

University City

...more than a neighborhood

New Maintenance Program for South UC Neighborhood

Happy Valentine's Day!

February 2014

- Groundhog Day
SUNDAY, the 2nd
- UCCA Meeting
WEDNESDAY, the 12th
6:00 to 8:00 pm,
UC Library
- UCPG Meeting
TUESDAY, the 18th
6:00 pm, Forum Hall/UTC
- UCCA Meeting
WEDNESDAY, the 12th
6:00 to 8:00 pm,
UC Library
- Valentine's Day
FRIDAY, the 14th
- President's Day
MONDAY, the 17th
- UC Celebration
WEDNESDAY, the 19th
6:30 pm, Standley Park
- Standley Recreation Center Meeting
THURSDAY, the 27th
7:00 pm, Standley Recreation Center

Dear UC friends and neighbors, Have you noticed how much cleaner our medians look in University City? The UCCA has hired Ponderosa Landscape to provide a complete maintenance program on an every-other-month schedule. The program began in November 2013. New plants will be planted within the next few months. The UCCA and its residents want to extend a heartfelt thanks to Carl's Jr. and The La Jolla Park East Apartments for agreeing to participate in an on-going program to keep their medians beautiful and safe for the UC Community.

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Governor median gets a good cleaning.



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Message from the President

Barry Bernstein



Happy 2014 everyone! IT'S TIME TO RENEW/JOIN UCCA. We're now at the beginning of February, and the holiday season has come and gone. Here in San Diego we're preparing for our mayoral election. I'm guessing many of you who have not made arrangements for an absentee ballot (over 50% of San Diegans vote via absentee ballot,) are getting lots of calls from the candidates' call centers. I hope you have made time to look over the candidates' objectives and plans for our city, and, in particular, those that might pertain directly to University City.

Thank you to our SDPD for their diligent efforts in trying to locate the individual responsible for the vehicular felony hit-and-run that injured two early-morning walkers near Streseman/Ducommun. At this writing, no suspects and/or vehicle has been found. On page four you'll find additional information related to this serious incident. In another matter, there are rumors floating around our community, many in an online chatroom, related to the possible leasing/purchase of the previously occupied International Bank. As of now, there isn't anything specific to report.

A special thank-you to Janice Collins at Scripps Health for arranging a generous donation towards funding the 2014 summer concerts at Standley Park. Speaking of Standley Park, we had a spectacular Tree-Lighting/Dinner with Santa event this past December. Thanks to UCCA's Darlene Ventimiglia and Barbara Henshaw along with Johnny Chou, Shawna Aubuchon and Courtney Roberts of Standley Park Rec and some really terrific dedicated community helpers. It turned out to be a very memorable evening. Our UCCA beautification committee has hired a new landscaper to keep our major medians on Governor Drive, Regents, and Genesee looking their best. See photo/article on the front of this issue. Each of us can and should do our part in keeping UC beautiful, clean and safe.

We are proud of our San Diego Chargers as they gave us a late Christmas gift by winning/earning a spot in the playoffs and eventually losing to the Denver Broncos. SDSU Aztecs Basketball team is for real and their football team ended on a high note this year winning their bowl game. A sad note in marking the loss of a great American hero and sportsman so familiar to the greater San Diego community, Lt. Colonel Jerry Coleman. A final salute to the Colonel was a special fly-over at the nearby Miramar National Cemetery

Welcome and congratulations to new UCCA Board members: Diane Ahern, Jack Crittenden, Mark Powell and Hallie Burch. They will be bringing new ideas, expertise and energies to our organization in 2014. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 12th, 6:00 pm. Please feel welcome to attend. And don't forget to join or renew your 2014 UCCA membership. University City is more than just a neighborhood! Thank you for your interest and support.

Barry



Ginny Charvat, Barbara Henshaw, Barry Bernstein and Bonnie Hornbeck at the "office".

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Carl's Jr. has adopted the median in front of their restaurant and The La Jolla Park East Apartments has agreed to trim and maintain their pine tree median on Genesee north of Governor. The trees have already been trimmed and are no longer leaning precariously over Genesee Avenue. Thanks also to Mel Milstein from Sherri Lightner's office for supporting us in our efforts. We'd also like to thank one of our residents whom we see every day in her safety vest picking up litter from one end of Governor to the other. We all need to do our part to keep our sidewalks and adjacent plantings as neat as possible. Please call us if you see any areas that need attention. Thanks,

Merle Berman, Chair Beautification Committee
Barbara Gellman, Co-Chair Beautification Committee

Beautification

by Barbara Gellman

It seems that at least one home on every street in University City needs some attention. Wouldn't it be great if all homes had eye appeal, not only for the neighborhood but the community as a whole?

