

University City

Community Association Newsletter

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UCCA General Meeting in November Draws Large Crowd

by Sandy Lippe

UCCA was wise to change to a larger venue for the UCCA general meeting on November 9th at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Governor Drive. Normally the meeting is held at the U.C. library. Many U.C. locals were drawn to the meeting for several reasons. The election of officers was a highlight. Peter Burch was elected president after serving as treasurer. Barry Bernstein was re-elected vice president. Hallie Burch was chosen as
See "Large Crowd" page ... 3

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

by Darlene Ventimiglia



Join us for an evening of holiday spirit. The tree lighting will be held on Friday, December 9th, at 6:00 pm, Standley Recreation center.

It will include the Standley Middle School band, Tuesday Night Alibi quartet, the Our Mother of Confidence children's choir, hot chocolate and cookies, a holiday balloon artist, a visit from the engine #35 fire truck, a sketch artist and the arrival of Santa Claus. Our warmest thanks and gratitude to Westfield, UTC and to Miramar nursery. Hope to see you all there.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE UCHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT WINTER CONCERT!

by Marie Byrd

The University City High School (UCHS) Music Department will host its annual Winter Concert on December 15th at 7:30 pm in the UCHS Auditorium. All community members are invited to attend this concert which will consist of holiday-themed musical performances by the choir, orchestra, and band. Tickets for the performance will be sold at the door: \$5/adults, \$3/students/children/seniors.

Too rushed to make dinner that night? No problem! California Taco Shop will be selling carne asada and chicken street tacos before the Concert from 6:00-7:30pm. Get a 3 street taco plate for \$4.50, an Adult All-You-Can-Eat taco plate for \$9, or a Kids (10 & under) All-You-Can-Eat taco plate for \$5.

This promises to be a fun-filled, family-friendly event! Come out to the UCHS Music Department Winter Concert on December 15th. Have a delicious meal and enjoy a festive, music-filled evening!

For more info, contact:
uchsmusic@gmail.com.

December 2011 Calendar

UCPG Meeting

Tuesday, December 6
6:00 p.m. Forum Hall/UTC
Public invited

Pearl Harbor Day

Wednesday, December 7

Community Tree Lighting

Friday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.
Standley Rec. Center

Cocktails in the Garden

December 10, 10:00 a.m.
Bob & Nancy's House
4128 Raya Way, see page 11

UC Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 13,
6:00 p.m. UC Library

UCCA Meeting

Wednesday, December 14,
6:00 p.m. UC Library

Hanukkah Begins

Tuesday, December 20

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

January 2012 Calendar

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1

UCPG Meeting

Tuesday, January 10,
6:00 p.m. Forum Hall/UTC
Public Invited

UCCA Meeting

Wednesday, January 11,
6:00 p.m. UC Library

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 16

UC Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 17
6:00 p.m. UC Library

4th Of July,

UC Celebration Meeting

Wed., January 18, 6:30 pm,
Standley Rec. Center

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President's Message

by Peter Burch

This is my first article as the new President of UCCA. I am honored that you have chosen me to take the helm of such a worthwhile organization and want to thank all those who attended the General Meeting on November 9th. Barry Bernstein deserves a lot of credit for organizing such a well-run and informative occasion.

For my election, I made two promises: to continue to work with those volunteers who have made the organization successful and to reach out into the community to support new activities and events. In order to accomplish these goals we need to attract new volunteers with diverse ideas, talents and experiences and to make sure that the organization is an attractive place in which to volunteer and accomplish great things for the community.

I look forward to serving in the year ahead as we work to improve our medians, support our schools and the regular events such as the 4th July celebration, Banana Split event, Summer concerts and Christmas/Holiday Tree lighting.



The beginning of the meeting with Sherri Lightner, John Lee Evans and Bryan Ahern.

Photo by Mila Cridlig

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- ▶ **Name the file appropriately**. Make sure it has **your** event or name so I can readily identify it.
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- ▶ Submit early. Deadline is the 15th of each month.
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. . . . Large Crowd continued from page 1 secretary, and Ginny Charvat took over as treasurer after serving as membership chair. Over 100 people attended. Barry Bernstein brought the movers and shakers to the UCCA meeting, starting off with Councilwoman Lightner who gave an update of issues critical to U.C. residents. She handed out commendations to the outgoing UCCA board. Captain Brian Ahern of the Northern Division of San Diego Police Department welcomed emails and phone calls from residents with concerns about crime in University City, although this is one of the safest communities in the city. Board of Education and U.C. resident, John Lee Evans, encouraged the audience to support the schools that are dramatically affected by the budget crisis. Fire Station #35 reminded the audience to purchase a carbon monoxide sensor and change batteries in our smoke detectors. Juan Lias from the Miramar Marine Air Base invited the community to visit the new Veterans' Cemetery on the base, as well announcing plans for the Marine Air anniversary.

