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One & One

University City Community Association
presents the second in a series of One & One
talks – one subject or speaker for one hour.

UC TALKS with KENT LEE

Monday, April 22
6:00 to 7:00pm

University Community Library
4155 Governor Drive

UCCA will conduct a casual interview-style
One & One session with District 6
Councilmember Kent Lee.

If you have a question that you would like
Councilmember Lee to answer, send them in
advance to jemmasamala@gmail.com by
Wednesday, April 17. There will be time for
additional Q&A from the audience at the end
of the interview session.

UCCA plans to record the One & One session,
which will be available to those unable to
attend in person.

University Community Plan Update Draft and EIR Released

by Katie Rodolico

On March 15, 2024, the city planning department released the revised Community Plan Update Draft, as well as the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). They can be found at: www.planuniversity.org/. The community plan will be the policy document that shapes development in University City (North and South) for the next several decades. It defines land use as well as goals for housing and commercial space, public spaces, and transportation. The last version of this proposal, known as the discussion draft, was released in Spring 2023. Comments on the University Community Plan Update Draft should be submitted to planuniversity@sandiego.gov by April 29, 2024.

The EIR also has specific deadlines for public comment. The EIR was bundled into two other EIRs the city developed at the same time: Blueprint San Diego, and a Hillcrest Community Plan focused amendment. In general, comments on EIRs should be worded as proposed changes, rather than questions. Questions are not answered as part of the EIR, so comments in the form of a question will likely be ignored. Comments should be sent to planningceqa@sandiego.gov by April 29, 2024. Note the different email address for the EIR versus the plan.

These are lengthy, dense documents but will have a significant and binding impact on our community going forward. UCCA encourages all residents and employees in the University plan area to familiarize themselves with the proposals and engage in the process.

University City Community Association will be presenting an overview at the University Community Library on April 6 at 1:00pm. The City Planning Department will be presenting this Draft Community Plan Update at the University Community Planning Group meeting on April 9 at 6:00pm. This meeting will be hybrid, with limited in person seating, as well as Zoom access. The University Community Plan Update Subcommittee will be meeting on April 16 via Zoom. The UC Peeps group has announced that it will have a meeting sometime in mid-April. All of these meetings will be open to the public.

UCCA HOSTS MEETING TO RECAP UC PLAN UPDATE DRAFT

Katie Rodolico, UCCA Secretary, UCPG Liaison and representative on the Community Plan Update Subcommittee, will lead a summary overview on the Community Plan Update Draft on Saturday, April 6, starting at 1:00pm, University Community Library at 4155 Governor Drive. She will cover the history of the plan, how to review the documents and submit your comments. Katie has done all the comparison work for you and will answer questions that you were afraid to ask and provide major takeaways.

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9. Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
10. Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com.

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Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the May issue is **April 18, 2024**, 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

March 13, 2024 at UC Library

by **Katie Rodolico, UCCA Secretary***

President's remarks: Thank you to Kent Lee's office, Zach, the interns, and the UCCA board member volunteers for helping at the Dumpster Day. There will be a one-on-one meeting with CM Kent Lee on April 22. During the February board working meeting we approved the January 2024 minutes, the 2024 budget, and a \$1,500 donation to EdUCate for Taste of the Triangle. A check was accepted by Laura Ravine for EdUCate/Taste of the Triangle, who provided a brief description about the event.

Public Safety:

Officer Brown report (see page 4).

Pure Water report (see page 13)

Elected Official Representatives:

Zach Burton from **CM Kent Lee's** office announced a forum for the commission on civilian police oversight on March 16. RSVPs needed. He also thanked UCCA volunteers for their participation in the dumpster day which collected 3 large dumpster bins plus some overflow into a 4th. He mentioned that Marcy Park had received funding in the budget for parks. Mentioned again the April 22nd One-on-One with CM Kent Lee.

Evan Bringham from **County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remers** office mentioned her website focuses on Creating Change and Delivering Impacts. Last month she voted on Evergreen Funds, which are federal funds. She supported Prop 1 which provides funding for mental health beds. There is a small business stimulus grant which expires on June 30th for small businesses that were impacted by covid. Small business is defined as 20 or fewer employees.

Community Reports:

Chris Nielsen, chair of UCPG, reported that Costa Verde is going through a revised plan. They have filed for an extension to their expired permit. Requests from the community for community amenities like a post office are needed. It was originally approved in 2018. (see page 12 for additional UCPG information)

Azalea Ebbay, North UC library manager, announced a program based on the *She Persisted* series by Chelsea Clinton at the Downtown Library. They are expecting 2% budget cuts to the library. They are hosting household organization classes and looking into owl boxes.

Melissa Martin, University Community Library manager, acknowledged that community members continue to inquire about the grant from the **Toni Atkin's** office for new or upgraded library. The city changed its policy to not start new construction till it's fully funded so the city and state are in negotiations as to whether the funds can be repurposed. The library is open to suggestions but is looking at upgraded wifi, more computers, fix/repair/replace the ceilings, the bathrooms, the carpet, a new circulation desk, new reference desk, and upgraded HVAC. The library was able to use a grant from **CM Lee's** office for senior programming and plans to start a Mahjong program. They are looking into plans for a self-defense class.

Grant Request: University City Fire Safe Council requested \$500 for outreach and education. They have hired a biologist to identify public lands adjacent to homes for fuel reduction. They encourage fire hardening in landscaping and construction. The motion passed.

UCCA Board Member Reports:

Phil Fowler presented the treasurer's report. The report was approved. It was noted that \$5,000 is additionally held in reserve to use as a general UCCA cushion.

Merle Langston gave an update on the street median project on Governor, west of Radcliffe. Work will start the week of March 20, 2024. There is no need to close lanes of traffic.

Diane Ahern reported on social media and grant status. We currently have two open grant requests. One is specific for beautification such as banners, medians and utility boxes. The other grant application is for communications such as the newsletter.

