

Upcoming Events

UCPG Tuesday, April 8th
6:30 p.m. Forum Hall,
 UTC above Wells Fargo Bank
 Full Agenda available at
 UC Library & UCCA web page

SPRING EGG HUNT
Standley Park
April 12th 10:00 a.m.
 (other activities follow)

UCCA Board Meeting
Thursday, April 17th 6:30 p.m.
 UC Library
 Public welcome

UC GARDEN CLUB
Thursday, April 24th 6:00 p.m.
 First Baptist Church of San Diego
 5055 Governor Dr.
 Speaker: Shelly Grossman
 Topic: Vermiculture

Coming in May...

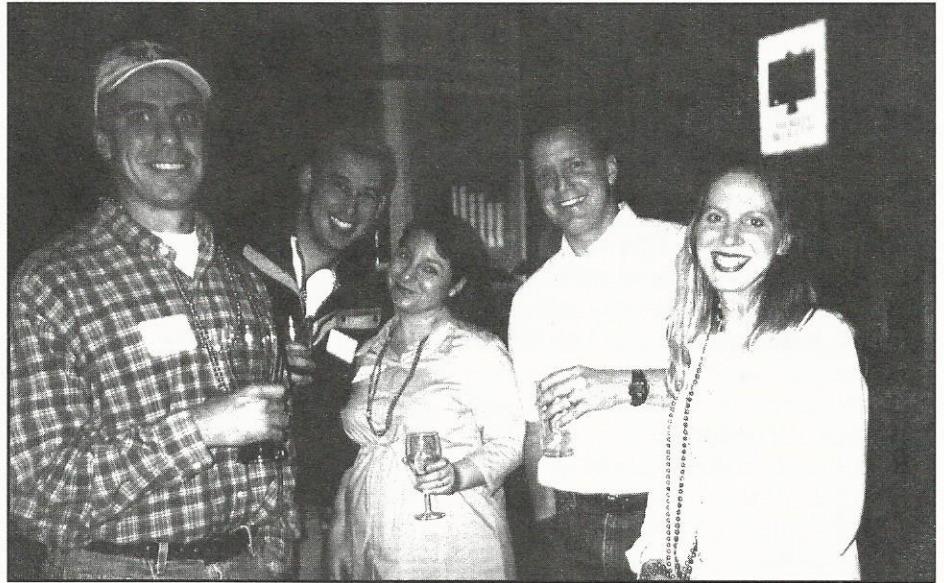
UCCA Meeting May 15th

Community Clean Up May 31st

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

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Rich Hallett, Steve and Sandy Finch, Mike Wilder and Melodie Hallett celebrate at UCCA's anniversary social hour at On TAP!

Standley Middle School Nominated for Honor

Because of improved test scores, Standley Middle school became eligible to apply to become a California Distinguished School. Seven staff members at Standley spent many hours writing the application in December. On the last day of February, the school received word that it had been nominated to receive a site visit on April 3rd from the State Department of Education. Not only did Standley qualify to receive the visit, the application received a perfect score, a rare accomplishment.

Lynn DePaul, principal of Standley, says that she is very proud of the school and looks forward to the site visit. The final announcement for the schools receiving the California Distinguished School Award will be on April 10th with the awards banquet at the Disneyland Hotel on May 16th.

Congratulations to Standley for its nomination, and good luck on April 10th.

6th Grader Named Youth Ambassador
 University City has a 2003 People to People Youth Ambassador. Dylan Ebersole, a 6th grader at Standley Middle School has been selected as a delegate to represent University City and the United States this July. He will be one of 20 students from the U.S. who will travel to Australia and New Zealand for 15 days, exploring, learning and participating in many aspects of "life down under."

President Eisenhower established this program to bring people, cultures, and nations closer together. Dylan was nominated by school administrators and passed all of the interview phases to be selected for this prestigious honor. Congratulations, Dylan!

Governor Drive Beautification Project Theme Chosen

On March 20th U.C. residents attended the third UCCA beautification meeting at the library. Randy Robbins and Steve Pomerence reviewed the input from the second meeting and came up with three choices for locals: Green Brick Road, The Splash Gardens, and The Zipper, all unique

names. The goal was to vote for one design after the group discussed each project. Green Brick Road "humanized" the sidewalk rather than focusing on the median. With trees and benches placed on the sidewalk cut out in a curved line, this design would be an invitation for pedestrians....

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Neighborhood News...