UTC Manager, Ryan Perry, presented a Power Point on the UTC Westfield Shopping Mall expansion and fielded questions from the audience. Perry believes that this expansion should really delight the local community with a new ArcLight movie theater and a huge expansion of 24-Hour Fitness, as examples. Anne Steinberger of SANDAG outlined the North City trolley route and its impact on U.C. Janay Kruger, the chair of the University City Planning Group, covered many topics, including a possible new city ordinance allowing for small livestock to be allowed in selected urban communities. The City Council will take up this controversial topic in early 2012. UCCA Beautification chair Sandy Lippe briefly touched on the Governor medians that should be replanted in 2012 once the City gives final approval. Closing out the night's program was City staffer Andy Field who oversees the MAD program (Maintenance Assessment District). Under the direction of Barry Bernstein, University City Community Association is investigating MAD for improving the medians on Regents and Genesee and other areas of our community.



Volunteers Needed for 4th of July Celebration! By George Odero

A few dedicated and long time volunteers attended the first planning committee meeting on Oct. 19th. Serious concerns of lack of sufficient volunteers could put the 4th of July Celebration event in jeopardy. The annual UC 4th of July Celebration is such a valuable tradition for the University City community, it will be a shame to see this tradition fade. We are proud to recognize the small but committed group of volunteers who are not discouraged, but instead more determined than ever to make the 24th UC 4th of July Celebration an ongoing success. We urgently need these current and more volunteers to actively take part in carrying out and supporting specific activities.



One of the critical and time sensitive tasks that needs dedicated and goal oriented volunteers is "Fund raising". We need 40 to 50 volunteers to start contacting potential donors for prizes and cash donations. Each volunteer will be given 4 to 5 potential donors' contact information. This is an extremely urgent and important task. The funds raised not only enables success of the UC 4th of July Celebration but also benefits UC schools as well as the Standley Park Recreation Center. The money is also used to help produce the popular Sunday Summer Concert Series. Be a proud UC community supporter and contribute to this friendly and beautiful community that we live in enjoy by joining the volunteer group.

In addition to fund raising, volunteers are also needed for all the activities at the UC 4th of July Celebration from 7 am to 8 pm: 5k Run/Walk; Pancake Breakfast; Bike/Pet Parade; Photo Scavenger Hunt; Book Barn; Booths; Family Field Games and children's activities (rock wall, inflatable, etc.); Opportunity Draw and ticket sales; Setting Up and Taking Down equipments and the stage; helping out in various areas during the celebration.

If you are interested in volunteering for fund raising or any of the other activities, please contact George Odero via e-mail at: godero@goreadusa.org or by phone at 619-987-1377. Your invaluable time contribution is greatly appreciated. We also welcome you to join our planning committee and provide new ideas to make this event more fun for everyone to enjoy. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, at the Standley Recreation Center, Crafts Room starting at 6:30 pm. As discussed by members in attendance at November 16, 2011 meeting, this January 2012 meeting will be even more critical as we plan to confirm all volunteers specific roles and schedule deadlines for all 2012 July 4 UC Celebration assignments. We plan to make the meeting brief and fruitful to ensure a rewarding time for our dedicated volunteers and a success for the 24th (2012) celebration. As usual, your ideas and support are always welcome. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Help Wanted:

Web Page Helper / Social Media Assistant

for the UCCA. Please contact Tanya at 858-598-3171 if you are interested in becoming part of the volunteer UC community!



Focus on Our Streets

By Sherri Lightner

As you know, one of my top priorities on Council has been improving the quality of our streets in District 1. While much remains to be done, we have made some significant progress in upgrading the roads throughout University City.



Here are some recent accomplishments:

- The resurfacing of La Jolla Village Drive was completed in mid-November.
- The resurfacing of Nobel Drive was completed in early November.
- Up next is the resurfacing of Genesee between Genesee Cove and Executive Drive. I'll keep you posted on the status of this street resurfacing project.

By the time you read this, my office will have completed its second Pothole Roundup. The event, which is scheduled for Nov. 28, is designed to fill potholes throughout the district. When I hosted a similar event last spring, City staff filled about 400 potholes in just one week. I also continue to push for the type of street improvements that will help traffic flow throughout University City.

The reconfiguration of the onramps to I-805 at La Jolla Village Drive, a \$19 million project, is under budget and on schedule to be completed before year's end.

We will also be doubling the number of lanes on the Genesee Bridge over the I-5 and adding a new bike path between Sorrento Valley and Voight Drive. This project, which is scheduled to begin construction in 2013, will improve commute times by making it easier to access freeway onramps and provide a great new recreation opportunity.



