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UCCA PRESENTS

**One-on-One:
 San Diego City Attorney
 Heather Ferbert**

Tuesday, May 20, 5:30pm

UCCA General Meeting will begin at 6:30pm
 University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive

UCCA will ask prepared questions from the community, as well have a Q&A session.
 Send your questions in advance to: jemmasamala@gmail.com, by April 18.



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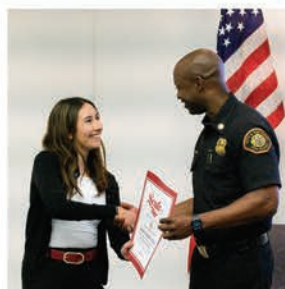
NEWS

SD Fire Chief Talks with UCCA

In April, UCCA continued its UC Talks One-on-One conversations by hosting SDFD Fire Chief Robert Logan and Deputy Chief Fire Marshal Tony Tosca. Fire Marshal Tosca began by sharing information about the fire department and his role in fire prevention. He frequently talks with community groups such as UCCA about fire prevention including defensible space and home hardening; the new home inspection risk assessments; and the new very high fire severity zone map. Both Chief Logan and Fire Marshal Tosca spoke about the dangers posed by lithium-ion batteries because if damaged or not used properly, they can easily catch fire, and cautions the use of candles in the home.

Chief Logan was also presented with a special accommodation from State Senator Brian Jones' office. He has been with the Fire Department for 25 years, and has served in every level of the fire department, except as Assistant Chief. Those many years of experience will be instrumental when deciding on budgeting for the next year, and he assures us that our public safety will not be at risk. Chief Logan and Deputy Chief Tosca shared lots of information and we recommend that you watch the recording provided below right. And when it comes to the community during a wildfire, be prepared by following the *Ready, Set, Go* info, follow Zone 0 defensible space standards (5-feet around your home) and simply – get to know your neighbors. Know who may have mobility issues and help them in an evacuation.

University City is a familiar area to Chief Logan, as we learned that he attended Curie Elementary during a two-week exchange from his school in Lincoln Park, which led him to attend and finish Standley Middle School. And he is proud to have created a Fire Technology Program for high schools to inspire more of our youth to serve our community.



For more information about SDFD fire prevention around the home, refer to the fire safe information on page 13 of this newsletter, including *Ready, Set, Go* information. The Facebook recording of the One-on-One with Chief Robert Logan and Deputy Chief Fire Marshal Tony Tosca is at: facebook.com/UniversityCityCommunityAssociation.



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Harry Mathis

A Lifetime of Service

University City lost a great advocate with the death of Harry Mathis on March 31, 2025. He will be remembered for a lifetime of public service and as a loving, devoted husband, father and grandfather.



28 years a Captain in the US Navy, he and wife Mary, with two children, Laura and Mary Helen, first settled in UC in 1970. When he retired from the Navy, they returned in 1981. He helped found UC Area Residents for Equity (UCARE) advocating for a fair share from City Hall, becoming Vice Chair and Chairman, UC Planning Group from 1986-1993. He served two terms on SD City Council from 1993-2000. Mathis was known as the voice of reason on the council for his common sense and integrity. He was one of three who contributed to the development of North UC as it is today, including the Golden Triangle, libraries, parks and public transportation.

Raised in San Francisco, he traveled by trains over public transportation. Later, as Chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Services Board 2006-2017, he was a consensus builder in developing the trolley system. He was most proud of contributing to the Silver Line (antique trolleys). He recently retired from the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission, having served 31 years.

As founding members of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, Harry and Mary were grounded in their Faith. Memorial Services will be held at Good Samaritan, Saturday June 7 at 11:00am, 4321 Eastgate Mall. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and five grandchildren.

Remembering Harry Mathis

(1933 – 2025)

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

As many of you know, Harry Mathis died March 31 at age 92. He was a former UCPG Chair, two-term City Councilmember (preceding Scott Peters), and three-term MTS transit board member where he was instrumental in the development of the San Diego Trolley.

Harry was part of the group who developed the 1987 University Community plan along with George Lattimer and brought his expertise to the recent 2024 University Community Plan, attending many of the plan update meetings over the 5 ½ -year long development of the plan. Services will be held on June 7 at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church.



UCCA President Jemma Samala

April brought with it many highs and lows. Globally, we are saddened to have lost

Pope Francis, and locally we lost Harry Mathis. The words about Harry on page 2 only provide a glimpse of how he served the City of San Diego and our University City community. I only met Harry when I became president of UCCA, but I valued his wisdom and presence. He always provided such practical insight and calmness. We will miss him.

While we mourn the loss of these great men, spring is a time of renewal and regrowth. I am proud to say that since we re-established the UC Garden Club in June of 2022, we now have 200 people on the email list – all through people reading this newsletter. And I am constantly surprised how much we all pull together. For instance, I see through a Facebook post that Mark Powell created a waterfall feature in his front yard, I message him to ask if we can have a UC Garden Club meetup at his house, he's like sure thing, and next thing you know there's a large group of people standing in his yard asking him questions about his waterfall and landscaping. And UC Garden Club members are always bringing plants to share – what a community! And I'm always surprised how much people help me personally – see my volunteer spotlight below. People are just so nice in University City.

I'm sure that's why Chief Robert Logan, when spending only two weeks at Curie Elementary during a school exchange, that he realized there are opportunities for a different life than what his Lincoln Park neighborhood offered, and he made sure to come back and attend Standley Middle School. University City – you helped influence Chief Logan and he in turn is serving our entire San Diego community. I say we can claim him as one of our own.

