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Spring = Players on the Fields



Every March, you can count on seeing the red, white and blue balloon arch at Standley Park, signifying University City Little League's Opening Day. The Standley Band leads the parade march, as the teams follow in somewhat of a line, towards opening day ceremonies. The Little League Pledge is read, the National Anthem is sung, and all seems good in the neighborhood again. The tradition of Little League continues in University City as the 100% volunteer group teaches boys and girls of all ages the value of teamwork, sportsmanship, and community involvement.

This year we see more field improvements, including newly painted storage sheds painted by Annika Crittenden and David Roost. Since the fields are open, the improvements benefit all UC residents. UCLL is planning a Hit-A-Thon fundraiser this year, on Saturday, April 11. Go to ucll.org for more info, and to the back page to see more photos from UCLL and UC Del Sol's opening days.

IMPORTANT UCCA APRIL MEETING TOPICS

MAKE SURE TO ATTEND THE APRIL UCCA MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, STARTING AT 6:00PM. THE MEETING WILL FEATURE TWO MAIN SPEAKERS ON TWO VERY IMPORTANT TOPICS THAT WILL AFFECT UC RESIDENTS:

GENESEE TROLLEY UPDATE & UTC EXPANSION PLANS

ARRIVE EARLY FOR SEATING!



Passover Observance Begins Friday, April 3

> Easter Sunday Sunday, April 5

UCCA Meeting Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 pm UC Library

People for a Clean UC Sunday, April 12, 7:15-9:00 am Starbucks, 3202 Governor Dr.

Imagine UC 2020 Meeting Monday, April 13 6:30 pm Standley Middle School Library

UC Planning Group
Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 pm
Forum Hall at UTC

UC Celebration Committee Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 pm

Standley Park Rec. Center

Earth Day Wednesday, April 22

Doyle Recreation Council Meetings are on the 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, Doyle Rec. Center

Standley Recreation Council Meetings are on 4th Thursdays at 6:30 pm, Standley Rec. Center

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- The Editor reserves the right to edit articles as needed.
- Name the file appropriately so it can be identified.
- Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
- Send to UCCAEditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com; email any questions.

Deadline for the May 2015 Newsletter Publication is April 16

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the May issue is April 16, but the newsletter can fill up before the deadline. Articles and news items are reviewed as they are received. Priority may be given to UCCA members and time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited for allowed space. UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter.

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UCCA President Barry Bernstein's Column

Hi Everyone...it's April and we're still waiting for those "showers!" Our water / drought problems in San Diego are real and we must be cognizant and stay informed of this critical environmental crisis.

In the world picture, today's nations' leaders seems to be facing very serious challenges of the kinds that

didn't exist just a few years ago. We can and must look beyond the headlines and sound bytes of the day and try to make each day a positive experience for ourselves, our families, and all the others we care about.

Many of our University City families have recently enjoyed special family gatherings recognizing and celebrating the Easter and Passover holidays. Vegetable and flower gardens are being prepared with the always present optimism that Spring brings. Our schools have their Spring breaks and the Padres are about to open their 2015 season...(with personal sadness on my part that Jerry Coleman and Tony Gwynn are no longer with us).

UCCA's April 8, 6:00 pm meeting at our library will be featuring speakers representing UTC expansion plans and the Mid-coast trolley, and how these projects will be affecting all of us. Please try to arrive at the meeting early, as seating is At last month's March meeting we met our new SDPD community officer, Holly Tafoya, and had the opportunity to hear San Diego County Supervisor Dave Roberts review some of his personal background and job responsibilities. At that same meeting your UCCA board voted to provide funding support for EdUCate's Taste of the Triangle event, as well as UC High School's Spirit Run. Also, our Beautification Committee, headed up by Merle Langston, is working diligently with city officials to repair the broken concrete on our Governor Drive medians, UCCA voted to approve utilizing membership monies to plan and pay for major median improvement projects in front of Standley Middle School and at the west end of Governor Drive.

"ImagineUC 2020" will hold a follow-up meeting on Monday, April 13, 6:30 pm at Standley Middle School to provide an update for our community. See page 13 for further information. This project has the potential to be of tremendous value to our community. It will improve the quality of life for all of us now and serve as a legacy for future generations living in University City.

Remember, if you have not already done so...renew/and or join UCCA for 2015. Join the many other South University City residents who have chosen a UCCA membership as a means of showing their concern and support for their community. Help us help others...because we're "more than just a neighborhood".

EDITOR'S NOTES...

By Jemma Samala

Earth Day is this month, but shouldn't we try and do our best to conserve our resources on a daily basis? One thing I had been wanting to do and finally did, was have the City of San Diego come out and give my home a water survey. And although the surveyor said our usage was actually pretty low, we did find a couple toilet leaks. (Any plumbers out there?) He also assessed the flow of faucets and showed me how to read my water meter. I received a nice reusable shopping bag with some useful conservation information, leak detection tablets, and low flow showerheads. With San Diego being in a drought, take some time to get one done. Send a request to watersurvey@sandiego.gov. Next on my list - I need to figure out whether to keep my lawn...suggestions?



The UCHS Grad Nite Committee is busily planning for this year's overnight event. To make a donation or volunteer, contact Michele Hagstrom, 619-851-4464. More info in May.