Pedestrian Safety

by Loki Natarajan

My son attends UC High school. While walking to school on Oct. 27, he was struck by a motorist at about 7 am. My son was crossing Governor Dr. at the pedestrian crossing at the Radcliffe Dr intersection; the motorist was driving south on Radcliffe Dr., and made the left turn (going east) on Governor. Fortunately, my son did not sustain major bodily injuries; he has a large bruise on his leg.

That is a dangerous intersection: several of my friends have mentioned almost being hit, and I too had a narrow miss. In the morning, the eastern sun is bright and blinding, making it hard to see at that intersection. Also, motorists are often hurrying to catch the green light, and rather than slowing down, I have noted many drivers speeding up as they approach the intersection. First, I would appeal to motorists to please drive carefully and allow room for pedestrians, especially



at the Radcliffe Dr./Governor Dr. intersection which has substantial foot traffic owing to its proximity to Standley Middle School. Secondly, I would request the City of San Diego Transportation Office to only allow left turns on a green arrow or explore options to make that intersection safer for pedestrians. Needless to say, I am very grateful that my son is ok; I am also thankful that the motorist stopped and asked if my son was alright. I sincerely hope the motorist is also thankful for the wake-up call, and will drive more safely in the future.

December is an exciting month at the University Community Library!

Dr. Denise Zimmerman will present a workshop on Mindful Eating. You will learn about the seven hungers and seven skills that form the foundation of mindful eating. Saturday, Dec. 3 at 12 noon.

KATHY FELKER returns with her holiday-themed puppet show "A Very Beary Nutcracker." Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m.

Back by popular demand, Kara Masek and Tom Vendafreddo return to the UC Library with their Holiday Show. If you missed, "Cabaret" in September, you won't want to miss "An Old Fashioned Christmas." Kara and Tom share a synchronistic energy that not only entertains, but lightens the heart as well. Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Crafts on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. We will have a variety of holiday crafts available to make and take home. Suitable for ages 7 and up.

Our OASIS "Third Thursdays" series continues with "The Story of Chocolate: Food of the Gods." Rose Stanfill Thomas will share the long and storied history of chocolate, and discuss both its medical and ceremonial roles throughout history and reveal some of the new discoveries highlighting chocolate's medical benefits, particularly as it concerns cardiovascular health. Thursday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m.

Local Barbershop Quartet Tuesday Night Alibi will perform an evening of popular standards on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

The UC Library will be closed from Dec. 24th to Jan. 2nd. We will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at 12:30 p.m. Please visit the library's website www.sandiegolib.org for a list of branches that will be open during the holiday furlough. Happy Holidays from the staff @ your UC public library!

University Community Branch Library
4155 Governor Drive , (858)552-1655



***Making U C More Than Just a Neighborhood
Thank you to all our members of 2011.***

The following people have joined the UCCA this past month. We appreciate your membership and hope that you will consider donating your time to help on the many projects we offer, if you are able to. For all who have not joined yet for 2011, remember that anyone who joins now will have an extended membership through December 31, 2012.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Ted Elbik
Jack & Millie Goddard
Karen Collins
Kay Goodfellow
Delores Osborn
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Fritz Ahern
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Membership update

by Peter Burch UCCA President

Ginny Charvat has moved on from running UCCA Membership as she was elected Treasurer at the General Meeting. I'd like to thank her for her years of excellent service to the community, seemingly increasing our membership year after year so we can increase the range of activities we support. We don't yet have a new Membership Secretary in place, but I hope to be able to announce one in January. We will also be clarifying the membership process and rules next year, for example to make it clearer how long a membership lasts.



