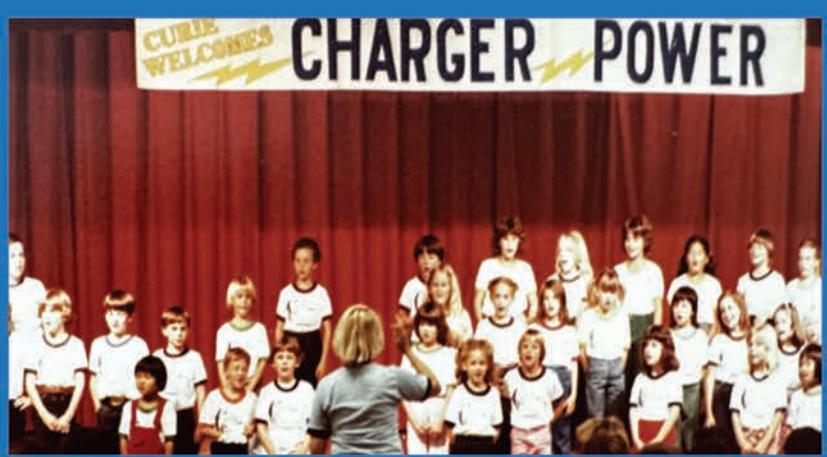


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NEWS



San Diego Unified Names 2024 Teachers of the Year

Congratulations to Standley Middle School math teacher Lisa Clifner who was one of three San Diego Unified School District's 2024 Teachers of the Year. This is her 13th year of teaching math and 8th year of teaching middle school math for San Diego Unified School District.

Local site winners include Jeanette Monastero from Curie Elementary, Sarah Reade from Doyle Elementary, Shawn Nelson Knapp from Spreckels Elementary, and Scott Patterson from University City High School.

For more information on the Teacher of the Year program, visit: sandiegounified.org



Curie Elementary 1968



Arbor Day 1969



Happy Birthday Curie 1980

Pictured top right: Curie Choir 1981

Curie Elementary Caps Off 60th Anniversary Year

Curie's 60th Anniversary Year kicked off with a message from current principal Ashley Duran asking for school memorabilia and using the opportunity for students for research and writing projects. Since then, students have interviewed Curie alumni Mr. Elwell and Mrs. Wallace; longtime teachers Mary Hambright and Cathy Sullivan Dahun; and submitted articles from their research interviews. Our last installment is below, submitted by Katie Mead, Curie Associate Principal. And let's wish for another 60 years for Curie Elementary!

Have you ever wondered what Curie was like in the past? Mrs. Monastero's second graders at Curie Elementary got to interview a past teacher, Mrs. Bergen. In the 90's each student didn't have their own computers. Instead, they had computer centers. There was also only a dirt field to play on, no grass. Now, we have interactive whiteboards in our classrooms. In the 90's they only had dry erase boards. In the 90's they were able to bring in pets for show and tell.

There are also many ways that Curie is still the same. The playground and blacktop are almost exactly the same. They also handed out tickets in the classroom for being on task and doing the right thing, like we do. In the 90's they went to the zoo for a field trip in 2nd grade like we just did. Mrs. Bergen thought that 2nd grade was the best grade. We still agree it is the best! Curie now and then is an amazing

UC SCHOOLS PROMOTION SCHEDULE

- Last day of School (SDUSD) – Thursday, June 6
- Spreckels Elementary – 10:45am; Curie and Doyle Elementary – 11:00am
- Standley Middle – 9:00am
- UC High School Commencement – Wednesday, June 5 at 5:00pm, UCHS Stadium
- Back to School (SDUSD) – Monday, August 12

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2. Include who, what, why, where, and how.
3. Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors.
4. **DO NOT** send articles in a pdf formats.
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9. Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
10. Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com.

Deadline for the JULY/AUGUST 2024 issue: JUNE 13, 2024

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the July/August issue is **June 13, 2024**, but the newsletter can fill up before the deadline. Articles and news items are reviewed as they are received. Priority may be given to UCCA members and time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited for allowed space. UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter. The UCCA Newsletter receives information and advertising from a variety of sources. UCCA cannot and does not guarantee the accuracy of the information or the complete absence of errors and/or omissions, nor does UCCA assume responsibility for the same. Publication does not constitute an endorsement.

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SUMMARY OF UCCA MEETING

May 8, 2024 at University Community Library

by *Katie Rodolico, UCCA Secretary*

President's remarks: Thank you to the community for their involvement in reviewing and commenting on the Draft Community Plan Update and the Draft EIR. She thanked those that attended the One-on-One with Kent Lee.

Public Safety:

Officer Brown (SDPD) talked about the importance of reporting front porch package theft through the online reporting system. If the police department doesn't have the data about thefts, they can't assign resources to help solve the problem. He also gave a presentation on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). (See article on page 4 for more info.)

Lou Rodolico of

University City Fire Safe Council (UCFSC) presented the biologist's reports on overgrowth on the rim of open space near homes. Since most homes in south UC were built prior to 1980 the city is responsible for thinning brush within 100' of homes adjacent to city open space. The city typically clears brush every other year outside of wildlife breeding season restrictions.



Pure Water gave an update on the pipeline construction. Work has transitioned from Towne Center Drive to Nobel Drive.

Elected Official Reps:

Zach Burton from Council Member **Kent Lee's** office gave an update, as did **Codi Viera** of Congressman **Scott Peters'** office.

Community Reports:

Chris Nielsen of UCPG announced the upcoming meeting and the Planning Commission meeting on May 30, 2024. **Jeff** from the **North UC library** gave an update on programs for the upcoming month.

Grant Request:

Alain Gazau made a request for funding for the UC Celebration. The board voted to approve this request.

UCCA Board Member Reports:

Phil Fowler gave the treasurer's report. **Barbara Gellman** gave a report on Utility Box painting, Socks for Safety, and Neighborhood Watch. Jemma Samala announced that Julie Nydam is resigning from the membership role. Phil Fowler will take over the paperwork portion of the job. We are looking for one or more volunteers to help with outreach to increase membership.

NEXT GENERAL UCCA MEETING:

Wednesday, July 10, 5:30pm
University Community Library on Governor Drive



**UCCA President
Jemma Samala**

June is the time for graduations and promotions (May for those of us with college-aged kids), and going forward in their life journeys. All the graduation prep made me nostalgic for the times when my boys graduated from UC High School. You can see me jump for joy when my younger son Grant graduated, and the look on his face, classic. For those parents and family members experiencing graduations and promotions this year, congrats to you too, because your support helped your child or grandchild make those accomplishments. And for the kids who don't want to go through all the ceremonial stuff (Grant I'm talking to you), suck it up, because it makes your family proud.

