

Holiday
Special
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2002

University City

...more than a neighborhood

Community Association Newsletter

UCCA General Meeting

6:45 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 23rd

Standley Middle School

Media Center

Governor Dr. Beautification Project Workshop with Councilman Scott Peters and a team of professionals
Bring your ideas. Brainstorm with your neighbors in small group break out sessions.
Make a difference in UC!

Upcoming Events

UCCA, UCPG and UC Garden Club will not meet in December.

Happy Holidays!!

UCPG Tuesday, January 14th

6:30 p.m. Forum Hall, UTC above

Wells Fargo Bank

Full Agenda available at UC Library &

UCCA web page

UC GARDEN CLUB

Thursday, January 23rd 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of San Diego

5055 Governor Dr.

Speaker: Randy Crow

EuroAmerican Propagators

UCCA Thursday, January 23

6:45p.m. Standley Middle School

Media Center

Governor Drive Beautification Project workshop

Note change in regular meeting date & location

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



UCCA's Melodie Hallett, Councilman Scott Peters and his son at the Governor Dr. tree planting

Spirited Discussion, Creative Ideas Set Stage for Phase II of Governor Drive Beautification

Next meeting set for January 23rd

Local residents filled the community room at the U.C. Library on November 14th sharing ideas in lively discussion of what could be done to transform barren asphalt medians on Governor Dr. into landscaped areas befitting our community. Councilman Scott Peters announced he had allocated \$50,000 from District 1 road funds for phase II. He introduced Mitch Berner and Tiffany Sherer of Public Solutions along with Randy Robbins and Steve Pomerence of AVRPA landscape architects. This team worked together on Linda Vista median landscaping, a project in Rancho Bernardo and the Veteran's Memorial. Together, they defined the focus of Phase II, a project in the heart of the community on Governor Dr. between Genesee Ave. and Regents Rd. and then engaged those present in spirited discussion. Residents were quick to express their desire for a plan that would encompass all of Governor Dr. and that would include attractive gateway signs.

While not included in this phase, the goal is to improve all of Governor in the future. Mitch Berner said he would take on the challenge of improving the area near 805. While Randy facilitated discussion and elicited ideas from the audience, Steve noted them on large paper. The purpose of this meeting was to define the focus of the project. Future meetings will expand the ideas and likely involve the school district and Caltrans.

As you walk or drive down Governor Dr., take a good look at what is there, and imagine what you would like it to be. Attend the next meeting. Thursday, Jan. 23rd at 6:45 p.m. at the Media Center at Standley Middle School. There will be break out sessions to facilitate an exchange of ideas and foster discussion. Your idea may be the one that transforms our community!

**Attend the Garden Club
and Beautification Meetings**

Neighborhood News...

U. C. residents, **Erika Lawson** and **Tad Gallistel**, together with Erika's aunt **Elisabeth**, will be participating in a marathon and triathlon as members of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. Honoring Erika's father, **Ted Lawson** who has Leukemia, "Team Teddy" hopes to raise \$10,000 for the Society by May 2003. For more information about Team Teddy and the Team in Training Program, visit www.teamteddy.com... U.C. Senior Center at 3813 Governor began a fun-filled December with "Holiday Traditions Around the World" on Tuesday, Dec. 10th. "Origins of Jewish Humor" will be presented by **Mort Vogelson** on Thursday, Dec. 12th at 1 p.m. Join the group every Tues. and Thurs. at 10:00 a.m. for gentle chair fitness. Call **Melinda Wynar**, the program director, at 550-5998 to learn about other events... University City United Church on the corner of Governor and Stresemann invites residents to December events:

Dec. 22nd at 5 p.m. is the caroling party. Carpool from church to shut-ins. Afterwards, there will be hot chocolate and cider; bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Dec. 24th at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Candlelight Christmas Eve service featuring Chancel Choir. For more information, call the church at (858) 453-3444.

