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One & One

University City Community Association presents One & One talks, one subject or speaker for one hour.

UC TALKS
with

**Police Chief
Scott Wahl**

Tuesday, August 6
6:00 to 7:00pm

University Community Library
4155 Governor Drive

UCCA will conduct a casual interview-style One & One session with newly appointed San Diego Police Chief Scott Wahl.

If you have a question that you would like Chief Wahl to answer, send them in advance to jemmasamala@gmail.com by Friday, August 2. There will be time for additional Q&A from the audience at the end of the interview session.

UCCA plans to record the One & One session, which will be available to those unable to attend in person.

University City Celebration A 4th of July Tradition

The annual University City Independence Day tradition returns on Thursday, July 4 at Standley Park beginning with the 5K/One-Mile Fun Run at 7:45am. Followed by the comforting tastes of the Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The official start is the Bike & Pet Parade along the Governor Drive sidewalk. Spectators are welcome to cheer on the participants. The day ends with a performance by the band 3 Car Garage from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the Pavilion Stage by Standley Middle School, make sure to bring chairs and blankets for seating. Food vendors will be available to supply your picnic dinner.

The full schedule for the UC Celebration is:

- 6:30am – Walk up sign ups for 5K and 1 mile Fun Run
- 7:45 – 1 Mile Fun Run begins
- 8:00 – 5K Begins
- 8:30 – Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00 – Book Barn and Opportunity Ticket Sales Begin
- 10:00 – Preparation for Bike/Pet Parade in Standley Middle School Parking Lot
- 10:30 – Bike/Pet Parade begins, led by the Mission Bay Montessori Band; Pancake Breakfast Ends
- 11:00 – “Official Opening” with Troop 11 color Guard and National Anthem sung by “The Key of She”; Beer Garden opens
- 11:30 – Trolley begins and First Field Game (Sack Race)
- 12:00pm – Phil Marcos Trio; Free swim at Swanson Aquatic; Kids Fun Zone opens
- 1:00 – Performance by Hawaiian/Polynesian Revue
- 2:00 – Field Game (Balloon Toss)
- 3:00 – Performance by The Resonators
- 4:00 – Final Ceremonies and booths close, except for food booths
- 5:00 – Performance by 3 Car Garage, band plays at the “Pavilion Stage”
- 7:00 – 3 Car Garage band ends the day

More information on page 2, and at ucelebration.com

UCCA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 10, 5:30pm

UC Library on Governor Drive

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2. Include who, what, why, where, and how.
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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.

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Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the September issue is **August 15, 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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UC CELEBRATION

Thursday, July 4 at Standley Park

Everything you need to know

1-Mile Fun Run/5K Race: Participants can register online at uccelebration.com until July 3, then in-person day of starting at 6:30am. 1-Mile Fun Run starts at 7:45am, and the 5K at 8:00am. Cost is \$25.

Beer & Wine Garden: Open 12:00 to 7:00pm at the Gazebo. Must be 21 and older to enter.

Bike and Pet Parade: Starts at 10:30am, led by the Mission Bay Montessori Band. Line up in Standley Middle School parking lot. Decorate your bikes and dress up your dogs.

Book Barn: Opens at 9:00am. Book donations can be dropped off at First Baptist Church, 5055 Governor Drive – look for the red bin and sign next to the front door of the main building. All books welcome, but especially children's, young adult, and travel books.

Booths: Shop for gifts and get info from community groups, including: crochet goods, ceramics, Socks for Safety, Mary Kay cosmetics, solar products, children's books, art glass; plus – Neighborhood Watch, Friends of Rose Canyon, All Saints Lutheran Church, UC Racquet Club, Grace City Church, Fire Safe Council, Chabad of UC, and UCCA.

Children's Area: Kids Fun Zone open from 12:00noon to 4:00pm. Tickets required for each activity and can be purchased at the event. Activities will cost 1 to 3 tickets, tickets are \$1 each.

Entertainment: Stage performers throughout the day include: The Key of She, Phil Marcos Trio, Hawaiian/Polynesian Revue, The Resonators, and 3 Car Garage in the evening at the Standley Pavilion.

Field Games: Played throughout the day in front of the stage, including: Sack Races and Balloon Toss.

Food: Start off with the Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30am, then throughout the day get your meals and snacks from Up in Smoke BBQ, Flavors of East Africa, Ice Cream Wheelers, Kettlecorn, UCLL hot dogs and hamburgers, and baked goods vendors.

Opportunity Drawing: Get your tickets for chances to win baskets of all types – dining, activities, services, etc. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Winners will be announced at 1:00pm for baskets #1 to 8, and at 3:00pm for baskets #9 to 15.

