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# **University City**



2022 Celebrating

20 Years of Service to the

University City Community









## **Support the University City Community - Join UCCA Today**

2023 membership drive officially kicks off this month

Now is the time to join UCCA or renew your membership for the 2023 calendar year. UCCA membership dues are used to provide support and funding for many of the events, schools and worthwhile organizations that make us all proud to call University City our home. UCCA conducts monthly meetings, which continues to provide a forum for residents to discuss concerns such as neighborhood safety, traffic issues, local development, neighborhood cleanup, and more. The monthly gatherings are a chance to hear regular updates from local law enforcement and fire/rescue officers, and state and local leaders. UCCA has continued to provide a monthly newsletter free of charge to UC residents, with over 100 volunteers delivering 6,000 copies. The website is continually updated with local and regional news. We have expanded communications through use of social media platforms. Many UC groups were formed out of needs brought up by UCCA – UC Community Foundation, Neighborhood Watch, Fire Safe Council of UC, UC Garden Club. Help UCCA continue the work, and become a UCCA member! Join at universitycitynews.org (find the "Join UCCA Today" tab)! Thank you!



# UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HOLDS ECO-FRIENDLY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Traditionally, November is UCCA's kickoff month for the 2023 membership drive. We usually include a membership envelope to return to UCCA, which includes the same info found on the membership form. This year, we have decided to forego the membership envelope. Not only will it save us paper and be environmentally friendly, but also save us a week of production time and costs, being economically friendly.

Thank you if you have already joined or renewed. And if you haven't yet: send in the membership form on page 14, or go to universitycitynews.org and click on the "Join UCCA Today" tab. Tech savvy folks can scan the QR code below.





## UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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#### Guidelines:

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

#### Deadline for the DECEMBER 2022 issue: NOVEMBER 17 2022

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the December issue is **November 17, 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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## **UCCA Holds Meet & Greet in October**

Instead of a regular meeting, UCCA held a Meet & Greet at the UC Library, where the community can meet and discuss local issues with UCCA board members and local reps.

Officer Brown, SDPD, shared some info with those in attendance, including:

Online reporting: www.sandiego.gov/police/services/filepolice-report - Crimes that can be reported

- · Harassing communications
- Hit and Run
- · Identity theft/fraudulent use of credit card
- Lost property valued \$500-\$10,000
- Theft-Loss less than \$10,000. Not vehicles, license plates or firearms. Not taken from within residence or place of business
- Theft from vehicle (not a stolen vehicle)
- Vandalism or graffiti
- Vehicle tampering

## Submit a tip about a crime -

Submit an anonymous tip about a crime to Crime Stoppers at: www.sdcrimestoppers.org/anonymous-tip

### Drug-related activity tip -

www.sandiego.gov/police/services/drug-related-activity-tip This form is not to be used to file a police report for a crime that has already been committed. Only for suspected drug activities. If you see someone who you believe requires services but not causing a disturbance, reach out to PATH...who is contracted by the city to assist as boots on the ground for these situations epath.org/regions/greater-san-diego/ or call 619.810.8600.

#### Neighbor disputes -

Try mediation. Disputing parties meet with trained, impartial mediators to resolve their problems. Contact the National Conflict Resolution Center at 619.238.2400

## Traffic issues and concerns -

Please utilize the San Diego Police Department's public website for any Traffic accidents, reports or tickets and concerns. On this website you will find the information needed to obtain a copy of your accident report, report a hit & run, address parking or traffic citations and traffic-related problems in your neighborhood using the online Citizen Traffic Concern form: www.sandiego.gov/police/servies/traffic-accidents-reports-tickets-concerns. You can also email Officers Obregon and Perdue for assistance with any traffic-related concerns. aobregaon@pd.sandiego.gov or jperdue@pd.snadiego.gov

UCCA meetings will return to a Zoom format in November. See login info on page 4.



## UCCA President Diane Ahern

Hello University City, it's November! I hope you are all safe and well. As we ease into November and the hope of a Padres World Series, the reality of the 2022 General Election, and the certainty of the Winter Holidays, I'm reminded that it was a year ago that I decided to seek the position of UCCA president. Thanks to all for your support. It's been a privilege to serve.

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

Today we're also faced with the challenges of the Community Plan Update, the pending Pure Water Pipelines Construction project on Genesee, Nobel, and Towne Centre, and the changes at City Council and elected representatives due to US Census-related Redistricting and University City's transition to City Council District 6.

What I've come to appreciate over the last year is that change is inevitable. We must be resilient and prepared to adapt to change. We're dealing with the ongoing changes occurring today; and we don't yet know what the future may hold. Last year, I wrote that my UCCA presidential goals included sharing news and information to help keep all of us well-informed. I will also encourage neighbors to volunteer their time and talents to influence today and to shape our future to keep University City more than just a neighborhood. I remain committed to those goals now more than ever.

One way we can shape our future is to vote in the Tuesday, November 8, election. Due to redrawn boundary maps, University City will vote in our new City Council District 6 with Mira Mesa and Sorrento Valley. The two D6 candidates, Tommy Hough and Kent Lee, are both hoping to win voter support. Both candidates participated in Q&A and Candidate Forums with the SD Union Tribune and the League of Women Voters (sponsored by UCCA). Links to these interviews and the Union Tribune endorsement are available on UCCA's University City News website and Facebook.

In this November 2022 issue of University City News, you'll find local news and features you won't find anywhere else. We include summaries of both the planning group and community plan update meetings; we address the concerns of many related to increasing use of fentanyl; we share many photos of community events held in October and information about upcoming holiday events and construction projects. You'll find even more, including agendas for many community meetings, on our website at UniversityCityNews.org.

Thank you to all who have joined UCCA; thanks for your contributions to University City; and thanks for reading the newsletter. Have a great November; I hope to see you at community events and meetings this month. We are University City 92122; and we are more than just a neighborhood.

Diane

# UCCA will hold a public meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, November 9, at 6:00pm

Please join us. All are welcome.

