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Summer Ends in UC on a Musical Note

The University City community was treated to an end of summer concert by the Steal Dawn band, hosted by the Valerie Upham Group. Their 9-21-22 event last year was such a success, many requested that it become an end of summer event. The photos pictured at right capture some highlights, which included balloon making and a jumpy for the kids, and an assortment of food trucks for everyone's dinner enjoyment.

Summer continues all year with the outdoor jam sessions by Greg Pardue and the Front Porch Pandemic Jazz Band (pictured above), as they play every Thursday from 4:00-6:00pm, weather permitting, on the front porch at 5626 Bloch St. The expanded band members are: on Saxophones - Greg Pardue; on Keyboards - Jack Hoffman, Chris Penny, Max Zape or Gary Chun; on Bass - Roy Jenkins, Mark Phelps (+ vocals), Mark Delin, Gedeon Deak or Alex Lopez; on Guitar - Phil Marcus (+ vocals) or Alex Lopez; on Drums - Ray Conseur, Jack Hoffman, Larry Friedman or Gary Chun (+ vocals); on Trumpet and Flugelhorn - Jim Napiet; plus occasional guest musicians and vocalists. The music they play is classic jazz, standards, swing and blues from the Great American Songbook along with Latin and island styles like bossa nova, samba, calypso and reggae. They've been known to get funky too. Seating is outside around the neighborhood or in your parked car. Bring your own chairs. Picnicking and wine tasting are popular. Perfect for a jazzy happy hour. Dogs on leash are always welcome. Masks and other Covid protocols are at the audience's discretion. It's free for everyone, kids to seniors.

And just south of the 52 freeway, the Clairemont Square Concert Series will continue into October, with a couple Friday nights from 6:00-9:00pm by the Food Court/movie theatre. The remaining bands are: October 6 - Love is a Rose (Linda Ronstadt tribute band); and October 13 - Grooveline (funk/R&B/pop). Enjoy the songs that they're singing!

END OF SUMMER CONCERT



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2. Include who, what, why, where, and how.
3. Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors.
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10. Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com.

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Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the November issue is **October 19, 2023**, but the newsletter can fill up before the deadline. Articles and news items are reviewed as they are received. Priority may be given to UCCA members and time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited for allowed space. UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter. The UCCA Newsletter receives information and advertising from a variety of sources. UCCA cannot and does not guarantee the accuracy of the information or the complete absence of errors and/or omissions, nor does UCCA assume responsibility for the same. Publication does not constitute an endorsement.

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SUMMARY OF UCCA MEETING

September 13, 2023 (Held via Zoom)

by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

President's Announcements: Diane Ahern reported: (1) The Miramar Air Show will be on Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24, with training on Thursday, September 21. (2) The County grant of \$15,000 for communication activities (newsletter, notices, banners, and member thank-you letters) has been received. (3) City Council member Kent Lee will be in attendance and speaking at this meeting. (4) There are no reports from SDDP or SDDF.

Legislative and Community Reports

Rachel Dugan, aide to Congressman Scott Peters, announced that it is time to submit nominations to the military Service Academies for the fall 2024 classes.

Evan Bridgham, aide to Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported: (1) the County was increasing childcare capacity by hiring more workers and expanding facilities. (2) Rental subsidies of up to \$500 per month for low-income seniors throughout the City and County started last year and is continuing.

City Council Member Kent Lee reported: (1) The City is continuing its program of supporting low-income tenants with rental assistance. (2) He is working with local planning groups to advance needs of UC including installing/repairing streetlights on Vista La Jolla, updating the needs of libraries, parks, and open spaces, providing for shelters for homeless, and describing the issues with Sea World and non-payment of rent. (3) He said he would examine why the City had not cleaned up its property adjacent to the North UC Library and Recreation Center. (4) The City is repairing most roads with "slurry seal" where possible as it is much cheaper than replacing asphalt. Go to the City's Street Repair Projects page: streets.sandiego.gov to see what roads have been repaired and what is planned in the next year. (5) Millions of dollars in Development Impact Fees (DIF) are tied up and will not be distributed until the community plan update is completed.

Cody Petterson, trustee of the San Diego School Board for areas including UC reported he is meeting with school officials for schools impacted by Pure Water, and other sewer and water construction. The Board has been negotiating with all the unions representing school employees.

Chris Nielsen, Chair of the UCPG, reported that Roger Cavnaugh has resigned his position and that Alex Arthur was appointed to fill Roger's term. They are looking at plans to redesign the intersection of Genesee and Governor to make it safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Azalea Ebbay, of North UC Library, reported the library was hosting a job fair on September 15 and again on October 2 and anyone interested in employment is invited to attend.

Michael Dwyer, community resident, reported water rates are increasing. The rates will vary, depending on the usage. The new rates will be on notices sent to all ratepayers. Citizens may protest the increases at a meeting of the water board scheduled for September 19, 2023, at 2:00 pm.

Blair Forde requested funding for Spreckels Elementary School to have a "Wildcat Run" around the play field. The sum of \$500 was approved.

Kendra Cole of Educate requested \$1,000 to assist in their Octoberfest fundraiser on October 7 from 2:00-6:00 pm. The request was approved.

Alec Phillip and Carlos Molina from the City of San Diego provided updates on the Pure Water Project. Construction is now approaching the intersection of Governor Dr. and Genesee, with work to be done at night due to traffic. Metal plates will cover the construction trenches during the day so cars can go across. Work on Town Centre Dr. is at the east entrance to UTC. The tunnel under San Clemente Creek is still under construction. Outreach to people, schools and businesses is underway. Most of the pine trees on Genesee by UC High School should be saved but some may have to be removed if their root systems are compromised. Access by emergency vehicles has been tested and the construction does not prevent vehicles from getting through.



UCCA President Diane Ahern

Hello University City, I hope you are gently easing into Fall. What about that Air Show? I had forgotten how loud and how low the Blue Angels fly! Now I'm looking forward to EdUCate!'s Oktoberfest at Standley Park where we can hang out, network, drink beer, and support our public schools. UCCA will host a booth so please stop by to say hi.

Pure Water pipelines construction continues to present its own set of challenges on both Genesee Avenue and Towne Centre Drive. The intersection work at Governor and Genesee is almost complete with most of the work done at night so that traffic can continue to move during the day.