Swim at Swanson Pool: The UC Celebration sponsors free swim time at Swanson Pool from 12:00noon to 4:00pm. Open to all, bring your swimsuits and towels.

Trolley Service: Free Old Town Trolley Service, sponsored by Coldwell Banker, is available all day with stops all along Governor Drive – look for trolley stop signs. Service runs from 11:30am to 7:30pm. No need to deal with parking lots or driving after the Beer Garden.

Volunteers: People are the backbone of the event and volunteers are needed to help make it a success. While the UC Celebration Committee has done all the planning work, day of volunteers are needed for short 2-hour shifts. Volunteers are needed to help with: set-up and tear-down, 5K Run assistants, parking lot attendants, Bike & Pet Parade assistants, Kids Zone & Field Game assistants, ticket sales, and the Beer Garden (must be 21 and older). Go to: uccelebration.com to sign-up.

Sponsors: Thanks to the generous event sponsors: UCCA, Spakinect, UC Marketplace, Grace City Church, Ellen Beshears, and Star Spangled Banner Sponsor Nancy Beck.

Proceeds from the UC Celebration help support Standley Rec Center events such as the Summer Concerts, Movies at the Park, and the Banana Split Day.

See you at the UC Celebration, a University City tradition!



UCCA President Jemma Samala

Wow – I can't believe it's summer already! Many of us will be going on vacations, I was lucky to enjoy a recent Caribbean vacation where I read five books! With having time to relax, I was invigorated when I returned, especially having my wonderful neighbors come chat with me at my recent Open Hours at Starbucks.



And when I say chat, I mean it – on that day I discussed a wide range of topics and concerns. Everything from volunteers, summer concerts, Costa Verde, high rise construction, Governor Drive, the trolley, and the burning question: housing and how will our kids be able to afford a home in the neighborhood they grew up in. Mine are trying, in their own unconventional ways (that's a whole other story). And it's nice to just place faces with names and reminisce. Come visit me next time – July 9 & August 11.



Shout out to those that came to visit: top – Darlene Ventimiglia, me, and Gigi Esguerra; middle – me, Leslie Abrams, Kathy Neiss, and Dennis Doyle; bottom – Jim Grover, Teresa Bransom, Sindy and Bill Burggraf. You all made my day...and put me to work too! And remember, that's what I'm here for, to help make UC special.

And these summer months bring some of my most favorite memories of our community. We have the UC Celebration, I especially love the pancake and sausage breakfast and looking for books; Summer Concerts, where we get to see and picnic with neighbors (some have the courage to get up and dance); movies at local parks, especially when I sang along with Mamma Mia; and the yummy Banana Split Day, which the Heimberger Family has been donating the ice cream for over 40 years! These community traditions is why I tell people we live in the best neighborhood of San Diego, and why many of us never plan to leave. I'll have to build that Granny Flat for myself, and let the kids and grandkids move in.

Enjoy your UC summer, and say hi to me at the UC Celebration and Summer Concerts.

Jemma
Thinking Locally, Acting Neighborly

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Yes, I think UCCA needs to give ourselves a big pat on the back, and we deserve it! Since 1969, UCCA has been the voice of the University City community, providing a forum to discuss issues of concern and for public and elected officials to update residents about the work being done. We continue to provide public General Meetings and special topic events. Plus, this monthly newsletter is our pride and joy in providing information to the community, free of charge and delivered by volunteers.



UCCA's dedication to the community was brought to the attention of State Senator Brian Jones who awarded UCCA with a "2024 Honored Nonprofit" award for his 40th Senate District (see page 14). We are quite proud of this recognition, especially when Senator Jones' University City Rep Marc Schaefer commented that our newsletter helped them "do their work" because they can read about what is happening in our community, and the people that help make University City so special.

Take a look at the UCCA Board list on page 2 – these are the folks that make UC a dream neighborhood to live in. Make sure to thank them – and we can always use more volunteers to make UC an even more desired community to live in. As they always say, "Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork" and you can be part of that team.