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Hugh Pates, 2nd V.P. Programs, UCSD Liaison
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Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian
Mary Kay Hewitt, Schools Liaison
Linda Canada, Garden Club
Dayna Hydrick, Garden Club
Mike Wilder, Landscaping

Code Compliance Volunteers Train

U.C. residents have shown concern over possible code compliance violations in the neighborhood. In October Gilbert Vong, senior land development investigator for San Diego, was guest speaker at UCCA's meeting. He talked about community involvement in helping the City enforce code compliance.

On December 3rd, the City held a code compliance volunteer training at the U.C. Library under the direction of Mr. Vong and Ida Ford, another member of the City team. Over a dozen residents attended and received information about code violations and the various agencies handling

specific problems. Ida Ford will work with the volunteer group and attend their monthly meetings. The committee will identify simple problems and seek voluntary compliance through a "two letter" approach. The violator is given two opportunities to comply. If no action is taken by the homeowner, the case will be turned over to the city for further action.

The Code Compliance committee will be vigilant but not vigilante in nature. If you would like to attend a future training or would like more information, please contact Mary Kay at: 452-8158.

Garden Club... Preview New Plants Coming this Spring!

Learn all about the new Proven Winners™ annual and perennial varieties coming this spring when guest speaker Randy Crow of EuroAmerican Propagators addresses the Garden Club. Randy has been part of the gardening community for 14 years. He has previously been employed through a wholesale nursery, garden center, and has owned a brokerage company for horticultural products. Randy especially enjoys water and container gardening and is current on the latest trends for both. Join us at the First Baptist Church, 5055 Governor Drive 6:00 to 7:30p.m. Jan. 23rd. For more information call 535-9214 or 457-9676.

UCCA Officers Re-Elected

Hugh Pates, Mike Wilder join board

Sandra Lippe, Carole Pietras, Mary Ann Guerra and Melodie Hallett were reelected to serve in their respective positions for the coming year. Joining the board in appointed positions are Hugh Pates who will serve as 2nd vice president in charge of programs for general meetings and as liaison with UCSD and Mike Wilder who has accepted co-chairmanship of landscaping needs with Melodie Hallett, our treasurer. Attorney Russell Mortyn has volunteered to oversee legal situations for the executive board. We need to replace our membership secretary who recently moved. If you're familiar with Excel and want to have fun helping your community, contact slippe@san.rr.com.



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University Community Library Welcomes Back Former Librarian

Friends of the Library Seeks Members, Ideas for Expansion/Renovation

Richard Burke is back as interim librarian in the University Community Library, where he's replacing recently retired Susan Roberts. Burke has been branch manager in La Jolla the past five years. With La Jolla's closure during renovation process, Richard was the best candidate to manage U.C.'s very busy library.

At a recent meeting of Friends of the Library, outgoing president Florence Masters talked about the renovation and expansion planned for U.C. Library.

Friends is hoping to enlist more young families who can support our popular library and also give input in what they want for the promised expansion and renovation. Right now there are approximately 100 members of Friends, a group made up mostly of longtime residents. Should the new library expansion/renovation be built as a two story edifice on the front lawn and attached to the present library? Could it also be constructed across Governor next to Curie School? Would U.C. residents like to see the li-

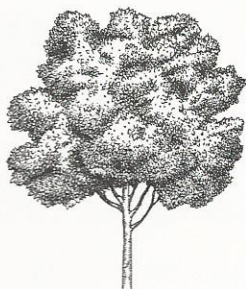
brary relocated adjacent to McElroy Field on the east end of Governor? These are only a few of many ideas to consider, but community input will be critical when the City gives us the green light.

On another note, December 18th from 3:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. the children will be treated to a puppet show, A Very Beary Nutcracker, thanks to the generosity of Friends of the Library. For more information, phone the library at 552-1655

December 6th Holiday Tree Lighting at Standley Park

Standley Park was the site for a holiday tree lighting at 6:30 p.m on Friday, December 6th. Thanks to the generosity of Miramar Wholesale Nursery's Tom Ewing, University City has a holiday tree this year. Families gathered at the "heart of University City," Standley Park, to see the tree lighted up in front of the recreation center. Hot chocolate and holiday cookies were part of the festivities.

