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UC Del Sol College Day at UCSD

by Perry Peters, UC Del Sol President

Sunday, March 5, will be UC Del Sol College Day at UC-San Diego. Like last year (photo above from 2022 event), UCSD will be honoring our league by naming their game against Boston College "UC Del Sol Day". The game starts at 1:00pm at the UCSD Softball stadium and admission is free to all and the public is invited to attend.

Some of our players will get the opportunity to throw out the first pitch, be the bat girl for two innings and be the PA Announcer for a half inning. Additionally, there will be 15 spots for our girls to be part of the starting line-up announcements at the game. One UC Del Sol girl will pair up with each UCSD player when they are announced and get to run out onto the field. All in all, it's an exciting day as our UC Del Sol league will pack the stadium and make fun day out of it. Come on out and cheer on the UCSD Tritons. For more information, visit:

- UCSD Triton Softball Schedule: ucsdtritons.com/sports/softball/schedule?path=softball
- To attend the game, enter this address in Google Maps for nearest lot to Triton Softball Field: 9730 Hopkins Drive, San Diego, CA 92121
- UC Del Sol Facebook: facebook.com/UCDelSolSoftball

Play Ball: Opening Days in UC



UC DEL SOL

Saturday, March 4 UC Del Sol's Girls Softball League will celebrate "Opening Day 2023". They have a full day of fun and activities scheduled to kick off the 2023 Girls Softball Season.

Carnival-type games, raffles, auctions and a banner parade will all be part of the fun. Oh, and softball too! The games will begin at 8:00am and go throughout the day. The Opening Day festivities themselves will take place from 12:30 to 1:30pm. More info at: ucdelsol.com

UC LITTLE LEAGUE

University City Little League will also be having their Opening Day Ceremony on Saturday, March 4. Ceremonies are scheduled for 11:00-11:30am in front of the outdoor Standley stage. UCLL celebrates 60 years this season, and will be planning special events for the season's Closing Day. For more info: ucll.org



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

Deadline for the APRIL 2023 issue: MARCH 16, 2023

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the April issue is **March 16, 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

February 8, 2023 (Held via Zoom)

by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

Kent Lee, City Council Member for District 6, commented as follows: (1) There are approximately 155,000 residents in Dist. 6. (2) The new community representative for UC is Sheldon Zemen. (3) Councilmember Lee is the chair of the transportation and infrastructure committee, and a member of the government efficiency committee. (4) The City is focusing on a comprehensive plan to fix potholes and replace/install streetlights on streets and public places. (5) The City is working on a budgeting process with priorities to be determined. Housing and homelessness are big issues. (6) Making sure infrastructure needs are met on an equitable basis will be stressed. (7) The City is monitoring Pure Water construction to make sure all work is on schedule, budget, and done to plans. (8) An area West of HWY. 5 but east of Gilman Dr. will become part of Dist. 6, rather than staying in Dist. 1. (9) The new way of calculating a "Transit Priority Area TPA" at one mile walking distance referred to "Sustainable Development Area SDA" rather than a ½ mile radius, will be better for determining true distances for people to walk to public transit. (10) He said that zoning for adding housing at the Vons and Sprouts shopping centers on Governor Dr. will not harm the centers retail businesses.

Michaela Valk, district representative for Mayor Gloria, responded to questions as to why residents were not notified of military helicopters flying over UC at low altitudes last week. She said the City was not notified in advance and will work with the military on providing notice in advance of such flights. She also reported: (1) The City was coordinating with the Federal Government to help military families and to provide early detection of cancer. (2) The City has refocused about 100 transportation workers to fix potholes. (3) The City was adopting more strict laws against fentanyl dealers.

Lt. Dan Brinkerhoff, of SDPD, reported on changes in crimes citywide from 2021 to 2022. Property crimes (including burglary, larceny, auto theft) are collectively down 7.5%. Violent crimes are up 2% but overall calls to the police are down 5%. Officer calls to sites of reported crimes are down 12.9%. UC only statistics will be reported next month.

Sheldon Zemen, district representative for Councilmember Kent Lee, reported: (1) He explained the new City program of classifying, planning, and overseeing large City projects. Strategic Capital Projects ("SCP") will have resident and consultant engineers onsite. The Public Utilities Department (PUD) will also have oversight. (2) Details on how people are to comply with the new food waste disposal will be coming out in April or May. New green waste bins are expected to be provided by June. (3) The City will host low-income children from different schools at Balboa Park next month. (4) Sarah Bowles will be the liaison from the City to meet with UC groups regarding Pure Water. (5) Costa Verde Center in in the process of obtaining permits required because of major changes to the original development plan.

Rachel Dugan, representative for U.S. Rep. Scott Peters, reported he was serving on the Energy Committee and was working on protection of employees from non-disclosure agreements demanded by employers. On February 27, he is hosting a webinar on obtaining federal grants, with a focus on fine arts grants.

Marc Schaefer, representative to State Senator Brian Jones, reported the Senators priorities were reducing homelessness, cutting government costs, investing in students, cutting crime, increasing water storage, and expanding fire prevention. He is the vice-chair of the committee overseeing insurance.

Suleyma Bilderas, aide to Assembly member Tasha Boerner-Horvath, 77th District, reported: (1) she serves on the Joint Audit Committee and the Health Veterans Committee. She is an author of AB 45 which deals with issuing building permits to reduce carbon for coastal areas. (2) She is also sponsoring AB 47 to have physical therapy for post-partum issues included in health insurance. (3) Their office is looking for students to be part of their internship program.

Rachel Beck, representative for County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported: (1) She was working on a program to expand housing for low-income seniors, and expand transitional housing for foster youth who are over 18 but still in school. (2) Seizures of ghost guns have reduced them by 30%, but still more than a few years ago. Legislation will also require safe storage of firearms.

(Meeting Recap continues on Page 14)



UCCA President Diane Ahern

It's March...and we're feeling lucky. We're fortunate to have supportive UCCA members, active volunteers, and loyal advertisers. You help support many of the events, activities and programs that make University City more than just a neighborhood.

It seems as though every month brings forth changes and March is no different. This month we're hoping for a change in the rainy and windy winter weather to warm and sunny skies. We also change to daylight saving time on March 12 (Spring forward), it's time to change into a green shirt (March 17), it's time to change the battery in your smoke detector, and it is probably time to change the filter on your furnace.

Has your American flag become tattered during the winter rain and wind storms? Don't forget that public libraries throughout San Diego provide U.S. flag disposal boxes to allow residents to properly and conveniently dispose of worn, faded or tattered U.S. flags.

If you haven't had a change to attend a community meeting this year, March gives you plenty of opportunities. UCCA (our community association) will meet on the 2nd Wednesday, March 8, via Zoom; UCPG (the planning group) meets in-person on the 2nd Tuesday, March 14; and CPU meets the 3rd Wednesday, March 21.

