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## Coming Soon to University City – Pure Water Construction on Genesee

The Pure Water project begins in Clairemont on Genesee Avenue and Appleton Street and continues in University City on Genesee Avenue, Nobel Drive, Towne Centre Drive and Executive Drive.

**Traffic Control in University City:** Information about the traffic control plan for the Pure Water pipeline installation construction along Genesee Avenue in University City from State Route 52 to Nobel Drive is under review and has not yet been released publicly. Construction is ongoing in Clairemont on Genesee Avenue from Appleton Street to State Route 52.

**Tunneling Work at Marian Bear Park:** Tunneling work is ongoing at the Genesee Avenue parking lot at Marian Bear Park/San Clemente Canyon. Marian Bear Park and trails are open for use, but the Genesee Avenue lot is currently closed for safety.

**Tunneling Work at I-805:** The Pure Water construction on Executive Drive is making progress and tunneling work is anticipated to begin in February. The I-805 tunnel will connect the Pure Water pipeline to the North City Water Reclamation Plant.

**Intersection Work:** In the same area, at Executive Drive and Towne Centre Drive, daytime pipeline construction is underway.

**Contact the Pure Water Team:** Please email [purewatersd@sandiego.gov](mailto:purewatersd@sandiego.gov) or call 833.UTC.PWSD (833.882.7973) with questions about the City's Pure Water Program. To learn more, visit the project page: [sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd/phase-1-projects/university-city-eastgate-mall/morena-northern-pipeline-alignment-and-tunnels](http://sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd/phase-1-projects/university-city-eastgate-mall/morena-northern-pipeline-alignment-and-tunnels)

**Please note:** This update with photos was summarized from information provided by the Pure Water Project Team. UCCA hosted a Pure Water Information Session in January; the Zoom recording is available at [universitycitynews.org/UCCA/PureWaterFeb2023](http://universitycitynews.org/UCCA/PureWaterFeb2023)

## Pure Water UC- Eastgate Mall Map



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## SUMMARY OF UCCA MEETING

January 11, 2023 (Held via Zoom)

by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

President's Remarks: **Diane Ahern** announced: Installation of the pipes and equipment for Pure Water on Towne Centre Dr. and Executive Dr. is expected to last 6-8 weeks. Once a traffic control plan is finalized, construction on Genesee will commence. Construction of hangers at MCAS Miramar is underway so fewer visiting squadrons but more VIPs are expected.

**Sheldon Zemen**, rep of District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee, reported: (1) UC would most likely be receiving new trash receptacles sometime around June. (2) The City was working on improving street light repair and replacement and road repair in the UC area. (3) He encouraged the use of the "Get it Done" app. and that photos/requests be sent to him so he could share the requests with Council member Lee.

**Rachel Beck**, rep of County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, introduced herself and reported the Supervisor was working on various issues in 2023 including: (1) cleaning beaches and ocean water from pollution from the Tijuana River, (2) funding additional fire/rescue helicopters, (3) drug/addiction prevention, (4) protecting our native plants, and (5), planning a homeless count on January 26.

**Mark A. Schaffer**, rep for State Sen. Brian Jones (40<sup>th</sup> Dist.) reported: (1) The Senator is looking into ways to cut the cost of gas and oil in California. (2) SB 31 was introduced to address homelessness close to "sensitive areas" near parks, schools, etc. to get them into shelters. (3) SB 32 and SBX 31 have been introduced to create a gas tax holiday for an undisclosed period. (4) The deadline to acquire a Real ID is extended to May 27, 2025. (5) An internship program available to High School students to seniors has been created to educate state government operations. (6) The State has an "unclaimed property" program that people can use to determine if they have funds due to them. (7) The CHP has a Livewell and Drive Smart seminar for seniors that can result in discounts on car insurance. (8) A program called "Scam Stopper" is available to educate people on how to avoid scams.

**Melissa Martin**, Library Manager reported: (1) The library currently has part time jobs available. (2) They are working on a new Master Plan on how to redevelop the library on Governor Dr. Community input is sought. A meeting will be held on Feb. 16 from 4-5 pm at the library to hear what people want. \$1.9 million has been approved for a "Design and Scope" report will be worked on by planners and engineers to determine the layout. (3) They are also planning a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**Chris Nielsen**, Chair of the University City Planning Group (UCPG), reported: (1) It had its most recent meeting on January 10 where it was announced that three resident seats on the board were up for election. **Lisa Smith**, of Doyle Elementary School, requested funds to support a Jog-a-Thon fundraiser. The request for \$500 was approved.

**Nikki DeWinter and Coach Joe Satriano** of UCHS, requested \$475 to purchase five chest protectors for lacrosse not covered by the school budget. The request was approved.

**Jemma Samala**, Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2022. Both were approved. Printing costs for the Newsletter have increased by \$500 per month. Advertising rates were raised to help cover increased in costs. The reserve was increased by \$500. The banner program will be cutback unless a County grant is obtained.

The Board moved to appoint **Julie Nydam** as a voting member of the Board and as Membership Chair. She reported that membership was 400. She also suggested the minimum annual dues should be raised from \$20 to \$25-30. The amount will be determined at a future meeting.

**Barbara Gellman**, of Neighborhood Watch, reported the "Stop the Bleed" kit has not been delivered to Standley Park Rec. Center as it has not trained the employees how to use it. She will speak with the library on Nobel to see if they want a kit and will train the employees. She also stated she was still attempting to find a company with insurance and reasonable charges for painting addresses on curbs in front of houses.

**Merle Langston** reported the medians on Governor are looking bad with new plants and mulch needed. Costs are around \$2,000. The City will be contacted to see if it will help.

**Helen Liebowitz** commented that she has been trying to get the City to clean up vacant City property adjacent to the North UC library with no success. **Sheldon Zemen**, aide to Kent Lee, said he would investigate the problem.





## UCCA President Diane Ahern

Happy New Year University City. This is our first print newsletter of 2023 and I find it's a time for looking back as well as for looking forward. Our world has changed quite a bit in the last year. The Standley Aquatic Center joint-use pool is now open, most of University City has a new City Council District and Councilmember, the Pure Water pipelines construction has begun, and we anticipate the completion of our Community Plan Update later this year.