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TIME TO RUN FOR UC SPIRIT FUN

The UCHS Centurion Foundation's 2nd Annual UC Spirit Run will be held on Saturday, April 25. The Kids One Mile will start at 9:00am, with the 5k Run/Walk starting at 9:15am. Cost is \$30/adult (\$35 after April 9), and \$20/students. Participants will start and end at the UCHS track, but this year the course will partially detour into the surrounding canyon.



All five local UC public schools are able to fundraise, as participants can designate 100% of their personal pledges to their

school/UCHS athletic team or extracurricular group. Participants will receive a t-shirt, and will be cheered on by the UCHS Drum Line and Cheer Squad. Food will be available for purchase, and vendors/groups will help create a festival atmosphere after the race.

UCCA is a Gold Sponsor of the event. If you would like to be a sponsor, set up a booth at the event, or would like to volunteer, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com. The purpose of this event is to promote health and fitness for all UC schools. Everyone in the UC community is encouraged to come out and run or walk for UC schools. For more info: ucspiritrun.org.

TASTE OF THE TRIANGLE REACHES FOR THE STARS



The 21st Taste of the Triangle is planning to be better than ever as we "Reach for the Stars" in benefit for all UC public schools. The event will be held on Saturday, May 2 at the UCSD Faculty Club from 7:00 to 10:30pm. Tickets are \$75. Enjoy food from 20 San Diego restaurants, over 100 silent auction baskets, live entertainment throughout the evening, and dancing underneath the stars! New this year is mobile silent auction bidding from your phone. Auction items will be ready to bid online on April 27. And don't worry if you don't have a smartphone, as event staff with iPads will help you bid. EdUCate! is taking advantage of the dynamic and fun-to-use auction technology, as we continue to support new technology in our own schools. Also thanks to the UCCA for being a sponsor. We hope you will join us in this fun, charitable event. Remember, event proceeds benefit all five UC public schools.

Welcome Officer Holland Tafoya



by Barbara Gellman

On Wednesday, March 11, Captain Jerry Hara introduced our new Community Relations Officer at the UCCA meeting.

Officer Holland (Holly) Tafoya has been a police officer for five years having spent her first four years at SDPD Eastern Division

as a patrol officer and one year as the Community Relations Officer. She transferred to Northern Division as a patrol officer and was recently appointed our Community Officer to work along with Officer Larry Hesselgesser who has been transferred to the Beach Communities.

Her main focus will be the communities of University City, Clairemont, Bay Ho and Bay Park. Her husband, Andrew Tafoya, is an Acting Detective at Western division, so there is a lot of good karma working.

Her bright smile, enthusiastic manner and commitment to a partnership of support with University City are most welcome. As with Officer Hesselgesser, she will continue to be a major ingredient of Neighborhood Watch.

You can contact her with any concerns or questions at: Htafoya@pd.sandiego.gov or call 858-552-1703.

Inside SDPD... Inside SDPD is a dynamic, behind-

the-scenes experience that gives community members the chance to walk in the shoes of a police officer. You will have the unique opportunity to participate in use-of-force, vehicle stops, and firearms training activities. You'll even get to see police K-9 units in action! Register early, as this program will sell out. This program is sponsored by the SD Police Foundation.

When: April 25, 2015 Registration: 8:30am

Program: 9:00am – 12:30pm

Attire: Casual with comfortable shoes. Part

of the program will be held outside.

All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Go to: http://sdpolicefoundation.org/events/inside-sdpd/.

Neighborhood Watch Needs You

Street captains are still needed in UC for crime prevention. Be part of the solution by partnering with neighbors and our police. Please contact Barbara Gellman at bggellman@yahoo.com for further information.

News from the San Diego Police Departments Northern Division RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol)



The San Diego Police Department's Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP), Northern Division, is seeking additional volunteers to serve the communities of University City, La Jolla, UTC, Clairemont, Pacific and Mission Beaches, and Bay Park.

RSVP duties include patrolling our local neighborhoods while serving as additional eyes and ears for the police department. They assist uniformed officers by directing traffic when needed, support disaster preparedness and homeland security efforts. In addition, RSVP looks for stolen vehicles using our license plate readers, Red Zone violations, auto registrations that are out of date, and ticket vehicles parked in handicap spaces not displaying the handicap plates or placards. RSVP volunteers visit elderly residents living alone to check on their welfare and safety and checks homes for residents on vacation.

Volunteers are from all walks of life: Military veterans, Educators, Business leaders, and Professionals including those from the medical industry. Volunteers must be at least 50 years of age and possess a valid California drivers License. RSVP offers flexible schedules; a minimum of three days per month service is required.

Here is your opportunity to be part of a talented team of San Diegans serving our community.

Don't wait - our next academy begins in May. Contact SDPD's Northern Division RSVP at 858-552-1737 or e-mail to: sdpdNorthern@pd.sandiego.gov.

WARNING FROM MCAS MIRAMAR

On the morning of March 16, mountain bicyclists were observed in the impact area of the Rifle Range aboard MCAS Miramar. Marines were actively firing rifles on the range when the trespassers were observed, and an emergency ceasefire had to be called. Fortunately, no injuries occurred. In addition to the obvious danger presented to bicyclists that ride through an active rifle range, trespassing incidents like these lead to lost training time and a diversion of USMC resources. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the MCAS Miramar Community Plans and Liaison Office at 858-577-6603.



BRIDGE ANYONE?