It does take some effort to cut the grass, remove weeds, dead plants, bushes, empty pots, clean the accumulation of leaves and trash along with broken chairs and broken fences, but it benefits the homeowner/renter. Our property values remain high, people coming into the community have a positive feeling about the neighborhood and living in a non-toxic environment is healthier.

This doesn't mean that one needs to hire some expensive landscaper to turn their yard into a "garden tour" property. It might mean that one needs to call upon the assistance of friends, neighbors or relatives to work together and clear the rubbish.

Please join us, the University City Community Association, in helping make our community as beautiful as possible. Feel free to contact us with any questions or solutions.

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Eight Ways to Make University City Even More Beautiful!

by Jack Crittenden

We are blessed to live in a community that is surrounded by the natural beauty of Rose Canyon to the north and San Clemente Canyon to the south. Plus, our caring citizens help make the interior a wonderful place to live. In the past year, we have seen significant improvement thanks to the street paving and median improvements in front of Shell and in other locations.

But keeping University City looking its best is an ongoing effort. One of the goals of the UCCA is to beautify our community. That means constantly looking for areas to improve upon, and empowering our fellow residents to take action.

Here then is our list of things you can do to make UC even more beautiful:

- 1. Set a good example and don't litter. Even better, clean up trash in the streets and parks when you see it.**
- 2. Maintain your yard. Wouldn't it be great if all homes had eye appeal, not only for the neighborhood but the community as a whole. Do the simple things: cut your grass, remove weeds, dead plants, bushes and empty pots.**
- 3. Struggling with a neighbor or two who can't maintain their yard? Organize a neighborhood cleanup day and ask them if you can help.**
- 4. Keep growth off our sidewalks. Cut back the pickleweed and other overgrowth. If the back of your home is adjacent to Governor, don't forget that you have responsibility for the overgrowth.**
- 5. Support the UCCA's efforts to improve our medians. We have already begun this clean-up effort. But some of our medians could use more serious help. Adding plants and trees can make a huge difference to an otherwise boring space. Join the UCCA to help.**
- 6. We need a solution to the ugly recycle bins in the parking lot of Swanson. If you have suggestions, please share them at our next UCCA meeting.**
- 7. Call the appropriate San Diego department when you notice a broken street sign, street lights, water valve, or to report abandoned vehicles.**
- 8. Join UCCA and help plan bigger improvements, such as making a more beautiful approach to UC on Regents Rd.**



Dumpsters in the Swanson lot, January 12th.

Photo by Sandy Lippe

Hit and Run on Stresemann at the Corner of Ducommun

by Sandy Lippe

University City residents need to be the eyes and ears to help the police solve this horrendous crime. Pedestrians must be vigilant crossing streets in our neighborhood, especially at busy intersections like Governor and Regents and Governor and Genesee. It used to be one errant driver would run a red light turning right going north from Regents onto Governor, but now it's several cars. Are you one of the distracted drivers who does a "California stop" at one of our many stop signs?

On a personal note, the Friday before Thanksgiving, UCCA vice president, Barbara Henshaw, was walking with a friend and was hit by a car crossing Scripps Street on Governor across from Marketplace. Clearly, she had the right of way. Luckily, the driver stopped, unlike the situation on December 27th at Stresemann and Ducommun. While Barbara is healing from her injuries, she would like to remind UC drivers to look to the right as well as the left when making a right hand turn at a corner with a light or stop sign. She had a green light to cross, but the driver was distracted.

When dropping your children at local schools, be vigilant around pedestrians, especially little children. People question why walkers and joggers walk in the street at times instead of the sidewalk. First of all, San Diego sidewalks are dangerous to walk on. Tripping over raised areas makes a smooth walk impossible. Runners know that blacktop is easier on the feet and back than cement sidewalks.

Please send our newsletter any experiences you have had with distracted drivers or pedestrians.



*Lt. Misty Cedrun, Community Relations Officer
Larry Hesselgesser and Detective Chris Velovich
assigned to hit and run case on Dec 27th in UC as they
provided information at the January UCCA meeting.*

Why Neighborhood Watch?

by Barbara Gellman

Neighborhood Watch has become one of the most effective crime prevention programs in a community because it enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement.