Barbara Gellman, neighborhood watch: 5 of the 6 neighborhood watch signs from **CM Lee's** office have been installed. There are a couple of condo complexes looking to start a neighborhood watch group. Socks for Safety is now offering pickleball themed socks.

**condensed due to space restrictions*



UCCA President Jemma Samala

One of my most favorite events is attending the Taste of the Triangle by EdUCate! I have been attending since my older son was in Kindergarten, which is over 20 years ago! My bestie, Gigi Esguerra, and I like to go every year and eat until we get a food coma and reconnect with old friends. The focus for this year's event was to raise funds for student mental health services. I was saddened to hear that many students don't have any real connections with other students and this generation is now lonelier than many senior adults.

What I love about my UC community is the many connections I have made – primarily through UC Little League and local school groups. And new connections through UCCA and the UC Garden Club. I want to let you all know, please don't hesitate to connect. Come to us in person, send an email or call. Whatever the reason, find someone to connect with – we may not always agree, but we can listen. I want University City to feel connected, north or south, east or west, Democrats or Republicans, young or old, religious or atheists - we can all be a good neighbor and connect with each other.

One issue that we all can relate to is the University Community Plan Update – accounting for growth. Like it or not, our community, and our city is growing. Why wouldn't it, I think San Diego and University City is the best place to live. As we head into spring, think about how you want to spring forward with neighborhood growth. Think about the community, and all your neighbors, and the legacy you want UC to be.

Connect with us this month at our special April 6 meeting where we will recap the current UC Plan Update, how draft comments were incorporated or not, and next steps. Connect with our Councilmember Kent Lee at our One & One with him on Monday, April 22, 6:00pm at the UC Library on Governor Drive. Connect with me at my next Open Hours on Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 – 11:00am at the Starbucks on Governor Drive.

Connected together, we create the meaning behind University City...more than just a neighborhood.

Jemma

Thinking Locally, Acting Neighborly



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

April is National Volunteer Month, and I want to highlight all of our University City community volunteers. We have so many, in so many different roles. Some may not even live in the area.

Think about it. All the PTA moms and dads. The school parent volunteers, some who even take the bus to school with their kids and help out all day. The many sports league coaches. All of our community groups and church volunteers. Committee members for the community events – UC Celebration, Summer Concerts, Oktoberfest, and the Holiday Lights Night. Members of the UC Planning Group and Rec Councils. The Friends of our Libraries. Neighbors who plan 100-year-old birthday parties. Those who take up issues which may be controversial. And those people who pick up trash to keep UC clean.

Plus the many, many volunteers that help run our University City Community Association. We have well over 100 volunteers that help with newsletter delivery and act as Neighborhood Watch captains. Plus the UCCA board – they keep it all going. They also help plan this newsletter – above is pictured from left to right: Mack Langston, Phil Fowler, Diane Ahern, me, and Barry Bernstein chatting about this issue.

These community volunteers, and probably a lot more I haven't mentioned, all help make University City a neighborhood that we are proud of and that we are glad to call home. During this National Volunteer Month, make sure to thank the UC volunteers that you see...and if you're not one yourself, what are you waiting for?

If you know of a longtime, behind the scenes volunteer for a future spotlight, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.

Calendar

April 2024

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

SPRING BREAK - SDUSD

April 1 to 5

UCCA SPECIAL MEETING

Topic: UC Plan Update

Saturday, April 6, 1:00pm

UC Library on Governor Drive

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, April 9, 6:00pm

Presentation by City Planning Dept.

9880 Campus Point Drive, Third Floor

Zoom available

Info: planuniversity.org

JEMMA at STARBUCKS on SATURDAY

UCCA's President Open Hours

Stop by to discuss UCCA and University City

Saturday, April 13 9:00 to 11:00am

Starbucks on Governor Drive

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, April 14

7:15-7:30am – meet & greet

7:30-9:00am – work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks

3203 Governor Drive, supplies provided

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00pm via Zoom

Info: planuniversity.org

UC CELEBRATION 4th of JULY

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 17, 6:00pm

Standley Rec Center

UCCA: ONE & ONE

Councilmember Kent Lee

Monday, April 22, 6:00pm

UC Library on Governor Drive

Submit questions to jemmasamala@gmail.com

EARTH DAY

Monday, April 22

PASSOVER

April 22 to April 30

ARBOR DAY

Friday, April 22

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, April 25

For meeting details, call: 858.552.1651

RENEW YOUR UCCA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024

GO TO UNIVERSITYCITYNEWS.ORG, OR MAIL
IN MEMBERSHIP FORM ON PAGE 14



DISPATCH UPDATE

*by Captain Jerry Hara
SDPD Dispatch Captain*

We do have some good news on the dispatch front. First, we are down to 19 dispatcher vacancies with several new hires already scheduled to start in early March. This is half of the amount of where we were last year with 38 vacancies. Our 911 performance and wait times on the admin line are doing very well. We are answering 90% of all 911 calls in 15 seconds

or less. Also, our Admin line or non-emergency line is answered in 2 minute or less 60% of the time. When people call during peak/prime time hours, the wait time will be a little longer.

We are exploring the option to partner with Microsoft who has advanced phone tree technology that could help us. We used to have Amazon's phone tree, but it got way too pricey. Right now, we are still on the old phone system, so the (*) star key is the way to go directly to a dispatcher for now. I would still encourage those callers who don't need an actual officer to respond to their location to listen to the prompts first. It could save them so much time. For example, if someone needs a police report for a fraudulent charge on their credit card, or minor hit and run report, this can be done quickly by yourself, online, without the assistance of an officer. No wait time and they can get a case number quickly on their own.

Many of our callers are asking us questions that do not require a police officer such as, how to file for bankruptcy; how to get a TRO; how to file for child custody; how to register their car; etc. These questions should be directed to other agencies like the DMV or the Courts. Most civil questions can be answered by dispatchers at San Diego County's 211 Center.