In the near future, Pure Water construction is expected to bring more disruptions to Genesee traffic at both the Centurion Square and Nobel Drive intersections. Both UCPG (the planning group) and UCCA (our community association) will provide a community update on Pure Water construction at their October meetings.

Let's issue a shout out and thank you to UCCA's many volunteers and board members who all help to make University City more than just a neighborhood. Many thanks to those who deliver newsletters and serve on neighborhood watch groups and who help with community outreach.

Our University City News print newsletter is unique. It is the only source of hyperlocal news in University City. You will 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.

Join UCCA! I am confident that you, our readers, value the University City News as much as I do. You are welcome to update your UCCA membership for 2024. We need your support and donations to help keep our newsletter in print. We appreciate your support.

I want to confirm what I first shared at the July UCCA meeting - I have decided not to seek re-election as president. My term as president will conclude at the end of November. I hope to continue serving on the UCCA board in another capacity next year. I look forward to supporting the incoming president.

If you are interested in learning more about UCCA as an organization and the upcoming election, please refer to the Election Notice published in this issue; or reach out to me directly at: UniversityCityNews@gmail.com.

Have a great October; read through this newsletter. 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

UCCA HOLDS PUBLIC MEETINGS

You may wonder why UCCA hosts public meetings? It is 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 will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, October 11, at 6 p.m. For your security and the security of other online participants, please log into your Zoom account to check for updates before you join UCCA's meeting.

UCCA University City Community Association Monthly Meeting
Time: Wednesday, October 11, 6:00pm
Join Zoom Meeting: bit.ly/UCCA-Oct-2023-Zoom-Meeting
Meeting ID: 897 6403 9153
Passcode: 180904

Calendar

October 2023

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

OKTOBERFEST by EDUCATE!

Saturday, October 7, 2:00-6:00pm
 Standley Park

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, October 8

7:15-7:30am – meet & greet

7:30-9:00am – work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
 3203 Governor Drive, supplies provided

COLUMBUS DAY/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

Monday, October 9

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Monday, October 9, 7:00pm via Zoom

To get on the email list, contact:

lourodilico@yahoo.com

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, October 10, 6:00pm

Info: planuniversity.org

UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, October 11, 6:00pm

Zoom Meeting:

bit.ly/UCCA-Oct-2023-Zoom-Meeting

Meeting ID: 897 6403 9153

Passcode: 180904

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, October 26, 7:00pm

3585 Governor Drive

HALLOWEEN

Tuesday, October 31

Prepare to Fall Back

Daylight saving time will end on Sunday, November 5, when standard time resumes. It will last until the second Sunday of March 2024, when daylight saving time starts again. Most of us will turn the clocks back the night of Saturday, November 4. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier during standard time. There will be more light in the morning and it will get darker an hour earlier in the evening.

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OR SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP FORM
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PROTECTING EVERY TYPE OF FAMILY IN EVERY COMMUNITY

by San Diego City Attorney Mara Elliott

As prosecutors, often the hardest cases we face are the ones with victims abused by the people who were supposed to love and protect them. It is the ultimate betrayal: parents who harm their children, children who harm their elderly parents, and intimate partners who harm each other. The betrayal in these cases is so severe that victims need immense support to heal and recover. Our Family Justice Center, known as Your Safe Place, provides this added level of support every day.

When you elected me as your City Attorney, one of my first steps was to move Your Safe Place out of the Police Department and into our Office. I made that move, because you have entrusted your City Attorney to always protect the most vulnerable members of our society, especially those who cannot defend themselves. I wanted to set the expectation that attorneys in my Office would focus on delivering both justice and compassion to those vulnerable children, parents, partners, and spouses who had experienced trauma and betrayal.

One of the strengths of our City is its openness and diversity; we understand families come in all shapes and sizes. That is why we have expanded the work of Your Safe Place from a narrow focus on domestic violence to include sex trafficking, sexual assault, family violence, and elder abuse. We have also expanded our layers of protection to include assistance obtaining a Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) to help keep weapons away from abusive individuals.

Even as we work to serve every person with whom we make contact, we understand that help remains out of reach for many others. We know there are people experiencing abuse in every community across San Diego, but not every community has easy access to transportation, and not every victim can take time away from work. That is why we have launched the mobile clinics of Your Safe Place. Our dedicated staff is fanning out across the City to provide support to those who need it where they need it - in their own neighborhoods.

Bringing justice and compassion to those who have experienced betrayal, abuse, and violence is some of the most rewarding work we do. If you work with a community organization or neighborhood group, we invite you to partner with us. We are actively seeking safe spaces in every community to increase access to our services. This is your opportunity to bring hope and healing to neighbors, colleagues, friends, and family.

When community organizations and neighborhood institutions contact the Your Safe Place mobile unit, we work with them to find a convenient time for our team to visit their facilities. Together, we help spread the word about the availability of our services in a manner that is geared toward that community's comfort level. Later, we schedule appointments with those who need the support.

Our mobile clinics can help the members of your community with free support services to anyone who has experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, family violence, or elder abuse. The support may include safety planning, legal help, restraining orders, immigration services, housing support and protection from gun violence. Please consider partnering with us to help those in need in your own community.

To plan a mobile clinic visit by the Your Safe Place team, please contact Your Safe Place at 619.533.6000 or via email at Infofysp@sanidiego.gov.

If you believe you are in danger, please contact the Your Safe Place, a Family Justice Center, which provides free comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, family violence, and elder abuse. You are not alone. We are here to help. Reach the Center at 619.533.6000 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mondays through Fridays. For assistance 24 hours a day call 888-DV-LINKS (888.385.4657). For emergencies, call 911. More details are online at sanidiego.gov/fjc.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER EXPERIENCE

by Barbara Gellman, NW Coordinator

In August, a group of us from the Northern Division Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) visited the Communications/Dispatch Center at SDPD Headquarters and here are some stats and facts:



SDPD is the second busiest communication center in the state, just behind LAPD. This past year there were over 1.3 million calls placed to the Communication Center (both emergency and Non-emergency calls). The majority of those calls are 911 calls. Of those, approximately 500,000 calls were formatted for service and dispatched to officers. The two sets of dispatchers are radio, who speak directly to police officers in the field and phone dispatchers who answer all community members calls and direct them to proper departments.