Residents learn to recognize and report crimes and suspicious activities. We learn how to identify crime and disorder problems on our streets and work with the San Diego Police personnel to solve them. We are so fortunate to have the patience, support and expertise of the Northern Division; it makes a major difference in a community.

One of the most common crimes in a neighborhood is vehicle burglary. To prevent this, do not leave anything of value visible in your car and be sure to lock it up; that includes cords to electronics.

Most home burglaries take place during the day and usually through a back door or window. Prevent this by locking the side gate and making sure your doors and windows are locked and dowel rods are in the tracks or use other locking mechanisms. The risk to the burglar being seen entering a home from the back vs. the front is very minimal, so lock the gate.

Night break-ins can be prevented by installing LED lights around the house that come on at dusk to dawn and/or motion detector lighting. The LED light is a bit more expensive, but it lasts longer and is brighter and burglars hate light along with dogs and noisy neighbors. Inside timers are recommended so your house isn't dark, especially when you are away. You can even leave a radio or TV on to make it sound like someone is in the house.

If you are now ready to volunteer to be a street captain, this is how it works. Each street needs a captain or co-captains who in turn, hold a one hour meeting of the residents on the street in his/her home or library with our community officer, Larry Hesselgesser and the neighborhood watch coordinator. Safety tips are discussed, questions answered and neighbors become familiar with who belongs on the street, who has dogs, kids, renters, etc.; it is a very friendly and casual gathering. One or more of the new reflective signs are then posted on the street and that gives strangers notice that we are a proactive crime prevention neighborhood, so move on. Being a captain is not complicated, just contact me at bggellman@yahoo.com and we will discuss the process. There are already sixty other captains who along with their neighbors are helping to protect this community. Join them.

ADDRESS & LIGHTING ALERT

TO ASSIST POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL TO FIND YOUR HOME IN AN EMERGENCY, DAY OR NIGHT, STENCIL YOUR HOUSE NUMBER, USING FLUORESCENT PAINT ON THE CURB AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A READABLE NUMBER ON YOUR HOUSE.

TO DETER CRIME, USE LED LIGHTS AROUND YOUR HOME AND ASK NEIGHBORS TO DO THE SAME. CRIMINALS DO NOT LIKE LIGHT.

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Barnes & Noble Book Drive Results

by Anne St Louis



Spreckels library assistant, Deana Sharghi, is happy to receive the new books from the drive.

For the fourth year in a row, EdUCate! partnered with Barnes and Noble (Bookstar) in the Costa Verde Center for a book drive to benefit public schools in the UC Cluster. EdUCate! and Barnes & Noble/Bookstar would like to thank patrons of their Costa Verde store for purchasing over 1100 books during the 4th annual holiday book drive benefiting all five University City public schools. Each UC elementary school received over 200 books, Standley middle added 230 new books to their library, and 275 books were purchased for UC high school. This is 300 more books than last year's book drive. Way to go!

EdUCate! board members sorted and then delivered the books to each school on January 10th. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this important program for UC Cluster students. The students and staff at all the schools expressed to us their appreciation for your generosity.

Deana Sharghi, the library assistant at Spreckels, received two-hundred new book titles from the book drive.

EdUCate! Grants Over \$20,000 to UC Teachers this Fall!

by Anne St Louis

The mission of EdUCate! is to provide supplemental resources to UC public schools. A cornerstone of this funding is the EdUCate! Teacher Grant program as it provides additional assistance directly to the heart of our schools. We are pleased to announce another successful round of funding! More than \$20,000 in grant monies was distributed directly to twenty-seven teachers for their classrooms this fall 2013 grant cycle. EdUCate! commits at least one-third of its donations to teachers each year.

The Teacher Grant committee carefully considers and scores all grant applications on the basis of several factors, including the number of students the grant will impact, its educational value, the longevity of the project, its practicality, innovation, collaboration and cost effectiveness.

This program directly impacts our children, so please consider supporting these grants through a tax-deductible donation through any one of our giving programs: Honor a Teacher, Dollar a Day, Oktoberfest and Taste of the Triangle. We appreciate your donation!

Congratulations to EdUCate!'s 2013-2014 Fall Teacher Grant Recipients!