The Standley Bridge Club plays every Friday morning at the Standley Rec Center, from 9:00

am to 12noon (except holidays). They often have about 10-12 tables of bridge players, (and 2 tables of pinochle players). Once a year The Bridge Club elects officers. The club charges \$1.00, and twice a year they visit a nearby restaurant for lunch following the games.

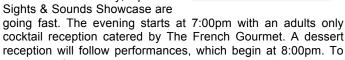
The club usually plays four hands. The winners stay at the table, and the losers move to the next table using a rotation system. Newcomers are always made to feel welcome, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. Hot water, coffee, tea, and cookies are provided.

If you have any questions, please contact club president, Fu Ho at 858-453-6632.

Sights & Sounds Showcase:

A Musical Journey

Tickets for the Friday, April 10



cocktail reception catered by The French Gourmet. A dessert reception will follow performances, which begin at 8:00pm. To tempt you further, we have close to 50 items available via our silent auction. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$12.50 for students (show and dessert) and can be purchased at http://tickets.lfjcc.org/orderticketsarea.asp?p=2017&a=70.

UCHS teachers scheduled to perform include Monique Caron, Susan Hooker, Aaron Pores and Brandon Corenman (UCHS Music Director) will be finishing up the evening with his Latin Jazz Band - Rumba y Sol. Several students are also performing. You don't want to miss these performances especially if one of our performers is your student! Mr. Marcus, Standley Middle School Music Director, will also perform with his trio!

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 29

20th Annual International Festival at Doyle Elementary

Dovle Elementary is hosting its annual International Festival on Friday, May 29 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Join us on the school's grass field and blacktop for multicultural performances and booths representing a variety of countries. The performances will begin at 5:00 pm. and the booths will be open during the entire festival. This exciting event is free to the public. Food trucks will be available for purchasing tasty dinners and desserts.



The 2nd Annual Golden Triangle Arts & Craft Beer Festival will be held again at Nobel Park and Athletic Fields on Saturday, May 2 from noon to 5:30pm. This fun, family friendly event features more than 100 local Arts & Craft vendors as people shop for Mother's Day, live music, bounce houses and a rock wall for kids, food from some of the top purveyors in San Diego and of course a Beer & Wine Garden featuring many of San Diego's top craft brewers and local wineries. Bring your dogs, kids, neighbors and friends. The Art & Craft Fair is free but you can save by purchasing your Beer & Wine Garden tickets online at: http://rotarycheersforcharity.org/

All proceeds benefit the charity partners of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club. We look forward to seeing you there on May 2. Like the festival on Facebook: GTArtsCraftBeerFestival.



Participants enjoying themselves at the 2014 Festival

4th Annual Yandel Softball Tourney

The 4th Annual Larry Yandel Jr. Memorial Youth Sport Fund Co-Ed Softball Tournament will be on April 18 and 19. The Fund has and continues to donate to the local sports and school organizations, such as UCLL, La Jolla Pop Warner Football, UC Del Sol, Centurion Foundation and EdUCate! For more info, contact DawnYandel@hotmail.com. We hope to see you all out on the field playing, watching and supporting the Fund.

If you are unable to attend the softball tournament, please consider donating to: Larry Yandel Jr. Sports Fund found at www.charitysmith.or

Library on Governor April Event Highlights 4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 | 858-552-1655 | sandiegolibrary.org

Events for Adults/Seniors

Concert - Artisan Winds: Tuesday April 14 at 6:30

PM. Founded in 2014 the Artisan Winds is San Diego's newest Woodwind Quintet. Culturally diverse members of the Artisan Winds hail from Korea Britain Colombia and the United States. Artisan Winds are coached by Dr. Marian Liebowitz former clarinetist of the renowned Arioso Wind Quintet.

Ikebana – Means Flower Design: Thursday April 16 2015 at 2:00-3:30 PM. Mitsuko Takeya will lead this free OASIS workshop. Ikebana floral design evolved in Japan over seven centuries. This class is a demonstration of how these beautiful and thoughtful arrangements are designed and created.

UC Book Club - Wednesday April 22 @ 2:00 PM.

Discussing Ann Patchett's State of Wonder. Dr. Marina Singh, a research scientist, is sent to Brazil to track down her former mentor who seems to have all but disappeared in the Amazon, "a provocative and ambitious novel."

Zumba Gold for Special Needs and Beginners - Every Monday @ 1:00-2:00 PM. Led by Lis Garces, a licensed Zumba® instructor since 2007. Lis is the Founder and Director of the Juan Carlos Organization which provides dance therapy exercise for the Special Needs Community.

Chair Sit Yoga - Tuesday April 7 and 21 @ 2:00 PM. Get fit where you sit! Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is

practiced sitting on a chair or standing using a chair for support.

Adult Yoga - Every Tuesday @ 4:30 PM. Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own yoga mat or towel.



Events for Children/Families

Preschool StoryTime for Kids - Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM. Join us for stories, crafts, finger plays, and songs. Wild Wonders celebrate Earth Day! - Wednesday April 22 @ 1:30 PM. An interactive wildlife program! Come meet and learn about our furry feathered and scaly animal friends.