Right now there is a staff of about 180 personnel with over 20 vacancies; they could use more help. Go to Current City Jobs | Personnel Department | City of San Diego Official Website for more information if interested in a position. This department is so vital to the entire operation, it is mind boggling how they take calls one after another, sort out what people are saying, all in a short period of time in order to move on to the next call.

We also learned that any calls to the non-emergency line, 619.531.2000, needs to revert back to an old phone tree until the new one with voice recognition technology is in place.

Tip: To bypass the phone tree, press the star/asterisk** key at each prompt and you will reach a dispatcher.**

GOT SOCKS!

Barbara Gellman, UCCA Neighborhood Watch

Put your best foot forward and make a statement. Fashion on your feet starts conversations for men, women and children so, don't miss out. You will be welcomed at the Neighborhood Watch/ Socks For Safety Booth at Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 7 from 2:00-6:00pm at Standley Park. Now in stock; assortments of Christmas and Chanukah along with new everyday styles, and dog breeds. Be prepared for everyday foot fun. P.S. No need to wait; email me at bgellman@yahoo.com to see all the pages of styles and place an order.

UCSD Community Advisory Group

by Julie Nydam

The UCSD Community Advisory Group (CAG) met on September 15 with Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. Julie Nydam, Membership Chairperson, represented UCCA at the event. The Chancellor presented past, current and future projects at the university, many of which increase on-campus student housing in recognition of a critical shortage. This large influx of new housing will be made available to students at fair-market rental value. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chancellor answered questions from the CAG. The CAG consists of representatives from nearby organizations and friends of UCSD.

There are eighteen future and current projects and nine completed projects at UCSD, including new projects and upgrades to current facilities. To read a list of completed, in-progress and future projects, visit: plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/projects/current.html

Everyone is a Pedestrian

from the National Highway Safety Administration

On average, a pedestrian was killed every 71 minutes and injured every 9 minutes in traffic crashes in 2021. Everyone has different preferences when it comes to transportation, but at one time or another everyone is a pedestrian. When drivers maintain safe speeds and practice other safe driving behaviors, safer walking environments are created for you, your loved ones and others in your community.

8 Walking Safety Tips

- Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgment.
- Embrace walking as a healthy form of transportation - get up, get out and get moving.

8 Safety Tips for Drivers

- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing where you can't see.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street, in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- Be extra cautious when backing up and look for pedestrians.

For more information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration visit: nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety.

District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee

Hi University City Friends,

I had an amazing time at the UCCA monthly meeting on September 13. I always cherish the opportunity to address community members directly and appreciate all of your insightful questions.

The level of community engagement in UC is unmatched and you always challenge me in new ways to better represent District 6 at the San Diego City Council, thanks to everyone who attended and Diane (Ahern) and Mack (Langston) for hosting me.

Our office had a great time at the Miramar Airshow. The aircraft and technology on display was awe inspiring. I know there are many military members who serve and live in our community, I wanted to personally thank all those who serve for their sacrifice and commitment to our country. We also enjoyed having conversations and engaging with residents of University City at the event.

We are hosting a safe prescription drop-off event on Saturday, October 28 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Mira Mesa Public Library, 8405 New Salem St., 92126. This event is a great opportunity to safely dispose of any unused or expired prescription medications. You can drop off your medications at no cost.



The City of San Diego is launching a mattress recycling program. Mattresses and box springs can be dropped off at the Miramar Landfill, 5161 Convoy Street, 92111 from 7:00am – 4:00pm weekdays. This program helps reduce illegal dumping and keeps our communities clean and safe while promoting recycling of bulky items. Help unloading is available. www.sandiego.gov/environmentalservices/recycling/residential/mattresses.

We recently partnered with the San Diego Humane Society for a free pet healthcare event. Thanks to everyone who attended! We were able to provide healthcare services to over 50 pets.

As always, please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns in our community. kentlee@sandiego.gov.



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.

Libraries will be closed on Monday, September 4 in recognition of Labor Day.

What's Happening at the Libraries?

North University Community Library

Local Authors Wanted for the Local Author Showcase

The Local Author Program highlights the intellectual and creative accomplishments of writers in the San Diego region. A centerpiece of the Local Author Program is the Local Author Showcase, which is annual event held at the San Diego Central Library. The deadline to submit for the 2024 Local Author Showcase is Sunday, November 19, 2023. Qualified participants must currently reside within zip codes 91901 - 92199 and their book (whether in print or eBook format) must be published in 2022 or 2023. For more info, visit www.sandiego.gov/public-library/news-events/localauthors or email localauthor@sandiego.gov.

Program Highlights

Break on Through: EVP Spirit Communication 101: Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00-7:45pm.

Bilingual Storytime: Spanish (Hora del Cuento Bilingüe: Español): Saturday, October 14 at 10:00-10:30am.

Friends of the North University Community Library Children's Book Sale: Saturday, October 21 at 10:00am-12:00noon.

Art History at the Library: Transoceanic Dialogues: "Exotic" Arts at Imperial Courts, 1550-1750: Saturday, October 28 at 11:00am-12:00noon.

Imelda (Movie): Tuesday, October 24 at 6:00-7:45pm.

Drag Queen Storytime: Saturday, October 28, 10:00-10:30am.

****new monthly program** Page to Screen:** Tuesday, October 31 at 5:30-7:30pm. *The Haunting* (1963) starring Julie Harris and Claire Bloom.

ALL AGES

****new updated hours** Chess Club:** Every Thursday at 3:30-5:30pm.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Baby and Toddler variety program: Mondays at 11:45am-12:15pm.

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

Leggo Club: Mondays at 6:00-7:00pm.

TEEN PROGRAM

Teen Advisory Meeting: Monday, October 30 at 6-7:15 p.m. Grades 7-12 welcome.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Queendom: Tuesdays at 11:30am-2:00pm. Queendom is a program for Russian/Kazakh speaking women in San Diego that meet regularly to learn and grow together to encourage and support each other to lean in and step outside our comfort zone. Every week we dedicate to special topic including health, nutrition, financial literacy, English club and book discussion.

****returning program****

Fiction Lovers Book Club: Saturday, October 14, at 10:00-11:00am. *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave.

Amantes de la Lectura, Novelas Hispano-americanas en Espanol: Saturday, October 21 at 2:00-4:30pm. RSVP to tlampell21@gmail.com

Friends of the North University Community Library Meeting: Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00-7:00pm.

