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## NEWS

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### **UC Celebration Returns to Standley Park** **Monday, July 4 – all day**

**2019** was the last year that Standley Park was the scene of the UC Celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. **2022** sees the return of the beloved University City tradition on Monday, July 4 at Standley Park beginning with the 5K/One-Mile Fun Run at 7:45am, quickly followed by the Community Breakfast at 8:00am. The day ends with a performance by the band 3-Car Garage from 5:00-7:00pm.

The official start of the UC Celebration is the Bike & Pet Parade. Anyone can participate and should line up along the Governor Drive sidewalk starting at Standley Middle School. Feel free to line up and down the sidewalk and cheer on the participants. Spreckels Elementary School PTA will be handing out parade swag at their event booth. At the conclusion of the parade, Troop 11 Color Guard will open the event along with the National Anthem sung by Mica Giacone at the main stage. Also scheduled:

- 11:30am – Sack Race Field Games; Trolley service begins along Governor Drive
- 12:00noon – Hawaiian/Polynesian Dance Revue; Car Show Begins
- 1:00pm – Snow Play Begins
- 1:30pm – Balloon Toss Field Games
- 2:00pm – Phil Marcus Trio Performs
- 3:00pm – The Resonators band performs
- 4:00pm – Tug of War Field Games, Opportunity Drawing Winners Announced
- 5:00pm – 3-Car Garage band performs
- 7:30pm – Trolley service ends

Throughout the day there are vendor, community and food booths; children's play area (tickets available for purchase); free swim; Book Barn; Beer & Wine Garden; and the Opportunity Drawing. The UC Celebration is sponsored by the University City Parks Council as a fundraiser to support the Summer Concerts and other events at Standley Park. Community sponsors include: University City Community Association, UC MarketPlace, Grace City Church and Nancy Beck. More info at: [uccelebration.com](http://uccelebration.com). See you on the 4<sup>th</sup>!



### **SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE**

**Sundays, 5:00-7:00pm**

#### **Standley Park**

- July 10: Y3K – 80's dance band
- July 17: Side Traxx – 90's and 2000's Rock
- July 24: Band TBD
- July 31: Electric Waste Band – Grateful Dead cover band
- August 7: Front Porch Pandemic Band – Jazz from the Great American songbook
- August 14: Sea Monks – Country Rock
- August 21: Bayou Brothers with Michelle Lundeen
- August 28: Band TBD; Volunteer Appreciation Night

Bring your friends, family and neighbors out for University City's Summer Concert Series. Come early with your chairs, blankets, and picnic dinners. Concerts are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. For updates, contact the Standley Park Rec Center at 858.552.1652.



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## SUMMARY OF UCCA JUNE 8, 2022 (via Zoom)

by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

### Featured Speakers and Public Safety

**Diane Ahern's President's Remarks:** included encouraging to read the current UCCA Newsletter; congrats to political candidates moving forward; and reported on the Park Social program of the Parks and Recreation Dept. and the Arts Council for art in public places.

**Ash Nassari**, a UC business owner and former UCPG member, organized a meeting about the increased amount of homeless people around the Whole Foods shopping center, the UTC Mall, and the Ralphs store. He presented photos of homeless encampments. He said people should use the "Get it Done" app on the City's website to report problems to create a "hot spot" for the SDPD homeless outreach team to inspect and follow up.

**Kaitlyn Willoughby**, aide to City Councilmember Joe LaCava, reported the Councilmember attended the meetings.

**Jemma Samala**, UCCA Treasurer, also attended the meeting and reiterated the importance to report incidents on the City's "Get it Done" app. She added that homelessness is not just due to mental illness but to multiple factors including drug addiction and loss of jobs/housing due to those addictions.

**Officer Anderson Brown**, SDPD Community Relations Officer, reported that if encampments remain in an area to do follow-up reports to "Get it Done" and use pictures when able. The police may refer the problem to the "Neighborhood Policing Dept." which have special vehicles and equipment to clean up encampments. He also reported that vandalism is the most common crime. If one sees homeless that are not causing a disturbance but may need assistance, it is best to call PATH San Diego at 619.810.8600 or the Homeless Response Center at 619.880.8810 which operates 24/7 and can provide or arrange shelter, food, and water. The police were still investigating how a fire at Shoreham Dr. and Rose Canyon started on June 6.

**Fire Captain Alma Lowry** of the SDFD, reported though their first responsibility is to put out fires, it also works with the SDPD to address homeless problems. Homeless people may intentionally start a fire but other times a fire may be started when cooking or trying to keep warm. If a fire appears to be started intentionally, the Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) will investigate. If homeless have medical problems, the SDFD will transport them to local hospitals.

**Julie Wright**, Renaissance resident, commented that they have had an increase in homeless people, encampments, and resulting trash. The shopping center in the area has added security to deal with homeless people. She suggested that the trolley operation is not preventing homeless people from entering the UC area without paying for transit.

**Jennifer Martin-Rolf** commented that do not use Get it Done if an emergency as response time could be 3-4 weeks later. Officer Brown said to use 911 if an emergency and 211 if not an emergency but more urgent than Get it Done which is best for long term encampments.

### Legislative and Community Reports

**Rachel Dugan**, aide to Congressman Scott Peters, reported he was working on gun control legislation.

**Rachel Granadino**, aide to Assemblymember Chris Ward, (via Diane Ahern) reported the Assembly was working on appropriation of budget surplus, including education, climate, homelessness, and inflation.

**Spencer Katz**, aide to County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer (via Diane Ahern) reported the County was working on a "resiliency" budget for long term homeless problems and provide social services.

**Sabrina Bazzo**, San Diego Unified School Board Trustee, reported schools were winding down as summer recess approaches with multiple graduation ceremonies underway. Summer school programs are planned, and is available to all students depending on age and referrals by teachers.

**Cole Reed**, aide to State Senator Toni Atkins, reported (1) They were working on a state constitutional amendment to protect reproductive rights, conception services and abortion services to be put on the ballot for the November election; (2) Add \$7.5 billion to the states "rainy day fund" in case there is a recession; (3) Create a \$21 billion fund to address climate change issues including water use and preservation, wildfire management, and sea level rise; (4) create a \$1 billion fund to address homelessness problems; (5) create a \$10 billion fund to develop affordable housing, including hotels for homeless people.

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### UCCA President Diane Ahern

Hello University City! It's July and we're ready for Summer to begin. As I look back on the first six months of 2022, I'm so thankful that volunteerism is alive and well in University City. I applaud the many neighbors who serve on community boards such as the planning group, EdUCate!, the Parks Council, CPUS, UCCA, and many more.

A shout-out to all those you came together to plan the UC Celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the Summer Movies, and the Summer Concerts and many other Summer activities at our local and community parks. Thanks also to those from I Love a Clean UC who pick up trash and remove debris from our main roads every month. You help to make University City more than just a neighborhood.

A shout-out also to the many volunteers who submit news items for the newsletter, who make home delivery possible, and who are part of our Neighborhood Watch groups.

Congratulations to our University City Fire Safe Council which was recognized by City and County leaders as "Rookie of the Year" for creating and producing University City's first Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

In June, I had a chance to attend the meet-up of the newly re-grown UC Garden Club. What fun! It was such a wonderful time to learn and chat about plants and greenery and to meet with friends and neighbors.