South UC Crime Report

Incident	100 Block Address	Date	Time
Minor Possess Alcohol	4100 Governor Dr.	10/10/2011	12:42 PM
Vehicle Theft	6300 Erlanger St.	10/17/2011	12:01 AM
Fraud	6300 Erlanger St.	10/17/2011	8:00 AM
Vehicle Break-In/Theft	4300 Bromfield Ave.	10/18/2011	7:30 PM
Minor Possess Marijuana On Grounds During School Activities	6900 Genesee Ave	10/18/2011	12:25 PM
Vehicle Theft	5200 Genesee Ave.	10/19/2011	10:00 PM
Great Bodily Harm/Death of Elder/Dependent Adult	3100 Briand Ave.	10/20/2011	9:00 AM
Vehicle Break-In/Theft	3800 Radcliffe Ln.	10/21/2011	6:00 PM
Sex Crimes (Other)	9700 Genesee Ave.	10/23/2011	6:25 AM
Fraud	6800 Fisk Ave.	10/24/2011	12:00 PM
Grand Theft:Money/Labor/Property Over \$950	3200 Governor Dr.	10/25/2011	9:15 AM
Petty Theft	4100 Governor Dr.	10/27/2011	7:18 AM
Use/Under Influence Of Controlled Substance	3800 Governor Dr.	10/29/2011	4:27 AM
Possess Controlled Substance	3800 Governor Dr.	10/29/2011	4:27 AM
Rape	5200 Toscana Way	10/29/2011	5:00 AM
Vandalism (Less Than \$400)	3700 Notre Dame Ave.	10/29/2011	10:30 PM
DUI Alcohol And/Or Drugs	6000 Charae St.	10/30/2011	4:52 AM
Commercial Burglary	7700 Regents Rd.	10/31/2011	1:48 AM
Vandalism (Less Than \$400)	7000 Dennison St.	10/31/2011	10:00 PM
Petty Theft / Theft Of Personal Property / Shoplift	3900 Governor Dr.	11/2/2011	2:30 PM
Vandalism (\$400 Or More)	2500 Angell Ave.	11/5/2011	2:00 AM
Take Vehicle W/O Owner's Consent/Vehicle Theft	Governor Dr. / I-805 Nb	11/7/2011	5:30 AM
Possess Controlled Substance	6400 Edmonton Ave.	11/7/2011	11:30 AM
Possess Controlled Substance	6400 Edmonton Ave.	11/7/2011	1:29 PM
Property (Misdemeanor)	5700 Mott St.	11/8/2011	7:00 AM
Residential Burglary	5100 Via Cinta	11/8/2011	8:00 AM
Vehicle Break-In/Theft	2500 Soderblom Ave.	11/9/2011	2:00 PM
Commercial Burglary	6100 Greenwich Dr.	11/9/2011	6:00 PM
Residential Burglary	6400 Edmonton Ave.	11/11/2011	11:00 AM
Abuse/Cruelty To Elderly/Dependent Adult	4300 Benhurst Ave.	11/11/2011	3:10 PM
Fraud	5500 Sandburg Ave.	11/12/2011	4:54 PM
Residential Burglary	5600 Sandburg Ave.	11/12/2011	7:30 PM
Fraud	4100 Governor Dr.	11/15/2011	12:45 PM
Vehicle Break-In/Theft	6200 Syracuse Ln.	11/17/2011	6:40 PM
Disorderly Conduct: Alcohol	3900 Governor Dr.	11/18/2011	3:05 AM
Vehicle Break-In/Theft	7700 Regents Rd.	11/18/2011	10:30 AM
Residential Burglary	6200 Camto Carrena	11/18/2011	1:20 PM
Other Sex Crime	3500 Governor Dr.	11/21/2011	3:30 PM
Poss Contrl Sub Paraphernalia	3000 Osceola Ave.	11/21/2011	12:20 PM
Vehicle Break-In/Theft	6100 Lakewood St.	11/22/2011	8:00 PM
Vehicle Break-In/Theft	6300 Erlanger St.	11/24/2011	1:00 AM



HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY AND A CRIME FREE NEW YEAR!

SEASONS GREETINGS

From Captain Brian Ahearn, Acting Lt. Steve Shaw And Community Relations Officer Alan Alvarez
SDPD's Northern Division

If you're going to shop, shop smart!

Avoid Online Scams When You're Shopping for the Holidays

Every year we see staggering new statistics about how many people are buying gifts online instead of braving traffic, long lines, and parking nightmares at brick-and-mortar stores. During the holidays, many online retailers will also offer breaks on shipping costs—so the advantages of less physical hassle, no sales tax, and potentially free or cheap shipping make online shopping pretty appealing. However, the risks involved in online shopping are persistent as ever. Here are a few key ways you can protect yourself.

1. Use a virtual account number - This is a service that most credit cards now offer. Here's how it works: Log onto your credit card account and with one click you can generate a random credit card number that makes it virtually impossible for anyone to steal your account number while shopping online. When your virtual number is generated, simply enter it into the merchant's form and complete your purchase without revealing your actual card number. This virtual credit card number is only valid for a short period of time—long enough for the retailer to process your transaction, which will be charged to your real credit card account. But if a retailer stores that number and a hacker later breaks into their system, the number will be useless. Please note: Virtual account numbers cannot be used for purchases that require you to show your credit card at time of pick-up (e.g., movie tickets, etc.), because the account numbers will not match.

2. Make sure you're shopping on a secure site - Look an address bar that turns green, the closed-padlock icon and/or a URL that starts with <http://>. That means your transaction is encrypted. (Encryption is a security measure that scrambles data as it traverses the Internet.)

