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## Over 20 Years of Holiday Lighting Tradition in University City

by Sandy Lippe

Go right to your calendar and circle two dates: First - December 5 at 8:30am when you will want to help decorate the Standley Rec Center and the Christmas tree. Do you climb ladders? Are you a young parent? Come to Standley Rec Center on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December at 8:30am.

Second date to remember - the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, when the whole community will come together for a lovely tradition of over twenty years. Check out the tentative schedule listed to the right. Evening events include Dinner with Santa, with a special holiday art project for children after dinner. Then we will have the annual UCCA musical program that includes: the Standley Marching Band, the Key of She performing holiday favorites, the "Hanukkah" song by Tom Ventimiglia, singer/composer. Doyle kindergarteners will sing holiday tunes, and this year we welcome the Our Mother of Confidence Children's Choir.

The highlights of the evening include the lighting of the Menorah, and when Santa arrives to learn the lists of all the children.

Plus, be there at 6:30pm to see our new City Councilmember Kent Lee "take the baton handoff" from Councilmember Joe LaCava as our University City / District 6 representative.

After the musical entertainment, hot chocolate and cookies will be served. UCCA, Standley Park Council, Community Recreation Group worked as a team for this traditional holiday event, which is not to be missed.

### University City Lights Up the Night

Friday, December 9

Standley Park Rec Center  
3585 Governor Drive

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

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

**Musical Guests:**  
Standley Marching Band  
Key of She  
Doyle Kindergarteners  
Our Mother of Confidence  
Children's Choir  
Tom Ventimiglia  
and other surprise performances

**Throughout the evening:**  
Holiday activities  
Crafts  
Hot chocolate  
Cookies



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Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the February issue is **January 12, 2023**, 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 MEETING

November 9, 2022 (Held via Zoom)

by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

**President's Remarks:** Diane Ahern announced: (1) Pipeline construction has started on Genesee, South of Hwy. 52. Construction on that section is expected to last until March 2023. Construction is underway on Judicial Dr. and Executive Dr. There will be a construction moratorium around the UTC Mall from Thanksgiving through Christmas. (2) There are two pipelines, one to transport sewer water to the plant at Miramar and one to transport clean water to the rest of the City. (3) The City has a website explaining Pure Water construction and timeline. It is at [www.sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd). (4) The Christmas tree and Menorah lighting will be on December 9 at Standley Park. Details on the UCCA website.

**City Councilmember Joe LaCava**, whose district was re-drawn, thanked the UCCA and the UC Community for its support during his term representing the area. He will continue to pay attention to UC issues as his new district borders UC. He also explained that State funds for new construction at the library on Governor will be available after the first of the year.

**Officer Anderson Brown of SDPD** stated: Reported crimes are down 10% compared to last year, but some crimes are not reported. The most common crimes are theft and car theft which are the same as last year. Simple assault and vandalism are common crimes reported. If homeowners lock doors and windows that a criminal breaks to get in, that makes it a burglary with higher penalties rather than just a theft. If a person climbs up to a second floor of a house and enters an open door or window, that is most likely not a burglary. Two people were recently arrested for burglaries on Mercer Ave. Homeless people have been a source of crimes, the most common are theft, burglary, and littering. The SDPD continues to check for homeless encampments.

## LEGISLATIVE AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

**Matt Griffith, aide to Mayor Gloria**, reported (1) there will be an essay contest for kids in K-12 on what San Diego would be like if they were Mayor for the day. (2) Two new shelters were opening, one in South Bay and another on Pacific Hwy. (for seniors).

**Michaela Valk, also an aide to Mayor Gloria**, reported she would be the Mayor's representative for District 6.

**Krissy Chan, aide to City Councilmember Joe LaCava**, reported The City will provide menstrual products for people who cannot afford them, at various locations in the City, including Standley Rec Center. The new district council members will be sworn in on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Rachel Dugan, aide to US Congressman Scott Peters**, reported: his new congressional district includes UC north of Governor Dr. and areas of UC east of Genesee. His office was hiring to fill open positions.

**Jemma Samala, Treasurer of the UCCA**, reported some schools in San Diego are obtaining Narcan to counter fentanyl and opiate overdoses. A training session to recognize overdoses and treat with Narcan will be held on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the library on Governor.

**Katie Rodolico, UCCA's representative to the UCPG**, reported: (1) A new bio-medical project is proposed for the end of Town Centre Drive. There are a lot of transportation amenities, but it is very large with an adverse impact on the community. The old project proposed for the site was 400,000 sq. ft. and the new one is 1,000,000 sq. ft. Further proceedings are planned. (2) The City is proposing revisions to the Community Plan Update that will reduce density. Zoning for Single family homes on Town Center Dr. would be restored.

**Barbara Gellman, chair of Neighborhood Watch (NW)** reported: (1) NW wanted to gift a "Stop the Bleed" kit to Standley Park Rec Center for hosting the event. The cost is \$200 which was approved by the Board. (2) The Board also approved her request for \$199 to reimburse her for a new canopy for use by Neighborhood Watch and Socks for Safety at various community events. (3) A program to paint address on curbs in front of houses was discussed with a decision subject to further review. **Merle Langston, chair of the Beautification Committee**, requested \$500 to pay for landscaping updates on the median on Governor Dr. It was approved since money was previously budgeted and allocated.





## UCCA President Diane Ahern

Hello University City neighbors, I trust you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and hope you found much to be thankful for. As Thanksgiving came and went and we moved into December and the Winter holidays, I was reminded of Giving Tuesday. Did you know that Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good? Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, to collaborate, and to celebrate generosity.

Here in University City, many of us give back to our community every day; it might be some of our time, a donation, or the power of our voice in our local University City community. It's a simple idea: every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to contribute toward building the better world we all want to live in whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help.

This month I'm asking you to consider UCCA when you make a donation or volunteer your time. Our volunteers work hard to support many of the local events and projects in University City that help to make our community more than just a neighborhood. This past year, the paper and print costs for our print newsletter have increased to the point where our advertising revenue no longer covers the cost of paper and printing. To help UCCA offset the increased cost, I'm asking everyone who reads the newsletter to please join UCCA for the 2023 membership year.

