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Summertime Tradition: The University City Celebration Standley Park, Tuesday, July 4 – all day

The beloved University City tradition returns on Tuesday, July 4 at Standley Park beginning with the 5K/One-Mile Fun Run at 7:45am. The delicious Pancake Breakfast makes a comeback this year and starts serving up at 8:30am. The day ends with a performance by the band Y3K from 5:00-7:00pm at the New Pavilion Stage – make sure to bring your chairs and blankets for seating.

The official start of the UC Celebration is the Bike & Pet Parade. Anyone can participate and should line up along the Governor Drive sidewalk starting at Standley Middle School. Spectators are welcome to cheer on the participants. Spreckels Elementary School PTA will be handing out parade swag at their event booth. Troop 11 Color Guard will open the event along with the National Anthem played by the Standley Band at the main stage. The full schedule is:

- 7:45am – 1 mile Fun Run begins with music
- 8:00am – 5K Run/Walk begins
- 8:30 to 10:30am – Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00am – Book Barn and Opportunity Drawing ticket sales begin
- 10:30am – Bike/Pet Parade begins
- 11:00am – Official Opening Ceremonies; Car Show Begins; Beer Garden Opens
- 11:30am – Sack Race Field Games; Trolley service begins along Governor Drive with stops at: the Park & Ride at 805, Gullstrand St (both sides), Curie Elementary and across at Urgent Care; Mercer Ave and across at Standley Park, Regents Rd (both sides), and corner of Stresemann Ave at Church of Latter Day Saints
- 12:00pm – Hawaiian/Polynesian Dance Revue
- 1:00pm – State Senator Toni Atkins; Balloon Toss Field Games
- 2:00pm – Phil Marcus Trio Performs
- 3:00pm – The Resonators band performs
- 4:00pm – Tug of War Field Games, Opportunity Drawing Winners Announced
- 5:00pm – Y3K band performs at the New Pavilion Stage
- 7:30pm – Trolley service ends

Throughout the day there are vendor, community and food booths; children's play area (tickets available for purchase); free swim; Book Barn; Beer & Wine Garden; and the Opportunity Drawing. Proceeds help the University City Parks Council provide for the Summer Concerts and other events at Standley Park. More info at: uccelebration.com.



SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

Sundays, 5:00-7:00pm

Standley Park

- July 9 - *Bayou Brothers*: Cajon music and dancing tunes
- July 16 - *Cadillac Fringe*: Rock & Roll
- July 23 - *Siers Brothers*: Classic Rock
- July 30 - *Brian Jones Rock & Roll Revival*: Rolling Stones Tribute
- August 6 - *Chloe and the Liddel's*: 60's Rock & Soul
- August 13 - *Electric Waste Band*: Grateful Dead Tribute
- August 20 - *True Stories*: Classic Rock
- August 27 - *Side Traxx* - 80 and 90's Dance Rock; Volunteer Appreciation Night

Bring your friends, family and neighbors out for University City's Summer Concert Series. Come early with your chairs, blankets, and picnic dinners. Concerts are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather.

For updates, contact the Standley Park Rec Center at 858.552.1652.



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SUMMARY OF UCCA MEETING

June 14, 2023 (Held via Zoom)

by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

Officer Anderson Brown, of SDPD, reported: (1) There will be a Neighborhood Watch event at Standley Park on August 1. (2) On June 11, at Governor and Mercer, two males got into an altercation, and one pulled a gun. The gun bearer was taken into custody. (3) The homeless encampment ordinance goes into effect on July 31. No camping in parks and schools will be allowed. Police may remove campers from public sidewalks if shelter beds are available. Police officers will be provided updated information on availability.

Sarah Bowles and Clem Wassenberg, of the City Pure Water Project, reported: (1) Community outreach with businesses and homeowner associations are underway for each area affected by construction. Meetings with UC High will occur as construction gets close to the school. (2) Installation of the two pipes is underway at La Jolla Village Dr. and Town Centre Dr., with the intersection expected to be completed by July 2. No left turns through the intersection are allowed during construction. (3) Work will continue south on Town Centre Dr. (4) The repaving of Genesee to Appleton Street in Clairemont to Hwy 52 is completed. Tunnelling under San Clemente Creek is in progress, as is work on Genesee from Hwy 52 to Governor Dr. (5) Updated status of construction is available at 833.882.7973.

Louis Rodolico, Chair of the Fire Safe Council ("FSC") for UC reported: (1) The brush Management report by Merkel & Associates is completed. (2) The FSC will try to get the City to clear high risk areas on its land. (3) Property owners are responsible for clearing their property. (4) It may take 10-15 years to clean up all high-risk areas, but the brush management is proceeding.

Chris Nielsen, chair of the UCPG, reported: (1) The CPUS approved the project by Alexandria on Torrey Pines Road. (2) The response to the City's proposed Community Plan Update (CPU) will be submitted by the CPUS and the UCPG by July 11th. Community input is requested. (3) The City has announced revised rules, and continues to revise rules for Community Planning Groups, including changes to bylaws, ethical guidelines, attendance requirements (attendance at 2/3 of meetings), and diversity requirements to reflect the community. The City also is regulating Planning Groups to comply with the Brown Act and only have public meetings. (4) He said the new owner of the former Costa Verde Shopping Center will make the site safer by doing additional demolition. (5) The owner of the property in South UC with the old golf course is attempting to remove the requirement to keep a golf course on the property and the City is considering allowing the property to be used for storm water retention.

Katie Rodolico, UCCA liaison to CPUS, reported: the CPUS is preparing a response to the City's 200 page "Discussion Draft" of a new CPU addressing some of the following issues: (1) The density, and heights of housing for the Vons Center and the Sprouts Center should be lowered and one parking space per unit should be required (the City proposed no parking for the residential units). (2) City parks need to be expanded to accommodate more people. (3) The impact on schools impacted by more people needs to be addressed.

Legislative Representatives

Michaela Valk, aide to Mayor Todd Gloria, reported (1) Safe parking and safe camping sites for homeless people are being established at two locations east of downtown that are available regardless of shelter status. (2) The new City budget provides for \$140 million for road repair and maintenance, \$50 million for parks and playgrounds, and \$25 million for the police department to hire more administrative personnel to free up officers to do more policing. (3) The City will re-start "Smart Street Lighting" for more cameras and security at selected locations.

Rachel Dugan, aide to U.S. Congress Member Scott Peters, reported the Congress member was opening a new office in San Diego, was conducting a webinar on housing, and was providing instructions on how to file application for grants community organizations. Discussions are underway about increasing housing on base at MCAS Miramar.

Community Members

Melissa Martin, of UC Library, reported the library was waiving fees for overdue books and related items. As part of a program with the Padres, new library cards will have Padre logos.

