

## Upcoming Events

### UCPG

**Tuesday, August 13**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Forum Hall, UCC above  
 Wells Fargo Bank  
 Full Agenda available at UC  
 Library, & UCCA web page

### NO UCCA MEETING IN AUG.

Next meeting September 19

### SUNDAY CONCERTS

**Sundays 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

#### Standley Park

8/4 Cat-illacs vintage  
 Rock 'n roll  
 8/11 Mango Bay tropical  
 sounds, surf tunes, light blues  
 8/18 Quorum jazz  
 8/25 Steel Drum Band

### UC GARDEN CLUB

**Thursday, August 22**

**6:00 p.m.**

First Baptist Church of San  
 Diego 5055 Governor Dr.  
 Speaker: Carole Brown  
 Topic: Medicinal Uses for  
 Herbs

### Octoberfest

**Saturday Oct 5th**

Details to follow

### Westfield/UTC Expansion

Call or email Janay Kruger for  
 information 858.454.4326  
 janay\_kruger@msn.com

### Stay informed

Check our website

[www.universitycityca.com](http://www.universitycityca.com)

## Trees Beautify Community

On June 22, over 25 UC residents participated in a community tree planting. With the help of People for Trees and Patrick Stevenson, trees were donated through City of San Diego grants to be planted on parkway strips or front lawns in UC.

Residents gathered at Scott Myers' residence on Saturday morning to learn the art of planting a tree, as demonstrated by Mr. Stevenson. Mr. Myers was a gracious host and served coffee, juice, and Krispy Kremes to our hungry tree planters. After the tree planting demonstration, residents went to their homes and planted the trees, which

were delivered that Saturday morning, in their own yards. We are very grateful to all who participated and have made UC a more beautiful place to live!

The second tree planting was held on July 20, 2002. Councilman Scott Peters joined about 25 residents for a tree planting demonstration at the corner of Milliken and Dennison. If you are interested in learning more about the tree program or participating in future planting, please call People for Trees at 619-222-TREE. You may also want to attend our September 19<sup>th</sup> UCCA meeting, as Patrick will be discussing this and other tree programs throughout the city.



◀ Patrick Stevenson (People For Trees), Melodie and Rich Hallett at tree planting.

University City received a total of 50 trees through People For Trees.

## University City Residents Ready for Camp Wana Kura

When University City residents Linda Bennett and Betsy Sickels played tennis at Standley Park about five years ago, little did Sickels know she'd be signing on for a volunteer job with Camp Wana Kura, a summer day camp for children with diabetes from ages 5 to 12. Linda Bennett persuaded her tennis partner, Betsy Sickels, to join the group providing a day camp for kids with diabetes. Under the umbrella of the American Diabetes Association, Linda Bennett, a nurse for diabetic children for 20 years, and Gayle Lorenzi, a UCSD

nurse educator, started Camp Wana Kura in 1990 with a committee of ten. The first camp had 20 campers at the Girl Scout Camp in Balboa Park.

According to Bennett, this year's camp located at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, from July 30th to August 2nd, will have 110 day campers with many adult volunteers and 45 teen aides. There will be fifteen campers in a unit with 4 adults and 4 teens assisting them. The theme is "Magic of Wana Kura." Camp meets from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Just

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## UCCA OFFICERS

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Linda Canada, Garden Club

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## Activities Offered at Senior Center

U.C. Senior Center at 3813 Governor Drive, provides programs and lunch for a nominal fee on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. August features a variety of programs: August 6th will feature tole painting; Project Care with Cathy Baben of Aging and Independent Services will be the topic on August 15th. On August 20th, visit with the animals from Helen Woodward.

Join in for gentle exercise classes at 10:00 a.m. on both Tuesday and Thursday. Contact Melinda Wynar for more information at (858) 550-5998. Transportation is available.

## Westfield/UTC Expansion

The Notice of Preparation of A Draft Environmental Impact Report and Scoping Letter was issued by the city on July 12, 2002.

Copies are available at the UC Library. The documents are also posted on the UCCA Website, [www.universitycityca.com](http://www.universitycityca.com) under Future Development.

Written comments on the scope and content of the draft EIR must be sent within 30 days of July 12 to Martha Blake at the address listed in Notice.