A big shout out to all the dads out there as we celebrate Father's Day this year on June 16. Like Mother's Day, it's a year-round thing really. We have great dads and grand dads in the UC community. I see them coaching sports teams, leading scouting troops, and being involved in our many local groups. And with the luxury of telework, we see more and more dads with flexible schedules in raising the children, as it should be. Make sure to show appreciation to the dads this month (which will probably be spearheaded by the moms). We'll be missing my dad this year, but my heart is full knowing he loved to be there for his own grandkids, watching UC Little League games and eventually high school games, acting like a grand dad to many of their friends and teammates.

Since June is when many vacations are planned, including yours truly, we're going to take a break this month as well. With all the meetings and materials reviewed in April and May, dealing with the community plan update primarily, we need time off too. In my old age, I've learned the importance of self-care and in taking a break. Therefore, UCCA's next scheduled General Meeting is Wednesday, July 10, 5:30pm at the UC Library on Governor Drive, hope you can join us – we want to hear your community voices. And you can always voice your comments to me, negative and positive, mostly positive I hope, at my next Open Hours on Saturday, June 22 from 9:00–11:00am at the Starbucks on Governor Drive. Dads can share their favorite stories with me too.

Again I say thanks to our great UC moms and dads, you all make University City special.

Jemma

Thinking Locally, Acting Neighborly

**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT
ANDY WIESE**



Many University City residents have recently become aware of the University Community Plan Update. But one volunteer has been entrenched with all the plan updates, the details, the statistics, the planning group and city department, and all the community comments.

That volunteer is Andy Wiese. He is the Chair of the Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS) since its beginnings in 2018.

Andy has been a member of the University Community Planning Group (UCPG) for 9 years, had termed out, then ran again after a year off. He was Chair of the CPUS for all 5 and half years, including the year he was not on the UCPG. During the last CPUS meeting, he ran it while Zooming in from Europe – a large time difference. His dedication included all the time he spent keeping up on the volume of reading, working with community groups and city planners. As Katie Rodolico, UCCA's UCPG Liaison commented about Andy, "he definitely did not coast!"

During his free time, Andy is a Professor of U.S. Urban and Environmental History at San Diego State University. His courses are on urban and environmental history, global environmental problems, and the history of California. You can say he practices what he preaches. Thank you Andy for your time leading the plan for University City's future.

If you know of a longtime, behind the scenes volunteer for a future spotlight, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.

Calendar

June 2024

LGBTQ & PRIDE MONTH

UC COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 1

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, June 9

7:15-7:30am – meet & greet

7:30-9:00am – work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3203 Governor Drive, supplies provided

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, June 11, 6:00pm

9880 Campus Point Drive, Third Floor

Zoom available

Info: planuniversity.org

FIRST DAY OF SD COUNTY FAIR

Wednesday, June 12

**UC CELEBRATION 4th of JULY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30pm

Standley Rec Center

FLAG DAY

Friday, June 14

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 16

JUNETEENTH

Wednesday, June 19

JEMMA at STARBUCKS on SATURDAY

UCCA's President Open Hours

Stop by to discuss UCCA and University City

Saturday, June 22, 9:00 to 11:00am

Starbucks on Governor Drive

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, June 27

For meeting details, call: 858.552.1651

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SAVE THE DATE: UC CELEBRATION

Thursday, July 4

Standley Park

See page 9 for more details

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MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024**

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IN MEMBERSHIP FORM ON PAGE 14**

Extra copies of newsletters are available at
University City local libraries and other
public areas. A complete online version can
be found at: universitycitynews.org

TIPS for Better Self-Defense

by Barbara Gellman

A self-defense demonstration and class was held at our Governor Dr. library on May 16 and many of you missed the opportunity to learn how to protect yourselves with just using your own body and a few props. Hands, elbows, knees, feet, along with canes, books, cell phones, fists, flashlights, umbrellas and your voice, use it to scream as loud as you can.

Important things to remember to prevent something from happening to you:

- Don't look like a victim. Pay attention to your intuition and surroundings. Walking with your head viewing your cell phone or walking with two ear buds in your ears puts you at risk. Walk like you know where you are going, head and shoulders held high.
- Eliminate, Recognize and Avoid danger.
- Your targets towards an attacker are the eyes, throat, groin, knees.
- Get angry. Fear paralyzes, anger energizes.
- Don't ever let yourself be forced into a car. If grabbed, sit down, you will pull the other person off balance and lower so you can give them a good kick or hit with a fist and then run.
- When walking have your head on a swivel, be aware of your surroundings. Listen to your intuition such as don't get into an elevator with someone who gives you an uncomfortable feeling.
- Check cars next to you when exiting or entering, make sure no one is sitting inside and don't park next to Vans; they can try to force you into the van and no one will see you. Get into your car, lock the doors and leave, don't dawdle.
- Keep cell phone and car keys next to your bed, key fob has a panic button.

These are just a small sampling of what was discussed along with several demonstrations on how to escape from an attacker.

For further information or interest, contact Gale Bryan. Email: PlayfulTigris@aol.com. Facebook Gale Bryan: Every Woman Can, Self Defense for Women

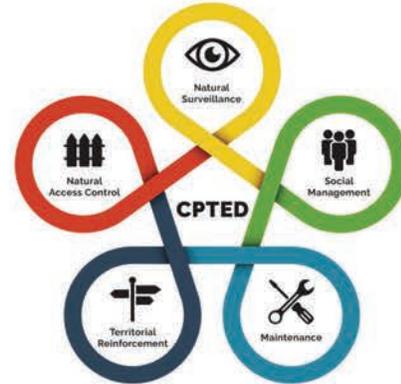
Recommended books: The Gift of Fear by Gavin De Becker, The New Super Power for Women by Steve Kardian plus look up "Self Defense for Women" at the library.



A MOOD BOOSTER

Start with your feet, by wearing colorful and whimsical socks to create your own style and upbeat vibration. There are styles for everyone.

Go to universitycitynews.org, click on Neighborhood Watch and choose some pairs from the flyer and email me at bgellman@yahoo.com with the style number, color and description and the quantity of each. Everything is in stock and a \$5.00 donation can change your mood in a hot minute. Don't forget the new pickleball socks for men and women.