OFFICER BROWN UPDATE AT UCCA MEETING

He introduced **Nicole Robertson**, the new Lieutenant for Northern Division. She mentioned the smart streetlights program is active. It was used successfully to find a missing senior when his license plate was captured by the system and he was found and returned home safely. Officer Brown brought up AB392 which directs that deadly force only be used when necessary. Officers are trained to make a plan. There is advanced officer training. He mentioned the CPTED program (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) which recommends plant design around buildings to allow visibility. Questions from the audience included inquiries about the Palisades shooting: suspect is identified, targeted victim, no danger to general public; and about staffing cuts: possible but the department has gotten better at doing more with fewer officers. Public safety is a priority and overtime used as needed.

SOCKS FOR EVERY UC FOOT

You can download the updated sock flyer to see all styles available for children, men and women by going to universitycitynews.org, then click on Neighborhood Watch/socks. To order, list the style number, color, description and email bggellman@yahoo.com or email directly for the flyer. For every \$5.00 donation, you will receive a pair of socks of your choice and the funds will be reinvested in Neighborhood Watch for signs, programs, opportunity drawings and appreciation gifts for those who support and protect us. Take action and purchase for friends, relatives, yourself or whoever; make someone happy and keep those feet warm and with style.

Are You Buying Stolen Goods? The Answer Could be in the Price

by District Attorney Summer Stephan

Everyone loves a bargain, especially with high inflation causing prices to skyrocket. But like all cautionary tales you are accustomed to reading from me, if it's too good to be true, be suspicious. This is especially relevant when buying goods online, which is a daily practice of millions of Americans. When comparing prices of a product you are clicks away from buying, be skeptical if you see the item listed drastically lower than what other sellers or store retailers are selling it for.

Heavily reduced prices and items with store tags still on them are telltale signs of stolen merchandise making it to online platforms. In San Diego, perpetrators have targeted stores including ULTA Beauty, Nordstrom Rack, Sunglass Hut, Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, Walmart and Dick's Sporting Goods. You have likely seen news reports of smash and grab burglaries where throngs of thieves brazenly break into stores to steal whatever they can wrap their arms around or bandits smashing glass counters to steal jewelry or luxury goods. These items are stolen with the express purpose of eventually being sold to unsuspecting consumers.

If you are a bargain shopper, who prides yourself on getting the lowest price, be aware that even if you unknowingly buy stolen merchandise, you are contributing to the destruction of legitimate retailers, and you could keep thieves in business. When stores are repeatedly victimized, they have to close locations, people lose jobs, and cities lose tax revenue. In the end, prices increase for all of us. Although you may save money on a suspiciously low online purchase, the cost to your community is much greater. Here are tips you should consider when buying products online from unvetted sources:

- Most stolen goods sold online are athletic clothes such as Nike, fragrances, cosmetics, tools, golf clubs and Legos. (These products are stolen every day from San Diego stores.)
- When shopping for a product online, check the name of the seller to see if it is logical for that seller to be offering that product at that price.
- Name brand products such as Milwaukee tools, Clinique cosmetics, and Enfamil baby formula are not sold at heavily discounted prices online from random sellers.
- If someone knocked on your door and offered to sell you a KitchenAid mixer sealed in a box for \$50, what would you think?
- Products sold online from unknown sources can be counterfeit and even harmful, such as lightbulbs, batteries and pet medicine.

You might be wondering what is being done to fight this battle. The California Highway Patrol has an Organized Retail Crime Task Force, which was established in 2019, to fight the rise of retail thefts, smash-and-grab burglaries and widespread shoplifting that has California beleaguered in recent years. A recent law that went into effect last year attempts to regulate online marketplaces by requiring sellers to include contact and bank account information, as well as a seller's physical address. This is the first step legislators have taken to try to reduce organized retail theft.

Now that you are aware of how this nefarious business works, you can help put a stop to repeated theft by not buying merchandise from suspicious sellers. 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. For more info, visit: hsdcda.org.



Appointment of Next Chief of Police



Following a national search, community vetting and interviews, Mayor Gloria has selected 25-year veteran Assistant Chief Scott Wahl as next SDPD Chief. Wahl is a current Assistant Chief with the San Diego Police Department, overseeing Special Projects and Legislative Affairs. In this role, he is responsible for implementing federal, state, and local legislative changes throughout the organization.

As the former captain of SDPD Northern Division, he worked collaboratively with community groups to reduce gun violence and residential burglaries. Wahl helped launch the department's Neighborhood Policing Division, which handles some of the city's most challenging issues such as homelessness, mental illness, and drug addiction. For more information on the Mayor's appointment, visit: sandiego.gov/insidesd/mayor-todd-gloria-appoints-next-chief-police

Healing Divides:

The Art of Respectful Conversations in a Polarized World

Hosted by Change Begins With ME

Sunday, April 7
4:00 - 5:30

Please register to attend in person at:
bit.ly/CBWM_HEALING_DIVIDES



Change Begins With ME, a local Indivisible chapter headquartered in University City, is offering a series of educational meetings in 2024 to University City residents and neighboring communities. The first meeting covered Power San Diego, a ballot initiative for a Public Utility. Our second meeting will be dedicated to the topic of civil discourse in a divided society. Please register in advance to attend at bit.ly/CBWM_HEALING_DIVIDES.

You are invited to join us for our next Intentional Community Series on "Healing Divides: The Art of Respectful Conversations in a Polarized World." In a society where divisions seem to be growing deeper, fostering respectful conversations and bridging the gap between opposing viewpoints is more important than ever. This event will provide a safe space for individuals from all backgrounds to come together and learn fundamental skills to engage in meaningful discussions on how we can promote understanding and empathy in our communities.

We will have a guest speaker, interactive activities, and opportunities for networking and sharing ideas. Join us as we explore the art of respectful conversations and work towards healing divides in a polarized world.

Vegan refreshments served. Please RSVP for this impactful event at bit.ly/CBWM_HEALING_DIVIDES. We look forward to seeing you there! For questions or more info, please contact Tama Becker-Varano at changebeginswithmesd@gmail.com.