Coldwell Banker is hosting their annual Shred-Fest on Saturday morning, March 11, in the Coldwell Banker Realty parking lot, 3959 Governor Drive; it's in the VONS Center. Councilmember Kent Lee (D6) is expected to attend a community meet & greet at Standley Park on Saturday morning, March 18. The Fire Safe Council is hosting a Carbon Monoxide education and giveaway event on Saturday afternoon, March 18 at the North Library. More information about these and other upcoming community meetings are within this newsletter and will be updated on our website and Facebook.

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. We thank all the UCCA members and newsletter advertisers who help to keep us in print. I'm confident that you, our readers, value the University City News 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. Our featured presentation for March will be an update on Pure Water construction on Genesee and in University City.

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, March 8, at 6:00pm**

Please join us. All are welcome.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89764039153?pwd=YnVlUEFpOUdYKzRaZWNTTHhuTHMyZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 6403 9153

Passcode: 180904

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

Calendar

March 2023

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, March 8, 6:00pm

Zoom.us meeting

ID# 897 6403 9153

Passcode: 180904

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, March 12

7:15-7:30am – meet & greet

7:30-9:00am - work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS

Sunday, March 12, 2:00am

"spring forward" clocks one hour

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, March 14

6:00 – 7:30pm

Info: planuniversity.org

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Friday, March 17

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Monday, March 20

**COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, March 21

Starts 6:00pm until...

University City High School Media Room
6949 Genesee Ave.

Info: planuniversity.org

UC CELEBRATION 4th of JULY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 22, 6:00pm

Standley Park Rec Center

Contact Randall Tonini at randalltonini@icloud.com
for more info.

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, March 23

7:00pm

3585 Governor Drive

CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

Friday, March 31

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OR SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP FORM
ON PAGE 14**



Stolen Catalytic Converters

**Barbara Gellman,
UCCA Neighborhood Watch**

Catalytic Converter Theft: the 10 most targeted vehicles as reported by Carfax are listed below. There are ways to prevent theft. Call your mechanic if your car is on this list. Prevention is much cheaper than replacement.

2001-21 Toyota Prius
1985-2021 Ford F-Series
1989-2020 Honda Accord
1990-2022 Ford Econoline
1999-2021 Chevrolet Silverado
2007-20 Subaru Outback
2007-17 Jeep Patriot
2003-11 Honda Element
1998-2020 Subaru Forester
1995-2021 Toyota Tacoma



Oops, Missed Valentine's Day?

Still looking for an apology gift of some kind, well, look no further, socks are the answer. Someone having a birthday or other celebration, keep it simple and let them

know you care by choosing a few pairs of designer socks in a little attractive gift bag and a note.

Children will be excited about the sports socks, stars, pizza, burgers & fries to name a few. Men will love the many choices of sports socks such as baseball, football, soccer, tennis, basketball, golf plus taco time, musical instruments, American Flag & Eagle and more; all assorted colors.

Don't forget the women in your life; select from ladybugs, sushi, coffee time, flip flops, gardening & Mahjong are just a few colorful choices to warm their feet and hearts. For men & women we include socks with different dog designs such as labrador, corgi, yorkie, pug, bishon, many options available. Make someone's day special, give socks. Make a donation to get a pair of socks.

Email me at bggellman@yahoo.com for the latest flyer and help provide extra funding for safety programs and/or products.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHERN DIVISION OFFICE HOURS

The front lobby / desk at the San Diego Police Department, Northern Division has reopened on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00am - 3:30pm (closed from 11:00am to 12:00noon for lunch).

Services provided: reports, fix-it ticket citations and drug and needle drop-offs.

The office is located at: 4275 Eastgate Mall, phone: 858.552.1700.



Officer Brown: Saving Lives

Northern Division's Officer Anderson Brown (pictured above center) recently received a Lifesaving Citation, which read "On February 17, 2022, around 0730 hours, Officer Brown responded to a report of a death radio call in Pacific Beach. Upon arrival, Officer Brown performed CPR on the pulseless subject for over three minutes prior to the paramedics' arrival. This subject was eventually transported to the hospital and survived a heart attack. In the treating physician's own words: "Officer Brown was a critical piece of the lifesaving team in this particular case. The Patient's survival clearly depended on the three minutes of CPR provided on scene by Officer Brown... Had CPR of adequate function not been provided, this patient likely would not have survived this event." The patient was discharged home walking and in good mental capacity one week later. Officer Anderson Brown is commended for his actions that saved this man's life." Thank you to Officer Brown for being one of our front line heroes!



Hands-Only CPR and AED Training

Last month, area residents gathered at the North University Community Library to participate in *San Diego Project Heart Beat's* Hands-Only CPR and AED training. *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

Two steps to save a life:



Call Right Away!



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



County News Courtesy of Supervisor Terra Lawson- Remer

Rental Assistance for Seniors: Did you know that 1 in 4 unhoused San Diegans are seniors? Last year the County Board of Supervisors approved our proposal to establish the region's first Rental Assistance Program for Seniors — and the County is now taking applications. The Senior Shallow Subsidy Pilot Program is meant to

help at-risk seniors stay in their homes — by providing support before they become homeless. If you or someone you know needs assistance, visit: countynewscenter.com/pilot-shallow-rental-subsidy-program-for-older-adults-now-accepting-applicants/

Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT): The County of San Diego offers Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) as a service option for individuals experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. MCRTs are comprised of licensed mental health clinicians, case managers, and peer support specialists who can respond to behavioral health crisis calls that do not involve known threats of violence or medical emergencies. To access MCRT in San Diego, contact 9-1-1. For more information, visit: countynewscenter.com/all-local-law-enforcement-agencies-to-refer-calls-to-county-mobile-crisis-response-teams/

Student Fellowship Opportunities: Suitable for local high school, college, or graduate school students or recent graduates with an interest in elevating a transformative agenda at the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. Strong interpersonal skills and experience in community organizing, grassroots organizations, casework, customer care, or communications a plus. Bilingual speaking and writing skills encouraged. All Student Fellowships are paid positions; more details available upon application. For more information, visit: supervisorterralawsonremmer.com/content/d3/us/en/resources/student-fellowships.html



District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee

I am happy to share that 2023 continues to be a productive year. In January, I submitted my budget priorities to the Independent Budget Analyst for Mayor Todd Gloria to consider as he develops the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. I am focused on creating a budget that addresses the City's current housing affordability and

homelessness crisis, invests in critical infrastructure that improves quality of life, builds environmental resiliency, and expands transportation and mobility options needed to reduce reliance on cars and create a more sustainable future.