...UCHS sophomore, **AMANDA WEINBRECHT**, was named *Swim World* magazine's TYR swimmer of the month for February 2003. In the Calif./Nevada Speedo Sectionals in L.A. Weinbrecht, representing North Coast Aquatics team, bettered her time in the 100 and 200 backstroke with a 59.33 in the 100 and 205.33 in the 200. She will also compete with her high school team from March to May. Congratulations!... **RAY PERKINS** wants U.C. locals to check out the **University City Girls Fast Pitch Softball** website at www.ucsoftball.org Besides all his work with U.C. softball, Perkins teaches at UCHS and volunteers on the Standley Rec Council...On another note, U.C. resident, **JOHN LEWIS**, alerted UCCA about the dramatic increase in graffiti on Governor Drive.Thanks,John. UCCA would like to form a graffiti control program and get our youth involved in removing this blight on public and private property... **U.C. Senior Center** at 3813 Governor has gentle fitness classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. On April 10th at 11:00 a.m., guest speaker Craig Lambert will talk about retirement homes for those contemplating that move. On April 11th at 11 a.m. the topic will be "**Getting A Good Night's Sleep.**" Call MELINDA WYNAR 550-5998 for other planned activities ...**Fisk Av. neighbors and friends** of the late **Sally Bement** gathered at Standley Park on March 20th as the tree they donated in Sally's memory was planted by Park and Rec. What a beautiful living memorial... **U.C United Church**, 2877 Governor Drive welcomes the public to several events in April. Palm Sunday Church Service April 13th at 10:30 will be followed by an auction of goods and service offered by UCUC members. April 19th, the Easter Bunny will help with an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. for children from preschool through 4th grade. Call 453-3444 for more details....

UCCA General Meetings

*August 21st

*May 15th

*November 20th

Watch for details

UC Celebration Cancelled

July 4th event lacks volunteers

The UC Celebration Committee, an ad hoc committee sponsored by the Standley Rec Council, voted to cancel the 16th annual UC Celebration due to lack of volunteers. Candace Plourd, who chaired the Celebration the past several years, has moved from UC but is willing to work with a committee if at least six people come forward to assume leadership roles. Email Candace by April 15th at cplourd1@san.rr.com.

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to sit on a bench under trees and look at the park activities like baseball games. The Zipper would pull things together by placing trees on both sides of Governor as well as the median. A zipper has interlocking teeth, and the trees would be placed to strategically resemble this on both sides of the road.

While both ideas were met with interest, approval, and some concern about taking away available parking, The Splash Gardens garnered the most votes, an almost unanimous choice. Widening medians to nine feet between Stadium and Mercer, the medians will serve as colorful garden spots of California natives, giving energy as well as beauty. The color will spill onto Governor with colored concrete that will encourage drivers to slow down and look around. "Landscape sculpture" was a term used to describe this design.

What is the next step? The landscape architects will refine their designs. Mitchell Berner of Public Solutions will seek out grant money to pay for this project. The community will continue to be invited to give input in this beautification project.

**Deadline
for
May edition
is
April 10th.**

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Standley Park Update...

Our neighborhood park offers activities for all ages. The site of many children's parties and sports competitions for children and adults, Standley Park also offers various classes including Aikido, Tai Chi, Yoga, Belly Dancing and KidzArt. Check the new Spring Schedule. Tai Chi classes for adults and youths run for ten weeks starting Friday, April 4th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pinochle players and those who would like to learn the game are invited to card sessions Fridays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For information, call Ben at 453-2340.

The Standley Park Rec Council announced that **Camp Boogie**, a camp for children ages 6 through 12 will be held during Spring Break (April 14-18) and this summer. This camp has been very well received at Tecolote, Robb Field and South Clairemont Parks, and the Rec Council is very happy that Standley will also feature the format. **Camp Boogie** specializes in providing a safe, fun environment for children. There will be a weekly field trip to places such as Knott's Berry Farm, Knott's Soak City, Pirates Cove and Belmont Park, arts and crafts and sports focused sessions. The staff is well-trained and full of energy and enthusiasm. Register your campers early as enrollment will be limited-campboogie@hotmail.com or call (858)864-CAMP for information. **Parent's Night Out** starts Friday, April 18th. Every third Friday of the month, parents will be able to drop off their kids for fun, a movie, games and arts & crafts activities from 5:00 - 9:30 p.m. Children 4 - 12 are invited to participate. The cost is \$7.00 per child. The center staff will provide a snack at movie time. Advance sign up required.

EdUCate Friendraiser a Success in Spite of Weather

Rains didn't stop the March 15th Friendraiser at U.C. High from being a success. The Taste of the Triangle in November is the fundraising event, while the Friendraiser focuses on displaying student successes. Scott Baldwin, EdUCate president, welcomed everyone from preschool parents curious about the local schools to grandparents reminiscing about their children and grandchildren's experience in U.C. The Friendraiser committee included Lauriel Adsit, Liz Fort, Jo Guinn, Mary Kay Hewitt, Naomi McLean, Lynn McNeal,

and Juli Reynolds. Chairperson Rashmi Bhargava said that Norma Fox, a UCHS staff member, won the top prize, a handmade quilt. According to Rashmi Bhargava and her committee, "We met our goals of having the community come together. We were very successful in making 'friends' for EdUCate."