## Seeking Volunteers Can You Share Your Talent, Expertise?

UCCA is definitely revived and revitalized thanks to the fantastic support we have received from the community. We are fortunate to have many dedicated and talented people in our midst who have stepped forward to help improve U.C.

To all who have responded to our requests for volunteers—a big THANK YOU!

If you would like to help make a difference by assisting with any of the following or have expertise you can share, please contact the person listed to volunteer your services:

**Farmers Market** —the committee is seeking a Farmers Market Manager. If you are interested or know of someone who may be, call Dayna at 535-9214.

**Grant writer** – we have a volunteer who will assist in writing grants, but need a lead person. Contact Sandy at 453-2387.

**Newsletter** – Our delivery network is building, but more volunteers are needed in all areas of the community if we are to reach our goal of 20-25 homes assigned per person. Call Sandy at 453-2387 or email [carole@ucca.att.net](mailto:carole@ucca.att.net).

## UC Branch Friends of the Library Seeks Volunteers

Branch manager, Susan Roberts, and President of the Friends of the Library, Florence Masters, invite you to join Friends of the U. C. Branch Library. Stop by at 4155 Governor Drive or call (858) 552-1655. They are also looking for a public relations volunteer to assist with special programs and book sales. Responsibilities include producing and mailing press releases, designing flyers and handouts, and designing posters.

Summer reading program continues through August 15th. Get your reading log and reap the rewards!

## Summer Concerts Concerts August 18 and 25 added to Sunday Series

The summer concert series is featuring quality talent. *Glenn Erath's* antics and the *Tuesday Night Alibi* barbershop quartet's sweet tones were a big hit on opening night, July 14th. *High Society Jazz Band* played great Dixieland jazz straight through their 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. time slot.

UCCA and U C Rec Council have extended the concert series to include August 18th, featuring "Quorum," a jazz band with Duke Ellington sounds.

Closing out the summer series will be the sounds of a steel drum band on August 25th.

Join your neighbors on Sunday nights as they listen to the *Cat-illacs*, a rock and roll band on August 4th, and *Mango Bay* with their mellow tunes on August 11th.

## Garden Club to Feature Herbalist

Want to know more about medicinal herbs? Thursday, August 22 at 6:00, join the UC Garden Club at First Baptist Church, 5055 Governor Drive to hear Carole Brown speak about medicinal uses for herbs.

Carole was a popular speaker at the Del Mar Fair, and has taught herbology for years at Cuyamaca College. She will bring a selection of plants and herbs for sale after the meeting.

The UC Garden Club welcomes gardeners of all types of plants, flowers, and yes, herbs! Even the "blackest of thumbs" is welcome to share cookies, coffee, and some "green talk". Please join us!

For more information, call Dayna Hydrick at 535-9214 or Linda Canada at 457-9676.

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

Traffic Studies for new development in the UC community plan area consider both the Regents Road bridge and a widened Genesee Avenue as already constructed.

## Standley Middle School Portable Classrooms, Necessity or Eyesore?

Shortly after school ended in June, heavy equipment rolled on to the lawn of Standley Middle School. Within three days, blacktop was poured after the lawn was torn up, and three portable classrooms were placed on the Governor Drive side of the campus. To many University City residents, these bungalows were an eyesore on the main street of our little town, especially to a community trying to improve the neighborhood.

Principal Lynn De Paul defended the decision of the district and site staff in placing these buildings along the main street of our small community. When asked if Radcliffe Drive, the blacktop playground between the administration office and the lunch tables, or the back parking lot wouldn't have been better choices, De Paul replied that Radcliffe was not flat, the blacktop playground was needed for the students at lunch, and the back parking lot is shared with Standley Park. Placing the portables on the lawn bordering Governor Drive was the best option, she felt.

According to the San Diego Unified School District Maintenance and Operations director, Bill Dos Santos, "We anticipate the portable buildings will remain for the foreseeable future. Pursuant to district policy, the portables will be painted to match the color of other school site buildings. We will look at some simple plantings that might improve the view or profile of these portables." Principal De Paul said the school enrollment is 1286.

She felt the population would continue to grow for a few years and then decline. In March 2003, another portable may be placed at Standley.

The number of students bused into Standley from out of the University City area is about 36 %, according to Dos Santos. De Paul pointed out the growing student population in the 5th and 6th grades in schools like Balboa. Some students in sixth grade are bused to Standley from Balboa rather than being sent to their neighborhood middle schools.