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2014 UC Community 4th of July Celebration Cancelled!!

by George Odero

The 2014 UC July 4th Community Celebration will be cancelled if we don't get enough volunteers to help with organizing the event. Despite a successful 25th, July 4th celebration in 2013, the volunteer spirit has declined significantly. This has left the event-organizing committee with no option but to propose cancelling this year's celebration. The event-planning committee has lost several key volunteers leaving the remaining dedicated few members overwhelmed. Volunteers are needed for the following roles in the event-planning process:

- **Event vice chair**
- **Event volunteer coordination**
- **Vendor recruitment**
- **Sponsor/ donor solicitation and fund raising**
- **Sponsor/donor communication support**
- **Solicitation of new event activity ideas**

Many of these duties can be shared among several volunteers working together. The event organization is a six-month process which requires involvement from volunteer community members throughout the planning period (monthly meetings) and on the day of the event. Our next meeting will be February 19th, 6:30 pm, at Standley Recreation Center. If you want to get involved to save this year's event, come to the February meeting or contact George Odero.

**Godero@goreadusa.org
619-987-1377**

**You may also sign up at Standley Recreation center
located 3585 Governor Drive.**

EdUCate! Teacher Grant for Craig Sacchetti, Standley Middle School

The physical education department at Standley Middle School was in serious need of upgrading their baseball and softball equipment. Now students at Standley are benefitting from brand new equipment which will improve the program's baseball and softball activities. "Forty new gloves are a welcome addition as the PE Department was previously using gloves which have been in use since the school's inception" said Craig Sacchetti, Standley Middle School PE coach. "Batting tees were also a part of the grant and they are really helping beginners get up to speed with their hitting skills. Thank you EdUCate!"

**You may also join UCCA by
going to our website at
www.universitycitynews.org.**

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Community Resolutions

by Jemma Samala

A new year is upon us and this is when we tend to make resolutions. We usually think about eating healthier, exercising more, spending less, making more time for family, etc. By February, many of those resolutions are broken. My resolution to eat less chocolate was broken by the first weekend in January.

Besides our personal resolutions, maybe we should also think about community resolutions such as what our community should resolve to do to make it a better place to live.

I must say I'm a real University City cheerleader, so I think our community is one of the best places to live in San Diego as is, but there's always room for improvement. One of the best ways to improve the neighborhood is through volunteerism in our many non-profit organizations. (I know I have preached this many times.) We have the local school PTAs, Centurion Foundation, EdUCate!, Boy and Girl Scout troops, sports leagues, Neighborhood Watch groups, UC Planning Group, UCCA and the new UC Community Foundation. The UCCF is in its early stages. This is a great time to support and help our neighborhood fulfill our own community resolutions, such as street beautification or building a community stage.

Adults and children alike can find ways to help make our neighborhood be a better place to live. Doing so can come in the form of activism. UCHS has a student group called PEAPS (Protect Every Animal, Pledge Service), which besides being involved in animal rights activism issues, is currently assisting with the ban on plastic bags in San Diego. Encouraging our youth to be active with issues that are important to them, especially if it's something to help the community, (like what the PEAPS group is doing for the environment), is a resolution with a meaningful purpose.

Resolving to help the community can come in subtle forms. You can resolve to shop and dine more hyperlocal. We've got great local restaurants, and many residents have their businesses in the area, including solar installer owned by a UC resident. This is a business that also helps our environment. Again, look to the youth in the area. I'm sure if you need a baby-sitter or a teen to mow your lawn, there are plenty around. There's also teens who would be great coaches, tutors or computer technicians. I always think it's a good idea to keep our teens busy and out of trouble.

One resolution that helps the community is getting to know your neighbors better like being part of your Neighborhood Watch group. It's just good to know and look out for each other. During the holidays, I helped organize our 2nd annual Adopt-A-Family program at UCHS (and thanks to all that participated). Maybe we should organize an Adopt-A-Neighbor program, especially for those retired folks who may be living alone. We all want to know that someone is looking out for us, knows our pets and can help bring in trash cans and newspapers when away.

No matter what your personal resolutions may be, make a few for your community, and unlike personal ones, let's not break them within the first month, unless it's eating less chocolate with your neighbor Jemma.

If you would like to send me info for the UC Scene, contact: jemmasamala@gmail.com. My personal blog is at: www.jemmasamala.com.

LARRY YANDEL JR.

MEMORIAL CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Save the dates of April 12th-13th, as the 3rd Annual Larry Yandel Jr. Memorial Youth Fund Co-ed Softball Tournament will be held at Standley Park. The annual tournament honors the memory of Larry Yandel who was a beloved baseball and football coach to many of our UC youth.

