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# NEWS

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## Community Thanks Volunteers at Summer Concert

The University City Community Association's (UCCA) Volunteer Recognition Event was held on Sunday, August 28 at Standley Park during the last Summer Concert, which featured local band The Distractions, led by UC's Greg Zinser and guest vocals from Bobbi Cawdry. During the intermission, UCCA President Diane Ahern recognized all of the newsletter delivery volunteers, Neighborhood Watch captains/co-captains, and UCCA board and committee volunteers for all of their appreciated voluntary service to our community (see photo above).

Special recognition was given to: Greg Zinser and Tom Ventimiglia for their long-time commitment to UC and for composing the *More than Just a Neighborhood* tune; Chris Nielsen as Chair of the University Community Planning Group (UCPG); Andy Weise as Chair of UCPG's Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS); Katie Rodolico as UCCA's representative to the CPUS; Greg Hom for volunteering to take photos at so many community events; and John Schindel, Andy Freeburn, and Greg Pardue who manage the Summer Concerts. UCCA is always looking for new volunteers, contact [universitycitynews@gmail.com](mailto:universitycitynews@gmail.com) if you would like to be a UC community volunteer. And remember to thank your community volunteers for helping University City be more than just a neighborhood!



## SUMMER IN UNIVERSITY CITY

The summer brought out the many residents of University City to enjoy the summer activities, including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July UC Celebration, Banana Split Day and the many Summer Concerts, including the kickoff at the UC Celebration featuring the 3-Car Garage Band. The see more photos, go to pages 10 and 11.



Photos courtesy Greg Hom.



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### Deadline for the OCTOBER 2022 issue: SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the October issue is September 15, 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 JULY 13, 2022 (via Zoom)

by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

President's Remarks: **Diane Ahern** announced: (1) The National Night Out to meet with police representatives is 8/2/22; (2) The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Standley Park Banana Split Social sponsored by the Heimbürger Family will be held on Aug. 6 at 3:00 pm; (3) Volunteer Appreciation Day is on Aug. 28, at the Standley Park Summer Concert 5:00 pm.

**Officer Anderson Brown of SDPD** reported that property crimes and theft are down 33%, auto thefts are down 29% and vandalism is up 50% in the past 30 days. For the past year, property crimes and theft are up 4%, auto theft is up 1.2% and vandalism is down 5%. To prevent crimes, Officer Brown said to not leave valuables in cars, secure doors, including garages and be vigilant and aware of your surroundings. If assaulted, or another emergency, one should call 911. Otherwise, reporting on Get it Done will advise police and show a need for more officers. Trolley security, using MTS and SDPD as a backup is necessary to control illegal activity. SDPD can transport people to facilities if those people are a danger to themselves and others.

### LEGISLATIVE AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

**Spencer Katz, aide to Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer** reported the Board of Supervisors: passed a \$7.35 billion annual budget starting July 1<sup>st</sup>; (2) is advancing gun safety laws and declared fentanyl use is a public crisis; (3) authorized the County Counsel to enforce justice by joining specific lawsuits regarding gun use and holding "Big Pharma" responsible for drug epidemics; (4) In response to a question, he said the County was not spending any of its money for the Tijuana River Valley project but was utilizing up to \$300 million in federal money to help control storm water and sewage runoff and more accurate testing.

**Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to City Councilmember Joe LaCava**, reported she was leaving to go back to school and Kathleen Ferrier would be working on Community Plan Update issues. The stop light at Lakeview and Governor is expected to be completed the end of July. In response to a question, she said the developer for the Gullstrand project was still getting permits and the issue of maintaining the golf course was still not resolved. Mounds of dirt are still covered by tarps.

**Chris Nielsen, Chair of the UCPG**, reported: (1) 40 new members signed up at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. (2) The meeting in August will be via zoom. (3) There was no new information on the Costa Verde redevelopment project. (4) The DISH wireless project on top of the UTC apartment building known as the Palisades was postponed for a month. (5) Phase 1 of the Los Penasquitos Lagoon Restoration project is expected to start in 2024 commencing to restore the lagoon to conditions in 1973. (6) A Conditional Use Permit for a market across from the UC San Diego east campus Mesa Nueva housing was recommended.

**Andy Weise, chair of the CPUS**, reported the meeting with Nancy Graham from the City, to go over the numbers to justify land use density scenarios, was cancelled. The meeting with the City Planning Dept. was continued to September. The City's schedule to change the Community Plan was not and the CPUS and UCPG need to push the City to hold meeting and revise the City's proposed. The next meeting is Sept. 20.

**Helen Liebowitz, President of the "Friends of the Library"** reported that the library on Governor Dr. received \$1.9 million from the state to initiate plans for a library expansion. They are book donations for the next book sale in November. The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Library is on the third Wednesday of the month from 4:00-5:00 pm, at the UC Governor library.

**Michelle Ruiz, the manager of the North UC Library**, reported their budget for the next year was approved. A program called "Appy Hour" is underway where staff will show people who bring their own internet devices how to access E-Books. Dates are 7/23, 8-20, and 9-17. Call the Library regarding times. Friends of the Library for the North UC library meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

**Cole Reed, aide to St. Senator Toni Atkins**, reported (through Diane Ahern) the following money was approved: (1) \$1.9 million for starting redevelopment of the library on Governor Dr.; (2) \$24.0 million for park improvements; (3) \$10 million for park maintenance; (4) \$300 million to study and design moving the railroad tracks in Del Mar.

**Diane Ahern, President of the UCCA**, reported she met with the CPA to install better practices of making sure all accounting reports and tax returns are timely prepared and filed. A special meeting of the Board will be on July 23 at 9:30am located at the North UC library.





## UCCA President Diane Ahern

Hello University City, we're back! UCCA took a break in August and now we're back stronger than ever with both a print newsletter (thanks so much for reading) and our community association meeting on September 14 (we look forward to seeing you).

Longtime UCCA volunteer Hallie Burch has decided to step down from her role as membership chair. We wish her a fond farewell and look forward to seeing her around the community. Her leaving means we have an

opening on our board for a membership chair. If you're interested, please contact me at [UniversityCityNews@gmail.com](mailto:UniversityCityNews@gmail.com).

What a fun Summer 2022 has been. The UC Celebration, the Summer Concerts, National Night Out, Volunteer Appreciation Night, and the Banana Split Ice Cream Social are just a few of the many family-friendly events. You'll find many pictures and happy memories throughout this issue.