For the University City Community, included in my request are proposed upgrades to Standley Park Recreation Center that include upgrading the kitchen; installing air conditioning; improving lighting; new signage; and shade structures for the playground. Additionally, I have requested funding to expand the University City Community Branch Library. This was included in the 2003 Library Master Plan and has yet to be addressed. I also am committed to working with the community to deliver linear parks and other green spaces that will improve quality of life.

In February, I was also proud to join the Mayor as we announced progress towards addressing many of these critical infrastructure needs. Since the rains of January, city crews have filled more than 17,000 potholes, and in March, the City Council will vote on a new ordinance that will hold private utility companies accountable for when they complete substandard work on taxpayer roads. Additionally, I am proud to support a commonsense proposal to hire private electricians to reduce the backlog of nearly 6,000 streetlights that need repair.

I continue to be proud to serve University City and look forward to working together. I am happy to share that Dustin Nguyen, our Director of Community Engagement and an alum of our local University City High School, will now be serving as my community outreach liaison to University City. He can be reached at DVNguyen@sandiego.gov. Both Dustin and I look forward to being in the community at the March 18 Standley Park Meet-and-Greet happening at 10:00am.



Making the Most of the Mid-Coast Trolley

Adapted from info provided by Circulate San Diego

In February, nonprofit Circulate San Diego released its report "Making the Most of the Mid-Coast Trolley," with Congressman Scott Peters (in photo at left at a Mid-Coast Trolley station) as the press conference's keynote speaker. The Mid-Coast Trolley Extension is the largest single transit investment in San Diego's history, connecting the University City area to the region's existing Trolley network.

The Circulate San Diego report offers several recommendations designed to help the region get the most "bang for its buck" from its Mid-Coast Trolley investment including:

- Increasing development capacity
- Encouraging voters to remove height limits where coastal views would not be impacted
- Upgrading surface street corridors with dedicated rights-of-way for buses, bicycles and pedestrians
- Enhancing bus and Trolley frequency
- Transforming surplus government property into affordable homes
- Retrofitting Mid-Coast Trolley Extension stations to increase access
- Implementing city-wide reforms to facilitate growth

The Circulate San Diego report asserts that local transportation infrastructure is insufficient for Trolley usage. Many streets surrounding Trolley stations are unsafe for bicyclists and pedestrians. Buses that connect to Trolley stations are often stuck in traffic. An update to nearby transportation infrastructure would allow more people to access the Mid-Coast Trolley Extension by walking, bicycling and taking the bus.

Circulate San Diego acknowledges that some of its report recommendations require coordination between the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the City of San Diego. To learn more and read the report, visit: circulatesd.org/midcoastreport

For articles from elected officials, go to universitycitynews.org, and read:

Protecting Farmworkers from Criminal Wage Theft

by District Attorney Summer Stephan

Improving your access to public records

by City Attorney Mara W. Elliott

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURE: All San Diego Public Library locations will be closed Friday, March 31 in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.

What's Happening at the Libraries?

North University Community Library

Tax forms and instructions are available. You can pick up 1040, 1040-SR, 540, 540 NR, and 540 2EZ forms and instructions in our lobby. We carry the 540 2EZ forms and instructions in Spanish. While supplies last.

Smile Drive: Between February 18th to March 18th, we are partnering with Feeding San Diego to collect new oral care products (such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and mouth rinse) for children in need.

Carbon Monoxide Detector Giveaway: On Saturday, March 18 between 12noon to 3:00pm, the University City Fire Safe council will give away one carbon monoxide detector per household that can provide proof of University City residence. While supplies last.

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 – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30pm
- Signing Storytime – Thursdays at 10:00 – 10:30am
- Toddler Storytime – Mondays at 10:00 – 10:30am
- Lego Club – Mondays at 6:00 – 7:00pm
- **New Toddler Program:**
Dance Pants, Monday, March 27 at 11:30am

Adult Programs

- Zero Waste Living: I Love a Clean San Diego will lead a presentation on conserving the environment on Saturday, March 4 from 12noon to 12:45pm.
- Fiction Fanatics Book Club – March 11 at 10:00am. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- Amantes de la Lectura, Novelas Hispano-americanas en Espanol: Saturday, March 18 at 2:00-4:00pm. RSVP to tlampell21@gmail.com.
- Friends of the North UC Library Meeting – 2nd Tuesdays at 6:00pm
- Page Turners' Book Club – March 25 at 1:00pm: *Save Me the Plums* by Ruth Reichl
- Queendom: Every Tuesday from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Queendom is a program for Russian/Kazakh speaking women in San Diego that meet regularly to learn and grow together to encourage and support each other to lean in and step outside our comfort zone.

Follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/NorthUCLibrary) for the most up-to-date information about our branch.

UC Library (Governor Drive)

Featured Programs

Nowruz Celebration: Tuesday, March 7; 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Join us for a Nowruz, the Persian New Year, where you can make colorfully decorated eggs, have refreshments and pick up lentils to grow at home. Stop by the Haft-Seen table to see the seven traditional items that start with "S" ("seen" in Farsi). Check out a Persian cookbook and you can learn to make your own kuku sabzi! While you are here, learn about or share your memories of Nowruz.

CONCERT: Dean Ratzman, Tuesday, March 21, 1:00 to 2:00pm. Musician Dean Ratzman performs your favorites from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s – we can probably persuade him to play some Burt Bacharach, too!

CHESS CLUB returns on Tuesdays starting March 28! Ages 8+; no registration required. Parents must remain in the building during the program.

Adult Programs

Tuesday, March 7; 12:30 to 2:00pm; San Diego OASIS: **Pop Art** – Join us for a look at the Pop Art movement of the 1950s and 1960s, inspired by commercial and popular culture. Featured artists include Andy Warhol, Peter Blake and Roy Lichtenstein.

Thursday, March 9; 12:00 to 1:00pm; **Herb Gardening** – Learn how to grow the best herbs to grow inside to go along with your newly acquired, pandemic-inspired cooking skills.

Tuesday, March 14; 12:30 to 2:00pm; San Diego OASIS: **Mark Rothko, Artist** - Learn about Rothko's life and his growth as an artist, from his early works to his years of familiar color field paintings.

Wednesday, March 15; 4:00 to 5:00pm; **Friends of the Library** monthly meeting

Thursday, March 16; 12:30 to 2:00pm; San Diego OASIS: **San Diego Women during World War II** – Come hear actual stories and the real experiences of San Diego women as they lived through this tumultuous period of history.

Friday, March 17 - 1:00 to 3:00pm; Meets the 3rd Friday of every month. **Great Decisions:** 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 will be available from the library. See Branch Manager Melissa Martin for more information.