Standley Recreation Council and UCCA were eager to have the community come together on the 6th of December for this ceremony, where there was some holiday singing and music provided by the talented Standley Middle School band. In the spirit of the season, UCCA also collected non-perishable food for the Marines stationed at Miramar. Co-chairs Mary Ann Guerra and Darlene Ventigmilia were assisted in the holiday decorating by local artist, Judy Bethel



Spreckels Students Building a Better World

On October 29th, Spreckels PTA sponsored One World, Our World, (1WOW Program) making students aware and more understanding of the world, studies, leadership, and conflict resolution skills. An assembly program combined photography of diverse cultures with music and student participation games. The central theme was taking responsibility for building a better world. The classroom follow-up sessions helped students conceptualize why friends can hold their group leaders to high standards, making peer pressure a positive force.

We can all learn what Spreckels students learned: people have more similarities than differences; even good people sometimes disagree; we can make a difference by the leaders we follow and by leadership we show.

Rudy Sovinee, director of this non-profit group, has presented the program to over 160,000 students in 25 states. Visit the website at www.1wow.org. Another national tour begins in March with signups in January for interested schools, according to PTA member Michele Hagstrom.

City Plants 57 Trees along Governor Dr. in Phase I of Beautification Project

Over 130 free trees planted in University City through two programs

On September 14, UCCA volunteers, Councilman Scott Peters and staff member Michelle Blumen walked Governor Dr. encouraging residents to accept a free street tree in exchange for watering it. On November 9th, the city planted 57 trees along Governor Dr. as a result of this effort. Both KUSI and Fox were there to film the tree planting. UCCA's Melodie and Rich Hallett assisted Councilman Peters in the ceremonial planting of a tree at Governor near Streseman. San Diego's Urban Forester, Drew Potocki, Mauro Garcia of the Streets Division and Jim Neri

of the City's Community Forest Advisory Board joined UCCA volunteers and city staff at the tree planting.

Residents throughout the community have planted 75 trees through the *People for Trees* program. Melodie Hallett coordinated three tree plantings with Michelle Blumen, Councilman Peters' UC Representative and Patrick Stevenson of *People for Trees*. Another planting is scheduled for February. For more information, call *People for Trees* at : 619-222-TREE or Melodie at 858-457-3033

U.C.C.A

2003 Membership Drive

The mission of University City Community Association is a work in progress as we usher in the second year of UCCA's rebirth. Some of our goals, activities, and accomplishments are listed below. Why should U.C. residents renew membership in this community association? Maybe the answer is simply that UCCA serves as a forum for issues of importance to each of us because we are "more than a neighborhood."

- Goals:** Build community spirit
- Instill pride
 - Beautify Governor Dr.
 - Provide means of communication
 - Install community identification signs
 - Preserve and enhance our quality of life

Activities and Accomplishments:

- **Provided Communication**
 - Website, universitycityca.com
 - news, U.C. Monthly Newsletter delivered by community volunteers
- **Initiated Beautification Projects**
 - Banners installed along Governor Drive
 - Garden Club established
 - Landscaping projects begun on Governor Drive
 - ***People for Trees*** community wide tree plantings
 - Cal Trans area near 805 and Governor cleared
- **Organized activities**
 - UCCA monthly meeting opportunity for community
 - Community Clean UP Day
 - Summer Concerts in the Park
 - Oktoberfest
 - Holiday Tree Lighting
 - Participated in U.C. Celebration for July 4th event
- **Established Committees**
 - Code compliance
 - Traffic
- **Enlisted and received support from community volunteers, business sponsors, advertisers and Councilman Peters to achieve our goals.**

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University City Community Association Annual Membership Drive

Please consider joining your neighbors in supporting your community association by renewing your membership or becoming a member. The greater the support, the more we can do for University City, the best kept secret in San Diego. Check our website, www.universitycityca.com for more information about UCCA.

