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University City



Library Celebrates 50 Years of Service to University City

The University Community Library on Governor Drive celebrated its 50th anniversary with a party, a proclamation, a certificate of recognition, and much more. The Anniversary Party featured crafts and refreshments, commemorative stickers and buttons, and a special UC Library puzzle. Staff members decorated the Library and created an original art piece on the front windows. All who attended enjoyed sharing memories. Special guests included ODI the Coyote as well as Councilmember Kent Lee, Marc Schaeffer from State Senator Brian Jones' office, Library Director Misty Jones, UC Friends President Helen Lebowitz, and UCCA Past President Barry Bernstein.

A Proclamation of the City Council presented by Councilmember Kent Lee: acknowledged both the original 1973 "University Community Reading Center" and the 1978 opening of the permanent building on April 10, 1978. The City Council proclaimed that April 29, 2023 is "University Community Branch Library Day" in the City of San Diego. A Certificate of Recognition presented by District Representative Marc Schaefer, on behalf of State Senator Brian Jones: made special recognition to University Community Library for providing years of enriching reading experiences and programs for patrons of all ages. The Senator congratulates the Library on 50 years of service to the UC community. For current info, visit: sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/university-community-library

Pictured above clockwise from top left: Marc Schaeffer (State Senator Brian Jones' office), Helen Lebowitz (Friends of the Library), Melissa Martin (Library Manager), Misty Jones (Library Director), Barry Bernstein (University City Community Association), and Kent Lee (Councilmember District 6); library staff decorating the building; library staff in their matching blue shirts; and ODI the Coyote stopped by to visit.

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People of all ages are invited to take a Story Stroll and enjoy nature-themed picture books at select San Diego Public Library locations throughout June. Story Stroll library locations and books include:

- North University Community - *Explorers of the Wild* by Cale Atkinson
- Carmel Valley - *Plants Feed Me* by Lizzy Rockwell
- Scripps Miramar Ranch - *We Planted a Tree* by Diane Muldrow
- Pacific Beach - *Tidy* by Emily Gravett

A Story Stroll is a book that is mounted on a pedestal outdoors with the story stretching over several pedestal stations. As you walk through the park, or outdoor area, you progressively read through the book as you reach each station.

The Story Stroll project is part of a series of sustainability programs for all ages that aim to bring awareness to climate change. For more info, visit: sandiego.gov/public-library/OurSustainableSD



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SUMMARY OF UCCA MEETING

May 10, 2023 (Held via Zoom)

by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

President's Report - Diane Ahern reported: (1) Organic waste recycling program will start by July. Those who have a Monday trash pickup will be contacted by the City to receive bins for organic waste removal. (2) 21 UC High School graduating seniors will be featured on banners throughout the UC area.

Legislative and Community Reports

Sarah Bowles/Clem Wassenberg of the City Pure Water project provided construction updates as follows: (1) Tunnelling under San Clemente Creek at Hwy 52 and Genesee is underway. (2) Laying the two pipelines is proceeding North on Genesee towards Governor Dr. (3) Tunnelling under Fwy 805 is proceeding. (4) Laying the pipes south on Town Centre Dr. towards La Jolla Village Dr. is under way with work at the intersection expected to start in June 2023. Bike riders and pedestrians will be detoured. (5) Ms. Bowles is meeting with local businesses to coordinate work schedules and minimize interruption. (6) Mr. Wassenberg said the "Welcome to University City" sign in the median on Genesee north of Hwy. 52 will not be affected by the construction. (7) Mr. Wassenberg also said they were trying to protect the trees in the median on Genesee between the High School and Governor Dr. but will need to have the City's arborist confirm if possible. If required, the trees will be replaced. (8) While under construction, it will not be possible to turn left on north bound Genesee at La Jolla Village Dr. (9) A water pumping system will be installed at Hwy. 52 and Genesee to prevent flooding of the tunnel.

Chris Nielsen, chair of the UCPG, reported: (1) The City is generating a map of sustainable development areas showing walking distances to transportation. (2) He said that SB10 applies to both multi-family and single-family, with the number of units possible for single-family properties set at one unit/1000 square feet of lot size. (3) Parking is not required within a mile of a present or future transit location. (4) Once SB10 is implemented, the zoning action cannot be undone (state law).

Linda Beresford, a leader of "Help Save UC", said their organization was also responding to the City to change the proposed community plan to: (1) Limit units on high rise developments to 105 per acre rather than around 285 proposed by the City; (2) Limit residential units at the Sprouts center to 29 per acre with buildings 40 ft. tall; (3) Limit residential units at the Vons center to 54 per acre with buildings 50 ft. tall; (4) Zoning for the centers must "require" that commercial uses be retained; (5) There must be one parking space per unit in the centers (the City has proposed 0); (6) Governor Dr. would stay 4 lanes; (7) Some of the residential units must meet affordable housing requirements.

Kendra Cole, of Educate!, reported it won the Non-Profit of the Year award for the district of State Senator Brian Jones.

Azalea Ebbay, from San Diego Public Library, announced the north branch UC library is now also open on Sundays, 1:00-5:00pm.

Dustin Nguyen, aide to City Council Member Kent Lee, reported the Councilmember was going to Washington DC to seek funding for infrastructure costs.

Marc Schaefer, aide to State Senator Brian Jones, reported the following: (1) The senator sent a letter to the PUC re fixed rate utility charges based on household income, with \$180,000 the cutoff for subsidies. (2) He proposed SB 14 regarding public safety and trafficking of minors. (3) He is working on contractor licensing and those without licenses. (4) Bills proposed to toughen laws regarding fentanyl dealing are held up at this time.

Evan Bridgham, aide to County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported: (1) The Supervisor will be at a "Meet and Greet" at Nobel Recreation Center on June 26 at 6:15pm. (2) Supervisor District 4 will have a special election on August 15. If no candidate receives 50%, a runoff election will be held. (3) The County is working on housing for the homeless, including hiring mental health professionals to help in transition. (4) The grant for \$15,000 to UCCA was announced with proceeds to be used for communication (newsletter, letters).

Barbara Gellman, of Neighborhood Watch (NW), reported: (1) NW was replacing several signs that were weathered and having "street meetings". (2) It is time to sign up for address curb painting at ucurbpainting@gmail.com. (3) New style of socks as of June 1 are available with funds going towards NW. (4) If reporting a crime, do not use the Next Door app but call the SDPD.



UCCA President Diane Ahern

Hello University City, I hope you are doing well. In this newsletter, we include [almost] everything you should know about the month of June courtesy of Almanac.com, UCCA, and our community contributors.

From the Almanac, did you know that June is the month to celebrate World Environment Day; Flag Day; Father's Day; Juneteenth; the Summer Solstice; and Pride Month? June is also the month to celebrate Say Something Nice Day; National Yo-Yo Day; Upsy Daisy Day; Go Skateboarding Day; and Asteroid Day. So let's get outside, fly the flag, enjoy the longest daylight of the year, and say something nice.