September begins with the big Labor Day holiday early in the month. We all look forward to school activities, community events, and special days that will fill our calendars this month. You'll find many highlighted in this issue as well.

I urge everyone to attend the Planning Group meeting on Tuesday, September 13; the Community Association meeting on Wednesday, September 14; and the Community Plan Update meeting on Tuesday, September 20.

On Wednesday, September 21, 2022 (9-21-22), the University City Post Office will commemorate a once-a-century alignment of the date on the calendar – 9-21-22 — with its ZIP Code — 92122.

The MCAS Miramar Air Show returns after a two-year COVID-related hiatus with practice day on Thursday, September 22, and air show, tech expo, and ground displays on post on September 23-25.

To close out the month, the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday, September 25 and ends in the evening of Tuesday, September 27.

As we look forward to October and November, please keep in mind that every active registered voter will automatically receive a ballot in the mail for the Statewide General Election beginning October 8. You can check your registration status today at [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com).

In this September 2022 issue of University City News, you'll find news and features you won't find anywhere else. You'll find even more, including agendas for many community meetings, on our website at [UniversityCityNews.org](http://UniversityCityNews.org). Thank you for reading. Have a great September; I hope to see you at many of our community events and meetings this month.

*Diane*

*PS: UCCA will hold a public meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:00pm. Please join us.*

## VIRTUAL UCCA MEETING

**Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 – 7:30pm**

**Zoom.us – meeting ID: 830 8722 6977**

**Password: 664068**

**Join at: [us02web.zoom.us/j/83087226977](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83087226977)**

**Dial in at: +1 669 900 6833**

*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

## LABOR DAY

Monday, September 5

## UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL

Thursday, September 8, 7:00pm

Standley Park Rec Center

## PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, September 11

7:15-7:30am – meet & greet

7:30-9:00am – work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks  
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

## UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, September 13

6:00 – 7:30pm

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

## UCCA MEETING

**Wednesday, September 14, 6:00pm**

**Zoom.us meeting**

**ID# 830 8722 6977**

**Password: 895214**

## FIRST DAY OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Thursday, September 15

## COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

### SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 20

Starts 6:00pm until...

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

## STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, September 22, 7:00pm

Contact Rec Center for meeting info:  
858.552.1652

## ROSH HASHANAH

Sundown, Sunday, September 25 to

Sundown, Tuesday, September 27

## MCAS MIRAMAR AIR SHOW

September 23 - 25

## 9-21-22 DAY

Wednesday, September 21

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## SAVE THE DATE:

**OKTOBERFEST by EDUCATE**

**at STANDLEY PARK**

**Saturday, October 8, 2:00-6:00pm**





## Neighborhood Watch Notes

by Barbara Gellman, NW Chair

### Words of Appreciation

The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Standley Park was a picture of teamwork for all involved, including our Neighborhood Watch and Socks For Safety booth. It was a well-oiled machine with the help of Nancy Powell, Toby Giesting, Lawrence Banks, Annette Lau, Amy Okamura, Suzanne & John Ohlfest, John & Jan Hargrove and Marci Krown, who was an expert with the canopy and sock stock arranging. They all were experts in the art of persuasive talking.

As a fundraiser, I'm happy to report that 80 pairs of socks are now on happy feet and two residents of University City won the opportunity drawing for a Ring doorbell.

Another wonderful outcome, is that we were able to connect people with their Neighborhood Watch Street Captains and sign on two new ones.

Keep in mind, knowing your neighbors and how to report suspicious activity or crimes in progress is primary to our safety and it is easier when you have a street captain for guidance. If you don't know who yours is, let's talk, please contact me at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com), and be part of the solution.

### Trash Collection Regulations

1. To ensure collection, all containers must be placed at designated point of collection by 6:00am on your scheduled collection day.
2. Set the authorized container on the street or alley, wheels against the curb and with the handle facing your home.
3. Container should be 3 feet from other containers, parked cars, lamp posts, trees, mailbox posts and any other obstructions so the collection truck can access your container.
4. All containers must be removed from your designated point of collection by 6:00pm on your scheduled collection day. Failure to remove containers is a violation of City of San Diego Municipal Code Section 66.0105.
5. Suggest placing behind a gate/fence or garage, remove from view as much as possible.



### Sock Alert

Be the first to purchase new styles, crazy cute and cool. Donations provide more safety programs and projects such as curb painting that will assist first responders in finding your home more quickly, replace faded and cracked Neighborhood Watch signs, purchase Ring doorbell items for give a-ways, Stop The Bleed training, what to do before first responders arrive on the scene.

So, what are you waiting for. Send me an email at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com) for the latest sock flyer, then place your order. (We will be at Octoberfest, Oct. 8 but no need to wait).



### Introducing Officer Anderson Brown

Northern Division has been blessed with many competent police officers and now we have added another; Officer Anderson Brown. Officer Melanie Bognuda, who was our Community Relations Officer for many years, was promoted to Acting Detective of Vice Operations and we congratulate her.

We welcome Officer Brown, a leader with the right skills for the job. Besides his communications skills, compassion and sympathy, he was a Marine for four years plus having experience in the private sector in several high stress situations. His last position, for 6 years, was as a coach and athletic director at The School For Entrepreneurship and Technology, working with youth and administrators, a balancing act at times.

Watching him in action, you see a man who listens, processes and speaks comfortably about important issues. He brings integrity to the position with humor thrown in the mix. When asked what do you want from our community? he answered; "be more vigilant and observant, report, report, report your crime, it is important if you expect the police to know what is happening. The other issue is if you call the police to report and they call you back, it will be on a blocked number so please answer it." Contact Officer Brown: [anbrown@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:anbrown@pd.sandiego.gov).



## STOP THE BLEED TRAINING CLASS

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### Free Bleeding Control Basics Class

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### Standley Park Recreation Center

3585 Governor Drive  
San Diego, Ca 92122

Thursday  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2022

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Presentation and Hands-on Training

Age 16 and up welcome

Masks will be required

### Questions?

Please email  
[colburn-hargis.paige@scrippshealth.org](mailto:colburn-hargis.paige@scrippshealth.org)



## Tips to Keep Seniors Safe from Scams

by District Attorney Summer Stephan

Every year in San Diego County, senior citizens are scammed out of millions of dollars by bad actors who prey on vulnerability and the trusting nature of our elders. No one is immune. The victims are retired military, former educators, healthcare professionals, and even retired members of law enforcement. They are our parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends.