That's what we do UC – we build community. That's why we have the reputation as a neighborhood to live, to work, to raise families, to stay.

Come by and chat with me at my next Starbucks Open Hours, this month a weeknight, Wednesday, May 14, 5:30-6:30pm at the Starbucks on Governor Drive. I'd love to see how else we can make University City more than just a neighborhood. And my pitch – we need your help in keeping our mission to continue providing avenues of communication to University City, primarily this newsletter. While delivered by volunteers, your membership and donation dollars help pay for the hard costs of publication. If you value this newsletter and our community, please show your support. Thanks as always for making moving to UC in 1999 one of the best decisions my family made. And Happy Mother's Day to all!

Jemma

Thinking Locally, Acting Neighborly



The Balow Family: from left – Maverick (dog), Greg, Bryson (10), Makena (7), Penny (dog), and Heidi.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – The Balow Family

One day I came home from work (my day job), and noticed that someone had stolen some of my Little Free Library cabinets – not the books. I was a little perturbed and vented on Facebook's Buy Nothing page, as well as asked for any replacement donations. Well, Heidi Balow, who lives around the corner from me, saw what had happened, and not only found and paid for a bookshelf at a thrift shop, but her husband Greg painted it, put in a glass door insert, and made a special sign. The kids also donated some of their books.

The Balow Family is the definition of being neighborly. They went out of their way to help a neighbor, and in turn helped the entire neighborhood continue having a little free library. They say it was because they enjoy the library, but their positive spirit will help this community library become renewed this spring. Thank you Balow Family!

Calendar

May 2025

**ASAIN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER
HERITAGE MONTH**

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

NATIONAL WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

CINCO DE MAYO

Monday, May 5

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, May 13, 6:00pm

9880 Campus Point Drive, Third Floor

Zoom available

Info: planuniversity.org

JEMMA at STARBUCKS OPEN HOURS

Wednesday, May 14, 5:30 – 6:30pm

Starbucks on Governor Drive

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 11

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, May 18

7:15-7:30am – meet & greet

7:30-9:00am – work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3203 Governor Drive, supplies provided

UCCA MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 20

One-On-One with

City Attorney Heather Ferbert

5:30pm

Send questions in advance to
jemmasamala@gmail.com. Q&A following
One-on-One talk.

UCCA General Meeting

6:30pm

UC Library on Governor Drive

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, May 22, 7:00pm

For meeting details, call: 858.552.1651

UC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 28, 6:15pm

Standley Rec Center

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 26

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MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025**

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IN MEMBERSHIP FORM ON PAGE 14**

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local libraries and other public areas. An online
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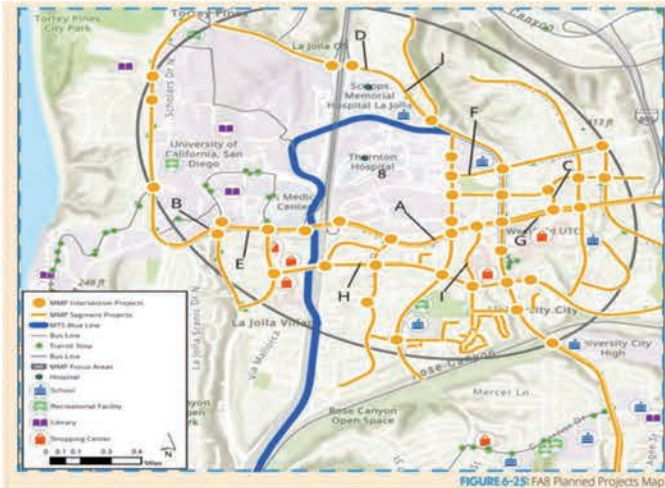


FIGURE 6-25: FAS Planned Projects Map

Mobility Plan Adopted by City Council

researched by Phil Fowler

At its meeting on April 22, the City Council unanimously approved the City's first-ever Mobility Master Plan, which is designed to create a balanced, equitable and sustainable mobility system for the City, focusing on areas with the greatest needs for transportation improvements. It also promotes safe street designs that will help decrease pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and deaths, as intended by the City's Vision Zero plan.

Some notable aspects of the Plan include community profiles, which provide a snapshot of the Plan's focus areas, along with a list of over 300 mobility projects and 15 mobility programs to make it easier and more enjoyable to get around, and which advance the City's Vision Zero and Climate Action Plan goals. The plan includes the following projects in University City:

- A. Convert La Jolla Village Dr between I-5 and I-805 into a SMART Corridor with a flex lane in each direction that could be used for transit or HOV. The corridor may include transit signal priority, LPIs, curb extensions, and protected intersections.
- B. Install a flex lane along La Jolla Village Dr from N Torrey Pines Rd and I-5 by repurposing a general purpose lane in each direction.
- C. Install a two-way cycle track on the west side of Executive Wy from Executive Dr and La Jolla Village Dr.
- D. Implement a multi-use path along the north side of Genesee Ave from I-5 NB Ramp to Scripps Hospital Driveway.
- E. Implement one-way cycle tracks along La Jolla Village Dr from N Torrey Pines Rd and I-805.
- F. Implement one-way cycle tracks along Eastgate Mall from Regents Rd and Judicial Dr.
- G. Implement wide, non-contiguous sidewalks along both sides of La Jolla Village Dr between Genesee Avenue and Town Centre Drive, where missing.
- H. Implement wide, non-contiguous sidewalks along Nobel Dr between Genesee Ave and Villa La Jolla Dr, where missing.
- I. Implement bike lanes along Costa Verde Blvd from La Jolla Village Dr and Nobel Dr.
- J. Convert Genesee Ave from I-5 NB Ramp to the SR-52 WB Ramp into a SMART Corridor with a flex lane in each direction that could be used for transit or HOV. The corridor may include transit signal priority, LPI, curb extensions, and protected intersections.