Page Turners' Book Club: Saturday, September 28 at 1:00-2:30pm. *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel.

University Community Library (Governor Drive)

ADULT PROGRAMS

Persian Film Series (NEW!): Saturday, October 21, 3:30pm. Join us for a film screening of *A Separation*, followed by discussion and light refreshments. Films in this series are usually shown in Farsi, with subtitles. Synopsis: Captures the messiness of a dissolving relationship with keen insight and searing intensity (Rotten Tomatoes). This film won the Oscar for best foreign feature in 2012 — Iran's first film to do so — and also garnered Farhadi a nomination for Best Original Screenplay, which is highly unusual for a foreign-language film (Vox.com).

Qi Gong – Thursdays from 9:30am to 11:30am; no registration required.

UC Book Club: meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm in the community room. The selection for October is *The Art Forger* by Barbara Shapiro. Due to demand, copies for the upcoming month are distributed during the current meeting.

Great Decisions: meets the 3rd Friday of the month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. This month's meeting will wrap up the inaugural year for Great Decisions at UC Library and discuss plans for 2024. Bring your comments and suggestions! Great Decisions is a discussion group where participants are assigned selected readings and watch a curated video which focuses on current global affairs. Topics for 2023 ranged from economic warfare, China and the U.S., Iran at a crossroads, climate migration and more.

Senior Advisory Group: Tuesday, October 24, 1:00-2:00pm. Want to get involved at our library or want to have more input on programs offered to adults? UC Library is starting up a Senior Advisory Group that will meet a few times a year to brainstorm future programming for adults and seniors. Your participation and input is needed so we can offer programs that are entertaining and engaging.

CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

Homework Help – Tuesdays & Thursdays: 2:30pm-4:00pm - Reading and Writing; 4:00pm-5:00pm - Math

Toddler Storytime & Craft – Wednesdays at 10:30am

Video Games – Fridays, 3:15pm (except Oct. 20)

Pajama Storytime – 2nd Monday at 6:30pm

Kids' crafts – 2nd Tuesdays, 2:30pm

Make & Take: Dog Treats (all ages) Thursday, October 26, 4:00pm. Help us celebrate Dogtober and make 2-3 delicious treats for your favorite canine! Ages 8 & up. Registration required. See online calendar or contact the library to register.

Student EXCEL cards: The EXCEL card will provide students with instant access to the following free library resources:

- Borrow up to 3 books or audiobooks
- Borrow up to 5 eBooks from our eLibrary
- Get 24/7, one-on-one tutoring in English/Spanish in major subjects via Brainfuse HelpNow
- Access to online resources through the eLibrary, using the Student Excel Card or Student ID #
- Use of public computers at SDPL
- NO fines, NO fees on Student EXCEL Card accounts



UC LIBRARY FRIENDS FALL BOOK SALE

Mark your calendars for the UC Friends book sale, Saturday, November 4, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. There will be some notable changes from recent sales which have been held outdoors. The sale will take place INSIDE THE LIBRARY'S COMMUNITY ROOM and the focus will be on HARDBACK AND PAPERBACK FICTION, BOTH ADULT AND JUVENILE, MEDIA of all kinds, PUZZLES and for the first time a collection of VINYL LPs! And, also, there will be our usual selection of beautiful specially priced books.

Don't miss this chance to stock up on Holiday gifts at our very low prices. Also, if you are attending one of the many adult programs the UC Library has to offer between now and the sale date, UC Library staff will remove the white covers off the FICTION shelves in the Community Room for your shopping convenience.

Due to limited storage conditions at the branch, the Friends will not be able to accept additional book donations until after the sale. The Friends are always looking for help with both the set up and take down of our sales. If you can help, and many hands make light work, please let one of the staff know or email ucfriends@aol.com and we will be in touch with you with details. SEE YOU on NOVEMBER 4!



Volunteer Corner Curie Elementary EAR

Would you like to see a child smile ear to ear after reading a book? Curie Elementary will be starting the Everyone A Reader (EAR) program this school year, 2023-2024.

The school is seeking volunteers to tutor students (grades 1-3) to improve their reading proficiency using the SD County's Office of Education Everyone A Reader (EAR) program. Volunteers will be assigned 4 students and work with them 15 minutes per session, twice/week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule with a 5 minutes transition time between students. The time commitment is about 3 hours /week.

A training period of 2 hours (by video) will be provided before tutoring the students. A SDUSD volunteer application, a background check and a negative TB test or a completed questionnaire at the school nurse's office will be needed.

Please contact Kenway Hoey, Volunteer EAR Program Coordinator, Curie Elementary at khoey2010@gmail.com if you wish to help out with this program. Thank you.



Marie Curie Elementary Celebrates its 60th Anniversary

A message from Curie Elementary Principal Ashley Duren:

Curie Elementary was built and opened for business in 1963, and since then, the University City community has certainly grown! To celebrate and honor the school and the local community's history, this school year Curie Elementary is collecting any written or photographic memorabilia that families wish to put on loan for a rotating display in Curie's front office.

University City Community Association has partnered with Curie Elementary, and several Curie teachers will use the anniversary as a research-and-writing opportunity for students. UCCA will publish student articles during the 2023-24 school year. If you have any interesting piece of Curie or UC community history you'd like to share with the school, please contact Associate Principal Katie Mead at: kmead@sandi.net. For more info about Curie Elementary, visit: curie.sandiegounified.org/home



Spreckels Elementary Welcomes New Principal

A message from Spreckels Principal, Mrs. Kamilah Abdul-Alim:

Hello Spreckels Community! I am so excited to begin the 2023-24 school year as the new principal at Spreckels

Elementary. I had the pleasure of working with this amazing community last year as the Associate Principal and am thrilled to continue the journey learning alongside teachers, staff and students.

My more than 25 years of experience as an educator, both inside and outside of the classroom has taught me the importance of being authentic, patient and empathetic. As a classroom teacher, I have had the opportunity to teach in many diverse and unique environments.

As an administrator I have worked as an Associate Principal, Director of Instructional Leadership and Development and an elementary school Dean. I have found the greatest joy working directly with our wonderful students, families and brilliant teachers. I strive to empower students and adults, hear all voices and see the gifts that all students bring.