Thanks to all who have already joined UCCA for the 2023 calendar year. Your membership dues help to fund many events and programs that would not be possible without your ongoing support.

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 hasn't already joined or renewed their UCCA membership to do so today. You're welcome to make an extra donation as well. You'll find membership information in this newsletter and on our website.

As we move forward into 2023, I thank you, the neighbors and friends who join UCCA and continue to support University City today as we, and those who came before us, have for the past 21 years.

The monthly print newsletter, community meetings, social media, website and news updates, 4th of July UC Celebration, Summer Concerts, Oktoberfest, public school fundraising and projects, holiday tree and menorah lighting, neighborhood watch, street banners, median beautification, utility box art ... all of these events, programs and projects and more are sponsored in part through UCCA membership dues as well as through advertising revenue.

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

Our University City News print newsletter is unique. It is the only source of hyperlocal news in University City. You'll find news and features here that you won't find anywhere else. I'm confident you value it as much as I do.

I hope to see you at the next University City Community Association meeting, held on the second Wednesday of the month. UCCA provides a forum where the interests of residents may be expressed and contributions made to the protection of life and property in the community.

UCCA's public forum includes the print newsletter, website and social media, community outreach, event support, and public meetings. We have a lot to talk about. Thank you so much for helping to keep University City more than just a neighborhood.

*Diane*

**UCCA will hold a public meeting via Zoom on  
Wednesday, February 8, at 6:00pm**

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

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89764039153?pwd=YnVlUEFpOUdYKzRaZWNTTHh0THMyZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 6403 9153

Passcode: 180904

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

# Calendar

**February 2023**

**AMERICAN HEART MONTH**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**UCCA MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 8, 6:00pm**

**Zoom.us meeting**

**ID# 897 6403 9153**

**Passcode: 180904**

**PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC**

Sundays, February 12

7:15-7:30am – meet & greet

7:30-9:00am – work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks  
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

**SUPER BOWL**

Sunday, February 12

**VALENTINE'S DAY**

Tuesday, February 14

**UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

Tuesday, February 14

6:00 – 7:30pm

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

**UC CELEBRATION 4th of JULY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 15, 7:00pm

Standley Park Rec Center

Contact Randall Tonini at [randalltonini@icloud.com](mailto:randalltonini@icloud.com)  
for more info.

**NATIONAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY**

Friday, February 17

**PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Monday, February 20

**COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, February 21

Starts 6:00pm until...

University City High School Media Room  
6949 Genesee Ave.

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

**STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP**

Thursday, February 23

7:00pm

3585 Governor Drive

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[UNIVERSITYCITYNEWS.ORG](http://UNIVERSITYCITYNEWS.ORG)  
OR SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP FORM  
ON PAGE 14**





## A Discussion on Why to Report Crimes to Police

Reporting suspicious activity and/or crimes in progress to our police is an essential component of police investigations. Talking to neighbors, chat groups, or posting on online forms of something irregular doesn't help solve the problem. whether there has

been a theft, vehicle vandalism, theft from a vehicle, residential burglary, assault, residential casing, property vandalism or chronic party houses, they all should be reported to our police.

Evidence captured on security cameras and/or any other activity that seems suspicious or that you see happening could be the piece of the puzzle needed to solve a crime or series of crimes. Protecting life and our property is their job, even if they are short staffed, they need to know what is going on in the community, especially if we want more officers assigned to our Northern division. There are 9 divisions in San Diego, and the number of police assigned to a community, in most cases, is dictated on what is reported in each individual community along with crime analysis. They can examine the data on a daily basis and see the details and react accordingly.

Don't think anything is too little or you don't want to bother the police. they want to know and who better to tell them, but the residents. Dial 911 if there is a danger to life or property, a hazard to the environment, there is a crime currently in progress or a crime that happened within the last 5-10 minutes or if someone needs immediate medical assistance or there is a fire.

For non-emergencies, a crime you didn't see, dial 619.531.2000. When you hear a recording, say "dispatch", there will be silence and say "dispatch" again to speak with a dispatcher, even though you still might have to wait, you are in the system. When to utilize Get-It-Done? Think Non-Emergency or an event that will be there longer than 10 minutes and realistically days.

This report was initiated from questions at a Neighborhood Watch street meeting. If you would like to know who your street captain is, please contact me at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com). If you don't see one of our signs on your street, that means you need a street captain so step up, be part of the solution. We are in partnership with our police and we all hold the key to safety, our actions or inactions determine the outcome.

**Barbara Gellman, UCCA Neighborhood Watch  
Officer Anderson Brown**



## Solution for Cold Feet: SOCKS

This is definitely sock weather, go to [universitycitynewsletter.org](http://universitycitynewsletter.org) website, click on Neighborhood Watch and check out the options for children, men and women. Keep those feet warm and toasty and create a conversation with your donation. Quick delivery, checks or cash accepted to be deposited into the "sock bucket" for projects, programs, appreciation gifts, opportunity drawings. New styles coming at the beginning of February. Donations of \$5.00, or more, and you will receive a pair of unique foot warmers. You can also order by emailing me at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com) and I will send you the flyer of all styles.

## You Are Not Alone

The San Diego Police Department through the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) program offers a service known as "You Are Not Alone" (YANA) program. This is for seniors who are homebound with no family or other support system to check on their welfare. The following is information to help you decide if there is someone you know who could benefit from this service: If you know someone who lives in University City, Clairemont, Pacific Beach, Bay Ho, Bay Park, Mission Beach or La Jolla and meets our criteria, they may apply.

### Basic Eligibility Requirements for Becoming a YANA

Appropriate individuals for the YANA program would typically have no family or other support group available to regularly check their welfare.

### Criteria for YANA Candidates

- YANAs must be mentally capable of understanding the reason for their participation in the YANA program and the basic scope of the program.
- YANAs must agree to the visits. In cases where someone else is legally responsible for the welfare of the YANA, he or she must approve the visits.
- YANAs must be physically able to answer the door or telephone
- YANAs must be physically and mentally able to notify RSVP in cases where they will not be home before a scheduled visit

To get more information or apply on your computer go to: [sandiego.gov/police/services/you-are-not-alone](http://sandiego.gov/police/services/you-are-not-alone) to open the YANA page. Please read the information about YANAs. Then Scroll down until you see the blue box which says APPLY NOW. Click on that box and another page opens which allows you to start the application process. Where it asks for Division, type in Northern.