Events for Tweens/Teens

Go Gaming - Every Tuesday @ 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM. Learn the ancient mind game of Go from the President of the San Diego Chapter of the American Go Association. All ages. Kendama Club - Every Wednesday @ 1:30-2:30 PM. Kendama is a traditional Japanese toy which consists of a ken (sword) and tama (ball) connected by a string. Test your skills against others learn new tricks and just have FUN!!! Video Game Fridays - Every Friday @ 3:00 PM. Get your game on!

North University City Library April Event Highlights 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 | 858-581-9637 | sandiegolibrary.org | friends.northuclibrary.org/

Events for Adults/Seniors

Small Business Assistance - Wednesdays @ 11:30 AM. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help in navigating the process to starting a business. Appointments available by calling the library.

Job Help Assistance - Wednesdays at 3:30 PM. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help with resume writing and job searching. Appointments available by calling the library.

ESL Conversation - Wednesdays @ 5:00 PM. Improve English conversation skills in an informal, small group setting. Knitters' Circle - Thursday, April 2 and 16 @ 1:00 PM. Yarn enthusiasts at all skill levels are welcome. Basic instruction is available.

Cinema Café - Wednesday, April 15 @ 6:00 PM. Enjoy refreshments while watching a thought-provoking film. Title TBA. Please inquire with library staff for further details.

Memories in the Making - Monday, April 20 @ 11:00 AM.

Memories in the Making® is a unique program for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to express themselves through art. Through the creative process of watercolor painting, participants are able to communicate, offering us the essence of themselves. The art they produce is a tangible means of expression, which speaks to the families, the professional caregivers, and to the public.

Events for Children/Families

Homework Help - Tuesdays @ 5:30 PM. Basic homework help for all grades and subjects. For more information please call the library.

Craft Time - Saturdays @ 11:45 AM. Let your creativity run wild with a fun craft activity! Children under 8 welcome with an adult or older sibling.

Young Artist Series - Saturdays @ 2:00 PM. Local young musicians showcase their talents in an informal, interactive setting designed to expose children to the world of music.

Yoga Storytime (formerly Family Yoga) -Monday, April 13 and 27 @ 10:30 AM. Stretch both your body and your mind in this unique program that combines stories, songs and simple yoga poses. Families enjoy healthy fun and bonding. Please bring your own mat.

STEAM 2 Academy - Tuesday, April 14 @ 3:30 PM. Science-based educational activities geared to students in grades K-3.

LEGO Club - Saturday, April 18 @ 9:30 AM. Recommended for ages 5 – 13. No sign up needed. Parent supervision required for younger children.

Paws to Read - Monday, April 20 @ 4:30 PM. Practice reading out loud to a furry friend! Certified therapy dogs provided by Love on a Leash, San Diego Central Chapter.

Note: Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for their generous sponsorship. You, too, can be a Friend; ask at the Check Out Desk. Please call the library to confirm any given program. Changes are rare, but may occur. All public libraries will be closed Sunday, April 5.



Brown Bag Opera

Georges Bizet: CARMEN – Metropolitan Opera Company San Diego, April 12, 2015

Our Mother of Confidence Catholic Church will offer British director Richard Eyre's Carmen which was recorded on January 16, 2010 at the Metropolitan Opera, just weeks after its premiere. The opera has

been updated from the 1830s to the 1930s, in the midst of the Spanish Civil War.

The new Carmen, Elina Garanca, is finely drawn. Her voice is beautiful from top to bottom and she never pushes it. Set in this production, with a remarkably sympathetic conductor, her Carmen is a sensation. Roberto Alagna's Don José begins as just another anonymous soldier in Franco's Guardia Civil; he is easily smitten by Carmen and keeps trying to escape from her, but he can't find the moral courage and he hates himself as a result. Alagna is in fine shape, with intelligent, nuanced phrasing and, exquisite French enunciation.

The screening will take place in the church hall, located beneath the church at 1:00pm on Sunday, April 12 on a 14-foot wide screen through a high definition projection system equipped with a high quality sound system.

You are invited to bring a sack lunch, snacks, and your beverage of choice and come enjoy an afternoon of great music drama.

There is no charge for this event and all are welcome. This is OMC's gift to UC. No prior registration is required.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

Genealogy has made great strides in the last few years, thanks to advancing technology and the



digitization of old files. What once took hours and even days can now be done in minutes.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2880 Governor Drive, will host an open house on family history on Saturday, May 2 from 12 noon to 3:00pm, to help University City residents learn how to take advantage of the latest websites and technology. Experts will be on hand to personally walk you through the websites and answer questions.

This will include how to find birth records, parents, and census data from the U.S. and other countries. Find out where your great-great grandparents lived, their profession and whether they could read and write. Plus, technology now allows for photos and audio clips. Discover photos of your ancestors that others have already posted. Resources also now include stories, so you can learn new information even about known grandparents.

Whether you are experienced or just getting started, this is an ideal opportunity. Plus, meet your neighbors who are experienced family history buffs.



GOODBYE SHARON

Sharon Thomerson left Colorado 13 years ago to become part of the San Diego Public Library staff. Her first position as a librarian was at La Jolla Riford branch. During the 18-month remodel of that branch, Thomerson served as assistant branch manager at UC Community Library. She said: "I knew then that I had found my 'home.' " After an interim promotion to branch manager at North Clairemont, she was able to "come home" as branch manager at UC Library five years ago.

