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# **University City**





# Thankful for the University City Community

#### Join UCCA Today - 2024 Membership Drive Kicks Off in November

Thanksgiving will soon be here and we look forward to staying safe and healthy so that we can enjoy the winter holidays. We, the volunteers at University City Community Association, are looking for ways to keep the 'thanks' in Thanksgiving. We give thanks to the many UCCA members who, through their UCCA membership dues, help support and fund many events and projects in University City including special activities at our local schools and at Standley Park.

Despite this year's challenges, UCCA continued to publish a print newsletter, host virtual public meetings, and provide news and information to community residents through our email lists, website, and social media. We thank our newsletter advertisers without whom we would not be able to publish our monthly print newsletter with over 100 volunteers delivering 6,000 copies.

We're also thankful for all the volunteers who give tirelessly to our community through various volunteer organizations such as UCCA, the Parks Council, EdUCate!, PTAs, UC Cluster, Planning Group, Community Plan Update Subcommittee, Community Recreation Group, Garden Club, Fire Safe Council, and UCCA's own University City News newsletter delivery team, various special committees, and Neighborhood Watch volunteers.

Now is the time to join UCCA or renew your membership for the 2024 calendar year to continue UCCA's efforts to support our UC community. Our monthly meetings continue to provide a forum for residents to discuss concerns such as neighborhood safety, traffic issues, local development, neighborhood cleanup, and more. They are also a chance to hear regular updates from local law enforcement and fire/rescue officers, and state and local leaders. Send in the enclosed membership envelope, or go to universitycitynews.org and go to the "Join UCCA Today" tab.

Thank you all for making University City more than just a neighborhood.

#### **UCCA ELECTION NOTICE**

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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. At 5:00pm the Community Room will be open for networking and to meet & greet the candidates.

The election of officers will take place between 5:00-7:00pm. Special guests include the Pure Water construction team, the San Diego Public Library Director, and elected official representatives. The results of the UCCA officer election will be announced at approximately 7:35pm.

The elected officers of UCCA are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Elected officers must be University City residents and serve a two-year term. 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.

People who wish to vote in the November election must be dues paying UCCA members; and must vote in person. There is no online or early voting option. There is more information about UCCA procedures in the UCCA bylaws at: universitycitynews.org/ucca-about-us.



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Be the Eyes and Ears of UC: The University City Community Association Newsletter is comprised of information sent to the editor. The association does not have reporters, photographers or staff. You are welcome to write and submit articles and story suggestions that pertain to community and residents.

#### Guidelines:

- Your article should be approximately 250 words or less, sent in a Word document and attached to an email.
- 2. Include who, what, why, where, and how.
- 3. Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors.
- 4. DO NOT send articles in a pdf formats.
- 5. UCCA does not guarantee publication.
- 6. Submitted materials may be published on the Internet.
- 7. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles as needed.
- 8. Articles or ads considered to be political will not be accepted.
- Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
- 10. Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com.

#### Deadline for the DEC/JAN 2023 issue: NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the December/January issue is **November 16**, **2023**, but the newsletter can fill up before the deadline. Articles and news items are reviewed as they are received. Priority may be given to UCCA members and time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited for allowed space. UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter. The UCCA Newsletter receives information and advertising from a variety of sources. UCCA cannot and does not guarantee the accuracy of the information or the complete absence of errors and/or omissions, nor does UCCA assume responsibility for the same. Publication does not constitute an endorsement.

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\*Non-Voting Member

#### **SUMMARY OF UCCA MEETING**

# October 11, 2023 (Held via Zoom) by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

President's Announcements: Diane Ahern reported: (1) The newsletter for October is exceptional, with lots of information important for people interested in UC. (2) The election of officers for the 2-year term starting December 1, 2023, will be held on November 8 at the library on Governor. Voting is from 5:00-7:00pm and the meeting is 6:00-7:30 pm. (3) The candidates are: Jemma Samala for President, James Beshears for Vice President, Phil Fowler for Treasurer, and Katie Rodolico for Recording Secretary.

Candidate Backgrounds: See candidate statements on page 4.

Legislative and Community Reports

Marc Schaefer, aide to State Senator Scott Jones, reported: (1) Around 1300 people attended an open house at their new offices in Scripps Ranch. (2) EdUCate! was recognized as the non-profit of the year for the 40<sup>th</sup> Senate District for supporting schools in UC. (3) The Caste Discrimination Bill aimed at the Hindu Community passed the Senate and Assembly but was vetoed by the Governor as such discrimination is already prohibited by other laws. (4) A bill to aide homeless people did not pass the Senate but San Diego City passed a law to assist homeless and regulate where they can camp. (5) An audit of Liberty Healthcare on how it determines where to place sexual predators who have served criminal sentences was approved. (6) SB 14 was approved, and sex trafficking is now part of the "three Strikes" law for sentencing. (7) AB 46 was approved which makes veteran pensions non-taxed as income.

Zach Burton, legislative aide to Council member Kent Lee, reported: (1) Mattress and Box Spring recycling has commenced at Miramar Landfill. It is open 7:00am to 7:00pm, Monday-Friday: (2) Unused and expired prescriptions may be disposed of by dropping them off at offices in Mira Mesa on October 28. (contact his office for location).

Michaela Valk, aide to Mayor Gloria, reported: (1) There will be a delay until early 2024 for the City's next draft of the Community Plan Update (CPU) as the City Attorney's Office is reviewing the current draft and the response by the Community Plan Update Subcommittee. (2) An ordinance to prohibit camping in parks, near schools and churches is pending with the City Council. Safe camping locations on City property at 20<sup>th</sup> and B Street (115 tents), and at the "O" lot by Balboa Hospital (400 tents) are either open or opening soon. There will be tents, toilets, showers, and storage for people staying on the lots. (3) SB 43 was approved by the Governor which expands who qualifies for conservatorships. In the spring, mental health facilities will be expanded across the state.