The most common scam targeting elder San Diegans is the grandparent scam, which convinces elders their grandchildren are in peril in some foreign jail and need bail money. Shame often prevents a senior citizen from reporting they have been a victim and we want to stop that mindset in its tracks.

**Don't Answer Unknown Calls.** Scammers use fake phone numbers to make it appear as if the call is local. If you don't know the phone number calling, don't answer. If the call is important, they will leave a voicemail and you can return the call if you determine it is safe.

**Government agencies or utility companies do not call with threats of fines or jail.** If you receive a call demanding payment from someone claiming to be from Social Security, law enforcement, the court or the utility company, hang up. This is a common scam in which fraudsters will try to convince you to pay or risk fines or jail time.

**Gift cards are for giving, not making payments.** Never purchase gift cards at the direction of someone you don't know. Scammers obtain money from elderly victims by asking them to purchase gift cards through iTunes, Amazon, Google or from large retail stores.

**Choose a caregiver with caution.** Never assume that a caregiver has been through a criminal background check even if hired through a reputable agency. Ask the agency directly or request that your caregiver submit to a background check.

**Protect mail and use a shredder.** Never allow incoming or outgoing mail to sit in an unsecured mailbox where the public has access. Shred discarded mail or financial statements containing identifying information.

**News that you won a foreign lottery or sweepstakes is a scam.** Don't be fooled by a caller or email saying you have won a foreign lottery or sweepstakes, but that to claim the money you need to pay taxes up front. These are scams.

**Don't give in to hard-tactic sales pressures for a loan.** If you are offered services, repairs or a solar system by a drop-in salesperson, do not sign paperwork the same day. Ask for a copy and take time to review it, first. Door-to-door salespeople may not disclose the associated costs or consequences of signing up for their services, products or loans. A reputable business will happily give you time to make a decision without pressure.

**Don't send money to a love interest you have not met in person.** Romance scams are prolific and result in significant financial loss. It's common for elderly victims to meet romantic interests online based on phony photos. Eventually the phony love interest will ask for money and describe an emergency situation. If you meet someone online, arrange a safe, public place to meet before becoming too invested in the relationship. Also, never send money.

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. If you have been the victim of elder abuse, report it to Adult Protective Services: (800) 339-4661.



Radcliffe Drive residents attend National Night Out event. Photo courtesy Liz Linder, Neighborhood Watch Captain.

## National Night Out in UC

by Barbara Gellman, NW Chair

Twelve street captains welcomed their neighbors and police officers in celebration of National Night Out. Conversations were constant as residents gathered outside to reconnect, it was like a light turned on and everyone jumped in. It is a night, nationally, that we stand up against crime, discuss prevention and show support for our neighbors and continue a strong partnership with our police. As you can see and feel, from some of the photos, the wonderful sense of enjoyment that this night provided and will continue.



30-35 neighbors turned up at the Angell Avenue NNO event, including Officer Brown and Lt. Daniel Brinkerhoff. Photo courtesy Annette Lau, NW Captain.



The Quidde/Bloch NNO drew out about 25 neighbors and lots of food! Photo courtesy Suzanne & John Ohlfest, NW Captains.



**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 Welcomes New Branch Manager Kelly Verheyden



Longtime North Library Branch Manager Michelle Ruiz has accepted a new role as the Sciences Manager Central Library at Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common. As we wish her a fond farewell and thank her for her dedication to excellence in University City, we also welcome incoming Branch Manager

Kelly Verheyden to the University City community.

Kelly has been a librarian for 20 years, first in Wisconsin and now in San Diego. She started her career as a Children's Librarian and later moved into library management. She relocated with her family to San Diego five years ago and was previously the manager of the Denny Sanford Children's Library at the Central Library. She enjoys reading Advanced Reader copies of upcoming mysteries and thrillers. The next time you're at the North Library, stop by to welcome her personally.

### September events at North University Community Library: Ongoing Programs:

- Tiny Tots Storytime with Miss Kim - Tuesday September 6th and 20th at 6:30pm
- Baby Sign Storytime with Miss Jennifer - Thursdays at 10:00am
- Toddler Storytime with Miss Johanna - Wednesdays at 10:00am (No story time September 28th)
- **Book Clubs:**
- Fiction Fanatics Book Club -Saturday, September 10th at 10:00am. Title to be discussed: *Us Against You* by Fredrik Backman
- Page Turners Book Club- Saturday, September 24 th at 1:00pm. Title to be discussed: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

### Special Events:

- Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind - Saturday, September 10th at 1:00pm. "We are celebrating our 15-year anniversary with a concert from one of our favorite performers, Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind. Go on a musical journey with lush harmonies, mystical melodies, and global rhythms."
- Mad Science of San Diego Presents Fire & Ice - Saturday, September 17th at 10:30am. Discover how hot and cold science can be as you take a journey through the world of Fire & Ice! Experience crazy chemical reactions explore the states of matter and watch in amazement as we demonstrate the extraordinary and chilly properties of dry ice! Appropriate for grades K-6th.

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

### UC Library (Governor Drive)

#### Ongoing Programs Weekly:

1. Wednesdays at 10:30am: Toddler Storytime and Craft--Join us for stories, songs, and crafts.
2. Wednesdays at 12:30pm: STEAM Box--Get together with your friends after school and have fun with a big box of different STEAM projects and games.
3. Thursdays at 4:00pm: Chess Club--Like playing chess? Want to learn? Practice? Have fun with others playing chess. Starts September 29 and ends November 17.
4. Thursdays at 9:30am: Qi Gong--Gentle exercising suitable for anyone. Come and relieve stress and energize the body.

#### Ongoing Programs Monthly:

5. Fourth 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!  
September--*A Time for Mercy* / John Grisham  
October--*The Personal Librarian* / Marie Benedict  
November--*The Nature of Fragile Things* / Susan Meissner
6. Second Saturdays at 10:30am: Dance Pants--Dance and wiggle to fun music until you are worn out--Parents/grandparents are invited to join, too.
7. Second Mondays at 6:30pm: Pajama Storytime--Listen to Mr. Larry read fun stories before heading to bed.
8. First Tuesdays at 2:30pm: Children's Craft Time--Teaches little ones to think creatively! Join us in our community room to make a new craft every month.

