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University City

...more than a neighborhood

Community Association Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Farmers Market

Information meeting
Tues., June 4
6:00 - 6:55 p.m. U.C. Library

UCPG Tues., June 11

Location and time to be announced

Regents Rd. Bridge/Genesee Widening
Full Agenda available at UC Library, & UCCA webpage

UCCA Thurs., June 20

6:30 - 7:45 p.m. UC Library
Speaker: Mr. Ahmed Aburahmah, City Traffic Engineer

People for Trees

Citywide Tree Planting
Sat., June 22

UC GARDEN CLUB

Thurs., June 27

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church of San Diego
5055 Governor Dr.

UC CELEBRATION

July 4, 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Standley Park
Pancake Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
"Heroes" concert 5 p.m.
Booths, games, prizes
Fun for all - all day!!!

Sunday Concerts

Standley Park 7/14-8/11

Westfield/UTC Expansion

Community meetings
Call or email Janay Kruger for info.
858-454-4326 janay_kruger@msn.com

Congratulations to our UC grads!!!

Be informed, check out our website:

www.universitycityca.com

UC Clean Up Day a Rousing Success!

University City Community Association's theme, *U.C. is more than a neighborhood*, rang true on Saturday, May 18th for the UCCA Community Cleanup Day. Neighbors gathered to help give Governor, Regents and Genesee a good spring cleaning. UCCA utilized the services of I LOVE A CLEAN SAN DIEGO, the Environmental Services of San Diego, and EDCO Disposal Corporation. Thanks to ILACSD's Jeff Rosefsky who secured the dumpster bins; Henry's donated bananas and bottled water; Carl's Jr. free lemonade, and Vons a gift certificate.

Around 50 local residents showed up at Standley to get their assignments. Beth Turley, a resident since

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Important Dates for Street Tree Recipients

Many thanks to those of you who signed up for free street trees last month! With your help, we will have over **40** new trees planted in University City in June.

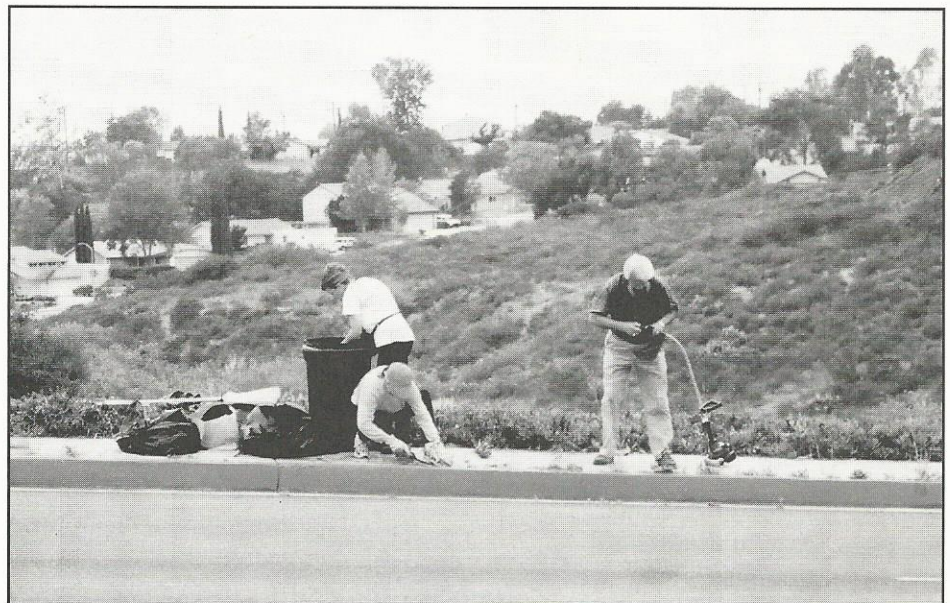
Several key things must happen in June prior to our planting date. Beginning the last week of May, the Urban Forestry Department and Can U Dig It will be at your homes to determine tree location and possible planting conflicts.

If you desire a specific location for your tree(s), you may spray paint a white arrow at the desired location(s).

People for Trees will be hosting a meeting on Monday, June 3rd at the University City Public Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to answer questions about the program, discuss tree selection, mainte-

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UC Clean Up Day Participants in Action!



UCCA OFFICERS

Sandy Lippe, President

Carole Pietras, V.P.

MaryAnn Guerra, Secretary

*Sandy Finch, Membership,
Corresponding Secretary*

Melodie Hallett, Treasurer

Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian

*Dayna Hydrick, Webmaster,
Garden Club*

Linda Canada, Garden Club

Mary Kay Hewitt, Education Liaison

Farmers Market Seeks Volunteers

UCCA, under the leadership of Sandy Finch, is hoping to bring a Farmers Market to University City. We need the help of volunteers like you, residents willing to launch this project.

How can you help?

--Volunteer to be a Farmers Market Co-manager

--Take on the job of "day of" volunteer; we need 8 more.

--Become a marketing helper.

--Do you know a great produce or floral vendor?

Please contact Sandy Finch at sandrade00@yahoo.com or (619) 641-6856.