Robson Winter, aide to Assemblymember Tasha Boerner (District 77), prepared an extensive report that discusses bills sent to the Governor for approval, bills that have been signed by the Governor, and Public Utilities Commission issues. The full report is on the website for the UCCA.

**Chris Nielsen**, Chair of the UCPG, provided a summary of the October planning group meeting and planning group reform. For details, please see his UCPG Chair's Report in this issue.

**Helen Lebowitz**, of the Friends of the Library foundation, reported that the foundation will request a donation of \$500 from the UCCA at the meeting in November. Matching funds from the City will increase the amount to \$750. There is a book sale on November 4 in the Community Room. They will be selling books, records, and puzzles.

**Melissa Martin**, head of the library on Governor, reported that from October 1 through 31, the library was collecting donations for dog products such as food, toys, and leashes.

#### **Pure Water Status**

Clem Wassenberg and Sarah Bowles provided an update on the construction of the pipelines. The three tunnels are still under construction. They are under 805 Freeway, Hwy. 52 and Genesee, and in Rose Canyon in front of UC High School. 8,265 linear feet of pipe has been laid. Work on the intersection of Governor and Genesee is at night from 8:00pm to 5:30am. Work on Towne Centre Dr. is from 9:00pm to 6:00am. Details are provided at purewaterSD.org. A city arborist will be inspecting the pine trees on Genesee to determine which are not safe and need to be removed. Islands and medians will be covered with temporary asphalt until the City develops a landscaping plan.



#### UCCA President Diane Ahern

Hello University City, it's hard for me to believe that our year is almost over and that we are moving rapidly into the winter holidays. This month, I'm sending good wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you have much to be thankful for with good food that fills your table, good health as you work and volunteer, and good times with family and friends.

Let's issue a shout out and special thank you to UCCA's many volunteers and board members who deliver newsletters and serve on neighborhood watch groups and who help with community outreach.

I've enjoyed serving as UCCA's president for the past two years and I thank all who have volunteered alongside me. I look forward to meeting the UCCA officer candidates at the November 8 in-person meeting and supporting UCCA's new leaders.

Meanwhile, 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 the Centurion Square and Nobel Drive intersections. The UCPG (the planning group) and UCCA (our community association) will provide community updates on Pure Water construction at their upcoming meetings.

As we learned at the October UCPG and UCCA meetings, the release of the Community Plan Update (CPU) and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) have been delayed until early 2024. Refer to UCPG chair Chris Nielsen's report in this issue for details about changes and opportunities at the UC Planning Group.

Speaking of meetings, UCCA will host an in-person meeting at the Community Library at 4155 Governor Drive on Wednesday, November 8. This meeting will serve as our Officer Election meeting beginning at 5:00pm with in-person voting and networking. We'll have an in-person update with the Pure Water construction team at 6:00pm and an update on the Library Master Plan at 6:30pm. Please refer to the Election Notice and the Candidate Statements in this newsletter for more details.

Join UCCA! For your convenience, you'll find a membership envelope stapled in the center section of this newsletter. I am confident that you value UCCA and the University City News as much as I do. I urge you to update your UCCA membership for 2024. We need your support and donations that allow UCCA to support many local community events and projects; and to help keep our print newsletter in print.

Have a great November. It's been a long time since UCCA has held an in-person meeting and I hope you can join us for networking and community updates at the Library on November 8. We have a lot to chat 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 in-person at the Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive, on Wednesday, November 8. This is the UCCA Officer Election meeting. This is a public meeting and all are welcome. Networking, meet & greet, and voting begin at 5:00pm. The general meeting is scheduled from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

# Calendar

November 2023

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

NATIONAL GRATITUDE MONTH

DAY OF THE DEAD/ALL SAINTS DAY Wednesday, November 1

#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 5, 2:00am Set clocks back one hour to "fall back"

**UCCA MEETING** 

Wednesday, November 8, 6:00pm In-Person Meeting UC Library on Governor Drive Elections for Executive Board Voting begins at 5:00pm

#### **VETERAN'S DAY**

Saturday, November 11 (Holiday observed Friday, November 10)

#### PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, November 12 7:15-7:30am – meet & greet 7:30-9:00am – work Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks 3203 Governor Drive, supplies provided

#### UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, November 14 6:00pm Info: planuniversity.org

#### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE

Thursday, November 16

#### THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 23

#### NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING

Tuesday, November 28

#### STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

For meeting details, call: 858.552.1651

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Thank you for being a part of our community. We wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

# Nominating Committee Introduces Four Candidates for UCCA Officers

#### by Mack Langston

As the UCCA officer tasked with heading up the Nominating Committee, I am pleased to present the following four candidates. I believe each of them is well qualified to serve in these positions. Like the other volunteers who preceded them, I'm confident they will help to make our University City community more than just a neighborhood. Don't forget; voting will take place at the November 8 UCCA in-person at the UC Library on Governor Drive.



#### PRESIDENT Jemma Samala

In 1999, we moved to University City because we wanted to raise our sons in a family-friendly community – and it was the best decision we ever made. And I try to give back to this wonderful neighborhood I call home, whenever I can.

I am currently UCCA Treasurer, and the UC

Newsletter Editor, which I have been for almost 10 years. I've been entrusted to be President of a number of UC organizations in the past, including: EdUCate!, Centurion Foundation, UC Little League, and Spreckels PTA. I founded the UC Fire Safe Council and restarted the UC Garden Club.

I work full-time at Vista Hill Foundation, a non-profit that offers programs in the areas of mental/behavioral health, educational and social services. You can often find me outside in front of my home restocking my @LittleFreeLibraryonArnoldson, or in the backyard chasing my dogs out of my ever evolving garden project.

# VICE PRESIDENT Jim Beshears

I have been a resident of UC since 1994. I partially retired as a lawyer four years ago and fully retired almost two years ago. I wanted to do things to "give back" to the community so joined the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Planning Committee about 7 years ago. I was on that for three years,



was not active for two years when I was hiking parts of the Pacific Crest Trail, and rejoined the committee two years ago.