I grew up in Oxnard, California. I hold a Bachelors of Arts degree from UCSB (Go Gauchos!) in Political Science and African American Studies, a Masters in Teaching and Curriculum and a Masters in Educational Leadership. I enjoy spending time with my husband, three sons and pups. Additionally, I love reading, traveling, exercising, going to the beach, binge watching K-dramas, and practicing Korean and Spanish.

Ubuntu! I am because we are. I look forward to our partnership. For more information about Spreckels Elementary, visit: spreckels.sandiegounified.org

COMMUNITY SHORTS

UNITE UC PLANS FIRST MEETING

Focus: Connection, Purpose, and Contribution

Unite UC is all about fostering connections between the young and not-so-young among us through volunteering and acts of kindness. It's a chance for neighbors to come together, build trust, create personal connections, and give back to our wonderful community. During the monthly meetings, we'll connect volunteers with those in need in our community.

Join us on the Second Saturday of each month to come together to organize the assistance requests with volunteers. There's absolutely no cost or long-term commitment required to be part of Unite UC. Together, we'll develop a game plan to deliver Acts of Kindness.

Whether you're a high school student in need of volunteer hours or someone seeking assistance with tasks big or small — lawn care, Christmas tree lights, heavy lifting, a meal, groceries, or simply a friendly walking partner — Unite UC is here to support you. Let's connect our community to make us stronger and more united. Together, we can truly make a difference in each other's lives. Sign up at: valerieuphamteam.com/uniteuc

The first meeting is hosted by the Valerie Upham Group and will take place on Saturday, October 14 at 9:30am, UC Library on Governor Drive.

UCUC FOOD DRIVE

University City United Church's (UCUC) first autumn food drive for the benefit of Community Christian Service Association (CCSA) will take place on Sunday, October 1 from 11:30 am 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 waiting at the drop-off site to 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, baby food and diapers as well as personal care products are welcomed. Currently there is a special need for fresh fruits and vegetables as well as boxed macaroni and cheese. A list of recommended items, together with further information about the valuable services CCSA provides, may be found at www.ccsasandiego.org.

UCUC is grateful to all those in the area who generously dropped off donations at any of the summer months food drives. Thanks, UC neighbors! Information about UCUC may be found at www.ucuc.org.

LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY

Are you interested in getting involved in programs and projects in your community? How about around the world? If you would like to meet like-minded people in your community and learn more about Rotary, please stop by our booth at the 14th Annual EdUCate! Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 7, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at Standley Park.

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club is composed of local professionals and community leaders who are committed to Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." Created in 1986, the Club has been actively involved in programs and projects in San Diego and across the globe. Notable projects and programs include involvement with the Preuss School at UCSD, international development projects such as the construction of a school in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, and numerous work projects for the San Diego Police Department and the U.S. Marines at Camp Pendleton. The Club meets every Friday morning at the UCSD Faculty Club at 7:00 a.m. For more information about the Club, please visit lajollagoldentriangle.org.

Joyce Forum 2023 JEWISH SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

The 34th Annual San Diego International Jewish Film Festival (SDIJFF), coming up January 31 through February 11, 2024, presents the 6th Annual Joyce Forum Jewish Short Film Festival, October 12-14, 2023, at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, Jacobs Family Campus. The Joyce Forum Jewish Short Film Festival is a three-day stand-alone festival, featuring more than 25 short films from around the world. Films are arranged into five distinct programs with some highlighting filmmaker discussions.

Each program is ticketed separately at \$18 (general admission) and \$15 (LFJCC members) or all five can be viewed with the All-Access Pass, \$75 (general) and \$65 (LFJCC members). The festival will be at the LFJCC's David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre in the UTC area. For more information about the festival and each of the films, visit: lfjcc.org/cjc/sdijff.aspx. The event is organized by a committee of dedicated volunteers, led by Chair Ronni Udoff. For more info about The JCC, visit lfjcc.org.



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 University City and all 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

Halloween Happenings and Spooky Movies

This year, our local Recreation Centers will host Halloween events and Movies at the Park:

- Doyle Recreation Center on Friday, October 13: The Halloween movie *Hocus Pocus* begins at dusk.
- Nobel Recreation Center on Friday, October 13: The Halloween Festival begins at 3:30pm and the Halloween movie *The Book of Life* begins at dusk.
- Standley Recreation Center on Saturday, October 28: The Halloween Festival begins 4:30pm and the movie *Hotel Transylvania 2* begins at dusk.

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

- *Swanson Memorial Pool* offers warm water exercise classes, swim lessons, youth swim teams, recreational swim, and much more. Check the Swanson Pool website for current information.
- *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. Community hours are subject to change; check the Standley Aquatic Center website for current information.



The Plant Lady Visits with the UC Garden Club

Sandy Mandel, a volunteer with the American Cancer Society's Discovery Shops, spoke to UC Garden Club meeting attendees about her volunteer work with the ACS and how she came about being the Plant Lady.

A former school teacher, she and her husband came out to San Diego to retire from New York, by way of Florida. Once here, she was trying to find something to do with the community, and since she had been touched by friends who had cancer, she decided to give her time to the American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop in Point Loma.

While volunteering at the shop, she noticed there were lots of plant containers being donated, but not purchased. She decided to fill them with succulents – and they were a big hit! The succulent planters are now featured at the remaining Discovery Shop in Oceanside, as well as a few local shops and various craft fairs and events.



Sandy discussed her self-taught methods in creating the succulent planters – pea gravel, soil, finished with a top layer of more pea gravel/rocks. At future UC Garden Club meetings, we will collect succulent cuttings and containers to donate to The Plant Lady.

Following meetups include: October 21, 2:00pm at the backyard garden of Ola Zabrocki; and November 11, 2:00pm at the home of Jana Fortier about hydrosols and herbs. If you would like to get on the UC Garden Club mailing list, be willing to host or be a speaker, or make plant donations, please contact Jemma Samala at jemmasamala@gmail.com.



2023 – 14th ANNUAL EDUCATE! OKTOBERFEST



A Community Gathering

Get together in-person with your family, friends and neighbors for the 14th Annual EdUCate! Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 7 from 2:00-6:00pm at Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive. There will be the famous beer and wine garden, a variety of food offerings, music, booths, games for the kids and more.