For more specific information about focus areas and community profiles, refer to Chapter 6 of the Mobility Master Plan; available on the City's website at: sandiego.gov/sustainability-mobility/mobility/mobility-master-plan

Trash Collection Fee Update

by Mike Frattali

The city is moving forward with a new trash collection fee for single family homes households that are not already paying for private trash collection.

In a 6-3 vote, the Council advanced the fee to a June 9 public hearing. The Council will have the option of either rejecting the fee entirely or reducing the fee from the current \$48 per month. Residents will have the opportunity to protest the fee under California law (Prop 218). Anyone household subject to the fee will receive a protest form in the mail soon After April 21. If 50% plus one of the households return the protest by mail prior to the June 9 hearing the city will not be able to impose the fee.

Many residents are concerned that they will not be able to afford another monthly expense. At the same time, the city is facing significant budget shortfalls over the next five years. If the fee is not imposed, the city will either raise revenue from other sources or make significant budget cuts.

For more information, refer to the City Council agenda and reports from April 14, Item 201; available at: sandiego.hylandcloud.com/211agendaonlinecomm.

Proposed Residential Trash Fees



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FY26 SAN DIEGO CITY BUDGET
Town Hall

VOICE YOUR PRIORITIES

Learn About San Diego's Proposed FY2026 Budget
Join Council President Pro Tem Kent Lee
and the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst
for a City Budget Town Hall

WHEN: MAY 12, 2025, 6:30PM
WHERE: NORTH UNIVERSITY CITY LIBRARY
8820 JUDICIAL DR, SAN DIEGO, CA

More information on the full budget review process can be found at www.sandiego.gov/cd6-budget
RSVP and/or submit questions by emailing BudgetandFinance@sandiego.gov.

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Office of the Independent Budget Analyst

City Budget Review Committee Hearings

The City Council's Budget Review Committee will conduct public hearings the week of May 5 to 9. The Budget Review Committee hearings are an opportunity for the City Council to obtain input from San Diego residents on spending priorities. Info and the Budget Review Committee schedule is available at: sandiego.gov/council-committees



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERVISOR
TERRA
LAWSON-REMER
DISTRICT 3

State of the County Address Focuses on New Ideas in Challenging Times

from the County News Center

San Diego County Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Terra Lawson-Remer gave the State of the County address during an evening presentation on Wednesday, April 16. Vice Chair Lawson-Remer focused her address challenges at the federal level and how they affect programs that impact San Diegans. She outlined proposals on how to support the County's health, behavioral health and homelessness programs, the environment, consumer protections and more.

Vice Chair Lawson-Remer told the audience she wants the County to start a Medicaid plan of its own, a managed health care plan that could come to fruition in four years. She said a local revenue measure could leverage \$1 billion a year to support the health program and other needs, like public safety, essential services, childcare for working families and expand in-home supportive services for the older adults.

The vice chair called for reform of the County's reserves policy to staff and equip the new public health lab. She supports a bill that would use border toll revenues to clean up the Tijuana River Valley and proposes using freed up County reserves to create a \$10 million matching fund to match state grants or philanthropic donations. The vice chair would like to create a new County Consumer Financial Protection Division to protect San Diegans and she's exploring the possibility of creating a public bank that could finance affordable housing. She closed by recognizing the efforts of County employees who serve the people in the region.

The live address took place at the San Diego Natural History Museum at Balboa Park and was available in American Sign Language at the venue, on social media channels and television. The broadcast offered live interpretation in Spanish via Zoom. For details and information on additional proposals, visit: supervisorterralawsonremer.com.

Don't Let Earthquakes Catch You Off Guard

Earthquake Warning California is the country's first publicly available, statewide warning system that could give California residents crucial seconds to take cover before you feel shaking. Managed by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Earthquake Warning California uses ground motion sensors from across the state to detect earthquakes before humans can feel them and can notify Californians to "Drop, Cover and Hold On" in advance of an earthquake.

The *MyShake App* is a free smartphone app that provides iPhone and Android users with audio and visual warnings [magnitude 4.5 or higher and Modified Mercalli Intensity III (weak) shaking]. To receive earthquake warnings, individuals and family members can download the MyShake App and ensure phone settings are adjusted to receive emergency alerts. For more information, visit: earthquake.ca.gov.

Councilmember Kent Lee

In April, Mayor Todd Gloria released his Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Due to the City's ongoing fiscal challenges, the draft budget includes significant reductions across many departments and programs in order to achieve a balanced budget, including reductions to library and recreation center hours, public safety, and homelessness services.

On May 1, the City Council will hold its first Budget Review Committee. Having served as our Budget Chair, I take the responsibility of comprehensively reviewing the budget seriously and will especially want to understand how these reductions may impact University City and the broader District 6 community. I would encourage members of the public to come down to City Hall for the Budget Review Committee and share their feedback regarding the budget. More information regarding the Budget Review Committee and its schedule of hearings can be found here: sandiego.gov/council-committees.

I also invite you to join my office and the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) for a **Budget Town Hall on May 12** at 6:30pm at the North University Community Library (8820 Judicial Drive). The IBA will break down the Mayor's Draft Budget, and it will be an opportunity for my office to gather important community feedback. See the proposed budget, learn more about the process, take the survey: sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd6/budget.