District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee

Hello University City Neighbors,

Spring is here, and as we adjust to the time change, longer days, and – in my case – sometimes grumpy kids, I wanted to take a moment to recognize those observing this season's holidays. Whether it be Easter, Nowruz, Ramadan, or another special occasion, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyous and meaningful time.

Last month, City Council approved \$750k for Marcy Park in University City, filling the final gap in total funding needs to move the project towards construction. This approval is a crucial and exciting step and I look forward to seeing the benefits a newly improved Marcy Park will bring to University City families!



We want to say THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the No-Cost Dumpster Day on March 2nd (rain or shine!) and to our wonderful volunteers from the UCCA. Your hard work and dedication made this event possible, and we couldn't have done it without you.

The draft University Community Plan—a document that will serve as the 30-year vision for land use, mobility, urban design, and economic development in the University Community Planning Area – was released earlier this month. To review the draft document, visit planninguniversity.org. Draft comments from the public are due on Monday, April 29th.

At City Hall, spring also means that it's budget season. As chair of the City's Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, I'll be working to pass a balanced budget that includes priorities that are important to our communities in District 6 – like reducing homelessness, maintaining public safety, repairing roads, and improving libraries and parks. The City is facing a budget deficit, but I'll keep fighting on behalf of our neighborhoods to protect core services that matter to us and our families. There will be several opportunities for you to provide input, including public hearings in May and a town hall I'll be hosting in the district (stay tuned for more info!).

All the best,
Councilmember Kent Lee

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

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 11:30am 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, April 1, in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.

What's Happening at the Libraries?

North University Community Library

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Librarian Johanna Enciso and Library Assistant Lily Li will launch Bilingual Spanish and Mandarin story time events.

Bilingual Storytime: April 14 (Spanish), April 21 (Mandarin), and April 28 (Spanish) at 2:00pm.

Lecture Series: Photojournalism of Birding: April 13 at 1:30-3:00pm. Birder Rigdon Currie will discuss bird photography and travelling through 85 countries, counting 5400 species of birds.

Works in Progress: Japanese American Citizens as Survivors of the Hiroshima Atomic Bombing: April 18 at 1:00-2:30pm. Dr. Monteburno Saller will discuss her book titled *Japanese American Citizens as Survivors of the Hiroshima Atomic Bombing* (Routledge), about the story of Japanese Americans who survived the atomic bomb in Hiroshima and their contributions to the peace movement.

Brain Health for Adults Workshop: April 19 at 2:00-3:30pm. Brain Balance is a brain wellness program designed to improve focus, behavior, social skills, anxiety, and academics.

Private Memory Evaluation Screenings: April 23 at 12:00-3:00pm. Free and private 30-minute memory screenings led by Sharp Neurocognitive Research Center. Recommended for adults 50+ or older. Call library at 858.581.9637 to schedule.

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 at 10:00-10:30am

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

Día De Los Niños Storytime and Craft: Monday, April 29 at 11:45am-12:45pm. Join us as we celebrate Children's Day (Día del Niño) with a bilingual storytime and craft.

STEAM Workshop: Under Pressure (ages 8-13): Tuesday, April 30 at 4:30-5:30pm. This workshop led by the National Marine Mammal Foundation, uncover the incredible adaptations that enable these animals to explore the ocean's depths.

ADULT PROGRAMS

English Corner: Wednesdays at 4:45-5:45pm..

Page to Screen: Friday, March 5 at 5:30-7:30pm. We will screen *The Ghost Writer* (2010) directed by Roman Polansky.

Fiction Lovers Book Club: Saturday, April 13 at 10:00-11:00am. *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett.

Bridge: Learn the Game from a Master: Saturdays, April 6 and 20 at 1:00-3:00pm. Advanced to beginners are welcome. Please contact Bridget Poizner at BridgeFun1430@gmail.com.

Friends of the North University Community Library Meeting: Tuesday, April 16 at 6-7 p.m.

Amantes de la Lectura, Novelas Hispano-americanas en Espanol: April 20 at 2:00-4:00pm. *La Cocinera de Frida* by Florencia Etcheves. RSVP to tlampell21@gmail.com.

Celebrity Memoir Book Club: April 23, 6-7:30pm. Title tba.

Movie Screening: Caramel: April 26 at 2:00-4:00pm. In honor of Southwest Asian and North African and Arab American Heritage Month, we will show the film *Caramel* (2008), directed by Nadine Labaki (run time 96 minutes).

Page Turners' Book Club: April 27 at 1:00-2:30pm. Title tba.

University Community Library (Governor Drive)

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Dessert in a Jar (with Healthy Adventures Foundation): Thursday, April 11 at 4:00pm. Participants will have a fun, hands-on experience making easy dessert recipes that are quick and delicious! Each person will be able to take their delicious creations and recipes home with them. Ages 8+.

SWANA Celebration Lantern (with Toshwerks) Thursday, April 25 at 4:00pm. Join us for a fun and engaging SWANA Celebration Lantern Craft Program. Participants will have the opportunity to make a beautiful celebration lantern and learn all about Ramadan and the people that celebrate it.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Qi Gong (adults) – Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am

Special Event: Art Therapy with Saeda: Tuesday, April 16 & Thursday, April 18 at 12:30-2:00pm. If you are interested in improving your health, please join us for a one-time class and find out what Qi Gong is all about. This one-hour class is led by an experienced, patient instructor and is perfect for beginners who have never tried Qi Gong before. Class size limited to the first 20 participants. Register through the Library's online calendar.

San Diego OASIS: Tuesday at 12:30pm, April 9: Space Telescope: a look at images from the Webb Telescope and how it works. Sign-ups begin May 1 for these San Diego OASIS classes at the UC Library:

Watercolor for Beginners (4-class series): Fridays, 11:00am-1:00pm (5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14)

Introduction to American Mahjong (4-class series): Saturdays, 9:30am-12:00pm (6/1, 6/8, 6/16, 6/22)

San Diego OASIS classes from February through June 2024 are funded with support from District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee.

CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

Toddler Storytime & Craft – Wednesdays at 10:30am.

Children's Craft: Make a fun headband to wear while you watch the eclipse on April 8! Pick up your craft starting Friday, April 5.

Children's Take-home Craft: Tuesday, March 26

****Ballerina with a Book: A Very Special Storytime with the City Ballet of San Diego****

Saturday, April 6 at 10:00am. Enjoy listening to a read-aloud story, hearing from a professional ballerina, and learning some basic dance steps. This hour-long program is an introduction to the world of classical ballet for kids in grades Pre-K through 5th.

Spring Into STEAM: Expedition to Mars Wednesday, April 10 at 1:00-2:30pm. For youth ages 9-12. Participants will work on building Arduino-based robotic space related projects, while learning about electronics, mechanics, and robotics subsystems in a fun way. Participants will be using specially designed didactic STEM robotics bricks, gears, axles, DC and servo motors, sensors, and controllers. Presented by RoboThink. Registration is required through the Library's online calendar and closes April 2, 2024 at 11:59pm.



Save the Date for an Evening of Music

Are you a supporter of music in our UC schools? Do you love a good talent show? Then save the date for the 10th Annual Sights and Sounds Showcase hosted by the University City High School Music Boosters. This wonderful community event gives our local

youth the opportunity to show their talent while raising money to support the high school music program. Enjoy an evening of music, singing, and dancing performed by our talented students and staff. In addition to our musical evening, enjoy appetizers, a dessert buffet, and an amazing silent auction.

Join us on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 5:30-9:00pm at the University City High School Auditorium. More information is available at www.uchsmusic.org. If you are a local business or community member that would like to support the UCHS Music Boosters and this event with an item for our silent auction or a sponsorship, email Michelle Rumley at uchsmusic@gmail.com. We hope to see you at the show on April 13!



UCHS LAWN SALE FUNDRAISER

UCHS PTSA is having a personalized Lawn Sign fundraiser to benefit the PTSA Senior Grad Night. Prices range from \$15 to \$20. Last day to order is May 3 for delivery on May 10. Contact Wendy Lee at wendy@wikitiki.com to order and see options.



Friends of the Library Book Sale

Stock up on children's books, fiction for all ages, find a great cookbook, puzzles, bookmarks and so much more—all at great prices.

Proceeds benefit the UC Library.

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Curie's 60th Anniversary

by Allison and Emma
Mrs. Rodriguez's 3rd Grade Class



We met with two people named Mr. Elwell and Mrs. Wallace, and they talked about how Curie was 60 years ago. They attended Curie 60 years ago. These two students were there when the campus was just opened. When it first opened, it started with 3rd to 6th grades. We now have UTK- 5th grades. There were two classrooms per grade with about 35 or more students in each class. We have more classrooms and less students in each class. School started at 9:00am and ended at 2:50pm. Now, Curie starts at 7:50am and ends at 2:10pm.

There were more differences between Curie then and now. There were no fences or anything. If you were thirsty, you would have to wait till recess to drink water at the water fountain. There was no grass, only rocks. When a kid threw a rock at a kid, they would get in trouble. So they took all the rock away. There was a dress code for girls, they had to wear a dress or a skirt, no pants allowed. The garden was the lunch harbor and the playground was not painted and made of harder metal. They played four square, dodgeball, and tetherball.

If students worked at the lunch harbor, you would get a free ice cream. The milk was 6 cents. Barbra Root was the first principal. There were no after school programs. They had an ASB. To send a message to the office, they had a kid run it to the office. They had to use brown paper bags or lunch pails, but most used brown paper bags. They sometimes watched movies. If you didn't do so well at a certain thing, they sent you to summer school. Summer school was half day.

There were differences in the classrooms too. They had about 20 classrooms. They only had chalkboards. We have box light digital boards and white boards. They often reused their paper. They used a pencil and sometimes pens. The upper grade did cursive for writing. When they wrote essays, the first draft they used pencils and second they used pens. Our second drafts are sometimes on computers. They had to write their math problems on a piece of paper, and then they had to copy everything. In third grade, we do our math in workbooks. They didn't have a library, but a book mobile van. We have a school library now.

Curie is way bigger now. In conclusion, we learned that Curie is different and similar from 60 years ago. It was exciting to communicate and ask questions with Mr. Elwell and Ms. Wallace. We brought in Curie history into our own classroom.

Demystifying the College Application Process

**Saturday, April 20
11:00am-12:00pm**

**University Community Library
4155 Governor Drive**

Thinking about college? Learn how to navigate the college admissions process in this course! The course will cover a variety of topics, including financial aid, choosing a major, and determining which college best fits your goals. **Register through the Library's online calendar - Only 1 registration needed per household.** This is an in-person course. sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/month/2024/04

COMMUNITY SHORTS



FSC HOSTS COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

The UC Fire Safe Council thanks representatives of the San Diego Fire Department who helped UCFSC volunteers Lou Rodolico and Tom Cartier share information on home hardening and open space canyon brush management during a public presentation on March 23. Audience members sought additional information on fire behavior, reporting code compliance issues, home and fire insurance, and high fire hazard safety zones. Those in attendance were able to receive free smoke detectors, with about 30 given away. Attendees were particularly fascinated by the maps comparing the year-to-year vegetation management in Rose Canyon. Due to the positive response, another information session and smoke detector giveaway will be planned for later in the year.

For City Services, go to the City website: sandiego.gov

- Search "Get-it-Done" to report code compliance issues related to brush management
- Search "Fire-Rescue Department" for information about fire prevention, home hardening, and community risk reduction

For Fire Safe Council information, go to the FSC website: ucfiresafecouncil.com/

- Find links to Brush Management Canyon Surveys
- Find links to resources for home hardening and defensible space

For more information, contact at: ucfiresafecouncil@gmail.com.

