

Upcoming Events

Tree Planting Meeting
Wednesday, February 5th
 6:00 p.m. at UC Library

UCPG Tuesday, February 11th
 6:30 p.m. Forum Hall,
 UTC above Wells Fargo Bank
 Full Agenda available at
 UC Library, & UCCA web page

Transit First Presentation
Wednesday, February 12th
 6:30 p.m. Forum Hall UTC

UC Celebration Meeting
Wednesday, February 19th
 6:30 p.m. at Standley Rec Center

UC GARDEN CLUB
Thursday, February 27th 6:00 p.m.
 First Baptist Church of San Diego
 5055 Governor Dr.
 Speaker: Erica Specht
 Topic: Poisonous Plants

Coming in March...

Tree Planting, Saturday, March 1st

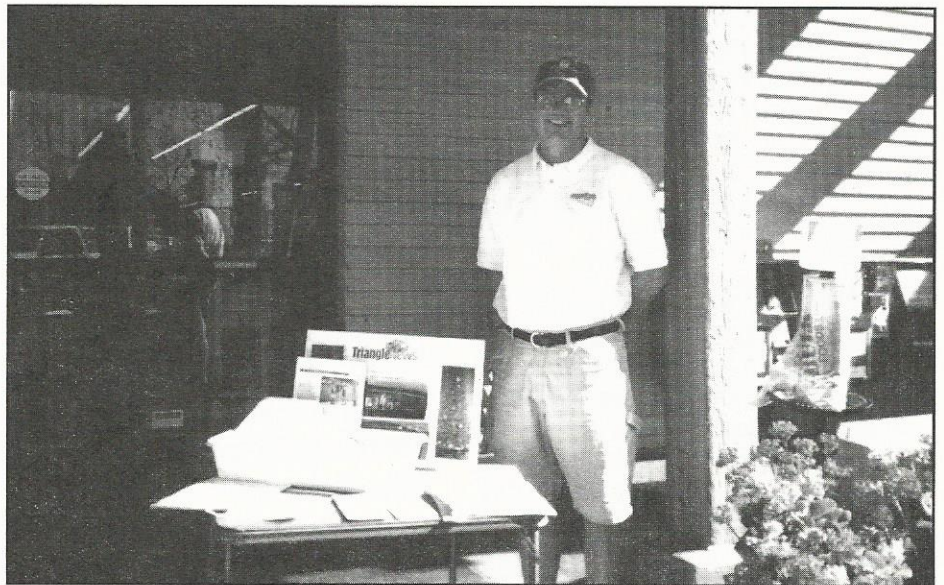
UCLL Opening Day/40th Anniversary
Sat., March 8th 9:00 a.m. at Cap Field

EdUCate! Friendraiser
Sat. March 15th 11:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
at University City High School

UCCA Social Hour, Sunday March 16th
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at
OnTap! at UTC

Governor Drive Beautification meeting.
Watch for details.

Be informed. Check our web site
www.universitycityca.com



Landscaping Co-Chair, Mike Wilder, stands ready to give information about membership, trees and the beautification project.

UCCA Membership Drive Underway

Thank you to all who have joined or renewed membership in UCCA. If you haven't yet done so, it's not too late. Membership applications were included in the last newsletter and are also available at Postal Annex, the UC

Library, Mail Exchange and Standley Park, or you may download and print an application from our website, www.universitycityca.com. Your membership helps sustain this newsletter and supports community activities.

Social at OnTap! March 16

University City Community Association is celebrating its first birthday as a reinstated community association. Last March the street banners went up proclaiming U.C. is more than a neighborhood. This March we're inviting U.C. residents and their friends to join us for a social gathering at On Tap in UTC on Sunday, March 16th, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tickets for an appetizer buffet are \$7.00 for members and \$8.00 for non-members if purchased by March 9th, or \$10.00 at the door. Drinks, including green beer in honor of St. Patrick's Day, are no-host. Send your check made out to UCCA to: UCCA Attn: Sandy, P O BOX 121, 3368 Governor Dr. San Diego, CA. 92122.

Ideas Flow at Governor Dr. Beautification Workshop

Next Meeting set for March

The Media Center at Standley Middle School was buzzing with activity the evening of January 23rd. Councilman Scott Peters opened the workshop by defining the focus of the demonstration project—the Governor Dr. median between Stadium St. and Mercer Av.-- then turned the meeting over to the team of professionals. Randy Robbins and Steve Pomerence, AVRP landscape architects, and Mitch Berner and Tiffany Sherer of Public Solutions summarized results from the November meeting and encouraged creativity in building on those ideas in the group breakout session. Sheila Sarkar, Director California Institute of Transportation Safety at SDSU spoke about traffic calming ideas.