If you have already renewed your membership for 2023, then I ask you to consider a separate donation. Not sure how your membership dues help? Read this newsletter to find out. Our University City News newsletter is the only source of hyperlocal news in University City. You'll find news here that you won't find anywhere else. This month, we feature the upcoming Holiday Celebration at Standley Park on Friday, December 9.

We have news about upcoming Pure Water pipeline construction and new City Council, School Board, and State Senate representatives. We highlight accomplishments of neighbors and provide summaries of planning group and community meetings. We share holiday safety tips and events reminders. UCCA provides a forum where residents can share news and information.

Your membership dues and the revenue provided by our loyal advertisers help to make our print newsletter possible. I thank you all.

Speaking of advertisers – if you work with or represent a company that does business with University City residents, please share this issue with them and ask them to support University City by advertising in an upcoming issue.

UCCA will not host a formal public meeting in December; please save the date for our January 11 meeting.

This month, we invite all to join us at the Holiday Celebration on Friday, December 9, for Dinner with Santa, arts & crafts, holiday music, Hanukkah Menorah and Christmas Tree lighting, and a visit from Santa Claus. Here's wishing you the best of holiday seasons in University City where we are more than just a neighborhood.

*Diane*

## UCCA will hold a public meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, January 11, at 6:00pm

**Please join us. All are welcome.**

Topic: UCCA's January 11 Community Meeting

Time: Wednesday, January 11, at 6:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4312436199?pwd=TEplSWphWWlhZFFsMHBMOXFMUE9vQT09>

Meeting ID: 431 243 6199

Passcode: ea0jVw

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

# calendar

## UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL

Thursday, December 7, 7:00pm

Standley Park Rec Center

## CHRISTMAS TREE AND MENORAH LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Friday, December 9

Dinner – 5:15pm

Lighting Program Begins – 6:30pm

Standley Rec Center

## PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sundays, December 11 and January 8

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, December 13 and January 10

6:00 – 7:30pm

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

## HANUKKAH

Begins Sundown Sunday, December 18

Ends, Sundown, Monday, December 26

## CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 25

## KWANZAA

Begins Monday, December 26

Ends, Sunday, January 1

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, January 1

## UCCA MEETING

**No December Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 11, 6:00pm**

**Zoom.us meeting**

**ID# 431 243 6199**

**Passcode: ea0jVw**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

Monday, January 16

## COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, January 17

Starts 6:00pm until...

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

## STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Contact Rec Center for meeting info:

858.552.1652

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MEMBERSHIP FORM ON PAGE 14**





## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

by **Barbara Gellman**  
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Volunteerism is alive and well in University City, whether it is with Little League or other sports, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, UCCA that includes the newsletter, beautification,

Neighborhood Watch, our Holiday event, special community events, school programs, Vince's clean up groups, churches & synagogues, recreation center programs and residents helping others on their street; all contribute to the fabric of our neighborhood.

It doesn't mean everything is perfect, so we need to keep working on resolving issues with much respect and a desire to reach agreements, calmly.

One of the committees that is closest to my heart is Neighborhood Watch. We rebooted it 10 years ago and have formed an army of street volunteers who educate their neighbors about crime prevention and safety in partnership with the SDPD, Northern Division. As the extra eyes and ears of the community, we are a "force multiplier" and assist law enforcement in solving problems.

Our latest issue regarding car thefts and home invasions have encouraged us to take another look at prevention, which we discuss monthly, either in the newsletter or via email from Neighborhood Watch Captains. We count on these leaders to educate and support the residents on the street. There are still about 25 streets that do not have these leaders and it sure would be helpful if we did. If you don't know who your Neighborhood Watch Captain is, please contact me at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com) and if there isn't one, consider stepping up, I'm happy to explain it all. In the meantime here are some easy steps for everyone to take to help avoid crimes of opportunity.

1. Install Outside dawn to dusk or motion detector **LIGHTS** in the front & back of your house.
2. Install **LOCKS** on side gates so strangers don't get into the backyard where no one will see them attempting to get into your home.
3. Leave nothing of value visible in your car and remove garage door opener if car is left outside along with any papers that would be used to steal your identity.
4. Keys & purses should not be left on counters or by the front door or window.
5. If you have an **ALARM** system, use it
6. Consider purchasing a security camera or Ring style doorbell.
7. **Get to know your neighbors.**
8. Take your cell phone and car key fob to bed. Push the panic button if you hear or see something suspicious around your car/home.

Witness a crime, call 911. Non-emergency, 619.531.2000, if a caller asks for a dispatcher, the system will ask for a reason for the call. If they ask again for a dispatcher, they will be routed to the non-emergency admin queue. Ask for an event number for follow ups.

Reporting allows our police to know where criminal actions are taking place and they can plan accordingly. We all hold the key to safety, our actions or inactions will determine the outcome.

## Socks for Safety

Socks are a fun accessory, it helps to express yourself and explore new ways of creating a fun and vibrant look. Whether it is for a man, woman or child; gift shopping can be a hassle, but getting socks solves these problems. Go to [universitycitynews.org/socks](http://universitycitynews.org/socks) for the latest styles, including Holiday or direct your feet to [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com). In a store you would pay \$10.00-\$12.00 a pair; UCCA will accept a donation for the socks. Also, December 4 is National Sock Day!

## Package Theft Prevention Tips

Millions of packages are delivered every day in the U.S. and thieves know they are delivered straight to your front door step where they may sit for hours until you come home. Here are some tips to ensure your packages are delivered safely!