The American Library Association reminds us that "When you absolutely, positively have to know something, ask a librarian." Sharon knows so much and does so much for the community, and yet she credits the community: "In my career I have never worked in any other neighborhood that promoted and supported such a sense of community. The patrons have been lovely. Some have become my friends. I have loved watching the children and teens of UC grow up in the library. One of my great joys has been working with Friends of the Library, those passionate and dedicated volunteers and their fundraising efforts. WE increased the number of public computers from 7 to 22, purchased the sign LIBRARY on the outside of the building to let non-library users know we were here to serve them in the U.C. neighborhood."

Sharon retired on March 27. She will spend time catching up on reading, lunching with friends, resuming her long walks and yoga. Colorado is high on her travel plans, to visit her daughter and two grandsons. "I hope to see my UC friends around." Her UC friends and patrons will sorely miss her. "Google can bring you back 100,000 answers; a librarian can bring you back the right one." That's our Sharon!

THALIA MURRAY SCHOLARSHIP for 2015

Bruce and Kevin Murray, sons of Thalia Murray, and Elizabeth Murray, in partnership with EdUCate! established an annual \$2,000 scholarship in her memory that has been awarded since 2005 to an eligible UCHS senior. Applications are available at uc-educate.org/scholarships and at the UCHS, and must be returned by April 30, 3:00pm to mbarnier@sandi.net.

Thalia Murray received a scholarship that allowed her to start attending Radcliffe, a high-quality, 4-year college from which she graduated. This opportunity dramatically increased her options in life. Mrs. Murray taught in the SDUSD for 17 years, including 16 years at Marcy Elementary in UC. Our goal for this scholarship is to help a motivated and high achieving, graduating senior from UC High to get a good start in college.

Buy Local

Save money when you Buy Local; exclusive offers for UCCA members*

New for 2015, UCCA members save money with Buy Local offers when presenting their UCCA membership card at time of purchase. For an up-to-date listing, including location and contact information, visit the Buy Local page at www.universitycitynews.org.

- AlphaGraphics on Governor, Scott Weathers: Save 20% on your first project (print, mail, large format, promotional products) of \$150 or more.
- Better Than Home Placement, Merle Berman Langston: \$200 toward moving costs when our free service helps you find an assisted living residence for your loved one.
- Chabad Center of UC: New members save almost \$30 monthly on the \$150 per month Family Rate.
- ComForcare Home Care: New customers receive 50% off your first 25 hours of care; also includes free nurse assessment.
- Craft Pizza Company at UTC: Members save 15% on dinein, delivery, or catering. Free delivery within 2 mile radius. Cannot be combined with any other offer.
- Cycle Quest: Save 10% off MSRP on any store purchase (labor excluded) when you mention this UCCA Buy Local offer; or visit our website and share in the same savings by using coupon code "UCCA".
- Dance Hula Fitness: Save 10% on new, family, or group dancers ages 3 to adult.
- Diane Medina, Pacific Sotheby's International Realty: I'll pay your escrow fee when you buy or sell with me.
- Discovery Property Group, Mark Powell, Realtor: Free Home Warranty valued at \$450 when you buy or sell your next home with me.
- ElizabethAnn Photography Book a session today and receive 25% off your first photo shoot. All UCCA members receive 10% off all photo sessions thereafter. Refer a friend and receive the Keepsake Print Collection from your photo session for Free (Valued at \$100). Specializing in Family, Maternity, Newborn, High School Seniors, Sports, Events and more.
- Fine Art In Copper at Balboa Park: Save 25% on custom copper address plagues; also 10% off other art on display.
- Gray Loan Team, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage: Free initial consultation with Steve Gray and mortgage pre-approval.
- Helping Hands Senior Concierge Services: Free 1 (one) Hour Service per month.

- Hewitt WaterShapes: Free consultation/estimate for any pool/spa matters
- Kelly Johnson Fitness: Free consultation and 10% off fitness package for new clients.
- Klassen Painting: 10% discount for UCCA members that call for a new estimate on any house painting project.
- Lori Miller, First Choice Properties: Save thousands in commission when you sell or buy with me.
- Lorna's Italian Kitchen: Save 50% on Bottles of Beer and Wine Sunday through Thursday (In-House Only). With current UCCA membership card, receive 10% off your meal.
- Outcast Grill: Free drink of your choice with the purchase of any meal on the first Wednesday every month! Limit one per person.
- Remcon Design Build: Free in home estimate & 10% off any Kitchen & Bathroom Remodels, Room Additions, or Complete Home Remodeling projects.
- Roberts Carpet Cleaning: New customers save 25%.
- Round Table Pizza on Governor: Save 20% on any meal purchase, dine in or take out. Excludes alcoholic beverages. Not valid with any other offer.
- Save Their Story Video Biographies: Save 10% on either regular or extended video interview package.
- STUDIO A SALON: New clients save 10% on any service with Hairstylists, Manicurist and Esthetician.
- Terri Day, Realtor, First Choice Properties: Free Home Inspection when you buy your next home with me, valued at \$450.
- Unitive Consulting Conflict Resolution and Performance Coach: Free first time consultation and a 20% discount on a 3-month session package for new clients. Consultation by appointment only.
- UCSolarClub.org: Save up to \$1000 when you purchase a Solar System and up to \$500 when you purchase an Energy Storage System.

*There is still time to join UCCA. Refer to the membership coupon in this issue for information. All members receive a membership card and personalized calendar; those who join at the \$100 level receive an insulated shopping bag as well. And there is still time for local businesses to participate. Visit the UCCA website at www.universitycitynews.org for details.