All applications must go through the website. If the individual cannot do it themselves perhaps a friend familiar with computers can help them find the site and fill in the application to get the ball rolling.

**Sandra Boelter, YANA Manager  
SDPD RSVP; Northern Division**

## Officer Anderson Brown of SDPD, Northern Division

Officer Anderson Brown of SDPD stated at the January UCCA meeting that:

(1) In 2022 burglaries, car prowls, auto theft, stolen bikes, and robberies were down from 2021. Items typically taken include cash, phones, wallets, bikes, jewelry, electronics, and tools.

(2) To stop burglaries, it is important to lock doors and windows. If necessary to let air into a house, it is important to use devices to just open a window a few inches. Statistics for entry for burglaries are 34% through the front door, 24% through first floor windows, 22% through the back door.



## District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee



Hello University City neighbors and Happy New Year! First and foremost, I want to thank University City along with our residents throughout District 6, for the honor and opportunity to serve as your Councilmember. I am especially proud to serve a District that my wife and I have called home for the last 16-years and where I have had the opportunity to serve as a nonprofit leader and community volunteer. In fact, District 6 is where my wife, Phuong, and I are currently raising our two young children, Alynna and Oliver.

I also want to take a moment to officially introduce Sheldon Zemen, your community representative in our office. Sheldon has been with the City of San Diego for eight years focusing on constituent services for many San Diego neighborhoods. In our office, Sheldon will have the pleasure of representing University City, the neighborhood he and his wife have called home since 2013! He will be attending meetings and providing updates on behalf of our office as well as serving as a direct contact for neighbors and businesses in University City to help answer any questions or concerns they may have. You can contact Sheldon at [ZemenS@sandiego.gov](mailto:ZemenS@sandiego.gov) or 619.236.6616.



Our office looks forward to working closely with UCCA and other community leaders to serve you — and hope to introduce ourselves further in upcoming meetings, this year's July 4th celebrations, and more. Please feel free to contact our council office at [KentLee@SanDiego.gov](mailto:KentLee@SanDiego.gov) or 619.236.6616. You can also find me on all social media platforms at [@KentLeeD6](https://www.instagram.com/KentLeeD6). You can also learn more about our office at [www.sandiego.gov/cd6](http://www.sandiego.gov/cd6).

Thank you once again! – Kent

## UCPG Meeting Report

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The University Community Planning Group (UCPG) held its regular meeting on January 10, 2023, by zoom. Following up with December's meeting, those minutes included the final letter sent to the city Department of Environmental Services containing the UCPG comment on the Towne Centre View project. The final project EIR should be ready by 7 February and if so, the project will be docketed for final project recommendation at the February UCPG meeting.

The UCPG unanimously approved a plan for the UCPG board election on March 14, 2023, for three resident seats and three business seats. The voting procedure is essentially unchanged from the March 2022 UCPG election.

The UCPG also heard an information item on Green Building Design concepts and their relationship to achieving the city's Climate Action Program goals. A goal for this discussion is for the board to be able to look at building design and understand how to ask the right questions.

The UCPG will be meeting by zoom in February and in person at 10300 Campus Pointe Drive (our pre-pandemic meeting location) in March. (See the related stories on page 12.)

## Millions of Dollars Flowing to San Diego to Fight Opioid Abuse

by Mara W. Elliott, San Diego City Attorney

For years, pharmaceutical companies aggressively marketed opioids to doctors and the public, claiming opioids were needed to manage chronic pain, weren't addictive, and were superior to other pain-relievers. None of that was true. Instead, America got sick, while the opioid industry got rich. As patients became addicts, they fueled an underground market for illegally produced fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, or turned to heroin. Overdoses strained emergency rooms and public-safety services and more than 500,000 Americans lost their lives. San Diego suffered along with the rest of the nation, struggling to combat a health crisis rooted in deception, manipulation, and greed.

While it's impossible to reverse the damage done by the opioid epidemic, it is possible to hold opioid manufacturers and marketers responsible. In 2019, my Office sued a number of companies that were making outrageous profits at the expense of human lives.

Our lawsuit accused the drug companies of circulating false and misleading information about opioids' safety and efficacy, and downplaying or omitting the risk of addiction and overdose. Opioids can be crucial to help people recover from surgery and to ease terminal illness, but the industry wanted a larger customer base. We argued that their immoral and unethical behavior caused substantial injury to San Diego taxpayers who absorbed the costs of this public health crisis. Our strategy was to recover those costs and compel the companies to fund drug treatment and education programs to help our addicted population and prevent it from growing. The legal strategy worked. That lawsuit is part of a multi-party settlement between three opioid distributors and one manufacturer and a number of cities, counties, and states. We expect additional settlements in the future. Our targets include some of the biggest names in the drug industry, who profited in the decades-long fraud.

Throughout this hard-fought three-year battle, your interests were doggedly pursued by my Office's Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit. Under the terms of the settlement, these funds cannot be used for any purpose other than to address opioid addiction, through health care, drug treatment, and related programs. The City will receive an estimated \$30 million over eight years. The first year's payment is \$1,372,352.69. Although the City Council and Mayor ultimately determine how the proceeds will be spent, it is my hope that the City will use these funds to expand PLEADS (Prosecution and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Services), which is a City program that encourages individuals found under the influence of drugs in public to agree to addiction treatment in lieu of prosecution and jail.

Our first responders are overburdened with emergency calls related to all forms of drug abuse and overdose. This program, founded by my Office and the San Diego Police Department in 2019, reduces costly emergency calls and offers a new start to people caught in the cycle of arrest, jail, release, and homelessness. Even \$30 million is a drop in the bucket compared with the economic and human harm caused by these companies, which have not admitted wrongdoing or the role they played in fueling a black market for illicit fentanyl. But at least one company, Johnson & Johnson, has stopped selling prescription opioids and has agreed not to resume. In the three years we prosecuted our case, America's opioid problem only worsened. In 2019, more than 3,200 people in California died from opioid overdoses; in 2021, there were 6,843 opioid deaths. In San Diego County alone, 1,637 people went to hospital emergency rooms for opioid overdoses in 2021, and 686 deaths were reported.