Helen Liebowitz, of Friends of the Library, reported there have been attacks on librarians across the United States, for controversies on the types of books in libraries.



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 months of July and August courtesy of Almanac.com and UCCA and our community contributors.

But first, we thank D6 Councilmember Kent Lee for helping us celebrate UC Little League's 60th closing day in June; County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer for hosting a community meet and greet at Nobel Recreation Center; and Col. Marty Bedell, the Commanding Officer from MCAS Miramar, for attending the UC Planning Group meeting to provide a Marine Corps air station update.

We also thank and acknowledge the many volunteers of the UCPG Planning Group and the community plan update subcommittee (CPUS) for facilitating community feedback to the City's discussion draft of the Community Plan Update.

From the Almanac, did you know that in July, neighbors celebrate and commemorate Canada Day, the start of the Dog Days of Summer, 4th of July Independence Day, Bastille Day, and Islamic New Year? July is also a month filled with "Just for Fun" Days including International Town Criers Day, World Emoji Day, Spooner's Day, National Day of the Cowboy, and Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day.

In July, University City is a month of meetings and events. The Planning Group (UCPG) meets on Tuesday, July 11 with both an in-person and Zoom option; the Community Association (UCCA) meets on Wednesday, July 12 by Zoom.

To help you prepare for the July meetings, we have included June meeting summaries and the details of the upcoming July meetings in the pages of this June/July print newsletter and on UCCA's UniversityCityNews.org website.

July is also the month the of UC Celebration on the 4th of July; the return of the Summer Concerts and Summer Movies, and the first ever Standley Summer Safety Splash at the Aquatic Center. Save the date for the Banana Split Ice Cream Social, National Night Out, and the first day of school in August. There are plenty of opportunities to get out there University City!

Have you received your kitchen pail for recycling food waste? 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.

July 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. Sarah Bowles and the Pure Water team are expected to provide a construction update at the July UCCA meeting.

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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 July and August; 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, July 12, 6:00pm
Join Zoom Meeting: bit.ly/UCCA-July-2023-Zoom-Meeting
Meeting ID: 897 6403 9153
Passcode: 180904

Calendar

July/August 2023

UC CELEBRATION at STANDLEY PARK
Tuesday, July 4 - ALL DAY

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC
 Sunday, July 9 & August 13
 7:15-7:30am - meet & greet
 7:30-9:00am - work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
 3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

SUMMER CONCERTS at STANDLEY PARK
 Sundays, 5:00 - 7:00pm
 July 9, 16, 23 & 30
 August 6, 13, 20 & 27

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
 Tuesday, July 11, 6:00 - 7:30pm
 Discussion: Plan Update Only
 Tuesday, August 1, 6:00 - 7:30pm
 Discussion: Torrey Pines State Park Project
 Info: planuniversity.org

UCCA MEETING
Wednesday, July 12, 6:00pm
(no August meeting)
Zoom Meeting:

bit.ly/UCCA-July-2023-Zoom-Meeting
Meeting ID: 897 6403 9153
Passcode: 180904

SUMMER MOVIES at UC PARKS
 Saturday, July 15 - *Madagascar*
 at University Village Park, 7100 Florey St
 Friday, July 21 - *Minions: The Rise of Gru*
 at Doyle Community Park, 8175 Regents Rd
 Saturday, July 22 - *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*
 at University Gardens, Gullstrand & Governor
 Friday, August 11 - *Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace*
 at Nobel Community Park, 8810 Judicial Dr

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP
 Thursday, July 27 & August 24
 7:00pm
 3585 Governor Drive

BANANA SPLIT DAY at STANDLEY PARK
 Sunday, August 2, 2:00pm

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (SDUSD)
 Monday, August 21

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
 Sunday, August 27 at Summer Concert

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National Night Out Moves to Standley Park

Northern Division will be hosting an EVENT at Standley Park on August 1, details and time to be determined. Therefore, they will not be available to visit us at street gatherings this year. Instead, plan to bring friends, neighbors and family to participate with them at the park.

Still want to have a street social event, then consider hosting one during the summer so neighbors can meet and greet one another. We will post more information on the UCCA website as it becomes available along with contacting every Neighborhood Watch street captain who will share the latest information with their neighbors. Stay tuned.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND SOCKS FOR SAFETY

STOP AND LEARN MORE ABOUT CRIME PREVENTION

On July 4th, come celebrate at our booth of exploding colors, snappy conversations, crime prevention tips and an opportunity to win a home security device.



Socks, socks and more socks for children, men and women with "no shows" added to the mix along with assorted dog styles. Add to your sock drawer and gift to someone else, the choices are endless. The funds raised from these donations are used to provide special safety programs or equipment, appreciation gifts to our first responders, Neighborhood Watch street signs and other significant community assistance in the crime and safety arena.

Neighborhood Watch is an important program in our community and we want as many residents involved as possible, who then become part of the solution as the extra "eyes and ears" to assist our SDPD. You can enter the "Opportunity drawing" by donating to get a pair of socks; with each pair you fill out a ticket that will be drawn around 4:00pm to win the security device.



Curb Address Painting UPDATE

Barbara Gellman,
UCCA Neighborhood Watch

First of all, thank you for your patience. This project had many moving parts in hopes of ensuring a smooth process. Once the list of interested residents were gathered by June 16 (over 300), the painting contractor mapped it out, by street, and began on June 23 in the Vista La Jolla complex. From there they moved to South University City where the areas were divided into quadrants in order that the streets in each quadrant be completed before moving to the next.

You will be emailed ahead as to the area/street that is scheduled to be completed. An envelope, addressed to the company will be left for you to include the \$15.00 payment. We will share this with you in the "heads up" email. Any questions or concerns, please contact me at bgellman@yahoo.com and continue to be patient.

Don't Get Conned by a Scam Text

by District Attorney Summer Stephan

You may have stopped answering calls from unknown phone numbers long ago to avoid fraudsters, but con artists can still sneak into your finances through scam text messages, in a scam known as "smishing" or "phishing." Scammers are impersonating organizations and financial institutions you know and trust to get you to click on links. They use fear and doubt to convince you that if you don't click on a PayPal link, for example, an enormous charge on your account will go through.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), there were \$330 million in losses to scam texts in 2022 -- more than double compared to the previous year. Texts offering free gifts or warning of dire consequences are hard to ignore and scammers know this. This scam is a new flavor of what is commonly referred to as "social engineering." Their goal is to trick you into providing personal information such as your account number, password or Social Security number. Other messages might install harmful malware on your phone that steals your personal or financial information without you realizing it or will give access to the bad actor, allowing them to control your device or install other malware.