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

Calendar

July & August 2024

**INDEPENDENCE DAY &
UC CELEBRATION at STANDLEY APRK**
Thursday, July 4 – ALL DAY

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
Tuesday, July 9 and August 13, 6:00pm
9880 Campus Point Drive, Third Floor
Zoom available
Info: planuniversity.org

UCCA GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, July 10, 5:30pm
UC Library on Governor Drive

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC
Sunday, July 14 and August 11
7:15-7:30am – meet & greet
7:30-9:00am – work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3203 Governor Drive, supplies provided

SUMMER CONCERTS at STANDLEY PAVILION
Sundays, 5:00 to 7:00pm
July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18 & 25

JEMMA at STARBUCKS on SATURDAY
UCCA's President Open Hours
Stop by to discuss UCCA and University City
Saturday, July 20 and August 17, 9:00 to 11:00am
Starbucks on Governor Drive

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP
Thursday, July 25 and August 22
For meeting details, call: 858.552.1651

BANANA SPLIT DAY at STANDLEY PARK
Saturday, August 3, 2:00pm

UCCA: ONE & ONE
San Diego Police Chief Scott Wahl
Tuesday, August 6 at 6:00pm
UC Library on Governor Drive
Submit questions to: jemmasamala@gmail.com

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (SDUSD)
Monday, August 12

UCCA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
Sunday, August 25, 6:00pm
at the last Summer Concert
Standley Park – Standley Middle School Pavilion

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MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024**
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IN MEMBERSHIP FORM ON PAGE 14

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University City local libraries and other
public areas. A complete online version can
be found at: universitycitynews.org



Vacation Planning Protect Your Home While Away

by Barbara Gellman

This being a prime time for vacations, one must still engage in protecting ones property while away. There is more to this than just packing up and locking the door. The criminals can have a field day during this time, unless you are pro-active in hardening the target, your home.

VACATION TIPS

1. Don't give your name, phone number or whereabouts on your answering machine message. Never say you aren't home. Just ask the caller to leave a message. Avoid sending messages via computer or Facebook with any details, no dates.
2. Don't leave your garage door opener where it is easily accessible if you have to leave your car outside; take it in the house with your keys. Keep your vehicle registration, proof of insurance and any other papers with your home address on them where a criminal won't find them. Keep keys away from windows and front doors.
3. Don't give cleaning people, babysitters or others working in your home access to your home keys or alarm codes.
4. Have a neighbor pick up papers, fliers or any items delivered. Do not order items that may come while you are away.
5. Be sure a neighbor knows how to turn off your main water and gas valves.
6. Fill out the form for an RSVP check while away. It is a free service with our SDPD. Go to the SDPD website, click on services, scroll down to "vacation house check" click on the form, fill it out and send in to Northern Division. The RSVP officers will come by to check every day. They will contact you if necessary.
7. Be sure locks or dowel rods on doors and windows are in place including side gates. Set timers for lights to come on inside and out. Check that no one can see inside your home.
8. Leave a key with a trusted neighbor.



COME ONE, COME ALL

Stop by our booth at the July 4th UC Celebration and immerse yourselves in the colors and designs of the "socks" and choose the ones that say, "this is me".

We are closing out the "no show" styles so, grab them while you can; donations received help support the Neighborhood Watch program. Don't wait, be bold and create excitement on your feet and in your sock drawer. To see what is available for children, men and women, you can always order by emailing: bggellman@yahoo.com

National Night Out Week

National Night Out Week will run the week of August 5, and events include the One & One discussion with SDPD Chief Scott Wahl on Tuesday, August 6, 6:00-7:00pm at the UC Library on Governor Drive. Send questions in advance to jemmasamala@gmail.com. Additional National Night Out neighborhood events, including visits from police officers, will be held either August 7 or 8, check with your Neighborhood Watch Street Captain for more information. The theme for this year is "Stand Up Against Crime."

If Someone in an Official Position Tells you to Buy Gold, It's a Scam

by District Attorney Summer Stephan

Now that buying gold bars has come back into popularity with retailers such as Costco making the purchase easy, those of us in law enforcement see a disturbing trend in which scammers, who are pretending to be government officials, bank reps or computer technology support experts, are telling victims to buy gold, silver, or other precious metals to protect their funds.

The financially devastating scam, as with many similar schemes, begins with a computer pop-up window telling the user that their computer has been hacked or that a virus has been detected on their device. There are many iterations of how this scam plays out, such as bad actors saying they are from the Social Security Administration, a banking institution or a tech support employee. The outcome, however, does not vary. It ends with a victim, typically a senior citizen, being defrauded of their financial wealth and dignity. The most common method is when a scammer fools a victim into thinking their computer has a virus or has been hacked and that the victim needs to allow "Microsoft" or some other company remote access the victim's computer to protect them.

Our San Diego Elder Justice Task Force, made up of local and federal law enforcement partners, works collaboratively to hold these perpetrators accountable in state and federal prosecutions. One recent case involved a Carlsbad victim who reported to police that she was involved in a months-long scam by fraudsters posing as government, bank and tech-support employees. Eventually, when the bad actors realized how much the victim had in savings, they convinced her she could safeguard her funds by obtaining gold bars and sending them to the U.S. Treasury, which would create a locker under her name. Over the course of two months, the victim sent more than \$1 million via wire transfers to a precious metal business located in San Marcos. She was told to give the precious metal, which was mostly gold, to an individual under the false pretense that it was being secured for safekeeping. She was actually giving her life savings to a criminal network.