The co-ed softball teams start playing the night of Saturday, April 12th, 6:00 pm, and will continue on Sunday, April 13th at 10:00 am. The tournament kicks off with a girls fast pitch softball game Saturday afternoon, and will include a MLB Hit Pitch and Run event on Sunday morning. Make sure to watch the championship game, Sunday at 4:00 pm. Who knows what neighbors will be squaring off against each other!

New this year will be a Larry's Cup designed to display all past winners, much like the NHL's Stanley Cup. Also, 1st and 2nd place teams will get trophies, as well as the winner of the most homeruns.

More details will follow about the softball tournament and the Hit Pitch Run event. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to organizations such as UCLL, UC Del Sol, La Jolla Pop Warner, Centurion Foundation and EdUCate! Volunteers are always needed for umpiring, scorekeeping, snack bar, field maintenance and Hit Pitch Run. Contact Dawn Yandel, dawnyandel@aol.com, for more info, to register, to volunteer and/or to make a donation. Not only is this a great way to keep Larry's memory alive, but honors his volunteer spirit. The entire UC community is invited to participate and to enjoy watching neighbors play it out on the field. See you there!

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TUESDAY, February 11th, at 6:00 pm.

Cooking with Lawrence! TUESDAY, February 4th, at 6:00 pm. Learn to make traditional Chinese pork!

Job Search Assistance: MONDAYS, 2:00–5:00 pm. Get job coaching, resume and interview help! Please call ahead to make an appointment.

Art Adventures with Janene Farmer: Brought to you by the Picerno Foundation. Artist Janene Farmer begins free art classes at the library for children in grades 1-6. Please call the branch for times and further details.

Knitter's Circle: Now on a new day of the week. Please join this informal knitting club and learn how to knit, crochet and make new friends while making great new creations. 1st and 3rd THURSDAY of the month at 1:00 pm.

ESL Conversation Class: Every THURSDAY, at 4:00 pm. Make new friends and work on your English skills! Intermediate speakers only, please.

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Please call the library to confirm any given program. Cancellations are rare, but may occur. Many thanks to the Friends of the UC Library for their generous sponsorship.

Wheeling Around

by Sharon L. Goodis

Want to ride with us?

www.knickerbikers.com or • info@cyclequestsd.com

What are Sharrows?

While driving or cycling south on Genesee Avenue just past Nobel Drive, you might have noticed markings on the road and wondered what they indicate.



These State-approved, forty-inch-wide, white bicycle images with two chevrons painted markings are sharrows, which is shorthand for Shared Lane Markings.

Sharrows are painted on streets primarily where a travel lane is too narrow for side-by-side sharing; too narrow for motorists to safely drive next to bicyclists within the same

lane. You will see sharrows on many streets throughout San Diego. Sharrows recommend where it is generally safest for bicyclists to ride, positioned toward the middle of a lane. This position reminds bicyclists to ride far enough away from parked vehicles to avoid being struck by suddenly opened car doors. For lanes too narrow for a car and bicycle to share side by side, sharrows also guide bicyclists to a position to make it clear that following cars must change lanes to pass and to slow down until that is possible. Sharrows also serve to alert motorists that bicyclists may be using the full travel lane. A motorist should wait for a safe opportunity to move entirely into an adjacent lane to pass a bicyclist who is using a full lane or a lane with sharrows. You also may see signs stating "Bicycles May Use Full Lane." These signs meant to remind all of us of a person's right, even while bicycling, to use a full travel lane as needed.

And now you know!



Scripps Healthcare

by Sandy Lippe

Scripps Healthcare has donated \$3500 to UCCA to sponsor the 2014 Summer Concerts series at Standley Park. Scripps' Janice Collins has been working with UCCA to put some funding into an activity that draws families. The Sunday concerts are popular with our community, and we salute our neighbor to the north, Scripps Healthcare, for supporting this summer series.

Please Remember These Guidelines for Article/Photo Submission:

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Thank You!