Sr. Traffic Engineer to Speak at June Meeting

UCCA has booked the senior traffic engineer for our area, Mr. Ahmed Aburahmah, for its June 20th meeting. Mr. Aburahmah will speak to us about mitigating speeding cars on Governor Drive. Would landscaping encourage people to slow down and smell the flowers? Would speed bumps be the answer? The UCCA will share your questions with our guest speaker before the June meeting on Thursday, June 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in the U.C. Library community room. Direct your questions to our webmaster at universitycityca.com.

New Playground Equipment Slated for Standley Park

Cathie Lester, president of the University City Recreation Council, is chair of the Park Playground Upgrade Committee. The committee has been working with the City's Park and Rec Department and various playground equipment vendors to design two unique and varied children's play areas for ages 2-5 and ages 5-12.

The Committee has secured over \$165,000 for this project from various funding sources that include \$139,000 from Councilman Scott Peters' District 1 2000 Park Bond funds and \$3,300 from generous individuals and community organizations. In the process of reviewing various playground designs, the Committee has

identified several enhancements to the project that will make this the best fun filled playground in the area. Standley has been approved to receive up to \$14,000 from the Park and Recreation Department matching funds program so contributions will be matched dollar for dollar.

Standley Park's target is to have these two newly designed playgrounds open to the children by November of this year. If you'd like to contribute to this project that will enrich the lives of the children who visit the park, make your check payable to San Diego Friends of Parks and Recreation Foundation; drop it off at Standley Park Recreation Center.

University City Garden Club

Watch Us Grow!

Although the University City Garden Club is still in its infancy at five months of age, the club has a focus on civic beautification. Some of our goals are to help local senior citizens with their landscaping needs, as well as learning from these talented "green thumbs." We also would like to partner with local elementary school teachers in encouraging children to learn to garden. Wouldn't it be nice if each school in U.C. had its own garden?

What would Kate Sessions do to help the U.C. Garden Club grow? Maybe a rose garden would look good at Standley Park. Perhaps some drought resistant plants would spruce up the medians. Planting flowering trees on our parkways on Governor Drive would enhance the area.

Tapping talented gardeners in our com-

munity is another objective. Phil Ash, May's guest speaker and rose expert, shared his own garden and gardening skills with us. Who is willing to follow his lead? The garden club wants to educate its members, stimulate an interest in horticulture, and provide an outlet for creative expression. Most meetings include a presentation by a Master Gardener followed by a question and answer session. Garden tours and plant sales are also planned.

Consider joining. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 27th, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of San Diego, 5055 Governor Dr. Directions to the meeting room will be posted. Look for news of U.C. Garden Club at www.universitycityca.com.

15th Annual July 4th Celebration Promises Fun for All

Oh, say, can U.C. celebrate on the 15th anniversary of the University City Celebration taking place at Standley Park on July 4th. The event opens this year with a 7:00 a.m. pancake breakfast to support the U.C. High School band. The day will close with a 5:00 p.m. concert featuring the Heroes, a popular professional band.

Spend the day with your family enjoying the games, delicious food, and wine and beer garden. Scale the 20' climbing wall thanks to the generosity of Chuck Cadwalader II and Washington Mutual Bank. Check out the crafts that will in-

clude jewelry, candles, soaps, homemade jellies, decorative arts, commemorative t-shirts, and baskets. Join in the games for all ages.

Candace Plourd, chairwoman of U.C. Celebration, and her committee have been working for several months in preparation for this Independence Day event. If you would like to volunteer for a one or two hour shift at a booth, please email carole.ucca@att.net or call Sandy at 453-2387. Let's come together at Standley Park on July 4th to celebrate our freedom and our community.

SDPD Officer Ralph Cummings, Jean McKay, RSVP, Address UCCA

The University City Library community room was the site for the May 16th meeting of UCCA. Guest speakers, Officer Ralph Cummings assigned to U. C. as Community Relations Officer, and Jean McKay, administrator with RSVP, (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol), addressed UCCA members and guests about the issues relevant to our community. Traffic is a continuing problem, especially on Governor and Genesee. Speeding is another problem for Governor.

Visit the Clairemont Community Service Center (858)-581-4111 and Police Storefront (858) 581-4123 at Clairemont Town Square, 4731 Clairemont Drive. Find out where to report abandoned vehicles, housing and building code violations, zoning code violations and many other issues. Officer Cummings encourages people to call him at (858) 581-4123, and

he will refer you to the appropriate source.

Officer Cummings took questions from the audience. In the future, another signal light is scheduled for Edmonton and Governor, where Curie School is. Officer Cummings answered a question about rusted out Neighborhood Watch signs. He suggests phoning the Neighborhood Watch captain and asking for a replacement sign. If that doesn't work, phone the officer and he will direct you to another resource.

Officer Jean McKay shared the duties of RSVP: patrolling school areas and neighborhoods, arranging towing of abandoned vehicles, checking homes for people on vacation, visiting elderly shut-ins, assisting SDPD with Neighborhood Watch programs. Anyone over 50 years old is eligible to join RSVP. Call Jean McKay at (858) 552-1737, if you are interested in becoming a member.