We can't bring back those whose lives were tragically cut short, but we can use this money to provide future treatment, help, and hope for San Diegans impacted by this crisis.



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

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

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

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

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

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

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE: All San Diego Public Library locations will be closed Monday, February 20.**

## 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

Persian Cultural Center (March 1 through March 31)

In celebration of Nowruz (Persian New Year), the local nonprofit Persian Cultural Center (PCC) will display cultural objects and handicrafts during the month of March in our Lobby. The Persian Cultural Center (PCC) is a non-profit, non-religious and non-political 501(c) (3) national organization.

#### Children's Programs

- Tiny Tots Storytime – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30pm
- Signing Storytime – Thursdays at 10:00am
- Toddler Storytime – Mondays at 10:00am
- Lego Club – Mondays at 6:00pm

#### Teen Programs

- Modern Board Gaming, February 22 at 3:30pm. Registration at: [sandiego.librarymarket.com/event/modern-board-gaming](http://sandiego.librarymarket.com/event/modern-board-gaming)

#### Adult Programs

- Fiction Fanatics Book Club – February 11 at 10:00am. *Run, Rose, Run* by Dolly Parton and James Patterson
- Amantes de la Lectura, Novelas Hispano-americanas en Espanol: Saturdays, February 25 and March 18 at 2:00pm. RSVP to [tlampell21@gmail.com](mailto:tlampell21@gmail.com).
- Friends of the North UC Library Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 6:00pm
- Page Turners' Book Club – February 25 at 1:00pm: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict; March 25 at 1:00pm: *Save Me The Plums* by Ruth Reichl

### 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. <http://mysdpl.org/share>



Youth Services Librarian (YSL) Larry Hoeckelmann has been promoted to Branch Manager at the Clairemont Branch Library. While we are sad to have to say goodbye, we are very happy to celebrate his success! Please give a warm welcome to our new YSL Jacqueline Macias, who joined us in January. We are very excited to have her here at the UC Library!

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#### Special Events - NEW SERIES: Great Decisions

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Initial Meet-Up on Friday, January 20; First Formal Discussion on Friday, February 17

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Each month, participants read the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watch the documentary film series then meet to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. A limited number of guidebooks/DVDs will be available to borrow from the library for use by the group; additional copies may be purchased individually. See Branch Manager Melissa Martin for more information.

Chess Club will return in the spring. Watch the Library's Facebook page and online calendar for the announcement of a new season.

Thursday, February 9 - 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Bath Bombs – make wonderfully scented bath bombs to give as gifts or use yourself. Register online or see staff - limited to 20 (all ages)

Tuesday, February 14 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Lotion Making – make soothing & scented lotions to give as gifts or use yourself. Register online or see staff - limited to 20 people (adults)

Monday, February 27 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Celebrate Holi at the UC Library with story time, colors, dance, henna and refreshments. Check the online calendar for more information.

Tuesday, February 28 - 12:30pm to 2:00pm. San Diego OASIS: African American Artists in Art History – Studio ACE Director Julia Fister discusses African American artists who have helped shape the visual culture and evolution of art in the United States but have not always been recognized for their work. Register online or see staff - limited to 20 people (adults)

#### Adult Programs

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 4:00pm (February 15): UC Friends of the Library monthly meeting

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

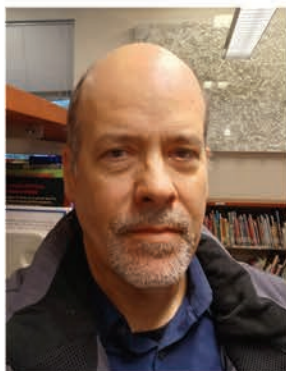
Fridays at 3:00pm: Video Game Fridays (Switch games)

Tuesday, February 7 at 2:30pm: Children's Craft Hour. Moji will demonstrate a Valentine's-themed craft for kids to make.

Saturday, February 18 at 10:30am: Saturday Storytime with Harlynnne (for toddlers)

Get Ready for Nowruz, the Persian New Year! UC staff member Moji is setting up the Haft Sin (Haft Seen) table, featuring the seven (7) traditional items that start with "S" or "seen". Come visit the table in the front lobby and show us how your table looks like!





### North UC Library Welcomes New Youth Librarian

Jeff Garthaus, North University Community Library's new Youth Services Librarian, has been with the San Diego Public Library for over twenty years. With a background in literature, education, and the performing arts (including work with San Diego Junior Theatre), he hopes to add

some spice to all that is already nice about the "NU" Library.

"It's obvious that this community is passionate about literacy and learning. Our patrons already enjoy what we have to offer, and the positive feedback inspires us to push the boundaries and experiment. It's satisfying to see people engaged and connecting with each other."

On the weekends, you might find Jeff fixing something around the house, tinkering, or exploring the great outdoors. "I'm an adventurer at heart. The library is a 'base camp' where you can begin a journey into your mind or anywhere else you choose to go. We can help get you there; it's what we do."

### LIBRARY MASTER PLAN

Your voice, your library! The San Diego Public Library wants to hear what you want for the future of your local library. Please join us on Thursday, February 16 at 4:00pm to share your thoughts and ideas. What do you love? What would you change? What would you add? If you can't make it on February 16, use the QR code to give us your input through a quick online survey.



### Museum Month 2023

San Diego Museum Month is back! The SDMM Discount Passes give up to {4} half-price admissions at participating museums and cultural attractions during February 2023. Collect your pass at any San Diego Public Library location. With more than 60 museums, one pass provides half-price admission for up to 4 people per participating museum. Only one pass is needed, so keep it to use at each of the eligible museums.

Museum Month is a signature program of the San Diego Museum Council (SDMC) and has become one of the most successful month-long arts and culture outreach events in the county. Check the list of participating libraries on [www.sandiegomuseumcouncil.org](http://www.sandiegomuseumcouncil.org) and get the QR code for a digital pass.



### Grants Awarded to Teachers and Principals

The EdUCate! Foundation provides grants to University City's five public schools.