Monday, March 20; 6:00 to 7:00pm; San Diego OASIS: **Ancient Egyptian Art (VIRTUAL)**. Feeling inspired by the Beyond King Tut exhibit? Learn more in this virtual look at the art and architecture of ancient Egypt. Register online or see staff for more info - sandiego.librarymarket.com/event/ancient-egyptian-art-san-diego-oasis

Children/Teen Programs

Chess Club, starting March 28 at 6:30 pm

Pajama Storytime – 2nd Monday at 6:30pm

Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30am

STEAM Box - Wednesdays at 12:30pm

Video Game Fridays at 3:30pm (Switch – new games coming soon!)

Saturday Storytime with Ms. Harlynnne – March 18 at 10:30am



Visibility in the Community

by **Claire Shaughnessy (she/her/hers)**
 Founder of Love Wins! UC/Clairemont, UC resident,
 and high school parent

At their latest general association meeting in February, the University City High School PTSA hosted guest speakers and a record number of attendees for a presentation on supporting LGBTQIA+ youth in our community. The crowd, in person and by Zoom, enjoyed the presentation, "Increasing Inclusivity in UC: how to better support our LGBTQIA+ youth" and those who watched from the Centurion Room on campus stayed after the meeting to socialize and discuss the important issues and ways we can better advocate for our youth.

Speakers included a district youth advocate and a representative from GLSEN (the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network), as well as two high school students, both officers in the Gender and Sexuality Alliance, better known as the GSA club. Newly elected school board representative, Cody Peterson, attended, as well as principal Michael Paredes, both of whom engaged in conversation after the meeting. At the conclusion of the presentation, PTSA President Mark Salata suggested the students speak at an upcoming UCCA meeting to share their ideas about inclusivity in University City.

The students pointed out in the program how important visibility is to the physical and mental wellbeing of LGBTQ+ people. In UC, unlike in Hillcrest, Normal Heights, University Heights, or North Park, we do not have visible signs of acceptance, one example being businesses that display pride stickers in their windows. The students spoke about how much more welcoming UC could easily be if the parks had pride flags or pride benches, and if businesses and business leaders showed outward LGBTQIA+ support as is done in many other communities.

The high school administration has listened to student voices this year and is planning to fly more pride flags on campus. The students are asking for a program for more teachers to show they are a safe person by putting rainbow stickers in their classrooms. The hope is our full community, University City, will join the high school and show its inclusivity.



Curie Elementary Welcomes New Principal Ashley Duren

Adapted from San Diego Unified: Principal Ashley Duren has a long history in communications and in education. She graduated from San Diego State in 2000 with a B.A. in Communications, emphasis in Public Relations. Over the years she earned a Masters in Education with an emphasis in literacy, and a second Masters in Education Administration.

She began her career in education as an English Language Arts and Visual Arts teacher at Lewis Middle school in 2005, then taught English and Social Studies, with an inclusion of arts, at Pacific Beach Middle School from 2007-2019. After 14 years as a middle school teacher, she served as the proud Associate Principal of Morse High School for three years.

In her role at Curie, Principal Duren indicates she is a believer in the power of teams, and looks forward to carrying on the momentum Curie already has with its current organizations, as well to forging new partnerships. She recognizes the strength of Curie's family and community engagement [and looks forward to] working with the parent and community as partners to provide the most magical educational experience possible for students.

In a note to parents and students, she wrote, "Synergy ignites only through collaboration, and together we will provide all the best for our students. Curie Elementary is truly a dream school for me, and I can't wait to see what we achieve together!" Welcome to University City, Principal Duren. For more info about Curie Elementary, visit: curie.sandiegounified.org

Volunteers Needed for International Program

The UCSD International Students & Programs Office's English-in-Action (EIA) Conversation Program is looking for University City volunteers who will enjoy meeting with an international student, scholar or spouse for 1-2 hours on a weekly basis to assist them in improving their English conversation skills and to share our American culture. No knowledge of foreign languages or teaching experience is required. EIA volunteers attend an orientation session and have access to the materials and resources. Conversation leaders can work with participants individually or in small groups and typically meet for 1-2 hours/week at a location that is convenient for both, including remote meetings, on campus or off campus. To apply or for more information, please visit our website: eia.ucsd.edu, or email Shelly Taskin, eia@ucsd.edu

COMMUNITY SHORTS



ROSE CANYON HARMONIE RETURNS TO UCUC FOR A PROGRAM ON WIND MUSIC

On Sunday, March 5, the Rose Canyon Harmonie will return to University City United Church to perform a program of music transcribed for Reed Quintet. The program, which will begin at 4:00pm, will include a free-will offering benefiting the church; it should last for about 1 hour.

A reed quintet is a relatively new type of wind ensemble. Consisting of an oboe, a clarinet, a bassoon, a bass clarinet, and a saxophone, it makes use of five wind instruments that rely on a reed to create their sound. We will be playing a Baroque concerto by Locatelli, four songs by Mahler, and finishing with a Mozart Serenade.

This is our first return to concerts at UCUC since COVID. We expect that the CDC guidelines for San Diego county will be in the "green" zone, allowing masking to be optional. However, should the CDC guidelines be in the "yellow" zone, as they are now, then masks will be required of all folks attending the concert program.

SHREDFEST

Coldwell Banker University City 858.352.6587 and Guaranteed Rate Mortgage, Ed Woolery 858.922.3325, are sponsoring our 16th annual "Shredfest" on March 11, 9:00 - 11:30am in the Coldwell Banker Realty parking lot, 3959 Governor Dr. (in the VONS Center). We are hiring a professional document shredding truck so bring your unwanted documents to shred for free. You can even watch your files turn into confetti. We are serving all of University City so please respect the three box or bag limit. Hope to see you there!

UC RALLY PLANNED TO PROTEST PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

Local residents are planning a protest rally on Saturday, March 11 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the corners of Governor Drive and Genesee Ave. For more info, visit the Facebook page named "University City Rally."

GETTING READY FOR RESIDENTIAL ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING

Organic Waste Recycling collection services for households serviced by the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department (EDS) will begin this year as a phased rollout depending on the customer's current trash collection day. Customers with curbside Monday trash collection are expected to get their new kitchen pail and green bins in June or July. Customers will receive advanced mailed notification before their new organic waste recycling collection begins and a kitchen pail and green bin are delivered to their home. In addition, the Environmental Services Department (ESD) will host both organic waste recycling webinars and in-person workshops. For more info, visit: sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/sb1383.



La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Helps Provide Computer Lab for Tijuana Students

by Melanie Geschwind

On February 11, 2023, Rotarians from Club Rotario Tijuana Agua Caliente (District 4100), students, parents, and faculty of Escuela Secundaria Num. 11 "Abelardo L. Rodriguez" welcomed Rotarians from La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club (District 5340) to celebrate the installation of a second computer lab together. The computer lab, which has 40 computers and 1 printer, will benefit 650 students per year.