Clean Up *continued...*

1962, handed out trash bags and talked about U.C. in its infancy. Councilman Scott Peters and Michelle Blumen, his U.C. representative, joined other members of the First District Council office to attack Genesee from Governor to the U.C. High School, while Melodie and Rich Hallett, along with Candace Plourd, picked up piles of pine needles and trash on the Genesee medians. Mike Wilder and Marilyn Rice took a crew to bag litter and pull weeds on Regents Road for five hours straight. Dayna Hydrick and Joyce Shiloff, a daughter/mother team, weeded sidewalks and filled trash bags with litter along Governor on the east end with the help of the Irene and William Teran, Jo and Walt Pankratz, and Foy Jones. One young lady cleared the litter along Re-

gents, north of Governor, and earned her Girl Scout badge with the help of her dad. Babysitting dumpster bins at Curie School from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for 90 minute shifts were Gail Shatsky and Nancy Howe, Sandy and Steve Finch, Sam and Helga Strong, Carole and Rich Pietras. The Governor/Stresemann bins were watched over by Andy and Linda Dizon, Mary Kay and Roger Hewitt, Dianne and Ain Roost, and Tony Bufalini.

When the sign-in table at Standley was put away at 1:30 p.m., Andy Hedekin volunteered to walk two carts pulled from the canyon back to their owners, Henry's Market. What a neighborly gesture, so typical of the wonderful U.C. volunteers on Cleanup Day!

Sounds of Summer Sunday Concerts at Standley Park

Soon summer will be here, and Sundays we'll be listening to concerts in the park. The following dates have been set aside for these musical events from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. On July 14th, 21st, 28th, and August 4th and 11th, join your neighbors for band concerts. In our next issue we will publish a list of all the bands. We have booked High Society, a jazz group, for July 21st and the Cat-illacs for August 4th.

This year Standley Park and Recreation Center is designated as a 24 hour alcohol free park. Municipal Code section 56.54 prohibits alcohol beverage consumption in certain areas. UCCA is trying to get permission to have areas for alcohol so that adults can enjoy adult beverages during the concerts.

Trees *continued...*

nance, and planting.

If there are any concerns regarding tree locations specified by the Urban Forester, you may discuss this with People For Trees at this meeting. If you signed up to receive one or more trees, you must attend this meeting on June 3rd.

The tree planting will occur on Saturday, June 22nd (location and time will be announced on June 3rd).

If you have further questions or concerns, you may contact Donna Griffith at (619) 222-TREE or Melodie Hallett at (858) 457-3033.



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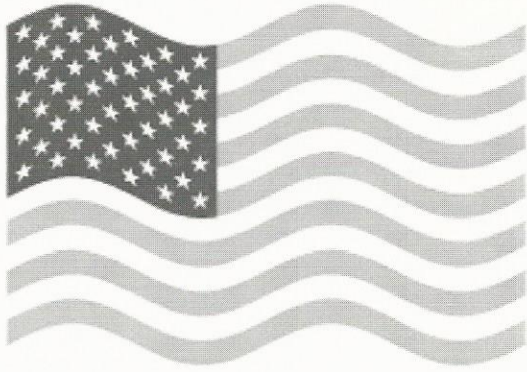
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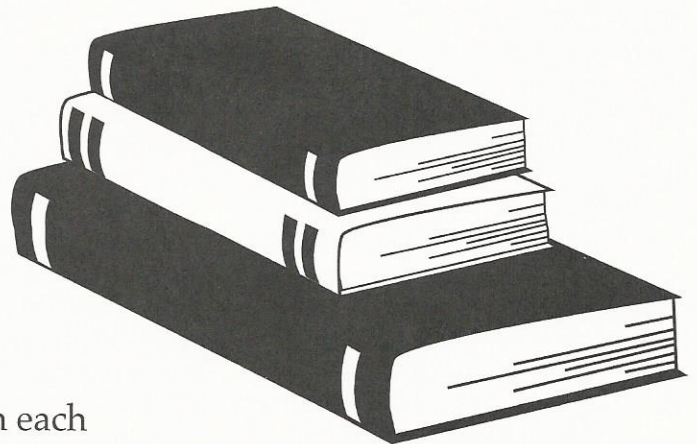
2002 is the 15th annual
University City Celebration
taking place on July 4th.

We will be featuring live bands, family games, a 20' climbing wall, clowns, food and craft booths. The event opens at 7:30 am with a pancake breakfast to support the UC High School Band, and the popular band The Heroes plays from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Craft booths this year will include such items as jewelry, candles, decorative soap, crocheted items, decorative arts and baskets. Shop for the holidays early this year!!

As always we need volunteers. If you would like to help out and meet your neighbors, please call Candace at 546-9232.

We Want Your Used Books



The University City July 4th Celebration Committee needs your help. As part of our **fund raising efforts** we host a Used Book Booth each July 4th at UC Celebration in Standley Park. We need your used books to stock our tables. **We will pick them up** and store them until the day of the event. If you have books you would like to donate please call Candace at 546-9866 or Bob at 858 597-0790 and they will make arrangements to have the books picked up. Remember all proceeds from this event will **support this summer's "Concerts in the Park" Series.**