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Officer Anderson Brown made a presentation at the May UCCA General Meeting about CPTED, a crime prevention philosophy based on the theory that proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime, as well as an improvement in the quality of life. The following is a recap of his presentation.

Implementation of CPTED is best before a building, neighborhood or community unit is built, but can also be done to an existing environment. The three key principles are: natural surveillance, natural access control and natural territorial reinforcement. The 'natural' reference is made to the crime prevention by-product that comes from normal and routine use of an environment.



Natural Surveillance:

- Seeks to deter crime with social and visible spaces.
- Users of the space feel they are being watched over.
- Gives the feeling that you are being observed and impacts behavior.

Access Control:

- Selective placing of entrances and exits and activity areas to control the flow of or limit access.
- Design can be reinforced mechanically with fences, landscaping and barricades.
- Barriers can be physical (security screen doors, wrought iron gates and fencing, keypad locking systems); or symbolic (changes in pavement, low hedges and flower beds, curbing or berming).

Natural Territorial Reinforcement:

- Results in an environment where intruders stand out and are easily identified and feel uncomfortable.
- Statement of ownership can be made physically (Neighborhood Watch sign, No Trespassing signage); or symbolically (well-kept appearance of grounds, a friendly smile or wave hello).

Officer Brown can be reached at 858.552.1703, or email at anbrown@pd.sandiego.gov

Combating Antisemitism in San Diego

by Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones

The terrorist acts halfway around the world are impacting us here in our own backyards. Since the October 7th attack and ongoing war against Hamas, the Jewish community has been enduring not only the profound loss of life in Israel, but also an alarming surge in antisemitic events here in San Diego.

From college campuses, to attacks at pro-Israel rallies, to bomb threats at synagogues, the spread of hate and antisemitism must be immediately condemned and stopped. Sadly, we've seen some of these incidents turn violent—the perpetrators in these cases must be held accountable. I am sickened to see such blatant antisemitic behavior in modern America. Hate has no place in our country.

I am actively working in the Legislature to address antisemitism in California: First, to address the recent wave of illegal and sometimes violent anti-Israel protests, I'm calling to cut state funding for public university administrations that fail to ensure campus safety and prevent unlawful activities. Taxpayers should not be bankrolling administrations that falter in upholding law and order on campus. Additionally, I'm proposing to revoke state-funded scholarships and grants to any student found guilty of their involvement in these illegal acts. While I strongly believe in the right to free speech and the right to protest your government, violence and illegal activity of any kind is NOT protected by the First Amendment.

Second, I'm partnering with the Jewish Caucus to coauthor the bipartisan Senate Bill 1287, which will require state universities to update provisions in their student code of conduct to prohibit violence, harassment, bullying, intimidation, and discrimination on college campuses. Students should feel safe while expressing their First Amendment rights.

Finally, I'm supporting Senate Bill 1277, which would standardize and make permanent Holocaust education in grades 6-12. It's crucial to educate the younger generation about the horrors of the past to prevent history from repeating itself. Together, through education, legislation, and a firm stand against antisemitism, we can ensure a safer, more inclusive future for all Californians. For more info, visit: sr40.senate.ca.gov



Legislative Updates

AB-2234: *E-Bike Safety Training*: This bill would authorize the County of San Diego to establish a pilot program banning e-bikes for anyone under the age of 12. Status: Assembly Floor

California Community Climate Action Day

Event Description: Join us in caring for our community green spaces. We'll be planting, mulching, and removing invasive species. Free lunch and resource fair to follow projects!

Time/Date: Saturday, June 8 from 11:00am-3:00pm
 Location: San Dieguito County Park (1628 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Del Mar, 92014). For more information:
www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/california-climate-action-corps-community-climate-action-days/

District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee

Hello University City Neighbors,

The past month has been busy at City Hall. In April, Mayor Todd Gloria released his Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Throughout May, the Budget Review Committee has been in session almost daily to dive into the details of each department's budget. As Chair of the Budget Review Committee, I am committed to working with Mayor Gloria and my City Council colleagues to pass a financially responsible



budget that prioritizes the City's most urgent challenges: fixing our roads, reducing homelessness, and strengthening core neighborhood services. Thank you to everyone who attended our Budget Town Hall in District 6 and to the Independent Budget Analyst's office for spending the evening with us. We know your time is limited, and your participation and input are invaluable to shaping our City's future! The final budget proposal will be brought before the City Council for final approval and consideration on June 11th. If you missed the Budget Town Hall, you can find more information on the budget review process here www.sandiego.gov/cd6-budget or watch the presentation recording at <https://bit.ly/d6budgetfy25>.



Thank you to UC Del Sol Girls Softball for inviting me to the Spring closing day ceremony to hand out trophies. I want to thank President Lana Lo, the coaches, and volunteers for providing a safe and supportive environment for girls in our community to learn essential life skills such as teamwork and leadership. Congratulations on a successful season!

San Diego Unified School District released its 2024 Teachers of the Year list, and I want to say congratulations to Lisa Clifner from Standley Middle School, who was named one of three teachers in the entire district! We are fortunate to have many incredible schools with dedicated teachers in our community.

Thank you all for being an active part of our community. We're looking forward to upcoming Summer events in the community, like the University City 4th of July celebration. We hope to see you stop by our booth!

Warm regards,

Councilmember Kent Lee

As always, if you have any concerns our office can help you with, please feel free to contact me or my University City representative, Zach Burton, at ZBurton@sandiego.gov

University Community Branch, 4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122: 858.552.1655

sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/university-community-library

North University Community, 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego, CA 92122; 858.581.9637

sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/north-university-community-library

Library Hours and programs are subject to change. Call to confirm hours and events.

Local libraries are currently open on Monday and Tuesday from 11:30am to 8:00pm; and Wednesday through Saturday from 9:30am to 6:00pm. University branch closed Sundays; North University branch open Sundays 1:00-5:00pm.

Libraries will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

What's Happening at the Libraries?

North University Community Library

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Engineering for Kids: Build Your "Dream Car" (3rd-8th grade Workshop): Saturday, June 1 at 11:00am - 12:30pm. Join the University City High School Robotics Club who will guide participants in the creation of a small vehicle "craft" that can be taken home. Once your car/vehicle is made, it will be put through test procedures on a ramp. Registration recommended.