MYSTERY MOVIES

Set amongst the stunning gardens of Europe, two professional gardeners find themselves drawn into solving mysterious crimes. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, at 2:00 pm

POPULAR MOVIES FOR ADULTS

A British medical doctor fights a cholera outbreak in a small Chinese village, while also being trapped at home in a loveless marriage to an unfaithful wife. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, at 2:00 pm

GALAPAGOS ISLAND BOOK

TALK Author Bette Pegas shares her book, *Chasing a Dream in the Galapagos: A Personal Evolution*, which won Best Travel Book in 2010 from the San Diego Book Awards. FEBRUARY 5th, at 6:30 pm

WORLD WAR II AUTHOR TALK

Meet Jesse Russell and hear excerpts from his memoir *Doing What Comes Natchery A Living* History of the 20th Century. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, at 1:00 pm

DANCING WITH THE BAMBOO BRUSH ART SHOW AND SALE

Join Jean Shen and her students for an art sale, brush painting demonstration, and celebration of their work. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, at 12:00-2:00 pm

LINDSEY PINO SOPRANO CONCERT

Come hear Lindsey sing a solo concert with some of your favorite classical songs featuring works by Gounod, Mozart, Brahms, Bizet, and more. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, at 6:30 pm

DECLUTTER YOUR LIFE AN OASIS PROGRAM

Learn the steps to declutter and organize any space, where to start and how to create new habits so that the rest of 2014 becomes clutter free! Presented by Sue Crum the past president of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO), San Diego Chapter. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, at 2:00-4:00 pm

UC BOOK CLUB

Join us as we discuss *Wild from Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed. This story recounts an 1100 mile solo hike that broke down a young woman reeling from catastrophe—and built her back up again. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, at 2:00-3:00 pm

PAWS TO READ

Love on a Leash bring their trained, gentle assistance dogs to listen to children practice their reading. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, at 4:00 pm

ZUMBA GOLD

Calling all baby boomers! An exhilarating workout with easy-to-follow moves to Latin music. MONDAYS & THURSDAYS, at 12:00 pm FRIDAYS, at 9:45 am

SPECIAL NEEDS ZUMBA

Lisbeth Garces leads a safe, fun workout created for persons with special needs. MONDAYS, at 1:00 pm

ADULT YOGA

Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own yoga mat or towel. TUESDAYS, at 4:30 pm

ASIAN BRUSH PAINTING

Sumi-e is an Asian art form in which paintings from nature are depicted in black ink on white paper. TUESDAYS, at 12:30-3:30 pm

ACCORDION CLUB

New members are always welcome! 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS THE 8th & 22nd, at 9:30-11:30

Friends of University Community Library's Huge Book Sale January 30th-February 1st

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 17TH, PRESIDENTS DAY

AMAZING DANA MAGIC SHOW

Kids and parents alike are amazed and entertained by Dana's magic and sense of humor. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, at 1:30 pm

GO GAMING

Learn the ancient mind game of Go from the president of the San Diego Chapter of the American Go Association. TUESDAYS, at 2:30-3:30 pm

GAME ON

Teens! Get your game on! Wii gaming with your friends! FRIDAYS, at 3:00-4:30 pm

SIGNING STORYTIME

Sign language fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with Jennifer Duncan. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, at 3:00-3:30 pm

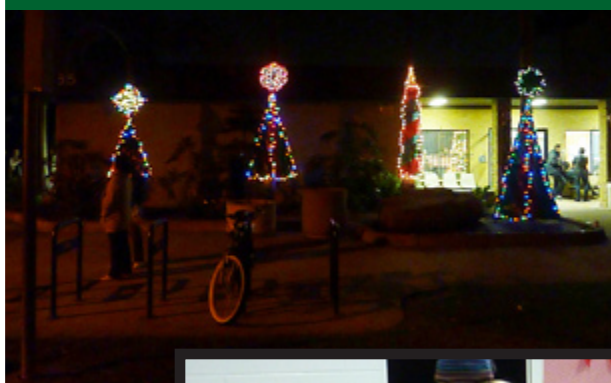
PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Stories, crafts, finger plays, and songs with April and Gerri. THURSDAYS, at 10:30 am

Please call the library to confirm any given program. Cancellations are rare, but may occur.

Many thanks to the Friends of the UC Library for their generous sponsorship. This information will be made available in alternate formats upon request.

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Remembering the Tree Lighting

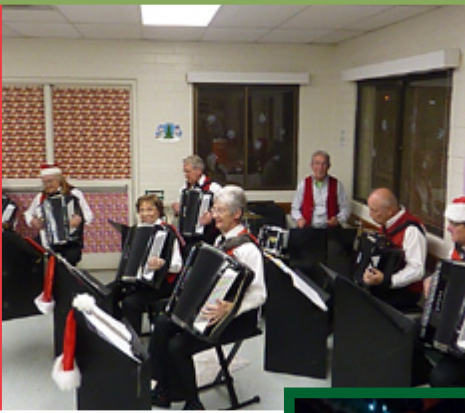
With February featuring Valentine's Day, it may be hard to remember Friday, December 13th when UCCA joined forces with Standley Park for a family fun evening. Standley had its first Dinner with Santa, a big hit with the community. UCCA held its 12th tree lighting event, where Santa heard the wish lists of many children.