1. Tracking numbers let you see when your package is supposed to arrive. This gives you the ability to pick up the package immediately upon delivery or to set up an alternate method of pick up.
2. Ask your neighbor to please pick the package up for you.
3. Request a "Signature Delivery Option." This ensures the package will not be left on your doorstep. If you are unable to sign, the package will be taken to the post/carrier office.
4. Request a specific drop off time when you will be home.
5. Use a Smart Lock or Amazon locker or drop off at work.
6. Install security cameras. Make a copy of video to share with the police if theft occurs.
7. If purchasing something online from a large retailer, have the item delivered to a local branch of the store so you can pick it up in person.
8. Request shipper to hold the package for you to pick up.
9. Insure your packages.
10. Call 911 if you see a theft occur and pay attention to his/her vehicle, license plate and the thief's physical description.
11. Report all package thefts to San Diego Police at : 619.531.2000 or online at [sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/startaccess](http://sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/startaccess) to file a theft report if you don't see it happen.
12. Check with delivery company to make sure your package was delivered and know what is in the missing package.

## Officer Anderson Brown of SDPD

Dispatch Phone System

The City of San Diego has begun using a new automated phone system for our Communication Dispatch Unit. The new phone system can do everything the old phone tree can do but there are some minor changes, such as voice recognition for our Non-Emergency line. So if a caller asks for a dispatcher, the system will now ask for a reason for the call. If they ask again for a dispatcher, the caller will be routed to the Non-Emergency admin queue.

One of the biggest changes I would like people to be aware of is that the star button or pound sign (\* or #) will no longer automatically route a caller directly to a dispatcher. So please no longer use the \* or # button to bypass the voice prompts.

We hope that the new system better serves the community when they call the police and as with all new upgrades there may be some redesigning or minor changes to optimize the system over the new few weeks. Thank you in advance for your patience during these changes.



## Final Message from District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava



### Pure Water Phase 1 Pipeline Construction Commences

Construction for Pure Water San Diego has begun near Eastgate Mall. As a staunch advocate for this program, I am happy to see that this project is well underway and on schedule. In addition to the Pure Water pipelines, UC will also be impacted by several neighborhood sewer and/or water replacement projects. I requested that Pure Water staff coordinate with other current and upcoming Engineering and Capital Improvement Projects in your community to provide coordination and minimize traffic impacts, especially for Fire-Rescue

response. This coordination is underway, and the same construction management team will be assigned to future phases and projects for continuity.

### Congratulations to Councilmember-Elect Kent Lee

Councilmember-elect Lee will well represent University City as the new Councilmember for the City's Council District 6. I look forward to collaborating with the Councilmember-elect as we transition University City from District 1 to District 6, the ongoing Community Plan Update, and legislative solutions to improve our districts and the City as a whole.

**A Heartfelt Thank You** Redistricting goes into effect on December 12, 2022, Inauguration Day at City Hall. Representing University City has been my honor. You are an engaged, effective, and welcoming community. Highlights of our tenure include partnering with Diane and Bill on expanding the Banner District; learning tenacity from Mark and the completion of the Governor Drive and Lakewood Street traffic signal; with Ruth never backing down on removing unsightly construction material; keeping the neighborhood safe with Barbara and Neighborhood Watch as well as Diane and Louis on your Fire Safe Council; protecting Rose Canyon with Debbie; with Chris and Andy on the UC Plan Update; practicing transparency with Jemma and the UCCA via the newsletter; and, of course, the many more who have stayed involved in your community and helped to bring neighborhood needs to my attention. I am also grateful to Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins and the State of California for allocating \$1.9 million in the State Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the design of the South UC Library Expansion.

You are thoughtful community leaders, neighbors and business owners who don't hesitate to make their voice heard and take action to improve your community. University City truly is so much more than just a neighborhood! With that said, you are not entirely rid of me. University City, west of I-5, remains District 1. Please continue to reach out. My policy associate, Krissy Chan, is available for UC inquiries at [chank@sandiego.gov](mailto:chank@sandiego.gov), and my community representative, Emily Lynch, is available for all UCSD inquiries at [erlynch@sandiego.gov](mailto:erlynch@sandiego.gov).

I wish you all safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting at Standley Park!



## Councilmember-elect Kent Lee

Thank you to the residents of University City for electing me to serve you as your next City Councilmember representing District 6! It has been humbling for me to meet so many of our neighbors over the last two years and I look forward to both working for you and with you in making sure our community thrives.

In preparation for taking office next month, I plan to ensure that we have a team that is ready and available to serve as well as to attend upcoming community meetings and events. We look forward to sharing more information in the next newsletter!

Until then, from my family to yours, I wish you all a happy holiday season full of delicious food and the warmth of great company.



## State Senator Brian Jones

My name is Brian Jones and I was recently elected to represent Senate District 40 in our State's Capitol. I am honored for this opportunity to serve University City.

My office is ready to assist you. Whether you are facing an issue with a state agency like EDD, would like to voice your

opinion on pending legislation, have concerns about a community issue, or any item important to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [senate.ca.gov/jones](http://senate.ca.gov/jones) or by calling 619-596-3136. We are here to make government work for you. In Sacramento, I will continue to fight to improve our quality of life with bold, bipartisan, and immediate action on the many issues we are facing such as the cost of living, homelessness, and crime. On Day 1 of the next Legislative Session, I plan to:

1. Introduce a bill to suspend the entire state gas taxes and fees and immediately lower gas prices by \$1 per gallon.
2. Introduce a bill to protect our most vulnerable population, our children, by prohibiting homeless encampments near sensitive areas like schools, parks, libraries, and day-care centers.

Californians are best served by hard-working elected officials that put bipartisanship and the betterment of the community first. Thank you for the privilege and honor of serving as your Senator.



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[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

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 12 months.

#### Featured Program

- Gallery Exhibit: Humanity Showers - Photographs by Jordan Verdin (November 14-January 28, 2023): The Humanity Showers exhibit uses portraits of unsheltered folks to bring awareness of issues they face and Humanity Showers, a non-profit that provides mutual aid and mobile showers to people experiencing homelessness. Interested in exhibiting your art at the library? Apply today! Go to [mysdpl.org/visualarts](http://mysdpl.org/visualarts)

#### Children's Programs

- Tiny Tots Storytime with Miss Kim – December 13 at 6:30pm
- Baby Sign Storytime with Miss Jennifer – December 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 10:00am
- Toddler Storytime with Miss Johanna – December 7, 14, and 21 at 10:00am

#### Adult Programs

- Fiction Fanatics Book Club - Saturday, December 10 at 10:00am. Title to be discussed: *State of Terror* by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny
- Amantes de la Lectura, Novelas Hispano-americanas en Espanol: Saturday, December 10 at 2:00pm. RSVP to [tlampell21@gmail.com](mailto:tlampell21@gmail.com).