Topic: UCCA's November 9 Community Meeting Time: Wednesday, November 9, at 6:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81928099247?pwd=Y1Y1ZTkwb

kp1VGlQcnZGeExwZmNGUT09 Meeting ID: 819 2809 9247

Passcode: 860467

Phone users, dial in and follow prompts: +1 669 900 6833

# calendar

## AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

November

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

Sunday, November 6, 2:00am (set clocks back one hour, to "fall back"

#### **ELECTION DAY**

Tuesday, November 8

## UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, November 8 5:45 – 7:30pm Info: planuniversity.org

## **UCCA MEETING**

Wednesday, November 9, 6:00pm Zoom.us meeting ID# 819 2809 9247 Passcode: 860467

#### UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL

Thursday, November 10 7:00pm Standley Park Rec Center

## **VETERAN'S DAY**

Friday, November 11

### PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, November 13
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, November 15 Starts 6:00pm until... Info: planuniversity.org

## STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Contact Rec Center for meeting info: 858.552.1652

#### **THANKSGIVING**

Thursday, November 24

RENEW YOUR UCCA MEMBERSHIP GO TO UNIVERSITYCITYNEWS.ORG OR SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP FORM LOCATED AT PAGE 14



## **Neighborhood Watch and Socks for Safety**

#### by Barbara Gellman, NW Chair

Our booth at Oktoberfest had all kinds of action going on, socks for safety fundraisers, an opportunity drawing for a Ring Stick Up Cam, conversation regarding

safety and the need for more street captains and laughter. There are about 60 more fun and stylish feet walking around after this event that includes kids, women and men. So, if you didn't attend and you want to be part of the "cool socks group", email me at bggellman@yahoo.com and I will send you the latest flyer. (Donations are usually \$5.00 per pair.)

If you are not in a Neighborhood Watch and would like to start one, please contact me any time. I will walk you through the process, help you set up your first meeting, and continue to send you information about public safety once or twice a month. You can reach me at bggellman@yahoo.com.

#### Officer Anderson Brown of SDPD

Chronic Party Houses

The San Diego Police Department's Community Assisted Party Program (CAPP) aims to curb nuisance behavior at chronic party houses. A house can be CAPP'd for several reasons, including:

- Two or more First Response Notices received within 60 calendar days or a Second Response Notice is issued.
- A First Response Notice is similar to a written warning indicating that officers have responded and residents on the property are educated on the notice.
- A Second Response Notice is the second occurrence of the violation within a 24-hour period.
- A single Minor in Possession of alcohol citation is issued at a party
- A single Social Host violation is issued at a party.
- A violent crime is committed at a party or resulting from a party.
- A misdemeanor or felony arrest as a result of a party.

NOTE: A house cannot receive a CAPP designation simply for parking, traffic or littering.

## If a residence receives a CAPP designation:

- Officers will show zero tolerance when responding to all future party calls, which may result in direct enforcement.
- All responsible parties will receive an Administrative Citation for any valid follow-up noise complaints.
- An Administrative Citation is a \$1,000 fine and the process is civil, as opposed to criminal. Offenders may seek an appeal to
- Administrative Citations are not reserved solely for a CAPPdesignated house and may be issued at the discretion of the responding officer(s). Factors may include history of similar incidents at the location, cooperation/attitude of party hosts and guests, severity of the noise relative to time of day, ambient noise, proximity to neighbors, etc. and use of alcohol and ease of its access.
- If a house is CAPP'd, it will remain on the CAPP list for 1 year, regardless of occupant changes.

While the party is occurring, call the non-emergency line at 619.531.2000. If the party has ceased by the time the officers arrive, then they may not be able to take enforcement action.

## **Introducing Captain** Erwin Manansala

by Barbara Gellman

In 2005, then Officer Manansala. who just graduated from the Police Academy, was assigned to Northern Division. He remained for a little over a year and then was transferred to Central Division. Over the years, he worked a variety of assignments and was transferred back to Northern upon promotion to Sergeant in 2012 and was again assigned to Northern



as a Lieutenant in 2017. After two years as a Northern Lieutenant, he worked numerous assignments with his latest being the Central Division Investigations Lieutenant and SWAT Executive Officer. In September 2022, he was promoted to Captain and has returned to Northern Division as the Commanding Officer.

He is comfortable being back at Northern Division and appreciates the pro-active involvement and support of our community. He suggests that we continue the responsibility to report suspicious activity and crimes in progress in order to provide officers and investigators the missing pieces of a puzzle to solve crimes. Take pictures or submit video whenever possible of suspicious people, cars, and license plates to share with the police to help them do their job. We are partners and have a vested interest in safety.

While staffing remains a concern, he is hopeful that soon Northern Division will be assigned several new officers from the last academy. He did state that there is a reduction in property and violent crimes in our area and his staff continues to prioritize their response to violent crime and property crime. Get-it-Done is still the preferred method to report quality of life issues; they will be directed to the proper departments for resolution.

Capt. Manansala also wants us to be aware of our active RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol) unit that is always looking for volunteers. Please email RSVP@pd.sandiego.gov for further information. Among their many other duties, RSVP's conduct YANA (You Are Not Alone) checks where RSVP volunteers, check on mostly seniors, who are alone and need to know someone cares.

Goals: Maintain open lines of communication with the community, improve public safety and provide solid support for his staff. He has a very welcoming demeanor, is soft spoken, professional and ready to provide us with continued top-notch policing. Again, we are grateful for his appointment and look forward to assisting in keeping our community well informed and active in crime prevention.

Streets that need Neighborhood Watch Captains:

Arnoldson, Branting, Broomfield, Dunant, Enders, Ferber, Farley Dr. & Ct., Finsen, Fried, Gullstrand North & South, Murphy, Pennant, Ramsay, Soderblom, Stadium, Steinbeck, Stettler Way, Tula Ct., Via Cinta, Wellesly St., Werner, Willard

Contact Barbara Gellman at bggellman@yahoo.com if interested in being a Neighborhood Watch Captain.