Artist Judy Bethel's design of trees and a snowman were turned into reality by dedicated, long time volunteers, Jim Simon and Dave Buttemer, Stew and Bobbie Westal. Rich Quinonez joined in to help with some Standley staffers.

Darlene Ventimiglia and Barbara Henshaw, co-chairs, assigned other elves a particular job during the decorating when the front of Standley Rec Center was magically transformed.

On the night of the official tree lighting, traditions continued. Standley Middle School band, under the direction of

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Mr. Phillip Marcus, and Tuesday Night Alibi, and Our Mother of Confidence Children's chorus, directed by Sr. Angela and Mary Jo Mathis, entertained the UC families and friends. Santa Claus and Fire Truck 35 provided excitement for the children. Carl's Jr. delighted the hungry crowd with cookies, and Carole Pietras provided Christmas cookies. Hot chocolate with plenty of whipped cream was well received.

This gift to the community from UCCA is in need of some younger elves next year. Please contact Darlene Ventimiglia if you would like to help keep this lovely tradition alive: darleneven@yahoo.com. Some of the other elves involved were Barry Bernstein, Merle Berman, Terry Jones, Mack Langston, Sandy Lippe and Carole Pietras.





by Sherri Lightner

Traffic Improvements Rolling in University City

The New Year will bring much-needed street improvements to University City.

As many of you know, the City of San Diego recently resurfaced the southbound lanes of Regents Road from Governor Drive to State Route 52. The northbound lanes weren't resurfaced at that time due to an anticipated placement of a water main in the northbound lanes of Regents Road from State Route 52 to Pennant Way. Within the next several weeks, City crews again will be working in that area, resulting in a new water main and a smoother Regents Road.

In the months ahead residents also will notice construction beginning on traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Governor Drive and Genesee Avenue. These improvements include:

- Reconstruction of the median on Governor Drive in order to provide dual westbound left turn lanes
- Removal of median mounted poles
- Cutting back of median noses that stick out into the crosswalks
- Installation and replacement of signal mast arms and poles
- Installation of a new traffic detection system
- Upgrades to traffic signal indicators
- Installation of new emergency vehicle preemption systems
- Install of pedestrian countdown timers and new ADA push-button

These intersection improvements are scheduled to begin in May and, when finished, will significantly improve traffic and pedestrian safety in our community.

As always, please feel free to contact my office directly if you have any questions about these infrastructure improvements or any other neighborhood issues.



by John Lee Evans

What are San Diego's Twelve Indicators of a Quality School?

Under the leadership of Superintendent Cindy Marten we are focused on the implementation of Vision 2020 for Quality Schools in EVERY Neighborhood. The development of this plan was begun by the Board of Education in 2009.

The Board and district staff have come up with 12 indicators of a quality neighborhood school. Principals are already beginning the process of leading their schools through a self-study on a few key indicators.

Defining a quality school is an ambitious project. We believe it is much more than the average standardized test scores of a school. A school will reach a level of excellence by paying attention to these twelve indicators:

- Broad and challenging curriculum
- Quality teaching
- Quality leadership
- Professional learning for all staff
- Closing the achievement gap with high expectations for all
- Parent/community engagement around student achievement
- Quality support staff integrated and focused on student achievement
- Supportive environment that values diversity in the service of students
- High enrollment of neighborhood students
- Digital literacy
- Neighborhood center with services depending on neighborhood needs
- Safe and well-maintained facilities

Parents, staff and community all need to ask questions about their schools in each of these areas. Does the curriculum support students who will go to college as well as those who will go directly into careers? Does the full curriculum include the arts and technology and go beyond the basics? Is the quality of teaching at a high level?

Do most students who live in the community attend the neighborhood school? Why or why not? Does the school meet the particular needs of our neighborhood? Is it a safe and well maintained facility?