Club Rotario Tijuana Agua Caliente has identified junior high schools in low-income communities that lack computer equipment. To resolve this issue, junior high schools were preselected to have a computer lab installed. To date Club Rotario Agua Caliente has installed 22 computer labs and reports that the project has been a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. We look forward to our continued partnership to provide opportunities for the youth of Tijuana.

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club is composed of local professionals and community leaders who are committed to Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." Created in 1986, the Club has been actively involved in programs and projects in San Diego and across the globe. Notable projects and programs include involvement with the Preuss School at UCSD, international development projects such as the construction of a school in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, and numerous work projects for the San Diego Police Department and the U.S. Marines at Camp Pendleton.

The Club meets every Friday morning at the UCSD Faculty Club, 9500 Gilman Drive MC 0121, La Jolla, CA 92093 at 7:00am. For more info, please visit lajollagtr Rotary.org.





Recreationally Speaking

by Diane Ahern

Planning is underway for the UC Celebration on the 4th 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 Wednesday, March 22, at 6:00pm 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. Information at: sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation

- Doyle Recreation Center: Check out their current program guide at: sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers/recctr/doyle
- Nobel Recreation Center: Check out their online open gym calendar; meet new friends and enjoy a fun game at Nobel Athletic Fields and Recreation Center.
 - Pickleball indoor Gym 3 courts Mondays and Wednesday 10:15-2:15pm Friday 10:15-12:10pm age: All open play/drop in
 - Badminton indoor Gym 3 courts Tuesday and Thursday 10:15-12:45pm and 7:15 pm-8:45 pm, Friday 2:00pm-3:45pm age: All open play /drop in
 - Basketball indoor Gym 2 half courts Mondays and Wednesday 2:30-4:30pm, Tuesday and Thursday 1:00-2:45pm, Friday 12:15pm-1:45pm age: All open play /drop in
- Standley Recreation Center: Check out programs for all ages including:
 - UCRC Junior Tennis Program; UC Racquet Club 858. 452.5683 or online at: ucrcennis.com
 - AIKIDO; Instructor: Martin Katz, 6th Degree Black Belt and Tom Groot, 4th Degree Black Belt. More information available at: ryushinkandojo.org
 - SENIOR BRIDGE & PINOCHLE CLUB; More information is available by calling Vern at: 619.465.6463.
- Swanson Memorial Pool: Currently closed until further notice due to a pool boiler outage. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Standley Aquatic Center: A joint-use pool with the San Diego Unified School District; it offers community lap swim during designated hours; details at: sandiego.gov/pools/standley-aquatic-center

2023 –Community Milestones

University Community Branch Library to Celebrate 50 Years Serving the Community

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

University Community Library – 50th Anniversary

Saturday, April 29, 2023

1:30 to 3:00pm

University Community Branch Library is planning a celebration for its 50th Anniversary in April 2023! We are looking for your stories and historical photos from 1978 to the present to share with the community. Did you grow up using the UC Library? Did you bring your children to the library when they were little? Share your favorite memory of visiting the library or the title of your/their favorite book with us. Please contact Branch Manager Melissa Martin if you have something to share or use the link or the QR code below to share your favorite library memories and photos. <http://mysdpl.org/share>



Craft time in March and April

Help us get ready for the UC Library's 50th Anniversary celebration! We are inviting the community to stop by the library and complete a mini-cupcake paper craft to tell us why you love the library! We are using the completed crafts to decorate the library windows for the big event.



FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS

In February, UC residents met with reps of the SD Public Library and the Library Foundation SD to provide input into a new Library Master Plan. The plan will provide a long-range vision and strategy for SD Public Library facilities, technology, and program investments. Director Misty Jones, Deputy Directors Jennifer Jenkins and Raul Gudino, along with Library Foundation SD CEO Patrick Stewart walked residents through a video presentation with featured statistics and other info about libraries and library use in San Diego followed by questions to solicit additional input. These listening sessions are being held in every San Diego neighborhood to gather this community input. If you missed this session, you can provide your input for the master plan using by going to: www.mysdpl.org/masterplaninput. Your help is appreciated. Tell us: What makes the UC library special for you? What would you improve about the UC Library? If money/time/red tape were not an issue, what would you add to the library?

University Community Planning Group Update

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The next UCPG meeting on March 14 will be **in-person only**. It will be held at our prior, pre-pandemic, location on the second floor of the Alexandria building at 10300 Campus Pointe Drive, above the "Green Acres" restaurant. Election tables for in-person voting will be just outside this meeting room. Many thanks to Alexandria for the use of the meeting room. It has not been determined yet if there will be a live broadcast of this meeting.

All subsequent UCPG meetings will be in person. To simplify, all members of decision-making bodies (UCPG Board, Plan Update Subcommittee members) must attend meetings in person to participate. Members of the public may attend in person or remotely to participate if that option is available. The "remote option" is subject to revision as directed by the City Attorney.

Congressman Scott Peters began the February 14 UCPG meeting by urging the UCPG and public to consider how the Mid-Coast Trolley fits into the vision for the University Community with its possibilities for housing, jobs, and the UC San Diego campus. He has worked on the design and to secure funding for this extension to the Blue Line, now UC San Diego Blue Line, for over twenty years as a member of the City Council and then as a member of Congress.

Our District 6 Councilmember, Kent Lee, spoke next, giving an update on D6 issues, saying his office is fully staffed and that his immediate priority is responding to constituent needs, specifically pothole repairs after the recent storms. CM Lee serves as Chair of the Active Transportation Subcommittee of the City Council, and is a member of the Land Use and Housing, Economic Development, Budget, and Rules Subcommittees. His team is pursuing the creation of linear parks on north and south Regents Road at Rose Canyon, and is monitoring the Pure Water project construction on Genesee Ave.

Michaela Valk, the Mayor's Director of Community Affairs and D6 community rep introduced herself to the UCPG. Community members will recall that Michaela was previously the community rep from Assemblyman, now Mayor, Todd Gloria's office to the UCPG and is familiar with our community issues.

We had reports by Andy Wiese, Community Plan Update Subcommittee Chair, Nancy Graham, our community Planner, and the offices of Sen. Brian Jones and Congresswoman Sara Jacobs.

The sole action item on the agenda was a request by UC San Diego for a right-of-way vacation by the city of an 0.3 acre strip of land along North Torrey Pines Road at the entrance to the new Theatre District Living and Learning Neighborhood. This action corrects an error from the 1995 roadway construction of this entrance and passed unanimously 14-0 with the chair not voting.

The Towne Centre View team expects the city to release the final EIR on March 6 with the UCPG Subcommittee reviewing this project at meeting on March 8 or 9 with location to be determined.