Literature Comes to Life: Goldilocks and the Three Bears (Theatrical Performance): Monday, June 10 at 11:45am-12:45pm. Recommended for preschool through 2nd grade. Everyone is welcome. Experience a live version of the classic tale, "Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

ALL AGES

Ms. Lily (pictured right) brings Chinese language and culture to life at the library. Mandarin Chinese Storytime 中文故事時間: Sunday, June 30 at 2:00 - 2:30pm. Ms. Lily will present stories and songs in Mandarin.



A student from the the Manjeera Dance Academy will perform kuchipudi, which is one of eight major Indian classical dances. Kuchipudi Dance Performance: Saturday, June 1 at 3:00-3:30pm. We will host a 20-minute performance of Kuchipudi, a traditional dance form originating from the Andhra Pradesh region of India.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Celebrity Memoir Book Club: Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00-7:30pm. Title: *Princess Diarist* by Carrie Fisher.

Memory Evaluation Screenings: Tuesday, June 18 at 12:00-3:00pm. We are hosting free and private 30-minute memory screening appointments led by Sharp Neurocognitive Research Center. Annual memory testing is highly recommended for adults ages 50 or older, or even earlier if you're experiencing memory problems that concern you. Please call library staff at 858.581.9637 to schedule a 30-minute appointment.



Read, Renew, Repeat during the Summer Reading Program! People of all ages are encouraged to participate in this conservation-focused event aimed at protecting, maintaining, and restoring the city's diverse habitats, ecosystems, wildlife, and natural resources. Complete a combination of 10 books, hours of reading or activities to claim your prizes. Sign-up begins Saturday, June 1 through Saturday, August 31, 2024. Registration website: sandiego.beanstack.org/reader365

University Community Library (Governor Drive) CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

Toddler Storytime & Craft – Wednesdays, 10:30am

Children's Take-Home Craft: 2nd Tuesday of the month

Dungeons & Dragons Club for Teens: Character Workshops: Friday, June 7 and Tuesday, June 11, 2:30pm-4:00pm. Phil will guide you through the process of creating a character you can use in D&D quests at home or in the library's new D&D Club. Meet-ups/Game Play: Participants will get to vote on day/time for the D&D Club to meet and start gaming. Only one session needed to complete a game-ready character.

NEW!! Sign Language Storytime with Ms. Jennifer: Mondays at 11:45am, June 3, July 29, August 5, September 30. Join Jennifer Duncan as she leads a special interactive sign language story time! Ms. Jennifer uses the excitement and fun of signing American Sign Language (ASL) to enhance the reading of well-loved children's picture books.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Qi Gong: Thursdays, 9:30am-11:30am; 2nd Saturday, 9:30am to 11:30am. (next class June 8, meets outside on the lawn).

Mah Jong: Saturdays in June. Must be registered to participate. Following the completion of this course, participants will be asked for input on starting up a Mah Jong club.

Concert: Summer Serenade with Ruth and Emilia: Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30pm. Enjoy a beautiful chamber music concert on a lovely summer evening.

Great Decisions: 3rd Fridays 1:00 to 3:00pm (next class June 21). The Great Decisions global affairs discussion group is looking for one or two new members. The group meets on the third Friday of every month (March through October). Participants read through a guided curriculum (book provided) and are encouraged to do additional reading to bring multiple discussion points to the table each month. For more information, please contact Branch Manager Melissa Martin.

San Diego OASIS: Palmistry (learn about palm trees): Tuesday, June 18 at 12:30pm. A fun informative look at the palms in our area. Retired certified arborist and Professor Emeritus Dan Simpson will share tips on reading what the wrinkles, inches and scars indicate, visual health assessments and how to recognize one palm from another. *This class funded with generous support from District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee.*

Therapeutic Arts with Ms. Saeda: Tuesday, June 25 at 12:30-2:00pm. Enjoy creating different types of art in a calm and peaceful environment. No experience needed.

English Conversation Club: Information Session: Friday, June 28 at 10:00am. Join us for an information session to learn more about the conversation club. This group is for adults who are learning English as a second language and want to practice their speaking skills. Staff will review the activities that are planned and be available for Q&A. The group will be hosted by both a native and non-native English speaker. Regular group meetings will start in July.

Summer Reading Program events:

Page to Stage: June 5 at 2:00pm

Ralph's World: June 12 at 10:30am

Ventriloquist Marc Griffiths: June 20 at 10:00am



"Magic of Pastels"

5th Gallery Show

Presented by: The San Diego College of Continuing Education, Older Adult Program

Instructor: Rochelle Bradford

Show Runs Through July 2024

University Community Library

4155 Governor Drive

Pastels have been one of the most misunderstood mediums in the art world. It is called the "chameleon" of mediums due to its ability to emulate oil, acrylic, watercolor, and more. Because pastels do not need to dry, they can be the most forgiving medium as the artist can manipulate and change in an instant. The instructor, Rochelle Bradford has formulated the instruction of this medium over 50 years.

"Magic of Pastels" instructor Rochelle is a native San Diegan who has instructed through the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) for over 55 years. Concurrently she taught at Mesa College, SDSU, and guest lectured at many events, businesses, and institutions. Rochelle served as Art Director and General Manager of San Diego Magazine all while maintaining her own personal advertising agency throughout her 50 plus year career. Rochelle retired from SDCCD 7 years ago, however, has retained her pastel class with the Older Adult (OA) program. This class is titled "Magic of Pastels." Rochelle specializes in this rare technique of using pastels but has also taught oil, watercolor, acrylic, photography, art history, graphic communication, and marketing.

The gallery opened on May 17 and includes pieces produced by extraordinary artists from the Pastel classes. Some students are in their first semester, all the way up to 15 semesters of experience! *If you are interested in joining the Magic of Pastels classes or would like more information regarding the wonderful programs offered to our seniors, please email rochelleledell@yahoo.com or refer to: San Diego College of Continuing Education; www.sdcc.edu

Trash Container Lid Replacement

by Cynthia Fessler

Did you know your trash/recycling container lid may be under warranty, meaning a replacement lid may be available at NO CHARGE. How can you find out if your container is under warranty? Call 858.694.7000 or email trash@sandiego.gov to ask if your container qualifies for a free lid and/or wheels replacement. If your container is under warranty, replacement lids and wheels are available at no charge. To obtain a replacement, visit 8353 Miramar Place facility weekdays, between 8:00am-4:00pm. City staff members can show you how to perform lid replacement.