# Your Safe Place brought domestic violence services together under one roof 20 years ago

## by City Attorney Mara W. Elliott

Domestic violence rips at the fabric of our families, leaving its survivors feeling ashamed, isolated, and fearful. Those who muster the courage to leave often don't know where to go to get the support they need.

Twenty years ago, victims of domestic violence had to navigate a web of agencies to obtain the essential services. The challenges could be daunting: scheduling a dozen or more appointments, arranging for childcare, taking time off work, finding transportation, and never knowing about the services you might be missing. It was a daunting challenge. That's when something remarkable happened. A few dedicated San Diegans — including former City Attorney Casey Gwinn — recognized how the fragmented system was delaying or even denying the healing that survivors and their families desperately needed. So, they created the world's first Family Justice Center, known today as *Your Safe Place*.

Victims of domestic violence in the City of San Diego now come to one location to meet with an advocate, obtain a restraining order, create a safety plan, meet with a counselor, obtain police reports, receive medical assistance, counsel with a chaplain, get help with transportation and housing, and obtain nutrition and wellness services. These services, provided by on-site partners, are confidential, free, and offered without judgment to empower clients to move forward with their lives.

The success of San Diego's one-stop shop for domestic violence victims quickly received recognition at the highest levels. Then-President George W. Bush was so impressed with its success after just one year in operation that the Department of Justice allocated more than \$20 million in grants to establish 15 family justice centers in the United States.

Your Safe Place has only grown in the years since. It now provides services to other vulnerable individuals who are subject to exploitation and abuse: victims of sex trafficking, sexual assault, family violence, and elder abuse.

YSP now works with more than 60 community organizations that generously provide services that include counseling, forensic medical examinations, restraining orders, housing support and financial security, immigration services, and parenting assistance.

Recognizing the extreme risk posed by abusers with guns, YSP also protects clients by obtaining Gun Violence Restraining Orders to remove firearms from dangerous situations before a tragedy occurs.

The number of domestic violence incidents remains tragically high. Every hour in America almost 1,200 people report being physically abused by a domestic intimate partner. It's a difficult statistic to even process: almost 1,200 people every hour of every day.

Your Safe Place offers a haven for victims -- a literal safe place where they can come to heal and move forward with their lives.

Over the past two decades, the Family Justice Center movement has spread far and wide. There are now more than 100 Family Justice Centers across the United States as well as centers in more than 20 countries around the world.

Family Justice Centers, like *Your Safe Place*, have been identified as a "best practice" in helping domestic violence victims and their children. As we celebrate 20 years of providing assistance to San Diegans and October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we hope you can help as well. *Your Safe Place* holds an annual Halloween drive, a holiday party, a school backpack drive, and other events to help normalize life for children who have been affected by violence in their homes.

Sadly, most of us know someone who has been a victim of family violence or sex crimes. But we all benefit from helping these victims and their children move forward with their lives. If you want to learn more about YSP's services or are interested in touring YSP, located downtown, visit: sandiego.gov/yoursafeplace.

## Message from District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava

## University City helps District 1 "Get it Done"

UC residents and community members are our eyes and ears on the street. When you use the Get it Done app, you alert City staff to address issues. When you call Team LaCava, you help us to prioritize our response and be your voice in securing action or a solution. With your help, the past two months were notable. These happened because you reached out and made your voice heard. As examples, we thank UC residents and City staff, for identifying and rectifying the following:

- Center medians on Governor Drive, Regents Road, and Genesee Avenue restored
- Construction material removed from the west end of Governor Drive
- · New stop sign on Via Lapiz at Lakewood Street approved
- Traffic signal activated on Governor Drive at Lakewood Street
- Concurrence on pedestrian safety solutions at Governor Drive and Genesee Avenue (awaiting full funding)
- Securing additional Neighborhood Watch signs

Serving for two years as your councilmember was not enough to tackle all your neighborhood issues. There is more work to be done and I will partner with the next D6 councilmember throughout the transition.

#### Out and About in the District

It was great fun to join the community in several events; including, the 9/21/22 celebration of "UC's Date Meets the Zip Code," San Diego Fire Rescue Fire Prevention Education with Station 35, and EdUCate's Oktoberfest.

#### Community Plan Update

The Community Plan Update process continues. City Planning staff presented a "workshop" at the Planning Commission in late September seeking the Commission's input. You can view the staff presentation and materials on the Planning Commission's website and watch the hearing (starting at about 1:16.) Materials from the October 18 community virtual meeting can be found on the University Community Plan Website. Please contact my deputy chief of staff and policy director, Kathleen Ferrier, at kferrier@sandiego.gov, with your questions and comments.

#### Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Update

Thank you to everyone who provided input for City Councils' initial Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Priority memoranda. I shared University City's priorities with District 6 Councilmember Cate and he included them in his priority memo. As a reminder, your priorities in the FY2024 budget discussions will be carried by the newly elected councilmember, although I continue to be a supporting voice during the transition. All councilmember memoranda are available on the City's Independent Budget Analyst website.

#### Remember to Vote!

You should have your ballots in hand by now. If you haven't already done so, you can mail them (no stamp needed!), drop them off at a Voting Center, or vote in person. Locally, you will be voting for your D6 councilmember as well as considering several city ballot measures.

## **Contacting My Office**

Team LaCava continues to proudly represent University City. My policy associate, Krissy Chan, is available for UC inquiries at chank@sandiego.gov, and my community representative, Emily Lynch, is available for all UCSD inquiries at erlynch@sandiego.gov. Please reach out with your questions or concerns.

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

sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/university-community-library

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

sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/north-university-community-library

Library Hours are subject to change. Local libraries are currently open for in person services on Monday and Tuesday from 11:00am to 8:00pm; and Wednesday through Saturday from 9:30am to 6:00pm. Closed Sundays.

Please contact the library for current Covid-related policies such as mask-wearing, building capacity, hours of operation, etc.