The community will have lots of fun raising money for the five UC public schools – Curie, Doyle, Spreckels, Standley Middle and UCHS. This great event is NOT to be missed!

- **Beer & Wine Garden** A variety of San Diego brews and wines will be featured. The beer and wine are donated, so all proceeds from the Beer & Wine garden go directly to our schools. This year the beer garden includes: AleSmith Brewing, Athletic Brewing Co. (Non-Alcoholic Brews), Burning Beard Brewing Company, California Wild Ales, Coronado Brewing Co., Duck Foot, Gravity Heights, Hafner Vineyard, June Shine, Kove, Pizza Port Brewing Co., Pure Project, Rip Current Brewing, South Norte Beer Co. and beer selections sponsored by Garrett Lees from UC Photons, Steve Lyons from State Farm, and Dr. David Li from SD Orthodontic Specialists.
- **Homebrew Competition** Hosted by Mash Heads, visit beerawardsplatform.com/educateoktoberfest2023 to enter. \$10 registration. Each entrant receives one (1) drink ticket to the beer garden. All proceeds donated to EdUCate!
- **Dollar A Day VIP** Donate \$180 to EdUCate!'s **Dollar-A-Day** campaign (\$1 per school day) and receive unlimited beer, wine and soda pours for two people.
- **Games Area** Carnival games jumpers, slides, the Giant Wrecking Ball, and the "Beat the Light" interactive game. Thanks to game sponsors: Kyung Hee Taekwondo Academy, The Huizar Family, Steele Bodies of SD, and Lloyd Pest Control.
- **Principal's Challenge** The principals from our five UC schools compete for the honor of their school.
- **Food** Visit the Food Vendors – A portion of the proceeds go to EdUCate! There will be hot dogs, brats, gourmet nachos, kettle corn, and shaved ice.
- **Booths** Find booths from local community groups, Arts & Crafts, local candidate, clubs, services, and many more.
- **Entertainment** Local entertainment and DJ Rick.
- **Transportation** Free transportation that runs the length of Governor Drive, via ADA accessible bus.

Special thanks to our Major Sponsors:

Nancy Beck, California Coast Credit Union, Coldwell Banker UC, Valerie Upham Compass, Dunn DeSantis Walt & Kendrick, Steve & Terri Gray, Kachkovsky & Fisher, Klassen Painting, and University City Community Association (UCCA).

For more info: uceducate.org

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK October 8 - 15

by Ex-Chief William H. Beck

Ever wonder why Fire Prevention Week is always observed each year starting on October 8? It is in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on that date in 1871. This fire caused devastating damage, destroying large areas of land, killing over 300 citizens and leaving thousands of people homeless. In later years, Fire Prevention Week was expanded to include the entire month of October.

Fire can be very scary and potentially deadly. The purpose of Fire Prevention Week is to educate and re-educate yourself and your family members on how to prepare and stay safe in case of fire.

According to the NFPA, a fire department responds to a fire every 20 seconds and if a fire starts in your home, you may have as little as two minutes to escape. 74% of all fire deaths in the U.S. take place in the home.

During a fire, early warning from working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, plus a fire escape plan like E.D.I.T.H. – Exit Drills In The Home that is practiced regularly, can save lives.

The theme for Fire Prevention Week 2023 focuses on how to prepare if there is a fire at home, with the slogan being **“Fire Don’t Wait. Plan Your Escape.”** Obviously, the best way to survive a fire is not to have one. However, it is too late to start planning when the smoke alarm sounds in a real fire.

Take a fast quiz, can you answer YES to these questions?

- ___ Do you have working smoke and carbon dioxide detectors outside each sleeping area and on each level of the home, including the garage?
- ___ Unless they are hard wired, do you test your smoke alarms at least once a month? Note, if your detector is older than 10 years, you need to replace it.
- ___ Do you change detector batteries twice a year? (Note, some detector batteries cannot be changed, so replacing the entire unit is necessary.)
- ___ Does everyone know the sound your smoke alarm makes?
- ___ Does your family have and practice a home fire escape plan like E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drills In The Home)?
- ___ Does your plan have two ways out of each room and do you keep exits clear of trash, toys, etc.?
- ___ Does your plan include a meeting place outside the home that everyone knows to go to in an emergency?
- ___ Do you keep your cell phone near your bed so you are able to call the police and/or fire department?
- ___ Does everyone in your family know how to call the police and/or fire department?
- ___ Do you and all family members know not to re-enter the home? Remember, **Once Out – Stay Out!**



PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

by Ex-Chief William H. Beck

Portable fire extinguishers are effective and save lives! Be sure to have and know how to use them properly. No single extinguisher can be used to tackle every fire. Each type of fire extinguisher has different categories of fire on which it is effective. Which extinguisher is best? That will depend on the materials burning.

- **Class A** – Ordinary fires caused by combustible carbon-based solids (paper, wood or textiles).
- **Class B** – Liquid and gas fires caused by flammable liquids (paraffin, petrol, diesel or oil – but not cooking oil).
- **Class C** – Electrical fires caused by flammable gases (butane, propane or methane).
- **Class D** – Metallic fires caused by burning metals (aluminum, lithium or magnesium).
- **Class E** – Electrical fires caused by electrical equipment.
- **Class F** – Grease or cooking fires caused by fats and cooking oils.



CANYON FIRE SAFETY Brush Management and Weed Abatement

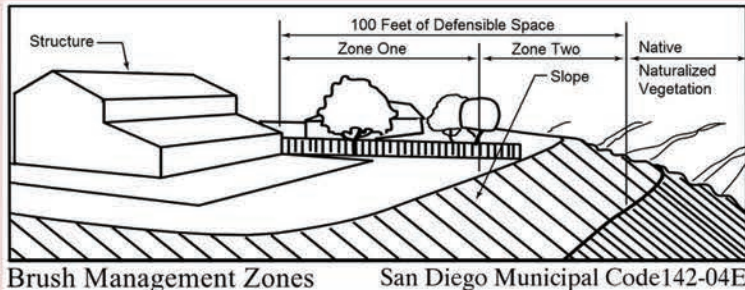
From the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department:

The Wildland Management and Enforcement division includes four programs: Real Estate Defensible Space Inspection Program; Proactive Door to Door Brush Management Program; Annual Weed Abatement Vacant Lot Program; and the Weed Abatement and Brush Complaint Program.