### San Diego OASIS In-Person:

9. Friday, September 9 at 10:30am--Degenerate Art (Julia Fister, MFA, Studio ACE Executive Director)
10. Tuesday, September 27 at 12:30pm--Women in Aztec Society (Maria Butler, MA Lecturer Emerita San Diego State University)



### Looking for a Healthy Adventure?

Healthy Adventures Foundation (HAF) 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 HAF, whose mission is to create a culture of wellness while seeking a balance of healthy behaviors.

- September 20--Essential Oils--Learn how to use essential oils to make a variety of things: skin care, insect repellent, relaxation, DIY cleaning products, and more.
- September 23--Ancient Grains in a Jar--Each participant will get a mason jar and will be making a dish similar to a grain bowl but instead in a jar to take with them. Recipes will focus on entrees that are great on the go.

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





## What's Behind the Blue Curtain at Spreckels?

by John Lee Evans

Spreckels Elementary is undergoing a complete renovation and expansion. The school has long had windowless classrooms and incomplete partitions between classrooms. The new version will add beautiful windows, separated classrooms and collaborative spaces. At the rear of the campus will be a new two-story classroom building.

The current rough playground will be replaced with a grass field surrounded by a track. This field will be joint use between the school and the park. On non-school hours it will be open to the public and will expand the green space of the park. Additionally, the front school parking lot will be expanded by moving playground equipment to another part of the campus. This will allow for a safer off-street drop off area for the students and will provide additional parking for the park on weekends.

The staff and students will continue to work and study on the campus as the construction moves around them. This construction project will create a facility that our students deserve and it will greatly enhance the community public space around Standley Park. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

## Doyle ES Looking for Reading Tutors

by Carol Parham

Want to make a difference in the life of a child in University City? Doyle Elementary is looking for reading tutors to work one-on-one with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who have been identified by their teachers as needing help. Once you are trained, tutoring time is about an hour and a half each day. You may choose to tutor one, two or three days a week from the same group of students. Days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings during the school day.

This program was started in 1995 and is a part of many county schools. It is provided and administrated through the County Board of Education and is called Everyone a Reader (EAR). For the safety of the students, there is a basic background check (no fingerprints) and a clear TB test is required. For Doyle School info, please contact [cjparham@gmail.com](mailto:cjparham@gmail.com).



## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual EdUCate! Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 8  
2:00-6:00pm

Standley Park  
3585 Governor Drive

by Kendra Cole

We are pleased to announce EdUCate!'s 13 Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 8, 2:00-6:00pm at Standley Park. Come enjoy our University City community and support our 5 UC public schools.

We are featuring our beer & wine garden, rock wall, carnival games, vendor booths, car show, kids' challenges, photo booth and raffle. The Principal's Challenge returns this year with UCHS Principal Mike Paredes defending his 2021 crown.

Entertainment includes the Standley Middle School Marching Band, San Diego Accordion Club, Joni & the Jeanies, and our favorite DJ Rick. Food available for purchase includes hot dogs, brats, gourmet nachos, kettle corn and shaved ice.

A donation of \$180 (Dollar-a-Day) gets 2 (two) VIP wristbands for unlimited beer/wine/soda. There is a free trolley traveling the length of Governor Drive from 1:30-6:30pm sponsored by Coldwell Banker UC agents.

Now accepting donations, sponsorship opportunities, and vendor booth sign-ups at [uceducate.org/events/Oktoberfest/](http://uceducate.org/events/Oktoberfest/) or buy your tickets onsite.



## Neighborhood Kids Lemonade Stand Raises Funds for SD Food Bank

by Mark Salata

The UC Summer Virtues Camp, sponsored by the UC Baha'i community, took place August 4-6, with 12 kids ranging in age from 4 to 17, and was filled with much fun and community service.

We would like to thank the UC community for stopping by our lemonade stand, helping us raise \$450 for the San Diego Food Bank. This provides 900 meals for those in need. For more. Info, contact Mark Salata at [marksalata@me.com](mailto:marksalata@me.com).



## COMMUNITY SHORTS



## LITTLE FREE VEGAN PANTRY

Drive south on Radcliffe Drive and you'll find UC's first Little Free Vegan Pantry put up by Tama Becker-Varano. Much like our many neighborhood Little Free Libraries, you are welcome to take what you need, and leave what you can offer. The Pantry was inspired by and in memory of Tommy Raskin, vegan and author of the book *Unthinkable*. The Pantry is open to everyone.

## UCUC BLOOD DRIVE

The next Blood Drive organized by the University City United Church is on Saturday, September 10 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). The next Blood Drive is November 5.

## FRONT PORCH PANDEMIC JAZZ JAM

Continuing into November, the Front Porch Pandemic Jazz Band plays every Thursday from 4:00 to 6:30pm, at the 5600 block of Bloch St. 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. The band is a finalist in three categories San Diego Reader's Best Of Poll: Best Local Band, Best Cover Band, and Best Neighborhood Event. Vote at [vote.sandiegobestof.com](http://vote.sandiegobestof.com).

**MIRAMAR AIR SHOW – SEPTEMBER 23-25**

The theme of this year's Air Show is "Marines: Fight, Evolve, Win." and is a direct reflection of the Commandant of the Marine Corps Force Design 2030 program and the technical innovations the service is undertaking to remain the 21st century's force in readiness.

Aircraft aerial practice day is Thursday, September 22. The Air Show, September 23 to 25, will feature the USAF C-17 West Coast Demo Team, USA Golden Knights, USN Leap Frogs, USMC F-35B Aerobatic Demo, MAGTF (Marine Air Ground Task Force), USAF F-22 Raptor Demo w/P-51D Heritage Flight, USN Blue Angels with Fat Albert, a 5G Technology Expo, many ground displays and exhibitors, and much more.

The Air Show is free to the public and upgraded seating options are available. For performance schedules, ticket information, COVID-19 protocols, business and vendor opportunities, and more, please visit the Miramar Air Show website at [miramarairshow.com](http://miramarairshow.com).