Looking back on April, our office celebrated several events with the community. Our team had a blast at the Nobel Eggstravaganza and joined UCCA in celebrating CalCoast Credit Union's 5-year anniversary in University City. We especially recalled CalCoast opening up their branch to UCCA and the community for meetings when city facilities were closed during the pandemic period.



I also had the honor of presenting proclamations recognizing the Indian Fine Arts Academy of San Diego's 18th Annual Music & Dance Festival — a weeklong celebration of Indian classical arts, culture, and community - hosted at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center.



This year's festival paid tribute to music legends and featured world-renowned artists, including Sarod Maestro Amjad Ali Khan, who headlined the grand finale! We were proud to declare April 13, 2025, to be Sarod Maestro Amjad Ali Khan Day in San Diego, and we enjoyed highlighting the globally acclaimed musician for his unmatched contributions to the arts and his role in promoting cross-cultural unity through music.

As always, if you have any concerns our office can help with, please 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

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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.

All San Diego Public Libraries will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

North University Community Library

The library will celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month with storytimes in multiple languages. Bilingual storytimes will occur on Wednesdays from 10:00-10:30am in Tagalog (May 14), Hindi (May 21), and Korean (May 9 and May 23). Bilingual Mandarin Chinese Storytime will occur on Sunday, May 18, from 2:00-2:30pm. Clockwise: Storytellers Ms. Coni, Ms. Ha-yeong, Ms. Lily, and Ms. Aditi will tell stories and share culture in May.

ALL-AGE PROGRAMS

Chess Club: Every Thursday from 3:30-5:00pm. We welcome players with all levels of chess experience from beginners to advanced. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Book and a Ballerina Storytime: Monday, May 5 at 11:45am-12:45pm. Join City Ballet of San Diego for "A Book and a Ballerina!" Enjoy listening to a read-aloud, 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.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting: Friday, May 2 at 4:00-5:00pm. This is a meeting for teens who want to help improve library programs for young people. Your input is needed and appreciated! We will make origami owls, in addition to discussing library-related topics.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Memory Evaluation Screenings: Tuesday, May 20 at 12:00-3:00pm. We are hosting free and private 30-minute memory screening appointments led by Sharp Neurocognitive Research Center. Annual memory testing is highly recommended for adults ages 50 or older, or even earlier if you're experiencing memory problems that concern you. Please call library staff at 858.581.9637 to schedule a 30-minute appointment.

SDIS Monthly Lecture Series: The National Institute of Health's BRAIN Initiative and Aging: Saturday, May 24 at 1:30-3:00pm. Maintaining the right balance is critical in cognition, while disruption can lead to disorders such as schizophrenia and autism. Although symptoms of these disorders can appear at different times, they may result from abnormal brain development during critical periods early in life. Dr. Behrens focuses on the epigenomic control of neural circuit formation and disruption within the prefrontal cortex, an area of the brain responsible for decision-making and reasoning, from late pregnancy through adolescence. She is also part of the Salk-team creating the single-cell epigenomic map of the mouse brain funded by the NIH BRAIN Initiative. She will discuss this in relation to brain maturation and the effects of aging.

Amantes de la Lectura - Novelas Hispano-Americanas en Español: Saturday, May 17 at 2:00-4:00pm. The Amantes will be discussing *El otoño de Amira* by Lía Sayoni. If attending, RSVP to tlampell21@gmail.com.

Celebrity Memoir Book Club: Tuesday, May 27 from 6:00-7:30pm. The Celebrity Memoir Book Club selects a celebrity memoir to read and discuss each month. This month's selection is *Untamed* by Glenn Doyle.

University Community Library (Governor Drive)

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Cooking with Healthy Adventures: Thursday, May 1, 4:00pm. Ages 8 & up. Learn how to make healthy and delicious food that are easy to create in a short amount of time. This month we will learn how to make cheese! Register online through the Library's Calendar of Events or call UC Library for assistance with signing up.

CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

Signing Storytime (new series through June): First Mondays, 11:45am. Learn basic ASL words through an engaging storytime. Next classes: May 5, June 2. Beginning July 2025, this class will move to the 4th Wednesday at 10:30am.

Special Live Action Storytime: Wednesday, May 21, 10:30am. Trinity Theatre Company of San Diego presents the live action story of *If you Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff. Perfect for kids aged 3-7, the program combines the joy of reading with engaging performances, hands-on crafts, and valuable lessons.

Children's Craft (Take Home): Tuesday, May 13, 2:30pm – Make an adorable bird house!

Toddler Storytime & Craft: Wednesdays, 10:30am. Sing and dance and listen to stories with Ms. Ann!

Children's Craft (In-person): Tuesday, May 27, 2:30pm – Make ice cream cone picture frames, and help us decorate the sidewalk with your favorite chalk art pictures!

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: Book Club for grades 6-8. During this first meeting, students will choose the first book for discussion and have a cookie tasting party. Meeting time TBD: Monday, May 19 at 4:00pm or Thursday, May 22 at 4:00pm. Call to sign up.

ADULT PROGRAMS

English Conversation Group: Fridays: May 2, May 16, June 13, June 27, 10:00am-11:00am. Meet with other people to practice and improve your beginner's English-speaking skills.

Introduction to Watercolor: Fridays: May 9, 16, 23 & June 6, 11:00am to 1:00pm. Rediscover the artist within you. Using various watercolor and ink techniques, Eddie Omens will show you how to create a stunning work of art. Perfect for beginners. Sign up through the online calendar or call Library Staff for assistance at 858.552.1655. Must attend the first class to participate.

Art for Adults with Ms. Saeda (now through December): Third Tuesdays at 12:30pm. Enjoy the creative art process in a calm, relaxing environment with an experienced instructor. No registration required. Next meetings: May 20, June 17, July 15.