## What's Happening at the Libraries?

## **North University Community Library**

San Diego Food Bank donations can be accepted at the North University Community Library during regular business hours. Please limit donations to 1-2 bags of non-perishable goods. We are unable to accept homemade goods, items in glass containers, or items with expiration dates beyond twelve months.

#### **Ongoing Programs**

- Tiny Tots Storytime with Miss Kim Tuesday, November 1 and 15 at 6:30pm
- Baby Sign Storytime with Miss Jennifer Thursdays at 10:00am
- Toddler Storytime with Miss Johanna Wednesdays at 10:00am

#### **Book Clubs**

- Fiction Fanatics Book Club Saturday, November 12 at 10:00am. Title to be discussed: State of Terror by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny
- Page Turners Book Club- Saturday, November 26 at 1:00pm. Title to be discussed: Being Mortal by Atul Gwande

For more information and to register for programs, check the Library Calendar of Events: sandiego.librarymarket.com.

## **UC Library (Governor Drive)**

Welcome old and new friends of the library! We are excited to announce that plans are in the works to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UC Library in April 2023.

Please share your memories and pictures of the UC Library from 1978 to the present by submitting them to http://mysdpl.org/share. Also, be on the lookout over the next several months for special activities related to the anniversary celebration. We can't wait to hear from you!

#### **Adult Programs**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 4:00pm: UC Friends of the Library monthly meeting (now meeting in person)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 2:00pm: The UC Book Club will meet in person at the Library on November 23 for the first time since the pandemic started.
- · Thursdays at 9:30am: Qi Gong
- Saturday, November 12 at 10:00am: Cooking from a (produce) Box. Do you receive a produce box each month or week? Learn how to make delicious recipes using seasonal fruits and vegetables from local farmers.
- Tuesday, November 15 at 12:30pm: San Diego OASIS / Chicano Artists with Julia Fister
- Saturday, November 26 at 9:30am: "Appy Hour" Staff assist you and answer questions about popular library apps like Cloud Library, SDPL To Go and more!

#### Youth Programs

- Tuesday, November 1 at 2:30pm: Children's Craft Hour.
   Moji will demonstrate a fall-themed craft for kids to make.
- Saturday, November 12 at 10:30am: Dance Pants Party!
   Get out your wrigglies and dance along to the music!
- Monday, November 14 at 3:00pm: Children's Fall Craft with Tamanna.
- Wednesday, November 16 at 2:00pm: Make a special autumn book-themed craft with Yvonne.
- Saturday, November 19 at 10:30am: Saturday Storytime with Harlynne (for toddlers)
- Tuesday, November 15 at 2:30pm: Come and get a Take-Home Craft created by Moji.

#### Ongoing events

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday: Pajama Storytime
- Wednesdays at 10:30am: Toddler Storytime
- Wednesdays at 12:30pm: STEAM Box
- Thursdays at 9:30am: Qi Gong
- Thursdays at 4:00pm: Youth Chess Club (through November 17; will return in the Spring)
- Fridays at 3:00pm: Video Game Fridays (Switch games)

Mail Ballot Drop off available inside the library during open hours. Extended hours on election day, November 8, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The library will be closed November 11 and November 24.



## Friends of the Library Book Sale

Stock up on children's books, fiction for all ages, find a great cookbook, puzzles, bookmarks and so much more—all at great prices.

Proceeds benefit the UC Library.

Saturday November 5 10:30a-5:00p

University Community Branch Library





## Is that Candy or Fentanyl?

## by District Attorney Summer Stephan

This time of the year, when mystery and excitement culminate at Halloween parties and other celebrations, parents and teens need to be more aware than ever of how deadly narcotics are playing out in the illegal drug supply with illicit fentanyl and its latest trend called "rainbow fentanyl."

Colorful pills that closely resemble candy, such as Smarties or SweeTARTS, have been found in 21 states, including California. The pills have markings consistent with generic oxycodone pills, however, they do not contain any the actual medication. Instead, the drugs contain potentially lethal amounts of fentanyl.

There is a real danger that the pills, in their varied pastel colors, will be perceived by children, youth, and young adults to be less harmful than they are, increasing the likelihood they will be consumed, resulting in dependence, serious harm or death.

Already, the proliferation of phony prescription pills and other illicit drugs made with deadly fentanyl is at an all-time high. Illicit fentanyl – a synthetic opioid – comes in a variety of forms, including powders and pills. The pills are most often made to look exactly like legitimate medication such as OxyContin, Percocet, and Xanax. These counterfeit pills, however, contain none of the legitimate medication and instead contain varying amounts of fentanyl.

When people turn to cheap street drugs as an alternative for pharmaceuticals, the possibility for death is high because of the unregulated amount of fentanyl used to make the drug. Using pills that don't come from a doctor or pharmacy is a gamble akin to Russian roulette.

The danger is not limited to only those who use drugs regularly. I tell the public all the time that the risk for fentanyl overdose deaths is for anyone. The days of thinking an accidental overdose can only happen to those addicted to drugs or those who use regularly is over. This crisis has arrived even for someone who experiments for the first time. From class valedictorians, star athletes to anxious teens with mental health issues to party revelers who want to experiment. One pill can kill.

Last year, more than 800 people died from fentanyl overdoses. It is the leading killer of people between 18 and 45 years of age. Last year fentanyl claimed the lives of 12 children, some as young as 13.

At the District Attorney's Office, we have a dedicated team of prosecutors whose mission includes prosecuting the dealers who furnish the fentanyl that is causing overdose deaths. We can't rely on just prosecution as that often comes after the damage is done.

We are also focusing on prevention by educating the community about the dangers of fentanyl. We partnered with medical professionals and treatment providers so that we can attack this problem from as many angles as possible. No one thing is going to solve this problem, but the hope is a coordinated response by dedicated members of the community with varying areas of expertise will improve our chances of preventing our kids from ever trying fentanyl in the first place and reducing the number of overdose deaths we're experiencing in our community.