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Neighborhood News...

U.C. Senior Center at 3813 Governor Drive promises a busy February schedule, according to **Melinda Wynar**, program director. Feb 4th at 11:00 a.m. **Independent Living Products** will present the latest in senior medical aides with products for arthritis, fibromyalgia, and Parkinson's disease. **Music of Rogers and Hart** will pick up your spirits on Feb. 18th 1:00 p.m. Join the group for **gentle fitness exercises** every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Call **Melinda** at (858)550-5998 for more information.

...**Standley Park** will host a **Valentine's Day dance** on February 7th from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for **5th through 8th graders**. Presale tickets will be sold from the 1st-6th for \$5.00 each. Tickets are \$8.00 at the door. Call Standley Park at 552-1652 for more information.... **University Village Tot Lot (playground) committee** is being formed. If you are interested in serving on the committee, contact **Carol or Gordon Parham** at gparham@san.rr.com or **Carmen Espinosa** at Standley Park Recreation Center, 552-1652....Do you have extra time? **Standley Park** would welcome volunteers in the front office, checking out equipment, filing, coaching, helping for special events....University City lost a good friend and advocate with the recent passing of **Gene McElroy**. Gene helped form UC Little League and was a past president. Among his many other activities, he served as Chairman of the San Diego City Park and Rec Board. In 1982, his efforts in the campaigns to build UC High and to bring organized sports to the area were recognized when the ball field at University Gardens Park was named in his honor—McElroy Field.

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New, Improved Free Tree Program for 2003 February 5th Meeting to prepare for March 1st planting

People for Trees and San Diego Regional Energy Office (SDREO) have joined together to sponsor a new free tree program for 2003, Cool Communities Shade Tree Program. The program is designed to save energy and water by using trees to provide shade since shaded areas use less water and require less air conditioning. The new program offers a greater variety of trees and allows homeowners to plant as many as 5 free trees in the parkway and around the house.

There are a few restrictions. You still have to dig your own hole, and you can't plant trees on the north (shaded)

EdUCate! Presents Spring "Friendraiser"

EdUCate!, the University City Foundation for Public Schools, is proud to announce its second annual "Friendraiser" to be held on Saturday, March 15th, at University City High School, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be student performances; displays of student work; interactive activities in science, math, dance, and drama; games and activities for all ages; an opportunity drawing which will include a beautiful Friendship Quilt made by staff from UC High School; and a wonderful special performance by the five talented principals. Best of all, admission is free, and proceeds from the sale of food, student work, games and activities, and the opportunity drawing will benefit the students. For more information, please call Rashmi Bhargava at (858) 457-4295.

side of your of your house.

UCCA is helping to organize three plantings in UC this year. The first will take place March 1st. If interested in participating, plan to attend the tree-planting meeting Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at the UC Library at 6:00 p.m. Patrick from *People for Trees* will be there to explain the program and provide applications.

For more information, contact People for Trees at www.peoplefortrees.com (619) 222-8733 or SDREO at (858) 244-1177 or visit their website at: www.sdenergy.org/trees.

Garden Club...

Learn about Poisonous Plants with Erica Specht

Erica Specht is a professor of Nursery Landscape Technology at Mesa College, certified Pest Control Advisor for the State of California, and a certified Arborist of the International Society of Arboriculture. Erica is also a U.C. resident. Erica will be presenting the topic of poisonous plants. Most people are vaguely aware that some plants can be poisonous. In fact, some of Nature's most beautiful plants are quite deadly - including some common house plants. The most common victims of plant poisoning are children, and of course we are all concerned about their effect on our pets. This is an important subject for us all! Join us at the First Baptist Church, located at 5055 Governor Drive, 6:00 to 7:30 PM, Feb. 27th. For more information call, 535-9214, or 457-9676

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March edition
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UC Library News

Welcome New Asst. Branch Manager, Youth Services Librarian

Sharon Thomerson, former Youth Services Librarian at the La Jolla/Riford Public Library, has been appointed the new Youth Services Librarian and Assistant Branch Manager at University Community Branch Library. Sharon is very enthusiastic about community outreach and will be contacting all of the schools in the area to determine how the Library can best help meet the needs of the teachers and students in University City, including homeschoolers. Sharon is a dedicated Librarian with over sixteen years professional experience and looks forward to serving you.