The CIP (Capital Improvement Project) committee of the planning group is working on developing a safe passage plan for the Genesee / Governor intersection. Take a look at their report in this issue.

The planning group and the community plan update subcommittee both met in June and you'll find summaries of those meetings in this issue. We learned that the planning department intends to have a draft community plan update ready for review this Fall. Please attend the July meeting of the CPUS for the most up-to-date information.

In this combined July/August issues of University City News, you'll find news and features you won't find anywhere else. You'll find more on our website at [UniversityCityNews.org](http://UniversityCityNews.org). Thank you for reading. Have a great Summer. I hope to see you at many of our community events this Summer.

*Diane*

*PS: UCCA will hold a public meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, July 13, at 6:00pm. Please join us.*

### VIRTUAL UCCA MEETING

**Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 – 7:30pm**

**Zoom.us – meeting ID: 878 1346 9348**

**Password: 895214**

**Join at: [us02web.zoom.us/j/87813469348](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87813469348)**

*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.*

### NEWSLETTER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**University City needs you!**

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Sandberg Ave, Sandberg Ct. – 42 homes  
West side of Stadium & Stadium Ct. – 30 homes  
Tony Drive – 37 homes

# calendar

### UC CELEBRATION at STANDLEY PARK

**Monday, July 4 – ALL DAY**

### UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, July 12 & August 9

6:00 – 7:30pm

Info: [planuniversity.org](http://planuniversity.org)

### UCCA MEETING

**Wednesday, July 13, 6:00pm**

**Zoom.us meeting**

**ID# 810 9658 0867**

**Password: 895214**

**No August Meeting**

### UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL

Thursday, July 14 & August 11, 7:00pm

Standley Park Rec Center

### SUMMER CONCERTS at STANDLEY PARK

Sundays, 5:00-7:00pm:

July 10, 17, 24, 31

August 7, 14, 21, 28

### PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, July 10 & August 14

7:15-7:30am – meet & greet

7:30-9:00am – work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks  
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

### COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 19

Starts 6:00pm until...

Info: [planuniversity.org](http://planuniversity.org)

### STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, July 28 & August 25, 7:00pm

Contact Rec Center for meeting info:

858.552.1652

### BANANA SPLIT DAY

Sunday, August 6, 2:00pm at Standley Park

### PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Thursday, August 18

Info: [planuniversity.org](http://planuniversity.org)

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Sunday, August 28, Standley Park

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (SDUSD)

Monday, August 29





## Neighborhood Watch Program Expands to La Florentine

by *Jemma Samala*

Neighborhood Watch (NW) Chair Barbara Gellman welcomed approximately 30 residents of the La Florentine complex of the Renaissance development to a newly formed Neighborhood Watch group in June. The poolside meeting was organized by NW captains Patti Sherron and Elisa Parker, and additional meetings will be planned in the future. The main speaker was SDPD Community Relations Officer Anderson Brown, whose number one tip was “get to know your neighbors” – inform them of vacations, know each other’s vehicles, and report suspicious activity. Neighbors are the extra eyes and ears, especially since SDPD is experiencing a 230 officer staffing shortage.

Officer Brown also discussed the importance of using the Get It Done app or calling 619.531.2000 for non-emergency issues. And most importantly, when to call 9-1-1, which is when there is danger of someone’s life (medical emergency), property (crime in progress) or the environment (fire). When dealing with homeless persons, direct them to 2-1-1, where they will be connected to services that will provide the basics: food, water, and shelter. Gellman also provided handouts on the Ring Doorbells, How to Report a Crime, Package Theft Prevention Tips, Crimes of Opportunity, and a SDPD Northern Division Resource Phone List. For more info about NW, including forming a group in your neighborhood, contact: Barbara Gellman at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com).



## Make a Donation, Get Socks

Get a pair of socks when you make a donation towards UCCA’s Neighborhood Watch Program. To order: email your name, email and phone number

to [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com). Include quantity, style #, description and color. (example: 1 – FC-29 Border Collie, pink). You can see samples at: [www.universitycitynews.org/neighborhood-watch/](http://www.universitycitynews.org/neighborhood-watch/). You will be contacted to arrange donation and delivery. If mailed, postage will be added according to current postal fees.

You can also go to the Neighborhood Watch UC Celebration booth on the Fourth of July to get your conversation starter socks, and well as NW materials. We will be accepting donations to help fund many of the crime prevention projects sponsored by University City Neighborhood Watch.

## Hardening the Target

Part 2 of a Series

by *Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch Chair*

This month, let’s continue to discuss ways to “harden the target” towards you and your home. How to lessen the chance that a crime will be committed by taking the steps to prevent it. Aside from being very observant of your surroundings and feeling “in your gut” that something isn’t right, here are suggestions to prevent home break ins.

1. Do not open doors to strangers, talk through the door, install a peep-hole if necessary. Add dead-bolt locks to doors.
2. Change home address in GPS to a commercial location, close to home. In case car is stolen, they won’t know where you live.
3. Keep garage door closed unless working in or around house. Strangers have been known to take pictures of items in a garage and come back to steal them.
4. Don’t post “back at 2:00” on front door.
5. Leave a spare key with a neighbor, not under the mat or rock or plant.
6. Avoid personal information on internet sites including Facebook and Nextdoor. Don’t post when you will be on vacation on any sites.
7. Mark home address at both curb and front door for first responders to find you quickly.
8. Post a “No Soliciting” sign and “Beware of Dog” sign; that alone can deter someone along with recordings of barking dogs if you don’t have one.
9. Extra important, LOCK SIDE GATES. Someone can go to the back of your house unseen and have lots of time to break in.
10. Add an extra boost to your security at the front door with a security camera doorbell. If your Wi-Fi network is connected to smart home gadgets or your security system, it could give criminals direct access to your home. Secure your wireless router. Use a firewall. Install antivirus and anti-malware protection. Rename and hide your home network.

If you witness a crime in progress, call 911 and report. Non-emergencies, call 619.531.2000, push the \*star key to bypass phone tree and connect with dispatcher.

*Next month: Scams and more.*

## BY THE NUMBERS

### Crime Statistics in University City 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Jan. – Mar.)

	2021	2022
Murder	0	0
Rape	1	0
Armed Robbery	4	3
Strong Arm Robbery	4	3
Aggravated Assault	16	9
Residential Burglary	16	4
Non-Residential Burglary	16	2
Theft >=\$400	114	125
Theft <\$400	88	55
Motor Vehicle Theft	38	23

Information provided by ARJIS – Automated Regional Justice Information System



## Councilmember Joe LaCava District 1 Update

### Homelessness

The City, County, advocates, and private sector are working to implement innovative policy solutions to address homelessness. In the meantime, it is critical that residents and business owners have the tools to assist themselves and individuals experiencing homelessness in our communities.

If you witness an emergency, please always call 9-1-1. If you observe someone experiencing a mental crisis, please call the San Diego County Mobile Crisis Response Teams at 888-724-7240. For homeless outreach or to report an encampment,



please use the City's Get It Done, via the app or website. Get It Done won't result in an immediate response, but the data informs a heat map, which in turn helps the city better delegate its resources and address homelessness in an equitable fashion.

Additionally, you can always reach out to my chief of staff, Vicky Joes, at [vcjoes@sanidiego.gov](mailto:vcjoes@sanidiego.gov). Our office will work with the appropriate teams and services.