UC Little League Hold Hit-a-Thon

by Christine O'Bannon

On Saturday April 27 at Standley Park's Jim Carl field, players from 28 different teams ranging from T-Ball to Minors gathered at designated times to take turns hitting 3 balls from a T or 5 balls from a machine at 40 MPH. League Vice President, Susan Cellitti carefully measured ball stopping distance for each player. The farthest hit of the day was 84 yards by Aksel de Callafon. And the person who raised the most was Colter Jackson from Team Titans who raised \$840.

UC Little League is grateful to all the families in our community who contributed either by raising money or giving time to the UC Little League's largest annual fundraising campaign. The UC Hit-A-Thon exceeded the little league's fundraising goal, and raised just over \$20,000! The funds will go toward upgrading/replacing the equipment sheds at all fields, upgrading/ replacing equipment including new pitching machines, and upgrading the Fort Field to be able to host the district 32 10U All-Stars tournament next season!

Closing Day is on Saturday, June 1 and the community is encouraged to cheer on little league players at baseball fields around Standley Park and grab snacks or refreshments at the Snack Bar near the Standley Park pool. Ceremonies will be held 4:00-7:00pm at Standley park and include Jump Houses, and laser tag and face painting during the first two hours. Following the closing day celebrations, Parks and Rec will kick off their summer movie nights with the traditional viewing of the Sandlot.



COMMUNITY SHORTS



A BLEND OF COLORS THAT BEAUTIFY

Joy Hallare, a delightful and talented young artist, created the colorful design with flowers and butterflies on the utility box at the corner of Governor & Radcliffe, in front of Standley Middle School. Graphic design is one of her many specialties, whether it's for murals, brandings for businesses, or other artistic ventures that offer traces of hope and positivity. The utility box beautifications are a project of the University City Community Association. For more info, contact Barbara Gellman at bggellman@yahoo.com.

UCUC NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, June 2 – 11:30am to 12:30pm

2877 Governor Drive, Parking lot off of Gobat Avenue

The food drive is for the benefit of Community Christian Service Association (CCSA). Further details about the invaluable services CCSA provides, may be found at ccsasandiego.org. Info about UCUC: ucuc.org

OMC RUMMAGE SALE – Saturday, June 8

Every year, Our Mother of Confidence hosts a Rummage Sale to support their Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs. This year the sale is on Saturday, June 8 from 7:00am to 1:00pm. OMC is accepting donation beginning May 28. For more info, email faithformation@omcsandiego.org or call 858.453.3554.

CONCERT IN THE DRIVEWAY

Greg Zinser and his guest musicians continue their Concerts in the Driveway at 3385 Willard Street. The next scheduled concert is Sunday, June 9 starting at 3:00pm. Also, bring your chairs, blankets, picnics for the free neighborhood concert. Another FREE community event!

FRONT PORCH PANDEMIC JAZZ BAND

They continue to play two hours every Thursday starting around 4:00-4:30pm at 5626 Bloch St. Seating is around the neighborhood, bring your own chairs, blankets, and picnic dinner. Concerts are always FREE!

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Food scene:

- **Marugame Udon** – Handcrafted Sanuki-style udon noodles and crispy tempura, with a theater-style kitchen.
- **Blue Ocean Sushi & Grill** – Special chef's selection Omakase Box available, fresh sushi and grill items.
- **Venchi** – Coming mid-June, first Cioccolateria in Southern California, Italian crafted chocolates and fresh gelato.
- **Swagyu Burger** – From Chef Steve Brown, one of the few certified by the Japanese government to sell authentic Hyogo Kobe A5 Wagyu to create their burger experience.

Shopping & Activities:

- **Amour Vert** – Eco-conscious organic cotton basics.
- **TuTu Fun** – Creative space offering rug tufting, fluid art and decoden projects for all skill levels and ages.



AC Water and Sewer Group 1048 Project Wrapping Up the Installation

by Diane Ahern

The project team has scheduled a new phase to begin on three streets near Curie Elementary School following the end of the current school year. Beginning on Friday, June 7 construction activity will take place on Edmonton Ave., Combe Way and Stettler Way. This work will replace the sewer main and laterals. Proceeding the heavy construction activity, a drone will be used to record pre-existing conditions of the street, sidewalks and private property. Potholing will also take place to confirm the locations of underground pipes and utility lines. This phase will conclude prior to the start of the 2024-25 school year. For more information, visit UniversityCityNews.org and search on: AC Water and Sewer Group 1048

WINGS OVER MIRAMAR FLIGHT LINE 5K

by Diane Ahern

Experience the world-famous Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar Flight Line on foot at this unique opportunity where 5K participants will get the option to run or walk Miramar's Flight Line. This is one of only two times a year when the airfield is open to the public. This intimate experience will get you up close and personal with your Marines at your Air Station, and live entertainment by MCAS Miramar's 3D MAW Band, Color Guard, and announcements made by the Installation Sergeant Major.

Check-in begins at 6:30am, and the Flight Line 5K will begin promptly at 8:00am. After the race, the fun continues on the Flight Line with post-race food trucks, music, static aircraft, and more. All participants will receive a commemorative event t-shirt, a souvenir Marine Corps Challenge Coin, and chip timing will be provided. Strollers are allowed on the course, and children 4 and under can participate for free. Please note that the schedule is subject to change. Pre-registration and more information available at: bit.ly/WingsOverMiramar2024

Where's ODI? Mascot Search: July 2-31



Odi the Coyote is hiding somewhere inside all 36 locations of the San Diego Public Library. Visit each location and find them all! Passports are available at the UC Library on Governor Dr. and North University Community Library on Judicial Dr. or you can print one out from the Library website. Get a stamp in your passport from library staff when you find Odi at each library and collect a unique button at each location.

University City Celebration on the 4th of July at Standley Park – uccelebration.com

All proceeds from the UC Celebration support the UC Parks Council, including the Summer Concert Series



THE RUN AND WALK

The UC Celebration starts bright and early with the One Mile Fun Run starting at 7:45am, followed by the 5K Run/Walk at 8:00am. But our volunteers will be there even earlier as day of registration and bib collection starts at 6:30am! (Bibs can be picked up the evening of Wednesday, July 3 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Standley Rec Center.) You can register in advance at uccelebration.com. Registration fees are \$25 per person for both the Fun Run and the 5K.

The courses will start and finish in the grass field east of Swanson Pool at Standley Park. The 5K course is two loops around Standley Park and Standley Middle School along sidewalks, paved areas, and grass athletic fields. Awards will be given to age group winners, and will take place later in the day at Standley Park. Both events are open to all ages and abilities. Feel free to run, jog or walk. The goal is to enjoy the park and the celebration. Afterwards, head on over and grab some of the community breakfast options.