UC's First Home Improvement Show a Success

Coldwell Banker's 1st Annual University City Home Improvement Expo was held on March 12 at the Standley Rec. Center. Raffle winner, Joan Ochs, shows her \$100 Lowes gift card in front of her lovely home. Coldwell Banker's Kathleen Murphy and Carol Sorenson presented Ochs with the prize gift card on one of the recent record breaking hot days in San Diego County.

Important City Department Contact Numbers

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Earth Day Reflections

Congressman Scott Peters (CA-52)

April 22 is Earth Day, a time for us to reflect on how we are protecting our environment and making our communities more sustainable. In 1999, I participated in my first beach cleanup with I Love A Clean San Diego and the San Diego Surfrider Foundation. The work we've done in San Diego to make our beaches and

bays cleaner and safer is a model for other communities across the country. A healthy ocean is vital to our communities and our regional economy.

Locally, the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative, San Diego Foundation, UC San Diego's Environment and Sustainability Initiative and the Scripps Institute of Oceanography are looking at how a changing climate may harm our region. This collaborative effort to identify the problem and craft innovative solutions is the hallmark of our region and will be necessary to preparing our communities for future extreme weather and rising sea levels.

In Congress I am focused on the effects of climate change on our environment and our economy, particularly as it threatens San Diego. I will continue to lead the call for action on climate change in Congress. We must be good stewards of our Earth and maintain our home for future generations. At stake is the health of our planet, the health of our communities, and the health of our children.

BLOODMOBILE TO VISIT UC



On Saturday, April 11, from 8:00am to 1:00pm, there will be a SD Blood Bank Blood Drive at the UC Marketplace (Sprouts) on Governor Drive.

If anyone donated at the last Blood Drive on January 14, you can give again as you only need to wait eight weeks between blood donations. The last Blood Drive

had 41 donors, so let's get more this time UC. You can register ahead of time at www.mysdbb.org. Future Blood Drives will be August 29, and October 31.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The City of San Diego's Water Conservation Program reduces water demand through promoting or providing incentives for the installation of hardware that provides permanent water savings, and by providing services and information to help San Diegans make better decisions about water use. For more info about Water Conservation, visit www.wastenowater.org.

Feeling green? Join Supervisor Dave Roberts at EarthFair

SD County Supervisor Dave Roberts

As a father of six, I take preserving our natural resources seriously. I want my kids to enjoy the beauty and bounty that Southern California has to offer for years to come.

That's why all of us are looking forward to the annual EarthFair on April 19 at Balboa Park. You can find me, and members of my staff at our booth, where we will share information about my initiatives and what the county is being to be more sustainable. Come talk to us!

At 10:00 am, I'm especially excited to serve as Grand Marshall of the kids' parade. I hope you will join us for a great day of giving the Earth the love and appreciation it deserves.



One way Supervisor Dave Roberts reduces his carbon footprint is by biking to work.

At home, my family and I try to do our part whenever possible. We have removed more than 6,000 square feet of lawn and replaced it with artificial turf to save some 264,000 gallons of water annually. Our photovoltaic panels collect energy from the sun. We are strict about recycling and composting, and I drive a Prius, one of the cleanest vehicles sold in the US.

At work, my colleagues and I are determined to advance programs that promote long-term environmental sustainability in our region. When creating new initiatives, we collaborate with environmental groups and trade associations. By working together, we have made progress that will have a lasting impact on the county and the planet.

Our Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program allows property owners to finance energy- or water-efficiency improvements through payments on their property tax bills. PACE is responsible for hundreds of new jobs throughout the county. Upon my direction, the county is developing a "Zero Waste" plan, with a goal of diverting 75 percent of the waste stream from landfills by 2020. Recently, Supervisor Dianne Jacob and I received a 4-1 vote, and support from the Building Industry Association to incorporate "green building codes" into our policies so new structures would be pre-wired for solar panels and electric vehicle charging. To learn more about these initiatives and how all of us can go green, visit my booth at the earth fair. I'll see you there!

People for a Clean UC Celebrates First-Year Anniversary



by Vince Reardon

One year ago People for a Clean UC began its monthly neighborhood cleanups.

Five volunteers showed up for the inaugural cleanup in April. We fanned out over Governor Dr. and Regents Rd., collecting five bags of litter and debris.

Instead of feeling fatigued or discouraged, we felt upbeat. One volunteer summed up our mood when she said she felt like she had just given a pint of blood to the Blood Bank.

Each month more people have shown up to help out. Last October we had 30 volunteers and I thought we must have hit our peak. Nope! Last month, 40 people volunteered, so many we had to send some to La Jolla Shores to clean up the beach.

Over the past year I estimate we've collected more than 1,200 lbs. of litter and debris from UC streets and have had 200 volunteers committing approximately 3,600 hours of their time to this endeavor.

I especially wish to give a hearty shout-out to our most devoted members: Sandy Lippe, Barbara Henshaw, Brooke and Emma Choi, Don Hotz, Tom Beers, Laura Lehman (who comes all the way from La Mesa!), Tim Niegocki, and my wife Ellen.

If you wish to contribute to the success of our second year of operations, we invite you to join us on Sunday, April 12 at Starbucks, 3202 Governor Dr., at 7:15am. We work from 7:30-9:00am. All supplies are provided. If you can't make it, tell a friend or neighbor.