UCUC NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, April 7 – 11:30am to 12:30pm

2877 Governor Drive

Parking lot off of Gobat Avenue

University City United Church's (UCUC) spring season food drive is for the benefit of **Community Christian Service Association (CCSA)**. At the drop-off site a church member will eagerly await your arrival and expeditiously unload the donated items from your vehicle. Special needs this month include cans of tuna, soup, vegetables and fruits. To commemorate the **60th anniversary** of UCUC worship, we have set a goal to collect **60+ cans of fruits and vegetables** at this neighborhood food drive. Further details about the invaluable services CCSA provides, may be found at ccsasandiego.org. Info about UCUC: ucuc.org

FRONT PORCH PANDEMIC JAZZ BAND

April marks the 4th anniversary of the band, with the original four musicians still happily jamming away. They continue to play two hours every Thursday starting around 4:00-4:30pm at 5626 Bloch St. Seating is around the neighborhood, bring your own chairs and blankets. FREE!

UC LITTLE LEAGUE HITS IT OUT OF THE PARK

The University City Little League Hit-A-Thon will take place on April 27 at the Standley Park baseball fields. UCLL has been bringing the fun and excitement of youth baseball to the community for over 60 years! UCLL is dedicated to promoting sportsmanship, teamwork and developing skills in a fun and positive environment. As UCLL rolls out the Hit-A-Thon fundraiser, they deeply appreciate the continued support from the community, which plays a vital role in nurturing the passion and growth of our young players, and thankful for the support. For more info, and to make a pledge, go to ucll.org.



University City Racquet Club Hosts Warrior Tennis Clinic

The SD District Tennis Association's Wounded Warrior Tennis Program continues to expand, as UCRC played host to a tennis clinic and lunch in March. The monthly event is for wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans of all ages to use tennis as a means of rehabilitation and community reintegration. Since its start 15 years ago as a recreation therapy option of the Balboa Warrior Athlete Program at the Naval Medical Center San Diego, the program has continued to grow. *"For once in a very long time I feel that I am part of a bigger family, and it's exactly what I needed in my life. The power of this game has hit home for me, and that's exactly how I feel when on the courts—at home."* Chris B., Army Wounded Warrior.

The UCRC events are run solely by volunteers and operate exclusively from grants and donations. Please help support our heroes and their rehabilitation with a financial contribution; no donation is too small. The program is pleased to partner with "Tennis Lovers For Charity", a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor, which allows for tax-deductible donations. 100% is returned to the Wounded Warrior Tennis Program. Donation securely online at sdwoundedwarriortennis.org/donate.html. Visit UCRC at www.ucrctennis.com and on social media.



Volunteers Work Towards the 4th

UC Celebration Committee Chair Randall Tonini leads a dedicated team (pictured above) working to continue the 4th of July tradition. The event is a fundraiser for the Rec Center activities, including the annual Summer Concert series at Standley Park. Sponsors currently include Spakinect and the UC Marketplace. If you are interested in sponsoring the UC Celebration, contact Alain@Gazani.com for sponsorship opportunities.

The community can look forward to the delicious Pancake Breakfast by the Knights of Columbus, the Pet & Bike Parade, opportunity drawing, games, entertainment, shopping, food and the popular Beer Garden. Bark Barn donations will be accepted at the First Baptist Church at the east end of Governor Drive. Volunteers are still needed to help with setup & teardown, 5k Walk/Run, and Volunteer Coordination. To volunteer, contact randalltonini@icloud.com. The next meeting will be April 17, 6:00pm at the Rec Center. For info, go to: uccelebration.com.

UC PEOPLE:

JOHN LEE EVANS CHAIRS NATIONAL PEACE CORPS ASSOCIATION

by Vince Reardon



It began as a passing whim but became a transformative journey. A senior about to graduate from college filled out an application to volunteer for the Peace Corps. A few months later, he was accepted and sent to Honduras where he immersed himself in the vibrant culture and community of Tela in northern Honduras. For three years, he worked for a development agency to improve local schools and empower community leaders.

Today, John Lee Evans, the chair of the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA), explained that this chance encounter set the stage for a life dedicated to three passions — psychology, education and politics.

Upon returning to the United States, Evans settled in San Diego, where he has been a practicing psychologist for more than 30 years and community leader. Driven by his passion for education, he ran and was elected to the San Diego School Board in 2008. As President, he spearheaded numerous educational initiatives, notably Vision 2020, aimed at enhancing education quality and student outcomes from the first grade to high school graduation.

Evans's enduring connection to the Peace Corps led to his election to the board and later to becoming the chair of the National Peace Corps Association. In these roles, he advocates for the Peace Corps on Capitol Hill and raises awareness of its ongoing impact. Through his work with the 250,000-member NPCA, Evans seeks to highlight the invaluable contributions of the Peace Corps' 7,000 volunteers in more than 60 countries, and supports projects that promote community development, environmental sustainability, and social justice, both at home and abroad.

A longtime resident of UC, Evans and his wife Terri Cobo have two sons and a daughter. An avid traveler, he enjoys exploring new cultures and landscapes, most recently Namibia, Africa.

Evans' dedication to service and education inspires countless people, embodying the spirit of the Peace Corps and its mission to promote peace and friendship worldwide.



Editor's addition: You may also remember John as a former San Diego Unified School District Board of Education Member, and a key proponent of the improvements at Standley Park. For his day job, John practices as a clinical psychologist, helping others overcome depression, anxiety, addictions and many other problems.

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH



CURIE GARDEN CLUB SALE

The Curie Elementary Garden Club will be having a plant sale from 5:00-7:00pm during the school's Art and Music Festival on April 24.

UCHS STUDENTS LAUNCH COMPOSTABLE UTENSILS PILOT PROGRAM

Since 2016, the San Diego Unified School District has been trying to reduce food waste through the Love Food Not Waste program. The program has teamed up with UCHS students Henry Jiang and Kai Trees to explore eco-friendly alternatives. For the pilot program, they plan to determine which alternative utensils will be acceptable and used by students based on functionality, durability and texture. Follow-up would be to implement the alternatives for the long run. If the pilot program is successful at UCHS, it can be expanded to other schools.

CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

From the San Diego Natural History Museum: The 2024 City Nature Challenge is a 4-day, worldwide collaboration to get people observing the natural world through photography—and The Nat is coordinating San Diego's annual participation!

We're using the free iNaturalist app and iNaturalist.org website to tally results for photographs, or observations made in San Diego County. All wild plants and animals count, even non-native species. The City Nature Challenge will take place from April 26–29, 2024. Participating in the City Nature Challenge is easy. You can go out on your own, join our partners at one of the many special events hosted remotely and around town, or find an event near you. For more info and to register, visit the San Diego Natural History Museum site at: sdnhm.org/education/community-science/city-nature-challenge/

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...STANDLEY PARK TOO



NEWLY RENOVATED MEDIAN ON GOVERNOR/RADCLIFFE

by Merle Langston, UCCA Beautification Chair

We hope that our UC residents have had a chance to see our newly renovated median at Governor and Radcliffe. The old weed cover liner was removed and replaced, a slight swale was created to emulate a river bed, nine new plants were planted, new irrigation emitters were brought to new plants and existing plants, and more rocks were added, so the rock landscape goes from curb to curb instead of a mulch border which decayed after a few years.

Big thanks to UCCA who spearheaded this project, the County Board of Supervisors, especially Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, who funded the grant through the Community Enhancement Program (CEP), and to Diane Ahern, UCCA's past President, who went through the complicated task of applying for the grant. The \$10,000 grant is to help support median renovation, utility box painting and street banners. Additional thanks goes to C&G Landscape, Inc. for providing the labor and expertise in carrying out this project and who have been maintaining the vegetative medians on Governor Drive for the past several years, funded by the UCCA.

We can do more for our community if everyone becomes a paid member of UCCA. Membership fees are funneled right back into our community in many worthwhile ways. We look forward to doing the same median improvements for the Governor/Stresemann median next year.





SUPPORT EDUCATE! AND WELLNESS TOGETHER
in delivering mental health services to our students

"The school's mental health services have made a world of difference for me...[before] I didn't have a safe place at school to turn to when needed."
-Junior from UC High School

"this [a Wellness Together therapist] has been a huge relief for us on campus. We have had therapists available when students have been in crisis...it allows students to get support and learn coping skills...allowing them to be more engaged in their learning."
-Head Counselor at UC High

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"The school provided a therapist, which had a great effect on my well-being...helping me navigate difficult instances and situations with my interpersonal relationships, and improve my mental state."
-University City Student

"An additional counselor would be amazing...We have 1,500 students at our school...having an additional counselor would mean more students getting support and faster, which is essential when a student is in need."
-UC High School Student

EdUCate! put on a very successful 30th Taste of the Triangle, which was held at Farmer & The Seahorse. This year, the Fund-A-Need focus was on providing services for the mental health needs of our students. University City High School Principal Mike Paredes (pictured above left), along with Head Counselor Kelsey Bradshaw, UCHS Therapist Jacquelin Hazel and Marlon Morgan, Founder and CEO of Wellness Together, all spoke about the importance of providing wraparound mental health services to a generation showing signs of an epidemic of loneliness. Students are not able to connect to others as past generations. Last year, UCHS provided 1,500 therapy sessions to students at no cost to families, partially due to a \$25k mental health grant EdUCate! received from Google, and donated to UCHS. To continue the funding for mental health services, Educate! asked attendees to donate towards the event's Giving Tree and continue the care. Go to uceducate.org for more info and to make a donation.

The best part of the event is connecting with old friends – with both parents and teachers.



Students and former music teachers provided the entertainment.



Lots of restaurant options and silent auction baskets.



UC Planning Group Meeting Update

March 12, 2024 UCPG Meeting

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The results of the March UCPG election are as follows:

SEAT	CANDIDATES
R1-B	Georgia Keyser (19 votes)
R2-B	Joann Selleck (37 votes)
R3-B	Alex Arthur (2 votes)
R2-C	Daren Esposito (37 votes), Tim Garrett (1 vote)
B1-B, B2-B, B3-B	Open & Vacant

We will welcome Daren Esposito as a new UCPG voting member (board member) at our April 2024 meeting.

University Community Plan Update – Revised Draft 2

The Revised Draft 2 of the University Community Plan Update was released on Thursday March 14 by the City Planning Department. The following is the timeline going forward:

- **Plan Update/Draft EIR - Released Thursday 3/14**
- **City Planning Presentation at UCPG meeting - Tuesday April 9 regular meeting, on Zoom and in person**
- **CPUS/Public meeting (Zoom) - Tuesday April 16**
- **Public Comments DEIR/Plan Update - Due Monday April 29**
- **UCPG Comments DEIR/Plan Update - Due Wednesday May 15**

All reports are on planuniversity.org. The entire UCPG meeting on April 9, 2024, will be dedicated to the presentation of the plan by City Planning, with members of the Mobility and Parks department present as well to answer questions from the public.

The Revised Draft (March 2024) can be found on the "Materials" tab of planuniversity.org in two versions, one for on-screen viewing and one for printing. The Discussion Draft (April 2023) can be found in both versions directly under the box containing the Revised Draft (March 2024) materials. You may also find the Draft Engagement Summary Report useful as well. Starting on page 6 the City Planning department gives a list of issues brought up by the community and how they were addressed. There is also a comparison between the discussion draft (April 2023) and revised draft (March 2024). The "version for printing" were compared. It may be found here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x7J19DGD5HPSI92Bdc1wonrZIJqoGgNy/view?usp=drive_link. This document is about 135MB. Click to access it.

The document shows the Discussion Draft (April 2023). Orange shows what parts of the original Discussion Draft were changed. If you move your cursor over the orange, it will show the original Discussion Draft language unfortunately labeled as "New", and the Revised Draft language unfortunately labeled as "Old". Passages marked in blue are in the insertions from the Revised Draft. Thanks to UCPG board member Anna Bryan and the Alexandria IT team for producing this report.