The top text scams according to the FTC are:

- Bank fraud prevention alerts
- Bogus gifts from retailers
- Fake package delivery problems
- Phony job offers
- Scam Amazon security alerts

Common red-flag tactics in scam texts include:

- You're told to act quickly (urgency is a hallmark of these types of scams).
- You're told there is a problem with your account, so you should click on a link.
- Spelling errors in the message.
- Offers of free gifts or paid off loans.
- You're asked for personal information from someone you don't know.
- Texts arrive in a group text format.

To avoid these and other text scams, follow these tips:

- Don't click on links or respond to unexpected texts.
- If you think a text might be legitimate, contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real. Don't use the information in the text message.
- Report text scams. Forward them to 7726 (SPAM). This helps your wireless provider spot and block similar messages.

The DA's Consumer Protection Unit is composed of Deputy District Attorneys, Investigators and Paralegals dedicated to protecting consumers and law-abiding businesses from fraudulent or unfair business practices. To report a consumer complaint, you can call 619.531.3507 or email consumer@sdcca.org.

As your District Attorney, I'm committed to increasing communication and accessibility between the DA's Office and the public in order to keep you safe. I hope these consumer and public safety tips have been helpful.

Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins

New Program: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

- The statewide expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library launched on Monday, June 5. This expansion, made possible by bipartisan legislation that Senator Atkins authored called SB 1183, allows all California children under the age of five to be eligible to enroll in the program to receive a free book every month in the mail.
- The program is currently active in areas across 30 counties in California and this expansion is expected to fully cover the entire state by 2028.
- More info at: www.library.ca.gov/services/to-public/imagination-library/

Nonprofit of the Year

- Goodwill Industries of San Diego County was chosen by Senator Atkins to be the 2023 Nonprofit of the Year for the 39th Senate District. The organization was honored on June 7 at a special event in Sacramento for nonprofits selected by the California Legislature.
- In 2022, Goodwill San Diego, which operates 28 retail stores throughout the county, employed nearly 1,600 individuals, over half of whom were people with disabilities or other barriers to employment, and assisted 5,330 San Diego County community members. Through the collection of donated items, Goodwill San Diego diverted over 65 million pounds of materials from landfills, and almost 6 million pounds of electronics were recycled.

Legislative Update

- Friday, June 2 was the floor deadline this year for legislation to move from their house of origin to the opposite house. Pro Tem Atkins' bills that have advanced to the State Assembly include:
 - SB 385, which would expand training for physician assistants to allow them to perform first trimester abortions under their scope of practice was approved by the Senate with 28 "Yes" votes and 8 "No" votes.
 - SB 447, which replaces the state travel ban with a program to encourage acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community. This bill passed with 31 "Yes" votes and 8 "No" votes.
 - SB 487, which strengthens protections for abortion and gender-affirming care for health care providers in our state. This piece of legislation also passed with 31 "Yes" votes and 8 "No" votes.

For any questions, feel free to contact: Cole.Reed@sen.ca.gov
Sign up for the State Senator's newsletter at: sd39.senate.ca.gov/contact/newsletter

Congressman Scott Peters Update

- Our fall intern application deadline is September 1!
- We have gotten a rise in the number of calls regarding passports. Please please please check your passport expiration. Also please note that some destination countries require 6 months of validity left on your passport and a child's passports only last for 5 years.
- Representative Scott Peters and U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper shared details of their forthcoming Building Integrated Grids with Inter-Regional Energy Supply
- Field Rep: Rachel.Dugan@mail.house.gov

District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee

After weeks of public hearings and town halls, I am pleased to announce that in June the City Council passed the Fiscal Year 2024 City of San Diego Budget. Overall, it is fiscally responsible budget that prioritize street repairs, take steps to tackle our immense homelessness and housing affordability challenges, and directs more funding for neighborhood services that our communities deserve. Even so, I join my fellow San Diegans in recognizing that there is still more work to be done, especially regarding the state of our ongoing infrastructure backlog, and I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on the City Council as well as residents like you to identify the resources required to do even more for our neighborhoods.

This past month, our office also had the great opportunity to attend and celebrate University City Little League's 2023 closing ceremony. Congratulations to all the players, parents, and volunteers on the 60th anniversary of the league; it is the volunteerism of organizations like this that are so important to our communities. The same week, I also had the chance to attend the 2023 Doyle Elementary International Festival. It was an incredible celebration of our diverse community and showcased the talents of our amazing students. Thank you to Trustee Cody Petterson, Principal Armando Lopez, Ms. Lupe Velez, and all the students for putting on such a culturally enriching festival!

If you haven't seen on our social media already, our office also presents District 6 Business Spotlights to local businesses—and recently, we were excited to recognize the grand opening of Salt & Straw in UTC. A well-known ice creamery, Salt & Straw boasts 12 signature flavors along with a seasonal menu that changes regularly. Thank you to founders Kim and Tyler for having us, and I invite folks to view the video highlights we produce on our social media and to nominate businesses to us as well.

Looking ahead to July, my office and I are really looking forward to attending the 2023 4th of July UC Celebration, and we will be tabling a booth there as well to celebrate the Independence Day festivities and meet-and-greet with neighbors and attendees. Later this month, my office will also be attending the 2023 San Diego Pride Parade and Festival to support our local LGBTQ+ community—I look forward to seeing everyone at events like these and in the community.

Lastly, I'd like to take the time to introduce our newest Council Representative in the District 6 office, Zach Burton. A Point Loma Nazarene University graduate, Zach enjoyed attending our community meetings in University City

while Dustin Nguyen was on military leave and looks forward to engaging with the community even more moving forward. As always, if you have any questions or want to share your thoughts, feel free to reach out to our office at KentLee@sandiego.gov or to Zach at ZBurton@sandiego.gov.



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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 Tuesday, July 4 in recognition of Independence Day.

North University Community Library SUMMER READING PROGRAM

North University Community Library is currently exploring the idea of creating a makerspace at our branch and hope to launch a makerspace in 2024. A makerspace is a collaborative workspace where people can meet, explore new technology and tools, and get hands-on experience with new technologies. We are conducting a public survey to gain feedback on what our patrons most want from a makerspace. Please give us your feedback by July 15: forms.gle/Xk1ZwyaJc3wxcIDa

From now until 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 info: sandiego.gov/summerreading. We will celebrate our Summer Reading Program with music performances, science workshops, and a puppet show. Our line-up includes:

Georgette Baker: Women Who Changed the World (Music Program): Thursday, July 13 at 1:30-2:30pm

Superhero Science with the Fleet Science Center (Science Show for Grades K-6): Wednesday, July 26 at 4:00-5:00pm



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Rock Painting Party: Tuesday, July 11 at 3:00-5:00pm. In celebration of our new octopus sculpture in the Children's Library patio, we invite the public to paint a rock that we'll place in our garden.