For those interested in Costa Verde's redevelopment, Randy Levinson from Alexandria Real Estate (ARE), the property's owner, gave the following development update: Many months ago, ARE submitted a Substantial Conformance Review to the city that allows for modification of the project entitlements; this process is slowly making its way through the city with approval expected in a few months. A demo permit is a couple of months away as well. ARE needs to wait for a "co-process" with SDG&E so that utility disconnects prior to demoing are done safely. Assuming the schedule for permits holds, demo involving all vertical walls should start in the summer and take about 4-6 months with the site much safer without obscured views. The decision to proceed with construction will be made in an "economy-dependent" way.

Regarding the recent military exercise at the Costa Verde site, ARE Asset Services did the coordination with the military and the public notification without the involvement of other local ARE executives. In my opinion the execution of this exercise, specifically notification, was poor and the project's demolition makes a repeat moot.



Remaining Major Milestones



What's next for the Community Plan Update? Planning Department provides overview of Remaining Major Milestones

by Tara Lewis, Senior Public Information Officer

The City of San Diego Planning Department is preparing a community discussion draft of the University Community Plan Update (CPU), which has not been comprehensively updated since 1987. The updated plan will guide new development over the next 30 years and advance the City's present-day and future climate, housing, equity and conservation goals.

The discussion draft brings together various comments and feedback received from ongoing community and stakeholder engagement since 2018. It's anticipated the discussion draft will be available for community review this March. Following initial comments and feedback received from the discussion draft, a draft plan will be released for further feedback, prior to Planning Commission and City Council hearings later this year.

The City encourages input on the University Community Plan Update discussion draft once it becomes available. For more information about the plan update and to join the University Community Plan Update mailing list, visit: planuniversity.org.



Progress To Date/Upcoming Steps

2018-2019	2020	2021	2022 - Mid 2023	Late 2023
PLAN UPDATE LAUNCH	DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN COMPONENTS	SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	DRAFT PLAN FORMATION & ANALYSIS	FINAL DRAFT PLAN & PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS
Open House Data Collection Existing Conditions Documentation Existing Conditions Presentation Website Launch Guiding Principles Development Begin Community Plan Update (CPU) Subcommittee Meetings	Mobility Vision Economic Forum Online Engagement CPU Subcommittee Meetings Element Goals and Policies Adopted Plan Land Use Buildout Report CPU Subcommittee Meetings	Element Goals and Policies Mobility Networks & Concepts Online Engagement Community Outreach Virtual Workshops CPU Subcommittee Meetings Land Use and Urban Design Concepts CPU Subcommittee Meetings	Land Use Alternatives Planning Commission Workshop Revised Land Use Alternatives Draft Mobility Networks Discussion Draft Community Plan Draft Community Plan and Zoning Map Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) CPU Subcommittee Meetings	Final Draft Community Plan Final Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Public Hearing Process Plan Adoption

UCPG Elections:

The February 14 meeting was the deadline for announcing the intention to run for a UCPG board seat. No additional candidate announcements were made. The final list of UCPG candidates is: Resident 1A: Karen Martien; Resident 2A: Chris Nielsen; Resident 3A: Sasha Treadup; Business 1A: Carol Uribe; Business 2A: Fay Arvin; Business 3A: Neil DeRamos. As a reminder, both UC Libraries will be available for ballot drop-off during operating hours from March 6 to March 13. Ballots and voting instructions will be available on the UCPG "Agendas" page on the city web site about March 1. In person voting will be 5PM to 8PM March 14 at 10300 Campus Pointe Drive. This will be just outside the meeting room for our March 14 UCPG meeting. Each person running for a seat on the UCPG board was offered the opportunity to give a two-minute Candidate Statement describing their goals for the UCPG as part of the annual UCPG Candidate's Forum

Community Planning Update Subcommittee

by Katie Rodolico, CPUS Member

Agenda and supporting documents for this meeting, and previous meetings can be found at www.planuniversity.org/. The meeting was held in person at the UCHS media center. The agenda and presentations can be found at www.planuniversity.org/meetings. A facebook live recording at www.facebook.com/UniversityCityCommunityAssociation

Non Agenda Public Comment

Linda Beresford: Reiterated request for no rezoning to higher density at Vons and Sprouts shopping centers. Would like to see this change reflected in scenario A and B.

Andrew Barton: No rezoning of shopping centers on Governor. Current zoning already allows some housing. Max density of 140 du/ac throughout plan. Require developers to provide parks and other infrastructure. Require affordable housing to be built vs in-lieu fees. No high density near MSCP/open space. No transit infrastructure on MSCP lands.

Thomas Barman: Not clear what these plans are for.

Chris Margraff: Wants walkable neighborhood with density of Scenario A

Ann Morely: Rally on March 11 to protest increased density.

Rachel Graham: Concerned that scenarios A&B are not as dense as previous scenario 1. Prefers more density

Jesse O'Sullivan: "Making the Most of the Mid Coast Trolley" paper is posted on CirculateSD's website. CirculateSD.org

Tom Ruff: Did Scenario B change? Color Keys on land use maps hard to read. Nancy G: a line mapping artifact was removed from scenario B. That was the only change.

Linda Bernstein: HelpSaveUC has been walking neighborhood to educate neighbors.

Jenn: Increased density raises concern of infrastructure - local school principal didn't have an answer for increased students

Peg Daly: Worried about quality of life declining.

Lisa Brazino: Planning Commissioners and politicians are in the pocket of developers. UC will never have affordable housing.

Thomas Draper: Think of the community before money when it comes to rezoning.

Agenda Items

Nancy Graham: Reviewed where we are in the process. The planning department will release a discussion draft of the plan this spring. The CPUS will have several meetings to review and incorporate comments. Then the Draft Community Plan Update will be released and will be the basis for the EIR. The Draft Plan will be open to public comment before the Final Community Plan is released. The final plan is voted on by the CPUS subcommittee, UCPG, the Planning Commission, and finally City Council will vote whether to approve the plan update. *There were several interruptions from the community about not understanding the process and questioning whether we needed a plan or update.*

Leo Alo: began the presentation on mobility networks for bikes, pedestrians, roadways, and transit. Terminology was briefly discussed. *Interruptions from the crowd resulted in Tait Galloway asking for decorum and threatened to end the presentation. More outbursts and Chris Nielson asked for the presentation to continue.*

The presentation turned to bicycle lanes: *a community member interrupted to say Joe LaCava's office was inundated with opposition to Governor being reduced to one lane in either direction.* **Leo Alo** confirmed the plan was to reduce Governor to a single lane for the entire length to provide bike lanes.