In University City, June is also Community Plan Update Discussion Draft month during which I am urging everyone in our University City community to review and provide feedback on the first draft of the Community Plan Update. If you haven't had a chance to review the Discussion Draft and submit your feedback, there's still time (until the end of the month) and three community meetings in June to help inform your thinking. The Planning Group (UCPG) meets on Tuesday, June 13 with both an in-person and Zoom option; the Community Association (UCCA) meets on Wednesday, June 14 by Zoom; and the Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS) will meet for an extended time on Tuesday, June 20, at the Nobel Recreation Center with both an in-person and Facebook live stream option.

To help you prepare for the June meetings, we have included May meeting summaries and the details of the upcoming June meetings in the pages of this June print newsletter and on UCCA's UniversityCityNews.org website. Please submit comments and suggestions to the Planning Department by emailing your comments to planuniversity@sandiego.gov. Suggestions will be accepted on the first draft until June 30, 2023, with additional opportunities for feedback to come.

June is also the month that the Fire Department is preparing for wildfire by increasing training and outreach to remind us to prepare ourselves, our families, and our homes in case of fire in our area. We are also looking forward to July summer events such as Summer Movies, 4th of July UC Celebration and the Summer Concerts.

Have you seen them? UCHS student leaders have been chosen by school staff to represent University City and the High School on the San Diego County Fair banners which are now displayed on Governor and on Genesee. Congratulations to the UC Library on Governor for celebrating its first 50 years and to EdUCate! for another successful Taste of the Triangle and for being named the Nonprofit of the Year by State Senator Brian Jones.

If you have garbage collection by City crews from Environmental Services with Monday pickup, watch for the notice in the US Mail about the new kitchen pail and organic waste recycling. June could be known as construction season in University City as Pure Water crews are hard at work on Genesee and on Executive Drive as well as Towne Centre Drive and (coming soon) on La Jolla Village Drive. Sarah Bowles and the Pure Water team will provide a construction update at the June UCCA meeting.

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, contributors, 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. If you haven't had a chance to join UCCA for 2023, now is the time. We need your support and donations to help keep our newsletter in print. Have a great June; I hope to see you out and about in University City this month. We have a lot to talk about. Thank you so much for helping to keep University City more than just a neighborhood.

Diane

You may wonder why UCCA hosts public meetings? It's part of UCCA's mission ... to provide a forum where the interests of residents may be expressed and contributions made to the protection of life and property in the community. If you have an agenda item to share or wish to speak during the meeting public forum, please contact me at UniversityCityNews@gmail.com

UCCA University City Community Association Monthly Meeting

Time: Wednesday, June 14, 6 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/UCCA-June-2023>

Meeting ID: 897 6403 9153

Passcode: 180904

Calendar

June 2023

LGBTQ & PRIDE MONTH

UC NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 3

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, June 11

7:15-7:30am - meet & greet

7:30-9:00am - work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, June 13

6:00 - 7:30pm

Info: planuniversity.org

FLAG DAY

Wednesday, June 14

UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 6:00pm

Zoom Meeting:

<https://bit.ly/UCCA-June-2023>

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FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 18

JUNETEENTH

Monday, June 19

**COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, June 20 from 5:30 - 8:30pm

Nobel Rec Center Meeting Room

8820 Judicial Drive

Info: planuniversity.org

UC CELEBRATION 4th of JULY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 21, 6:00pm

Standley Park Rec Center

Contact: randalltonini@icloud.com for more info.

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, June 22

7:00pm

3585 Governor Drive

MEET & GREET

SD COUNTY SUPERVISOR LAWSON REMER

Monday, June 26, 6:15pm

Nobel Recreation Center

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OR SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP FORM
ON PAGE 14**



Reflective Curb Address Painting

*Barbara Gellman,
UCCA Neighborhood Watch*

June 16 is the final date to sign up for this project, so email uccrbpainting@gmail.com with your name, phone number, address, email, if you wish to be included. You will receive a "thank you" to inform your addition to the original list, and thanks to all who have already signed up. The painting contractors will begin the following week and you will be notified as to the approximate day that your street will be done to allow you to clear the area.

University City Neighborhood Watch (NW) with the support of the University City Community Association (UCCA) and San Diego Police Department, is pleased to provide this service to the community; it helps our first responders to locate your home more quickly.

The contractor will leave a PRE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE for you to mail in your \$15.00 fee. When funds are received by painting company, we will be notified in order to complete the process. We would appreciate your timely response. For those of you who contact us after June 16, you will be placed on a secondary list and be required to remit \$20.00 for the service. Any questions or concerns, contact: bggelman@yahoo.com.



SOCKS FOR SAFETY

Socks, socks and more socks, it's a colorful explosion with new styles for children, men and women; you don't want to miss this opportunity to donate and receive these conversation starters. We have added ½ socks to the mix, the ones you can use with tennis shoes or sneakers or whenever the spirit moves you. Go to

bggelman@yahoo.com, request the sock flyer or universitycitynews.org and have a joyful shopping experience.



Be On the Lookout: Green Bins and Kitchen Pails

For those in University City who live in a home with Monday garbage and recycling pickup by the City's

Environmental Services Department, be on the lookout for an announcement with news about distribution of kitchen pails and green bins for organic waste during June and July.

Kitchen pails are being delivered to all City-served residences. Green bins are being delivered to City-served residences that have not previously been provided with a green bin. The distribution of new green bins for organic waste recycling will be rolled out by route. For more info and to register for an Organic Waste Recycling Webinar or Workshop, visit: sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/sb1383

BUILDING CONFIDENCE, TEAMWORK, RESPONSIBILITY AND TRUST

by Barbara Gellman

This is what Officer Dante Romano and Officer Cody Wolf are doing through the School Safety Patrol program that is run by the San Diego Police Department Juvenile Services Officers and Administration. There are over 80 schools and approximately 1,800 5th grade students who participate in this program across the city of San Diego. Curie and Spreckels Elementary schools are just two of the 15 schools who participate within Northern Division.



The teachers select the students who then go into training. Typically, four students are assigned each day for morning and after school patrols. The patrol controls traffic by using stop signs placed 50 feet on both sides of the crosswalk and using whistle commands that lets vehicles know when to stop and pedestrians know when to cross. They wear a uniform on the day they are assigned. The program runs from September to June. The officers meet with each school once a week and monitor the morning and afternoon patrol shift/traffic. Every month they put on events that are offered to the students as a reward for their hard work; sometimes it is Padres or Gulls games, Rockin' jump, Midway event and others.

The children of School Safety Patrol give hundreds of hours of their own time during their commitment to the program. They are dedicated, confident and strong role models for their peers. They are truly proud of being a member of this program. This also gives them the opportunity to know, at an early age, that our police care about them and community safety; it sets the stage for a more positive relationship with law enforcement and encourages volunteerism at an early age.

We thank Officers Romano and Wolf for their commitment to these children with just one of the many programs available through the SDPD.