Mahjong Club (open play): 1st Saturday, 9:30am – 12:30pm & 4th Saturday, 2:00– 5:30pm. For beginners who understand the basics of American Mahjong. Next meet ups: May 3 (AM) & May 24 (PM), June 7 (AM) & June 28 (PM).

Qi Gong: Thursdays & 2nd Saturday, 9:30-11:30am

Great Decisions 2025: Meets monthly to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Check out the Foreign Policy Association website for more details. Meeting on May 16 starts at 1:30pm instead of 1:00pm. Call UC Library if you have any questions and to get course materials. Space is available, sign up today!



Advocacy for San Diego Public Libraries

by Helen Lebowitz, President,
Friends of the University Community Library

As you may know the San Diego City budget for the upcoming fiscal year faces a shortfall of more than \$250 Million. Many departments are being asked to make drastic cuts. The Library Department is no exception. As of today, Mayor Gloria has proposed the closing of all branches on Sundays and Mondays. The Friends of the San Diego Public Library are asking the public to make your voices heard by both your City Council Representative and the Mayor's Office. One way you can do this is to add your name to the mailing list of the Library Foundation and ask to be sent postcards, prepaid, that you can fill out and send to the City Council and Mayor. To get the postcards sent to you, please visit libraryfoundationsd.org/take-action/send-a-postcard.

Additionally, there are several meetings on the budget, some open to public comment. The first is May 5 at 6:00pm. This is a hybrid meeting, and you can join by ZOOM if you can't in person. Please go to the city of San Diego webpages for information on other meeting dates. Let our elected officials know how much libraries mean to you.

The next Friends of the University Community Library meeting is Wednesday, May 21 at 4:00pm (see staff for Zoom link).



Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, May 10 • 10am–5pm

Stock up on fiction, children's books, find a great cookbook, paperbacks, music CDs/DVDs, puzzles, bookmarks and more—all at great prices.

Proceeds support the University Community Library



University Community Branch Library

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Information available in alternate formats upon request.

UCHS GSA Status Update

by Justin Byrd

University City High school has an active Genders and Sexualities alliance club that brings together people of many different backgrounds and promotes acceptance. The club has been running for multiple years. This year, the presidents are Green Schneider, Miles Reinstein, and Justin Byrd, along with the Vice President Charlotte Wilson and Secretary Anouk Barner. This has been a great year for community participation in the club. Presidents Justin and Miles attended the peace pole rededication ceremony to deliver a speech about what it means to be queer. Multiple members have gone to various community events promoting GSA and UC pride, and the club staff have been attending events such as the SDUSD progress flag raising and Oktoberfest, where UC Pride had a booth.



This is the first year in many years that GSA has posted flyers around the campus promoting the club. Previous club leadership has been cautious with this type of awareness due to the prevalence of bigoted ideas around campus. Already, one of the flyers has been intentionally ripped off of the wall. Nonetheless, GSA has done an excellent job at providing a safe space for queer students on campus. Students in the club feel safe being themselves, and many look forward to the meeting every week. Overall, GSA has had an amazing year, and since the presidents are all seniors, they will be sad to leave the club behind as they go into college.

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Thank you so much! - Kendra Cole, President

COMMUNITY SHORTS

PASTEL ART EXHIBIT

From May – July 2025, at the University Community Library, an exhibit of works by students of Rochelle Bradford. Enjoy the variety of subjects in works of art done by students who range from beginners to those with ten years or more of experience. The Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 2:00pm.

BLOODMOBILE BLOOD DRIVE

The UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile will be at The Marketplace on Governor Drive, Saturday, May 10, from 8:00am-1:30pm. If you're 17+, healthy, looking incredible, feeling spectacular, and want to help people anonymously, you can sign up at : mysdbb.org or call 619.400.8251. Appointments are encouraged; walk-ins are always welcome. All you need to bring is your ID and Good Cheer. And per the Bloody Powers That Be: Everyone who donates at this drive will receive a Gift Card for a Free Soapy Joes "Magic" Car Wash on the day of the drive. Future Blood Drives in 2025, are Saturdays: July 12, September 6, and November 1.



COLDWELL BANKER'S 25th ANNUAL UNIVERSITY CITY NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 31 – 7:30am to 12:00noon

Get ready to shop everyone! Maps, addresses and descriptions of what is being sold will be available at 7:00am at Standley Park/Swanson Pool 3585 Governor Dr.

If you would like to participate with a garage sale of your own, contact your Coldwell Banker UC agent or go to cbucgaragesale2025.com by May 27 to be included on the map. Coldwell Banker UC will provide advertising, signs to go in front of your home and signs at major intersections along Governor Dr. Happy buying and selling!



UC CELEBRATION 2025 Returns to Standley Park on July 4

Have you heard? It's back! The Fun Run, the Food, the Parade, the Kids Games, the Vendor Booths, the Opportunity Draw Gift Baskets, the Book Barn, the Pancake Breakfast, the Beer Garden, the Music and Concerts, the Family Fun ... and so Much More! To join our mailing list for updates, fill out the Contact Form on the UC Celebration website at: uccelebration.com.

Each month in preparation for the event we have a committed group of local volunteers who help to organize the UC Celebration. The 2025 UC Celebration committee meets at Standley Park Recreation Center on the following dates: May 28 and June 25. Want to join in the planning? Contact the UC Celebration Chair, Randall Tonini at randalltonini@icloud.com.