If you are with someone who you believe is experiencing an overdose, call 911. Naloxone/Narcan is the best tool available to save the life of someone experiencing an opioid/fentanyl overdose and will not harm a person if it turns out they were not experiencing an opioid overdose. Please educate yourself and your family about the dangers of illicit fentanyl today.

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. For more information, visit sdcda.org.



## San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) and the CA Naloxone Distribution Project

The San Diego Unified School District believes children's lives are the most important priority. Opioid use has been on a constant incline for high school aged students. New, increased amounts of fentanyl-laced opioid drugs dramatically increase the rates of overdose. Recently, brightly colored fentanyl, referred to as "rainbow" fentanyl has begun circulating in illegal markets.

The State-funded Naloxone Distribution Project provides free Naloxone to schools and universities. Nasal Naloxone (brand name Narcan) can reverse an opioid overdose. The San Diego Unified School District has stocked Nasal Naloxone in its schools with students in sixth grade and above since 2018. School Police officers, Nurses, health office staff and other staff on campus are trained to administer Naloxone at every district school site with students in sixth grade and above.

In 2021, there were 224 fentanyl-related overdose deaths among teens, ages 15–19 years old in California. In 2022, one San Diego Unified School District high school student survived an opioid overdose on school grounds because of Narcan administration. San Diego Unified School District shall continue to work with the Naloxone Distribution Project to stock Naloxone in schools. For more information, visit sandiegounified.org.

## A New PATH to Offer Opiod Prevention and Response Training

Tuesday, November 29, 6:00pm

University Community Library 4155 Governor Drive

Due to the community interest in the opiod/fentanyl overdose issue, we have arranged for A New PATH to come to our community for a presentation. The program will teach about the causes of opiod overdose and how to recognize and respond to an overdose, including administering an opiod antagonist (naloxone/narcan). You will leave the training with naloxone, and know to use it.

A New PATH has trained over 10,000 individuals in the San Diego community on how to use naloxone.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Jemma Samala at jemmasamala@gmail.com. For information about A New PATH, go to anewpath.org.

## COMMUNITY SHORTS



#### SHORT TALES FROM THE MOTHERSHIP

Congratulations to James Floyd for having his sci-fi microfiction story chosen to be read at the UCSD Clarke Center's Short Tales from the Mothership event on October 13. The short stories submitted were to be inspired by UCSD's iconic Geisel Library and to be 250 words or less. You can read Floyd's story on the UCCA website at universitycitynews.org. You may also recognize James as the coordinator of the Photo Scavenger Hunts during the UC Celebrations.

## **UCUC BLOOD DRIVE**

The next Blood Drive organized by the University City United Church is on Saturday, November 5 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 mysdbb.org.

## FRONT PORCH PANDEMIC JAZZ JAM

Starting November 10, the Front Porch Pandemic Jazz Band will play every Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30pm, at the 5600 block of Bloch St. Seating is on the sidewalks and edge of the street, bring your own chairs or listen from your car. They will be dark on Thursday and any Thursday with bad weather. Picnics, wine tasting and dancing are very popular. Dogs welcome on leash. Also, congrats to the Front Porch Pandemic Jazz Band for being a finalist in the San Diego Reader's Best of 2022: Best Local Band – 1st Runner Up; Best Cover Band – 1st Runner Up; Best Neighborhood Event – Finalist. Not bad for a bunch of older jazz musicians, their pianist is 82!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 Dinner with Santa, Tree/Menorah Lighting

UCCA and the Standley Park Council and the Community Recreation Group are finalizing plans for the Friday, December 9 annual Dinner with Santa and the Tree/Menorah Lighting event. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 10:00am at Standley Park. Everyone is welcome to attend. Outdoor building decorating will be on Monday, December 5 at 8:30am. Volunteers are welcome to drop by and offer a hand.

Tentative plans are as follows: 5:15pm – Dinner with Santa, with special children's after-dinner holiday art activities. The UCCA musical program, featuring the Standley Middle School Marching band and the award-winning UCHS Chorus, will begin at 6:30pm. Singing his original Hanukkah song, Tom Ventimiglia, will wow the audience as the Menorah is being lit. Doyle kindergarteners will entertain us with some special holiday tunes. And of course, to end this wonderful evening, Santa will make his appearance and spend some time chatting with the children. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served too!



Wee Companions Expanding by Fenella Speece

Wee is SO excited! Your University City small animal rescue location is expanding and you are invited to visit! We are opening the doors to our new additional location of 3310 Governor DR (the old shoe store location) in UC Market Place. We are having an "open house" for our neighbors and supporters on Sunday, November 13 from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Our community family is invited to come and visit our animals, chat with our staff and volunteers and know what is going on behind our closed doors. Due to staffing limitations, we normally cannot be open daily for visits at this location but hope to host regular open houses for visitors!

Our present Adoption Center location in the breezeway between Sprouts and the IFIX business will be open during our usual hours (Wednesday 2:00 to 8:00pm and Saturday 9:00am to 4:00pm) to come and meet some of our regular ambassador animals while customers receive wellness checks on their pets.

Wee Companions is a 501c3 non-profit charity rescuing small exotic pets and ensuring their safety and placement in educated new homes. We offer volunteer opportunities to animal loving teens and seniors. We hope to see you November 13, from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Please come and support your local businesses. You are also invited to bring along some fresh veggies for our residents!!!!



## Recreationally Speaking

by Diane Ahern, Community Recreation Group (CRG)

## Opportunity Fund Policy Development Public Input Workshop on November 17

When the Parks Master Plan was approved last year to help ensure that everyone has equal access to safe, clean and thriving parks, Parks & Recreation created an *Opportunity Fund* to guarantee equitable programming throughout the City. A revised Fee Schedule included new fees to support the creation of the *Opportunity Fund*.