Story Times: Weekly Story Time has moved to Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Family Story times with Misha are 11:00 a.m. every Saturday. Please watch for many exciting youth and family programs coming up this spring.

The Friends of the University Community Branch Library has fun and rewarding volunteer opportunities available immediately, serving on both the Board of Directors and

2003 U.C. Celebration On "Endangered" List

University City's July 4th Celebration is being added to the "endangered list," but you can help save it. The 2003 UC Celebration Committee is looking for enthusiastic neighbors who want to jump in and make this year's event the best ever. Without more volunteers on the planning committee, the Celebration Committee will be forced to cancel the event this year. Volunteers are needed for: Book Barn where donated books are sold to help defray the expense of this event, Beer Garden (over 21), barbeque, entertainment booking and solicitation of local businesses for donations. Whew! You can see why your help is needed to save this event from extinction. Committee volunteers meet about 6-8 times before the event to discuss and plan their area and then help the day of the event, if possible. If you want to have fun while making a difference, please call Candace at 858 546-9866. The next U. C. Celebration committee meeting is Wednesday, February 19th 6:30-7:30p.m. at Standley Rec. Center.

Committees. The primary function of the Friends is to manage the very popular book sales, a major fund-raising activity for the Library to purchase new books and to sponsor youth and family programs. Interested persons may see Richard Burke, Branch Manager, or Sharon Thomerson, Assistant Branch Manager, at the Library or call 858-552-1655.

Opportunity for displays: Did you know the library has THREE wonderful, lighted, locking glass display cases in which residents of the community are invited to display their collection of WHATEVER. Sign-up is free and each display usually runs for one month. Interested parties should contact Laura at the Library at 858-552-1655.

UC Little League Set to Celebrate 40th Anniversary

This year marks the 40th season of Little League baseball in University City. To kickoff the season, the UCLL Board of Directors would like to respectfully invite all past Presidents, Managers, Board Members and participants to attend in the Opening Day Ceremonies. Opening Day is March 8, 2003 at 9:00 am and will be held on the Caps division ball field. The field is located next to Standley Middle School along Governor Drive. Please show your support and join a day of festivities. The snack bar will be open with BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs so plan on spending "A Day At The Park!"

Ideas Flow (continued from page 1)

Mauro Garcia, Asst. Deputy Director of the Streets Div. and Jim Watts, School District architect were also on hand to help.

Residents gathered around tables and used colored pens and large pads of papers to record and sketch their ideas as they brainstormed. Although focused on the initial project area, they kept in mind the goal of beautifying all of Governor Dr. A spokesperson for each group then presented their findings to the general audience. The professionals assessed audience response and will use these ideas to generate some preliminary designs. The next beautification meeting will be held in March. Watch for details.

Did You Know...

...The City of San Diego relies heavily on citizens reporting street light outages. Call 619-527-8000 or submit a service request on line at www.sandiego.gov/street-div...

...**Free Computer Classes** are offered by The San Diego Centers for Education and Technology at the Clairemont Center located at the corner of Balboa Av. and Clairemont Dr. (Clairemont High). **Introduction to Computers** meets Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00-8:30 p.m., Room B4. Classes run from January 27-April 2.....**Beginning Photoshop** meets Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. January 28th - April 1 in Room B4. Classes are open entry/open exit, which means that students can join any time during the semester Former UC resident, **Tanya Howe, M.A.**, is the instructor.

...A vocal crowd filled the Activity Room at Standley Park on January 6th voicing opinions and opposition to **Westfield's planned expansion for UTC**. Per Janay Kruger, additional group meetings will be held, and a presentation will be made before the UCPG at Forum Hall in February...

...There is a feature article about University City in the February issue of *San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles...*

...The **Community Plan** does not contain height limitations...

... **Costa Verde** developers talked about building a high rise (40 story) 1100 unit apartment building in lieu of the 400 room hotel near the corner of La Jolla Village Dr. and Genesee.....

... "The UCPG unanimously adopted a resolution to **remove** the Opportunity Maps from the City of Villages Action Plan Appendix A. The resolution will be presented to the City Council. The Opportunity Map identifies UTC and Costa Verde as Urban Village Centers and the Vons shopping center at Governor and Genesee as a potential Neighborhood Village Center."

Code Compliance Committee to Meet

Those UC residents who have participated in a Code Compliance Workshop will be meeting with Ida Ford, a senior land development investigator for the city of San Diego, in February. At that time, they will discuss strategy, time-line and goals for the committee. Contact **Mary Kay** at **858 452-8158** for more information.

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