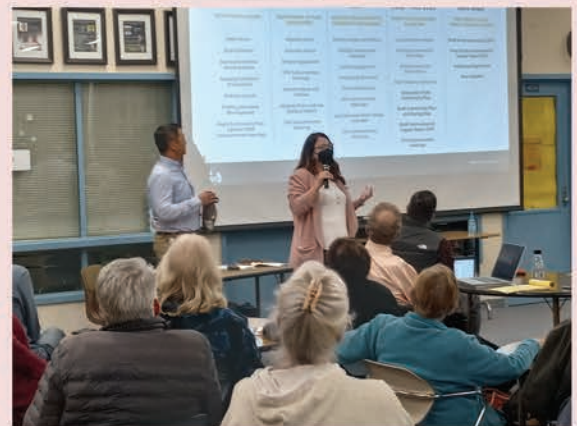
The discussion moved to transit strategies included flex lanes, designated bus lanes, adaptive signal timing, smart corridors, and transit leaps at key intersections.

The discussion moved to roadway classifications and presented the traffic plan for the Executive Dr. promenade.

Public comments can be found at univresitycitynews.org

The next meeting will be on March 21, 2023, in person, at the University City High School Media Center, 6949 Genesee Ave.

Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS) Holds In-Person Meeting



Leo Alo, TE, Senior Traffic Engineer (left), and Nancy Graham, AICP, Supervising Project Manager from the Planning Department (right) presented updates to the large crowd gathered at the University City High School Media Center



CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



Fire Safe Council of University City Hosts Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector Giveaway

The University City Fire Safe Council is hosting a Carbon Monoxide detector giveaway event in the parking lot at the North University City Library, 8820 Judicial Drive, on Saturday, March 18, from 12 noon to 3:00pm (or while supplies last).

Recipient must live in University City and have proof of residence. There is a limit of one CO detector per household. This safety initiative is made possible by a generous grant from the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation. For more information, contact: UCFireSafeCouncil@gmail.com

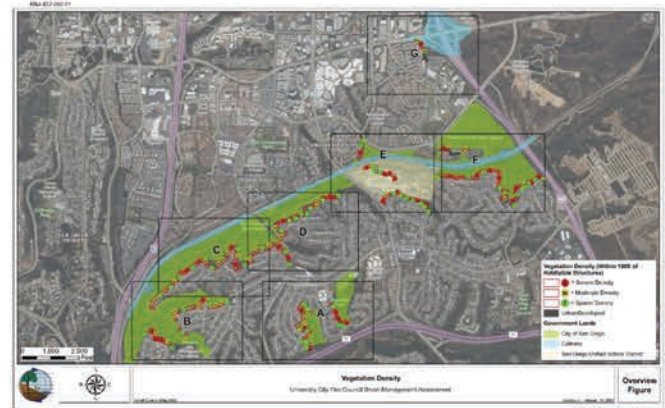
How to Prevent Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning; Tips from the Mayo Clinic

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas produced by burning gasoline, wood, propane, charcoal or other fuel. Improperly ventilated appliances and engines, particularly in a tightly sealed or enclosed space, may allow carbon monoxide to accumulate to dangerous levels.

Carbon monoxide poisoning occurs when carbon monoxide builds up in your bloodstream. When too much carbon monoxide is in the air, your body replaces the oxygen in your red blood cells with carbon monoxide. This can lead to serious tissue damage, or even death.

The simplest way to help prevent carbon monoxide poisoning is to install carbon monoxide detectors. Put one in the hallway near each sleeping area in your house. Check the batteries every time you check your smoke detector batteries — at least twice a year. If the alarm sounds, leave the house and call 9-1-1 the fire department. Other preventative measures from the Mayo Clinic staff include:

- Open the garage door before starting your car.
- Use gas appliances as recommended.
- Keep your fuel-burning appliances and engines properly vented.
- Ask your utility company about yearly checkups for all gas appliances, including your furnace.
- If you have a fireplace, keep it in good repair. Clean your fireplace chimney and flue every year.
- Make repairs before returning to the site of an incident.
- Use caution when working with solvents in a closed area. Methylene chloride, a solvent commonly found in paint and varnish removers, can break down (metabolize) into carbon monoxide when inhaled. Exposure to methylene chloride can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.



Fire Safe Council Assesses Vegetation Density at Canyon Rims

by Louis Rodolico

The University City Fire Safe Council commissioned biologists at Merkel & Associates, Inc. to conduct an assessment of vegetation density on government owned land that occurs within 100 feet of privately owned habitable structures located immediately adjacent to Rose Canyon and San Clemente Canyon. These areas included east-facing chaparral and/or coastal sage scrub dominated slopes that are susceptible to westerly Santa Ana wind conditions which have been shown to exacerbate fire conditions.

There have been several large wildfires in San Diego County, generally moving from the northeast to the southwest. The Fire Safe Council commissioned this survey to establish a baseline for vegetation density and to document future efforts to reduce fuel and reduce the chance of wildfire in our area. The assessment was funded by a grant from San Diego Regional Fire Foundation.

San Diego City Municipal Code requires brush on government owned land to be managed 100 feet away from houses that had received tentative map approval before November 15, 1989. City Code specifies that brush management cannot occur between March 1 and August 15.

Most houses have less than 100 feet to their rear property line so brush management outside their property line falls to the City or CALTRANS. Private property owners remain responsible for brush management within their property line and cannot clear brush on adjoining government property without permission.

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's Canyon Fire Safety guidelines and policies related to brush management and Section 142.0412 of the San Diego Municipal Code for Brush Management are available at: sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/osp/brush

The Merkel & Associates, Inc. assessment with detailed maps of vegetation density (severe, moderate, sparse) is available at: universitycitynews.org/fire-safe-council-university-city/

UNIVERSITY CITY GARDEN CLUB

No planned meetup for March, but garden enthusiasts are encouraged to attend the Herb Gardening event at the South UC Library, Thursday, March 9 from 12:00noon to 1:00pm. Learn how to grow the best herbs inside your home. To get on the UC Garden Club email list, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.



Strategic Capital Projects and the Pure Water Construction Project

Courtesy City of San Diego Communications Department

The City of San Diego created a new department in 2023 titled Strategic Capital Projects (SCP). This department's mission is to deliver City Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) that are complex, large, unique and beyond the core focus of the City's Engineering & Capital Improvements Department.

Pure Water is the City's phased, multi-year program that will provide nearly half of San Diego's water supply locally by the end of 2035. Being the City's largest and most complex capital improvement project ever undertaken, the construction of Pure Water is being managed by the SCP Department. SCP leads and organizes consultants and staff in the construction management services for both Pure Water Phases I and II. Additionally, SCP works in coordination with the City's Public Utilities Department, which is responsible for the design, project management services, financing and all policy decisions for the project.

Due to the complexity and unique nature of the capital projects, SCP is dependent on private consultant services. Finally, SCP works closely with the Engineering & Capital Projects Department to coordinate the City's large and complex Capital Improvements Program.