## Recreationally Speaking

by Diane Ahern

At the August meeting of the Standley Community Recreation Group (CRG) at Standley Park, community resident and avid swimmer JoAnn Padgett expressed concern that the new Standley Aquatic Center has limited hours for use by community members. She and others would like the new joint-use pool to be open to community use more frequently. Lack of parking is also an issue during school events.

Standley Aquatic Center manager Saunia Kammerer agreed that hours have been limited due to SDUSD school functions, reduced staffing, and closures at other pools which impacted use at both Swanson and Standley. The later school start time also impacts the Standley Aquatic Center. Kammerer announced that a new schedule will go into effect in September with more community hours available. For current scheduling at the Standley Aquatic Center, visit the City website at: [sandiego.gov/pools/standley-aquatic-center](http://sandiego.gov/pools/standley-aquatic-center).

In pickleball news, Area Manager Jay Villanueva announced that the tennis courts and basketball courts behind Standley Middle School on Radcliffe would be designated as a joint use facility. Some of the courts will be painted with pickleball lines so that community members can share with space with basketball and tennis players.

The next meeting of the Standley Recreation Group is Thursday, September 22, at 7:00pm. Groups, clubs and leagues using the parks are encouraged to send a representative to the meetings. Meetings are open to the public and any adult who is interested in making an impact or has concerns about University City neighborhood parks and the recreation center should attend the meetings.

## Golden Triangle Toastmasters Celebrates Its 30th Anniversary

by Vince Reardon

I remember the first time I gave a speech in public. It was at a gathering of about 125 people at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. Basically, I read my speech to the audience, looking up and smiling at them from time to time. I wasn't fooled by my pathetic performance. I knew what I was doing wasn't public speaking. But I didn't know any better. It was the best I could do. Still, I vowed I would never do that again. The next day I joined Toastmasters International. I am so glad I did. Within a couple of months I experienced life-changing improvements.

First, I began to feel competent speaking in front of a group of people, my Toastmasters' club. Secondly, I began to grow professionally in my career as I took these new skills into my job. Finally, I began to grow into a more confident, optimistic person as I received praise for my public speaking abilities. For the past eight years I've been a member of Golden Triangle Toastmasters, which celebrates its 30th anniversary on September 2. We meet online every Wednesday, except on holidays, from 5:30-6:45 pm.

Over the past three decades Golden Triangle Toastmasters has taught thousands of members the skills of public speaking and leadership. And I'm certain that in the next 30 years it will teach thousands more. If you wish to learn or improve your speaking and leadership skills, come to our next meeting and discover a new you. Contact: [vfreardon@gmail.com](mailto:vfreardon@gmail.com).





## It's Football Season

by Paula Obrigewitch

Did you know that the UC High School varsity football team made it to the CIF championship game last season for the first time in 40 years under our award winning head coach, Paul Lawrence? The team is hoping to make it there again this season and bring home the first ever championship for the football program.

Please come out and support the team and UCHS. All proceeds from the ticket sales go back to the school, and snack bar sales go back to the team! Here is the season schedule for home varsity games:

9/16 vs. Yucaipa  
9/23 vs. Bishop  
9/30 vs. Mission Bay  
10/15 (yes, Saturday!) vs. Point Loma  
10/28 vs. Patrick Henry

You can find the JV and Freshman team schedules on the UCHS website, [www.uchs.sandiegounified.org](http://www.uchs.sandiegounified.org). Hope to see you in the stands cheering on our Centurions! If you can't make it to a game but still would like to support the team, we welcome any monetary donations or you can place an advertisement in the football program that will be made available to over 2000 fans during the season. If interested, contact Rosie Barrie: [rosie.barrie@gmail.com](mailto:rosie.barrie@gmail.com). Thanks for your support! UC, U-Know!

## Living the Summer Baseball Dream



by Dusty Reisch

UC's own Wyatt Lo is living the summer dream! Wyatt, pictured center, along with his Tecolote 11U baseball team crushed team after team to earn passage to the Pony World Series in

Virginia and they WON! Not only did his team bring home the highest sought after banner of the summer Wyatt also won the homerun derby battling against two sluggers from Mexico. Congratulations Wyatt! Keeping the dream alive!

## 2022 – UCCA Celebrate 20 Years

### Date Meets ZIP at the 92122 University City Post Office

On Wednesday, September 21, 2022, the University City Post Office at 3298 Governor Drive will celebrate a once-a-century alignment of the date on the calendar - 9.21.22 - with its ZIP Code - 92122. The alignment of calendar dates with ZIP Codes occurs only once a century and in relatively few locations nationwide.

University City residents are invited to visit the University City 92122 US Post Office on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, to enjoy refreshments, obtain the commemorative "92122 Date Meets ZIP" postmark and to purchase the special keepsake envelopes, which will be available while supplies last. Residents and businesses may also bring their own postcards and letters to have stamps cancelled with the "92122 Date Meets ZIP" postmark to remember this special, once-in-a-lifetime occasion.

ZIP Code fun facts: The general system of ZIP Codes used today was implemented in 1963 by the US Postal Service. ZIP is an acronym for Zone Improvement Plan. The US Postal Service chose the acronym to indicate that mail travels more quickly when senders mark the ZIP Code on their packages and envelopes.

## STANDLEY PARK 9-21-22 CELEBRATION

A date to remember this September...9-21-22! Come celebrate our community on this once-in-a-lifetime date which matches the University City Zip Code! The Valerie Upham Team will be providing after-school treats for students at the end of Wednesday early-dismissal. After work, head over to Standley Park for live music from the Steal Dawn band from 6pm to 8:30pm! 92122 T-shirts will also be available for purchase as a fundraiser to support EdUCate! We hope to see you there! Thank you all for being our wonderful neighbors. Please remember to support local businesses on this special day. We are so grateful to call University City our home! For more information, contact Valerie Upham at 858.761.7890 or [valerie.upham@compass.com](mailto:valerie.upham@compass.com)



## GARDEN CLUB ENJOYS BACKYARD TOUR

The UC Garden Club gathered in Debbie Betzenderfer's (pictured in center of photo) backyard and gave a tour of her flower, fruit and vegetable garden, as she shared how she developed her love of gardening through her father and grandmother. The trellises were built by her husband Richard. Debbie also gave guests fresh cut flowers and lemons. It was a lovely day in a beautiful garden.