Fall Teacher grants were recently awarded, which included funding for PE equipment, science equipment, and materials to support the social/emotional well-being of students. Other items include scientific calculators, materials to create community gardens, and funding for the Standley school newspaper. A variety of books and academic subscriptions were also purchased to serve the needs of our children. EdUCate! is in the process of accepting teacher Spring grants.

EdUCate! also recently announced another round of funding to the five University City principals for the 2022-2023 school year, totaling \$40,000. The principals specify how best to spend their grant money. This year, the principals elected to use funds for:

- Curie – Brainpop Literacy Programs
- Doyle – Raz Kids and Achieve 3000 Literacy Programs
- Spreckels – Spanish Enrichment Program materials for all grade levels
- Standley – Student Organizational Planners, Positive Behavior Awards, and Campus Beautification
- UCHS – Well Together, a program for mental health support for students

The EdUCate! grants positively impact the lives of the over 4,000 children in our five public UC schools. For more info, go to: [uceducate.org](http://uceducate.org). UCCA is a proud sponsor of EdUCate!

### San Diego Public Library Initiatives

- **Black History Month:** San Diego Public Library is celebrating Black history all month long with events and a Black History Month contest for youth. Visit: [sandiego.gov/public-library/culture/blackhistory](http://sandiego.gov/public-library/culture/blackhistory)
- **Hotspots:** Through the SD Access 4 All initiative, you can check out a mobile hotspots that is easy to use and allows users to connect their laptop, tablet and other Wi-Fi enabled devices to the Internet. You must have a library card in good standing to check out a hotspot. Please call ahead for availability.

### Volunteers Needed

The EAR Program at Curie Elementary is looking for volunteers to help students improve their reading proficiency. The program is scheduled to resume after a long COVID interruption.

The volunteers will meet with four students twice a week for 15 minute sessions until the end of the school year. The time commitment will be about three hours per week. The volunteers will need to complete a two-hour training session (videos) before starting with the program.

If you are interested, please contact Kenway Hoey, EAR Program Coordinator, Curie Elementary, at [khoey2010@gmail.com](mailto:khoey2010@gmail.com).



## COMMUNITY SHORTS

### CALLING UC SENIOR WALKERS

Join The UC Senior Walkers group that meets every Wednesday at 9:30am at the steps in front of Swanson Pool, at Standley Park. The group walks for approximately one hour in the University City neighborhood, and it's free for everyone! Get your exercise and make new friends at the same time.

The walk will automatically cancel if it is raining. For info and questions, contact Marie Pleasant, [seekgene@aol.com](mailto:seekgene@aol.com). They hope to see you smiling faces soon!

### UCUC BLOOD DRIVES - 2023

*The San Diego Blood Bank must collect more than 350 units of blood each day to meet the needs of local patients who are battling life-threatening blood disorders and cancers, suffering from traumas such as burns or serious accidents, or even complications from childbirth. One pint of blood can save up to three lives.*

The 2023 SD Blood Bank 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: March 11, May 6, July 15, September 9, and November 4. Schedule your appointment in advance at [mysdbb.org](http://mysdbb.org).



### HANDS-ONLY CPR/AED TRAINING

Thursday, February 23

San Diego Project Heart Beat will present a free Hands-Only CPR/AED training at the North Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive, on Thursday, February 23. Please arrive by 12:45pm; training will begin promptly at 1:00pm.

Project Heart Beat is the City of San Diego's Public Access Defibrillation/CPR Program managed by the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. For more information about Project Heart Beat, visit: [sandiego.gov/sdprojectheartbeat](http://sandiego.gov/sdprojectheartbeat)

## Two steps to save a life:



**Call Right Away!**

**Push Hard & Fast in  
the Center of the Chest!**



### Six Steps to a Healthier Heart

It's not too late to update (or set) a New Year's Resolution to Love Your Heart. February is Heart Month and there are a lot of steps you can take—literally—to be heart healthy. Check with your healthcare provider before beginning any new heart-healthy program and follow disease prevention guidelines.

Here are 6 steps to a healthier heart courtesy of Live Well San Diego (more at [livewellsd.org](http://livewellsd.org)):

- **Know your numbers:** Get your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels checked and learn what the healthy numbers are. Your doctor can help you develop a plan of action if your numbers are too high. Follow up regularly to check your progress. After a year, you should feel better when your numbers improve.
- **Get up and start moving:** Just a little more than 20 minutes of exercise each day can reduce the risk of heart attack. It can be a simple, brisk walk in the morning, a regular sports date with friends, or an activity with co-workers during lunch. A little planning goes a long way.
- **Make friends with food labels:** When grocery shopping, read the nutrition labels of everything you eat or buy. Limit your saturated fat consumption to 7 or 8 percent of your diet and opt for more monounsaturated fats (from fish, olive oil, and nuts). And avoid trans fats completely if you can; you can recognize trans fats when the label says it's "hydrogenated."
- **Cut back on alcohol:** Alcohol is not bad in moderation. But if you are overdoing, it can affect your liver and your heart. If you feel that you may be drinking a bit much, try to limit your drinking to just one drink a day. Even better, consider taking a break from drinking for six or eight weeks to "detox" your body.
- **Sleep it off:** Rest can also help you have a healthy heart. Get at least eight hours of sleep every day. And if you're one of the millions of people who needs to sleep more, make sure you get those extra hours. Studies show that people who get adequate sleep have up to 33 percent fewer heart-related health issues.
- **Phone a friend:** It turns out that keeping and renewing relations with friends and loved ones are associated with lower rates of heart disease. So reach out and call mom, or your daughter, your brother, or your friends. Your heart and theirs, and probably your family, will be healthier.

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#NationalHeartMonth – Observe the month by talking to your physician about your risk factors. Walking is one of the healthiest and safest activities we can do for ourselves. Learn more at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).

The American Heart Association proclaimed February to be National Heart Month, go to [heart.org](http://heart.org) for more info.





## Recreationally Speaking

by Diane Ahern

Planning is underway for the UC Celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Many volunteers are needed to help make this annual event at Standley Park a huge success. If you and your family plan to attend, please also plan to help out. The next meeting of the UC Celebration committee will be on February 15 at 7:00pm at the Standley Recreation Center. This is a public meeting and anyone with suggestions and an interest in the UC Celebration is urged to attend.