The run proceeds support the UC Parks Council, Summer Concerts, and the UC community.



THE BOOK BARN

Book Barn donations are being collected at the First Baptist Church located at 5055 Governor Drive: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 5:00pm, and Wednesdays from 9:30am to 6:30pm. Look for the red bin and sign next to the front door of the main building. All books are welcome but especially children's, young adult, and travel books.

THE SUMMER CONCERTS

The 2024 Summer Concert season begins on Sunday July 14 for 7 weeks through Sunday, August 25. The Summer Concerts are sponsored by the University City Parks Council and held on Sunday evenings at Standley Park, at the new Standley Middle School Pavilion Stage on Governor Drive, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. For more info, visit: universitycitynews.org/summer-concerts-in-standley-park

- July 14: The Mothmen - Rock
- July 21: True Stories - Classic Rock
- July 28: Side Traxx- Classic Rock and Roll
- Aug 4: Love is a Rose- Linda Ronstadt Tribute
- Aug 11: Cadillac Fringe - Deep Cuts Rock
- Aug 18: Sea Monks - Country
- Aug 25: The Distractions, featuring UC's Greg Zinser - Classic Rock



UC Celebration Schedule 2024

- 6:30am: Walk up sign-ups for 5K and 1-mile Fun Run
- 7:30: Music for the runners/walkers
- 7:45: 1-mile Fun Run Begins
- 8:00: 5 K Begins
- 8:30: Pancake Breakfast Opens
- 9:00: Book Barn and Opportunity Ticket sales begin
- 10:00: Begin lining up for Bike/Pet Parade in Standley Middle School West Parking Lot
- 10:30: Bike/Pet Parade begins
End of Pancake Breakfast
- 11:00: "Official" opening with Troop 11 Color Guard and National Anthem
Beer Garden opens
- 11:30: Trolley service along Governor Drive begins
First Field Game - Sack Race
- 12:00pm: Phil Marcos Trio
Free swim at Swanson Aquatic and Kids Fun Zone opens
- 1:00: Hawaiian/Polynesian Revue
- 2:00: Second Field Game - Balloon Toss
- 3:00: The Resonators
- 4:00: Announce Opportunity Drawing winners
Third Field Game - Tug of War
Booths close except for food booths
- 5:00: 3 Car Garage plays at the "New Pavilion Stage"
- 7:00: 3 Car Garage Wraps up and see you next year!
- 7:30: Trolley service ends



UC PEOPLE: CLAUDIA PRESCOTT

by Vince Reardon



From Michigan to Dr. Seuss: The Inspiring Journey of Claudia Prescott

Much like the unnamed protagonist in Dr. Seuss's "Oh, The Places You'll Go," Claudia Prescott, alongside her husband Jim and their two children, embarked on a bold adventure. In 1964, this Michigan family packed their belongings and set their sights on new beginnings in San Diego, making their home in University City ever since. Jim had landed an aerospace engineering position at General Dynamics, while Claudia quickly rose to become the president of the Parent-Teacher Association at Curie Elementary School, where their two children were enrolled.

As Dr. Seuss so aptly penned in his book, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." Claudia, who had been working in property management at the time, seized an opportunity in 1972 to work as a personal assistant to Ted (Dr. Seuss) and Audrey Geisel. During Claudia's job interview, Geisel asked if she would commit to staying longer than his previous secretary, who had been with them for two years. "I said yes," Claudia recalled, laughing, "And, of course, I ended up staying for the next 50 years."

Claudia explained that after the immediate success of "The Cat in the Hat" in 1957, Ted and his first wife Helen founded the Dr. Seuss Foundation (<https://drseussfoundation.org>) to promote literacy. The foundation supports and partners with organizations dedicated to this cause. Following Helen's death in 1967, Ted married Audrey Stone Diamond in 1968.

Today, Claudia holds the esteemed position of President Emerita at the Dr. Seuss Foundation. Her extensive philanthropic efforts have earned her multiple honors, including the prestigious 2020 Vista Hill "In My Backyard" (IMBY) Award. When she's not enjoying a Padres game or a performance at the Cygnet Theatre, Claudia is an avid breeder of Irish Setters, with her dogs having garnered numerous awards at dog shows.

This dedication to excellence in all her endeavors echoes the words of Dr. Seuss's "The Lorax," who wisely noted, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." These words resonate deeply, reflecting Claudia's 50 years of personal commitment to making a difference through her work with the Foundation in San Diego and beyond.

UC GARDEN CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

by Jemma Samala

Visiting the Beshears Garden



Ellen and Jim Beshears invited UC Garden Clubbers to their backyard in May, whereupon Jim showed everyone around their garden filled with a variety of fruits, vegetables, roses and succulents. Ellen provided a tasty assortment of homemade goodies.

They have lived in the home for 30 years and has well-established fruit trees and plants. Like many gardeners, Jim finds gardening to be a relaxing hobby, especially after work days as a practicing attorney. He has recently retired and can dedicate more time to his gardening endeavors. Jim has volumes of learned knowledge from his parents, as they were both raised on farms. His mother particularly loved roses, at one point caring for 130 rose bushes! Jim started showing an interest in succulents about 15 years ago for water conservation reasons. He has since become somewhat of an expert on them, cutting and potting an assortment of succulents for guests to take home. Jim also composts and collects rain water. Thanks to the Beshears for sharing your garden.



The Beshears' neighbor Jeanne Hoey also provided information and personal knowledge about growing plumerias, which she grows throughout her front and backyards, both in pots and in-ground. For more info, go to southerncaliforniaplumeriasociety.com.

AN EYE FOR CYANOTYPES

The next UC Garden Club meetup is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 at 2:00pm, and will be led by Greg Hom. He will be showing the group how to make cyanotypes, a non-camera process that involves laying an object on paper coated with a solution, then exposing to UV lights to create stunning white and blue images. Common objects used are leaves and fern branches. Greg, our resident photographer and optometrist by trade, has an eye for such things. To RSVP for the location and get on the UC Garden Club email list, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.

STARTING FROM SEED

UC Garden Club members are assisting the UC Library in starting a Seed Library, with the Opening Day scheduled for Saturday, July 13. The goal is to have the community check out seeds to plant, and eventually those plants own seeds can be collected and donated back to the Seed Library, creating a circulation of local seeds. More info in the July UC News.