Government officials and legitimate businesses will never request you purchase gold or other precious metals. These tips could help prevent a scam from happening:

- Never allow anyone to install remote access software on your computer or to download apps on your phone.
- Never disclose your home address or agree to meet with unknown individuals to deliver cash or precious metals.
- Do not click on unsolicited pop-ups on your computer, links sent via text messages, or email links and attachments.
- Do not contact unknown telephone numbers provided in pop-ups, texts, or emails.
- Do not allow unknown individuals access to your computer.
- If anyone asks you to pay for something or to secure your money by wiring money, using crypto currency, Bitcoin, gift cards or to pay large sums of cash or buy gold, end contact with that person immediately. You are being scammed.
- Immediately talk to someone you trust.
- Never believe anyone who tells you that you will get into trouble if you tell someone else about a situation that involves your money or financial accounts.

If you suspect that you have been the victim of fraud, report it or any suspicious activities to the FBI IC3 at www.ic3.gov and to your local police agency. If you have been the victim of elder abuse, report it to Adult Protective Services: 800.339-4661.



**Welcome Incoming Fire Chief
Robert Logan**

As posted on the SD Fire-Rescue Department Facebook, Mayor Gloria has announced that he selected SD Fire-Rescue Deputy Chief Robert Logan to succeed Chief Stowell as the Department’s 19th Fire Chief. Chief Logan is a native San Diegan who grew up watching fire engines from his home in Lincoln Park – just down the block from Station 12. He started with the Department 24 years ago and has held every rank up through deputy chief.

He holds both bachelor and master’s degrees along with vast fire service training and experience. The final step of the process is City Council approval and this topic is scheduled to be heard at City Council in July.

Pictured above, left to right: Chief Logan, Mayor Gloria, Chief Stowell



California Unveils Digital Democracy

From the Office of Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones, California’s 40th Senate District: It can be challenging to keep up with the thousands of bills debated in the State Capitol every year and to have a good understanding of what is happening in Sacramento.

However, access to the Capitol has been made a little bit easier with the new tool Digital Democracy that allows you to look up any of California’s 120 legislators to read and search elected officials’ speeches and remarks.

Check it out here: digitaldemocracy.calmatters.org. If you find any bills you’re interested in, write to me through the “E-mail the Senator” page on my website at: sr40.senate.ca.gov/e-mail-senator

**District 6 Councilmember
Kent Lee**

Hello University City Neighbors,

On June 11th, following several months of deliberations and hearings, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved the Mayor’s proposed budget. Key changes we made to the final budget focused on protecting proven programs—reversing cuts and increasing funding for vital housing, homelessness, pothole repairs, and community programs. Serving UC in particular, the final budget included \$150,000 towards long-awaited streetlights in Vista La Jolla as well as numerous programmatic restorations such as continued funding for critical year-round pool programs at Standley Aquatic Center, library programs, and more.

Even though it’s a difficult budget year, our neighborhoods deserve these services and investments, and as Chair of the Budget Committee, I was honored to work with my colleagues to deliver a final budget that reflected the community’s priorities. While serving as Chair of the budget review process, we also worked this year to make public input easier, and these modifications reflect the feedback you gave us. These additions are on top of many positive recommendations from Mayor Gloria, including major investments in road repair, infrastructure, public safety, and homelessness. I look forward to seeing this budget in action in the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Last month, the University Community Plan Update continued to move forward as well — unanimously recommended by the Land Use and Housing Committee to the full City Council for consideration. Even as we work to fulfill the City’s housing, jobs, as well as climate goals, our office continues to believe in the need for community infrastructure, parks and open space, and intentional affordable housing as part of our long-term planning. In particular, we continue to also seek to address concerns regarding potential changes to Governor Dr. — both recognizing the needs for traffic-calming and safety as well as the need to mitigate any additional gridlock.

Last month we also celebrated the expansion of the North County Transit District’s (NCTD) Sorrento Valley COASTER Connection. NCTD has stepped up in a big way, continuing and expanding routes from the COASTER to improve connectivity to major employment hubs serving University City, Torrey Pines, Sorrento Mesa, and UC San Diego — including many of San Diego’s largest employers in the life sciences and technology industries. I’m proud to serve on NCTD’s board representing the City of San Diego and thank NCTD’s dedicated staff as well as the support of my fellow board members from across the greater region for making this project possible. Learn more about the COASTER Connection service at gonctd.com/cc.