Recreationally Speaking

by Diane Ahern

UCCA and the University City community extends a warm welcome to Anabel Wood, pictured left, who was recently named as Center Director at Standley Park and Recreation Center. Anabel joins Assistant Center Director Claudia Glenn at Standley. Anabel began her Parks & Recreation career ten years ago as a recreation leader at Nobel Rec Center where she taught arts & crafts and painting. She's worked in various positions throughout the parks department including as assistant director at both Nobel and Standley.

Claudia, pictured at right, began her career in the parks department thirteen years ago as a ground maintenance worker. One of her favorite jobs was during the COVID years when she worked at the Marston House upgrading and maintaining the gardens.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SOCK ALERT

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SANDAG Bike Anywhere Day Thursday, May 15

SANDAG has hosted an annual biking event in the San Diego region for more than 30 years during National Bike Month. Register to participate in our free event on Thursday, May 15, and stop by one of our 100 pit stops between 6:30 and 9:30 a.m. for a free t-shirt, snacks, and more (while supplies last).

Don't forget to check out our other Bike Month activities including group bike rides, bike classes, business promotions, and more. This year, eligible Bike Anywhere Day registrants will be automatically entered for the chance to win one of three e-bikes, powered by Rad Power Bikes. Details at: sandag.org/bikeday





Music for Winds at UCUC

by Steve Shields

Please plan to come Saturday, May 17, at 4:00pm for a performance in our sanctuary of music for woodwind quintet (flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, and bassoon). Proceeds from a free-will offering at this program will benefit the church.

The musical selections will include Anton Reicha's quintet, opus 88 number 2, as well as a quintet by August Klughardt. Both of these pieces are special, and are beloved of wind players; they both were written in the 19th century, and both are tuneful and lovely.

University City United Church is at the west end of Governor Drive (2877 Governor Drive). There is plentiful parking available behind the church (on the west side of the church, accessible from Gobat). Come and enjoy the program! This may be a smaller ensemble than we had last time, but I think you will find it equally melodious!

Songs4Smiles Benefit Concert

UC resident James Cao, a 9th grader, is a member of the award-winning youth quartet *Songs4Smiles* (songs4smiles.org), which was founded during the pandemic. The group's mission is to bring joy to the community through music and compassion. They will be hosting a Benefit Concert on May 24 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Carmel Valley Public Library Community Room to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego.



All members of the quartet are musicians in two of San Diego's premier youth symphonies—San Diego Youth Symphony and Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra. In 2024, *Songs4Smiles* was honored with the San Diego Youth Symphony's

Community Service Scholarship, and in 2023, they earned third place in the *So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego* competition. Most recently, a subset of the group, *The Luminus Trio*, was named a state finalist in the 2025 VOCE Chamber Competition.

The concert will feature group and solo performances, as well as musicians sharing their experiences of bringing uplifting music to the community. A senior student—recently accepted into several top music programs for 2025—and their parents will also share valuable insights into the college application process. The quartet is actively recruiting passionate string musicians year-round. If you're interested, please attend the concert on May 24 and/or email at songs4smiles22@gmail.com.

Naomi McLean Debuts First Children's Book, "Truck Walk"

by Vince Reardon

For many toddlers, the rumble of a dump truck or the flashing lights of a fire engine can be pure magic. That was certainly the case for Naomi McLean's grandson, whose fascination with trucks and machines inspired her debut children's book, "Truck Walk."



Motivated by his wide-eyed excitement and boundless curiosity, McLean set out to create a story that captures the wonder of the world through a child's eyes—one big, noisy, fascinating vehicle at a time. "The story is about a little boy and his dog, Penny, who go for a walk," explained McLean, a University City resident of 39 years. "Besides trucks and machines, Penny sees lots of birds. The reader gets to find the birds on every page and count them." This interactive element adds an engaging twist, encouraging young readers to explore and observe the world around them—just like the book's young protagonist.

Bringing "Truck Walk" to life are the vibrant illustrations by McLean's husband, Kevin, a retired attorney with a lifelong passion for art. His colorful, detailed drawings—designed as paper cutouts—add depth and charm to the book, making it an immersive experience for children.



Recently, McLean shared "Truck Walk" with children at the preschool program at the North UC Library, where she delighted young listeners with a live reading. When asked how to foster a love of books in children, she offered three simple but effective tips: read in a slow but dramatic voice to keep their attention, let children choose books that interest them, and take children to the library regularly to nurture a lifelong love of reading.

"I vividly remember going to the library with my mother and bringing home a stack of books," McLean recalled. "Books offer a wonderful window into the world."

With "Truck Walk," McLean hopes to inspire not only a love of trucks and nature but also a lifelong appreciation for storytelling and shared moments between parents and children. "It's never too early to read to children," she said.

McLean and her husband, whose three adult sons attended Doyle Elementary, Standley Middle, and UC High, are about to celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary. Perhaps Kevin will mark the occasion with the perfect gift—a book.



Standley Recreation Center

by Assistant Director Claudia Glenn

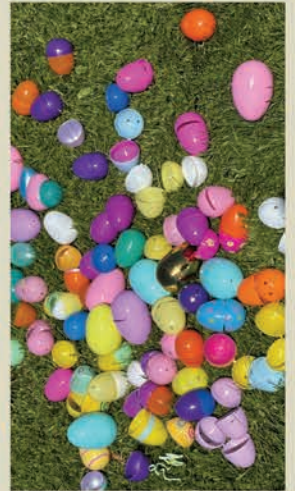
More than 800 community members attended the Spring Egg Hunt at Standley Park. Our Arts & Crafts area were very successful. The children love it and the parents enjoy it so much to see their children smiling and having fun.