Pictured above from left: Stephanie Pulido Lucatero, Bella Giron, Clay Shaughnessy, Corrie Dudley, Maggie Prell, Allison Turley, Hugo Pacheco, Mateo Torres-Chappa, Nadia North, and Sevilla Tovar

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR 2024 – LET’S GO RETRO

With a nod to nostalgia and a focus on fun, the 2024 San Diego County Fair will give our yesteryears another moment in the San Diego sun. Bop your way around the happy days of the '50s. Twist, shout, and shake it into the bewitching '60s. Move and groove through the disco nights of the '70s. Moonwalk it back to the gnarly age of big hair, shoulder pads, and parachute pants of the '80s. And enjoy the era of flannel and floppy drives of the '90s. The County Fair dates are June 12 through July 7. For more information, visit: sdfair.com

University City High School students are featured throughout University City's banner district on promotional banners. UCCA thanks and congratulates the 20 students who were chosen by teachers, administrators, and staff to represent UCHS on this year's County Fair banners. The community banners is a program of UCCA, with funding from the County of San Diego and paid memberships.

Pictured below from left: Damian Danemann Soto, Nathan Lien, Michael Kozma, Ben Wohlwend, Bryana Arellano, Aine Govil, Ben Gavani, Jack Stahl, Sevilla Tovar, and Kaden Jenkins



SUMMER MOVIES – MAKING MEMORIES

Summer Movies in the Park are a perfect chance to relax and enjoy a safe and special night under the stars with family and friends. Come early and get a good seat. In University City, the first Summer Movie of the season is *The Sandlot* on Saturday, June 1 at Standley Park. All movies start around sunset. For the complete 2024 schedule, visit: summermoviesinthepark.com

- June 1: *The Sandlot*, Standley Community Park, 3585 Governor Dr
- June 14: *Wonka*, Doyle Community Park, 8175 Regents Road
- June 28: *Finding Nemo*, Nobel Community Park, 8810 Judicial Dr
- June 29: *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, University Village, 7150 Florey
- July 20: *The Greatest Showman*, Marcy Park, 5504 Stresemann St
- July 27: *Wonka*, University Gardens, Gullstrand St at Governor
- August 23: *Kung Fu Panda 4*, Nobel Community Park, 8810 Judicial
- October 11: *Coco*, Nobel Community Park, 8810 Judicial Drive
- October 26: *Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation*, Standley Community Park, 3585 Governor Dr

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UC Planning Group Meeting Update

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

At the May 14 UCPG meeting the UCPG took two significant actions: we approved a comment on the most recent Draft Community Plan and Draft EIR, and we approved a timetable for elections to be held in a new UCPG District 4 comprised of the residents of the UC San Diego campus.

There were two important community meetings in April about the community plan. The first was the regular UCPG meeting on April 9, where the city presented the revised draft of the plan followed by Q&A, and the second a Plan Update Subcommittee meeting on April 16, held on zoom, to receive comments on the revised community plan update and the draft Environmental Impact Report.

Based on the April meetings, a revised draft UCPG comment was made available to the community on May 7 in preparation for the May 14 UCPG meeting. The comments were unanimously approved (11-0-0) by the board and turned in the next day, May 15 along with a Draft EIR comment, also unanimously approved (9-0-0).

The UCPG amended the comment to include a recommendation to suspend the Complete Communities Housing Solutions program on the adoption of the plan (reason: the plan has its own affordable housing regulations), and to make some policy changes regarding bike lane types (no class three, only types two and four), and the installation of Leading Pedestrian Interval signs where applicable (see: Regents northbound turning right onto Governor Drive).

The Planning Commission is set to make a recommendation to the City Council on the University Community Plan, the Hillcrest Plan, and Blueprint SD, along with their Draft EIRs, on Thursday May 30, beginning at 9AM. You may attend the Planning Commission meeting in person at City Hall or view the meeting on Zoom.

The City Council approved the new UCPG Operating Procedures, replacing our bylaws, at a May 21 City Council meeting. Included was an expansion of the voting membership (board) from 18 to 21 members as three new residential voting members will be added from UCPG District 4, UC San Diego campus residents. Elections will be in October for these seats. Finally, the Council approved a change to Council Policy 600-24 to allow remote attendance by voting members (on zoom, for instance) without following the telecommunications provisions in the Brown Act.

ANNOUNCEMENT

University Community Plan Update

In March 2024, the City of San Diego released the University Community Plan Second Draft for review and public comment. Based on comments received, City staff are preparing an updated draft for consideration and recommendation by Planning Commission on May 30, 2024, before it is presented to City Council for consideration in the Summer.



Pipeline installation continues on Genesee Avenue, and tunnel construction is now ongoing in the center of Genesee Avenue near UC High School and Rose Canyon.

PURE WATER CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Construction ramped up in four sections of the University City area as part of the **Morena Northern Pipelines & Tunnels** project, a significant section of Pure Water San Diego Phase 1 development. As of early May 2024, approximately 13,401 linear feet of pipeline and 430 feet of tunnel have been installed.

Construction crews are working throughout University City in the following locations:

- South of Governor Drive: Pipeline installations are complete with restoration work continuing on Genesee Ave.
- North of Governor Drive: Construction is ongoing from Centurion Square to Luigi Terrace, with daytime work continuing through Fall 2024. Tunnel construction continues on Genesee Ave, near Centurion Square and UC High School.
- Nobel Drive: The first segment of construction on Nobel Drive is progressing from Towne Centre Drive toward Via Las Rambles. Pipeline installation occurs in the westbound lanes, shifting the single-lane traffic into the eastbound lanes.
- Tunnel locations: Crews are installing pipeline through the tunnel on Genesee Avenue, near Marian Bear Memorial Park and SR-52. Alternative parking is available at 5233 Regents Road. Additionally, tunneling work continues at the I-805 shaft near Executive Drive.

As the Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels project progresses, timely construction updates are shared online at utc.purewatersd.org. Contact PureWaterSD@sandiego.gov or 833-UTC-PWSD (833.882.7973) with questions about the City's Pure Water Program.



Pipeline installation progresses on Nobel Drive, heading westbound from Towne Centre Drive to Via Las Rambles. A 30-inch brine line and a 48-inch wastewater pipeline are being installed in 15-foot trenches throughout the construction alignment.

Fire Safety for Our Senior Citizens

by *Bill Beck, former Fire Chief*

Fire safety rules apply to everyone, but it may not be feasible for all individuals to execute them effectively. This article tailors these rules with our senior citizens in mind.