UPDATES FROM OFFICER BROWN

as provided at the May UCCA Meeting

Officer Brown, Community Liaison Officer of the SDPD reported:

- (1) SDPD has been monitoring rallies in Clairemont and UC to make sure there were no illegal activities occurring.
- (2) An outreach team was contacting homeless people in the area and providing contacts for assistance.
- (3) The SDPD was having a higher presence by schools to help prevent incidents.
- (4) The Northern Division of the SDBD has three new officers and two new detectives. Also, seven new officers have been assigned to tourist assistance and regulation.

Gift Card Season is Here; What to Know about Scams by District Attorney Summer Stephan

You've likely seen the rows and rows of colorful gift cards at the supermarket. But as with anything, there is a dark side to having gift cards hanging within easy reach of fingertips and scammers have found a way to exploit the convenience through card skimming or card swapping. Before you buy that graduation or wedding gift card, keep reading.

Card skimming is when the fraudster has already copied the unique gift card bar code number and PIN from the gift card. When an unsuspecting consumer buys and activates that gift card, the fraudster, who already has the barcode number and PIN, uses those funds before the legitimate consumer makes a purchase or the fraudster siphons the funds from the card.

Tip: Make sure the PIN number on the card you purchase has not yet been scratched off.

Card swapping involves a scammer stealing a stack of physical cards from the retail store outlet and then replacing original barcode with a counterfeit barcode sticker. The scammer will then return the cards to the store and re-hang them on the rack. When a consumer purchases and loads one of the cards with cash, the money goes directly into the fraudster's bank account rather than the gift card. When the consumer tries to use the gift card the balance is \$0. The consumer will have no idea the funds they loaded were stolen until they attempt to use the card. The business will show the funds were loaded on the card but be unaware it was actually loaded to a counterfeit account. **Tips:**

- **When buying a gift card, opt for the ones that are kept under lock and key by the retailer.**
- **Always check that the barcode is original and does not appear to be tampered with.**
- **There should not be a sticker on top of the original barcode.**

To report a consumer complaint, call 619.531.3507 or email consumer@sdcca.org.



Budget Town Hall

District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee

Thank you to the UC community for joining me and the Independent Budget Analyst for our May City Budget Town Halls. We received great feedback at these town halls as well as from our budget review committee hearings. Now, I am looking forward to submitting our office's proposed budget changes before it will be finalized in June. To continue to follow the process, please visit: sandiego.gov/finance/proposed or submit your city budget priorities by email to: D6Budget@sandiego.gov



It was also great to see so many community members at EdUCatel's Taste of the Triangle this past month. I enjoyed meeting our educators, administrators, and volunteers while supporting our local culinary scene.

In addition, I recently had the great opportunity to visit several UC schools to distribute Balboa Park Explorer Passes to the students as part of our office's partnership with Balboa Park Community Access Pass Program!



Now that the spring season is wrapping up, in early May I also had the honor to recognize UC Del Sol Softball on their Spring 2023 Closing Day, and in early June I look forward to joining in celebration of UC Little League's 60th Anniversary Closing Day as well. Congratulations to all the players and coaches on a great season.

As always, thank you to UCCA for providing these newsletters to the community. If you have any questions or feedback our office can help you with, please feel free to contact me or my University City representative, Dustin Nguyen, at: DVNguyen@sandiego.gov

Meet & Greet - County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer



Come discuss the issues that matter most to you and your family!

Monday, June 26 at 6:15 p.m.
Nobel Recreation Center
8810 Judicial Dr
San Diego, CA 92122

Co-hosted by the University City Community Association




County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer

Have we met? Please join me on Monday, June 26 at 6:15pm at Nobel Recreation Center, 8810 Judicial Drive, for a University City Neighborhood Meet and Greet, co-hosted with University City Community Association. The County of San Diego is here to serve you and I am eager to meet you and discuss the most important issues for you and your family. Additionally, my staff will be present to support constituents who need assistance with a county-related issue. Register and submit questions at: remner.nationbuilder.com/utc_meet_and_greet_20230626.

If you have any questions, please email my office at: terra.lawson-remmer@sdcounty.ca.gov or call 619.531.5533.

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 and programs are subject to change. Call to confirm hours and events.

Local libraries are currently open on Monday and Tuesday from 11:00am to 8:00pm; and Wednesday through Saturday from 9:30am to 6:00pm. University branch closed Sundays; North University branch open Sundays 1:00-5:00pm.

What's Happening at the Libraries?

*Libraries will be closed on Monday, June 19 in recognition of Juneteenth, a day which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans.

North University Community Library

We will celebrate our Summer Reading Program with music performances, science workshops, and a puppet show. This month, our line-up includes:

Mr. Markus Music (Music Performance): Thursday, June 15 at 1:30-3:00pm.

RoboThink (Science Workshop for Grades 4-9): Thursday, June 22, 1:30-3:00pm. Teaches kids about STEAM concepts behind robotics while building their own battle bots. Registration required.

From the Page to the Stage (Theater Performance): Saturday, June 24 at 4:00-5:30pm. Featured selections will be from *Big River*, *Man of la Mancha*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Wicked*, and *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*.

ALL AGES

Brain Health Presentation and Private Memory Screening Appointments with Sharp Neurocognitive Research Center: Occurring on multiple dates: Fridays, June 9, 23 & 30.

Event Schedule: Presentation: 10:00-11:00am & Private Memory Screening Appointments: 11:00am-12:30pm & 1:00-2:30pm. Appointments at 858.581.9637 or visit the library.

Bridge - Learn the Game from a Master: Saturday, June 10 from 1:00-3:00pm.

Chess Club: Every Thursday from 3:00-4:30pm.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

New Toddler Program Mondays on June 5, 12 & 26 at 11:45am-12:15pm: Toddler Art: June 5; Signing Storytime: June 12; Dance Pants: June 26.

Toddler Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:00-10:30am

Legos Club: Mondays, June 5, 12 & 26 at 6:00-7:00pm

TEEN PROGRAMS

Physics of Fidget Spinners (Grades 6-8): Thursday, June 1 at 2:00-4:00pm. This is an in-person workshop where teens will learn about motion, tension, gravity and other fantastic phenomena related to fidget spinners and the world at large. Registration encouraged.

Teen Advisory Meeting: Monday, June 26 at 4:00-5:30pm. We're inviting students in 7th to 12th grades to help determine the future of teen programs, music events, and the makerspace.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Fiction Lovers Book Club: Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 to 11:00am: *Open Season* by Linda Howard;

Friends of the North University Community Library Meeting: Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00-7:00pm;

Amantes de la Lectura, Novelas Hispano-americanas en Espanol: Saturday, June 17, 2:00-4:00pm, RSVP to: tlampell21@gmail.com.

Page Turners' Book Club: Saturday, June 24, 1:00-2:30pm

Queendom: Every Tuesday from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Queendom is a program for Russian and 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.

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

2023 Summer Reading Program – All Libraries

Between June 1-August 31, San Diego residents of all ages are encouraged to sign up our annual Summer Reading Program, themed "Find Your Voice." Complete a combination of 10 books, hours of reading or activities to claim your prizes. Visit our website for more information: sandiego.gov/summerreading.