UCCA Membership Application

One membership for your entire household for 2003

New member Renewal

General member \$15

Community Supporter \$35

UC Community Angel \$50

Please print.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Listed below are activities and programs UCCA organized or supported in 2002. Please help us identify those that are important to our membership by checking the appropriate box below:

| Activity/Event | Very Important | Important | Not Important | Comments |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Beautification/Landscaping | | | | |
| Community Clean Up | | | | |
| Holiday Tree Lighting | | | | |
| Monthly Newsletter | | | | |
| Oktoberfest | | | | |
| Summer Concerts in the Park | | | | |
| Support UC Celebration | | | | |

Suggestions for other activities, events or sponsorship in 2003:

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of the following that may take place, please print your name below:

UCCA officer _____ Membership _____
Newsletter distributor _____ Newsletter ads _____
Garden Club _____ 4th of July Celebration _____
Landscaping _____ Oktoberfest _____
Community Cleanup _____ Summer Concerts _____
Traffic Committee _____ Code Compliance _____
Other _____

Thank you for your continued support!

Please make your check payable to UCCA, and mail it with this form to:

UCCA Membership, P.O. Box 22122F, 3368 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122

Questions: Sandy Lippe, UCCA President (858) 453-2387

Traffic Committee Presents Findings to City Representative

The traffic committee met on October 24th. Yolanda Remillard, Gene Perusse, Bob Ullmann, Mary Weinbrecht and Candace Plourd presented their findings to Ahmed Aburahmah, senior traffic engineer for CalTrans. Speeding on Millikin, Regents and Gullstrand as well as throughout the entire community, illegal left turns on Governor, and general traffic volumes were discussed. Ahmed listened intently, and stated that a second left turn lane from Governor westbound to Genesee south should alleviate some of the traffic build up at the intersection and was a real probability.

Speeding and illegal left turns are law enforcement issues. The community must continue to be diligent in insisting that the police monitor this area as well as be personally mindful of the speed limits and laws and abide by them. If we drive responsibly, excessive speeding and illegal left turns in the area of the library and Washington Mutual can be resolved with no attention from local law enforcement agencies. A suggestion to reduce the number of illegal left turns was made by the committee, and Ahmed will carry it back to CalTrans.

Funds for U.C. Councilman Peters has allocated \$50,000 in funding to kick off the second phase of the beautification projects in South U.C. ...Councilman Peters previously allocated \$139,000 from District 1 funds for the new playground equipment in Standley Park

Uneven Care of American Flags Displayed in Our Community



One of our U.C. neighbors pointed out the uneven care of the Stars and Stripes as it is displayed in front of University City homes, especially after 9/11. This gentleman has been a naturalized citizen for over twenty years and has a flagpole erected in his front yard. "My neighbor's flag flying above his front door is in shreds. I also see the flag flying in the rain and in the dark. People want to be patriotic, but this takes time, including bringing the flag down respectfully at dusk and raising it at dawn. It should not be left flying as though no one cares for it, day in and day out. I have a thirty foot flag pole on my front lawn that I erected one month after I was sworn in as a citizen the weekend of Thanksgiving 1980. I have flown the flag for twenty-two years but never in the dark or in inclement weather. In the dark my flag is spotlighted."

According to AmericanFlags.com, when the flag is flown at half-staff, it should be first hoisted to the peak an instant and

then lowered to half-staff. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When the flag is displayed other than being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right.

When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner. Most American Legion Posts and VFW Chapters conduct a burning ceremony, often on Flag Day, June 14th. Contact your local American Legion Hall or VFW chapter.

If you have a concern, contact UCCA at P.O. Box 22122F, 3368 Governor Drive, San Diego, Ca. 92122

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Future Development...

Following is a **PARTIAL** list of projects in the community plan area that have been approved or are pending approval:

La Jolla Commons

NE corner LJ Village, Judicial Dr.
327 room hotel 15 story
115 unit, 32 story condominium
450,000 sq. ft. office,
30,000 sq. ft. R & D.
Approved 11/14/00

Equity Office

548,228 sq. ft. office
NW corner of La Jolla Village Dr. &
planned Judicial Dr. Community Plan
amendment proposed
Last reviewed 5/02

Costa Verde

1566 existing apartments
296 units in first tower under const.
294 units planned for second tower
400-room hotel. SW corner Genesee /
La Jolla Village
Approvals for 2600 dwelling units, 400
room hotel and 178,000 sq. ft.
community commercial.