The UC Garden Club is looking for a host for the April meetup in the garden. Dates are flexible. Please contact ucgardenclub@gmail.com if interested.

Standley Green Team Educates Students How to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle



by Shelley Ranniko

Green Team has made labels and is busy educating the students how to reduce, reuse and recycle. The blue bins are for teriyaki/soup bowls, yogurt tubs, and milk cartons. The yellow bins are for chip bags. Green Team uses chip bags to make bottle bricks. Stay tuned for a bench made out of gatorade bottles and chip bags! The green bins are for Go Go Squeezes and Juice pouches. Green Team sends these items to terra cycle, where they up cycle these items into backpacks, pencil pouches, and wallets.

The first three days we were able to save over 100 teriyaki bowls, 80 milk cartons, and 30 yogurt tubs from going into the landfill. In the last year, Green Team has collected 3,370 juice pouches and 474 Go Go Squeezes. More stats will follow! Thank you again for helping Green Team "Clean Your World"

Congrats to UCHS Rugby Player Patrick Madden

Patrick will be playing in France and Belgium to for the USA High School All-American Rugby Team. He is recognized for his outstanding performance and leadership.



What Bird is Planting Trees in Rose Canyon?

by Deborah Knight

Sometimes people plant trees for Earth Day.

Rose Canyon is home to a bird that makes every day Earth Day when acorns ripen in the fall: the Western scrub-jay. Scrub-jays gather acorns and hide them to eat during the winter. As a Scrub-jay hides each acorn – often in a moist place – it looks around to make sure no other Scrub-jay is watching, since they do steal from each other. And since each Scrub-jay may hide hundreds if not thousands of acorns, they don't retrieve



them all. The result: they end up planting a lot of new oaks.



Scrub-jays are easy to see. If you hear a loud squawking and see a bird swooping through the air, look for a flash of blue. And when you walk past those large, beautiful trees in the canyon bottom that stay green year round, that is our native Coast live oak.

Together, they make a beautiful partnership.

Rose Canyon Spring Bird Walks

Experience the amazing sights and sounds of spring birds,

including some from the tropics. The free walks are led by skilled birders. Everyone is welcome, and binoculars are provided if you don't have them. Walks are easy, and participants may leave at any time.

If interested, meet at the intersection of Regents Road/Lahitte Court. Walks start promptly at 8:00am and last until 10:00am. Please arrive 10 minutes early to park and signin.



Future walks are scheduled for Saturdays, April 11, 18, 25, and May 3 and 9. For more info, contact Debby Knight at rosecanyon@san.rr.com or 858-597-0220.

DOYLE ELEMENTARY GARDEN NEWS

by Vicki Barham



teachers and students than ever are growing vegetables, fruit and flowers in our garden beds. Students are learning about what different plants need to thrive and how to plant, tend and harvest what they choose to grow. Eating what they've grown is all part of the fun! Other exciting news:

- A fifth grade teacher taught a unique plant-based art lesson in which the students painted colorful masks on the bases of giant palm leaves and hung them as a decorative display on the fence
- Doyle was awarded a Whole Foods garden grant. The garden club is looking forward to replacing an old bed, setting up a composting area and adding plants to our succulent and native plant garden among other projects.
- A kindergarten teacher and her husband have repaired our pond. It is now stocked with fish and water plants and the waterfall is working. The Doyle PTA provided funds for a new shade cloth for the pond and it has been installed.
- Girl Scout troops have supported our garden by decorating weed buckets, painting paving tiles and weeding the garden.

...and Recycling



Doyle's recycling program has been growing over three years. Mrs. Taylor, Doyle's VP, noticed that a lot of soda cans and water bottles were being thrown away at school, so she set up two large trashcans for recycling aluminum

cans and plastic bottles. Now Doyle has three cans since so many families deposit their recyclables in the cans. Placing the cans outside of the office reinforces the importance of recycling: it helps the environment and earns money for Doyle.

The students are also learning that recycling is a valuable financial tool. "It's free money," states Mrs. Taylor. "The money from recycling cans and bottles really adds up." Doyle's recycling program has earned \$246 so far this year. The student council used some of the money to buy spelling bee ribbons and award trophies.

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Transportation Options for Seniors

By Diane Ahern

Access to reliable transportation, both public and private, is one of the keys to remaining independent and active. Current options for those 60 years and older include the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (SDMTS) and Jewish Family Service's On The Go.

SDMTS provides reduced fare on fixed–route buses and trolleys for those 60 years and older, disabled individuals and Medicare recipients. Reduced rates are available for both daily and monthly passes. MTS Access operates wheelchair lift-equipped buses which provide transportation to transit riders whose disabilities prevent them from using fixed route bus or trolley services. For more information about access and services, visit the SDMTS Trip Planner page at www.sdmts.com.

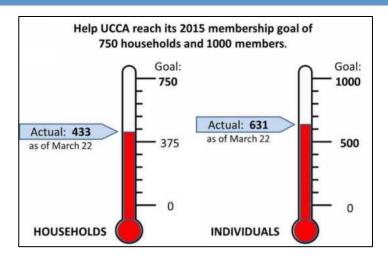
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*This membership is valid for the 2015 calendar year. Thank you for joining UCCA



THE UC PLANNING GROUP REPORT

by Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1

At the March 10 meeting of the U.C. Planning Group short reports were given by Janie Hoover for Council President Lightner's office on the reintroduction of the plastic bag ban initiative, short term vacation rentals, and the new fire station 50 in North UC.