BIPOC Mental Health: Historical Trauma: Wednesday, July 19 at 4:00-6:00pm. The outreach program is called Breaking Down Barriers, a presentation about concepts of historical and intergenerational trauma, how it impacts future generations, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) mental health.

Bridge - Learn the Game from a Master: Saturdays, July 1, 15 & 29 from 1:00-3:00pm. Registration encouraged.

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Candy DNA: Science Workshop (Grades 3-6): Monday, July 10 at 4:00-5:30pm

Baby/Toddler Programs: Mondays at 11:45am-12:15pm

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

Legos Club: Mondays at 6:00-7:00pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

Fiction Lovers Book Club: Saturday, July 8 from 10:00 to 11:00am: *Killing Floor* by Lee Child

Friends of the North University Community Library Meeting: Tuesday, July 11 at 6:00-7:00pm

Page Turners' Book Club: Saturday, July 22, 1:00-2:30pm

University Community Library (Governor Drive)

ADULT PROGRAMS

Qi Gong – Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am; no registration required.

UC Book Club: meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm in the community room. July's selection is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Includes a special talk and Q&A with Suzanne Ohlfest, who will discuss her father's involvement in turning the San Diego Zoo into the amazing institution it is today. August's book selection is *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich.

Great Decisions: meets the 3rd Friday of the month from 1:00-3:00pm. Discussion group with selected readings and video which focuses on global affairs ranging from the economic warfare, China and the U.S., Iran at a crossroads, climate migration and more. The final regular meeting of the year will be held in September, followed by special meeting in October to wrap up 2023 and discuss plans for 2024.

Yayoi Kusama: the Princess of Polka Dots, Tuesday, July 18, 12:30pm. Julia Fister looks at one of Japan's most prominent contemporary artists who found herself at the epicenter of the New York avant-garde in 1957, and who is sometimes known as the "princess of polka dots." Presented by **San Diego OASIS**.

Make & Take: BBQ Rubs, Thursday, July 20, 4:00pm. Just in time for summer, participants will make several recipes for BBQ rubs to make your grilled items taste delicious! Vegetables will be used in class, but recipes can be used on chicken, beef, etc. Recipes will be passed out in class to take home. Ages 8 & up.

Make & Take: Mediterranean Cooking, Thursday, August 3, 4:00pm. Enjoy the fruits of your labor with healthy Mediterranean cooking! Participants will make several simple recipes which include items that are often grown in backyard gardens. Recipes will be passed out in class. Ages 8 & up.

Schliemann at Troy and Mycenae (Lecture Series: Myth to Reality 1), Tuesday, August 15, 12:30pm. Henry (Hank) George looks at the legacy of Heinrich Schliemann who excavated Troy and Mycenae before archaeological methods were developed. George looks at his discoveries which brought Greek Mythology back to life and were instrumental in bringing prehistory to the public. Presented by **San Diego OASIS**.

Want to get involved at our library? UC Library is starting up a Senior Advisory Group to brainstorm future programming for Older Adults and Seniors. Your participation and input is needed so we can offer programs that meet your interests and needs. Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 12:30pm-2:00pm.

CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

Tiny Houses (Library NExT), Wednesday, August 30, 4:00pm (2 hours). The tiny-house movement is sweeping the country! Get the inside scoop on how and why people are designing houses that take up about 15 percent of the space of a traditional home. Students will learn about tiny-house architecture, social responsibility and community, then design and build their own tiny houses out of clay and found materials.

Kids' crafts at 2:30pm – Tuesdays at 2:30pm

Toddler Storytime & Craft – Wednesdays at 10:30am

Pajama Storytime – 2nd Mondays at 6:30pm



CONGRATULATIONS DR. MICHEL CAZARY

Current Spreckels Elementary principal Dr. Michel Cazary has been named one of the six Area Superintendents for the San Diego Unified School District. She has been an educator for over 22 years for SDUSD, and has served students as a classroom teacher,

school site and district instructional coach, and elementary school principal. Dr. Cazary is passionate about creating physical and emotional spaces that are full of love, joy, and connection where both staff and students can be their full selves. She will be missed at Spreckels and in the UC community, and at the annual Oktoberfest principals challenge!

MORE LIBRARY NEWS



Summer Reading Program: Find Your Voice!

Discover your voice during the Summer Reading Program! San Diego residents of all ages are encouraged to participate by signing up online or by using paper logs at the library. Complete a combination of 10 books, hours of reading, or activities to claim your prizes. Sign-up now and the program will last through August 31, 2023. Prizes may be picked up through the first week of September while they last. Prizes include museum and food coupons from the NAT, SD Model Railroad Museum, Yougurtland, Mendocino Farms, Rubio's and more. Read on and find YOUR voice!

Circuit / Link+: Now available!

LINK+ is a consortium of libraries in California where patrons can request an item not available from the San Diego Public Library (SDPL). LINK+ is a free service and may be accessed directly at linkencore.iii.com or while using the local catalogs of participating libraries. Materials may be borrowed if they are listed as "available" in the Link+ catalog and items may arrive in as little as 2 to 4 days. Materials will be held for up to 10 days for check-out, with a 21-day loan period and a 21-day renewal. Some of you may be familiar with the San Diego Circuit (circuit.sdsu.edu/) which works the same way as Link+ and is a consortium of San Diego-area public and academic libraries. Both Link+ and San Diego Circuit items may be requested through the online catalog when SDPL items are not available or by using the direct links. Library staff are happy to assist patrons in using these systems.

San Diego Food Bank Donations

Food 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.



Rocketry with UC BSA Troop 271 is a BLAST

by Robert Feinstein

Are you interested in Rocketry? University City's own BSA Troop 271 has organized unforgettable rocketry campouts for over 20 years. Unlike our more traditional backpacking, canoeing, cycling and other adventures, our rocketry campouts offer a car camping experience where friends and family are welcome.

Every November, we head east to Plaster City with Cub Scout Webelos and their families as our guests. Saturdays include a rocket building clinic, well over 100 launches, a cooking contest, movie night, and much more. Sundays are dedicated to "creative" rocket engineering, with special launch protocols to ensure that the ensuing launch failures are spectacular yet safe.