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)

University Community Branch Library is planning a celebration for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April 2023! We are looking for historical photos from 1978 to the present to include as part of a slideshow on the day of the event. Use the link below or the QR code to share your favorite library memories and photos. We are also planning special events in February and March leading up to the anniversary, so watch the newsletter for those announcements. <http://mysdpl.org/share>



#### Special Events

Make Tasty Holiday Treats (all ages)

Wednesday, December 7, 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Register online or see staff for more info. Limited to 20 people.

A Treasury of Christmas Humor with Richard Lederer

Tuesday, December 13, 11:30 am to 12:30pm

\*\*\* January events will be added to the online and print calendar in mid-December. Look for additional information on our Facebook page and on flyers posted to the community bulletin board.

#### Adult Programs

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 4:00pm (January 18, no meeting in December): UC Friends of the Library monthly meeting (now meeting in person)

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (Jan. 25) at 2:00pm: UC Book Club

- January – *Olga Dies Dreaming* / Xochitl Gonzalez
- February – *Olive Kitteridge* / Elizabeth Strout
- March – *West with Giraffes* / Lynda Rutledge, with special guest Suzanne Ohlfest
- April -- *The Vanishing Half* / Brit Bennett (2022 One Book, One San Diego selection)
- May – *These Precious Days* / Ann Patchett

Thursdays at 9:30am: Qi Gong

#### Youth Programs

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30pm: Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30am: Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays at 12:30pm: STEAM Box

Fridays at 3:00pm: Video Game Fridays (Switch games)

Tuesday, December 6 at 2:30pm: Children's Craft Hour. Moji will demonstrate a winter-themed craft for kids to make.

Monday, December 12 at 3:00pm: Children's Seasonal Craft with Tamanna

Saturday, December 17 at 10:30am: Saturday Storytime with Harlynnne (for toddlers)

Tuesday, December 6: SQUID DISSECTION (LibraryNExT) – Things might get a little inky as we work together to dissect a real squid. Students will develop scientific research skills as they learn about squids and other ocean animals. This is an in-person workshop. To register go to: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/event/squid-dissection-0>  
Next LibraryNExT class: Tuesday, January 10 (TBD)

Chess Club will return after the start of the New Year. Watch the Library's Facebook page and online calendar for the announcement of a new season.

**PLEASE NOTE: All San Diego Public Library locations will be closed on Saturdays, December 24 and December 31.**

The libraries will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day





### North UC Library Welcomes New Branch Manager

With 10 years of public library experience from Oregon, Washington, and San Diego, Azalea Ebbay is excited to serve as the new North University Community Library Branch Manager. Azalea was recognized as a 2019

American Library Association Emerging Leader and serves on the Serra Adult Services Committee alongside leadership from a network of public libraries in the southern California counties of Imperial and San Diego. The next time you visit the North University City library, be sure to welcome Azalea to University City and to her new position.



### Wreaths Across America Returns to Miramar National Cemetery

by Diane Ahern

On December 17, Wreaths Across America (WAA) will be at Miramar National Cemetery to remember and honor veterans through the laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each veteran aloud. WAA coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies and events at more than 3,400 locations across the United States, at sea and abroad.

Wreaths Across America provides several ways for community volunteers to participate in this annual event designed to remember the fallen, to honor those who serve, and to teach our children the value of freedom. Volunteers may sponsor veteran wreaths, may register as individuals or groups to lay wreaths on December 17, and may participate as a wreath sponsoring group. For more information, visit: [wreathsalcrossamerica.org](http://wreathsalcrossamerica.org)

### 'Mayor for a Day' Contest, Now Open for Submissions

As part of his efforts to engage more young people in civic issues, Mayor Todd Gloria continues his administration's "Mayor for a Day" contest and invites San Diego's youth to participate. The contest aims to foster civic engagement and build key leadership skills in young people and is open to all elementary and middle school students.

Mayor Gloria grew up in the Clairemont neighborhood and attended Madison High School. He was interested in politics from childhood. At age 10, he was runner-up in a "mayor for a day" contest. Thirty-two years later, he was sworn in as San Diego's 37th Mayor. After a successful competition last year, Mayor Gloria is excited to host his second annual Mayor for a Day contest.

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

The deadline for applications is December 5, 2022. More information and the application can be found at: [sandiego.seamlessdocs.com/f/mayorforaday2023](http://sandiego.seamlessdocs.com/f/mayorforaday2023)



### Friends Fundraiser Quilt Winner

by Helen Lebowitz

The Friends of the University Community Library held their Book Sale Fundraiser on November 5. Pictured above is Helen Lebowitz (right) with Sheau Lin Chi (left) the winner of the quilt which was raffled off during the Book Sale. She was very excited, as she loves quilts. The quilt was made by Amy Barkan and Susan Griffin. They made one for us last year too. All proceeds from the raffle and the sale go to the library. Amy and Susan have promised us another one at next fall's book sale.

### UCHS PTSA Adopt-A-Family

The yearly Adopt-A-Family event directly supports UCHS families that need some assistance this Holiday season. To help donate items (new and unwrapped), gift cards, funds, go to:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/409054ca4ab2cabfd0-adoptafamily](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054ca4ab2cabfd0-adoptafamily)

Donations will be accepted until December 9. For more info, contact: Jennifer Almond, [malanej@san.rr.com](mailto:malanej@san.rr.com).