The population of America's senior citizens (persons over the age of 65) is growing larger. Statistically, seniors are more likely to experience a fire or succumb to home fires than the rest of the population. In fact, the risk more than doubles for people over 75. Several reasons contribute to this heightened risk:

1. Slower reflexes: As people age, their reflexes slow down.
2. Medication effects: Older people are more likely to be on medication that makes them drowsy.
3. Increased skin vulnerability: The skin of older people is thinner and more susceptible to injury from fire.

Reasons 1 and 2 mean that the elderly may have more difficulty evacuating quickly in the event of a fire. Reason 2 is particularly perilous if the older person combines medication with alcohol or smoking. For these reasons, it is crucial to ensure that a working smoke and carbon monoxide detector is on each level of their home. Additionally, if the occupant sleeps with the door closed, a smoke detector should be installed in the bedroom. The following precautions should also be taken:

- Avoid smoking when drowsy: Use large, deep ashtrays for smoking. Always check armchairs and sofas for lit embers and sparks after smoking, and never smoke in bed.
- Be cautious while cooking: Avoid wearing long, loose sleeves or loose clothing while cooking. Never leave cooking food unattended. Use pot holders or oven mitts. Ensure that pot handles face away from the front of the stove and are not over the burners.
- Manage electrical wires safely: Don't have electrical wires where they can be easily stepped on or tripped over. Never tack them or secure them with staples or nails. Don't overload outlets and repair old, frayed, or damaged electrical cords.
- Heating system maintenance: Have your heating system checked annually. If you use space heaters, keep them at least 3 feet from any drapery, upholstery, walls, or anything that might catch fire. Never use them to dry clothing.
- Keep emergency telephone numbers handy.
- Keep glasses accessible: If you wear glasses, keep them beside your bed at night.

Know how to react if clothes catch fire: The most important thing to remember is to stop, drop, and roll.

- STOP: Don't run; this will only fan the flames.
- DROP: Drop to the ground.
- ROLL: Roll over and over, covering your face with your hands. This will smother the flames.

Some older persons may be unable to stop, drop, and roll due to physical conditions such as arthritis or osteoporosis. In these cases, the only alternative is to smother the flames with a nearby blanket, coat, or rug.

If you have an elderly parent or know a senior citizen, please pass on these essential safety tips to them.



Meet Margie Gredvig UC's own SuperAger

by *Katie Dunahoo*

As of April 2024, Margie is 103 years old and going strong. What has kept Margie mentally and physically on par with people 20-30 years younger—the definition of a SuperAger?

Until Covid, she was in three bowling leagues including an Elk's league, the Elkettes, and is a proud member of the 600 club. Margie still enjoys bowling and scored 103 on her 103rd birthday. She plays cards every night and enjoys watering her plants in the front yard while chatting with neighbors as they walk by. She attends St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach and is in their craft group. She stays active and exercises daily. She has a normal, healthy diet and has never smoked. It is hard to believe that she is a cancer survivor!

Margie grew up in Colorado and moved with her husband to east San Diego in 1949. She worked as a security guard at North Island and at Sears in UTC as an audiologist. They moved to University City in 1976 and she loves it here. Congratulations Margie. You are an inspiration!



San Diego Unveils New Interactive Project Finder Map

by *Diane Ahern*

The City of San Diego has developed a new interactive Project Finder Map that uses Google Maps and GIS technology to allow the public to find details and location information on hundreds of construction projects and events citywide. Replacing the previous Project Finder, this new, more engaging platform offers users improved design, functionality and notifications.

This Project Finder Map boasts new features that allow users to designate an area, community or neighborhood in the City and sign up for email alerts specific to projects in that area. It provides a Google satellite images layer and shows real-time traffic updates for construction impacts and special events. For more information, visit: sandiego.gov/projectfinder

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Open Letter to MCAS Miramar CO Bedell

by Ron Belanger and Matty Wuest

At the May Planning Group meeting, Ron Belanger, the co-president of Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation (CASA) issued a letter of thanks to Colonel Thomas Bedell, the MCAS Miramar commanding officer. Bedell is about to end his tour of duty as MCAS Miramar and will take on another assignment with the US Navy Point Loma.

The residents of University City sincerely express our appreciation and gratitude. You've made our lives better by minimizing noisy, less safe, off-route departures at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. We realize that this wasn't a simple task given that MCAS Miramar handles a lot of transient air traffic which may not be familiar with the rules. San Diego is one of the densest air traffic areas in the world, so the disciplined airmanship you've achieved is even more important to aviation safety.

We appreciate your visits with us at University City community meetings. Your outreach explained the complexity of our airspace to residents and the strong measures being used to ensure compliance with flight rules. Your patience and ability to communicate is commendable.

We also want to thank you for inviting groups of residents from University City to join you in personally-led tours of MCAS Miramar. At each step in the tour of facilities, we'd stop and you'd let the Marines expertly explain their assigned duty. Their pride showed through.

Your initiative, dedication, safety-awareness and person-to-person skills are exemplary and a credit to MCAS Miramar and the U.S. Marine Corps.

Pictured above from left: Matty Wuest, Diane Ahern, CO Thomas Bedell, Ron Belanger, Deborah Taubman

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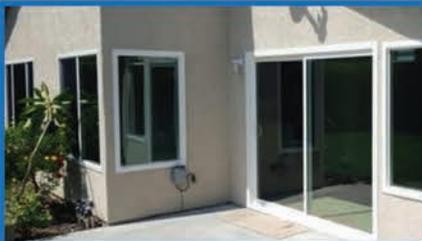
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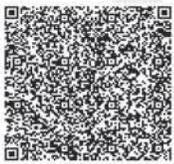
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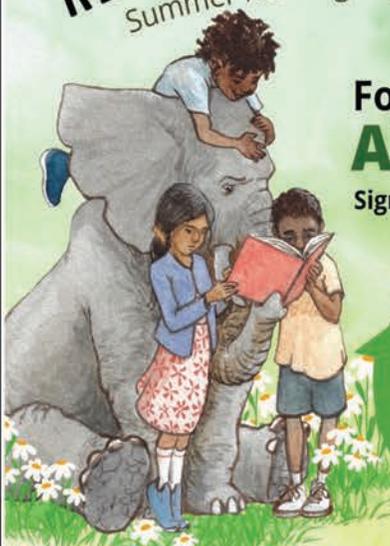


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