We wish everyone and their families a wonderful summer in the months ahead. Our office looks forward to seeing everyone at the University City 4th of July celebration. Come stop by our booth and say hello!

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 Monday, July 1 for staff training, and Thursday, July in observance of Independence Day.

What's Happening at the Libraries?

North University Community Library

YOUTH PROGRAMS

PRIDE Storytime, featuring Lady Marmalade: Saturday, July 6 at 10:00 – 10:30am. Join us on the Children's Patio as we celebrate Pride season's diversity and individuality with age-appropriate stories and songs.

Mad Science: Fire and Ice!: Tuesday, July 16 at 4:00 – 4:45pm. Experience crazy chemical reactions, explore the states of matter, and watch in amazement as daring performers demonstrate the extraordinary and chilly properties of dry ice!

Bilingual Storytime: French: Every Thursday at 10:00 – 10:30am, starting on July 18. This new bilingual program is designed for preschool children to experience both English and French in a fun, engaging setting. During each session, we will read stories and sing in both languages.

ALL AGES

Rock Painting Party: Tuesday, July 9 at 3:30 – 4:30pm. Paint a rock for our Octopus Garden and one to take home with you.

Mandarin Chinese Storytime 中文故事時間: Sunday, July 28 and August 25 at 2:00 – 2:30pm. Ms. Lily presents stories and songs in Mandarin. All ages are welcome!

Classics Live: Outdoor Musical Performances: Saturday, July 20 and August 3 at 4:00 – 5:15pm. Join the library's Teen Music Club on the East Lawn for special performances of some well-loved classical music works. Featured instruments: violin, viola, bass, piano, and flute, with a vocal rendition of Puccini's *Un bel di vedremo* on July 20.

Explore the Shore! with the Seal Society of San Diego: Tuesday, July 30 at 3:00 – 4:00pm. In this exciting, hands-on program for children and adults of all ages, we explore the vast ecosystems and animals that call the La Jolla Shores home!

Wild Wonders: Small Wonders: Tuesday, August 6 at 2:00 – 3:00pm. Spend some time with a collection of Australia's most popular and exotic small animals! include the wallaby, sugar gliders, or the blue-tongued skink!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Memory Evaluation Screenings: Tuesday, July 16 and August 20 at 12:00 – 3:00pm. We are hosting free and private 30 minute memory screening appointments led by Sharp Neurocognitive Research Center. Call 858-581-9637 to schedule.

Hope Experience Awareness Risks: Ovarian Cancer Presentation: Saturday, July 13 at 3:30 – 4:30pm. The Ovarian Cancer Alliance of San Diego presents "HEAR: Ovarian Cancer: If only I knew then what I know now." Learn information that can save your life or the life of a woman you love.

Meditation for Beginners: Saturday, July 20 at 9:30am – 1:30pm. Isha Kriya, a free guided meditation, takes only 12-18 minutes and is an easy to learn process that you can do wherever you are, bringing clarity, health, and joy.

Celebrity Memoir Book Club: Tuesday, July 23 and August 27 at 6:00 – 7:30pm. The Celebrity Memoir Book Club selects a celebrity memoir to read and discuss each month.

Knitting Social Club Kick-off: Saturday, July 27 at 10:00 – 11:00am. This is a kick-off event for our new knitting group. We will be hosting a raffle where you can enter for a chance to win a beautiful knitted prize.

University Community Library (Governor Drive)

ALL AGES

Inaugural Puzzle Races: Saturday, August 10 at 2:00pm. Watch as teams of 2-4 people race to complete a 500-piece comic-themed puzzle. Winners get to choose prizes of different puzzles: 500-pieces, 1000-pieces or 1500-pieces. Call the UC Library at 858.552.1655 to register your team today!.

CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

Toddler Storytime & Craft – Wednesdays, 10:30am

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

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



California State Parks Ranger Read-Aloud: Wednesday, August 28 at 10:30am. Join us for a California State Parks Ranger Read-Aloud session! Engage with Interpretive Rangers, participate in interactive activities, and discover how to access free park resources. Let us bring the park experience to you!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Qi Gong: Thursdays, 9:30am-11:30am; and 2nd Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30am (next class July 13).

San Diego OASIS: Tuesday, July 9 at 12:30pm. TBD (Seaweed, Diabetes Management or Health Health Management (see menu for title and details)

Therapeutic Arts with Ms. Saeda: Tuesday, July 23 at 12:30-2:00pm. Experience the joy of creating art in a peaceful environment.