If you would like to make a contribution or volunteer to help, call (858) 677-0898 or send your contribution to EdUCate! U.C. Foundation for Public Schools, PMB 154F 3368 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92122

Garden Club

Vermiculture's Role in Your Garden

Shelly Grossman, author of "Recycle with Earthworms: The Red Wiggler Connection" will address the April 24th meeting. She will explain why composting with worms is important, the role of the red wiggler, worm castings, raising earthworms and setting up a worm bin. Learn how you can take responsibility for your own organic waste while producing one of the finest time-release, totally organic soil amendments. Shelly's video and book will be available for purchase.

A certified Master Composter trained

by the San Diego Solid Waste Management Department, Shelly helped develop and implement the prototypes for elementary school worm composting programs in her area. The students not only participate in waste reduction through recycling, but also maintain a small agribusiness selling castings and worms.

Be sure to join us Thursday, April 27th, at the First Baptist Church 5055 Governor Drive, from 6:00-7:30pm. Call 535-9214 or 457-9676 for more information.

UC Library News

Special Spring Break Family Program

Krypton Yvonne will present "*May the Forces be with You*," an extreme, fun science program featuring the invisible forces around us. Some lucky attendees will get to ride on her Flying Saucer! Join us Wednesday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m. at the University Community Library. This event is free and is sponsored by the Friends of the University Community Library.

Popular Storytimes at the UC Library are offered every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for Preschoolers (ages 4-5) and at 10:30 a.m. for Babies and Toddlers (0-3 years); and every Saturday at 11:00 a.m. for the entire family. All programs are free. Please check the Youth Services Bulletin Board when you're in the Library for upcoming and special events!

Did You Know...

...You can contact Officer **Ralph Cummings, Community Relations Officer, SDPD**, for University City at (858) 581-9921 or email him at racummings@pd.sandiego.gov to get help with concerns about vehicle or noise abatement, graffiti or other issues. Officer Cummings is located at the Clairemont Community Service Center. He also attends UCCA general meetings.

...**The University City North South Transportation Corridor Public Working Committee** has been established and will have a website, www.ucnorthsouth.com, on line within the next few weeks...

...The **University Community Plan** is almost 95 percent built out. Several approved major projects have either begun or will soon start construction. Check *Future Development* at our website, www.universitycityca.com..

...Representatives from **Garden Communities and Equity Office**, appeared before the **UCPG** on March 11th, and will be on the agenda at future meetings. In response to questions about the height of the 40 story building and the three 30 story buildings he is proposing to build at Costa Verde, Stuart Posnack of **Garden Communities** displayed renderings showing the placement of the towers in relation to existing buildings within and across the street from the project area. Projected height of the 30 story buildings is 325 ft., 320 ft and 325 ft.; the 40 story is 455 ft. He stated the Wells Fargo Building, often used as a comparison, is 259 ft. There are no height limitations in the community plan, but Miramar does review projects... Representatives of **Equity Office Partners** stated their plans to build at the NW corner of La Jolla Village Dr. and the planned Judicial Dr. call for a **500%** increase in the density allotted them in the Community Plan. They are seeking a community plan amendment and have submitted a draft EIR. The project is in the 2nd review cycle.

...**The Department of Homeland Security's** website, www.ready.gov. has a wealth of information...

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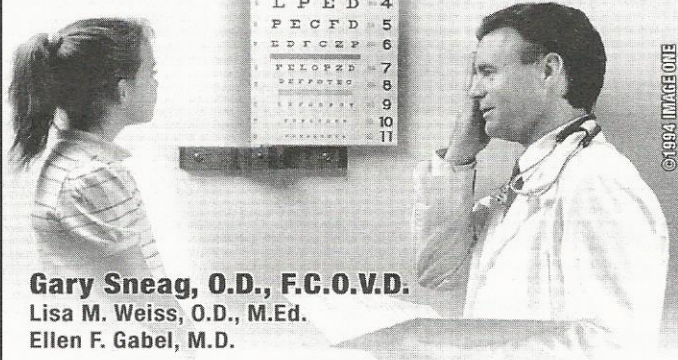
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A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank our neighbors and friends who made our 8 years in UC such a great part of our life. We reluctantly say goodbye to the community, but not before we thank some special friends.

Thank you to Sandy and Dave Cox and Neil Applestein for being such wonderful friends and to Lori Miller who persevered in the sale of our home, believes in the value of the UC community, and has become such a good friend. We will miss you all!

Candace and Steve Plourd

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