University Community Library (Governor Drive) ADULT PROGRAMS

San Diego North County: A Look Back: Tuesday, June 6, 12:30pm; San Diego OASIS, Presenter Vincent Rossi. Vincent Rossi has uncovered a lot of history on north San Diego County. Find out about lost landmarks like the Escondido Teepee and even lost towns like Barham, Bernardo and Bostonia. Learn about pioneer settlers like Sig Steiner of Escondido and Enos Mendenhall of Palomar Mountain. Re-discover a place where the livestock outnumbered the humans and today's Cal State San Marcos campus was a chicken ranch.

Make & Take: Natural Perfumes, Tuesday, June 6, 4:00pm. Choose your favorite scented oils and make your own natural perfume to take home with you!

Brain Training for Healthy Aging, Friday, June 30, 12:30pm. Join Brain Balance Centers of San Diego and Discover best practices to improve brain health including enhancing your cognitive, physical, social, and emotional functioning.

CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

Pajama Storytime – 2nd Mondays at 6:30pm

Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30am

Saturday Storytime with Ms. Harlynnne – June 19 at 10:30am

Summer Reading Program schedule (no registration required)

- Wednesday, June 21: Literature Comes to Life (storytelling with audience participation)
- Wednesday, June 28: The Amazing Dana (magician)

Art Exhibit: "The Magic of Pastels", presented by The San Diego College of Continuing Education, Older Adult Program – Rochelle Bradford, Instructor; runs April - June 2023 in the Community Room. The exhibit is available for viewing during library operating hours. Staff recommends calling to confirm as the room may be closed during certain programs.

Winner of the Quilt Raffle at the Friends of the Library Book Sale on Saturday, May 13, Friends' President Helen Lebowitz (r) presents the quilt to Phoua Moua. The quilt was generously designed, quilted and donated by Amy Barkan and Susan Griffen. Congratulations Phoua!





Doyle's International Festival Returns

Join the Doyle Elementary community on June 9 at Doyle Elementary School from 4:00 – 7:00pm. This special event celebrates the many different cultures we have that make our school especially unique! We will have international booths hosted by families, performances by students and community members, music, and food. Doyle Elementary School is located at 3950 Berino Court, San Diego, CA 92122. We hope to see you there.

Standley Middle School Write Out Loud 2023 Contest Winners

After reading the book *THE BEAR* by Andrew Krivak, participants re-imagined the images, themes, or characters to create a project in a medium important to them. The idea is to encourage reading, analysis, and critical thinking through the interest and expression of the individual student.

Congratulations to local winners from Standley Middle School: Visual Art - Subaru Hiramoto; Visual Art - Johnny Calevas; Media Art - Nicole Schneider; Performance Art - Kevin Jiang; Performance Art - Bianca Vezzali; Experience - Shiloh Larson; Experience - Shawna Stefanko; Experience - Raiyaan Pittal. For more information and a complete list of all 2023 winners, visit: writeoutloudsd.com/read-imagine-create.



2023 SANDAG BIKE ANYWHERE DAY

On May 18, UC Library and Spreckels Elementary School participated and handed out refreshments and t-shirts from 6:00 to 9:00am to over 125 walkers, bicyclists, ebicyclists and folks on scooters!



An Epic Bike Pack Adventure

Troop 271 from University City has done it again! For the fifth time, they successfully completed their bi-annual desert bike pack, and this year's event was just as thrilling as ever. The ride covered a whopping 140 miles with 10,000 feet of climbing, but a dozen scouts, parents, and leaders who took part were more than up to the task. They spent four days biking through some of the most scenic and challenging terrain in the area, and spent three nights camping under the stars. The journey began in Ocotillo, which is the start of Anza-Borrego state park, and took them through Agua Caliente, up Banner Grade to Julian, through Mesa Grande Indian reservation, to Ramona, and finally back to San Diego.

Troop 271 has a very active high adventure program. In addition to biking, the troop offers multi-day backpacking adventures, rock climbing, sailing, and canoeing. If you would like more info, visit www.troop271.com/. Meetings are usually at Curie Elementary, Tuesdays at 7:00pm.

Pictured above: Scouts Tyler, Alex, Donovan, Max S, Max F, and Tristan with their adult leaders in front of the school they spent the night in Wynola.

Preserving the Campgrounds

by Annalise Tovar, Spreckels Girl Scout Troop 3991

It's almost summer and camping season is coming up. It's important to take care of our campgrounds so we can protect and preserve them for other generations. The Leave No Trace seven principles can help ensure that we do just that. 1) Know Before You Go. When you go camping, you need to know what the campground and environment rules are before you arrive with something that might be banned from the area. 2) Choose the Right Path. This is important because you should be prepared for all kinds of weather and terrain, but if you are not, it's safest to choose the right path suited for your gear. 3) Trash your Trash. We need to keep the campgrounds clean. Littering can harm the wildlife and hurt the environment. 4) Leave What You Find. This is important because removing something natural might have some effect on the environment. It could be an animal's home. Plus, if you take it, someone else won't be able to find it and enjoy it too. 5) Be Careful with Fire. When using fire for things such as a campfire, be sure to watch it carefully, because if it gets out of control, it can start a wildfire and even destroy an entire forest. 6) Respect Wildlife. When camping, you may see animals like deer, birds, and even elk. It's important to stay far enough away from them so you stay safe and so do they. You must remember this is their home, not yours. 7) Be Kind to Other Visitors. The more people that know and respect the ecosystem the better. It's helpful to teach others about the campgrounds and the rules that come with it so that they can help teach others too. Use these principles when you go camping this year to have a fun and safe time. Remember, Leave No Trace!

COMMUNITY SHORTS



UCHS GIRLS VARSITY GOES UNDEFEATED

Congratulations to UCHS Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Lacrosse teams for both finishing undefeated this regular season, with records of 12-0 and 6-0 respectively.

FRONT PORCH PANDEMIC JAZZ BAND

Thursdays at 4:00pm – 5626 Bloch Ave

FREE live Jazz performances. Seating is around the neighborhood or in your parked car. Dancing is encouraged; picnicking and wine tasting are popular activities. Band members: Jack Hoffman (piano or drums), Roy Jenkins (bass), Phil Marcus (guitar & vocals), Ray Conseur (drums and percussion), Greg Pardue (saxophone), and Jim Napier (trumpet and flugelhorn). Performances are weather permitting.



PICKLEBALL COURTS OPEN AT WESTFIELD UTC

Three pickleball courts have opened at Westfield UTC, located on the upper level above True Food Kitchen. The courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Players are asked to bring their own balls and paddles. More info at: www.westfield.com/united-states/utc/events-detail/westfield-utc-pickleball.

UCHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

Saturday, June 3 – UCHS Activity Room

Are you in the need of a new mattress? The UCHS Music Boosters will be hosting a Mattress Fundraiser on June 3 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Every purchase benefits the music students. More than 25 styles of name brand mattresses will be on display. uchsmusic@gmail.com

WINGS OVER MIRAMAR FLIGHT LINE 5K

Saturday, June 24 – MCAS Miramar

The event is open to the public, and participants will have the unique opportunity to run or walk on Miramar's famous Flight Line. Check-in begins at 6:30am, and the Flight Line 5K will begin promptly at 8:00am. After the race, the fun continues on the Flight Line with post-race food trucks, music, static aircraft, and more. Please note that the schedule is subject to change. Info and register at: runsignup.com/Race/CA/SanDiego/2023WingsOverMiramarFlightLine5K.