Nobel Recreation Center

by Center Director Nicole Otjens

Nobel Recreation Center and city staff would like to thank the community for coming to Nobel's Eggstravaganza Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 5. There were over 3,000 participants who came to this event. There were food trucks, fire truck, public relations area with Council District 6 Kent Lee and more. Over 25 volunteers showed up to help at the Eggstravaganza Spring Egg Hunt with four egg hunts for ages 0-12 years and photos with the bunnies. City staff were busy helping the bunnies with bagging over 1000 goodie bags and 500 Arts & crafts bags. A big thank you to the donors for the donating supplies and spring baskets to pass out at the Eggstravaganza. Next time you are at the Nobel Recreation Center and Athletic Field, please come by and say hi to the city staff.



San Diego County Fair Returns with Summer Pet-tacular

by Diane Ahern



The theme of the San Diego County Fair this year spotlights the special bond between humans and their pets. The Del Mar Fairgrounds will be transformed into a Summer Pet-tacular from June 11 to July 6, 2025. Fairgoers can turn the dog days of summer into the cat's meow with thrilling rides, challenging games, mouth-watering food, incredible exhibits, and top-notch entertainment at the Summer Pet-tacular. For more information about tickets, competitions, and concerts, visit: sdfair.com.

UC High School students are featured throughout University City's banner district on promotional banners created by the San Diego County Fair. UCCA thanks and congratulates the 20 students who were chosen by teachers, administrators, and staff to represent UCHS on this year's County Fair banners. This banner project is possible because of a long-standing partnership with the San Diego County Fair, the University City High School, SD Street Banners, and University City Community Association. (See banners on the bottom of the front and back pages.)



UC Garden Club Gets Doused by Water

A little bit of spring showers didn't deter UC Garden Clubbers from visiting the home of Mark and Candace Powell and learn about their front yard water feature with drought resistant landscaping. It took Mark about five – six months of hard work in planning, designing, digging, laying weed barrier sheets, and finding the perfect rocks (see if you can spot the fake ones, and Craigslist is a great option) to make the waterfall front yard. Mark learned techniques through YouTube tutorials, talking to local pond shops, and help from his brother Frank. Neighbors also provided cuttings for the landscaping. By doing all the work himself, the Powell's costs added up to about \$3,000 as opposed to professional estimates of \$15,000+. The hard work has paid off, as the front yard waterfall has become a favorite stop on neighborhood walks and a focal point of the neighborhood – plus it's drought resistant.

If you would like to get on the UC Garden Club email list, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.



Monarch Butterflies in Dire Straits

*by Mark Hughes,
UC Garden Club Member*



The iconic Monarch is, metaphorically, barely hanging onto the edge of Extinction Cliff (um, note that in this metaphor, they can't fly). The average count the last three years was over 250,000. The 2024/2025 count was 9,119. And scientists say that a stable population requires millions. "The population's size is extremely concerning," said Emma Pelton, an endangered species biologist with the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. "We know small populations are especially vulnerable to environmental fluctuations, and we think that's what happened this year."

What can you do? Plant milkweed. Our local nurseries carry a variety, and it's best to go with native milkweed, not tropical. However, if you do want to plant tropical, note that it's critical to cut the stems down to about 10" in length in late December and to remove all leaves. This helps prevent a Monarch-specific disease from embedding itself into the population. You can also obtain seeds from the Save Our Monarchs Foundation (saveourmonarchs.org). And when you plant milkweed, please group several plants in close proximity, as the caterpillars like to go from one plant to another, buffet-style (the milkweed is always greener?) Thanks in advance for helping save this beautiful creature.



UCLL's Annual Hit-A-Thon: A Grand Slam for Fundraising

by Christine O'Bannon

UCLL (University City Little League) held its annual Hit-a-Thon on Saturday, April 12, marking the largest fundraiser of the year for the league, raising over \$25,000 to support the league's equipment and fields, the most raised over the past three years.

The Hit-a-Thon saw enthusiastic participation from players across all divisions, from T-Ball to Intermediate. One of the standout moments of the day was the furthest hit of the league, achieved by Aksel D.C. from the intermediate level at 92 feet. His impressive swing left spectators in awe.

This year's Hit-a-Thon was bolstered by the generous support of league sponsors, including 5ivetool.com and the Shake Shack at UTC, which held a donation day for UCLL on April 19. Their contributions played a significant role in the event's success. The MVP fundraiser of the event was Lucas Rathbun from the MAPS level, whose dedication and efforts were truly commendable. Lucas also hit the furthest ball in his team. Alan Hsu's MAPS team emerged as the top fundraising team, earning them a well-deserved bye in the end-of-season tournament.

The annual Hit-a-Thon was a testament to the power of community and the dedication of UCLL's players, families, and supporters. The funds raised will go a long way in ensuring the continued success and growth of the league. Congratulations to all participants and heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event a grand slam!



Summary of University City Planning Group Meeting – April 8, 2025

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

There were two information items on the agenda, a brief introduction from a new development team, Cass Street, for the former Costa Verde mall, and the Sorrento to Miramar double tracking project presented by SANDAG on behalf of LOSSAN, the San Luis Obispo to San Diego rail corridor.

Cass Street proposes to develop a mixed-use neighborhood on the Costa Verde site consisting of housing, office, and hospitality uses. Retail, including a market, pharmacy, and restaurants would generally be the ground floor use with underground parking specific to each building. New entrances and exits, with circulation for cars, bikes, and pedestrians would be created with walkability prioritized. Access to the Blue Line Trolley and transit center on the east side of the site would be enhanced. The current buildings on the site, except the gas station and McDonalds, would be demolished and regraded to create a gently sloping property with new sewer and utilities under a central north-south "Main Street" with new buildings east and west. This project is at the concept stage with more detail to be discussed at the May 13 UCPG meeting.