English Conversation Group: Friday, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23 at 10:00-11:00am. Meet with other folks practicing and improving their English speaking skills with a native speaker. No curriculum, no homework – just a chance to practice talking with others. Monthly topics will be shared prior to each meeting.

Summer Reading Program events:

Amazing Dana the Magician: July 19 at 10:00am

Michael Rayner, Juggler/Comedian: July 31 at 11:00am

Noteworthy Puppets: August 7 at 11:00am

Mad Science: August 13 at 3:00pm

Zovargo (animal show): August 14 at 2:00pm

Toshwerks (craft/activity): August 20 at 3:30pm

Park Ranger Storytime: August 28 at 10:30am

MORE LIBRARY NEWS



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 June 1 and the program will last through August 31. Prizes can be redeemed at your local library. For more information, visit: mysdpl.org/summerreading

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.

Update from the Friends of the Library

by Helen Lebowitz

The Friends June meeting was held via Zoom. Thanks to the great work of the volunteers who sort through patron's donations, and to much volunteer help on sale day, the big May Book sale was a big success. The total income for the sale plus the weekly sales that week along with the auction of a beautiful quilt from Amy Barkan and Susan Griffin was \$1,483. Our next big book sale is scheduled for October 26, 2024. Daily sales from hallway bookshelves continue to be brisk.

UC manager Melissa Martin requested \$10,000 to be sent to the Library Matching Funds Program. This will cover upcoming programs, holiday events and annual purchases. This fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, we have been able to send \$22,000 to the Match. Melissa thanked Friends for their support of two Oasis programs, Mah Jong and Watercolor instruction. We also support the Summer Reading Program. Melissa told us that permission has been received from the State of California to spend the \$1.9 million grant from Senator Toni Atkins for upgrades to our branch. In addition we are very grateful for a legacy gift from a longtime volunteer and library Friend which has enabled us to purchase a \$30,000 CD from Chase Bank. Please contact Melissa with any ideas for branch updates.

The Corporate Friends held their Annual Meeting and Volunteer Award ceremony at the Central Library June 8. We had nominated three volunteers to receive awards this year; Barb Springer, Leila Wopschall and Cheryl Ward. Our next Friends meeting is scheduled for July 17 via Zoom. We'd love to see new faces. Let Melissa, UC Library Branch Manager, know that you would be interested and she will supply you with the link.



Local Student Writes New Musical

by Penina Michlin

Sixteen-year-old Bobby Fenway Chiu, UC resident and student at the Bishop's School, has written the script and score for a new World Premiere musical, *UNDERSTANDING LEWIS*, debuting on July 18 at the Lawrence Family JCC. *Understanding Lewis* utilizes the classic archetypes from Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* to tell a new story about the end of seemingly irrevocable loneliness. The play follows Lewis who lives on the outskirts of society and is constantly tormented by figments of his own imagination. These figments, which are the embodiments of classic *Wonderland* characters, are determined to make sure that nothing changes in Lewis' life. Everything feels hopeless, until Alice stumbles into the picture and learns to accept Lewis for who he is.

Bobby says, "If you're free on July 18, come see the show. There's lots of fun songs that I promise will be stuck in your head as you walk out the door!" Bobby has put together a piece wise beyond his years with the musicality and emotional depth of a young Sondheim or Schwartz. You'll want to see this world premiere and meet the cast and creator after the show! Tickets are available at www.lfjcc.org/cjc/jco_youth_theatre.aspx or 858.457.3030.



BACK PACKS FOR KIDS

by Katie Dunahoo

Coldwell Banker UC's annual BACK PACKS FOR KIDS event will be Sunday, August 4 at Standley Park 3:00-6:00pm. We are collecting school supplies and backpacks for the less fortunate foster and homeless children who attend San Diego public schools. Let's give them a hand up and help them be ready for a new school year! We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 4 at Standley Park. Email us for more info-coldwelbankeruc@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SHORTS



AQUATIC TREASURE

by Barbara Gellman

The children in the summer camp at Standley Recreation park were in absolute awe watching and chatting with Brooke Dumitru as she produced the most wonderful octopus with tentacles diving into a treasure chest for treasures and wrapping itself around the box. It fit so perfectly on the box in front of the Aquatic Center and complements another box with whales, just near the pool driveway. According to Brooke, it was so much fun and was her second box that she beautified here in University City; such a talent; another great addition to our SDGE box paintings in commercial areas.

SAN DIEGO BLOODMOBILE ON JULY 13

The UC Blood Champs, the UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile will be at the Sprouts Marketplace on Governor Drive on Saturday, July 13 from 8:00am to 1:30pm. If you're 17+, healthy, and want to help people anonymously, you can sign up at: musddb.org or call 619.400.8251. Appointments are encouraged. A Special Shoutout to our first Saturday 7/13 Signupper : Double Double Larry C. Remaining 2024 dates: September 14 and November 16.