La Jolla Renaissance Singers Return to UC

On Sunday, June 11, the La Jolla Renaissance Singers will return to University City United Church (2877 Governor Drive) to perform a program of unaccompanied (a cappella) vocal music from the Renaissance era, celebrating simple pleasures, life, and living. The program, which will begin at 4:00pm, will include a free-will offering benefiting the church; it should last for about one hour.

We will include a number of pieces by William Byrd (c 1540 – 1623) in honor of this year's 400th anniversary of the year of his death. Other well-known composers, some of whose music will be included, are Purcell, Monteverdi, Janequin, and Weelkes. We hope you will be able to join us!



FOOD DRIVE REMINDER

University City United Church's (UCUC) next drive-up food drive for the benefit of Community Christian Service Association (CCSA) will take place on June 4 from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the UCUC parking lot. UCUC's parking lot is located off of Gobat Avenue, directly behind the Church's 2877 Governor Drive location. Church members will again be onsite to gratefully unload your car and get you quickly on your way.

CCSA supplies emergency food to individuals and families in the local area who are experiencing hardships. Donations of unopened, packaged food items, fresh fruits and vegetables as well as hygiene and specialty products, including baby food and diapers, are welcomed. A list of recommended items, together with further information about the valuable services CCSA provides, may be found at www.ccsasandiego.org.

UCUC is most grateful to its neighbors who have dropped off donations at any of this spring's food drives. It also wishes to extend special thanks to Girl Scout Troop #4938 for its participation in May's drive which resulted in three carloads of food products being delivered to CCSA.

With community food needs not expected to abate during the summer months, it is anticipated that UCUC will also be hosting food drives on July 2 and August 6 from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Information about UCUC may be found at www.ucuc.org.



Summer Movies in the Park

Summer Movies in the Park return to University City. This is a perfect opportunity to relax and enjoy a safe and special night under the stars with family and friends. Come early and get a good seat! For a complete schedule and all the details, visit: summermoviesinthepark.com

- The Sandlot, Standley Park, June 10, 6:00pm
- The Jungle Book, Doyle Park, June 23, 6:30pm
- Lilo & Stitch, Nobel Park, June 30, 6:30pm
- Madagascar, University Village Park, July 15, 6:00pm
- Minions: The Rise of Gru, Doyle Park, July 21, 6:30pm
- Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, University Gardens, July 22, 6:00pm

Standley Summer Safety Splash

Save the Date! The City of San Diego and its partners are hosting the Standley Summer Safety Splash on Sunday, July 23 at the Standley Aquatic Center on Governor Drive. It's for the entire community and there will be activities for all ages. CPR and First Aid skills will be taught throughout the afternoon. Learn about water safety for your tots through in-the-water workshops with your child. Watch a simulated safety rescue response demonstration with our fire department and Falck Ambulance. Maneuver through the inflatable floating obstacle course, make a craft, play in the water, and much more. The event is free; some restrictions apply. Info and RSVP: bit.ly/STSplash

Recreationally Speaking

submitted on behalf of the Standley CRG by Diane Ahern

Community Plan Update (CPU) and the Community Recreation Group (CRG): At the May Standley CRG meeting, I urged all who use our local parks to review the discussion draft of the CPU and to submit comments and suggestions in support of preservation and enhancement of our parks, recreation centers, and open space. I also urged the CRG members to insist that the City live up to its Parks Master Plan including additional parks, playing fields, and recreation facilities in our area. For more information and to submit a comment, visit: PlanUniversity.org

Pool Updates: Both pools have been closed for annual maintenance and will begin their Summer schedules soon. For more information, visit: sandiego.gov/pools/standley-aquatic-center

- *Swanson Memorial Pool* offers warm water exercise classes, swim lessons, youth teams, and much more.
- *Standley Aquatic Center* is a joint-use pool with the San Diego Unified School District. The water is cold and ideal for lap swim. The pool offers community lap swim during designated hours.

Get Outside! There's always something to do at our University City parks and recreation facilities. For more information, visit: sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation

2023 – Community Traditions



UC CELEBRATION ON 4th OF JULY

From Committee Chair Randall Tonini (randalltonini@icloud.com): Planning is underway for the 32nd annual UC Celebration. It's the biggest community event in University City! Many volunteers are needed to help make the UC Celebration at Standley Park a huge success. If you and your family plan to attend, please also plan to help.

- Book Barn donations - if anyone would like to donate books, they can drop off at my house, 6135 Syracuse Lane, starting June 1
- Book Barn Chair - we need a volunteer(s) to help organize and sell books at the UC Celebration

This year's event includes a 5K run/1-mile fun run, pancake breakfast, opportunity drawing, bike & pet parade, the Standley MS marching band, Old Town Trolley rides, field games and sack races, Hawaiian / Polynesian Review, food vendors, Swanson Pool free swim, beer garden, vendor booths, car show, and much more.

Musical guests include the Phil Marcus Trio and the Resonators. The closing concert is scheduled to begin at 5:00pm with Y3K performing at the Standley MS School pavilion stage near the Standley MS parking lot.

There will also be a Kids Zone with inflatables and other activities for kids available at an additional charge. Bring money; Venmo sales and donations are also available. The UC Celebration is a fundraiser for the University City Parks Council; proceeds help fund the Summer Concerts and other events at Standley Park.

To register for the 5K, to reserve a vendor booth, for the schedule and up-to-date information, and/or to volunteer, please visit our website at: uccelebration.com

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The next meeting of the UC Celebration committee will be on Wednesday, June 21, at 6:00pm at Standley Recreation Center. This is a public meeting and anyone with suggestions and an interest in the UC Celebration is urged to attend. The Celebration planners are seeking event sponsors, and help with vendor booths, the Book Barn, and volunteer coordination. Please contact Randall Tonini for meeting and other information: randalltonini@icloud.com.

4th of JULY SCHEDULE

- 6:30am Walk up signups for the 5K and 1 mile fun Run
- 7:45 1 mile fun run begins, 8:00 - 5K run begin
- 9:00 Pancake breakfast and Ticket sales begin for opportunity drawings
- 10:30 Bike and Pet Parade lead by the Standley Middle School band
- 11:00 "Official" opening with color guard and playing of the National Anthem
- 12:00pm Car Show, FREE swim at Swanson Aquatic Center, Kids Fun Zone opens; and Hawaiian/Polynesian revue
- 1:30 Field games begin
- 2:00 Phil Marcus Trio play
- 3:00 The Resonators play
- 4:00 Opportunity Drawings announced
- 5:00 Y3K plays at the "New Pavilion Stage" at Standley Middle School
- 7:00 Y3K wraps up and cleanup/teardown



THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR RETURNS WITH NEW BANNERS AND A NEW THEME

This year, 21 UC High School seniors were nominated by school staff to be featured on the UCCA / San Diego County Fair banners. According to Principal Paredes, staff members were asked to identify a student who exemplifies leadership on campus through their participation in any one of many programs (academic, VAPA, athletic, clubs, etc.). The responses were numerous and diverse. Mr. Paredes notes that they are proud of all Centurions, and honored to have some of the student leaders represented in the community on the County Fair banners. The UCHS student banners are displayed on street light poles on Genesee between Centurion and April Ct., on the far west end of Governor Drive near Stresemann, as on the east end of Governor Drive near Gullstrand.