I joined the UCCA in December 2019, and have been the recording secretary for the past four years. I have also attended a number of meetings of the CPUS and UCPG to discuss the best response to the City Community Plan Update. I am running for the position of Vice-President to continue my involvement in the community.



#### SECRETARY Katie Rodilico

My name is Katie Rodolico and I am running for the UCCA recording secretary board position.

I first moved to UC in 1966 when I was 4 1/2 years old and started kindergarten at Curie later that year. I graduated from Clairemont HS in '79... fast times! I attended SDSU and received a BS in Electrical Engineering. I did graduate work in software engineering at Penn State Great Valley. We came back to the neighborhood in 2001, first renting on Milliken then later buying the house I grew up in from my father.

I've long been active in the community, especially since retiring at age 52. I was an advocate for changing the Pure Water route to avoid running close to our schools. I served on the Pure Water working group. I was appointed to the UCPG Community Plan Update Subcommittee by UCCA. I provided recaps of every meeting in the newsletter. I have attended most UCCA and UCPG meetings since I retired 9 years ago.

Since I raised my kids here, I have met many of you when our kids played in local sports such as UCLL, Master your Sports basketball, and rec center Water Polo. I've met others of you through volunteering at the library book sales and the water aerobics classes at Swanson Pool. I love living in this community. Please consider voting for me for recording secretary.

#### TREASURER Phil Fowler

My wife and I have lived in south University City for over thirty years. We raised our children here, both of whom went to Spreckels Elementary, Standley Middle and UC High schools.



I am retired from a career in banking where I worked in finance administration as a chief financial officer as well as other accounting related positions.

I currently do the bookkeeping for two churches and one nonprofit organization. I also do volunteer QuickBooks Online consulting for various nonprofits across the country. I have always been impressed by UCCA and its dedication to the community. The newsletter is a wonderful gift to all of us in University City.

#### It Shouldn't Hurt to Go Home

#### by District Attorney Summer Stephan

It shouldn't hurt to go home, but the grim reality is that home is not a safe place for many. Every year there about 17,000 domestic violence incidents reported to police across San Diego County. In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month, we are spreading the message far and wide that if you are in an abusive relationship, there is help. Remember domestic violence refers to violence/harm committed by an intimate partner which often means, a boyfriend or husband, although anyone of any gender can be a victim of domestic violence. On average 13 people are killed per year by an intimate partner. Last year, the figure was 10, but it's still 10 too many. We fight every day to save lives from the destructive cycles of domestic violence, through education and awareness, victim services, law enforcement response and prosecution.

A point of pride in this area is One Safe Place: The North County Family Justice Center, which provides free support services under one roof to anyone who has experienced child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, hate crime, elder abuse, human trafficking, violent loss, family violence, or other abuse or victimization. Since opening over a year ago, we have served more than 3,200 people and have helped nearly 100 victims with tools to prevent them from being tracked electronically by an abuser. Info at OneSafePlaceNorth.org. There is a similar resource in central San Diego at www.sandiego.gov/yoursafeplace. If you're beginning to feel as if your partner is becoming abusive, look for behaviors such as:

- · Telling you that you can never do anything right
- Showing jealousy of your friends and time spent away
- · Isolating or discouraging you from seeing friends or family
- Embarrassing or shaming you with put-downs
- Controlling every penny spent in the household
- Taking your money or refusing to give you money for expenses
- · Looking at you or acting in ways that scare you
- · Controlling who you see, where you go, or what you do
- · Preventing you from making your own decisions
- Telling you that you are a bad parent or threatening to harm or take away your children
- Preventing you from working or attending school
- Destroying your property or threatening to hurt or kill your pets
- Intimidating you with guns, knives or other weapons
- · Pressuring you to do things sexually you're not comfortable with
- Pressuring you to use drugs or alcohol
- · Physically hitting, pushing or assaulting you
- And most alarming is anything that resembles strangulation by placing their hands around your throat

My office has a Family Protection Division dedicated to prosecuting family violence cases from intimate partner homicide to child abuse and elder abuse. Prosecutors and investigators in this unit work closely with countywide law enforcement and community groups to stop the violence, to make victims safer, and to hold abusers accountable.

Remember, domestic violence tears families apart and is the single greatest cause of injury to women in the United States. If you or someone you know is being abused by a current or former partner, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233) for confidential support and assistance planning for safety. More information and resources can be found on the DA's website at SanDiegoDA.com. 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.



## District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee

My family, staff, and I had a fun-filled time this past month in University City! On October 7, we were excited to welcome and attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual EdUCate! Oktoberfest at Standley Park, enjoying the games, food, beer & wine garden, and conversations—all while raising funds for our public schools. Thank you to all the board members, volunteers, sponsors, and participants for hosting this fundraiser for the community.

My little ones and I also had the chance to enjoy the Halloween-themed events happening in District 6, including Nobel Recreation Center's Halloween Carnival and Movie in the Park screening of *The Book of Life*, an animated film highlighting culture and family that drew in hundreds of neighbors. Thank you to all our Parks & Recreation Center staff—at Nobel, Doyle, and Standley—for all organizing a host of Halloween festivities for our children and families this October.

At City Hall, an important update I'd like to share is our preparation for the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget process. Last month, I released my first FY25 Budget Priorities Memorandum, and below you will find some of our key priorities thus far. Our office is once again soliciting for community feedback on the City's budget—so if you or anyone you know have budget priorities input you should like to share with my office, please feel free to write to us at D6Budget@sandiego.gov throughout the next months.

Thank you, and as always, if you have any concerns our office can help you with, please feel free to contact me or my University City representative, Zach Burton, at ZBurton@sandiego.gov.