### Pickleball in UC

Pickleball is a growing sport in San Diego and across the country. To accommodate this growth, the City's Park & Recreation Department has designated pickleball courts in several facilities. Currently, there are two City facilities offering pickleball in University City: *Nobel Rec. Center*: 8810 Judicial Drive, 858.552.1626; 3 indoor pickleball courts; open play Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 10:15am to noon (subject to change); and *Standley Rec. Center*: 3585 Governor Drive, 858.581.1652; 2 outdoor pickleball courts on unlit basketball court; nets can be checked out during office hours.

### Women's Rights

Women's rights are human rights. Since taking office, I authored a resolution for pay equity among city employees, supported a resolution committing the City to reproductive rights and safe access to abortion, and proposed an initiative that will make menstrual products free at City of San Diego facilities. My initiative, called Free4Me, was supported by my council colleagues in the FY23 Budget. Last March, the Mayor reconstituted the Commission on the Status of Women. I was proud to nominate District 1 resident Natasha Wong to the commission. Advocating for women's rights and advancement is a priority for me. Please let me know how I can better represent women and do my job as an elected leader. You can contact my chief of staff, Vicky Joes, at [vcjoes@sanidiego.gov](mailto:vcjoes@sanidiego.gov).

### Contacting My Office

My current UC Representative, Kaitlyn Willoughby, will be departing my office and the City of San Diego to attend Georgetown Law School. I am proud to have her as a member of my team, thank her for her service, and wish her the best of luck in Washington, DC. Although Kaitlyn is departing for great reason, Team LaCava is still here to represent and assist UC as always through redistricting's close this December. My chief of staff, Vicky Joes is ready to take all UC inquiries at 619.236.6611 and [vcjoes@sanidiego.gov](mailto:vcjoes@sanidiego.gov).

## Preventing the Next School Shooting

by District Attorney Summer Stephan

Over the last 20 years, what once was the safest place for our children – school – has turned into a place of constant worry and questionable security. In the face of overwhelming grief over the tremendous loss of life at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, it feels like we have arrived at a time where school shootings and mass killings are the norm. With school and public venue safety at the top of our minds, I want to remind San Diegans of the efforts the District Attorney's Office has undertaken to prioritize school safety and to emphasize the critical role the public plays in preventing school shootings.

In 2018, San Diego County established a School Threats Protocol, which guides how school, law enforcement and prosecutors respond to school threats. The protocol was updated in 2021 with the help of many agencies. It may be the first of its kind protocol with all 42 school districts in the county participating with the goal of preventing would-be school shooters before they act. Of course, the protocol is not foolproof, but at its heart it relies on the following:

- Never ignore a threat of harm, no matter the form.
- Every threat is taken seriously, with evidenced-based guidelines for investigation and resolution of the threat. Taking threats seriously is supported by statistics.
- 93% of school shooters make plans to carry out their attack.
- 80% of them tell at least one person.
- 60% tell at least two people.

With these odds, it's important for the public to know that you play a vital role in helping prevent school shootings by reporting suspected behavior or threats. For anyone who thinks it's funny to cause alarm and fear by posting a threat online or calling one into a school, these incidents go beyond a prank: they carry serious legal consequences, such as jail time. Making criminal threats is a felony crime even if there was no intent to carry out the threat; threatening words with the intent to cause fear and which reasonably cause someone to feel fear are sufficient for a felony charge. Juveniles can face jail time, or other consequences such as having their access to social media taken away by the court. It's important to keep in mind however, that the juvenile justice system is meant to rehabilitate youthful offenders, not punish them. In instances where we can help them get on the right track with rehabilitation, mental health services and restorative justice methods, that is our first choice.

In the last 16 months, our office received 43 school threats cases to review for formal charges, of which 10 cases have been filed in juvenile court. Our message is clear: every school threat is being fully investigated and every suspect will be held accountable. Here are some of the factors the DA's Office and law enforcement consider, to confirm the credibility of a threat once the suspect has been identified:

- Investigate their background, including whether the person made prior threats
- Look at open-source intelligence such as social media posts
- Check to see if they have registered guns, have made recent ammunition purchases or have access to guns
- Check on whether there has been contact with terrorist organizations
- Determine whether they have had psychiatric holds or other mental health red flags
- Research whether the person has had a recent traumatic event or grievance with a particular school or person associated with a school

Even though we have a way to measure successful prosecution, it's not as easy to measure successful intervention, but preventing even one death or one school shooting is our duty. The best prevention for a school shooting is bystander intervention. We use public tips to investigate and interrupt violence. It's everyone's responsibility to report threats. You can also report anonymously at [StudentsSpeakingOut.org](http://StudentsSpeakingOut.org).

As your District Attorney, I'm committed to increasing communication and accessibility between the DA's Office and the public. I hope these consumer and public safety tips have been helpful.



**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: Tuesday, July 12, 26, August 9, 23, at 6:30pm.
- Toddler Storytime with Ms. Johanna: Wednesdays, 10:00am. (no Storytime on July 27 & August 31)
- Baby Sign Storytime with Ms. Jennifer: Thursdays, 10:00am.
- Fiction Fanatics Book Club July 9, 10:00am: *Where the River Ends* by Charles Martin. August 13, 10:00am: *Leaving Time* by Jodi Piccolt.
- Page Turners Book Club July 23, 1:00pm: *Leaving Time* by Jodi Piccolt. August 27, 10:00am: *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.
- Spanish Language Book Club *Amantes de la Lectura* meets on August 6 at 2:00 p.m. Title to be discussed: *Patria* by Fernando Aramburu.

### Special Summer Reading Program Events:

Friday July 15 at 10:30am - Juggler and Comedian Michael Rayner: Famous for spinning a cheeseburger on a parasol, Michael has been entertaining audiences for decades! Watch him juggle and maybe see him balance a wheelbarrow on his chin! You won't want to miss this amazing show!



[www.sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsandteens/summerreading](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsandteens/summerreading)  
Explore your world and beyond during the Summer Reading Program! The San Diego Public Library is inviting all ages (including adults!) 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. Sign up begins June 1 and the program will last through August 31. Adventure is just one book away!

### UC Library (Governor Drive)

#### Ongoing programs:

Thursdays at 9:30am: Qi Gong

Wednesdays at 10:30am: Weekly Toddler Storytime

Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Wednesdays at 2:00pm: UC Book Club – Multiple copies of each month's selection are held for book club members behind the Circulation Desk – pick up your copy today!

- July 27: *Save Me the Plums* / Ruth Reichl
- August 24: *The Measure of a Man* / Sidney Poitier

NEW! Dance Pants (monthly) – Join us one Saturday a month for a toddler dance party! Listen to fun music and wiggle until you are worn out – parents/grandparents are invited to join, too. We usually dance about 20-25 minutes or until the last toddler or adult sits down. No previous experience needed! Check the Library Calendar of Events: [sandiego.librarymarket.com/](http://sandiego.librarymarket.com/).

### UC Library (Governor Drive) con't.

#### Join us on Wednesdays at 2:00pm:

7/6 – Literature Comes to Life (live re-enactment of famous folk tales and fairy tales – everyone can join in!)