Parks & Rec is developing a policy to manage and allocate the *Opportunity Fund* and invites the Community Recreation Groups (CRGs), the Parks Council, UCCA, park users, and park user groups (such as UC Little League & UC Del Sol) to provide input on the development of the *Opportunity Fund* policy. For more information, contact Recreation Services Program Manager Sarah Erazo at Serazo@sandiego.gov

Parks & Rec will conduct an in-person *Opportunity Fund* Policy Development Public Input Workshop (with Zoom option) on November 17 at 6:00pm at Nobel Recreation Center, 8810 Judicial Dr. or via zoom: sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1601700908



Volunteer Ellen with her students from Japan, India and Korea at the 'Fallen Star' on the UCSD campus.

## **UCSD Volunteer Opportunity**

## by Shelly Taskin

Are you globally minded and interested in meeting International Visitors and helping them improve their English conversation fluency?

The UCSD International Students & Programs Office's Englishin-Action (EIA) Conversation Program is looking for Chancellor Associates volunteers who will enjoy meeting with an international student, scholar or spouse for 1-2 hours on a weekly basis to assist them in improving their English conversation skills and to share our American culture.

Participating in EIA is very rewarding, as it provides considerable cultural insight and a deeper appreciation for diversity which helps students gain a greater respect and appreciation for other cultures. No knowledge of foreign languages or teaching experience is required. EIA volunteers attend an orientation session and have access to the materials and resources of the International Students & Programs Office.

Conversation leaders can work with participants individually or in small groups and typically meet for 1-2 hours/week at a location that is convenient for both, including remote meetings, on campus or off campus. Please visit bit.ly/EIATutorExperiences to hear what current and past volunteers have shared about their experiences with EIA. To apply or for more information, please visit our website: eia.ucsd.edu Questions? Please email Shelly Taskin at eia@ucsd.edu



## New Entertainment Venue at UCSD

The Epstein Family Amphitheater at UCSD opened in October, a state-of-the-art outdoor 2,650-seat entertainment venue. It creates a grand entrance to the university. UCSD has scheduled an array of debut events for students, staff, faculty and local community members. More info at: amphiteater.ucsd.edu.

#### 2022 - UCCA Celebrate 20 Years



## Keeping the Thanks in Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving will soon be here and the opportunity to return to prepandemic activities continues to be on everyone's mind. Many of us look forward to staying safe and healthy so that we can enjoy the winter holidays.

We, the volunteers at University City Community Association, are looking for ways to keep the 'thanks' in Thanksgiving. We give thanks to the many UCCA members who, through their UCCA membership dues, helped support and fund many events and projects in University City including special activities at our local schools and at Standley Park. Despite this year's challenges, UCCA continued to publish a print newsletter, host virtual public meetings, and provide news and information to community residents through our email lists, website and social media.

We thank our newsletter advertisers without whom we would not be able to publish our monthly print newsletter. We're also thankful for all the volunteers who give tirelessly to our community through various volunteer organizations such as UCCA, the Parks Council, EdUCate!, PTAs, UC Cluster, Planning Group, Community Plan Update Subcommittee, Community Recreation Group, and UCCA's own University City News newsletter delivery team, various special committees, and neighborhood watch volunteers. Thank you all for making University City more than just a neighborhood.



## **Starting New Community Traditions**



7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pie Giveaway Provided by the Ahearn Team

Tuesday, November 22 Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive

Starts at 3:00pm until all the pies are given out! pumpkin and apple pies

## **Recognizing Future Veterans**

This Veteran's Day we are recognizing a few of UC's youth who are currently serving on active duty.

by Tom Hekman

## Greg Coffman First Lieutenant, U.S. Army (Infantry)





Greg is the son of Lisa and Rod Coffman. He attended Curie Elementary, Standley Middle, and La Jolla Country Day graduating in 2015. As a youth, he participated in UC Little League, Clairemont Hawks and La Jolla Pop Warner football, and was a member of Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts Troop 11. At La Lolla Day he was on the football and track and field teams serving as football Co-Captain and the track and field team Captain from 2014 through 2015. He was also the anchor to the school news program and a member of the academic league. Greg attended UCSD graduating in 2019 with a B.S. in Biology. While at UCSD he was a member of the men's rowing team and was the Captain of the team from 2018-2019.

Greg entered the Army in 2020. He attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson S.C and went on to receive his commission from Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning GA. Greg completed Airborne School and the Infantry Officer Basic Leader Course in Fort Benning prior to being assigned to a Stryker Brigade under the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Carson, CO. Greg is currently attending Army Ranger Candidate School expecting to graduate in November.

## Matthew Hekman Ensign, U.S. Navy





## Eddie Kalankiewicz Lt. Commander, U.S. Coast Guard





Eddie is the son of Ed and Bobbette Kalankiewicz. He attended Sequoia Elementary, Standley Middle and UC High School graduating in 2007. As a youth he played with Clairemont Little League, the Clairemont Hawks Pop Warner Football and in the University City recreational basketball league. At UCHS he played varsity football his sophomore year, and varsity baseball his sophomore through senior years. He was a starting member of the 2007 CIF Champion baseball team which defeated Saint Augustine going 2 for 4, scoring 3 runs, 2 RBI's and got the save. He attended University of Le Verne, 2007-2008 on a baseball scholarship winning their conference and going to the College World Series.

In 2008 he reported to the US Coast Guard Academy where he played all four years on the Academy baseball team graduating in 2012 and receiving his commission as an Ensign. His first duty station was USCGC Sherman in San Diego from 2012-2014 then transferring to Coast Guard Station Bahrain/Kuwait as the Executive Officer. From 2016-2018 he served as the Commanding Officer USCGC Blackfin in Santa Barbara. In 2018 he reported to Pepperdine University on a Coast Guard Scholarship graduating in 2020 with an MBA. From 2020 to 2022 he was assigned to Coast Guard Station Los Angeles as the Chief Financial Officer. He is currently assigned as the Commanding Officer for all search and rescue operations for the Alaska Sector of Operations and is stationed in Juneau Alaska. Eddie is married to the former Hannah Sener. They recently welcomed their first child, Charlotte.