## COMMUNITY SHORTS

### CURIE COMMUNITY FAIR

Saturday, December 3 from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Vendor Merchandise \* Food Trucks \* Games \* Entertainment \*  
Jumpies \* Jewelry \* Pottery \* Clothing \* Holiday Décor \* Produce  
and More

Curie Elementary, 4080 Governor Drive

Info: [curiecraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:curiecraftfair@gmail.com)



### HELP SUPPORT TOYS FOR TOTS TWO AREA COLLECTION AREAS

**Coldwell Banker UC** agents will be accepting new, unwrapped items to donate to the local Toys for Tots program. Since 1947, this Marine Corps-founded organization has been collecting toys to ensure that children in need have gifts to open for the holidays. Our goal is rally the community and put smiles on the faces of children during the holidays. Drop your toy(s) by the Coldwell Banker UC office December 6 to 8, 11:00am to 3:00pm at 3959 Governor Drive, or call us to arrange for pick-up of your unwrapped gift(s) or donation checks, 858.352.6587. Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays from Coldwell Banker UC – together we can make an impact.

The **San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD)** is sponsoring the 2022 Toys for Tots toy drive in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. All SDFD facilities (including several lifeguard facilities) are accepting donations of new unwrapped toys and books through Wednesday, December 14. SDFD has been a toy drop-off point supporting Toys for Tots for almost 20 years. Since 1947, more than 600 million children have benefited from the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. For more information and other ways to donate, visit: [san-diego-ca.toysfortots.org](http://san-diego-ca.toysfortots.org)

### LITTLE FREE LIBRARY ON ARNOLDSON OFFERS FREE GIFT WRAPPING

On Saturday, December 17, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, the Little Free Library on Arnoldson located at 2851 Arnoldson Avenue, will offer free gift wrapping for any books taken from the Little Free Library. A large assortment of books will be available: children's, young adult, self-help, fiction, non-fiction, biographies, cookbooks, mysteries, coffee table books, holiday-inspired, etc. Book donations can be dropped off at the front door. Info: [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com)

### UCUC BLOOD DRIVES - 2023

The 2023 Blood Drives organized by the University City United Church are on Saturdays, from 8:00am to 1:30pm, at 3202 Governor Drive (UC Marketplace parking lot in front of Round Table Pizza). The 2023 dates are:

January 13  
March 11  
May 6  
July 15  
September 9  
November 4

Schedule your appointment in advance at [mysddb.org](http://mysddb.org).



### UC Del Sol Girls Softball Updates

by Perry Peters

On Saturday, December 10 UC Del Sol Girls Softball will be conducting its annual December Softball Clinic, aimed toward younger girls new to softball or girls looking to dust off the rust for Spring Ball. The clinic will start at 9:00am at Standley Middle School fields (along Radcliffe Drive). No need to register – just show up! And speaking of UC Del Sol, the Fall Ball season has come to an end and our local girls performed very well in the playoffs. Our 12U "Red Hot Chili Peppers" team made it to the championship game but lost in a nail biter. All teams performed well this season so congratulations to all of our girls!

Finally, as a reminder, registration is now open for the 2023 Spring Softball Season. This season is shaping up to be a good one as several teams are expected for the 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U divisions. Please visit the UC Del Sol girls' softball website at [www.ucdelsol.com](http://www.ucdelsol.com) for more information.

### UC Little League Registration is Open

by Leah King

Registration is OPEN for Spring Season at University City Little League! UC Little League provides an opportunity for kids ages 4-13 to learn the fundamentals of baseball and to build pride, sportsmanship, and a healthy self-esteem. We promote teamwork, communication, and community involvement. UCLL has been a member of this community for 60 years! The spring baseball season runs from February 2023 - May 2023. Learn more at [UCLL.ORG](http://UCLL.ORG) or scan the QR code below to register. Did you know our league is 100% volunteer run?

If you are interested in volunteering as a board member, coach, scorekeeper, umpire, or helping with field maintenance, please get in touch by emailing us at [volunteer@ucll.org](mailto:volunteer@ucll.org). You can also register as a volunteer directly on our website. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers! We are looking forward to a fantastic Spring Season and are so glad you will be on the field with us!







## We Stand United Against Hate

*from the Office of District Attorney Summer Stephan*

Last month, many in San Diego participated in the statewide *United Against Hate Week* campaign, an anti-hate awareness effort calling for local civic action to stop the hate and biases that pose a dangerous threat to the safety and civility of neighborhoods, towns, and cities.

A hate crime is any offense committed against you or your property because of your race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, disability, gender or sexual orientation. Anybody can be a victim. The language of the law is very broad and protects everyone, not one particular group.

Unfortunately, hate crimes have increased across our nation, state, and region. By learning about hate crimes and how to stand against them and report them, we can make everyone safer.

Our efforts include educational outreach throughout the county. We teach about hate crimes to students, faculty and community groups so people can protect themselves from bias-motivated violence. We also train law enforcement personnel so they can better assist victims of hate crimes.

A hate crime against one person is an assault against all of us. The San Diego Office of the District Attorney will continue fighting hate crimes in our Community. The public can find more information and the District Attorney's online reporting form by searching for hate crimes at: [SanDiegoDA.com](http://SanDiegoDA.com).

## You Can Stop an Opioid Overdose with Naloxone

Many University City residents participated in the in-person Opioid Prevention & Response training at the Library last month. In case you missed it, you can sign up for a New PATH free online opioid prevention and response training. Their program will teach you about the causes of opioid overdose and how to recognize and respond to an overdose, including administering an opioid antagonist (naloxone, also known as Narcan). For more info, visit: [anewpath.org](http://anewpath.org) or [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com)

## 2022 – UCCA Celebrate 20 Years

### What's in Our Future...



### Housing Action Package 2.0 Under Development

From the City of San Diego: The City of San Diego remains committed to providing Homes for All of Us. Housing Action Package 1.0, adopted in February 2022, included new programs and code revisions to incentivize construction of new homes at all income levels.

Housing Action Package 2.0 will continue the commitment to create regulations that encourage the development of homes for San Diego's diverse population. The Housing Action Package 2.0 aims to implement state law to allow the construction of more new homes near transit, provide protections to existing residents, and to increase the supply of land available for new home development. This initiative will also incentivize and promote new home opportunities in all communities that San Diegans of all income levels can afford.