7/13 – Marc Griffiths, Ventriloquist

7/20 – Zovargo – meet and learn about amazing wild animals

7/27 – Michael Raymer, Juggler

8/3 – Joe Gandelman, magician

8/10 – Ruth and Emilia – sing along on a silly space adventure

8/17 – Craig Newton, Musician – learn about the history of different musical instruments and enjoy some live music

8/24 – The Amazing Dana, Magician

**Every Friday at 2:00pm:** Children's movies from Disney, Pixar and more! We'll watch blue and green monsters, incredible superheroes, video game Ralph and some colorful trolls. Call the library for this week's selection.

#### San Diego OASIS returns to the UC Library

##### LIVE and IN-PERSON

Friday, July 8 at 10:30am – Georgia O'Keeffe in New Mexico (Aniko Makranczy, MFA)

Friday, July 29 at 10:30am – Thurgood Marshall (Blaine Davies, MA, Professor of U.S. History)

Tuesday, August 2 at 12:30pm – Exploring the American Southwest: the story of Cabeza de Vaca and Estebanico (Maria Butler, MA, Lecturer Emerita, San Diego State University)

Friday, August 26 at 10:30am – Women, Sainthood and Power: the enduring popularity of Rose of Lima (Olivia M. Espin, Ph.D)

Friday, September 9 at 10:30am – Degenerate Art (Julia Fister, MFA, Studio ACE Executive Director)

For more information and to sign up for each program, check the Library Calendar of Events: [sandiego.librarymarket.com/](http://sandiego.librarymarket.com/).



### Looking for a Healthy Adventure?

Healthy Adventures offers programs that help you live a healthier life without overcomplicating your daily to-do list. Join us for a series of programs provided by Healthy Adventures Foundation, whose mission is to create a culture of wellness while seeking a balance of healthy behaviors.

Friday, July 15 – Breakfast in a Jar – Learn several quick and simple ways to bring an healthy and delicious breakfast back into your life.

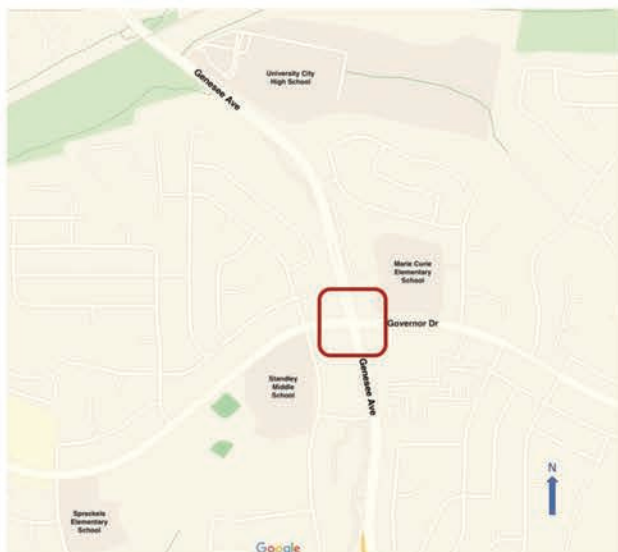
Friday, July 22 – Backyard Chickens – Raising chickens in your backyard can be fun and educational!

Friday, August 12 – Salad in a Jar – What's colorful, tasty and easy to make? Learn how to make a healthy lunch in a jar to encourage good eating habits!

Friday, August 19 – Edible Landscaping – Learn how to plan and grow a garden that will fill your dinner plate every week.

Tuesday, August 23 – Flexitarian Cooking – Not ready to commit to a completely vegetarian or vegan lifestyle? Learn how to incorporate delicious meatless meals into your family's weekly menu





## Safety Improvements for the Governor & Genesee Intersection

by Karen Martien and Georgia Kayser

The University City Planning Group (UCPG) is currently working with Councilmember Joe LaCava to urge the city to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety at the intersection of Governor Drive and Genesee Avenue. We are seeking input from the community to help with this process.

A mobility report commissioned by the City in 2018 identified the intersection of Governor and Genesee as one of the most dangerous intersections in University City, with five collisions involving a vehicle and a pedestrian or cyclist in a five-year period. Children are particularly vulnerable at this intersection due to the close proximity of four neighborhood schools (Curie Elementary and Standley Middle within 500 feet, Spreckels Elementary and UC High within half a mile). Consequently, in 2019 the UCPG added pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection to its list of top priority Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).

The CIP committee met in early June to discuss the problems with the intersection and changes that could be made to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety. Potential solutions focused on three areas:

1. Reducing vehicle speeds through the intersection
2. Making pedestrians and cyclists more visible to drivers
3. Reducing conflicts between right-turning vehicles and pedestrians

Representatives of the CIP will be meeting with a traffic engineer from the city in the coming weeks to discuss the feasibility of the committee's ideas, ask the engineering department for their ideas, and learn more about the constraints that need to be considered. Following that meeting, the committee will meet again to finalize a list of simple, low-cost improvements that could be made immediately, as well as a list of larger improvements that should be considered in future planning efforts.

If you have ideas for safety improvements that you would like to share with the committee or would like to be included in future discussions of this issue, please email Georgia Kayser at ([georgia\\_kayser@yahoo.com](mailto:georgia_kayser@yahoo.com)) or Karen Martien at ([karen@themartiens.com](mailto:karen@themartiens.com)).

## Rise Against Hunger

by Sally Buffington

University City United Church (UCUC) invites you to join in a great opportunity! On Sunday, August 7, at 11:30am, we will pack **13,000** meals for people who are hungry.

UCUC is working with Rise Against Hunger ([Riseagainsthunger.org](http://Riseagainsthunger.org)), a wonderful organization working to end famine in the world. Sponsored by the UCUC Social Concerns



committee, this event involves lots of people, including you! Each person serves by measuring, weighing, or packing some ingredient of a meal-sized packet of rice, vitamins, and mixed soy flour/protein and dried vegetable flakes—the result's a mix of white with splashes of brown and dark orange flakes, and dashes of green and gold.

Come and take a hand, whether you're four years old or ninety and beyond. Everyone is welcome! In addition to packing, jobs include slapping labels on bags, stacking bags in cartons, and re-supplying. You'll have fun! This is a colorful business: yellow funnels, white measuring cups, blue bins of rice, white plastic baskets, red rice bowls, and gray metal bag sealers that look rather like staplers. And you get to wear the latest fashion statement: red hair nets for all, as well as plastic gloves and masks. Beside packing, the assembly stage includes templates on which to lay out finished bags for counting, then boxing, tape guns, and cartons. The church is located at 2877 Governor Drive, at the corner of Stresemann. Parking in rear on Gobat Street. [www.ucuc.org](http://www.ucuc.org)

## Backpacks for Kids Donation Day

August 7, 3:00-6:00pm  
at Standley Park

by Katie Dunahoo

It is once again time to donate backpacks, school supplies, packaged socks and other items that less fortunate children can use to begin their school year. In conjunction with the Office of Children and Youth in Transition, SDUSD, the UC Agents of Coldwell Banker Realty will collect what you have to offer at Standley Park on Sunday, August 7 between 3:00 and 6:00pm.

Look for our truck parked by Swanson Pool at Standley Park to drop off your contributions. Last year, thanks to the overwhelming support, we filled the truck to overflowing. This abundance provided school supplies for many of the 5000+ students covered by the CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN TRANSITION program. In addition to school supplies, they have made a special request this year for hygiene products—shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, bodywash, lip balm, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, dental floss, wet wipes, combs, and brushes. Monetary donations accepted.