De Paul voiced a concern over the traffic problems University City confronts. Standley's starting time is 8:50 a.m. and school ends at 3:35 p.m. when our traffic problems escalate. Dos Santos said if residents have specific traffic concerns associated with City School buses, please share them with his office, and he will attempt to address them.

If you have concerns or compliments about the portables at Standley or City School buses, contact Mrs. De Paul at Standley Middle School, (858) 455-0550 or [ldepaul@mail.sandi.net](mailto:ldepaul@mail.sandi.net); Mr. Bill Dos Santos, Director of Maintenance and Operations, (858) 627-7121 or [bdossant@mail.sandi.net](mailto:bdossant@mail.sandi.net); your Board of Education representative, Frances O'Neill Zimmerman at (619) 725-5550 or [fzimmer@mail.sandi.net](mailto:fzimmer@mail.sandi.net).

Mrs. De Paul assured her visitor that Standley Middle School wanted to be a good neighbor of University City, "such a lovely community," she said.

## Camp Wana Kura

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like a regular day camp, kids participate in games, crafts, kayaking for a \$50.00 nominal fee. On the last day there is a box supper for the parents and campers.

What's different about this camp? All the people involved are volunteers. A blood-glucose monitoring occurs before lunch. "Kids meet other kids with diabetes. Volunteer teens and adults with diabetes also help. Families, especially parents, connect with each other, and kids don't feel they're alone with this disease," according to Bennett. "You can see from Tuesday to Friday how much these kids have grown, especially the younger ones," she says.

Betsy Sickels, another U.C. volunteer involved, is t-shirt chair. She also oversees the camp office, making sure everything is done well and the camp runs smoothly. It's a labor of love for Sickels, a retired hospital dietician. Bennett handles the camper registration, while her co-chair, Gayle Lorenzi, manages the staffing.

For more information on Camp Wana Kura, call the American Diabetes Association's local office at (619) 234-9897. In the meantime, playing tennis at Standley may give you the opportunity to volunteer for a great cause like this camp. Linda Bennett's looking forward to the first meeting in September to discuss next summer's camp. Fifteen volunteers, including Bennett and Sickels, will participate in the planning and work it takes throughout the year to make Camp Wana Kura happen.

## Ben Stevenson, Guest Speaker at UCCA Meeting

The July 18<sup>th</sup> UCCA meeting featured Ben Stevenson, a man who grew up in University City, and even served on the U.C. Planning Group in the 1990's. Stevenson shared his knowledge of Rose Canyon's recently discovered railroad trestle from 1882 and his goal to rebuild the trestle with other interested members of the Rose Canyon Recreation Council and anyone else who would like to help. The Council meetings are held every other month: August 1, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., at Doyle Recreation Center, 8175 Regents Road. Stevenson has spent a lot of Saturdays replanting part of Rose Canyon with na-

tive plants. You can enter the canyon across from U.C. High School on the westside of Genesee and see for yourself.

Joining Ben Stevenson in concern for the canyon is Dr. Mark Cramer, who moved to University City with his parents in 1961, "the third family to move in on the west side, and see all its growth, developments, and changes." Cramer says that the damage to the trestle was done by a construction truck that was using the trestle in the late 1960's. "It was too heavy and broke through, trapping the tires in the broken boards for a while. After that, the construction crew ceased

using it, and it was slowly buried by weeds and scrub."

Local resident, Joe Matista, a University City resident, and Stevenson have planted native plants after clearing acacia trees and other non-native plants in the finger canyon at the west end of Governor Drive. It is an inviting walk into the canyon, where both men enthusiastically pointed out the wild rose, three types of sage, and several other flowering plants along the dirt path.

Besides Stevenson, Cramer, and Matista, who have a wealth of informa-

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## Guest Speaker *continued*

tion about our town and its history and habitat, local resident Bill East is also a font of knowledge about U.C. If you would be interested in volunteering to help Stevenson in his restoration, contact him at [syctree@juno.com](mailto:syctree@juno.com). "It's the local people who have been the most helpful," he reminds his visitor. (Next month we will feature the history of U.C. from the perspective of Bill East and Mark Cramer.)

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**THANK YOU from the 2002 U.C. Celebration Committee**

The U.C. Celebration Committee is sponsoring the Pink Floyd Concert on July 28th and the Cat-illacs on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at these concerts, and show your continued support for *everything* U.C.