#### **BUDGET PRIORITY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Funding for Asphalt Overlay to improve District 6 roads
- Increase in Budget for Critical Infrastructure Integral to Core City Functions such as Flood Management Facilities, Streetlights, Sidewalks, and Traffic Signal Optimization to Reduce Traffic
- Resources to Expand and Renovate of the University City Branch Library
- Extension of Carroll Canyon Road in the Mira Mesa Community
- Renovation and Modernization of the Standley Recreation Center in University City
- Funding to Support Local Arts and Culture Programs and Organizations
- Funding to Support the Implementation of the Climate Action Plan
- Rental Assistance to Help Support San Diegans in Risk of Becoming Homeless

View the full memo by visiting: www.sandiego.gov/d6budgetmemo



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 Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day, and Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

# What's Happening at the Libraries?

North University Community Library

Program Highlights



Asian Story Theater presents Asian Scary Theater: Saturday, November 4, 4:00-4:45pm

YA Author Event: Tracy Badua & Alex Brown: Sunday, November 5 at 2:00-3:00pm.

Rocket Science (Grades 3-5): Friday, November 17, 3:45-5:45pm.Rocket science and design workshop. Registration required.

Art History at the Library: Theme: The Mongol Footprint: Arts of Conquest. Saturday, November 25, 11:00am-12:00noon

Teen Advisory Meeting: Monday, November 27, 6:00-7:15 pm

#### **ALL AGES**

Chess Club: Every Thursday at 3:30-5:30pm.

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Baby/Toddler variety program: Mondays, 11:45am-12:15pm Toddler Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30am.

Lego Club: Mondays, 6:00-7:00pm.

#### **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.

Amantes de la Lectura, Novelas Hispano-americanas en Espanol: Saturday, November 18, 2:00-4:30pm, Las Catedrales by Claudio Pinero. RSVP to tlampell21@gmail.com Friends of the North University Community Library Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 6:00-7:00pm.

Page Turners' Book Club: Saturday, November, 1:00-2:30pm. Dinosaurs by Lydia Millet.

Page to Screen: Tuesday, November 28, 5:30-7:30pm. Bring your own snacks. Film: Ghost Writer starring Ewan McGregor, Pierce Brosnan and Olivia Williams.



#### **University Community Library (Governor Drive)**

#### **ALL AGES**

Winter Terrarium: Thursday, November 15 at 4:00pm. Create a winter-themed terrarium that will look cute on your shelf and is easy to maintain!

Exhibit: New Scientists (in the Community Room). Portraits tell the first-person stories of 19 intersectional queer identities working in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine) professions. The exhibit aims to recognize and amplify the significant contributions of groups historically underrepresented in the sciences and, in the process, diversify the faces and lived experiences of modern science.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Page Art: Tuesday, November 7 from 12:30pm-2:00pm Ever wonder what else you can do with a book after you've read it? Turn it into art, of course! Come and make one of two different book art projects using real books. Learn how folding and cutting pages can turn a book into a heart, a reindeer or even a 3D tree! This is a beginner's project, no experience needed. Books are provided by the library.

Friends of the Library monthly meeting: Wednesday, November 15 at 4:00pm. Members meet to discuss the book sale, upcoming plans, and other regular business. Open to the

Persian Film Series: Saturday, November 18 at 3:30pm. Join us for a film screening of XXX, followed by discussion and light refreshments. Films in this series are usually shown in Farsi, with subtitles.

Synopsis:

UC Book Club: meets early this month on November 15 at 2:00pm due to Thanksgiving. The selection for November is The Christie Affair by Nina De Gramont. Due to demand, copies for the upcoming month are distributed during the current meeting. Lectures at the Library: San Diego OASIS presents Myth to Reality II - Sir Arthur Evans at Knossos on Tuesday, November 21 at 12:30pm. Henry George tells the story of how Arthur Evans went to Crete and located, excavated, and reconstructed the Palace of Knossos.

#### CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

Homework Help for Reading and Writing - Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2:30pm-4:00pm - no math tutor available.

Toddler Storytime & Craft - Wednesdays, 10:30am

Pajama Storytime – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:30pm Kids' crafts - 2:30pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 2:30pm

Sugar Skulls, Wednesday, November 1, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Make a Comic Book workshop: Wednesdays, November 15 & December 6, 2:00pm, Ages 10 & up.

Project-in-a-Box: Wind Turbine: Saturday, November 18, 10:30am-1:30pm.

Register: sandiego.librarymarket.com/event/project-box-windturbine-336060

Student EXCEL cards provide instant access to library resources. Info: 858.552.1655 sandiego.gov/public-library/excel



# UCSD Volunteer Opportunity

Are you globally minded and interested in meeting International Visitors and helping them improve their English conversation fluency? The UCSD International Students & Programs Office's English-in-Action (EIA) Conversation Program is looking for University City volunteers who will enjoy meeting with an international student, scholar or spouse for 1-2 hours on a weekly basis to assist them in improving their English conversation skills and to share our American culture.

Participating in EIA is very rewarding, as it provides considerable cultural insight and a deeper appreciation for diversity which helps students gain a greater respect and appreciation for other cultures. No knowledge of foreign languages or teaching experience is required. EIA volunteers attend an orientation session and have access to the materials and resources of the International Students & Programs Office.

Volunteers can work with participants individually or in small groups and typically meet for 1-2 hours/week at a location that is convenient for both, including remote meetings, on campus or off campus. To apply or for more information, please visit our website: eia.ucsd.edu Questions? Please email Shelly Taskin at eia@ucsd.edu



# UC HS Field Hockey and PUPS of UC

Fall is sweater season and our neighborhood dogs agree - UC Hoodies Rock!! Hoodies are available in a variety of sizes for all dog breeds. Sweatshirts are fleece lined, and have a hood and adorable pocket. They're just in time for Holiday Shopping too. Purchase yours today, sales support the UC High School Field Hockey Team fundraiser. Contact lisa.dunne@yahoo.com to arrange an order.