In late news, the City Council's Land Use and Housing committee (Kent Lee, Chair, Joe LaCava, Vice Chair) recommended to the full Council that the UCPG's governing documents be approved, and specifically approved the expansion of the UCPG board to 21 voting members with the addition of UC San Diego residents in a new UCPG District 4.



Updated University Community Plan Update Draft Now Out for Public Comment

Submitted by City of San Diego City Planning Department

The City of San Diego's City Planning Department continues to work on the University Community Plan Update, and an updated draft University Community Plan is now ready for community members' review and comments.

Last spring, City staff collected feedback on the University Community Plan Discussion Draft. Based on comments received, staff prepared the updated draft University Community Plan Update, along with a draft rezoning map and supporting technical information. These materials have been posted to www.planuniversity.org. Community members can review the latest version and send new comments by e-mail to planuniversity@sandiego.gov by April 29, 2024.

Along with the updated draft University Community Plan, the City released a second draft of Blueprint SD for public review and comment. This initiative, which updates and creates new policies in the City's General Plan, will guide where new homes and jobs near transit, parks and services should be located. The General Plan serves as the City's guiding framework for community plan updates and the long-term future growth and development of the City. This draft can be reviewed at sandiego.gov/blueprint-sd. The University Community Plan and Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment, which is an amendment to the Uptown Community Plan, will be the City's first community plans to implement the land use strategies identified in Blueprint SD.

As part of Blueprint SD and the updated draft University Community Plan, the City released a draft Environmental Impact Report for public comment. The draft Environmental Impact Report analyzes the environmental impacts that could occur if the plans are implemented. This draft Environmental Impact Report can be viewed at <https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/draft>. Comments on the report can also be submitted by April 29, 2024, to planningceqa@sandiego.gov.

Once input is received on the updated draft University Community Plan and the updated draft Blueprint SD, the City Planning Department will incorporate feedback into the final plans. Those final plans will go through the public hearing process, where community members will have additional opportunities to provide feedback. They will ultimately be presented to the City Council for adoption later this summer. We thank community members in advance for sharing their time and thoughts.



A Utility for the People

by Tama Becker-Varano

On Sunday, March 3, Dorrie Bruggemann and Bill Powers from Power San Diego gave a highly informative presentation on the benefits of a public utility in the City of San Diego and how we get there. Go to bit.ly/PSD_PPP to view the PowerPoint Presentation. Top Questions:

- **How much would a not-for-profit utility save overall?**
A not-for-profit utility would initially save about 20 to 25%, primarily by eliminating profits and taxes that would otherwise be collected by SDG&E. The switch would also eliminate SDG&E expenditures on excessive senior executive salaries (\$17 million per year to the CEO in 2022), advertising, contributions to candidates and elected officials, lobbying organizations, and influential local non-profit organizations.
- **What happens to SDG&E workers?** The non-profit utility would welcome SDG&E's IBEW 465 union workers. The initiative explicitly states that it will honor their collective bargaining agreement with SDG&E. What is being replaced is effectively the 'upper management' of the utility.
- **For more information,** go to wearepowersandiego.com.

The Power San Diego ballot initiative allows voters in the City of San Diego the opportunity to vote in November 2024, on whether they would prefer a public utility over an investor-owned, for-profit utility that charges the highest electricity rates in the country. Thousands of valid voter signatures must first be collected to get the initiative on the ballot to make the change. If you would like to help gather signatures please sign up at bit.ly/UC_PSD or reach out to Tama at changebeginwithmesd@gmail.com.

UC NO-COST DUMPSTER DAY

Thanks to everyone who participated in the University City No-Cost Dumpster Day organized by Councilmember Kent Lee's office and UCCA. Held in the parking lot of UCHS in early March on a rainy morning, 18 volunteers helped 45 vehicles fill up four dumpsters, weighing approximately 7 tons. Each dumpster of oversized items helps keep roads and waterways free of illegal dumping and pollution. One local family was especially grateful, as they were tasked with clearing out their parents' home of 65 years. UCCA hopes to make this an annual event to help keep our households and neighborhood clean and clutter free. Special thanks to the District 6 staff and interns for their help.

Pure Water San Diego Update in University City

Several construction sites are bustling with activity in the University City area for the **Morena Northern Pipelines & Tunnels project**, part of Pure Water San Diego Phase 1 construction. As of March 2024, crews have installed more than 12,200 linear feet of the pipeline, marking a milestone upwards of 50% completion.

Genesee Avenue, south of Governor Drive

On Genesee Avenue, south of the Governor Drive intersection, all pipes have been installed. The contractor has continued restoration in the area. In the SR-52 area, the contractor is currently planning for the steel casing and pipeline installation.

Genesee Avenue, north of Governor Drive

Construction crews are progressing along Genesee Avenue, between Governor Drive and Centurion Square. Once their work is complete, crews will open the lanes to the south of Luigi Terrace toward Governor Drive. In late March, the work will shift southbound lanes from Centurion Square and Luigi Terrace, which will move all traffic to the northbound lanes of Genesee Avenue. Crews will continue their work during the day, primarily Monday to Friday from 7:00am to 5:30pm. The construction team has coordinated with UC High School and neighboring apartment complexes in advance of this work. Once the new traffic control plan is implemented in late March, the student gate will be open in the morning and afternoon.



Towne Centre Drive near Nobel Drive

Crews are working along Towne Centre Drive to install pipelines from Renaissance Avenue to Nobel Drive. The work will likely be completed by the end of April 2024.



Tunnel Construction

A burst of activity launched in early March, as crews began work on tunneling at the launch shaft on Genesee Avenue, near Marian Bear Memorial Park and SR-52. Alternative parking is available at 5233 Regents Road. Additional tunneling work is ongoing at the I-805 shaft near Executive Drive.

For any questions, email purewatersd@sandiego.gov or call 833-UTC-PWSD

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