Matt is the son of Tom and Katie Hekman. He attended Curie Elementary, Standley Middle and UC High School graduating in 2018. As a youth he played baseball with UC Little League and soccer with Notts Forest. At UCHS he played volleyball as a freshman and was on the soccer team all four years; as a senior he was Co-Captain of the 2018 CIF Champion Team. Matt received a Navy ROTC scholarship graduating in 2022 from the University of Washington with a B.S in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering and received his commission in the Navy. While at UW Matt played on two men's club soccer teams and a men's club golf team. He also supervised physical fitness training for the Navy Battalion and served as a training officer for new students in the Navy program. He is a PADI certified diver.

Matt is currently assigned to Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit Goose Creek, S.C. to complete Nuclear Engineers training. On completion, he will report to Submarine Officer Basic Course in Groton CT. Following that assignment Matt plans to attend Navy Dive School in Panama City FL prior to reporting to his first submarine assignment.



## Thank You UC for Supporting EdUCate! at Oktoberfest

EdUCate! thanks the wonderful University City community and our sponsors for helping make the 2022 Oktoberfest another success. And another year of record-breaking attendance, record-breaking fun, and a record-breaking amount of funds raised for our five UC public schools. Also big thanks to allof the hard-working volunteers, as well as everyone who participated and attended this annual community fundraiser.



The expanded beer garden was busy all day



Cornhole Tournament Fun



Thanks to our many volunteer beer pourers, and those who visited



Councilmember Joe LaCava and the five UC school principals. Curie principal Asley Duren won the Principal's Challenge crown this year



Joanie and the Jeanies have fun with the crowd



Lots of activities for the kids



Friends catching up



Family time

## Community Planning Update Subcommittee 10/18/22 Meeting Summary

by Katie Rodolico, CPUS Member

Agenda and supporting documents for this meeting, and previous meetings can be found at: www.planuniversity.org/. The meeting was held via ZOOM. The agenda and presentations can be found at www.planuniversity.org/meetings <a href="Public Comment">Public Comment</a>: Suzy Shamsky expressed concern about the lack of transparency from the City planning staff and mayor's office. FOIA requests have been ignored or inadequately answered.

**Jen Dunaway**: The Q&A that is posted on the plan update website modified the questions and inadequately addresses the issues. She expressed concern about hostility towards home owners expressed by planning commissioners.

Agenda Items: Nancy Graham: Described the iterative approach to the land use scenario proposals. The City's proposal to be discussed tonight. The community planning group can also create a scenario. And an alternate scenario can be discussed in the future.

<u>Land Use Discussion:</u> The city used a program called JamBoard to capture ideas/comments/suggestions on post-it note style stickers attached to the Scenario 2 map. Subcommittee members were given the chance for input before it was opened up to the public attendees. Key ideas suggested:

- Limit land use changes to the five focus areas. Scenario maps from city rezone outside the focus areas.
- Remove the business park on east Governor from the focus area.
   Not suitable for housing and not TPA.
- Restore the single family homes on Excalibur to SFR zoning as shown on existing conditions map.. Outside the focus area.
- Max density of 143 dwelling units per acre (du/ac)
- Importance of parks for recreational use within walking distance of new housing
- Importance of commercial services (groceries, restaurants, shops) within walking distance.
- Concern commercial services will be replaced with office/bio-tech or 100% housing.
- Need for setbacks on canyon edges including height limits along canyon edges. Canyon south of Decoro along the west side of Genesee; and canyon east of Genesee, north of Executive, behind condos.
- New housing development must provide onsite recreation/park space.
- Protect through anti-displacement rules the only affordable rentals on So. Nobel between Genesee and Cargill.
- Lack of parks west of I-5 an issue for adding more housing there.
- Consider neighborhood parking permits or public parking garages for housing built without parking.
- Need for more housing, especially low income housing.
- Don't be a NIMBY
- Disallow 'in-lieue' fees. Mandate affordable housing at 15% rather than 10%.
- Height limits on Vons/Sprouts redevelopment at current heights.
   Provide onsite parking for residential added.
- Students' housing needs should be handled by the University and/or commuting by trolley.
- Higher linkage fee for industrial to pay for deed restricted low income housing.
- Don't include the University Community library in rezoning.
- LJ Village should be mixed use commercial/residential not urban village to ensure commercial and residential isn't displaced by offices/biotech.
- Costa Verde should be included in discussion of housing since it is so close to trolley.

The next Plan Update meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2022. Location and format (in person, hybrid, zoom) to be determined. To register for notifications on CPU meetings go to www.planuniversity.org/contact.

## University Community Planning Group Meeting Report

## by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The UCPG meeting featured two Wireless Control Facility projects: a new facility on top of the Palisades building at UTC, the other an update of an existing facility behind the Sprouts shopping center buildings. Both projects were approved with a majority of board members abstaining. Each project approval was accompanied by a motion, passed unanimously, requesting radiation measurements be taken before and after installation of the wireless control facility. There was no news for the Towne Centre View project, or Costa Verde. The UCPG had a booth at the Oktoberfest celebration. Thanks to Linda Bernstein's assistance in set up and Anu Delouri's assistance in tear down.

I gave a summary of significant changes that Community Planning Groups will experience in January 2024, including:

- The city will provide their website for agenda and minutes, so CPGs do not have to purchase websites. CPGs that have their own website can post their own agendas on the city's website.
- · Stipends are \$500 (no change)
- · Appeals not free as in the past.
- Planning Groups need to strive to be inclusive, with renters encouraged to run for board seats.
- There are no requirements for attending a meeting to run for a board seat.
- Planning groups can specify the means for elections and maintain their own membership rolls.
- Bylaws will be replaced by "terms and conditions" to be approved by the city prior to January 2024. The city has not yet published a final template for terms and conditions.



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wait until Election Day to vote. The sooner the Registrar of Voters gets your ballot back, the sooner they can start processing it. Your ballot can be in the first release of election night results.