Breaking news! Troop 271 is introducing a new recruitment event open to interested families. On Sunday, August 27 we'll have a Rocketry Day at Fiesta Island from 7:00am to 1:00pm. If you want to participate, please visit www.Troop271.com for more information and to register. Boys between the ages of 10 and 16 who register to attend will receive a free rocket and 2 engines. Plus, there will be a hot dog cook-out afterward. Space is limited and will be first-come-first-served. A parent or guardian must register youths on-line in advance, and accompany them on launch day. You will receive instruction and mentoring from Troop 271 Scouts, Leaders, and from DART - the Diego Area Rocket Team (who is making this launch event possible). Thank you DART!

Cub Scout Pack 11 STEM Day

Why do rockets have fins? Why do cars have spoilers? Is our creek polluted? UC Cub Scout Pack 11 is holding a STEM Day on July 29 at 10:00am to investigate these questions and more and all girls and boys in grades K through 5 are invited! Join us at the Northminster Presbyterian Church (4324 Clairemont Mesa Blvd) for a fun morning of science discovery. We will explore the scientific method in our everyday lives and perform some cool experiments. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Sara at pack11uc@gmail.com. See you there!



COMMUNITY SHORTS



SUMMER FOOD DRIVES

University City United Church's (UCUC) summer drive-up food drives for the benefit of Community Christian Service Association (CCSA) will take place on **July 2** and **August 6** from **11:30am to 12:30 pm** 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 be at the drop-off site to expeditiously unload your car, enabling you to resume your summer activities with minimal interruption!

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. Please keep in mind that households with children experience higher rates of food insecurity during the summer months as more people are at home and fewer resources are available without school lunches. UCUC again wishes to express its warmhearted gratitude to its UC neighbors who have dropped off donations at any of this spring's food drives. Great job! Info about UCUC: www.ucuc.org.



BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Coldwell Banker UC's annual BACK PACKS FOR KIDS event will be **Sunday, August 6 at Standley Park 3:00-6:00pm**. We are collecting school supplies and backpacks for the less fortunate foster and homeless children who attend San Diego public schools. Let's give them a hand up and help them be ready for a new school year! We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 6 at Standley Park. Email us for more info: info-coldwelbankeruc@gmail.com.

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.

Recreationally Speaking

submitted on behalf of the Standley CRG by Diane Ahern

There's always something to do at our parks and recreation facilities. For information about San Diego recreation centers, pools and skate parks; public golf courses; local and open space parks; and facilities, programs and services, visit: sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation

- *UC Celebration* returns to Standley Park on the 4th of July; details at: uccelebration.com
- *Summer Concerts* return to Standley Park beginning Sunday, July 9; info at: universitycitynews.org/UCCA/SummerConcerts
- *Summer Movies in the Park* continue in University City with *Madagascar* at University Village Park on July 15; *Minions: The Rise of Gru* at Doyle Community Park on July 21; *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* at University Gardens on July 22; and *Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace* at Nobel Community Park on August 11. Details at: summermoviesinthepark.com
- *Standley Safety Summer Splash* kicks off on Sunday, July 23.
- *Banana Split Ice Cream Social* returns to Standley Park on Saturday, August 2.

University City Pools Re-Open with Summer Schedules: For information and to download the Summer Schedules visit: sandiego.gov/pools/standley-aquatic-center

- *Swanson Memorial Pool* offers warm water exercise classes, swim lessons, youth teams, recreational swim, and much more.
- *Standley Aquatic Center* is a joint-use pool with the San Diego Unified School District. The water is cold and deep and ideal for lap swim. The pool now offers community lap swim on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00am to 8:30pm, and recreation swim Sunday through Thursday from 12:00noon to 3:30pm. Hours subject to change; check the website for current information.

NEW ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING

California State Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), requires the reduction of organic waste disposed of in landfills. Organic waste is food scraps and food-soiled paper from kitchens and food operations and yard waste such as garden and landscape waste, organic textiles and carpets and wood waste.

In order to comply with SB 1383, and to make San Diego a more sustainable and thriving place for everyone, the City of San Diego is pleased to introduce a new Organic Waste Recycling program for all City residents. The program – which represents the biggest change to trash and recycling in San Diego's history – supports the City's Zero Waste and Climate Action Plan goals.

In University City, organic waste collection services for households serviced by the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department is expected to begin by July. For information about when you can start participating in organic waste recycling, what items can (and cannot) go in the green bin, and upcoming information sessions, please visit: sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/sb1383





Fire Safe Council receives Community Grant

The University City Fire Safe Council has been awarded a grant from the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation to continue its

community outreach efforts for fire prevention, distribution of carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, and vegetation management in public canyon areas adjacent to homes and other habitable structures. The Fire Safe Council will host a community booth at the UC Celebration at Standley Park on July 4. Pictured are the Executive Director of the Regional Fire Foundation Joan Jones, with Louis Rodolico and Tom Cartier, president and treasurer respectively of the University City Fire Safe Council. For more info, visit: ucfiresafecouncil.com.

Miramar Matters

by Deborah Taubman

As we enter summer, 2023, with more blue skies and warmer temps, I am encouraged by the improved management of aircraft flyover activity at MCAS Miramar since Colonel Bedell assumed command of the base.

I was given the privilege of meeting with CO Bedell on June 13 before he addressed the UC Planning Group meeting to express some of my ongoing concerns re: the continued low flying and loud fixed aircraft and jets flying close to my residence near La Jolla Village Drive and Lebon Drive, intermittently day and night. I began the meeting by stating how much I understand and respect that the priority of the military is to be "mission ready 24/7." Kristin Camper, who kindly facilitated the meeting, was also present during the meeting.

I also thanked the colonel for the noticeable improvement in flyover activity since he assumed leadership at MCAS. He expressed his appreciation and extended an invitation to take a tour of the base in the future as Diane Ahern and others did recently. The colonel also stated that he anticipates less flyover activity during 2023 as MCAS is engaged in building projects on the base creating less space for visiting training programs.

I must add that I felt the colonel was genuinely interested in listening to my concerns and came away from the meeting feeling "heard" by Colonel Bedell. I also think the colonel genuinely cares about the safety and competency of the military service members and the concerns of the communities, especially related to safety, who live in close proximity to MCAS. I think we, MCAS and our country are fortunate to have Colonel Bedell as CO at MCAS Miramar. For more information, visit: miramar.marines.mil.



2023 – Community Sunday in the Park

Standley Summer Safety Splash

from Lorealee Olejnik with Falck Mobile Health

Have fun and learn about water safety at the Standley Summer Safety Splash on Sunday, July 23, from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Standley Aquatic Center. This free event will feature booths about CPR, life jackets, Parent & Tot Swim Safety Workshops, and have an inflatable obstacle course and foam machine. "We are thrilled to host the Standley Summer Safety Splash to promote lifesaving water safety education while bringing the community together for a fun day at the pool," said Nicole McNeil, District Manager for San Diego's Parks & Rec department.