The City estimates that draft regulations will be developed in early 2023 and that City Council will adopt the updated regulations in late Spring. For the most up-to-date information about Housing Action Package 2.0, visit the City website: [sandiego.gov/planning/work/housing-action-package](http://sandiego.gov/planning/work/housing-action-package)

**Come visit Santa on vacation in the islands!**

**Cookies with Santa?**

**Photos with Santa   Carnival Games   Cookies and Juice**

The City of  
**SAN DIEGO**

Nobel Rec. Center 8810 Judicial Drive  
San Diego, CA 92122 (858) 552-1626

**Thursday  
December 15, 2022  
11a.m. to 1p.m.**



## Another Successful Pie Giveaway



One of University City's tasty traditions is the Thanksgiving Pie giveaway the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, sponsored by the Ahearn Team, now the Altman Brothers Team. Lines were forming down Governor Drive much earlier than the 3:00pm start time. Eventually, 400 pies were given away in an hour and 15 minutes! It was also a good time to see and catch up with neighborhood friends. Thank you Altman Brothers Team!



## People for a Clean UC Calls for Volunteers

*by Vince Reardon*

People for a Clean UC wants you! Yes, you! Since the start of the COVID pandemic in early 2020, we've seen a drop-off in volunteers. Prior to the pandemic, it was common to have 20 or more volunteers helping out on our monthly, neighborhood cleanups. Since the pandemic that number has shrunk to 10 or more. Frankly, the pandemic is only partly to blame. Life happens. Family schedules change, people relocate, high school students go away to university, couples divorce, and people die. I get it.

But one reality in UC never changes. Litter and debris continue to accumulate on UC's busier streets and avenues. While the City does a good job, it can only do so much. It needs help with the two types of litterers that assault our neighborhood everyday – the accidental and the intentional litterer. For the past eight years People for a Clean UC has conducted a monthly, neighborhood cleanup and has hauled thousands of pounds of litter and debris from UC streets without any cost to you. We have counted on the generosity and grit of our volunteers -- people like you.

Our next neighborhood cleanup is on Sunday, December 11 from 7:30-9:00am. We meet and greet at Starbucks, 3202 Governor Dr., from 7:15-7:30am, then break up into teams and get to work. All supplies – pickers, trash bags, plastic gloves, and reflective vests – are provided for.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." I urge you to embrace our vision of a clean and beautiful UC. If not you, who?

## Celebrating Six New Trees Planted at Standley Park

*by Diane Ahern*

UCCA was excited to be at Standley Park in November to help out with the planting of six pink trumpet trees. Four of the pink trumpet trees (AKA *tabebuia rosea*) were planted adjacent to the sidewalk by the tot lot playground and will eventually provide shade in that area. The remaining two trumpet trees were planted adjacent to Swanson Memorial Pool to replace trees that were lost due to age and construction.

The trumpet tree is deciduous and will lose its leaves in the winter. It will flower with brilliant pink flowers in January and February. The money to purchase the trees was donated by Marilyn Mehr (the treasurer of the previous Garden Club which disbanded a couple of years ago) on behalf of the previous Garden Club.

Pictured left is: Jay, Erich, and Roger from Parks & Recreation with community volunteer Marilyn at Standley Park.

(Note: The current UC Garden Club is planning out its 2023 schedule. If you have topic suggestions, would like to host a meeting, or would like to get on the email list, contact [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).)



## Congrats to the Centurions! CIF San Diego Section Division III Football Champions



University City's Jayden Daly (33) stiff-arms Point Loma's Cameron Lucas (20) during the Division III title game on Friday, November 25. The Centurions won 33-28. (Meg McLaughlin/The San Diego Union-Tribune). With this win, UCHS (11-2) advances to the Southern California playoffs.



University City Principal Mike Paredes shows off his grandson Ezra to the cheerleaders during the Division III San Diego Section football championship game against Point Loma on Friday, November 25. (Meg McLaughlin/The San Diego Union-Tribune) For more information, visit: UCHS Football Boosters on Facebook @uchsfotballboosters



## UCHS Field Hockey Team is 2022-23 CIF Division II Section Champs!

The University City High School Field Hockey team had quite a week leading up to the championship game in mid-November. After defeating Mission Bay and La Jolla Country Day, the Centurions made their way to La Costa Canyon High School to take on the Rancho Bernardo Broncos for a winner-takes-all contest. The intensity and level of game play were unrivaled!

With the score tied 0-0 at the end of regulation, the game went into extra time, and then "sudden victory." Stellar defense by both teams sent the game to a set of five one-on-ones.

A trio of seniors sealed the deal: Emma Giesting defended the UC goal perfectly, while Jenna Amos and Keiko Yamamuro scored the winning goals.

Congratulations to the entire team and coaching staff for a fantastic season and the first-ever Field Hockey Championship at UC High! UC, U Know!

(Info taken from UCHS PTSA News)



## Centurion Marching Band Scores High

In November, the Centurion Marching Band and Color Guard had a high-scoring weekend of competitions, with a highlight being a terrific performance at the Ramona High School band competition in Riverside. UCHS swept the field with seven trophies received, including High Music Score, High Music Effects, High Visuals and Visual Effects, and Overall Tournament Sweepstakes Champion!

The Centurions placed first out of fifteen division 1A, 2A, and 3A bands. They will be heading to the Southern California band invitational later in the month, as one of the top 2A bands in the region.

Way to go UC Cents!



## University Community Planning Group Meeting Report

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The UCPG meeting on November 8 began with a comment by CM Joe LaCava who wanted to take a moment thank the UCPG members and community for their volunteer work while he's been our councilmember. Most of the University Community will be in D6 starting December 12.

I'd like to thank Joe and the D1 staff, particularly Kathleen, Vicky, Venessa, and Krissy for tireless work on issues big and small that are important to our community. Also, a shout out to our past district reps Justine Murray and Kaitlyn Willoughby. Each time a rep moved on we wondered how we would manage, and each time the next rep stepped up and did a fantastic job.