Did you know? There's always something to do at our parks and recreation facilities. Here's what we learned by checking out the program offerings at Swanson Pool, Standley Aquatic Center and at Doyle, Nobel, and Standley Recreation Centers in University City. Information at: [sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation](http://sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation)

- Doyle Recreation Center has a playground and dog park and offers Tiny Tots, Karate, Table Tennis and much more
- Nobel Recreation Center has a playground and dog park and offers Mahjongg, Pickleball, Tai Chi and much more
- Standley Recreation Center has a playground and is home to the UCRC Racquet Club; Standley offers Pickleball, the Quilt Again Club, Hatha Yoga and much more
- Swanson Memorial Pool is currently closed for maintenance; once the pool is reopened, Swanson will offer warm water exercise classes and much more
- Standley Aquatic Center is a joint-use pool with the San Diego Unified School District; it offers community lap swim during designated hours



From Biocom California: You are invited to the 15th annual San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering's EXPO Day at Petco Park on Saturday, March 4, 2023. This free event will include hands-on STEAM activities like DNA extractions, live performances from Music Notes, learning events for the whole family, and much more. For more info, visit: [biocom.org](http://biocom.org)

## 2023 – People in the Community

### Park Volunteers and Staff



### UC Village Park Cleanup

I want to send a major SHOUT OUT to everyone who was involved with UC Village Park's group project #29 in December. This group project included community volunteers who live in the area. Volunteers were thrilled that we partnered with them to give back to their community park. The volunteers raked up leaves and picked up trash throughout the park.

Our groundskeepers edged the grass and cleaned up the planter beds around the park. We also weed whacked all the overgrown weeds and trimmed trees around the park. UC Village park looks GREAT! All Parks Staff and Volunteers were instrumental during this project and we did receive great feedback from the volunteers and neighbors walking the park that morning. Thank you all for coming out to give back to the community.

Thank You,  
Jay Villanueva  
City of San Diego Parks & Rec Area Manager II





## Get Involved with the Curie Garden Club



The Curie Elementary School Garden Club has lots of opportunities to get involved in 2023! Every Friday after school, volunteers spend an hour or two working in the garden (weeding, mulching, making plant markers, & more). If Friday doesn't work with your schedule, that's ok; anytime you want to get your hands dirty during the week is fine!

Preparation for an upcoming plant sale is also in full swing so if you are interested in donating seed starts and succulent cuttings to the club, the collection area for these items is located by the mural wall in the community garden. To find more ways to get involved, go to [curiegardenclub.shutterfly.com](http://curiegardenclub.shutterfly.com)



## Let's Get Ready for Spring!

### *Ideas from the UC Garden Club*

What a great time to take advantage of some of the late winter / early spring gardening events, tours, and classes in San Diego. For those who are interested in the UC Garden Club, contact [JemmaSamala@gmail.com](mailto:JemmaSamala@gmail.com). Following are a couple UC Garden Club recommendations for the month of February.

**Marston House Garden Tour**, Sunday, February 19, 2023, 1:30pm-2:15pm. Tour starts at the Marston House Museum Shop in the carriage house at 3525 Seventh Avenue, San Diego. With its uniquely California interpretation of the English Romantic and Arts & Crafts period landscape designs, this tour is a must for garden lovers. The garden tour takes you on an easy walk through two and a half acres of the estate beginning with the first plantings and landscape plan by nationally recognized landscape architect Samuel Parsons, Jr., and George Cooke in 1905 to the 1928 introduction of a formal garden. Ticket purchase and more information available at: [sohosandiego.org/main/tourmhgarden.htm](http://sohosandiego.org/main/tourmhgarden.htm)



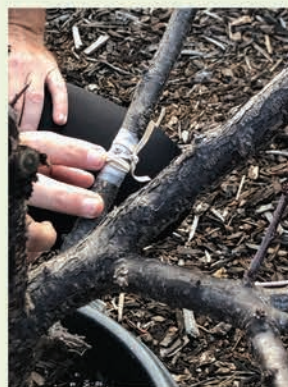
## UC Garden Club Learns to Graft Trees

The University City Garden Club members gathered at the home of Katie Dunahoo to learn about fruit tree grafting from UC resident Pieter Dorrestein. Pieter was an encore presenter, as many members requested to learn about tree grafting after visiting his home last year to learn about his 100+ fruit trees and bushes.

Pieter discussed the different types of grafts, supplies to use, and the best time to graft fruit trees. Fruit grafting is the process of taking part of one fruit tree and placing it on a compatible rootstock tree – thereby growing two or more varieties onto one tree. Attendees were able to bring home fruit trees and pieces of other trees to start their own new trees.

To get on the UC Garden Club mailing list and learn about future events, email [JemmaSamala@gmail.com](mailto:JemmaSamala@gmail.com).

*(Photos courtesy Linda Villalobos)*



**Plumeria 101: Grow Amazing Plumerias in San Diego** presented by the **San Diego Horticultural Society** at Congregation Beth Israel, 9001 Towne Centre Drive, San Diego, on Monday, February 13, from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Plumeria expert, Mike Atkinson, will share his extensive knowledge of growing and propagating the many varieties of plumerias that thrive in our Mediterranean climate. Pre-registration is required; for more information and to register, visit: [sdhort.org/event-5136715](http://sdhort.org/event-5136715)





**UC Lights Up for the Holidays**

The annual community holiday and menorah lighting event and dinner with Santa was another big success. Entertainment was provided by the Our Mother of Confidence Children's Choir, the Standley Middle School Marching Band, the Key of She, and Tom Ventimiglia. Councilmembers Joe LaCava and Kent Lee both attended with their families, Lorna's Italian Kitchen provided boxed dinners, Carl's Jr. donated cookies, and hot chocolate from Coffee Bean. The Standley Rec Center organized the arts and crafts. Special thanks to event coordinator Darlene Ventimiglia, all the elves that assisted with decorations, and to Greg Hom for the photos.





## UCPG to Hold Elections for Executive Board on March 14, 2023

The University Community Planning Group (UCPG) will hold its annual election for the UCPG Executive Board on March 14, 2023. Board members will be elected for three residential and three business seats with three-year terms beginning April 11, 2023. Resident members from each district (see below) vote for their district resident board seat and business members vote for their business district board seats.