Request to initiate an amendment to
UC Plan to change land use &
development intensity table to allow
multi-family residential in lieu of hotel.
Application received 11/08/02

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UC Village (on Governor near 805)

Existing Senior Housing facility -542
units
Approval to add 599 units including,
80 assisted living units, demolish 32
units, renovate 510. Total units to be
1109
Approved. Permits not yet drawn.

Westfield/UTC Expansion

Request to add 751,600 sq. ft. retail
750 residential units
250 room hotel
200,000 sq. ft. office
Completed the 1st review cycle
Requires Community plan amendment,
Planned Development permit and
Site Development permit

La Jolla Crossroads

LJ Village Dr. between 805 (E) &
Judicial Dr.(W)
1500 multi-family residential units
162,000 sq. ft. Scientific Research
Approved, under construction

Additional information on website:

www.universitycityca.com
click on Future Development

Farmers Market Update...

While the responses received were over-
whelmingly in favor of having a Farmers
Market at UC High on Sunday afternoons
(165 yes, 3 no), the number of responses
received was not enough to permit going
forward at this time. Thanks to all who
responded by mail (33) or via the website
(135), and special thanks to those who
worked so hard to bring a Farmers
Market to University City.

Happy New Year

to all

Our next newsletter will be
delivered the first week in February.

Did You Know...

...A community meeting regarding
Westfield's expansion of UTC is to be
held in south U.C. in January. Date and
place to be announced.

...The **UCPG "opted out" of the City of
Villages** and spoke against the plan at
the September 23 City Council Meeting
in Balboa Park.

...The **Action Plan Appendix A City of
Villages Opportunity Map with Draft
Regional Transit Vision** dated Octo-
ber 2002 identifies North U.C. as a sub-
regional district, the UTC and Costa
Verde sites as Urban Village Centers and
the Von's Shopping Center as a poten-
tial Neighborhood Village Center.

...The footnote in the map states: "*The
City of villages map graphically identifies vil-
lage opportunity areas. It does not replace the
land use maps included in community plans. It
provides direction for updates and amendments
of community plans. The exact locations of vil-
lage areas will be determined through a com-
munity plan amendment/update process. Dur-
ing this process, the community may reallocate
existing community plan growth into village ar-
eas.*"

...You can view the map on the City's
website
[www.sandiego.gov/cityofvillages/pdf/
actionplan.pdf](http://www.sandiego.gov/cityofvillages/pdf/actionplan.pdf).

...The City Council removed density
requirements from the City of Villages
plan when approving it on Oct. 22nd. How-
ever, several major projects *already*
approved in North U.C will add to exist-
ing density. View the list and status of
these projects by clicking on the Future
Development link at:

www.universitycityca.com...
...Projected cost for the **Regents Rd.
Bridge/Genesee widening EIR is now
\$1.1 million dollars.** Consultant con-
tracts are being finalized. The city man-
ager is expected to approve a Quick Start
contract soon. The main contract is ex-
pected to come before the City Council
for approval in January. The first phase
will be Public Participation and selection
of alternatives. A reversible lane, grade
separation and a roundabout on Genesee
are among alternatives added to the origi-
nal list of 4 options identified at the June
meeting.

...The city Waste Management division's
proposal to have empty trash trucks exit
through the nursery at the Governor Dr./
805 intersection between 1 and 3 p.m.
will be discussed again at the January
14th UCPG meeting...

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closer to each other.

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thanks for all our blessings and to
reach out to others.

Thank you University City for your
generosity and spirit of heart.
Have a wonderful Holiday season.

Lori Miller

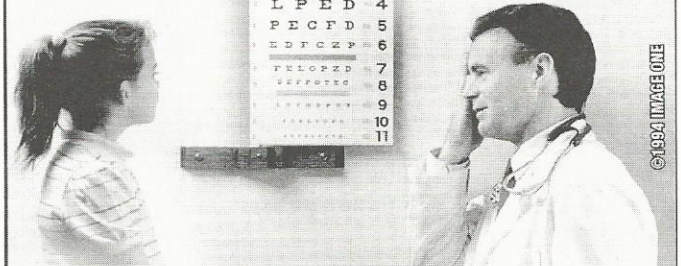
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