#### **Curie Students Digging Into History**

by Katie Mead, Associate Principal

Curie Elementary School students are excited to begin celebrating their school's 60th Anniversary. Just recently we found an album that documented events at Curie from 1965-1967 from a school historian that even included a staff picture from 1966. In the same place, we found a photo album from the 1985 school Jog-a-Thon. We can't wait to display these items at school for our students to see, and learn that some of the same activities they participate in today as a school community have been part of our school culture for decades.

We have started to connect with alumni who attended Curie Elementary and our students are so excited to interview these alumni about their experiences and stories from when they attended Curie. If you are an alumnus, and would like to be interviewed by a classroom, please reach out to Katie Mead (Associate Principal) at kmead@sandi.net.

After the class interview, Curie students are going to complete unique writing projects based on what they learned from the interview and their own research on Curie and University City history. Some of these writing projects will be published in future editions of the University City News for all in the community to read. Our students are so excited to get to know past students, and learn more about what Curie was like from 1963 to the present day.

#### 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 the usual selection of beautiful specially priced books.

#### **COMMUNITY SHORTS**

#### 8th ANNUAL PIE GIVEAWAY

The Ahearn Team will continue their annual pie giveaway on Tuesday, November 21 at Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive. The giveaway starts at 3:00pm and continues until all the pies are given out. Choices are either a pumpkin or apple pie. One pie per household.



#### UCUC NOVEMBER THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

University City United Church's (UCUC) pre-Thanksgiving food drive for the benefit of Community Christian Service Association (CCSA) will take place on Sunday, November 5 from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the UCUC parking lot. UCUC's parking lot is located off of Gobat Avenue, directly behind the Church's 2877 Governor Drive location. Church members will be at the drop-off site to greet you and smilingly unpack your car.

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 small cans of tuna fish and chicken, canned soups and 1-lb. bags of beans and rice. A list of other recommended items, together with further information about the invaluable services CCSA provides, may be found at www.ccsasandiego.org.

Thanks to our neighbors who participated in UCUC's October food drive, we were again able to reach our monthly food donation goal. Information about UCUC may be found at www.ucuc.org.

#### UNITE UC WILL DISCUSS SENIORS NEEDS

Valerie Upham's first meeting of UC Unite was held last month. The group shared various volunteering possibilities and acts of kindness focusing on needs of our seniors. Discussing and brain-storming the coordination and strategies to establish such a service for local seniors in need will be continued at the next meeting on Saturday, November 11, 9:30am at the UC library on Governor Drive. Please join us and share your ideas.

#### **FALL UCUC PRESCHOOL NEWS**

Fall is a time for apples and pumpkins, cooler temperatures and new school years! UCUC Preschool is eager to welcome new and returning students, as well as the new director – Meredith Saylor. Meredith is a native of New York and has been living and working in early childhood education in San Diego for over 10 years. She is excited to be part of a community where children are developing the skills to confidently become generous members of a larger society, to advocate for themselves, and are finding joy in learning. She is honored to be part of a school that does this work so well and is eager to support the school in its mission.

UCUC Preschool is open to students beginning at age 2 and potty trained. To learn more about UCUC Preschool, or to see if there are any spaces available, visit www.ucucpreschool.com



# How to Host a Safe Parking Program Dinner

Jewish Family Service (JFS) invites individuals and community groups to join us in spreading kindness and compassion throughout our community by hosting a dinner for JFS Safe Parking Program participants. The Safe Parking Program provides a safe and welcoming space for individuals and families living out of their cars to park each night, many of whom are experiencing homelessness for the first time. With supportive services, we create a pathway out of homelessness and help Safe Parking participants return to stable housing.

For many San Diegans experiencing homelessness, a warm meal and friendly company go a long way as they work to lift themselves up out of a difficult situation and get back on steady ground. Together, we can show our Safe Parking Program participants that there is a community that cares for them. Gather your family, friends, colleagues, team or club to provide and serve dinners at one of our Safe Parking Lots located throughout San Diego and North County. Experience hands-on the meaningful difference your donation makes as you and your group provide vital nutrition assistance to your neighbors.

There are currently five JFS Safe Parking Lots located throughout San Diego County at Aero Drive (Kearny Mesa); Balboa Avenue (Kearny Mesa); Mission Valley (Mission Valley); North County (Encinitas); and Rose Canyon (Bay Ho). For more information, visit: jfssd.org/ways-to-give/host-a-jfs-safe-parking-program-dinner

#### SAVE THE DATE

Friday, December 8

Dinner with Santa
Tree and Menorah Lighting

Dinner with Santa begins at 5:15pm. Pick up a dinner prepared by Lorna's Italian Kitchen for \$9 per meal.

Followed by holiday art activities, musical entertainment, and of course a visit from SANTA!

Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring family, friends, neighbors to this highly anticipated annual event.

The Holiday Lighting event is brought to the UC community by UCCA, the Standley Parks Council, and the Standley Recreation Center.

## La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary News



#### **Ensenada School Spruce Up**

On October 7, 2023, over 100 volunteers from the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Ensenada Todos Santos, the Rotary Club of Tijuana Agua Caliente, Rotaract students from UCSD and SDSU, and Interact students from Ensenada joined parents, teachers, and students from Benito Ensenada Juarez Elementary School in a joint project to paint and refurbish the

Over 100 stuffed toys were donated and handed out to students who kept them close by while they worked all day. The efforts resulted in ten painted buildings and the installation of basketball backboards, new rims, and new sports nets. A delicious paella dinner was provided by the Ensenada Todos Santos Rotary Club at Chateau Camou Winery in Guadalupe Valley. The following morning, Rotary Surfers Unite leader Brett Morey took Rotaract students surfing.

The project was led by Past President Ron Kohl, a veteran organizer of cross-border project trips. The leadership team included Tony Grillo, Ranjan Lahiri, and Garry Kachkovsky who geared up with a pre-project visit, budget calculations, and arranged for Baja fellowship and fun! For more info about our club or to join us on a future project, email info@lajollagtrotary.org or go to our website: lajollagtrotary.org/.