The UCPG plan area is divided into three districts. District 1 is south of Rose Canyon, east of I-5, west of I-805, and north of SR-52. District 2 is north of Rose Canyon, west of Regents Rd., east of Gilman Dr., and south of La Jolla Village Dr. District 3 is all remaining plan area not included in districts 1 and 2 and includes east of Regents Rd., north of Rose Canyon, and west of I-805, and the north Torrey Pines business area. UC San Diego is not included in the plan area and people who reside on the UC San Diego campus are not eligible for UCPG membership.

**Who can run?** UCPG members who have attended at least one UCPG meeting in the 12 months ending January 2023 are eligible to run for a board seat. Residents run for resident seats; business members run for business seats. Note: the February 2023 UCPG meeting may not be used to satisfy the attendance requirement to run in March.

**How do I run?** UCPG members have until the end of the February 14, 2023, UCPG meeting, to send an email to Chris Nielsen, [cn@adsc-xray.com](mailto:cn@adsc-xray.com), to announce their candidacy. Please include your name and resident or business address for eligibility verification. You can also announce your candidacy at the February 14 UCPG meeting. This will be a zoom meeting.

**How do I vote?** All UCPG members are eligible to vote for a resident or business member in their district. In person voting will be available outside the UCPG meeting room at 10300 Campus Pointe Dr. from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on March 14, 2023. For your health, safety, and convenience we're pleased to offer drop off ballot boxes at the two UC libraries during library operating hours from Monday March 6 to Monday March 13. Results will be tallied and reported at 8:00pm during the March 14, 2023, UCPG meeting. Instructions and ballots for drop off at the libraries will be available once all candidacies have been announced.

### UCPG to Hold In Person Meetings March 14, 2023

The University Community Planning Group (UCPG) will hold its meeting on March 14, 2023, in person at its prior location at 10300 Campus Pointe Dr. This meeting location and in person format will be in effect until further notice.

Members of the Community Planners Committee (CPC) and staff members of the Planning Department have been told that the Governor's Emergency Decree for COVID-19 will be expiring on February 28. All planning groups must meet in person in March and comply with the Brown Act. In general: For UCPG Board members or UCPUS subcommittee members:

1. Attending in person is required for participation. The Brown Act and AB2449 don't provide useful exceptions.

For Members of the Public and/or Community:

1. Attending in person allows public comment and discussion of agenda items.
2. Attending remotely allows public comment and discussion if supported but support is not required.

Only an in-person option will be offered for the March 14 meeting in order to facilitate the UCPG election and regular meeting agenda.

## Community Planning Update Subcommittee

*by Katie Rodolico, CPUS Member*

I have been on the University Community Plan Subcommittee since it was formed in late fall, 2018. It's been a long 4+ years. I represent the UCCA organization - which means I represent all of you.

The subcommittee meetings have been open to the public and have covered many topics including Mobility (roads, bike lanes, public transit), Parks (open space areas, community parks, pocket parks) and Zoning challenges to the area (flight paths, height limits), Urban Design, needs for commercial and housing, and of course, land use and zoning.

For much of the process there was not a lot of engagement within the community. But when the city proposed controversial rezoning of south UC in Feb 2022 people started paying attention and expressing concern. The city planners revised the proposed land use maps twice since that initial proposal in early 2022. The community engaged and the city listened. That original proposed map was revised to eliminate the townhouse proposal.

The most recent proposed zoning maps are available at [https://bf5c854d-f91f-4d3a-bacd-48151e76d7f5.usrfiles.com/ugd/bf5c85\\_9763605af8cf4bd7acd445bf29ba6f03.pdf](https://bf5c854d-f91f-4d3a-bacd-48151e76d7f5.usrfiles.com/ugd/bf5c85_9763605af8cf4bd7acd445bf29ba6f03.pdf). These include the current (adopted use) zoning, and two land use proposals. Scenario B seems to reflect many of the suggestions made by the community.

The city planners are actively writing a first cut Draft Community Plan Update. The tentative timetable calls for a draft Mobility Plan discussion at the February meeting. The city hopes to present their 'first cut' of the entire draft Community Plan Update at the March meeting. Then the subcommittee will meet a few times to discuss and make revisions/suggestions to that 'first cut' draft update plan. The comments and suggestions generated at these meetings will be fed back to the city planners as feedback so they can revise and finalize the Draft Community Plan Update. At that point the city will present the revised draft back to the Subcommittee and start the EIR process. The meetings between now and the 'official' Draft Community Plan Update are of critical importance.

The EIR will evaluate the two scenarios in that 'official' draft as well as a 'No Change' option. My experience in other projects is that the 'no change' option will not be considered by the city council, and that very few changes can be made to the plan after the EIR is complete. So the time for feedback and suggested changes is NOW.

Please take the time to review the materials on the [PlanUniversity.org](http://PlanUniversity.org) website. If you wish to give feedback make specific, actionable, suggestions to improve the maps, improve mobility, etc. You can reach Nancy Graham and Suchi Lukes of the city planning department at: [nhgraham@sandiego.gov](mailto:nhgraham@sandiego.gov) and [slukes@sandiego.gov](mailto:slukes@sandiego.gov). If you wish to discuss the process or proposed changes you can reach me at [ktnelson@yahoo.com](mailto:ktnelson@yahoo.com)

The February 21st meeting, and meetings going forward, will be in person at UCHS in the media room. Meetings are expected through at least May to discuss the first cut of the Draft University Community Plan. Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.



## Help Save UC Launches Urgent Email Campaign

by Linda Beresford

Help Save UC has launched an email campaign encouraging residents to comment on two major issues: the Community Plan Update and the City Council's proposed change in how it defines transit-oriented development areas.

The Planning Department presented two new Land Use Scenarios (A and B) during the last Community Plan Update meeting in November. These two scenarios incorporate many of Help Save UC's requests and reduce the overall population density proposed for the Plan Update. However, both Scenarios still propose significantly increased density overall (about double the current population of University City). In south UC, Scenario A proposes to increase the amount of housing allowed at the Sprouts and Vons shopping centers to 73 dwelling units/acre—a large increase from the 29 dwelling units/acre the City states are currently allowed. Help Save UC has submitted comments on these new Land Use Scenarios to the Planning Department.

