and Gordon Parham asked Salome for additional rattlesnake warning signage at the two parks, as well as alerting the need for ground leveling/fill-in where dog digging has created large holes where children run and play.

## U.S. Government Property – No Trespassing on Federal Property East of the I-805

**From Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar:** The base is experiencing a high volume of individuals trespassing east of the I-805 near the VA Cemetery. While there is a small section of City of San Diego open space east of the I-805, MCAS Miramar’s federal property boundary is located a short distance away (see map). Mountain bikers and hikers recreating in Rose Canyon are not authorized to continue eastbound onto federal property, which includes the VA Cemetery northwest of the railroad tracks and the area southeast of the tracks.

Additional “U.S. Government Property – No Trespassing” signs have been installed and the base is asking local residents to be aware of and comply with these signs located at the federal property boundary. The Provost Marshal’s Office and MCAS Miramar military police officers are stepping up enforcement of federal no trespassing laws in that area. Due to ongoing security concerns, there are no current or future plans for community or civilian access to these areas.

A federal trespassing citation requires an appearance in federal court and is considered a federal misdemeanor crime. Bicycles or other equipment may be seized and held until court cases are adjudicated by a federal judge. For more information, contact the Provost Marshall’s Office at 858-307-4068 or email [Miramarcormel@usmc.mil](mailto:Miramarcormel@usmc.mil).





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## SUMMARY OF UCCA MAY 11, 2022

by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

#### Open Forum

**Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch (NW) chair**, reported an event called "Stop the Bleed" to train people methods to stop bleeding before emergency personnel arrive. The event will be at Standley Park on June 13 at 12:00noon. She also reported there is a shortage of NW captains and NW signs that are faded and cracked need to be replaced.

**Jemma Samala and Merle Langston** announced the first meeting of the UC Garden Club is at the UC Library on Genesee on Saturday, May 14 at 2 pm.

#### Candidate Statements

**Cody Petterson**, running for Subdistrict C of the San Diego Unified School District, gave his background and positions on issues before the school district.

**Lily Higman**, also running for Subdistrict C of the San Diego Unified School District, gave her background and positions on issues before the school district.

#### Committee Reports

**Treasurer Report:** The April report will be given next month, along with the May report.

**Membership Report:** There are 545 members.

**Beautification:** Merle Langston reported the need for funding to paint the SDG&E utility boxes around UC. The costs are around \$300 each and there are about 10 boxes. There is \$500 already allocated. The Board approved another \$1,000 pending further funding. She also reported difficulties in finding a qualified landscaper to work on the medians.

**Banners:** Diane Ahern reported the need to replace many street banners due to wear. Because of the estimated cost (\$14,000), it will be necessary to apply to the County for a grant. The Board approved starting the grant process.

**Barry Bernstein**, immediate past president: reported the need for recruitment and nomination for Board members, along with writers for the Newsletter.

*The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2022, via zoom at 6:00 pm.*

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## Insurance Companies Are Cancelling Fire Insurance Policies

*by Louis Rodolico, UC Fire Safe Council President*

All across California, insurance companies are cancelling or non-renewing homeowner policies due to fire losses. Homes within 500 feet of a canyon have seen the highest number of cancellations. Building flammability, volatile landscaping, distance to fire hydrants and fire equipment access are also factors. If your insurance policy is cancelled or non-renewed, you will need to contact an insurance broker or agent to find an insurance company willing to sell you a policy. If you think a conflagration cannot happen here you are mistaken. Had the winds persisted a few hours longer in the 2003 Cedar Fire, the University City and Clairemont neighborhoods would have caught fire.

Within a few years, California is expected to implement additional fire safety requirements. Homeowners can prepare by having no combustible ground cover, plants or wooden trellises within 5 feet of their homes. Large trees should be at least 20 feet from a house. Fences that touch the house should be non-combustible as well. Soffit vents should be fire rated. In the course of renovating your home, avoid combustible materials like wood siding; instead use fiberglass/cement siding products which resist both flame and insects. Fire upgrades to your home are not an absolute guarantee but they will improve the chance that after a firestorm, you will have a livable house to return to, and will not be facing a fire insurance claim. To learn more go to: [fire.ca.gov](http://fire.ca.gov).

## Beach area fires to be limited to City-provided fire rings and portable propane-fueled devices

*from the office of Councilmember Joe LaCava*

In an effort to improve public safety and reduce the incidence of illegal fires at area beaches, last month the City Council Environment Committee unanimously approved Chair LaCava's proposed amendments clarifying beach fire regulations.

The Councilmember's proposal confines beach fires to City-provided fire rings and portable propane-fueled devices, resolves conflicting language, and provides clarity for beachgoers and public safety officials alike.

These amendments would apply only to "beach areas" which are defined as any beach or land and the waters abutting or adjacent to waters under the jurisdiction of the City's Park and Recreation Department. For more information, contact University City's community representative Kaitlyn Willoughby at [KWilloughby@sandiego.gov](mailto:KWilloughby@sandiego.gov)



## Phase 1 Construction of Pure Water Pipelines Beginning in Clairemont, University City, Miramar, and Scripps Ranch

*from the City of San Diego*

Construction of Phase 1 Projects with major water infrastructure including pipelines, pump stations and treatment facilities are taking place in the Morena, Bay Park, Clairemont, University City, Miramar and Scripps Ranch communities.

- In Clairemont, the Morena Pipelines Southern Alignment begins at the Morena Pump Station at Sherman Street and Custer Street and continues north on Morena Boulevard, Milton Street, Chicago Street and Denver Street to Clairemont Drive. The Morena Pipelines Middle Alignment will connect the Southern Alignment in Bay Park and the Northern Alignment and Tunnels in University City. The Middle Alignment begins on Clairemont Drive at Iroquois Avenue and continues north to Genesee Avenue between Appleton Street and State Route 52.
- In University City, the project begins on Genesee Avenue and state Route 52 and continues on Genesee Avenue, Nobel Drive, Towne Centre Drive and Executive Drive. Tunneling will be completed at Genesee Avenue and SR-52, at Genesee Avenue and Rose Canyon, and under Interstate 805.
- In Miramar and Scripps Ranch, the pipeline will start at Eastgate Mall and follow Miramar Road to Kearny Villa Road and continue along Candida Street to Via Pasar and then Via Excelencia. From there, the pipeline will continue under Interstate 15 and along Business Park Avenue to Carroll Canyon Road and follow Hoyt Park Drive to Meanley Drive before crossing Scripps Lake Drive to the Miramar Reservoir.

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In 2022, Father's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, June 19. This is just a couple days before the summer solstice (on Tuesday, June 21). Since Father's Day 2022 will be one of the longest days of the year (as far as daylight hours go), it is the perfect time to kick-off the summer season with a father-focused barbecue, camping trip, beach day, or other outdoor activity.

UCCA wishes all a Happy Father's Day. For those who have suffered a loss, we suggest you can celebrate a father's life by donating to a charity in his name, volunteering on his behalf, connecting with loved ones, or planting a tree or memorial garden.