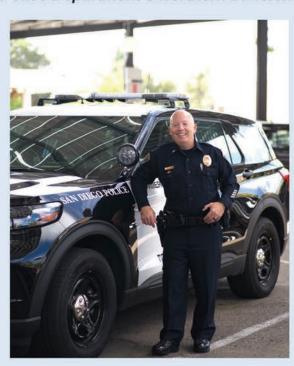
#### Motivated to Act's Cultural Dance-a-Thon

October was National Bullying Prevention month. On Saturday, October 14, a new, local non-profit in town hosted its inaugural Multicultural Dance-a-thon at Torrey Pines Church in La Jolla. Motivated To Act's Multicultural Dance-a-thon featured San Diego dance troupes representing traditional dances from Mexico, Ireland, Poland, China and Israel. In between performances, local students & adults claimed the dance floor to show off their own dance moves, raising money for MTA to help prevent or reduce bullying for children.

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club sponsored this event and provided many volunteers. Also present, was former NFL Seattle Seahawks player Dave DesRochers. Dave provided the voice of Coach Hawksie in Tako's animated film, "Junga the Dancing Yeti® in Yeti, Set, Go!" which is part of MTA's school curriculum.

With an emphasis on anti-bullying, Motivated To Act has created the Confident Life™ Program. This is a school curriculum for students in K-3rd grades, with the pilot program in San Diego schools this fall. Reaching children during their formative years is the key to success for this program. "It is our plan," said MTA's CEO Stephen Tako, "that we will never turn a school away due to a lack of funds." The Child Safety Network® granted MTA the 2023 Family Seal of Approval for *Innovation in Curriculum*. Senator Brian W. Jones also honored Motivated To Act with a Certificate of Recognition at the Dance-a-thon. For more information on MTA's sponsorships, volunteer opportunities, the Confident Life™ program, or next October's Dance-a-thon, email Stephen@MotivatedToAct or visit MotivatedToAct.org.

#### 2023 – Welcoming a new Lieutenant to San Diego Police Department's Northern Division



#### INTRODUCING LT. MATTHEW BOTKIN

by Barbara Gellman

Lt. Matthew Botkin replaces Lt. Brinkerhoff, who has moved to another division and we wish him well and thank him for his service to our community.

A San Diego military family transplant since the 1980s, Lt. Matthew Botkin has served the community as a member of the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) for the last 21 years. He refers to his service in the profession of law enforcement as his "greatest honor and the most rewarding challenge of my life."

Promoted to Lieutenant by Chief David Nisleit in 2020, Botkin has worked in virtually every role in the SDPD. His experience includes patrol operations, undercover narcotics work in the downtown and Logan Heights communities, and the Child Abuse Unit handling the most sensitive of investigations. Outside of a pure-policing context, Botkin has successfully led the Media Services Unit, dramatically improving SDPD's overall communication and transparency efforts.

Lt. Botkin is an optimist who is excited about the future impact the SDPD can have toward improving public safety and trust for communities throughout San Diego. He chooses to see perennial and emerging challenges less as obstacles and more as opportunities to succeed in SDPD's mission but also to develop and support his teams as he and they endeavor to contribute toward the very noble goal of providing the highest quality police services to all of San Diego's communities.

When asked about his priorities for the Northern Division, he replied "Your safety, quality of life, and the quality of service you receive from my Sergeants and Officers are all personally important to me. By holding myself and my teams to this high standard, I think we can all look forward to progress on many fronts."



#### HILLSIDE TRANSFORMATION

In October, the University City Garden Club met at the home of Luke and Ola Zabrocki, where they have transformed a steep hillside into a usable garden. They shared the process on how they eventually were able to build a terraced backyard, soils used, and an efficient water capturing system with various home water saving techniques to feed the many plants in their back and front yards.





Wild cilantro, fruit trees, tropical plants, vegetables, flowers, succulents – guests were surrounded by a array of greenery. Attendees were inspired by Ola's vision of her UC hillside, and the photos don't capture enough of her beautiful creation.

Ola provided a detailed handout of her own research into the type of soils appropriate for a UC area garden, as well as the best types of fruits and vegetables to grow in our Sunset Zone 24. Luke did much of the building of compost bins and the trails up to the top of the hill. And he made a fresh batch of salsa from garden ingredients. Delicious inspiration to grow your own salsa garden. Ola generously provided garden cuttings for others to take and create their own displays. She also had a raffle and gave away succulent planters! Thanks to Ola and Luke for all the information and hospitality.







The next UC Garden meetup will be November 11, 2:00pm, at the home of Jana Fortier on the topic of making hydrosols from herbs. To get on the UC Garden Club mailing list, email jemmasamala@gmail.com.



# EDUCATE! RECOGNIZED AS NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR

by Diane Ahern

In early October, California State Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones (R-San Diego) hosted a grand opening and legislative open house of his new Scripps Ranch office. The event drew over 1,300 attendees, including several elected officials, and 40 exhibits from community groups and non-profits from throughout the district.

During the event, Senator Jones recognized EdUCate!, the University City Foundation for Public Schools, as the "Senate District 40 Non-Profit of the Year". Since it was established in 1993, EdUCate! has provided over \$2 million in supplemental funds for all five University City public schools to support core programming and education of nearly 5,000 students.

For more information about EdUCate!, visit: uceducate.org. For more information from Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones, visit: sr40.senate.ca.gov.

Pictured above, left to right: EdUCate! board members Jonathan Doolittle, Laura Ravine, and president Kendra Cole with State Senator Brian Jones. Below: State Senator Jones addressing attendees at his open house.





# EDUCATE HOLDS 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

EdUCate! hosted their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest event on October 7 at Standley Park. Many in the UC community came out to support the annual fundraiser with proceeds supporting the five public schools in University City – Curie, Doyle, and Spreckels Elementary, Standley Middle, and University City High School. For more info about EdUCate!, go to: uceducate.org.