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- Return it to one of the Registrar's 141 official ballot drop boxes around the county. The new stand-alone boxes feature the Registrar's logo along with the County seal and are labeled "Official Ballot Drop Box." Find one close to you through the Registrar's online locator tool or inside your information pamphlet. Check each location's hours of operation before heading out at sdvote.com.
- Return it to the Registrar's office where early voting is already underway. Hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday.
- Vote in person at any vote center. Starting October 29, 39 vote centers will be open daily from 8:00am to 5:00pm. On Saturday, November 5, over 200 vote centers will be open daily from 8:00am to 5:00pm. All vote center locations and the Registrar's office will be open on Election Day, November 8, when voting hours change to 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Learn more about voting in the November General Statewide Election at sdvote.com, call 858.565.5800 or 800. 696.0136.



## City Breaks Ground on New Fire Station

On October 17, the city broke ground on a new San Diego Fire-Rescue Dept. and will be the first in San Diego to house an all-electric fire apparatus and rapid electric vehicle charging station



(rendering right). The more than \$22 million project is expected to be completed in winter 2024. Torrey Pines Fire Station is located directly adjacent to UC San Diego on the northwest corner campus. Pictured above are Fire-Rescue Chief Colin Stowell and members of the Fire Department, along with UCSD Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla, Councilmember Joe LaCava, and Mayor Todd Gloria



3 Good Reasons Why You Should Remove that Dead Tree on Your Property

Adapted by Diane Ahern from CAL FIRE and SDFD: Trees are a wonderful part of a landscape. They add beauty, they add privacy

and they provide shade. However, while trees definitely offer a number of benefits, when they are dead or dying, they can cause a host of problems. Whether a tree on your property is dead or dying because of pests, has outgrown its space, or it has died as a result of age, having the tree removed is extremely important. Why? Here's a look at a few good reasons.

- It could fall: A dead tree on your property isn't strong, which
  means that there is more of a possibility that it will fall over
  and causing serious damage or injury. In the event that that
  dead tree does fall and do damage, the property owner may
  be liable for the repairs or the medical care that may be
  needed as a result.
- 2. It could impact other trees: If a disease killed the tree, the rest of the trees in your yard could be impacted. Tree disease is contagious. For instance, if mildew or mold develops on the tree, it could spread to the other trees and plants in your yard. As a result, your entire landscape could be destroyed by that one single dead tree in your yard.
- 3. It could spread fire to your home: Remove all dead or dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds, and pine needles within 30 feet of all structures or to your property line. This helps to prevent a fire to move from the ground to the brush to the treetops or your home like a ladder.

The San Diego Fire Department does not consider trees to be a fire hazard and they do not recommend the removal of healthy trees. Dead and dying trees are the responsibility of the property owner. For more information, visit: sandiego.gov/fire/services





## Getting Down and Dirty with Worms

by Jemma Samala

The University City Garden Club got down and dirty learning about worm composting from vermiculture enthusiast Will Hutchison. A history teacher by trade, Will took everyone through a step-by-step way to start worm composting bins walking us through preparing feeding bins with a lasagna type of layering system and feeding with cardboard pieces and kitchen scraps once a week (no onions or citrus). He shared that it's good to freeze your kitchen scraps until you're ready to add to the feeder bins, which will help prevent fruit flies. After a couple months it switches over to being a grow out bin, which does not need to be fed. Sounds disgusting, but the worms just eat and poop and eat. And they're self-reproducing, so your worm population can grow quite rapidly.

Will also explained that the worm composting material is really good as a soil conditioner, helping our natural soil work better. It's a way to manipulate your own soil. He also showed participants how to make a worm tea and provided worms for those who want to try it at home.



Will also took everyone on a tour of his front and back yards, giving tips on how to place your compost, and showing his rain barrel system.



The UC Garden Club will take a break during the holiday months and will be back with a full schedule in January 2023. If you are interested in participating and/or would like to hold a UC Garden Club meetup, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.

## Pure Water Pipelines Construction begins on Genesee Avenue This Month

### From Sarah Bowles, Community Outreach Specialist, Public Utilities Department

Beginning November 1, 2022, concrete barrier installation and contractor mobilization along Genesee Avenue between Appleton Street and SR 52 will begin in preparation for the Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels project in University City.

The northbound lanes on Genesee Avenue will be closed for the installation of the pipeline. The southbound lanes will be split to accommodate a single lane for northbound traffic and a single lane for southbound traffic. Work is expected to occur during the day, Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday from 8:30am to 5:00pm through early 2023. What to expect:

- For public safety and worker safety, a concrete barrier will be installed along Genesee Avenue, starting just north of the Appleton Street intersection in order to transition traffic safely into the southbound lanes and continue north towards the SR-52 freeway.
- Pedestrian crossings at the north end of the Genesee Avenue and Appleton Street intersection will remain open.
- For safety reasons, please follow all posted traffic signage.
- 24/7 access to the SR-52 freeway ramps will be maintained.

Pipeline Installation along Genesee north of SR 52, 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. For more information, visit: phase1.purewatersd.org; call: the project hotline at 833-UTC-PWSD (833.882.7973); or email: purewatersd@sandiego.gov

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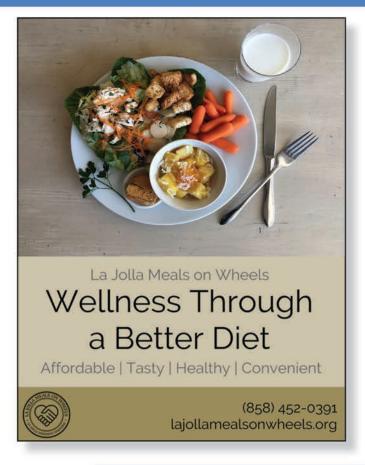
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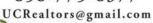
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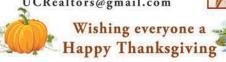




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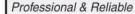


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