It is important that residents understand it is their responsibility to maintain their defensible space within 100 feet of habitable structures. The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department does not have the resources to conduct weed abatement on behalf of privately owned parcels within the City of San Diego. However, the Fire Department has many resources on the SDFD website for community risk reduction and fire prevention; available at: sandiego.gov/fire/services/fireprev

DEFENSIBLE SPACE AND BRUSH MANAGEMENT IN CANYONS

by Louis Rodolico and Tom Cartier



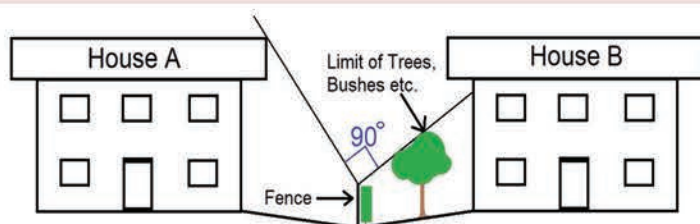
Homes located next to canyons are required to have 100 feet of defensible space. This is the area where combustible vegetation has been reduced, but not eliminated, to act as a barrier between the homes and an advancing fire. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to conduct brush management on their property consistent with San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) Section 142.0412 and with required protections for environmentally sensitive lands.

The Open Space Division of the Park and Recreation Department is responsible for conducting brush management and vegetation thinning on city owned open space adjacent to privately-owned lots which are developed with "previously conforming" (legal) structures built prior to establishment of the city's first brush management regulations in 1989.

The Open Space Brush management cleanup crews are scheduled this fall in University City. Homeowners can conduct brush management or hire a private contractor but must get an entry permit to work on city land. Homeowners can also contact the Fire Hazard Advisor to request an inspection. For more information, including schedules and contact information, can be found on the city's website Open Space Parks Brush Management Program page at sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/osp/brush

For more information about the University City Fire Safe Council (UCFSC), email us at ucfiresafecouncil@gmail.com or visit our website at: ucfiresafecouncil.com/

Also link to 9/7/23 UCFSC meeting with Brush Management: http://www.louisrodolico.com/uploads/7/5/2/2/75221087/city_ucfsc_9-7-23_mtg_notes.pdf



When houses are close large trees on the side of one house can pose a fire risk to their neighbor. This graphic shows how to limit tree height so House A is not at fire risk by trees growing on the House B property.

Louis A. Rodolico 8/18/2023



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

from the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Halloween should be fun and safe for children and parents. Follow these simple rules to be sure that it is.

- Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame – retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that will not easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- Use flashlights or battery-operated candles when illuminating jack-o-lanterns. Use extreme caution at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches and be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn including doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torchlights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands, and roll over and over to extinguish flames.) Cool the burn.
- Make sure fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside, that the venting is kept clear and unobstructed, and that the exit point is properly sealed around the vent, all of which is to make sure deadly carbon monoxide does not build up in the home.
- Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

UC FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

If you would like to get involve with the fire safety of University City, attend the next Fire Safe Council meeting on Monday, October 7, 7:00pm via Zoom. To get on the email list, contact UC Fire Safe Council President Lou Rodolico at lourodolico@yahoo.com. For more info, visit: ucfiresafecouncil.com.

UC Planning Group Meeting Update

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The September 12 UCPG meeting was held in a hybrid format at Alexandria's GradLabs building. Thanks to Alexandria for providing a hybrid-capable meeting room, and thanks to Diane Ahern for providing zoom support as a co-host for the meeting, and to the UCCA for hosting the meeting recordings.

Our first action was to appoint a new board member, Alex Arthur, to replace Roger Cavanaugh. Alex is a graduate of UC San Diego and a homeowner in Genesee Highlands. He will serve the remainder of Roger's term ending in March 2024.

We recommended approval for a sewer and right-of-way vacation at the La Jolla Terrace East development just north of Governor and Genesee and on the east side of Genesee. This project corrects an oversight that occurred when a building was added to the development in 2017. It involves no changes or construction and will have no impact on neighbors or traffic.

We heard an update from UC San Diego and development partner Wexford Science about their proposed Science Research Center development on the east campus. This follows an information item given by the private-public partnership at the UCPG in May.

The Pure Water construction group gave a presentation on the major changes anticipated for the project over the next six to eight weeks. An expanded version of this presentation was given to the UCCA on Wednesday September 13 at their monthly meeting.

We revised and approved a letter to Councilmember Kent Lee on the pedestrian and bike safety proposal for the intersection Governor Dr. and Genesee Ave. This project is limited to the installation of Leading Pedestrian Interval no-right-turn-on-red traffic signals, exactly like the one at Regents Rd. and Governor Drive, and the painting of a "bike box" at this intersection. The bike box moves the stop position of cars waiting for a red signal back approximately 10 feet. This permits drivers to see pedestrians and bicycles in their peripheral vision, reducing the chance of collisions.

Following up on a previous item before the UCPG, the City Council approved the Alexandria Science Village project, formerly known as "Podium 93". An important feature of this project's approval is amending the General Plan to change the land use of the City-owned 32-acre Nobel Hill property south of Illumina from Industrial Employment to Parks and Open Space and place the parcel under the Parks and Open Space Department, a goal of the UCPG since 2012.

The UCPG will have a booth at the EdUCate! Octoberfest event on October 7 and looks forward to getting feedback from the community on a variety of important issues. And beer. The next UCPG meeting will be October 10, 2023.

University Community Plan Update – Streets Designed for People

submitted by the

City of San Diego City Planning Department

Throughout the past four editions, we, the SD City Planning Department, have laid out the top priorities for the University Community Plan Update. We've come to our final priority in which the Plan looks to achieve: To enhance walking, rolling and biking connections between key destinations throughout the community to improve people's overall ability to get around.

The University Community Plan was last comprehensively updated in 1987. This updated Plan will provide guidance for how the University Community will be planned over the next 20 to 30 years, taking into consideration land use, mobility, infrastructure, urban design, public facilities and services, natural resources, historic and cultural resources, and economic development.

To achieve the goal of enhancing walking, rolling and biking connections between key destinations, the updated Plan encourages bicycle lanes with designated buffer spaces to separate vehicles from bicycles. This greatly reduces the stress on cyclists. It also looks to make walking a desirable option for those who live within walking distance of their daily destinations.