The UCPG is keeping our options open for the next UCPG meeting. If needed, we will hold a meeting by Zoom on December 13 at 6:00pm. Possible topics include an approval of a comment by the Towne Centre View subcommittee on their project Draft EIR and an item by the state park system for improvements to utilities and ADA compliance at Torrey Pines State Park.

At the most recent CPC meeting we were told that hybrid in-person / zoom meetings would not be practical and still comply with the Brown Act. Alexandria has offered us our "usual" meeting location when we decide to have in-person meetings again.

The city Pure Water group gave an update on the project, giving estimates for the work schedule and answering questions, particularly about the loss of bike lanes from Appleton to the 52. Barry Bernstein recommended that the UCPG send one or two members to the Pure Water Working Group. I agreed to work with Sarah Bowles to make this happen.

Cliff Williams led a team from BIOMED Reality to present an information item on the Towne Centre View project. We received an update on the project and on the Draft EIR which is expected to be released by the city next week.

The UCPG has a subcommittee to review the project and will receive an advanced copy of the DEIR to use for its meetings. The subcommittee will likely meet right after the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Celebrating One Year of Trolley Service to UC

In November, MTS and the UC community celebrated the Blue Line Trolley Extension's first year of operation. According to the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), the San Diego Blue Line Trolley extension to the UTC transit center has been a game changer for the region. The Blue Line route connects students to UC San Diego, residents to the VA Medical Center, shopping and employment centers, and so much more.

MTS reports that the Blue Line extension has made taking a transit a great option to get from the University City area to leisure activities in downtown San Diego. MTS reports that not only has the extension created transit connections to more employment centers, but the MTS workforce has also significantly increased to support the new operation. Whether they ride to work, school, or for special events, MTS thanks all riders for getting onboard this past year and making the extension to UTC such a success. For more details on the extension's first year, check out the MTS Rider Insider at: [sdmts.com/rider-info/rider-insider](http://sdmts.com/rider-info/rider-insider)

## Community Planning Update Subcommittee 11/15/22 Meeting Summary

by Katie Rodolico, CPUS Member

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

### Agenda Items:

**Nancy Graham** presented the two new land use scenarios based on feedback from the last few meetings. They can be found at [www.planuniversity.org/materials](http://www.planuniversity.org/materials). The two scenarios presented had a higher density version (scenario A) and a lower density version (scenario B). Both of the new scenarios had significantly reduced maximum density compared to the previous versions. She explained the zoning designations EMX: Employment Mixed Use, and RMX: Residential Mixed Use. Much of the new scenarios fell into EMX or RMX designations. EMX would not require housing if the site were redeveloped, RMX would allow commercial and employment but with residential as the priority.

She also discussed the land uses called neighborhood commercial, community commercial, and regional commercial. All of these designations allow some residential onsite but provide retail. Ms. Graham also provided an explanation that no plan would be approved that "downzoned" existing land use zoning.

The discussion raised many points:

- Whether churches should be on the map as institutional.
- A preference for RMX over EMX near trolley stops to ensure that housing is added.
- A concern that redevelopment of community shopping centers (Sprouts/Vons, etc.) might displace needed community resources such as grocery and restaurants.
- Discussion that housing that currently provides rentals to families that qualify as low income or very low income could not be redeveloped till five years after those rentals were no longer occupied by lower income.
- Concern about the lack of park space given the large increase in residential.
- Concern about MSCP areas and building housing too close to canyons and open space.
- Concern about increased traffic with the increased housing and employment density.

There will not be a plan update meeting in December. The next meeting, possibly on January 17, 2023, will start work on the draft community plan including elements on parks and mobility.

## One Year of Trolley to UTC



### Ridership

**12%**  
Of all Trolley trips taken

**73%**  
Increase in Blue Line ridership since opening

### Trips & Miles

**53,709**  
Trips since opening

**1.7**  
Million car miles (to the moon and back 3.5 times!)

### Trolley Stats

**30,633**  
Hours of service

**36**  
New Trolleys added to the fleet (a 28% increase in fleet size)



## 10 Ways to Prevent a House Fire

by Ex-Chief William Beck, UC Fire Safe Council Member

**#1: Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms** - Install smoke and carbon dioxide alarms. Test detectors monthly and change batteries twice a year. Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

**#2: Your Heating Equipment** - Space heaters, fireplaces, and central heating systems are the leading cause of home fires. Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed. Never use your oven to heat your home, and have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected yearly by a qualified professional.

**#3: Fire Extinguishers** - Extinguishers are your *best* defense against small, contained fires that have just started to burn. Have extinguishers in the kitchen, garage and near fireplaces, easily accessible. Fire extinguishers are useless if you and your family don't know how to use them! For those with younger children, it could be helpful to print out and post the P.A.S.S. acronym near the extinguisher: P = Pull, A = Aim, S = Squeeze, S = Sweep.

**#4: Kitchen Safety** - The leading cause of kitchen fires are unattended or distracted cooking. Cooking fires are one of the biggest causes of home fires and injuries. Never leave food that is cooking unattended – especially if you're frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food. If you're simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly. If you need to leave, turn the oven and stovetop off and slide the pan onto a cold burner. Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop. Keep your oven and stove area clean and grease-free. Check your stove's vent hood to make sure it's clear and unobstructed.

**#5: Electrical Cords** - The biggest cause of electrical fires is plugging too many appliances into a single outlet, as this overloads the circuit which can cause the outlet to overheat. Unplug appliances when they aren't being used. Unplug appliances by grabbing the plug's head not the cord. Worn or frayed cords should be replaced. Never break off the third prong on a plug to plug it into a two-pronged outlet. This third prong, known as the ground connector, acts as an emergency path for electricity to travel if a short circuit or other fault develops inside the electrical device.