Meanwhile, the City Council is also voting on a proposal to expand the areas identified as "transit-oriented" from a distance of half a mile from major transit stops, currently named Transit Priority Areas (TPAs), to one-mile walking distance from transit stops, to be called Sustainable Development Areas (SDAs). Areas included in the new SDAs would be subject to land use and building regulations that allow for more density.

Help Save UC's email campaign asks community members to contact City staff and elected officials to provide their input on the Plan Update and on the SDA adoption.

For additional information on these issues or to join Help Save UC's email campaign, please go to [HelpSaveUC.org](http://HelpSaveUC.org).

## Miramar Matters

**Diane Ahern, UCCA's Rep to the MCAS Miramar Community Leaders Forum:**

Both Chris Nielsen (from the Planning Group) and I attended the Miramar Community Leaders Forum (CLF) in January where the featured speaker was the Commanding Officer Colonel Marty Bedell. Between now and 2030, both runways are going to be rebuilt and several new hangars for the F-35 aircraft will be under construction. Because of these ongoing and concurrent projects, there will be fewer visiting squadrons training at Miramar. What this means to us in the community is that we will see more Marine Corps F-35 aircraft pilots training but fewer visiting squadrons.

There are many tech innovations underway at MCAS Miramar, and they will be showcased at the airshow in September. Many of us have already read about the MCAS Miramar micro grid and the ability of the base to be energy self-sufficient. They are working on other forms of resilience and efficiencies - water, sustainability, food security, robot delivery service, wildfire response, communications, upgraded barracks, and more.

Register now for the Saturday, June 24, 2023 Wings Over Miramar Flight Line 5K. Participants will run/walk on Miramar's famous Flight Line. The event is open to the public. For more info and to register, visit: [mccsmiramar.com/wingsovermiramar/](http://mccsmiramar.com/wingsovermiramar/)

Save the Date for the Miramar Air and Tech Innovation Show September 23-25, 2023. This year's guests can count on seeing the Marine Corps' F-35B demonstration, the unique Marine Air-Ground Task Force demonstration, the Air Force's F-22 Raptor demonstration team, the Navy Blue Angels, a Technology Expo and much more. For more info, visit: [miramarairshow.com](http://miramarairshow.com)

## Why You Also Need A Carbon Monoxide Detector

by Ex-Fire Chief William Beck

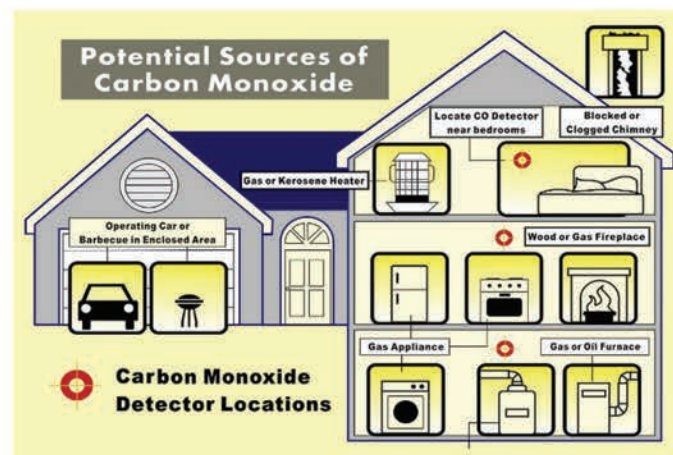
By now, almost everyone has a smoke detector, but do you have a carbon monoxide detector, too?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas which makes it very dangerous. Some signs of carbon monoxide poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. People often mistake these symptoms for other illnesses. A person who is sleeping or who has been drinking alcohol could die from CO poisoning before ever having symptoms. This is why CO is often referred to as, "The Silent Killer." Unfortunately, more than 400 people die each year and 20,000 wind up in the ER.

Carbon monoxide is commonly found in vehicles and appliances (small engines like lawnmowers, water heaters, clothes dryers, grills, gas fireplaces, gas ranges and gas furnaces). The most common cause of CO leaks are poorly maintained or poorly ventilated gas-fueled household appliances. But other things, like blocked flues, chimneys and faulty or restricted car exhausts, can lead to a build-up of CO. Attached garages are also common culprits. Be sure to remove fuel-burning equipment from your garage before starting them and repair or replace any that are not working properly. Never leave your car running inside the garage without the door open, and have your exhaust system inspected for leaks.

In May 2010, California passed the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act. This law states that all 'dwelling units intended for human occupancy' be required to have CO detector. It is recommended that a CO alarm be installed on each level of your home - ideally on any level with fuel burning appliances and outside of sleeping areas. CO alarms are recommended to be 5-20 feet from sources of CO such as a furnace, water heater or fireplace. CO detectors should be replaced every six to seven years. CO alarms produced after August 2009, have an end-of-life warning notification that alerts you that it should be replaced. But replace it before it expires. If you think your home has a carbon monoxide leak, get outside and call 911.

Your smoke detector needs a partner - a separate carbon monoxide detector - to keep you and your family safe. Be sure to install CO detectors that have a recognized testing laboratory, like Underwriters' Laboratories. Regardless of which CO alarm you decide to install, do so according to the manufacturer's instructions and test it on the same schedule you test your smoke detectors.





## Thank You to Renewing and New Members

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Jane Gibson  
Millie Goddard  
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Kathy Guiney  
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Susan Elden  
Chip Fox  
Barbara & Jeffrey Gordon  
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Dick & Marlys Hamann  
Richard & Irene Harrington  
Don Hotz  
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Claudia Lowenstein  
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Meryl Maneker & Peter Herman  
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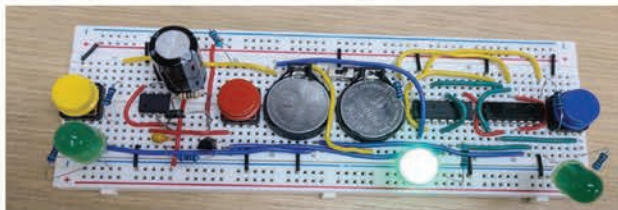


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