3. Don't trust emails from "retailers" claiming you need to verify your credit card information - This is almost certainly a scam. Every year millions of emails go out from hackers pretending to be eBay or PayPal customer service and asking consumers to provide information that the actual service already possesses. If you're worried that a retailer really has failed to process your order, go to the site and look up your account or contact their customer service center—don't click on a link in email that could redirect to a dummy site.

4. Look for signs that the business is legitimate - Buy from reputable stores and sellers. Here are some ways to check: Find out what other shoppers say. Sites like Epinions.com or BizRate have customer evaluations which can help you determine a company's legitimacy.

A Police Officer's Christmas Poem

'Twas the week before Christmas,
And all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring
Not even a mouse.

Under the tree
Lay the gifts piled high,
Temptation enough
To catch any thief's eye.

The windows and doors
Locked tight as a drum,
However the burglar
He was not so dumb.

Down at the door
With hardly a rattle,
The spring latch was slipped
With no sound to tattle.

Into the house
And away with the loot,
As fast as greased lightning
The burglar did scoot.

Finding it easy
And wanting some more,
He grabbed up his tools
And hurried next door.

Slipping and prying
He found in dismay,
A large, shiny deadbolt
Was barring his way!



Away to the window
He went on the sly,
Tore open the screen
And gave it a pry.

He pried and he pulled
'Til his knuckles were skinned,
But no progress was made
'Cause the windows were pinned.

In the window he noticed
A sign stating clear,
"NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
Has already been here."

All the shaking and knocking
The sleepers did waken,
Still safe in their home
By precautions they'd taken.

They ran to the phone
The police they did hearken,
Telling them where
The culprit was parkin'.

Delayed and dejected
By pickings so lean,
The crook was just leaving
When the cops made the scene.

As they carted him off
The crowd heard him say,
"By good locks I've been foiled,
Now they'll lock me away."



This holiday season, make sure you are the second neighbor - with your house locked up!

Neighborhood eWatch by Tom Taurone

The City of San Diego's Neighborhood eWatch crime notification system has been replaced. A new regional crime mapping application, implemented by ARJIS (Automated Regional Justice Information System), is now available to provide you with the same reliable

subscription services you have been receiving through Neighborhood eWatch, in a more current and easier to use format. The new application provides data across San Diego County, not just within City limits. You can access the new crime mapping application and subscribe

for e-mail notifications now. The City of San Diego is committed to providing citizens with timely neighborhood crime information. If you have questions or concerns about the new regional crime mapping system, please contact sdpdwebmaster@pd.sandiego.gov.



Holiday Season Getting Too Hectic?

Need somewhere to celebrate the holidays? Join others in waiting for the coming of the Christ Child during this Advent season.

Come and listen to the combined choirs of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church and the Newman Center Catholic Community at UCSD, handbell choir and small orchestra as through bible readings and music we celebrate the foretelling and birth of Jesus Christ. A reception including cider and cookies will be served afterward.

The celebration kicks off at 7:30 pm on Sunday, December 11, at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 4321 Eastgate Mall, just a couple of blocks north of the Westfield Mall in University City. (Genesee Ave is our nearest cross-street.)

Best of all, it's free!

Join us in an evening of music of praise, worship and wonder.

Our Christmas eve services are 5:00 pm (family service) and 10:30 pm (a quiet, contemplative service). Our Christmas Day service is 9:30 am.

For more information, visit www.goodsamchurch.org.

Holiday Chorus forming at North University Community Branch Library

Singers Wanted: No audition required. Any age 15 and up. Three rehearsals and a performance at North University City Library. Come to enjoy singing and meeting new people who love to sing. Holiday music will be performed. Rehearsals are from 6-8 pm. Tues. Nov. 29, Wed. Nov. 30, & Tues. Dec. 6, Performance, Wed. Dec. 7, 7:00 PM. 8820 Judicial Drive San Diego, CA 92122 858-581-9637

For more information, call or e-mail Keith Sipos at keithsipos@hotmail.com or 858-622-0970

Upcoming Events at University City United Church

International Bazaar : Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the church narthex. This is an opportunity to find great gifts for family and friends while benefitting women, artisans and small farmers throughout the world. Fair Trade Products will be available for purchase from more than 32 countries – handicrafts, needlework, baskets, instruments, pottery, jewelry, toys, scarves, etc. as well as delicious consumable items such as soup mixes, seasonings, rubs, coffee, chocolate, tea, and olive oil.

The Story of Christmas, Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. This will be a special church service in which the Christmas story will be acted, illustrated and told by the children and teenaged youth in the church.