**#6: Your Dryer** - Clothes dryers cause more than 20,000 house fires yearly. Regular cleaning and maintenance can prevent a dryer fire! Remove the lint trap after every use. Dryer vents should also be cleaned out. Some dryers have internal ductwork that may require a professional.

**#7: Storing Flammables** - Flammable/combustible liquids cause more than 43,000 home fires each year! We all have a wide variety of flammable liquids in our home, so read product labels, keep an eye out for any warnings, and store items properly. Gasoline, paint thinners, and other flammable liquids should be stored away from pilot lit equipment and other heat sources. Storing them outdoors in a separate shed is best.

**#8: Fireplace Safety** - Fireplaces can become dangerous if they aren't maintained. Never leave an active fire unattended. Install a screen in front of the fireplace. When extinguishing the fire, make sure that the embers are out. Give ashes time to cool down before disposing of them. Have your chimney cleaned *at least* once a year by a professional cleaner.

**#9: Using Candles** - Scented candles left unattended, may be a fire hazard! Put them out before leaving the room. Keep them far away from flammable objects, small children and pets.

**#10: Outdoor Fires** - Outdoors fires can be triggered by using BBQs or fire pits irresponsibly, or simply having a messy backyard! Make sure to clean up any lawn clippings or dry leaves that can create heat and potentially start fires. If you use firewood, store it away from your home.



## Pure Water Construction Continues in University City

from Sarah Bowles, Pure Water Community Liaison

Designated as the "Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels" on the Pure Water University City website, this project begins in Clairemont on Genesee Avenue between Appleton Street and state Route 52 and continues on Genesee Avenue, Nobel Drive, Towne Centre Drive and Executive Drive. Tunneling will be completed at Genesee Avenue and SR-52, at Genesee Avenue and Rose Canyon, and under Interstate 805.

**Pipeline Installation along Genesee Avenue:** In November 2022, construction began in Clairemont on Genesee Avenue between Appleton Street and SR-52. For public and worker safety, crews installed concrete barriers, starting just north of the Appleton Street intersection to transition traffic safely into the southbound lanes and continue north towards the SR-52 freeway.

In Clairemont, the northbound lanes on Genesee Avenue are currently closed for the installation of the pipelines. The southbound lanes are 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. The pedestrian sidewalk remains open and vehicles must share the road with bicyclists.

In University City, pipeline construction is ongoing and continuing along Executive Drive to the I-805 tunnel shaft at the Executive Drive cul-de-sac.

**Pipeline Installation along Nobel Drive and Towne Centre Drive:** More info 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 the most up-to-date information about Pure Water pipeline construction in the University City area, visit: [bit.ly/3gmrXNo](http://bit.ly/3gmrXNo) PureWaterUniversityCity

**For more information:** Contact Pure Water staff via email: [purewatersd@sandiego.gov](mailto:purewatersd@sandiego.gov) or phone: 833-UTC-PWSD (833-882-7973). Register for construction alerts for the "Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels" project at: [sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd/phase-1-projects](http://sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd/phase-1-projects)



## Thank You to Renewing and New Member Joins for November 2022

### Individual

Betty Kellers  
Connie Nowlan  
Isabelle Telliez  
James De Shazo  
Jo-Ann Middleman  
Judith Dresser  
Kai-wen Lee  
Karen Haywood  
Kris Worley  
Marge Suess  
Mary Eggen  
Mary Jo Brown  
Mary Weinbrecht  
Michael Dwyer  
Shirley Cowell  
Tim Garfield

### Supporter

Armando and Christina Tovar  
Barbara Kading  
David Asa  
Debra Reid  
Ed and Flora Mae Cox  
Edwin McDaniel and Noriko  
Matsumoto  
Elizabeth Pelling  
Gina Mallicoat  
Howard and Bridget Poizner  
Iryna Dzieciuch  
Jeanne and Kenway Hoey  
Judy Schreiber and David Paterson

Keith Thygerson  
Linda and Edgar Canada  
Linda Scott  
Mary Hawley  
Michael Buczaczer  
Molly Brodersen  
Nancy Powell  
Pauline Baskiel  
Peggy and Chuck Ritchie  
Rebecca McGinley  
Richard and Lynn Mc Neal  
Robin Bettin  
Susan Foster  
Timothy Gathman  
Ursula Chavez

### Angel

Alina and Tom Levy  
Ardrena L. Grether  
Bill and Barbara Mitchell  
Bill Mittendorf  
Charles and Francine Frasier  
Hank and Jill Chambers  
Karen and Steve Neudecker  
Leslie Abrams and Nick Mc Culley  
Mary Fos Vance and Patricia Berry  
Megan Bryden  
Richard and Colleen Doering  
Robert and Anne Morrison  
Sharon and Peter Franks  
Martha Weaver

### Gold

Amy Nielsen  
Audrey Patterson  
Becky and Ed Suedkamp  
Bill and Carol Mahler  
Bill and Phyllis Gahan  
Brian and Mary Giblin  
Bruce and Elizabeth Murray  
Crunchy and John Beacom  
David Carl McKee  
Don and M.E. Fithian  
Fred and Gail Shatsky  
James and Ellen Beshears  
Joan and Roy Corder  
John and Mary Jane Stoll  
Judy and Barry Petro  
Karen and Dan Harvey  
Karen Nelson  
Marilyn and Steve Kalvelage  
Michael Clapman  
Michael Zhou and Susan Chen  
Peter Stovin  
Rande Gaydon and Tom Wegman  
Ron and Susan Styn  
Sam Takahashi  
Scott and Liz Jones  
Sindy and Michael Grady  
Steve Olsher  
Tom and Darlene Ventimiglia

## University City Community Association 2023 UCCA Membership Application\*

Members will receive a 2023 membership card and a special thank-you gift for joining.

\_\_\_ \$20 Individual | \_\_\_ \$40 Supporter | \_\_\_ \$60 Angel | \_\_\_ \$100 Gold | \_\_\_ Additional donation enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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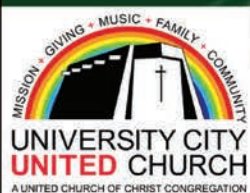
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