The next UC Garden Club gatherings include a September 3 evening tour of Pieter Dorrestein's home of 100+ fruit trees and bushes, and a October 23 gathering at Will Hutchinson's home where he will share his knowledge on worm composting. To get more details, contact [jemasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemasamala@gmail.com).





## 40 Years of UC's Banana Split Day

Thanks again to the Heimburger Family, John and Karsten Heimburger pictured above, for donating the ice cream for University City's Banana Split Day. For 40 years their generosity has provided UC with a popular annual tradition. Thank you Heimburger Family and the many volunteers and Standley Park staff.



## Summer Concerts Bring Out the Neighborhood



Another successful summer of concerts, thanks to coordinators Andy Freeburn, Greg Pardue, and John Schindel. Photo above courtesy Greg Hom and below Karl Cranford.



## Meeting Community Groups at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration



University City Community Association's Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch Chair, promotes socks for safety.



The Fire Safe Council of UC members Lou Rodolico, Bill Beck, Eleanor Beck, and Diane Ahern were on hand to provide fire safety materials. The FSC invited our local Fire Station 50, and the firefighters gave kids a fire truck tour.



The UC Cars and Coffee group run by Ryan Ahearn and David Wright brings the car show to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July every year.

Photos courtesy Greg Hom



Thank you to the UC Celebration Committee for their hard work in putting together the entire event, including: UC Celebration Chair Randall Tonini, and event committee members: Diane Ahern, Berry Bernstein, Ellen Beshears, Jim Beshears, Andy Freeburn, Billy Kilmer, Brooke Law, Carol Parham, Jemma Samala, John Schindel, Bruce Stone, David Wright, Gary Young; and all the day-of volunteers and Standley Park Recreation Center Staff, especially Roger Hughes. The UC Celebration Committee is part of the UC Parks Council and proceeds from the event help support park events, such as the Standley Park Summer Concert series. To volunteer for next year, look at more photos, and see the 5k race results, go to [uccelebration.com](http://uccelebration.com).

***Photos courtesy Greg Hom***



A group of children are riding bicycles on a paved path outdoors. They are wearing colorful helmets (pink, blue, green) and casual clothing. The bicycles are decorated with American flags and balloons. In the background, there are trees, a sign that says "Patriotic", and other people, suggesting a community event or parade.







Pictured above from left: Mayor Todd Gloria, Councilmember Joe LaCava, Jorge Riveros (City of SD Transportation Dept.), Mark Powell, Pete Hekman, Diane Ahern, and Mack Langston.

## Traffic Light Installed on Governor at Lakewood

by Diane Ahern

University City resident Mark Powell reports that he kept watching cars speeding down Governor Drive at Lakewood less than half a block from where he lives. Since there is only one way to access Governor Drive from Lakewood Street, residents in the neighborhood had no other options but to negotiate this intersection daily. He was elated when he received a letter from the city stating the location qualified for a traffic signal and was being placed on San Diego City's Traffic Signal Priority list competing for funding with other similar locations.

That was over 10 years ago. Fast forward to today, and a traffic signal has been installed at the intersection. The traffic light will make it easier for pedestrians crossing Governor Drive to get safely to and from Gardens Park on the north side of Governor and for motor vehicles to safely enter and exit Lakewood. Once the crosswalks have been painted and the light has been energized, the light will always green for Governor Drive traffic until either a pedestrian activates the crosswalk light or a motor vehicle is detected stopped on Lakewood waiting to travel onto Governor. If the traffic light is red to Governor Drive vehicular traffic, it is because either a pedestrian or a motor vehicle is attempting to cross the intersection. For a related story and photograph, refer to Councilmember Joe LaCava's report.

## County Crisis Resources from the County of San Diego

People experiencing a suicide, mental health or substance use crisis are now able to call or text a three-digit 9-8-8 dialing code to get help for themselves or a loved one. San Diegans who call or text 9-8-8 are connected to a trained counselor who can help them and connect them to services in the area where they live.

With its launch, 9-8-8 serves as the new nationwide phone number for connecting people to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in a suicidal, mental health and/or substance use crisis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States.

The 9-8-8-dialing code does not replace the Access and Crisis Line at 888.724.7240, which is already a partner of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Confidential and free of charge, the Access and Crisis Line offers support and resources countywide in over 200 languages from experienced counselors on all behavioral health, mental health and substance use topics.

For the latest information on health and social services as well as disaster alerts and resources, call or visit 2-1-1 San Diego at [211sandiego.org](http://211sandiego.org).

## Councilmember Joe LaCava District 1 Update

### Helping our Unsheltered Residents

I have met onsite with University City business owners and residents to listen to and witness their concerns regarding our unsheltered population, especially as it pertains to the trolley. There are resources available to you if and when you need them. If you know someone who needs a place to stay tonight or in the near future, you can call 2-1-1 or visit <https://211sandiego.org/>. 2-1-1 is a nonprofit organization that helps connect San Diegans to the health and social services they need, including shelter assistance, emergency disaster relief, and assistance paying utility bills.

San Diego County Mobile Crisis Response Teams dispatch behavioral health experts to emergency calls instead of law enforcement. They provide another resource for both emergencies and non-emergencies and offer in-person support to anyone experiencing a mental health, drug, or alcohol-related crisis. The teams include licensed mental health clinicians, case managers, and peer support specialists. The access and crisis line is 888-724-7240. Additional resources are listed on the City's Homelessness Strategies and Solutions website to include outreach, shelter, safe parking, and storage center resources. All of these resources are working to be the solution for those that are unsheltered but we have more work to do. Your support and partnership will be key in finding sustainable solutions. Please also reach out to my policy associate, Krissy Chan at [chank@sandiego.gov](mailto:chank@sandiego.gov) and she will alert the appropriate teams and services.

### Community Plan Update

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the monthly UC Community Plan Update (CPU) meetings. Due to a scheduled break, these meetings are on hold for August and will resume in September. During this break, the City's Planning Department will review the feedback you have provided and release responses to community questions regarding the CPU process and proposed scenarios. In the meantime, contact my deputy chief of staff and policy director, Kathleen Ferrier, at [kferrier@sandiego.gov](mailto:kferrier@sandiego.gov), with your questions or comments.