Christmas Eve Services. Contemporary Worship Gathering "Awaiting the Miracle" 5:11-6 p.m. in Koehler Hall. Join us for a magical journey through the Christmas story with music from contemporary artists. Sing some traditional favorites too! Child care is available and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Family Christmas Eve Service. :30 -7:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. Church service and music will be geared to families with children. Traditional Candlelight Vesper Service, 8:00-9:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. Featuring anthems by the Chancel Choir.

Contemporary Worship Gathering, Saturday, January 28, 2012 5:11 p.m. in Koehler Hall. Theme: "Finding God in a War Zone". A military chaplain will be speaking about experiences ministering to our soldiers.

More information: 858-453-3444 or visit us online at ucuc.org.
University City United Church 2877 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA



Beginning Italian Adult classes

During the courses students will learn to introduce themselves, greeting others formally and informally, ask for information and directions, and order a cappuccino in Piazza di Spagna (Rome) and a three-course dinner at Cipriani in Venice. They will be able to talk about Italian culture, food, fashion, architecture and art. Students will learn vocabulary of food, weather, seasons, parts of the body, clothing, houses, Italian stores, movies, etc. . .

Beginner Italian II January 4th through February 22nd, 2012
Wednesday from 12:00-1:00 pm Cost: 8 wks @ \$120.00/\$96.00 (SENIOR 55+)
Intermediate I January 4th through February 22nd, 2012
Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 pm Cost: 8 wks @ \$120.00/\$96.00 (SENIOR 55+)
Beginner Italian I January 4th through February 22nd, 2012
Wednesday from 2:00-3:00 pm Cost: 8 wks @ \$120.00/\$96.00 (SENIOR 55+)
2nd session, February 29th through April 18th, 2012
3rd session, April 25th, 2011 June 13th, 2012
4th session, June 20th, 2011 August 8th, 2012

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**UChS Welcomes New Varsity
Baseball Coach** by Marie Byrd

University City High School is pleased to announce the addition of their new head varsity baseball coach,

Cordell Hipolito.



Hipolito began his coaching career at St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower, CA. He coached baseball and basketball, while teaching Biology. He has

a B.A. in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Sports Medicine from Long Beach State University and a Master of Arts in Education from Azusa Pacific University.

Up until this year, Hipolito served as the hitting instructor for UCSD. In 2004 he helped the Tritons reach the California Collegiate Athletic Association conference tournament for the first time in school history and set the table for the team to win its first ever CCAA Championship the following year.

In five seasons at Southwestern College, Hipolito was instrumental in leading the team to four play-off appearances, including two trips to the Super-Regionals (2005, 2008) and an appearance in the State Championship game in 2008. Please welcome Coach Hipolito to University City High School!

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December 7: NU Holiday Chorus
January 4: Villa Musica
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**Don't Miss the Giftwrap
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Bookstar in Costa Verde is offering local PTA's/PTSA's and school clubs/organizations a gift wrap fundraising opportunity during the holidays. From Friday, Nov. 25, through Dec. 24, students and their adult chaperone will be provided 4-hour shifts with tables, chairs, gift wrap paper, scissors, tape, and gift enclosure cards. Clubs/organizations can distribute flyers about their activities and why they are fund raising. Students work for tips only, but reports from clubs who participated in prior years have been very positive. Please contact Emily, Community Relations, at Bookstar in the Costa Verde Center, 858-457-7561, or CRM1823@bn.com to arrange for your school or club's 4-hour time slot (morning, afternoon or evening slots are available).



**Interested in sponsoring the
UChS Music Department
Winter Concert?**

by Maria Byrd

Ads may be purchased for the upcoming Winter Concert program book. Your sponsorship is 100% tax deductible and helps to support the University City High School Music Program. Their program receives very little funding from the school district and must rely on the generosity of parents and community members in order to sustain a high quality music program. A business card size ad is \$25, a half page ad is \$50, and a full page ad is \$100. The deadline for ads and shout outs is Friday, December 9.



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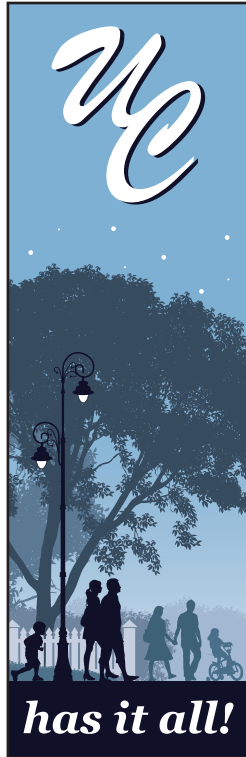


All five schools are compiling wish lists of titles needed at each site. Beginning Tuesday, November 1, 2011, Bookstar Costa Verde will post these lists and customers can buy books and leave them in boxes designated for their favorite UC school. At the end of the book drive, January 1, 2012, the books will be delivered to the schools for use in the classrooms and libraries. In addition, City National Bank will match the book drive donations with a gift card presented to each school to spend at Bookstar Costa Verde after the holidays. Over 1000 new titles were distributed into our schools' classrooms and libraries at the end of the book drive last year, and City National Bank presented gift cards in the amount of \$1450 to each school to purchase additional titles. Please patronize Bookstar Costa Verde for your holiday shopping and be sure to ask about UC schools'/EdUCate!'s book drive.