Adventure awaits at the 2023 San Diego County Fair—"Get Out There!" to explore the great outdoors and get s'more of what life has to offer Wednesday, June 7 through Tuesday, July 4 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Scout out Best-of-Show winners in the Fair's competitive exhibitions. Reach new heights as you spin upside-down in the FunZone. Hike around San Diego Grown to learn all about local agriculture from food to fiber to flowers. Be prepared for an unsurpassed line-up of entertainment on the fair's featured stages. Info about the San Diego County Fair: sdfair.com; UCHS: uchs.sandiegounified.org.

Students honored on banners above: Top Row - Isaac Ojutomori, Film Art; Alexia Merlene-Gregg, Water Polo; Pohainani Basso, Basketball/Bio-Med; Yasmin Merkel - Beach Volleyball/ASB; Alejandro Alvarez, Yearbook; Max Zahirovic - Bio-Med; Grace Yang, Art; Lillian Haley, Lacrosse; Shaynan Gold - MCJROTC; and Jesus Quintero, Jr., AVID. Bottom Row - Margaret Andico, ASB; Olivia Halter, Cross Country & Academic League; Ryan Ton, Art History; Nour Sinjab, Child Development; Chaunquing (Matt) Fan, Engineering; Iva Orlic, Girls' Volleyball; Gael McClain-Martinez, Cross Country; Elisa Garcia, Soccer; Marty Todorov, Soccer; Kathryn Hazle, Swim & Dive; and Curran Bledsoe, Baseball.



NEW PAINTED UTILITY BOX

The newest painted utility box is in front of Standley Park Pool on Governor Dr. and completed by Haley Shildgen, who has beautified several of these boxes over the years. As a professional graphic artist, who also teaches art, she loves creating in many different mediums, including beaded jewelry. Perfect place for the whales to show off. Utility box painting is a UCCA beautification project.



GARDEN CLUB GOES BONSAI

The UC Garden Club went Bonsai in May as UC resident Jordan Farar, bonsai landscape artist, discussed how to grow, maintain, shape, root clean, and feed bonsai trees; as well as the history of and various styles of bonsai. Did you know it started in China, not Japan? Jordan shared so much information, that the UC Garden Club will sure to plan a follow-up session. And much thanks to Jordan for sharing all his knowledge, and to Sandie and Ron Bee for hosting the meetup.

June's UC Garden Club meetup will be at the backyard of Margie and Terry Watkins on Saturday, June 17, 2:00pm, where the discussion will be around Bromeliads and Tropical Plants. To get on the UC Garden Club email list, and to get the location address, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.



TASTE OF THE TRIANGLE RETURNS

After 4 years apart, Taste of the Triangle 2023 was a successful night bringing the community together to raise funds to support University City's five public schools. EdUCate! was able to showcase the delicious samples from local restaurants, listen to UC High's string quintet, highlight Wellness Together, a mental health program at UCHS, auction a large variety of wonderful donated items, celebrate EdUCate!'s 2023 Non-Profit of the Year award and most importantly, gather parents, faculty, community and business leaders for a fun party. Thanks to sponsors, donors, volunteers, attendees and Farmer & The Seahorse for a fantastic venue. Photos courtesy Kendra Littlewood and Nancy Weiss.



Thank you to participating restaurants: Amardeen, Arely's, Atria, BJ's, Crossroads Deli, Farmer & The Seahorse, The French Gourmet, Lorna's, Outcast Grill, Pacific Catch, Primo's, Ryans Bros Coffee, Seasons 52, Snooze and Verde Marketplace (opening soon).



For more info and photos: uceducate.org

UC Planning Group Meeting Update

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

Among the items heard at the May 9 UCPG meeting were:

- An update from the Pure Water construction team describing the upcoming modifications to the Towne Centre Drive and La Jolla Village Drive as the pipeline crosses this intersection.
- UC San Diego gave an information item regarding a new development to be built in their East Campus Science Research Park, consisting of about 1.1 million square feet, to get feedback on the development proposal.
- A sign project for the La Jolla Commons office building complex. The owner was seeking a recommendation for approval from the UCPG after receiving approval from the Development Services Dept. UCPG voted to recommend approval, voting 11 Yes, 1 No.
- The 11011 Torreyana Road development of 203,000 sq. ft. building for biotech research and development. There were significant questions raised about the plant palette proposed and proximity of visitor parking close to the canyon edge. The project was conditionally approved on a vote of 5 Yes, 4 No. The developer was sent letters from Isabelle Kay and Debby Knight outlining a native plant palette appropriate for the project location.
- A proposal from SANDAG for a Rapid 41 bus service was heard. This route does not have funding but SANDAG is conducting community outreach for it.
- An information item on an Alexandria redevelopment project called "One Alexandria Square 7" was given. This project is located at 10995 Torreyana Road and proposes a 110K sq. ft. building to replace an 85K sq. ft building. It will be heard at the UCPG on June 13 for a final project recommendation.
- An information item from Alexandria regarding a mobility initiative in the Campus Pointe area. The project includes a new parking structure, transit hub, adaptive signals, and two cut throughs from Campus Pointe Drive to Genesee Ave.

Comments to Planning Commission by Chris Nielsen

The San Diego Planning Commission hosted a workshop on the University Community Plan Update (CPU) in May. I attended the workshop to share feedback from the Plan Update Subcommittee and the community regarding the Plan Update Community Discussion Draft. The Plan Update Subcommittee will continue discussions this month and provide a series of recommendations on the Draft to the University Community Planning Group (UCPG) in June. The UCPG will make its set of recommendations to the Planning Department in July. Here is a summary of the comments I made to the Planning Commission:

- Pointed out the positive parts of the Draft Plan: fair housing, housing near transit and jobs, affordable minimums, open space, regulations, for shopping plazas, regulations adjacent to open space, and implementation specifications.
- Pointed out issues with housing: displacement, affordability, and density.
- North UC around Nobel: proposed mixed-use yields to more competitive biotech and tech use. Recommended community village rather than mixed-use to protect uses including retail, small service, and housing.
- South UC shopping plazas: preserve grocery, pharmacy, with careful setbacks, step backs in building height, development scaled to adjacent community of one and two-story uses, and a lower height limit than 100 feet.
- Maximum of 143 DU/A, for a 6 to 10 story limit, use Mesa Nueva UCSD model with multiple bedroom types.
- Focus on displacement of most vulnerable in community on SW corner of Nobel and Genesee.
- Support for three linear parks and the Executive Drive Paseo.
- Serious concern for the large Park's deficit of 4,900 points, a shortage of facilities for 49,000 people.
- Recommended the city do actual traffic studies prior to street changes, even if this means delaying implementation.
- Recommended separate bike infrastructure throughout to assure meeting Climate Action Plan goals.