SANDAG presented information on the double tracking of two miles of the Sorrento to Miramar railway to allow for passing of trains and faster speed in this section while making the project as environmentally friendly as possible in an urban preserve.

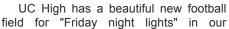
The owners of the Costa Verde shopping center, Regency Centers, want to expand Costa Verde retail by 125,000 sq ft added to the 178,000 existing retail. And as an aside, they want to add a small boutique hotel. However, when pushed for details they said that the "small" hotel would be 200 rooms and an additional 100,000 sq. feet; that is not small, it is the size of the Embassy Suites. These additions would certainly add to the existing traffic. They have owned the center for 27 years and it could use a facelift and a working escalator, but there was much discussion of the amount of chaos that Genesee traffic can withstand all at once. The single block of Genesee between Nobel and La Jolla Village Drive will see the doubling of the UTC Mall with additional entrances, the addition of 4 high-rise residential towers, the addition of the trolley and its station and parking, the new bus depot and its new traffic light. The UCPG voted 9 opposed and 6 in favor of the expansion at this time. This issue will be taken up on March 26 at 9:00pm at the Planning Commission meeting.

The City Public Works Dept. reported on the additional sewer line being added down Genesee to 52 to accommodate all the additional development in N.UC. They are also rehabilitating the sewer pipelines in south UC east of Genesee and North and South of Governor. However, they will not be digging up much of the street since they are putting a liner inside the existing pipe.

Don't miss the next exciting UCPG meeting on April 14 at 6:00pm in Forum Hall, UTC, above the Wells Fargo Bank. The agenda will include the long awaited Trolley Station Update, The Westfield Shopping Center Expansion schedule. Alegria West End Housing Development on Regents Road will return with changes which are rumored to be 50' wide lots as requested, and only 9 houses rather than 10. See, you too can make a difference in the UC Community; come and make your wishes known!

Next Steps for Imagine UC 2020John Lee Evans. Trustee. SDUSD

Taxpayers in University City have started to see the benefits of Propositions S and Z in the upgrades to our schools Projects are rolled out over 10-15 years as bond monies become available.





community. Other major upgrades of athletic fields at the high school are also happening at this time. Many of the classrooms are now equipped with furniture that is more amenable to collaborative projects. This is in keeping with the emphasis on active student participation rather than just passively listening to lectures

All of the schools have i-21 technology that has made San Diego Unified a national leader in educational technology.

Standley, Curie, Spreckels and Doyle are scheduled for site modernization plans over the next several years. For example, in 2016 Curie is currently scheduled to have its first green turf field for the students. Doyle needs a meeting space that will accommodate all of its students. Other enhancements will be discussed at each site as their turn comes up. We will give some general outlines of what can happen at each school at our Imagine UC 2020 Community Meeting on Monday, April 13 at 6:30pm at Standley Middle School Library.

Imagine UC 2020 will also look at potential joint use projects in the area between Standley Middle School and Spreckels Elementary. These projects can benefit all of the schools, as well as the community. Projects include a pavilion/outdoor performance area, an aquatics center for high school competition and swim instruction and a jogging path for students and community around the park. These ideas will only come to fruition if the community comes together to support them. Our last meeting was very successful. At this meeting we will find out how we can work together to make this all a reality. We need you there, and don't forget Taste of the Triangle on May 2.

Imagine UC 2020 Community Meeting Standley Middle School Library Monday, April 13 at 6:30 pm

Who's invited? **All** residents of UC – seniors, parents, school staff, students, families.

Come see preliminary architectural renderings of the proposed Imagine UC 2020 projects.

Find out how **YOU** can support the projects that you would like to see in **UC**. These projects can only happen if the community comes together to support these great ideas.

Potential joint use projects: school district/city/community *Pavilion*Aquatic Center*Jogging Path*More Green Space*

Other ideas to explore: Traffic calming in Standley Park area for bikes and pedestrians Safe crossing at Genesee and Governor

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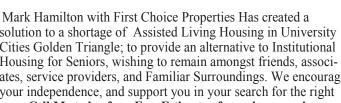
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OPENING DAYS DRAWS OUT UC CROWDS



Many little Padres run under the balloon arch at the UCLL Opening Day ceremonies. Photo courtesy Don Hotz.



David Roost, graphic artist who grew up in UC, painted the logo on the shed at Fort Field. UCCA underwrote the costs of the project to spruce up ancient sheds. Photo courtesy Sandy Lippe.



Softball players sing the National Anthem ay UC Del Sol's Opening Day. Photo courtesy Jamie Stoppenhagen.



Opening Day UC Del Sol players gather for a group cheer. The season ends on April 25, but join the league for a breakfast at Applebee's on Sunday, April 26 from 8:00 to 10:00am. Breakfast is \$10. For info about UC Del Sol, go to: ucdelsol.com. Photo courtesy Jamie Stoppenhagen.

UCCA Vice Pres. Barbara Henshaw admires the artwork on the Little League shed drawn by Annika Crittenden. **UCLL** President Sean Dunne got help form the UCCA to find artists willing to help. Photo courtesy Sandy Lippe.