Nate Rafke, is a freelance illustrator who now lives in Pollack Pines, CA



Shaun Salehyan has 2 designs. He is a resident of University City and graduated from University City High School. He has 15 years of graphic design experience.



New Banners By Barbara Gellman and S

Sometime in January of 2012, Genese and Regents Road. will fly new street designed by Nate Rafke, Leah Chang Shaun Salehyan, three winners of the Univ Community Association banner contest. T winner, Megan Geilman, designed a comm banner that will be displayed at comm Standley Park. Each winner received a mor from the association.

There were 10 artists who provided three twelve designs depicting University City w UC Has It All. Greg Heer, Phyllis Speer and were the experienced judges who poured designs in an effort to choose those that r our community.

We are so proud of the artists who partici the youngest is 10 years old. We plan to g community an opportunity to meet these January and thank them for their contribu with the continued beautification of Unive



Leah Chang, is a freelance graphic and liturgical artist who lives in North Clairmont.



Nicolas Cridlig and Jeffrey Livers, Webelos with Den 3, pack 1, took turns as flag bearer and leader in a flag ceremony presenting and retrieving the colors while the audience pledged allegiance - a big honor for the 10 year-old boys and a precious occasion of community service in the true spirit of boy scouting. Photo's by Mila Cridlig



Megan Geilman's banner is not a street hang but will be used as a community events ban hanging at Standley Recreation Center or in s at community functions. Megan Knobloch G in UC attending Spreckles Elementary, Stand UCHS. She currently lives in Philadelphia with and works as a freelance graphic designer. For Megan wanted to emphasize all the qualities growing up in UC and still loves when she vis



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**UC Garden Club News:
 November's Garden Club meeting**

by Tanya Aria

The guest speakers at each month's meeting keep getting better and better, and the last meeting was no exception (Thank you Sky Jeannette!) As we celebrated our one year birthday, we were treated to a beautiful showing and discussion of Shellene Mueller's work as an accomplished garden designer. <http://designsbyshellene.com>. Not only did she inspire me to rethink my own yard in a completely different way, Shellene had countless ideas on how to give your own yard a new look without a great expense. I think we can all appreciate that these days. It's not often that we run across folks in business who really put their heart and soul into their work as well as give ideas on how we can achieve a similar look for not a lot of expense. Shellene, I can't wait to work with you!

**Cocktails in the Garden at Bob and Nancy's
 House (UC residents since 1968)
 Saturday, December 10th - 10 am
 4128 Raya Way, 92122**

Enjoy a little Kahlua or Bailey's in your coffee while you enjoy this fantastically remodeled backyard. On hand will be Sean Keller, the garden's designer to talk about his design process and approach.

Complete with a box turtle run, spa, purple decomposed granite pathways, and many low water plants, as well as a host of fruit trees and two raised vegetable garden beds-- also a small patch of artificial turf for the 90 pound Shiloh Shepard!

This is the childhood home of your garden club founder, so stop by and see what inspires me.

UC Garden Club Year End News:

by Tanya Aria

In December we will be meeting only to work on the 2012 calendar, as well as the **Spring Garden Tour**. If you are interested in helping out in the following year, please meet with us. **December 13th 6pm UC Library.**

*Note that this is the 2nd Tues in December (instead of the third Tues. as many of us - including me, your founder - will be out of town!)

December 2011 Events
@ your North University Community Branch Library
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YOUTH

Arabic Preschool Class: Every Friday at 11:15 a.m.

Baby Sign Language Class: Second Tuesday, December 13, at 3:30 p.m. Age 0-3.

Chinese Preschool Class: Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Craft Class: Every Saturday at 12:00 noon. Children under the age of eight must have parental participation. Age 6-11.

English Preschool Class: Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

French Preschool Class: Every Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Age 0-5.

Hebrew Preschool Class: (Normally Fourth Tuesday), December 20 at 4:00 p.m. Age 0-5.

Japanese Preschool Class: (Normally Fourth Saturday), December 10 at 11:15 a.m.

Korean Preschool Class: First Saturday, December 3 at 11:15 a.m. Age 0-5.