Community members are urged to review the CPU Discussion Draft and submit comments and suggestions; details at: PlanUniversity.org.

Community Planning Update Subcommittee

by Katie Rodolico, CPUS Member

Agenda and supporting documents for the May meeting, and previous meetings can be found at www.planuniversity.org/.
(Selected comments below.)

Non Agenda Public Comment:

Roger Cavanaugh (RC): Divisiveness causes fear. Unity and focus is needed.

Jen Dunaway: 17 community plans are older than ours, why us? City should provide specific answers to questions asked. Schools won't have enough space with proposed density.

Rachel Graham: Bike and Transp. Study shows people with disabilities use public transport.

Michelle Yeane: Density next to a fault line. Need for emergency service access.

Chris Nielsen: Summarized planning commission workshop.

Agenda:

Andy Wiese (AW): Subcommittee will conclude work after June and submit a report to UCPG. Introduced subject of commercial plazas. Require adequate parking for customers and residents. Setbacks and stepbacks needed when adjacent to existing residential. Height limits needed. Need to be interconnections between businesses. Less density at Sprouts because of lack of transit. Consensus among subcommittee on height limits and density proposed by Help Save UC for Sprouts and Vons.

Linda Beresford: presented proposals from Help Save UC. Proposal would double population without funding parks. No funding for increased transit. 50' height limit, 54 du/acre at Vons. 30' height limit, 29 du/acre at Sprouts. Don't reduce lanes on Governor because of school traffic.

Petr Krysl (PK): Need to remember pocket parks. Transit is a part of the Climate Action plan.

George Latimer (GL): Vons and Sprouts should have similar density.

Keith Jenner (KJ): Sprouts lacks transit. Density across from Curie is problematic.

AW: Move to La Jolla Village. Consensus that appropriate area for more density if coastal height limits removed. Should be a mix of retail and residential, not office/biotech. Parking for customers and residents. There is consensus of 143 du/acre. Height limit of 85-100' with appropriate setbacks and stepbacks adjacent to existing residential. Pedestrian and bike safety important. Keyser Marston is looking at the subcommittee's request to increase inclusionary housing percentage. Bad policy to remove existing housing and replace it with expensive market rate housing.

Laurie Phillips (LP): Doesn't want more density at LJV. Area needs a park. Supports height limit of 30-50'. Increase in retail to serve added population.

DK: Bikeability terrible in area. concerned about displacing residents near transit. Lower income more likely to use public transit.

PK: Need to have higher buildings to carve out land for parks and plazas.

RC: Developers should pass through/protect lower rents to the displaced households.

Jesse O'Sullivan (CirculateSD): Higher percent of inclusionary units required will discourage developers. Is ok with in-lieu fees and offsite inclusionary units.

Susan Baldwin: Former planner, worked on last plan. Stronger language should be used. Would like to see Land Value Capture used to fund community public works.

Joann Sellick: Need to plan for older and/or disabled residents.

AW: Switching gears to parks: City should be required to follow the parks master plan. JCC is on public land - when its lease is up it should be more publicly available.

DK: Add the word "restore" in discussion of open space. Wildlife corridors are important. Urban design and parks should use native plants. Linear Parks should be run by Park & Rec's departments. Many comments on parks section of discussion draft.

PK: University is well below points by Parks master plan metrics.

RC: Parks and open space important to avoid Nature deficit disorder.

Isabelle Kay: Would like all parks to have public restrooms and add in community garden space.

The next meeting will be from 5:30-8:30pm on June 20, 2023, in person, at the Nobel Rec Center meeting room.

Help Save UC Comments on Community Plan Draft

by Linda Beresford

On April 11, the City of San Diego Planning Department issued the Discussion Draft for the University Community Plan Update. On May 4, volunteer community organization Help Save UC submitted its written comments on the proposed Plan. A copy of these comments can be found at www.HelpSaveUC.org.

The comments focused mostly on the Vons and Sprouts shopping centers on Governor Drive, and included requests to 1) lower the proposed density at both shopping centers; 2) reduce the 100-foot height limit for each shopping center to 50 feet at Vons and 40 feet at Sprouts; 3) include at least 30-foot setbacks from rear and side property lines; 4) require at least one parking space on site for new residents; and 5) include language to protect existing commercial services and require such services to be included in future projects.

Help Save UC presented these comments at the May 16 Community Plan Update Subcommittee meeting. After reviewing the written comments and hearing the presentation, most Subcommittee members indicated support for Help Save UC's proposed changes.

Help Save UC also raised concerns about the general increase in density (potentially doubling the community's population), considering the lack of significant additional park space and the uncertainty that the City can implement the infrastructure necessary to support such increased density.

Help Save UC encourages community members to submit comments to the City on the Draft Plan by emailing planuniversity@sandiego.gov by June 30th. More information on how to submit your comments, including email addresses of people who should receive a copy of your comments, are at www.HelpSaveUC.org.

Earthquake!

by Ex-Fire Chief William H. Beck

Over the past few years, there have been a few minor earthquakes in our area however, many of us may not have felt or even been aware of them. In this article, I will try to give you important things you need to know if a larger earthquake happens.

Earthquakes are the sudden, rapid shaking of the earth, caused by the breaking and shifting of underground rock. They can happen anywhere and without warning. They can cause items to fall, buildings to collapse, fires to start, landslides, avalanches and tsunamis resulting in injuries and property damage.

Just as with fire drills, prepare how to stay safe by practicing "Drop, Cover and Hold On!" Drop to your hands and knees. Cover your head and neck with your arms. Crawl only as far as needed to reach cover from falling items. Hold on to any sturdy furniture until the shaking stops.

To be prepared, secure heavy items, such as televisions, furniture and other such objects with specially designed straps. Store heavy and breakable objects on lower shelves. Create an outdoor family meeting location. Assemble a supply kit that includes: enough food and water for at least three days per person, a flashlight, a fire extinguisher, and a whistle. Consider each person's specific needs, including medication. Do not forget the needs of your pet. Have extra batteries and charging devices for phones and other critical equipment. Most standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover earthquake damage so, if affordable, consider obtaining an earthquake insurance policy.

After an earthquake, expect aftershocks. Check yourself and loved ones for injuries, if you have the training, provide aid to others. If you are in a damaged building, go outside and quickly move away. If you are trapped, try to cover your mouth with a wet cloth. Send a text, bang on a pipe or wall, or blow that whistle so rescuers can locate you. Save cell phone calls for emergencies. Once you feel safe, monitor local news via battery operated radio, TV and cell phone for emergency information and instructions. Use extreme caution during post-disaster clean-up of buildings and around debris.