Above: Oktoberfest could not happen without the many community volunteers. Below a couple folks who got the Oktoberfest dress code memo: left – Mary Baker Ericzen and friend Deborah McFarlene; and right – Heinz Wissen.







The Beer Garden was packed all day.







Lots of community groups to visit.







Kids had fun too!



Some took a turn at some line dancing.







And thanks for the beverage donations to Oktoberfest!

Photos courtesy Jemma Samala

## **UC Planning Group Meeting Update**

#### by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

At the UCPG meeting on October 10, held in hybrid format at Alexandria's GradLabs building, we heard an information item by the city regarding its "Digital Customer Experience Strategy". The city is developing a uniform policy across all departments for how their digital interfaces, such as the Get It Done app, are to interact with the public. The strategy is the framework for how this interface is implemented. It is a long-term effort, application by application, rather than all at once. More information can be found in the agenda materials for the October 10 UCPG meeting.

In its replacement policy for CP 600-24 that governs Community Planning Groups passed last fall, the new emphasis is on representing all voices in the community on the board. This includes all demographics, age groups, families with and without school-age children, and renters.

Our main agenda item was a review, discussion, and approval of changes in principle to the UCPG's governing structure. The UCPG must make and submit these revisions to the city by the end of the year. The mandatory changes needed include no meeting attendance to run for a board seat, attending at least two thirds of the board meetings in a year, a two-year gap in service after terming-out from the board, and appointed seats only being non-voting.

The current bylaws exclude residents living on the UC San Diego campus. Instead, these interests are represented by two appointed voting board seats, one for students and one for faculty. However, the city's revised rules disallow voting by appointed members. So how should we include voting representation for the residents on the UC San Diego campus? The populations for each of districts 1, 2, and 3 of the UCPG are 15,000, 18,000, and 21,000, respectively. The UC San Diego campus resident population today is 18,000, the average of the existing districts. The UCPG decided to add District 4, comprised of the UC San Diego campus, that would include all people who *reside* on the campus.

After extensive discussion, we decided to modify the UCPG board composition as follows: Districts 1, 2, and 3 will be unchanged at 3 residential members and 3 business members each. District 4, the UC San Diego campus, will have 3 voting residential members, with one non-voting appointed member representing UCSD Faculty, and one non-voting appointed member representing the UCSD Administration, and no formal business seats.

The voting residential reps would be selected by campus residents who become UCPG members, the same as elsewhere in the plan area. Finally, the non-voting MCAS Miramar representative seat will be retained. We expect to finalize the documents to be submitted to the city at the November UCPG meeting.

The UCPG approved sending a letter of support to the city recommending the formation of a municipal utility that would be placed on the November 2024 ballot.

The next UCPG meeting will be November 14. We are likely to have an Information Item by Healthpeak for a project on Torreyana Rd, and approval of our bylaw revisions. It may be necessary to schedule a UCPG meeting December 12 to consider any unfinished business needing completion by the end of the year.

# **University Community Plan Update**

#### submitted by the City of San Diego City Planning Department

As the City of San Diego's City Planning Department moves forward with the University Community Plan Update, the anticipated release date for the Draft Environmental Impact Report and final Draft Community Plan is now set for this winter. Our team continues to work diligently to address feedback we received on the Discussion Draft Community Plan and to publish an environmental document that can be used to help inform the community and decision-makers about potential environmental impacts.

We will provide additional updates on our progress as we work toward an early 2024 release. When the documents are available, we look forward to welcoming additional feedback to inform the adoption process, which is anticipated to occur in spring 2024. For updated information regarding the University Community Plan Update, please visit www.planuniversity.org



#### Veterans Day 2023: Commemorating the Vietnam War

In partnership with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial is hosting its annual Veterans Day Ceremony to honor the service and sacrifice of all veterans and their families, with special recognition for Vietnam-era veterans, POWs, and those still listed as MIA.

The Vietnam War was a long, costly, and divisive conflict between the communist government of North Vietnam and the more democratic government of South Vietnam and its ally, the United States. This conflict was only intensified by the ongoing Cold War between the world's two superpowers: the United States and the Soviet Union. The result was over 3 million people killed, among them 58,000 Americans.

Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial is hosting its annual Veterans Day Ceremony, with a focus on the Vietnam War, on November 11 from 11:00am to 12:00noon. This event is open to the public and free to attend. To find out more about the ceremony, visit: soledadmemorial.org

#### **Pure Water Update 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. As of November 2023, nearly 50% of the pipelines have been installed.

#### Genesee Avenue

On Genesee Avenue, south of the Governor Drive intersection, all pipes have been installed. The contractor has started paving and restoration in the area, and work is ongoing through Fall 2023. At the Genesee Avenue & Governor Drive intersection, construction work began in September 2023 and is scheduled to be complete by early November 2023. The work is scheduled at night, from 8:00pm to 5:30am. Upon completion, the intersection will be reopened for normal traffic control at night.



After completion of intersection work at Genesee Avenue & Governor, crews will continue northbound on Genesee Avenue between Governor Drive and Centurion Square. For this section, the contractor will switch all traffic to the northbound lanes of Genesee Avenue. The crews will work during the day in the southbound lanes, primarily Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 5:30pm. The construction team has coordinated with UC High School in advance of this work. Due to the traffic control plan, the student gate will be closed in the morning and all student traffic will be diverted to Centurion Square. The student gate will reopen in the afternoon for school departures. The notice will be shared via the project webpage and distributed via email.

#### **Towne Centre Drive**

The pipes in the corridor of Towne Centre Drive and La Jolla Village Drive to La Jolla Gateway have been installed at night to minimize any impact to Westfield UTC. Crews have paved the road, and the Westfield UTC entrances on Towne Centre Drive remain open to traffic. Crews will continue southbound on Towne Centre Drive in November 2023; more details will be provided in a future newsletter.