This is the beginning of a conversation. While some schools are seriously underperforming and some are doing quite well, we want to improve the quality of every school in San Diego and that requires community-wide participation.



by Scott Peters

Common Ground

In December, for the first time in four years, Congress passed a budget; a two-year agreement that provides stability and predictability to agencies, basic scientific research programs, the military, and those who contract with the federal government. I supported the December budget agreement because it is the sort of bipartisan, reasonable solution that the people of San Diego expect from Congress. The budget agreement, while definitely not perfect, was a step away from the foolish sequester and crisis-to-crisis budgeting, and a step towards the kind of flexibility that is key to keeping our economic recovery on the upward trend.

Further, this makes it much harder for an irrational government shutdown to occur in the next two years, providing the private sector with the opportunity to grow and create jobs without the potential of government-imposed economic disaster looming over their heads.

When I ran for Congress, I promised a problem-solving approach that would replace the divisiveness and partisanship we've seen in DC over recent years, including support for No Budget, No Pay—the idea that if Congress doesn't do its job, it shouldn't get a paycheck. Since taking office, my goal has been a budget that adequately funds infrastructure, basic scientific research, quality education, and a strong national defense, while providing a sustainable safety net. Further, tax reform that would fund the government while incentivizing domestic job-creation must be a priority. Obviously, there is much more work to do. But I am confident this constitutes significant progress in a Congress that has long been broken. This budget agreement is a positive development and a sign that the parties are working together to find common ground.

San Diego Regional Science Olympiad Competition at UCHS

by Maureen Quessenberry

On February 22th, eighty teams of students representing twenty-five schools throughout the county, will descend upon University City High School to participate in the San Diego Regional Science Olympiad competition. The event begins at 7:00 am and caps off with an awards ceremony at about 4:30 pm.

Science Olympiad is a national event where students compete in their knowledge of science and engineering that is usually outside the bounds of what is commonly taught in school. This year students will build gliders, Rube-Goldberg devices and magnetically levitating vehicles. They will study topics ranging from water quality to glaciers to entomology and everything in between. Some events require students to take a test and others to perform tasks or analyze data. It is truly an amazing example of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education.

UCHS has long been a competitor in Science Olympiad, often advancing to the state competition. This year, the high school has three teams of 15 students each who have been working diligently since October with an incredible team of parent/teacher volunteer coaches. Students and coaches put in 1-4 hours a week per event and typically participate in three events each. There is also a middle school competition and Standley has two teams participating.

Some events are open to the public to watch, so if you are around the area, feel free to drop in and see these dedicated students at work. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.sandiegoso.org>.

Up Coming Sports! Sign up today!

photos by Sandy Lippe



Opening Day for Little League - March 1st



The newsletter can fill-up early.

Please submit as soon as possible.

Thank you. The Editor

UCHS Boys Cross Country Team 7th in the State

by Connie Culp



On November 30th, 2013, the UCHS Boys Cross Country team travelled to Fresno, CA, as one of three schools to represent San Diego, Division. III in the California CIF State Championship 2013. They placed 7th in the state, making them the number one team in Division III in San Diego. The athletes are: Victor Bennett, Niko Chapman, Tyler Culp, John Kidman, Ryan Najera, Steven Scheidt and Hayden Stone.

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Community Stage Project Approved by Standley Recreation Council

by Greg Zinser

The community stage project being proposed by Improve UC was unanimously approved by the Standley Recreation Council at their meeting on December 5th, 2013. The Board of Improve UC would like to thank the Recreation Council, UCCA, and all community members who attended our public meetings to support this project. The project will now go to the next level of review, including amendment of the General Development Plan (GDP) and Public Project Assessment. We hope to begin fund raising for this project mid-year.

Improve UC Selects Logo Contest Winner

The Board of Improve UC congratulates Michelle Huffaker, who submitted the winning entry for the Improve UC logo contest. Along with our congratulations and appreciation, she also receives a cash award of \$100. We also thank all who participated in our contest for their efforts and creativity.



Greg Zinser and
contest winner
Michelle Huffaker



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Electrical Box Painters at Swanson Pool

photo by Sandy Lippe



Artists Gail and Chuck Conners paint a sports theme on the electrical box near Swanson.

Happy New Year Garden Club Folks!

by Tanya Howe Aeria

After a long break, we will be starting our year off with our first garden event at:

Tish Berg's house:
5741 Stadium Street
Saturday, February 8th,
4:00 - 6:00 pm

If you have a garden that you would like to share, please email UCGardenClub@gmail.com or call 619-884-2658. I'd love to talk to you about your yard.