For more information about Pure Water construction in the UC area, visit: phase1.purewatersd.org
Photo info – all photos are Pure Water construction courtesy of the SD Communications Department



Pure Water Construction Alert: I-805 Tunneling Work on Executive Drive

During February, crews started mobilization to prepare for tunneling work at the I-805 tunnel shaft for the Pure Water Pipelines and Tunnels project in University City. The tunneling work will occur at the Executive Drive cul-de-sac, located in the median at 4796 Executive Drive.

The tunneling work will be ongoing throughout 2023. Work will involve installation of a steel casing west of I-805 on Executive Drive to the receiving shaft on the east side of the freeway. Once the casing is complete, two pipelines will be inserted into the casing to connect the pipeline recently installed on Executive Drive to the City's North City Water Reclamation Plant. What to Expect:

- The existing traffic control around the tunnel shaft on Executive Drive will remain in place and access will be maintained for nearby businesses.
- Based on anticipated production rates, tunneling work is expected to occur 10 hours a day, from Monday through Friday with a potential for Saturday work, with adherence to noise requirements.
- Tunneling work will occur throughout 2023.
- Emergency vehicle access will continue to be maintained on Executive Drive.
- Businesses on Executive Drive are being asked to contact sbowles@sanidago.gov to coordinate any deliveries that involve trucks or large vehicles or access issues.

More information will be provided in the coming months for pipeline construction at Towne Centre Drive and Executive Drive. Crews are currently working in the intersection before pipeline work begins on Towne Centre Drive. Upon full completion of the Morena Northern Pipelines & Tunnels project, the 48-inch wastewater pipeline will carry wastewater north to the North City facilities for purification and the 30-inch brine line will carry the biproduct from water purification south to the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. For more information about Pure Water construction projects in University City, visit: phase1.purewatersd.org

Thank You to Renewing and New UCCA Members

Individual

Len and Joanne Barbieri
Inge Davidson
Roxanne Hersh
Elisa Parker
Julius and Eugenie Seman
Kiem Truong
Marshall Varano

Supporter

Sandra Boelter
Liz Fort
Philip Fowler
Jan and Gary Mc Namara
Diana Meisenholder
Kimberlee Roberts
Aaron Sathrum
Patricia Schneider
Heather Shorack

Angel

Jessica Bowlin
Neil and Nora Brooks
Herbert Greiner
Chris and Karen Landwair
Nils and Britta Tafvelin
Karie Wright

Gold

Fritz and Susana Ahern
Joseph and Barbara Andrilla
Bobbi and Jeffrey Cawdrey
Larry and Barbara Clark
Kimberly and Steffan Ho
Eric Langner and Anna Hurtado
Julian and Lee Lichter
Carol and Gordon Parham
Virginia Prutow
Mary and Bill Scheffel
Rob and Claire Shaughnessy
Nancy Wolman



Pure Water Road Work, Closures and Detours

Check for construction delays, road closures, and other construction impacts in the University City Area due to Pure Water construction in real-time at this link: bit.ly/3VO2YaJ



UCCA Meeting Recap (con't from page 2)

President' Remarks: Diane Ahern announced: (1) Pure Water project construction was currently on Executive Dr. and 805 Frwy. Tunnelling under the 805 is expected to start shortly. Tunnelling under San Clemente Creek on Genesee is continuing after water is removed from the tunnel. Additional work on Genesee will not commence until a traffic control plan is established. (2) An open house meeting will be held at the Atkinson Pavilion at UCSD on February 27 at 5:30-7:30.

Chris Nielsen, Chair of the University City Planning Group (UCPG), reported: (1) Election of members is coming up. On February 14 at 6:00pm there will be a zoom meeting where candidates will make statements. An in-person meeting will be held on March 14th at 10300 Campus Pt. Dr., San Diego, CA. Elections will be at 6:00pm. Ballots are on the UCPG agenda page or can be picked up and dropped off at either library in UC. (2) Information on the Community Plan Update is available in the UCCA newsletter. A meeting of the CPUS is on February 21 from 6:00-8:00pm and will be held at UC High School Media Center.

Azalea Ebbay, the Head Librarian at North UC Library, reported: (1) federal tax forms are delayed. State forms only are available. No tax assistance will be available this year. Assistance is available at the Serra Mesa and Kearny Mesa branches. (2) Instruction on Hands Only CPR is available on February 23. Details are posted on the library's website. (3) The sum of \$1.4 million has been received from several grants to fund numerous capital improvements projects throughout San Diego going back several years. Plans for how the money is to be spent is underway.

Merle Langston, Chair of the Beautification Committee, reported that she is looking into a grant application to refresh and renovate medians on Governor Dr.

Mack Langston reported the Network of Town Councils has been restarted and he will attend meetings on behalf of the UCCA.

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 \$_____

Please print Name(s) _____

Address _____

Business name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____



Please make your check payable to UCCA; mail to UCCA, 3298 Governor Drive, #22574, San Diego, CA 92122. Payment is also accepted through PayPal on UCCA's website at universitycitynews.org/join-ucca-today. Your UCCA membership dues (and additional donation) make a big difference in our community. These funds help support many local worthwhile organizations, as well as many local projects, events, and activities. Your membership due also support UCCA's University City News print newsletter, and UCCA's website and social media sites. Would you like to volunteer? We welcome your time, talent, comments and suggestions. Please let us know by emailing us at UniversityCityNews@gmail.com. *This membership is valid for the 2023 calendar year. UCCA is a 501(c)4 organization and membership dues are not tax deductible. Thank you for joining UCCA.



St. Patrick's Day Special

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes

Available
3/15-3/18

Family serves 2-4 \$44

Individual \$24

Irish Lamb Shepherd's Pie

Ground lamb, carrot, peas, onion, thyme topped
with mashed potatoes and parmesan crust

9" serves 2 \$24

9" deep pan serves 4 \$39

Split Pea Soup \$10/qt

Meals
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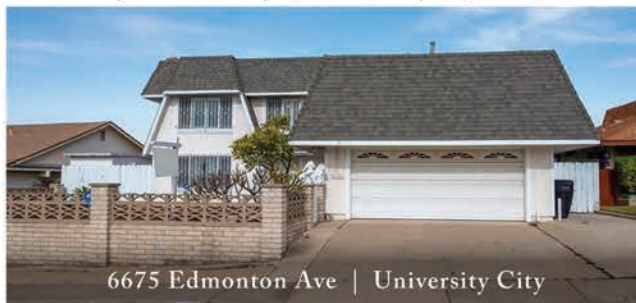


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10:45 am 3-5 yrs.

11:00 am 6-8 yrs.

11:15 am 9-12 yrs.

*Children should bring their own basket for collecting eggs and return them for a Goodie Bag. Parents should bring their camera for photos with the bunny!

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April 8th, 2023

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Schedule:

0 - 2 years

10:00 a.m.

6 - 8 years

10:30 a.m.

3 - 5 years

10:15 a.m.

9 - 10 years

10:45 a.m.

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