University Community Plan Update Priorities

- Supporting a thriving economy.
- Maximizing transit investment success.
- Allowing a variety of new homes.
- Ensuring a sustainable future.
- Streets designed for people.

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Community Plan Update

Maximizing Transit Investments

Editor's Note: On April 4, the City of San Diego released the University Community Plan Update Discussion Draft for public review. The updated Community Plan will guide the area's development over the next 30 years. This article continues the City's discussion of the five priorities of the plan.

In November 2021, the MTS Blue Line Trolley service running from downtown San Diego to the University City community opened to riders. This marked a momentous occasion and a significant investment in regional infrastructure that we must make the most of, along with the other high-frequency transit stations.

The updated University Community Plan can make the most of this regional investment by providing more efficient transportation connections, focusing new development near transit, and creating public spaces where people can hang out and enjoy the company of others.

While public transportation is an asset, better walking/rolling and biking connections between transit stations and activity centers are needed to encourage more people to use public transportation. The last-mile connection, which is the path between a transit stop and a person's final destination, is especially important in encouraging people to use transit. Last-mile connections should offer a safe and enjoyable path for transit riders, which can include sidewalks and bike lanes, rideshare services, micromobility and amenities like parcel delivery lockers, public Wi-Fi and convenient passenger loading areas.

An updated University Community Plan will also emphasize creating transit-oriented development, which focuses on placing new homes and jobs near transit. It promotes healthy and active lifestyles, offers convenient access to neighborhood resources, and promotes a safe and clean environment with reduced greenhouse gas emissions and traffic congestion.

When creating transit-oriented development, it's important to ensure the design focuses on the people who will be using it. In particular, the first two floors of a building are important because they determine how people will perceive the building in relation to its surroundings. These floors can shape the way the building interacts with the surrounding neighborhood and can affect people's experiences. Finer details like lighting, art and seating should be offered at a human scale. Spaces in and around transit stations should be filled with the amenities, resources, spaces and infrastructure people need to connect.

Incorporating these priorities into an updated University Community Plan will help provide safe and inviting spaces to use and enjoy while also capitalizing on the Blue Line Trolley Extension and other high-frequency transit stations.

The City values community feedback and uses it to help inform how the plan can best guide the future of the community to improve the lives of all San Diegans.

- Read and study the Discussion Draft at: planuniversity.org
- Email comments and suggestions by June 30 to: planuniversity@sandiego.gov

Following the Discussion Draft, another revised draft will be released for further public comment.



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MCAS Miramar Opens Base for Community Tour

by Rick Ackermann

At the invitation of Community Plans and Liaison Officer Kristin Camper, I visited MCAS Miramar last month. Commanding Officer CL Marty Bedell made some welcoming remarks. He talked about integrating the base into the surrounding communities as a way of improving the quality of life of the approximately 4000 Marines living in the barracks and give the communities a better opportunity to understand what goes on at the base. He talked about his use of noise complaints to correlate with flight activity to identify squadrons that do not follow the flight rules. Visiting squadrons that do not follow the rules are not invited to return.

The Airfield Operations Officer, Major Justin Campbell, provided a flight operations brief. He displayed a graphic of an overlay of flight paths covering 24 hours of take-offs and landings. I was surprised at the number of flight tracks on the graphic and that they were grouped into several tight twisting bundles. We learned that the weekly average of take-offs and landings at MCAS Miramar exceeds 200 per day including both fixed wing aircraft and helicopters; and that most of the take-offs and landings from Miramar were following the same routes.

We heard details about how the Miramar tower handles non-military traffic passing through Miramar air space. This air traffic typically includes city and county police helicopters, air ambulances, and both commercial and private flights originating at airports such as Montgomery Field, San Diego International, and Gillespie Field.

Our group then took a tour of the base with an emphasis on F-35B with a description of its capabilities and the extent of Marine training with our NATO partners. The pilot who showed us around the F35 had flown F35s from a British aircraft carrier. This was my first time on the base; it was much larger and the maintenance facilities and hangar areas were much more extensive than I expected.

For more information, visit: miramar.marines.mil



Photo L to R: Kristin Camper, Major Justin Campbell, Bill Beck, Diane Ahern, and Rick Ackermann; F-35B in background.



UC's Claudia Prescott Gets A Day

Congratulations to University City's own Claudia Prescott. The City of San Diego proclaimed May 23, 2023 to be "Claudia Prescott Day." Claudia is president of the foundation and has served the foundation and Dr. Seuss Enterprises for 50 years. The proclamation was presented to her by Jay Hill, Executive Director of the Dr. Seuss Foundation (pictured above with Claudia). Claudia also supports The Old Globe, The San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, and was given the Vista Hill 2020 In My Backyard (IMBY) Award. Congrats Claudia!

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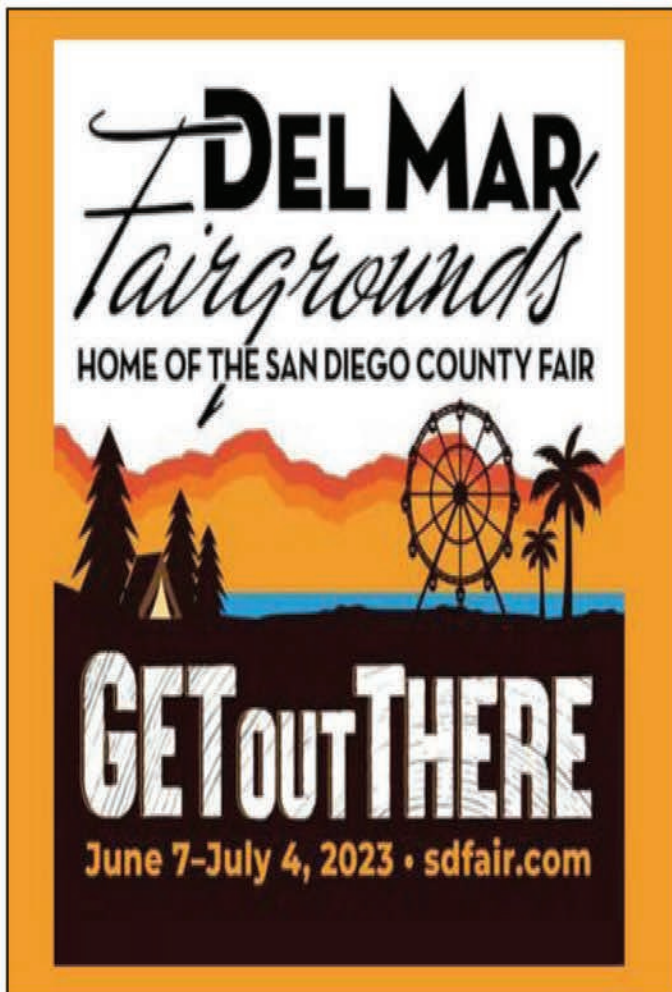




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These presentations are offered as virtual Zoom webinars or in-person workshops at select locations. City-served residents are encouraged to register after they have received their official notifications from the City that their home will be onboarded into this new service. Interpretation services are available upon request.


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