### Traffic Signal on Governor Drive and Lakewood Street

Over a decade since it was initially authorized, the traffic signal at Governor Drive and Lakewood Street is (hopefully) officially operational. Due to supply issues the final part was not received by the contractor until August 8<sup>th</sup>. At the time of publishing, the city's was planning to "flip the switch" by late August. The city will also be placing temporary warning signs alerting motorists to the newly installed signal. This signal makes it safer for cars making left turns into and out of the 250 homes that use Lakewood Street, it will also make it safe for individuals and families to access University Gardens Park (aka "Dinosaur Park") on foot or by bike. Thank you to Mayor Gloria and Mr. Jorge Riveros, Director of the City's Transportation Department, for ushering this project to completion. A special shout out to our very own University City resident, Mark Powell, for working with three District 1 councilmembers over the years to ensure its completion. The condition and safety of our streets is one of my top priorities, and I am proud to bring this community improvement to completion.

### Pickleball in UC

Pickleball is a growing sport across San Diego and the country. To accommodate this growth, the City's Park & Recreation Department has designated pickleball courts in several recreation centers across the City, including two in University City: *Nobel Recreation Center* and *Standley Recreation Center* (contact each for more info).

### Contacting My Office

Kaitlyn Willoughby, my UC Representative, now attends Georgetown Law School. I am proud to have had her on my team and wish her the best of luck in Washington, DC. Team LaCava still proudly represents University City and its residents. My policy associate, Krissy Chan, is available for UC inquiries at [chank@sandiego.gov](mailto:chank@sandiego.gov). Additionally, my deputy chief of staff and policy director, Kathleen Ferrier, is available for all UCSD inquiries at [kferrier@sandiego.gov](mailto:kferrier@sandiego.gov). Please reach out with your questions or concerns.



## Pure Water San Diego Pipeline Construction Begins in University City

### Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels Project

Pipeline construction is underway for the Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels project, one of several major water infrastructure projects in Phase 1 of Pure Water San Diego. Pure Water San Diego is the City of San Diego's phased, multi-year program that will provide nearly half of San Diego's water supply locally by 2035. Currently, the Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels project is underway in University City at the Executive Drive and Towne Centre Drive intersection. To minimize nighttime noise impacts, pipeline installation is expected to occur during the day from Mondays through Fridays, from 7:00am to 5:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 6:00pm and continue through mid-September 2022. Pipeline construction is expected to continue along Executive Drive to the I-805 tunneling shaft at the Executive Drive cul-de-sac. 24-hour traffic control is in effect on Executive Drive from Towne Centre Drive to the Executive Drive cul-de-sac for the I-805 tunneling work.



*Pipeline construction begins at the intersection of Towne Center Drive and Executive Drive, and this work is expected to continue through mid-September 2022.*

### Pipeline Installation along Genesee Avenue, Nobel Drive and Towne Centre Drive:

More information will be provided in the coming months for pipeline construction along the rest of the alignment. The pipeline construction schedule is being solidified and ample notice will be given prior to pipeline construction.

*Pipelines are being installed at the south side of the North City Pure Water Facility project site. These pipelines will cross Eastgate Mall to connect to the North City Water Reclamation Plant.*



### North City Pure Water Facility and Pump Station Project

Additional pipeline construction is underway for the North City Pure Water Facility and Pump Station project along Eastgate Mall. Crews are constructing the pipelines across Eastgate Mall between the North City Pure Water Facility project site on the north side of the road and the North City Water Reclamation Plant on the south side of the road. The pipelines will convey the recycled water at the North City Water Reclamation Plant to the North City Pure Water Facility for advanced purification. For this work, Eastgate Mall is fully closed with a posted detour to La Jolla Village Drive, from 9:00pm to 5:30am from Sunday to Thursday through December 4, 2022.

**Sarah Bowles, Community Outreach Specialist for Pure Water, will attend UCCA's September 14 meeting to provide more information and answer community questions.**



## Author Greg Rubin Speaks About Fire Resistant Landscaping

*by Jemma Samala*

The Fire Safe Council of UC and the UC Garden Club held a joint meeting featuring Greg Rubin, author of *The California Native Landscape*. He discussed do's and don'ts of creating native and fire resistant landscaping. Rubin has designed over 800 such landscapes, including one home that has survived four fires! Some of his main points included:

- The new Zone 0 – within 0-5 feet is where you should create an apron around your home which should be kept clear of any vegetation, especially under your eaves as they create a fire ladder. This includes tree branches.
- Native plants prefer overhead irrigation rather than drip irrigation, think of how plants would naturally be watered.
- Make sure plants below trees are trimmed at least 4-times the distance between the top of the plants and the lowest tree branches.
- Don't stack firewood against the side of your home or any other wood structures in your yard, including fences.
- Make sure your side gates and the materials connected it to your home are made of noncombustible materials.

UC Fire Safe Council President Lou Rodolico has also prepared a YouTube video about how to install an insect and fire resistant fence: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_AuiYKFJY0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_AuiYKFJY0). If you would more information about Greg Rubin, the UC Fire Safe Council, or the UC Garden Club, contact: [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).

## Assessing Fire Risk and Turning on Emergency Alerts

*From the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County:*

As temperatures are getting warmer and Santa Anas are just around the corner, it's best to be prepared and know what tools and information are available to you. SDG&E created the Weather Awareness System available online at [sdgweather.com](http://sdgweather.com). Based on factors like wind, temperature, and precipitation, SDG&E provides users with a Fire Potential Index for several regions across the County. The site also includes Safety Messages which point out key factors that are influencing the fire risk for the day. If and when a wildfire does strike, how do you receive the most up to date information?

- Turn on San Diego Fire-Rescue Department alerts through Pulsepoint at [pulsepoint.org](http://pulsepoint.org)
- Follow CALFire/San Diego County Fire on Twitter/Facebook @CALFIRESANDIEGO
- Monitor the AlertWildfire Cameras at [alertwildfire.org](http://alertwildfire.org)
- Turn on SD Emergency Alerts at [readysandiego.org](http://readysandiego.org)

Overall, make sure your emergency alerts are on, your household understands your established evacuation plan, and always listen to officials as news is released.