Our second item was the Sorrento to Miramar double tracking project, presented as an information item. This is a very complex project consisting of two parts: double tracking the rail segment between Sorrento and Miramar to increase the frequency of trains and straightening the curves along the track to increase speeds. SANDAG considers the project as both parts together. This project also involves an exchange of MSCP/MHPA open space between SANDAG owned parcels and City owned parcels, and the exchange of "old growth" MHPA land with "new growth" MHPA land, and the filling of a slice of the canyon along the tracks with thirty feet of fill from excavated land nearby. We are still learning about the project's environmental impacts and trade-offs and expect to hear an action item for it soon.

Next month at the UCPG we will hear an action item proposing to remap the former Costa Verde site and to repeal the previous Costa Verde master plan, both of which will be decided by the City Council. There will be a visit for UCPG board members in early May to familiarize it with the site. Seritage, the owner of the eastern 1/3 of UTC, will present an action item proposing to redraw the parcel maps on their site.

Air Station Miramar Matters

Community volunteers Chris Nielsen and Diane Ahern recently attended a Community Leaders Forum (CLF) briefing at the Air Station with Commanding Officer Colonel Herrmann and Community Liaison Officer Kristin Camper. Air Station visitors are likely to notice increased signage and security measures at the Main Gate, also known as the East Gate, near the I-15 on Miramar Way. There are ongoing construction projects throughout the Air Station including runway repairs and hanger maintenance.

The Marine Corps is tasked with maintaining combat readiness at all times. At Air Station Miramar, aircraft flight operations are likely to increase in the coming months as pilots and their crews train to advance their skills and proficiencies. At times, pilots fly after sunset and community members may hear and see aircraft flying around the Air Station at night.

CO Herrmann remains committed to ensuring that pilots are adhering to the Air Station flight path course rules as described in the Air Station AICUZ (Air Installation Compatible Use Zone) study. The AICUZ program is an extensive analysis of the effects of aircraft noise, aircraft accident potential, and land use development upon present and future neighbors of MCAS Miramar. For more information, visit: miramar.marines.mil/Resources/Air-Installations-Compatible-Use-Zones



Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels Project Update

Thank you to the University City and Clairemont communities for patience and cooperation during a significant construction milestone as part of the City of San Diego Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels Project! From April 11-14, 2025, Genesee Avenue at State Route 52 was closed for around-the-clock pipeline installation. Construction progressed as planned and Genesee Avenue was re-opened to two-way traffic on schedule at the end of the weekend before the Monday morning commute.

Construction is also progressing on Genesee Avenue between Governor Drive and Decoro Street in University City. Construction crews are continuing installation of one 48-inch wastewater pipeline and one 30-inch brine pipeline. The cleanup of construction equipment and traffic control devices on Genesee Avenue between Governor Drive and Decoro Street is scheduled to take place by the end of May 2025. By the end of May 2025, both lanes in both directions will be open to traffic on Genesee Avenue from Governor Drive to Decoro Street, and construction activity will move northward to the intersection of Genesee and Nobel Drive. The community will be advised of any delays to this current schedule and the June newsletter will include more information about the next phase of construction at the intersection of Genesee and Nobel Drive.

Please plan extra time when traveling on Genesee Avenue. The City and project team are committed to completing construction as efficiently as possible with safety as our highest priority, and the community's patience and coordination are appreciated.



My Personal Wildland Fire ACTION GUIDE



Fire Department - Brush Management and Weed Abatement for Property Owners

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Wildland Management and Enforcement section comprises of four programs: the Weed Abatement and Brush Complaint Program;

Real Estate Defensible Space Inspection Program; Proactive Door to Door Brush Management Program; and the Annual Weed Abatement Vacant Lot Program.

It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain their defensible space within 100 feet of habitable structures or up to their property line. A City right-of-entry permit is required for brush management activities in City-owned open space parks. The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) does not have the resources to conduct weed abatement on behalf of privately owned parcels within the City of San Diego.

Beginning July 1, 2025, SDFD will offer a Home Risk Assessment, an educational Defensible Space Inspection that provides homeowners valuable insight about the defensible space and the Zone Zero 5-foot ember resistance zone. The goal of this personalized service is to educate homeowners about the purpose of defensible space while making your home defensible and ember resistant against wildfires. With this approach, SDFD aims to make more homes defensible and insurable.

SDFD also provides the Ready, Set, Go! guide and emergency evacuation resources, red flag warnings, emergency notification systems, as well as low-cost home hardening tips and products on their website at: sandiego.gov/fire/community-risk-reduction/wildfire-preparedness

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Charging an E-bike

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Parks and Recreation - Brush Management for Rose and San Clemente Canyons

by Diane Ahern

Of the 27,673 total acres of open space managed by the Parks and Recreation Department Open Space Division, approximately 916 acres are located within 100 feet of structures. Among other duties related to open space land management, the Open Space Division is responsible for conducting brush management (vegetation thinning) on City-owned open space adjacent to privately-owned lots, which are developed with "previously conforming" (legal) structures built before the establishment of the city's first brush management regulations in 1989.

In Rose and San Clemente Canyons, the Open Space Division conducts brush management in accordance with Section 142.0412 of the San Diego Municipal Code and the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's Canyon Fire Safety guidelines and policies related to brush management. For more information about brush management in San Diego's Open Space Parks, visit: sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/osp/brush

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by Barbara Gellman,
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