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!

IRAJ DOES IT AGAIN

Congratulations to UC resident Iraj Hashmemzadeh for competing in the Pasadena Senior Games at the age of 84. The Track & Field events were held at Occidental College on June 1. Iraj was awarded a Bronze medal in the 50 meter, Silver in the 100 meter, and Gold in the 200 meter sprints.

The California Senior Games is open to all people that are at least 50 years old and offers competition in over 50 different sports. San Diego will be hosting games at the end of August and continuing through September.

For more info, go to the website: californiaseniorgames.org.



Pure Water Update in UC

by Mariah Almasco

Throughout the summer, construction crews will continue working in the University City area as part of the Morena Northern Pipelines & Tunnels project. These activities include tunneling in three locations and pipeline installation along Nobel Drive and Genesee Avenue. As of June 2024, approximately 13,419 linear feet of pipeline and 626 feet of tunnel have been installed. Timely construction notices are shared online at utc.PureWaterSD.org. For any questions, email PureWaterSD@sandiego.gov or call 833.882.7973.

Pictured above: Pipeline installation continues through the shafts in the center of Genesee Avenue and the parking lot of Marian Bear Memorial Park near SR-52.

Genasys Project: Keeping San Diego Residents and Visitors Informed and Safe

As shared on their Facebook pages, the City of San Diego and its local and county partners work together to find ways to keep San Diego informed and safe. That's why they are proud to announce a new tool to help notify the public of the need to evacuate in case of an emergency and provide information on other hazardous situations.

They encourage you and your household to be prepared and have a plan in case of an emergency. As part of your emergency plan, they recommend downloading the new Genasys Protect application in tandem with the San Diego County Emergency application. Download both apps (available on IOS & Android), register essential addresses, and stay informed. For additional emergency information and planning information, visit these websites:

- alertsandiego.org
- protect.genasys.com
- sandiego.gov/fire/safety/tips/readyssetgo

42nd ANNUAL BANANA SPLIT DAY

Saturday, August 3
2:00pm
Standley Park

Hosted by the Heimburger Family, who donates the ice cream, and the Standley Rec Center that provides the toppings. There will also be activities and games for the whole family. And don't forget to BYOB – bring your own banana!



Summer Concerts 2024

The 2024 Summer Concert season begins on Sunday July 14 for seven 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 Standley Middle School Pavilion Stage on Governor Drive, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. For more information about the concerts, visit: universitycitynews.org/summer-concerts-in-standley-park

- July 14: True Stories – Beatles and associates – Classic Rock
- July 21: The Mothmen – American 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 Resident Greg Zinser- Classic Rock

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- July 20: *The Greatest Showman* at Marcy Park, 5504 Stresemann Street
- July 27: *Wonka* at University Gardens, Gullstrand St at Governor
- August 23: *Kung Fu Panda 4* at Nobel Community Park, 8810 Judicial Drive
- October 11: *Coco* at Nobel Community Park, 8810 Judicial Drive
- October 26: *Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation* at Standley Community Park, 3585 Governor Drive

UC PEOPLE: H. PUENTES



From Candidate to Changemaker: H. Puentes' Mission to Diversify STEM in San Diego

by Vince Reardon

In 2020, H. Puentes launched an ambitious bid for the Council seat of San Diego's District 1, covering the vibrant northwest, including University City. Though his campaign didn't end in victory, the question lingered: where has this determined candidate's path led him since then?

At that time, H. (a moniker provided by his mother) crossed paths with San Diego biotech pioneer Bill Rastetter, sparking conversations about their shared frustration — the lack of diversity among people of color in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) companies in San Diego and across the country.

"For years, Bill and I heard executives and board members talk about the need to increase representation, but nothing was changing," said H., 40. "Eventually, we realized we needed to address the root of the problem by reaching back into the education system. Our goal became to create a predictable talent pipeline from underserved communities into STEM-driven companies in San Diego."

In 2020, H. and Bill founded San Diego Squared (sd2.org/) with the long-term mission to increase representation at STEM-driven companies in San Diego through key partnerships, long-term mentorship, and financial support for underrepresented high school and college students and their educators.

"We have three areas of focus: Fellows, Scholars, and Internships," H. said. "Our SD2 Fellows program supports 118 diverse high school students. The Scholarship program has awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarships to 42 graduating high school students pursuing degrees in STEM-related fields. The Internship program has placed 70 diverse college students in internships with local STEM companies."

Long-term, H. and Bill aim to expand San Diego Squared's model to other cities in California and eventually across the country.