Teaching local families about water safety is also a mission close to heart for Kevin Makinson, Paramedic Field Supervisor for Falck, the city's 9-1-1 ambulance provider. He grew up in University City and enjoyed swimming at Standley. "Growing up in UC, Standley Pool and Rec were the main hangout spots. I learned so much at both places I felt this was my way of paying it forward," said Makinson, who is helping plan the event. As part of the program, first responders will hold a full simulated emergency response to a drowning incident.

Drowning statistics are trending upward in the County. The Medical Examiner's office reported at 56% increase in drownings from 2020-2021, the last available years' data. Drowning also remains the leading cause of unintentional injury death for infants and toddlers 1-4 years old.

The Standley Summer Safety Splash is put on by the City of San Diego, Falck, the Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego, San Diego Project Heart Beat and California Coast Credit Union. The Standley Aquatic Center and Swanson Pool is located at 3605 Governor Drive. For any wishing to stay and make it an evening, the event will be closely followed by a Summer Concert at Standley Park with the Siers Brothers Band scheduled to perform at 5:00pm.



Sunday, July 23
11 AM to 3 PM

Standley Aquatic Center
3605 Governor Drive
(619) 605-2170

CPR Practice Area
Lifejacket & Water Safety Booths
Parent & Tot Swim Safety Workshops
Inflatable Obstacle Course
Foam Machine
Simulated Emergency Response Drill

RSVP Here!



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UC DEL SOL SENDING THREE TEAMS TO STATES

This has been a magical year for UC Del Sol Girls Softball as all three All Star teams qualified for States! The 8U, 10U and 12U teams battled it out in Santee over the weekend of June 16 – 18 against teams all over San Diego to advance to the next round. "States" will take place the weekend of June 30 – July 2 in Lancaster, CA.

Congratulations girls! The effort to make this happen has been tremendous! All three del Sol teams going to States hasn't happened in over 10 years.



Congratulations to Iraj Hashemzadeh, local UC resident for at the age of 83 he competed in the Pasadena Senior Games. The Track & Field events were held at Jack Kemp Stadium on June 3, 2023. Over 200 athletes competed. Iraj was awarded a Silver medal in the 100 & 200 meter sprints and a Bronze in the 50 meter. *Submitted by Maureen Kennedy*



UC Little League Celebrates its 60th Closing Day

In recognition of University City Little League's 60th Closing Day, representatives from Kent Lee's office were on hand to declare June 10th "UCLL Day". The San Diego City Councilmember recognized the value youth sports brings to our community and the hard work and dedication of the all-volunteer organization that ensures each spring and fall season in UC is filled with the dings of bats and the wumps of baseballs hitting eager gloves, and just about everything else nearby during early season practices.

The closing ceremony also recognized postseason teams: UC Shillelachs (Intermediates, Manager: Tristan Luhrs), UC Super Hornets (Minors, Manager: Dustin Townsend), and two UC Little Stars teams (MAPS, Managers: Steven Granados and James Walters). These teams have since completed their postseason play, representing the league and the neighborhood with pride and skill in the District 32 Tournament of Champions and the Father's Day weekend Little Stars Tournament hosted by neighboring league Clairemont Hilltoppers.

As usual for a UCLL event, Closing Day was filled with fun for the kids with bounce houses, bubbles, and face-paint. Sportsmanship was on display as some very brave coaches, some in wetsuits due to the June gloom weather, stepped up to the dunk tank to the delight of their teams. And of course baseball was on display, with pick-up games breaking out all over the field. Thanks to those who supported the league with donations to our Equipment Exchange, bids at the Silent Auction, and purchases at the snack bar. Finally, no Closing Day would be complete without a showing of the "The Sandlot" by Standley Rec Center. What a day for UC Baseball!

Photo courtesy Councilmember Kent Lee's Office



GARDEN CLUB VISITS A TROPICAL OASIS IN UC

The UC Garden Club gathered at the tropical oasis created by Margie and Terry Watkins. Guests meandered through their backyard full of palm trees, bromeliads, and other tropical plants. They shared that each palm tree is a unique species and ordered through a specialty Hawaiian nursery. Margie likes to keep their bromeliads and plumerias in pots so they can be easily moved around to obtain the best amount of sunshine. We also got a tour of their elaborate new greenhouse that Terry built and will inspire many of the gardeners.

Attendees participated in a seed and plant exchange to bring back to their own gardens. Garden club members also got the chance to share tips, including that bromeliads prefer to be outside for the fresh air and capturing needed insects. Many thanks to the Watkins for sharing their tropical, casual, breezy backyard.

July's UC Garden Club meetup will be at the backyard of Glenda Sacks Jaffe on Saturday, July 22, 2:00pm, and on Saturday, August 19, 2:00pm we will meet at the South UC Library where the discussion will be about starting a new Seed Library – feel free to bring your own seeds and plants for another exchange. To get on the UC Garden Club email list, and to get the location address, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.



NEW MEMORIAL DAY MEMORIES



We would like to thank the community for attending our 1st annual Pies in the Park event. The three ponies loved giving rides to all the children while the parents ate over 10 pounds of cotton candy. Then we were also blessed enough to see 300 hot dogs given new homes in people's bellies. Lastly, the Pie Eating Contest was a sight to behold and a huge congratulations to all contestants! While we didn't think combining cotton candy, hot dogs and pies made for peak athleticism, the showcase in the bounce house was amazing. Thank you to all those that attended...our next event is Labor Day weekend!

David Wright, KR So, and Jeffrey Smith



UC Planning Group Meeting Update

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The June 13, 2023, UCPG meeting began with a short informal talk by the Base Commander, Col. Thomas Bedell, from MCAS Miramar. He reviewed his own background as a pilot, previewed some upcoming base activities such as the Miramar Air Show, scheduled for September 22-24, and a 5K run on the base runway. He also emphasized quality of life issues for the Marines on base involving upgraded housing and gardens.

Karen Martien gave a CIP Subcommittee report detailing recent emails with the Traffic Department that discussed the restriping of bike lanes along Genesee and addition of bike boxes at Governor and Genesee. These are anticipated to be added after the Pure Water project is finished. She is verifying what will be included in this restriping.

Pure Water presented (see article on page 14 for details).

Steve Pomerence from Alexandria was replaced as business member by Ana Bryan from Alexandria on the UCPG Board in Business Seat B3C.

The UCPG heard and unanimously recommended approval of a new development in the North Torrey Pines area.