## University City

... more than just a neighborhood



**The University City Community Association wishes to thank all of our volunteers that help make University City more than just a neighborhood! Below are your neighbors that help organize and deliver the newsletters, act as Neighborhood Watch Captains, act as UCCA board and committee members, and help out whenever needed. If you see them, make sure to say thank you!**

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Alexandra Haag	Earl Vikander	Kerrie Shank	Pat Mather
Alexi Haag	Ed Kalankiewicz	Kristen Zerr	Pat Stickels
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Amy Murad	Ellen Beshears	Laura Cartier	Pia Montovani-Sud
Amy Reisch	Gail Theilacker	Lawrence Banks	Raymond de Callafon
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Diane Estus	Kathy Ensich	Nancy Mesrop	Vicky Taylor
Diane Nelsen	Kathy Niess	Nancy Powell	Wayne and Liz Katz
Don Danner	Kathy Wallace	Osvaldo Colavin	Wendy Remington
Don Hotz	Katie Rodolico	Pam Norton	William Burfitt
Don Rizzo	Kay Hill	Pamela Ruibal	

### Fall Pool Schedules for Standley Aquatic Center and Swanson Memorial Pool

The Standley Aquatic Center is a joint-use facility with the San Diego Unified School District. The Aquatic Center is located at Standley Park next to Swanson Memorial Pool, 3585 Governor Drive. This facility is ideal for competitive swimming, water polo and lap swimming. Since this is a joint-use school district pool, public access is available when there are no scheduled school-related activities.

- Standley Aquatic Center is offering limited programming to the public including lap swim, recreational swim, and youth water polo basic skills classes. For more information and to download the current Program Guide, visit [sandiego.gov/pools/standley-aquatic-center](http://sandiego.gov/pools/standley-aquatic-center)
- Swanson Memorial Pool is a designated Arthritis therapy pool with water temperatures in the mid-80°F (29°C) range. This facility is ideal for birthday parties. For more information and to download the current Program Guide, visit [sandiego.gov/pools/swanson-memorial-pool](http://sandiego.gov/pools/swanson-memorial-pool)



## WHY THROW IT AWAY WHEN YOU CAN RECYCLE IT

### New Organic Waste Recycling Requirements

San Diegans will soon see more green organic waste recycling bins across the City! California Senate Bill 1383 requires food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste, referred to as "organic waste" to now be recycled.

California implemented a statewide organic waste recycling mandate to help curb climate change. Under the state law, residents and businesses are required to collect organic waste and add it to a green bin for weekly collection. The organic waste recycling process will convert food and yard waste into compost or energy, closing the recycling loop and making it available for use again.

The City is making major investments and will roll out a variety of components to meet new state requirements as well as the City's zero waste and climate action goals. The new service will be rolled out over many months with residents receiving ample notification prior to the start date. Until then, please continue your regular waste and recycling collection process. Please do not begin recycling food scraps and yard trimmings until you are notified.

Once your new collection service is in place, you will separate your yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, weeds and other garden waste) and food scraps (fruit and vegetable peels, plate scrapings and spoiled food) and food-soiled paper (paper napkins, paper coffee filters and paper bag) into your new green bin. The green bin will then get picked up weekly from your hauler and processed into compost or clean energy. Please check the website for more information at: [www.sandiego.gov/organicwasterecycling](http://www.sandiego.gov/organicwasterecycling).

**Recycling Specialist Meagan Browning from the Environmental Services Department will be at the UCCA's September 14 meeting to provide more information about the new program and to answer community questions.**

## The City of SAN DIEGO NEW ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING RULES COMING TO SAN DIEGO

California Senate Bill 1383 requires all residents and businesses to reduce organic waste (food scraps, yard waste, food-soiled paper products) sent to the landfill.



Visit [sandiego.gov/organicwasterecycling](http://sandiego.gov/organicwasterecycling) for updates on Organic Waste Recycling collection and timing.

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ADDRESS	BD / BA	EST SF	SOLD PRICE	COE DATE	ADDRESS	BD / BA	EST SF	SOLD PRICE	COE DATE
6982 Enders Ave	5 / 2	1,680	\$1,240,000	6/21/22	4328 Huggins St	3 / 2	1,740	\$1,650,000	5/13/22
5865 Carnegie St	3 / 2	1,350	\$1,300,000	5/27/22	5954 Stadium St	3 / 2	1,554	\$1,655,000	4/29/22
6017 Cozzens St	4 / 2	1,926	\$1,370,000	4/25/22	5474 Barkla St	3 / 2	1,888	\$1,660,000	4/19/22
6227 Buisson St	4 / 2	1,521	\$1,375,000	6/14/22	6082 Charae St	4 / 2	1,646	\$1,675,000	5/9/22
7455 Bovet Way	3 / 2	1,254	\$1,380,000	4/6/22	4535 Pauling Ave	3 / 2	1,864	\$1,682,000	5/26/22
5837 Haber St	3 / 2	1,296	\$1,381,000	6/29/22	7088 Lipmann St	3 / 2	1,714	\$1,732,000	6/2/22
3237 Villanova	3 / 2	1,957	\$1,400,000	4/26/22	6974 Dennison St	4 / 2	1,794	\$1,850,000	6/13/22
4171 Combe Way	4 / 2	1,508	\$1,480,000	6/24/22	6038 Scripps St	4 / 3	1,820	\$1,850,000	4/19/22
6339 Dennison St	5 / 3	1,700	\$1,510,000	4/12/22	5106 Bothe Ave	5 / 3	2,734	\$1,920,000	6/7/22
4184 Combe Way	3 / 2	1,672	\$1,527,000	6/3/22	3298 Villanova Ave	5 / 3	2,383	\$2,000,000	5/27/22
6865 Weller St	4 / 2	1,543	\$1,550,000	4/15/22	3516 Millikin Ave	4 / 2	2,289	\$2,010,000	4/4/22
3964 Calgary Ave	3 / 2	1,672	\$1,555,000	6/3/22	3212 Lahitte Ct	5 / 3	2,784	\$2,025,000	6/21/22
4707 Robbins St	3 / 2	1,510	\$1,600,000	5/2/22	2775 Soderblom Ave	4 / 2	2,161	\$2,069,000	6/23/22
2925 Gobat Ave	4 / 2	1,566	\$1,610,000	4/28/22	5818 Mott St	6 / 3	2,552	\$2,150,000	4/1/22
4583 Pauling Ave	3 / 2	1,476	\$1,610,000	5/2/22	3678 Syracuse Ave	4 / 3	3,634	\$2,185,000	4/4/22
3734 Notre Dame Ave	3 / 2	1,654	\$1,610,000	5/4/22	Averages	4 / 2	1,866	\$1,664,871	

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