If for some reason you cannot join us on that Sunday, we are happy to pick up your contribution. Just call/email your Coldwell Banker UC Agent or call our 3959 Governor Drive office at 858.352.6587. We look forward to seeing you on August 7 to thank you for your support of this important project.



## COMMUNITY SHORTS

### UCUC BLOOD DRIVE

University City United Church (UCUC) their next Blood Drive on Saturday, July 9 from 8:00am to 1:30pm, at 3202 Governor Drive (UC Marketplace parking lot in front of Round Table Pizza). Schedule your appointment in advance at [mysddb.org](http://mysddb.org). Future blood drives scheduled for 2022 are September 10 and November 5.

### WESTFIELD UTC CELEBRATES SUMMER

Westfield UTC will be unveiling an array of summer-long activities during their Celebrate Summer weekend from July 9-10. Hosting a variety of live music performances, art activities the whole family can enjoy, sweet treats, prize opportunities and spin-to-win moments, and more. All summer long, everyone is invited to take advantage of weekly fitness classes, exclusive shopping experiences, and indulge in picnic-style meals on the many green spaces throughout the center. What's more, Westfield UTC will be unveiling new art installations through their partnership with the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (MCASD) at the end of June, with scheduled Family ArtLAB set to take place on August 13 with an interactive and hands-on experience.



### FRONT PORCH PANDEMIC JAZZ JAM

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 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. Cancellations possible due to weather. And as winners of the San Diego Reader's Best Local Band of 2021, they're reminding you that the nominations are open for the Best of 2022 at [vote.sandiegobestof.com](http://vote.sandiegobestof.com).

### MORE CONCERTS IN THE DRIVEWAY

Greg Zinser and invited musicians will resume the Concerts in the Driveway series on Saturday, July 30 from 3:00 to 5:00pm, on the driveway at 3385 Willard Street. They play a wide variety of easy listening music. And since the concerts are outdoors, same info as above.

### SAVE THE DATE: 9/21/22

A date to remember this September... join us on September 21st for the 9-21-22 Zip Code Day Event put on by the Valerie Upham Team! On this once-in-a-lifetime day which matches our University City zip code, we will gather to celebrate as a community. 92122 t-shirts will be available with proceeds supporting EdUcate. Get ready for live music in the park, delicious treats, and end-of-summer fun! Final details to be announced in the September UC Newsletter. We can't wait to see you there!



## UC Del Sol 12U Girls Going to State - Again

by Perry Peters

The UC Del Sol Girls 12U Softball team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the South San Diego District playoffs in Santee and qualified for the State Tournament playoffs in Lancaster!! The team will take on a field of 24 teams the weekend of July 1 – 3 to try to advance to the U.S. Regional playoffs. Let's cheer on these tough athletes!

And looking forward, registration is now available for the 2022 Fall Ball softball season! Please go to [www.ucdelsol.com](http://www.ucdelsol.com) in order to sign up your daughters for the Fall softball season. The girls will play in approximately 10 to 12 games from September to November. UC Del Sol will field teams in the 6U, 8U, 10U and 12U divisions. Practices will take place at Standley Middle School and games will be against teams in the local area. Early bird fees are only \$145 for all divisions except 6U, which is free!

To see how much fun girls' softball is, please visit our fan page at [ucdelsol.com/fanpage](http://ucdelsol.com/fanpage) for videos set to music on our girls!



## Bat Mitzvah Club Paints UC Utility Box

by Livna Genchel

Our Bat Mitzvah club is called GEN GRLSSS (from the first initials of the girl's first names). There are a total of nine girls. We started the group in September for girls that will be turning 12 this year. The girls met each month and did a different activity of either helping the community (doing a mitzvah), or by learning something new. The painting of the utility box was one of the activities. We started looking for ideas and got together to conceptualize. Then we took pictures of all the drawings and illustrated a design that consisted of the art the girls drew and some more that fit the design. We tried to come up with a theme that was kid-friendly, colorful, and something that would make people smile. The utility box is located on Radcliffe across the street from Standley Middle School.





## The Summer of '22 is Off to a Running Start

by Diane Ahern

Oh, what a Summer this is going to be! It gets off to a fast start with the 5K run at the UC Celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Standley Park. And that's just the beginning. The all-day event also includes a community breakfast, a bike and pet parade, great food, community vendors and outreach booths, kids games and activities, an opportunity drawing for themed gift baskets, a book barn, snow-in-July play area, beer and wine garden, and entertainment throughout the day. The festivities close with a concert provided by local favorites 3 Car Garage.

Did you know that the UC Celebration is the biggest outdoor neighbor networking event in University City? We look forward to seeing you there. More information about the UC Celebration is available at [UCCelebration.com](http://UCCelebration.com).

The UC Celebration is just the start of Summer fun in University City. Other events include:

- Summer Concerts return this year on Sunday evenings at 5:00pm at Standley Park on July 10.
- *Park Social Exploration Day* (sponsored by Arts & Culture) on Saturday, July 16 at Standley Park.
- Summer Movies in the Park return with *Clifford the Big Red Dog* at Doyle Park on Friday, July 8; *Encanto* at Village Park on Saturday, July 9; and *Sing* at Nobel Park on Friday, August 5.
- Women's Self Defense class at Nobel Park on Saturday July 23 and Saturday August 20; pre-registration and payment required.
- The *Banana Split Ice Cream Social* returns to Standley Park on Saturday, August 6.

Community groups, public welcome, will continue meeting in July:

- UC Planning Group on Tuesday, July 12, at 6:00pm.
- UC Community Association on Wednesday, July 13, at 6:00pm.
- Community Plan Update Subcommittee on Tuesday, July 19, at 6:00pm.

Save the Date for:

- Volunteer Appreciation Night on Sunday, August 28.
- First Day of School (SDUSD) on Monday, August 29.
- Labor Day on Monday, September 5.
- Date Meets ZIP 9/21/22 = 92122 on Wednesday, September 21.

For the most up-to-date news and information, follow us on Facebook @UniversityCityCommunityAssociation and visit our website at [UniversityCityNews.org](http://UniversityCityNews.org).

## 2022 – University City Community Association Celebrate 20 Years

and

## Banana Split Day Celebrates 40 Years



The Heimbürger Family has been providing the ice cream for the Annual Banana Split Day for 40 years. Pictured above, in 2017, is Karsten Heimbürger on the left and right is his dad and founder John Heimbürger, with grandson Kai below. In conjunction with then Park Director Steve Lyons, the Heimbürger Family began the fun, FREE, event for the University City community, and has become one of the neighborhood's treasured traditions.

The Banana Split Day this year will be on **Saturday, August 6 at 2:00pm**. Standley Park Rec Center will be hosting the annual event, coordinated by Director Roger Hughes. The Rec Center will provide all the toppings, while the Heimbürger family donates the ice cream. Come by to meet some of the Heimbürger Family and to say thank you!

Besides the ice cream, there will be activities and games for the whole family. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy this fun activity. Bring your chairs, picnic blankets and enjoy the park (come early and have a picnic lunch). And make sure to BYOB...bring your own banana!