#### Additional Construction

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. This parking lot is closed for construction; alternate parking can be located at 5233 Regents Road. For more information, and to see a map of the full alignment, please visit the Morena Northern Pipelines & Tunnels project webpage: bit.ly/PureWaterUniversityCity

- For any questions, email purewatersd@sandiego.gov or call 833-UTC-PWSD.
- Sign up for construction alert e-Blasts; select List #6 for University City: bit.ly/PureWaterEmailAlerts

#### Fire Safe Council Update

#### by Tom Cartier, UC Fire Safe Council Vice President

The University City Fire Safe Council (UCFSC) and city of San Diego Park and Recreation Open Space Division (OSD) convened a meeting in September to discuss the scheduled brush management activities for the University City community. Open Space is the dedicated City property in canyons that is free from development and reflects natural indigenous vegetation, including brush, shrubs, and trees. The city is responsible to maintain a state of California required 100-foot defensible space area between wild canyon brush and manmade structures, such as the houses along canyon rims.

The Open Space Division noted they are responsible for the maintenance of more than 900 acres of open space brush on City property. The City has a 22-month brush management rotation schedule that includes University City in the Marian Bear Work Area #8. More frequent brush management, such as annual trimming and pruning, may be accomplished by citizens through the right of entry permit process during off years (every other year, when brush management does not occur is an area). UCFSC noted that North East facing slopes are most vulnerable due to wind driven uphill fire conflagration during Santa Ana events. OSD responded that the Marian Bear Work Area has a high brush management priority. The city manages brush within adopted City ordinances and the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) that is in effect outside the 100foot defensible space areas. City brush trimming and pruning occurs within the 100-foot defensible space zone to create defensible space.

Other topics discussed included:

- The UCFSC and OSD may collaborate on future brush management related projects.
- The originally planned roads Governor to I-5 and the Regents Road Bridge were not installed making the UC community vulnerable to restricted emergency egress that will be exacerbated during a fire related evacuation.
- City Brush Management information and the ROE permit application can be found at the city brush management website:
  - www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/osp/brush
- Residents may submit "Get It Done" requests on their mobile/smart phone to have the City trim and prune Open Space brush in the 100-foot defensible space area adjacent to their home.
- On a follow-up request, the city provided a map showing the planned trimming and pruning areas for the University City area. The map can be found on the UCFSC website: ucfiresafecouncil.com/



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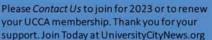
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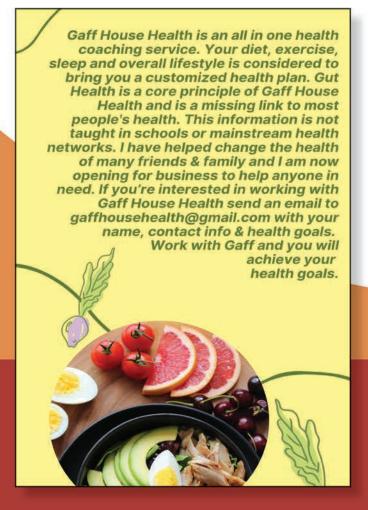














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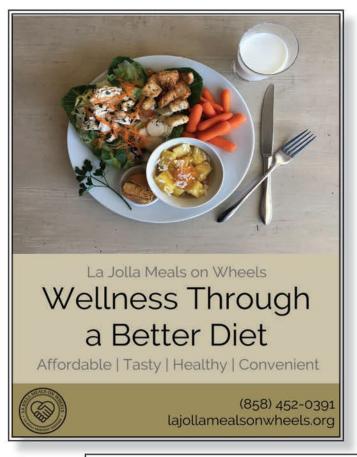


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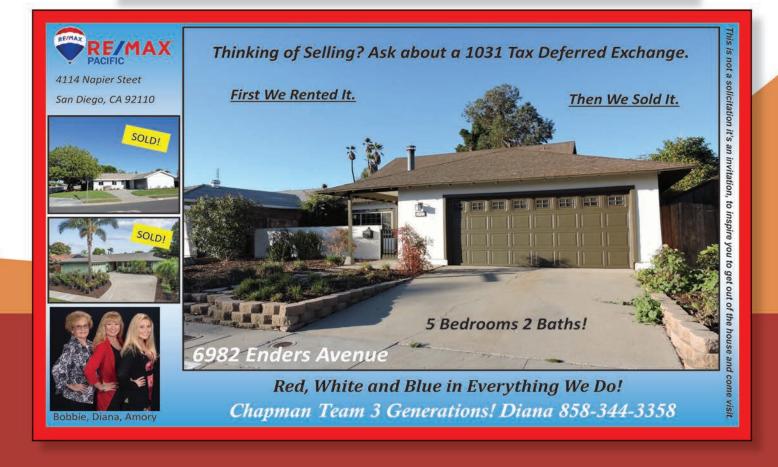








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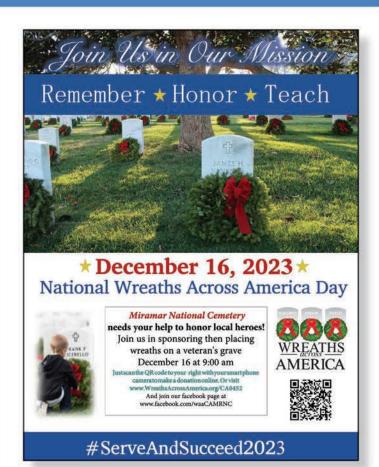
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Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial is hosting its annual Veterans Day Ceremony, with a focus on the Vietnam War, on November 11, 2023, from 11 AM to 12 PM.

This event is open to the public and free to attend.

To find out more about the ceremony, visit: soledadmemorial.org

#### Get Ready to Fall Back University City

Each year, daylight saving time starts on the second Sunday of March and ends on the first Sunday of November. In San Diego, daylight saving time will end on Sunday, November 5; that's the date to set your clocks back an hour. It's also a perfect day to check both your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to make sure they are operating properly.