Chris Nielsen gave an overview of the changes the UCPG will have to make as a new Council Policy 600-24 replaces the old one. Among the noticeable changes are meeting attendance requirements to run for the board are eliminated, attendance requirements to retain a seat is 2/3 of meetings in 12 months, and term limits are 8 or 9 years consecutively followed by two years off. Appointed seats are non-voting. Board membership must reflect the makeup of community and should include homeowners, renters, individuals with and without school-age children, and individuals from diverse age groups. CPGs such as the UCPG must refile to retain their right to represent the plan area with the city. Meeting community representation and outreach goals are key measures the city will use to determine if a group should represent a plan area. Competing groups can file. The City Council will make the final determination; the new rules take effect on January 1, 2024.

Finally, Andy Wiese gave a comprehensive review of a draft report by the UCPG's Plan Update Subcommittee detailing areas of consensus and disagreements with the Discussion Draft of the Updated Community Plan. It was presented as an information item. This is a substantial document covering almost all the topics in the Draft except for Mobility and Affordable Housing. Mobility will be addressed at the CPUS meeting on Tuesday June 20, and Affordable Housing will be addressed when Keyser + Marston's housing analysis is presented to the city. This presentation was both to familiarize the UCPG board with the plan update issues and to provide Andy with a trial run for the plan update meeting on Tuesday June 20.

On June 20, the Plan Update Subcommittee voted unanimously to send the report by Andy Wiese, Subcommittee Chair, with modifications made at the meeting to the UCPG, as its recommended comment on the Discussion Draft of the plan. The UCPG will consider the subcommittee report at its meeting on July 11 and make its report to the Planning Department immediately after. This will be the only item on the agenda for the July 11 UCPG meeting.

The UCPG will call a special meeting for Tuesday, August 1, to hear the Torrey Pines State Parks ADA and Utilities project as an action item from the State Parks capital improvements department. This is being finalized as an agenda item as this article went to press. It is anticipated that the meeting will be held in the same venue as the regular UCPG meetings, including the hybrid meeting component over Zoom.

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.)

Andy Wiese (AW) opened the meeting by thanking various community members for their assistance in this process, including UCCA for providing the Facebook live streams. He then reviewed the areas of consensus, with noted alternative views, that had been achieved at the previous meeting.

Non Agenda Public Comment:

Katie Rodolico (KR): Announced Meet and Greet with Supervisor Lawson-Remer.

Peter Krysl (PK): Thanked AW for creating the consensus document and chairing the subcommittee.

Barry Bernstein: Announced 4th of July and UC newsletters.

Several audience members thanked AW and Chris Nielsen.

Agenda:

Andy Wiese (AW): Asked for subcommittee member input on the consensus document and opened the topic of mobility.

KR: Need a traffic study on Governor, Genesee first.

Joanne Selleck: traffic studies should occur periodically/regularly.

Laurie Phillips (LP): Traffic study should be done by an independent party and should also address wildfire egress and emergency response.

Keith Jenne (KJ): Traffic study needed on Nobel, near Whole Foods.

AW: Appears to be consensus on need for new data traffic study for Genesee, Nobel, and Governor; bike lanes vs starting/stopping.

Linda Bernstein: Shared bike lanes are ok, slow traffic on Governor and improve pedestrian crossings.

Bill Beck: The wide sidewalk in front of Standley can accommodate both bikes and pedestrians, same width as paths in Mission Bay park.

AW: I think we have consensus on two more items: A second connection from Campus Point to Genesee for emergency exit. Alexandria (property owner) is ok with this. Also bike lanes and connectors to run parallel to North Torrey Pines along John Jay Hopkins Drive and Cray Ct. Add this as a policy in the plan.

PK: We have a parks points deficit. City only expects 50% compliance with plans mandate to provide public access park amenities on new development.

Janis Deady (JD): Existing golf course off of Gullstrand removed by property owner. Should be required to be put back due to park deficit.

RC: Other infrastructure needs like libraries. Need to require phased development to ensure infrastructure is built before building more.

AW: Would like to see consistency in commercial/residential requirements for onsite public access areas/parks. Would like to see a sliding scale of requirements based on development lot size.

Tom Mullaney: Not a plan since city required elements start at a deficit.

Susan Baldwin (SB): Need to look at land value capture since property owners will get a bump in land value when the plan is released. Capture a percentage of that increased value to pay for parks and bike lanes.

Jason Morehead: Comments from Alexandria on the discussion draft plan. Dislikes the specificity of the CPIOZ overlay zone. SDRs don't belong in the community plan. Recreation requirements don't work for every life science tenant. For example: Illumina campus is a secure campus...no public access.

George Lattimer (GL), LP, and SB: discussion of FBA funds, DIF fees under the old system (developer fees stayed in the area) and new city system (fees are used where there is most need). GL is ok with area specific fees since it improves the functionality of the development.

Tom Ruff: Plan should require that land be purchased for parks.

Aiden Lin (AL): Wants transportation options. Multi Family generates more tax revenue than SFR.

AW: Consensus items: Plan needs to address how infrastructure will be paid for. How land will be acquired for parks. City should study strategies to pay for mandated infrastructure like parks. City should protect the easements along major corridors so that future bike lanes can be built. Plan calls for activation of street corridors, which might be in conflict. Vote was taken and subcommittee members present voted unanimously in favor of the consensus items.

Next steps. The updated consensus document will be presented to UCPG on July 11, where they will vote to approve or reject it. The city should have the Draft community plan and draft EIR sometime in late summer. The subcommittee may meet when it is released.

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

Allowing for a Variety of New Homes

by Tara Lewis

City of San Diego Supervising Public Information Officer

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.

Providing a range of options for new homes keeps the University Community a welcoming area for existing residents and future generations. The draft University Community Plan Update addresses the need for homes that are affordable to people and families at different income levels and for those who work at the community's growing high-tech and biotech job center.

Living in the University Community would be desirable for many people in our region, but too many people have been priced out. The community is considered a high-resource community since it has easy access to high-paying jobs, high-performing schools and good air quality when compared to other areas in the region. An updated Community Plan will look to create more opportunities for homes, including affordable ones, to allow more people to enjoy the community and call it their home.

Homes for families can also be difficult to find. People with children or intergenerational families, such as grandparents, parents and grandchildren living together, may not be able to easily find homes within walking distance of public transit, schools, parks and everyday needs. The updated draft Community Plan encourages new homes for all income levels that include three or more bedrooms to better accommodate families.

The updated draft Community Plan also envisions a greater variety of home types and sizes to meet community members' changing needs. This includes homes that are accessible for people with disabilities and seniors. As San Diego's population ages, creating accessible homes provides additional opportunities for people to continue living in the University Community. To help guide this part of the Community Plan Update, along with the four other priorities, the City of San Diego values public feedback.