Pictures of 2019 Banana Split Day and UC Celebration used on this page and front page courtesy of Greg Horn





## University City Resident Irving Tragen Celebrates 100 Years

by Lisa Lynn, Pacific Regents

In the sunny patio of the Pacific Regent La Jolla Senior Living Condominium, on May 18, some 140 residents, friends and staff gathered at an Ice Cream Social to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of one of its most noted and well-liked residents, Irving Tragen. The guests enjoyed an afternoon of cake, ice cream and champagne as they toasted this special birthday.

Irving with his late wife Eleanor (Ele to family and friends), retired for the independent style of senior living in 2003 after a career of over 55 years of working on Inter-American relations with the US State Department and the Organization of America States (OAS). The Tragens lived in seven Latin American countries and Irving had assignments in all but three of the 34 sovereign states of the Western Hemisphere. They met at UC Berkeley where Irving received his AB and JD degrees, and Ele was working on her Masters in Journalism and Child Psychology.

Irving has been active in Pacific Regent community life, having served as Board President for five years and as chairman and member of standing committees that support the Board. He put to use his experience as director of US economic assistance programs in several countries, managing US diplomatic missions and working on complex inter-American issues.

Before retiring and returning to California, he served as the first Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), which was created in the OAS to promote cooperation by its 34 member states to combat drug trafficking and drug abuse.

Since coming to University City, Irving has remained active in inter-American affairs, lecturing at local universities and at the North County Chapter of the World Affairs Council. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of the Museo de las Americas in Denver, to which Ele gave her substantial Latin American handicraft collection, on the Board of the Doris Howell Foundation, the prestigious San Diego based institution dedicated to improving woman's health and in various other civic and cultural activities. He has received the UC Berkeley School of Law Citation of Merit for Alumni Achievement, the UC Berkeley International House Award as Ambassador for Peace and Public Service and a Marquez Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award.

Irving in his 100<sup>th</sup> year and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Pacific Regent considers the community of University City his home and his cosmopolitan neighbors his family. The Ice Cream Social was truly a family occasion.



## Java with LaCava

by Jemma Samala

District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava hosted a "Java with LaCava" coffee hour on June 25 at Standley Park and addressed a number of issues brought up by local residents. Some of the issues brought up included: Homeless encampments; Undergrounding of utility poles; Traffic studies and bicycle lanes; Ash Street building lawsuit status; the City's Green Initiative; Possible zoning changes and the future of retail spaces; Pipeline construction; and Vista La Jolla's street lights.

Linda Bernstein, representative from the Save UC group, also wanted to personally give LaCava their thanks in helping keep residential upzoning in South University City out of the current University Community Plan Update proposal.



Neighbors also got a chance to discuss their concerns with each other.



Councilmember LaCava also presented a Special Certificate to the UC Fire Safe Council in recognition of their work for the community and in receiving the "Rookie of the Year" award from the San Diego County Fire Safe Council. Pictured from left are: Merle Langston, Diane Ahern, Tom Cartier, Jemma Samala, Lou Rodolico, Joe LaCava, and Bill Beck. Java with LaCava events are held monthly throughout the current District 1 locations. To provide your concerns, call 619.236.6611 or email Vicky Joes at [vcjoes@sandiego.gov](mailto:vcjoes@sandiego.gov).





## Garden Club Gathers in Langston's Backyard

On a beautiful sunny day in June, the regrown University City Garden Club gathered in the beautiful backyard of Merle and Mack Langston, shown above answering questions about their Asian inspired landscaping, a typical design to accompany their Mission-style home. The UC Garden Club's first planning meeting to bring the club back active, went from eight members at the May meeting at the UC library to almost 40 in attendance in June. Besides discussing the types of plants and many trees in the backyard, which provided a calming rustling sound when gentle breezes blew, Mack discussed his many varieties of Clivias. Although not currently in bloom, he showcased some colorful prints of the flowers.



The UC Garden Club is "a local community group of neighbors who gather to share their interest and knowledge in gardening, conservation, and landscape design through neighborhood gardens and group excursions. The UC Garden Club will develop philanthropic programs to help enhance the community through beautification projects and an interest in landscaping and gardening." Members do not have to be expert gardeners, but show an interest in the gardening lifestyle.

Future meeting/events are (subject to change):

July 16, 2:00pm – Debbie Betzenderfer: flowers, fruits and vegetables  
 August 20, 2:00pm – joint meeting with the UC Fire Safe Council at the home of Bill & Eleanor Beck, featuring Greg Rubin, author of *California Native Landscape*. He will be discussing native and fire-resistant landscapes and will be available to sign his books.  
 September (date/time TBD) – Pieter Dorrestein and his 100 fruit trees  
 October 8 at Oktoberfest – pumpkins and succulent plant design  
 November (date and time TBD) – Backyard Bounty Potluck  
 December 9 at Holiday Lighting – miniature tree decorating  
 To get more info, contact [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com). A Facebook group has been created: University City Garden Club.



## New Artwork in Town

### *Tribute to Paleteros* now on display in front of Standley Park

by Diane Ahern

Have you seen them at Standley Park? It's a temporary outdoor art gallery along Governor Drive. *Tribute to Paleteros* takes the form of various large-scale, sculptures designed to look like paletas (Mexican popsicles). As vehicles pass the sculptures at night, their headlights illuminate these roadside attractions. The drivers and passengers alike are the participants as their cars project lights that glow and animate the pieces.

Those walking by during the day experience a new art venue, a new museum, a new gallery where anyone passing by can become part of the experience. From this, the artist Robert Salas, hopes that community members will become unofficial docents of this new museum, sharing their enthusiasm for the work.

Meet the artist Roberto Salas on Saturday, July 16, from noon to 3 PM, during Park Social Exploration Day at Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive.

Park-goers throughout San Diego can explore art and parks during the free roving public Park Social Exploration Day. Meet many Park Social artists and experience pop-up events and installations in the following City parks: Balboa Park (Plaza de Panama), John P. Baca Park, Kate Sessions Park, Kellogg Park, Mira Mesa Community Park, North Park Community Park, Plumosa Park, Rolling Hills Park, San Ysidro Community Park, and Standley Park. More information about this collaboration between Arts & Culture and Parks & Recreation is available at [sandiego.gov/park-social](http://sandiego.gov/park-social)







Pictured above: Lou Rodolico, UC FSC President, Diane Ahern, past President, and Jemma Samala, founder and first President

## University City Fire Safe Council Receives "Rookie of the Year" Award

by Lou Rodolico, UC FSC President

The Fire Safe Council members in attendance at the June 10 San Diego County Fire Safe Council 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Luncheon were surprised to hear their name announced as the recipients of the "Rookie of the Year Award." The UC FSC also received Certificates of Recognition from: San Diego City Councilmembers Joe LaCava and Raul Campilo; San Diego County Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer, Nora Vargas, Jim Desmond, and Joel Anderson; State Assemblymembers Tasha Horvath, Randy Voepel, Marie Waldron, Brian Maienschein, and Christopher Ward; and State Senator Brian Jones.