Musical Preschool Class: Every Saturday at 9:45 a.m. Age 0-5.

Portuguese Preschool Class: Third Saturday, December 17 at 11:15 a.m. Age 0-5.

Russian Preschool Class: Second Saturday, December 10 at 12:00 noon. Age 0-5.

Songbirds Music Class: Fourth Friday, December 23 at 1:45 p.m. Age 0-5.

Spanish Preschool Class: Every Thursday at 9:45 a.m. Age 0-5.



Wanted: Singers and Interested Soloists: Sign up at the Branch for the NU Holiday Chorus. For more information, call or email Keith Sipos at keithsipos@hotmail.com or 858-622-0970.

ADULTS

Book Club: Second Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. November selection is *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert. Copies will be available at the circulation desk.

Cardmaking Class: Third Wednesday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m. Sign up at circulation.

Chorus Rehearsal: Tuesday, December 6, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Contact Keith Sipos at 858-622-0970 or keithsipos@hotmail.com.



Job Search Assistance: Every Wednesday from 3:00-8:00 p.m., Instructor Dr. Adolpho Sanchez assists with resumes and job searching. Call to sign up.

Job Search Workshop: Second Wednesday, December 14 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Knitters Circle: Second Wednesday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Musical Performance: Classical Concert Series, *North University Community Holiday Chorus*, First Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Musical Performance: *Mesa College Guitar Ensemble*, Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Musical Performance: Holiday Chorus, *Villa Musica Holiday Chorus*, Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.

Writing Skills Class when English is your Second Language: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Thanks to the Friends of the North University Community Library for sponsoring these free community events.

Visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/> to see a list of events under News and Events or find us on Facebook under North University Community Branch. Please call ahead to verify each program.



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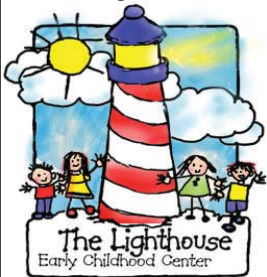


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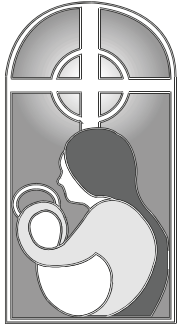
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- ★ If you're out for the evening: Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- ★ Don't display gifts in view of your windows or doors.
- ★ When going on trips or just out for the evening, use **automatic timers** to turn indoor lights on and off to make it appear you are home.
- ★ Consider **informing your neighbors** if you will be away from your house for an extended period of time; ask them to watch your house and to park in your driveway occasionally.
- ★ Don't forget to have mail and newspapers stopped – or have a trusted neighbor collect them.
- ★ Immediately after Christmas, **mark all new gifts** with your California Driver's license or I.D. number.
- ★ If you have **house guests**, familiarize them with your security precautions and make sure they follow them.
- ★ Be sure any holiday decorations are **child-proofed** (secure trees, double check the safety of electrical decorations).
- ★ **Don't advertise what you got for Christmas by putting the boxes out on trash day.** Break the boxes down and put them in dark trash bags or take them to the dump yourself.



SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

- ❄ **ALWAYS BE AWARE OF WHO IS AROUND YOU. KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED!**
- ❄ **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR.** Be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- ❄ Shop early in the day to avoid excessive crowds. If you must shop in the evenings, shop with a friend.
- ❄ **Keep your money safe.**
 - Carry your purse in front of you, next to your body, with the purse flap against you.
 - Carry your wallet in your front pocket.
 - Carry only the charge cards you will need.
 - Do not carry large sums of cash.
- ❄ When charging an item, ensure you **get your credit card back.**
- ❄ Don't overload yourself with packages and **don't allow your attention to be distracted** from your purse or packages.
- ❄ **Park in well-lit areas**, as close as possible to store entrances.
- ❄ **Be particularly aware of persons in the parking lot**, especially anyone near your car.
- ❄ Try not to park next to large vehicles (such as vans, trucks and SUVs) where people could surprise you.
- ❄ Shopping with kids? **Teach your children** to go to a store clerk and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall.
- ❄ Don't hesitate to **notify store security** if you see suspicious activity.
- ❄ If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lit place.
- ❄ **If you are a victim of a crime, report it to the police immediately.**



REMEMBER THIS:
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IN FACT, THIS IS THEIR BUSY SEASON!
BE ALERT AND REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR.



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Monday - Friday, December 19-23
3-5 Years old
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
\$75.00 per week/\$20.00 per day
Monday - Movie Day
Tuesday - Craft Day
Wednesday - Pee Wee Athletes
Thursday - Story Time Library
Friday - Wheels Day