City Planning staff will revise the first draft based on public comments received so far and will then release a second draft Community Plan. The second draft will then be available for further public comment in the fall, which will again be updated based on further feedback before it is presented to the City Council for approval. The process to approve the Community Plan Update will begin with a Planning Commission hearing before the end of the year. Learn more and read the first University Community Plan Update Discussion Draft at planuniversity.org.

University Community Plan Update

by Andy Wiese

Community Plan Update Subcommittee Chair

The Community Plan Update (CPU) has been ongoing for over four and a half years. The process began in October, 2018 with a well-attended community workshop. The members of the Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS) of the UCPG began meeting publicly in January, 2019.



Subcommittee selection included ten representatives from the UCPG (three business and three residential seats as well as a representative from MCAS Miramar and three from UC San Diego (faculty, student, and UCSD planning). In addition, the selection process included three community/business organization representatives (UCCA, Friends of Rose Canyon and Biocom), and six at-large representatives from the local business and residential communities, whose names were drawn from a hat (well, a box) from a vetted list of volunteers.

The CPUS has been working with the city to organize community feedback and has held over 40 public meetings. The process has been dynamic, including the involvement of two mayors, three city council members, three planning directors, and three community planners, in addition to multiple planning section directors, urban designers, traffic engineers and other city staff.

Through it all, the CPU Subcommittee has been the one consistent body engaged with the process. The June CPUS meeting was the third of three public meetings to establish Subcommittee recommendations on the Community Discussion Draft. After three hours of discussion, the subcommittee unanimously approved a list of recommendations and directed the Chair to prepare a report summarizing them for the UCPG. The UCPG will review these at its July 11, 2023 meeting and prepare its own recommendations for the City.

The City will use these recommendations to prepare a revised draft of the Community Plan for Environmental Impact Review (EIR) later this summer. That process will include additional opportunity for public feedback, which may also be incorporated in the Plan. The Planning Department hopes to present the University Community Plan and Final EIR for approval by the City Council before the end of 2023. That process will include final recommendations and a vote by the UCPG, the Parks and Recreation Board and the Planning Commission before review by City Council. For more info related to the Community Plan Update, visit: planuniversity.org

Thanks to CPUS members for their dedication the past five years, pictured above - seated: Andy Wiese and Chris Nielsen; Back row: Petr Krysl, Jason Morehead, George Lattimer, Joanne Selleck, Roger Cavanaugh, Dinesh Martien, Katie Rodolico, Carole Uribe, Keith Jenne, Debby Knight, Laurie Phillips; Not pictured: Veronica Ayesta, Kristin Camper, Melanie Cohn, Anu Delouri, Aidan Lin, Rebecca Robinson



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Pure Water San Diego Update

by Sarah Bowles, City of San Diego

Construction continues in the University City area for the Morena Northern Pipelines & Tunnels project, part of Pure Water San Diego Phase 1 construction.

On Genesee Avenue, crews continue to work from State Route 52 to Governor Drive. Work hours for this project are Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm through November 2023. Two-way traffic is maintained, and there will be no intersection closures as part of this work.

Crews began working on Towne Centre Drive from Executive Drive to La Jolla Village Drive in May. Crews completed the intersection of Towne Centre Drive and La Jolla Village Drive in early July and will continue southbound on Towne Centre Drive from La Jolla Village Drive toward Golden Haven Drive throughout July 2023.

Ongoing construction in other areas of the alignment include the tunneling work at the I-805 shaft on Executive Drive and work for the San Clemente Tunnel located at the Genesee Avenue lot at Marian Bear Memorial Park.

For more information, and to see a map of the full alignment, please visit the University City and Eastgate Mall page at: phase1.purewatersd.org. Questions, email purewatersd@sandiego.gov or call 833.UTC.PWSD.



Plan Build Design UCSD

The UC San Diego proposed Ridge Walk North Living and Learning Neighborhood project will provide approximately 2,400 new student beds on the San Diego campus.

The project would include space for student dining and fitness, replacement space for programs currently in structures to be demolished for the project, and permanent space for the Marshall College academic program and student support services. Anticipated completion is Fall 2025. For more information, visit: plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu

SENIOR TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS WANTED

by Bobbie Benshoof

Calling all senior table tennis players! If you are interested in playing ping-pong on Wednesdays and / or Friday mornings at 10:00am, please leave your name and phone number at the Standley Rec Center's front desk and you will be contacted for future play. Or you can just show up.

Ping-Pong paddles are available at the Rec Center's front desk.

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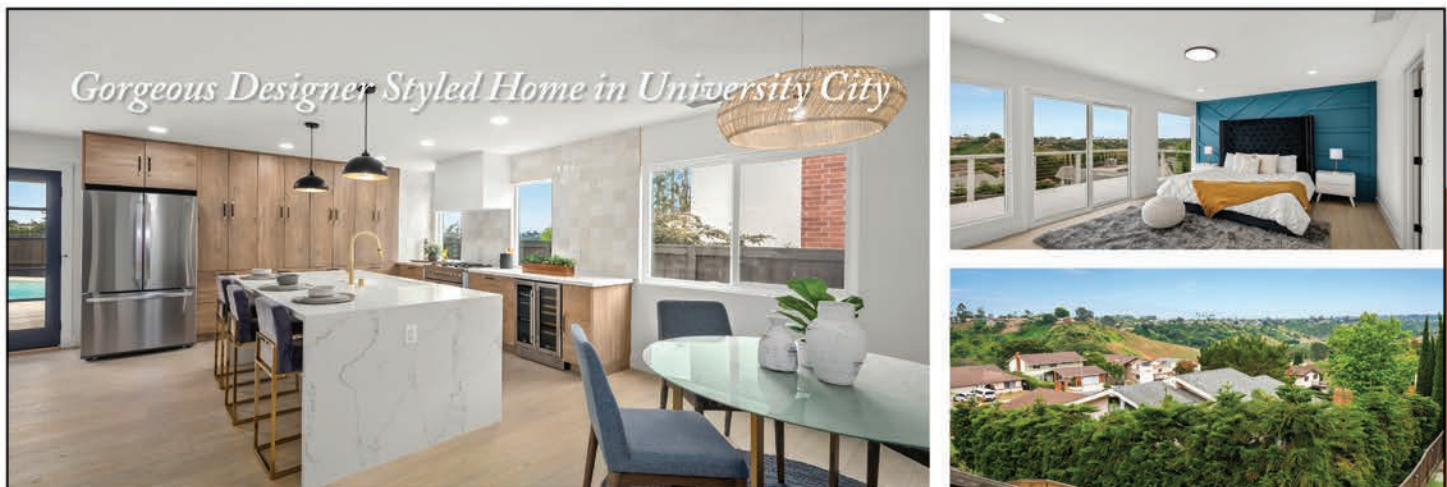
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