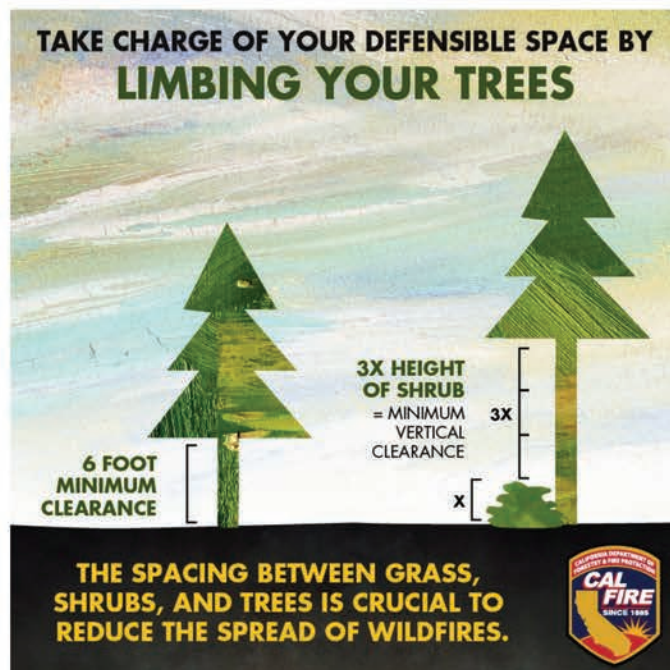
The UC FSC was officially approved and recognized on August 25, 2021. Formation of the UC FSC began in August 2019. At the luncheon, our UC FSC was also awarded a grant for \$4,750 from the San Diego Regional Foundation. Find out more about Fire Safety at: [firesafesdcounty.org](http://firesafesdcounty.org).

## City Urges San Diegans to Use Get It Done App to Report Homeless Encampments

**From the City of San Diego:** Changes are in process to San Diego's smartphone app Get It Done, including a feature that allow users to request Homeless Outreach services and report Encampments. Get It Done is for non-emergency reports only. For EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1. For other Police-related non-emergency issues, call 619.531.2000.

When using the Get it Done app to submit a service request for Homeless Outreach or to report an Encampment, the location device within the smartphone and submitted pictures create a map with a location and an image of the problem. The report is forwarded to Homeless Outreach Specialists, the Environmental Services Department, the Mobile Crisis Response Team, and/or the Neighborhood Policing Division as appropriate. Remember, Get it Done is for non-emergency reports only so please allow time for outreach and associated activities to occur.

If you are experiencing homelessness and in need of assistance, please dial 2-1-1 to be connected with an Outreach Specialist. For more information about the reporting and service request features of Get it Done, visit [sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://sandiego.gov/get-it-done).



## Low-Cost Ways to Create Defensible Space and Make Your Home More Resistant to Wildfires

adapted from CAL FIRE,  
the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat.

1. Regularly clean your roof, gutters, decks, and the base of walls to avoid the accumulation of fallen leaves, needles, and other flammable materials.
2. Ensure that all combustible materials are removed from underneath, on top of, or within five feet of a deck.
3. Remove vegetation or other combustible materials that are within five feet of windows and glass doors.
4. Replace wood mulch products within five feet of all structures with noncombustible products such as dirt, stone, or gravel.
5. Remove all dead or dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds, and pine needles within 30 feet of all structures or to the property line.
6. Be sure to store combustible outdoor furnishings away from your home when not in use.
7. Remember to properly store retractable awnings and umbrellas when not in use so they do not collect leaves and embers.
8. Limb trees by removing tree branches at least 6 feet from the ground. Allow extra vertical space between shrubs and trees. This helps to prevent a fire to move from the ground to the brush to the treetops like a ladder.

## UC FIRE SAFE COUNCIL AUGUST MEETING

On Saturday, August 20 at 2:00pm, the UC Fire Safe Council will have a joint meeting with the UC Garden Club at the home of Eleanor & Bill Beck. Greg Rubin will discuss fire resistant and native landscaping.

For info, contact [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).





## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED UCCA in 2022

### MAY-JUNE Memberships

#### INDIVIDUAL

Pauline Oen  
Tom Ruff  
Sue Rye  
Julius & Eugene Seman  
Greg Storrs  
Peter Stovin  
Jane Tracy  
Margaret Watkins

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Kira Lebowitz  
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Motoju Otake  
Charlie & Sandy Smith

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### SUMMARY OF UCCA JUNE 8, 2022 (via Zoom) by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair, reported: (1) The UCPG will next meet on June 14 at 6:00pm via zoom; (2) The City is making slurry seal repairs on roads in the La Jolla colony area which will create traffic problems in the area while the work is being done; (3) The UCPG will have a community outreach booth at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Standley Park; (4) UCPUS (Planning Update Subcommittee) met in person at UC High School on May 17. Pictures and diagrams were displayed and 4-5 City Staff were present to answer questions. He said the City was going forward with it update to land use in UC but was taking out the controversial part of "upzoning" residential neighborhoods in South UC. Barry Bernstein, UCCA past president announced the City has agreed to keep close to \$44 million in development funds from projects in South UC separate from other areas so it can go towards community projects in this area.

Barbara Gellman, of Neighborhood Watch, reported that the company with the "Ring" doorbells was offering discounts to UC residents starting June 1, 2022. NW will have an opportunity drawing at its booth on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The "Stop the Bleed" program (training on how to stop bleeding wounds until emergency services show up) will not be until sometime after July 12<sup>th</sup>. The program will be at Standley Park Gym.

Jemma Samala, UCCA Treasurer, submitted the April and May reports. A new format made the cash flow analysis better to project the budget in the future. There is some discrepancy on how the UCCA is registered with government agencies that will need to be cleared up.

Diane Ahern is seeking approval from the City to expand banners to Nobel Drive but cannot fund until after December 2022.

Merle Langston reported the Beautification Committee was getting electrical boxes decorated. She is also looking for a landscaper for a one-time cleanup of the medians in the area. The UC Garden Club was having its second meeting on June 18, 2:00pm at her house.

Bill Beck announced he was delivering around 30-35 Newsletters at the UTC Mall. He is looking into getting stands so the newsletters can be displayed at local grocery stores.

The next meeting will be held on July 13, 2022, via zoom at 6:00 pm.

**Do you appreciate the information you receive every month from this newsletter?**

**If you are already a member, thank you for your support.**

**If you are not, please consider sending in your membership form today, and support the UC community.**

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

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

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Please indicate if you do NOT want your name to be listed. \_\_\_ Do NOT list my name.

Please make your check payable to UCCA; mail to UCCA, 3298 Governor Drive, #22574, San Diego, CA 92122.

Payment is also accepted through PayPal on our website [www.universitycitynews.org](http://www.universitycitynews.org).

Your UCCA membership dues (and additional donation) make a big difference in our community. These funds help support many worthwhile organizations (i.e. public schools' fundraising, Standley Park, EdUCate!, Neighborhood Watch, ImproveUC/UCCF). Plus special projects and activities such as median beautification, painted utility boxes, street banners, 4th of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting, and our monthly newsletter delivered to your home and/or business. (\*UCCA membership dues are not tax deductible.)

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



## UC Planning Group Update – June 14

*by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair*

At its June 14 meeting, the UCPG considered the following items: a slurry seal project in La Jolla Colony, a presentation by the base commander of MCAS Miramar, Col. Bedell, and an action item on UCPG community outreach.