Currently, many people choose to drive to their daily destinations. By creating more comfortable paths of travel, walking and rolling can become more appealing. This can be done by building wider sidewalks and creating better buffers between roadway traffic and pedestrian zones. Better pedestrian zones also support people with disabilities who may need clearance for mobility devices such as wheelchairs.

Comfort should also be applied to the public transit passenger experience. To promote continued transit use, it is important that waiting areas and transfer points are comfortable. Areas surrounding transit stops should be secure, well-lit, sheltered, and be easily connected to adjacent uses. Crowded bus stops should be enhanced to accommodate more people comfortably.

To help guide this part and all aspects of the Community Plan Update, the City of San Diego values public feedback. City Planning staff is currently revising the first draft based on public comments received and will then release a second draft Community Plan. This second draft will then be available for further public comment in the coming months. Following feedback on the second draft, the plan will again be refined before it is presented to the City Council for approval.

The City is also preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report, which is anticipated to be released for public review and comment this winter. Learn more and read the first University Community Plan Update Discussion Draft at planuniversity.org.

Water Rate Increase - Passed

by Michael Dwyer

On September 19, 2023, at the official hearing for the water rate increase, the San Diego City Council passed an increase in the water rate. Councilmember LaCava introduced an amendment to the original rate structure which would lower the rate and spread it out.

After discussion it was accepted. Here is the new plan: 5.0% - December 1, 2023; 5.2% - July 1, 2024; 8.7% - January 1, 2025.

Note that these figures are net revenue needed by the Water Department for their budget considering all classes of service: single-family, multi-family, agriculture, industrial, etc. Your water bill will likely be different. There will be more detail in the coming weeks.



Pure Water is Ongoing in University City

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

At the Genesee Avenue and Governor Drive intersection, construction work began in September 2023. The work is scheduled at night, from 8:00pm to 5:30am for four to six weeks. The intersection will be open for traffic and pedestrians during the daytime. Please expect delays and allow for additional time traveling through the construction zone.

The work crews performed some potholing on Genesee Avenue close to University City High School at the end of September to confirm location of underground utilities.

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. Crews continue to work on Towne Centre Drive south of La Jolla Village Drive.

Both UCCA and UCPG meetings provide opportunities to learn more about ongoing Pure Water construction. The most up-to-date Construction Notices and Community Presentations are available on the City website at: bit.ly/PureWaterUniversityCity

UCCA ELECTION NOTICE

The University City Community Association (UCCA) will hold its bi-annual election for officers at the November 8, 2023, UCCA meeting. The election meeting will be in-person at the University Community Library on Governor Drive.

The elected officers of UCCA are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Elected officers must be University City residents, are elected for a two-year term, and the president may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Self-nominations are welcome. All nominees for officer positions must be UCCA members and have attended a minimum of two regular meetings in the 12 months preceding the time of nomination.

If you are interested in running for an elected officer position, or if you have any questions about UCCA, please attend the October 11 UCCA meeting; and reach out to us at: UniversityCityNews@gmail.com. For more information about UCCA and to review its bylaws, visit: universitycitynews.org/ucca-about-us

Is a UCCA Board Position in your Future?

UCCA board members are volunteers who work together to provide and promote the civic, cultural, social, educational and recreational development and improvement of University City; and to provide a forum where the interests of the residents may be expressed and contributions made to the protection of life and property in the community.

Our board is currently seeking dedicated volunteers to help with grant writing and tracking; website and social media; the street banner program; and newsletter articles and distribution. In addition, we've always looking for help at special events such as staffing community outreach at events such as Oktoberfest, the Winter Holiday Celebration, and the UC Celebration on the 4th of July. If you would like to share your time and talent, please contact us at: UniversityCityNews@gmail.com.



UC FEELS THE RUMBLE OF MIRAMAR AIR SHOW

UC Resident Ron Belanger caught the photos below from his home in East University City.



University City residents will go to any length, or height, to watch the MCAS Miramar Air Show. Above is Allison Weust, who watched the Air Show with her dad Matty on Friday afternoon from their home's rooftop.



Jane Hoey and many UC residents watched the show from University Gardens Park.



While Sandie and Ron Bee like to share their backyard deck for viewing. Guests this year in particular cheered on first female Blue Angel pilot Lt. Amanda Lee in position #3, who also keeps an all-female crew.

Thank You to Renewing and New UCCA Members

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Debbie Anderson
Kirby Baker
Elizabeth Benson
Mary Jo Brown
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University City Community Association 2024 UCCA Membership Application*

Members will receive a 2024 membership card and a special thank-you gift for joining.

___\$100 Gold | ___\$75 Angel | ___\$50 Supporter | ___\$25 Individual | ___\$500 Donor/Corporate

\$___ Additional Donation Enclosed



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We prefer checks; please make your check payable to UCCA; mail to UCCA, 3298 Governor Drive, #22574, San Diego, CA 92122.

Payment is also accepted on UCCA's website at universitycitynews.org/join-ucca-today

Your UCCA membership dues (and optional additional donation) make a big difference in our community. These funds help support worthwhile local organizations, as well as many local projects, events, and activities.

Your membership dues also support UCCA's University City News print newsletter, and UCCA's website and social media sites.

Would you like to volunteer? We welcome your time, talent, comments and suggestions.

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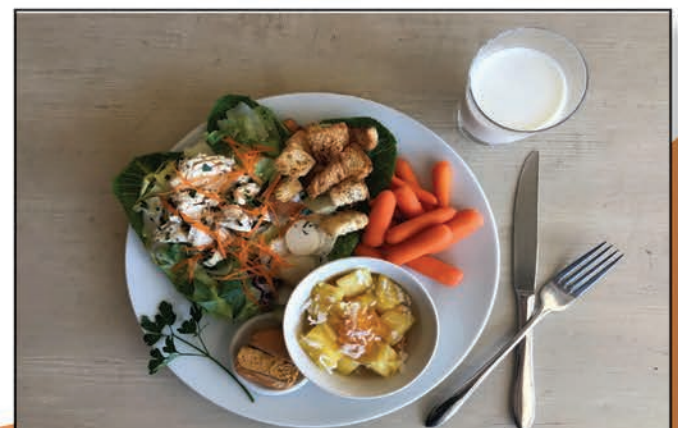
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