Everett Hauser from the city's Transportation Dept. presented information item on a slurry seal with lane restriping project for Palmilla Dr. and Charmant Dr. Restriping the street after the slurry seal will not reduce on-street parking but will bring the bike lanes on those streets into compliance with the 2013 Bike Master Plan. Bike lanes will have extra buffering by reducing a travel lane. A traffic study showed that the traffic is very low on these streets so no operational challenges are anticipated. There were additional questions concerning bike lanes on streets adjacent to Palmilla and Charmant. Decoro St. and Cargill Ave. have a single lane with parking and driveways but are principal bike routes on Nobel Dr. and Genesee Ave. to the Rose Canyon bike path and are considered dangerous by those who use it.

Col. Thomas Bedell took command of MCAS Miramar in July 2021. He attended the UCPG meeting to introduce himself and give a strategic overview of his vision for Miramar. The priority for his three-year appointment is based on the modernization program "Force Design 2030" and is anchored on modernization of the force/equipment and taking a fresh look at talent and management. He is examining commercial best practices for how to identify and retain talent and assign people throughout the organization. He described multiple environmental initiatives, including the ongoing microgrid electrical system development. A key concern for the community is the interaction between the Miramar Fire Department and state, county, and city fire departments. He stated that they are completely integrated. Community members commented on the flight path deviations and noise issues; he pledged to make progress on these issues.

Roger Cavanaugh led a discussion of the methods the UCPG could use to improve its community outreach. We began by approving a booth at the UC Celebration on the Fourth of July for the UCPG and University Plan Update Subcommittee. Both groups will have members in attendance at our booth; we hope to see everyone there! Other outreach suggestions consist of contacting HOAs, business organizations, and the establishment a membership subcommittee chaired by Anu Delouri. Outreach needs to specifically focus on attracting renters to the UCPG. The booth and outreach proposals were approved unanimously.

Next month's UCPG meeting will be by Zoom on July 12, starting at 6PM.

## Help Save UC Thanks Community Residents for Speaking Out

*by Bonnie Kutch and Help Save UC*

It was inspiring to see more than 100 residents participate in the June 21<sup>st</sup> University Community Plan Update virtual meeting and to hear their many well-stated comments spoken aloud and written in the Chat. Let's keep up the outstanding community involvement!

Although the proposal to rezone single-family housing has been withdrawn by the City, the present concerns are the proposed mixed-use zoning plans for the Sprouts and Vons shopping centers, as well as the proposed high-density development in north UC that could generate enormous traffic congestion. City planning officials have indicated they could not guarantee that the new mixed-use projects would retain major grocery stores and other vital retail stores, restaurants and services that are so highly valued by our community.

We urge you to write or call City representatives and request that any proposed development plans: 1) be an iterative process; 2) limit the number of new housing units to actual population growth projections; 3) include additional parks and recreational facilities; 4) mandate self-contained parking at all mixed-use locations; 5) provide major grocery and other retail stores and services; 6) place two-story height restrictions; and 7) include a study of the impacts on traffic flow along Governor Drive.

We invite you to come by our Help Save UC booth during the Fourth of July celebration at Standley Park to learn more about how you can help shape the future growth and development of our treasured community here in south UC. Thank you for voicing your opinions!

## Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS) Meeting Recap – June 21

*by Katie Rodolico, UCCA Rep for the CPUS*

Agenda and supporting documents for this meeting, and previous meetings can be found at: [www.planuniversity.org/](http://www.planuniversity.org/). The meeting was held via ZOOM. The agenda can be found at [www.planuniversity.org/meetings](http://www.planuniversity.org/meetings)

### Public Comment:

**Linda Beresford** asked about the schedule of this process and the metrics and data the planning department uses to determine how many zoned units will be built, GHG analysis, and for protections of grocery stores, and adequate parking at the shopping centers.

**Diane Ahern** mentioned the UC Celebration and asked for news items for the UCCA newsletter

**Suzu Shamsky** has made several public records requests. To date documents from the planning department and the mayor's office have not been provided

**David Broide** mentioned UCSD has pledged to provide 100% of student housing. He also asked if technical questions that are asked at meetings or via email be posted on a website with answers.

**Joann Sellick** stated that we need to discuss land use again.

**Jennifer Dunaway** asked if the city had any response to the issues raised at the last meeting. Asked where the housing units data came from. Wondered why other areas weren't being forced through a plan update to increase density.

**Jemma Samala** gave details about the July 4th UC Celebration.

**Debby Knight** stated the city promised a collaborative process, but instead was issuing a plan by fiat from the city.

**Tom Mullaney** encouraged attendance of the infrastructure meeting on 6/22 where former DIF funds would be discussed

**Bonnie Kutch** wants the city to get more input from residents about the shopping centers and concerns about parking.

**Jennifer Martin Roth** also expressed concern about proposed shopping center proposals

**Rebecca Robinson Wood** spoke of the parks in the area.

**Pablo Lanatta** spoke of the need for sustainable growth.

**Garret Ashman** wants to stop discussion of increased density till metrics are provided.

**Barry Bernstein** spoke the art installation at Standley Park, the new traffic light at Lakewood, and the snow in July at the UC Celebration

### Agenda Items:

**Nancy Graham** defined FAR (Floor Area Ratio) and introduced the concept of FAR bonuses (increased density) as an incentive to builders if they provide infrastructure or other community benefits. She used examples from the Downtown Plan.

Several community members expressed concern that the discussion of incentives for more density than the baseline was not appropriate until the baseline density was determined. Nancy Graham stated that she might roll back density from the proposed land use map (dated 5/12/22 on the website) to allow for increases if developers sign on to the incentives.

The zoom meeting then was broken into smaller breakout groups of 7-8 people for discussion of community benefits that might be useful in UC. Each group then reported back to the entire meeting.

The next meeting is tentatively on July 19, 2022. Location and format (in person, hybrid, zoom) to be determined. August will not have a CPU meeting, instead there will be a Planning Commission workshop meeting on Thursday August 18. The Agenda will be posted three (3) days in advance at [www.sandiego.gov/planning-commission/documents/agenda](http://www.sandiego.gov/planning-commission/documents/agenda). To register for notifications on CPU meetings go to [www.planuniversity.org/contact](http://www.planuniversity.org/contact).



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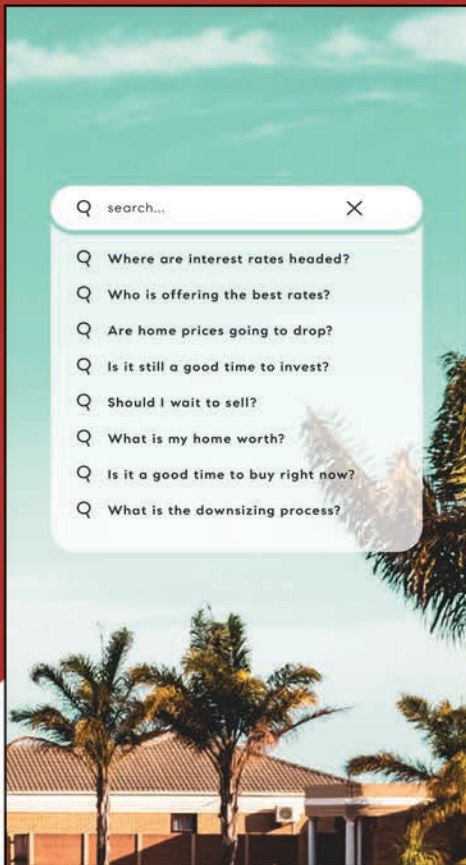
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