"Talent lives in all communities, driving innovation, fostering social harmony, and giving us a competitive edge with smart, highly motivated employees," H. said. When it comes to celebrating diversity, H. leads by example. Born to immigrants from Colombia, he, and his wife Róisín, a pharmacist from Ireland, are raising two young, multicultural children, Emily, 4 and Owen, 3. "We love University City; this is our home," he added.



UCLL Closes Season

by Christine O'Bannon

The University City Little League (UCLL) wrapped up their 2024 Spring Season on Saturday June 1 which included final games and a league championship game for MAPS (Machine Pitch). The day concluded with the closing ceremony with activities such as bounce houses, laser tag, face painting and food trucks along with the traditional viewing of the movie *The Sandlot*.

Congratulations to MAPS Head Coach Jerry Beers and The Famous Chickens for their league championship win. The Minors Head Coach Justin Townsend and his team the Jaguars played a great game in the tournament of champions on June 5.

All Star teams were announced at the closing ceremony to continue the season for MAPS Little Stars and Minors (10 & under). MAPS Little Star games took place on June 14-17. (Pictured: Sky Blue- Coach Jerry Beers, Midnight- Coach Bobby Joe Sanchez) Congratulations to both teams who won 3 of their 4 games played. Minors (10 & under) games are on 6/20 and 6/24, results will be determined after posting of this article. Registration (www.ucll.org/) for the fall ball season that starts in September will begin following the July 4th weekend.



SHOUT OUT TO UC AREA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PLAYERS

Congrats to Jack Circuit, La Jolla Country Day, and Jack Clark, University City High School for getting named onto the San Diego Padres High School All-Star Team. They played the All-Star Game on Wednesday, June 26 at Petco Park.



SD Chicken Surprise Ball Players

by Jerry Beers

The Famous San Diego Chicken made a surprise appearance at the UC Round Table on June 9 for a UC Little League team's end of season party. The team, which consisted of local 6 to 9-year-olds, chose to name their team "The Famous Chickens" to help remind players to have fun while they learned the game, and the famous character adorned their banner and wristbands.

After the team won the championship, team manager Jerry Beers reached out to Ted Giannoulas (the man behind the Chicken costume) hoping for some signed photos for the kids that could serve as a memento of a fun and successful season. When Giannoulas heard about the team, he was so touched he offered to attend the party in costume to surprise the team. Giannoulas spent over 30 minutes posing for photos, signing autographs, and hamming it up with the team and Round Table staff.



GS Troop #3991 Earns Bronze Award

by Annalise Tovar

Have you ever kept score at a Little League Minors game? If so, you probably used the scoring stand behind the Minors baseball field at Standley Park. Over the years, the stand has seen a lot of wear and tear from use and the outdoor elements. In the past, the stand had a huge hole in the floor, missing rails, warped wood and many other problems. It was quite an eye sore and a hazard. Luckily, that's no longer the case, thanks to UC Girls Scout Troop #3991 and the completion of their Bronze Award Project. Troop members include Annalise Tovar, Evelyn Gagne, Cecilia Boehm, Alexandra Alcala, and Lauren Wagstaff.

The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Junior can Achieve and includes at least 20 hours of volunteer time working hard to make a lasting difference in the community. The project consisted of many steps, including buying supplies, measuring, building, and much more. Started in early May, they completed the project the week of June 1, so the stand could be revealed at the UCLL Closing Day. They hope that their project will benefit the community for years to come.



Greg Hom answering questions about the cyanotype exposure process, while the demonstration piece is getting exposed to light (see item on the ground).

Welcoming the Sun for Garden Art

by Jemma Samala

Greg Hom was hoping for sunshine instead of June Gloom for his UC Garden Club presentation, and sunshine he got. Greg showed those in attendance how to create cyanotypes, a reverse image created when material, coated with an iron salt mixture, turns a Prussian Blue color when exposed to light. After about eight minutes of sun exposure, the material was brought back into the library and washed. And before our eyes, the material turned into a lovely art piece.



Greg provided all attendees with a detailed handout about the history of and steps to making cyanotypes, as well as anotypes, which are images created using photosensitive materials from plants. Think of all the possible colors that can be used from plants and vegetables in the garden. Greg also provided everyone with pre-coated paper to create their own art piece at home.



Greg has an eye for this type of artwork, as he is known as our local photographer and is an optometrist during the day. Plus he's now the Historian for UCCA. To get on the email list for future UC Garden Club events, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.



UC Del Sol All-Star Season

Congratulations to all the players and coaches who took part in the UC Del Sol Girls Fastpitch Softball league's 2024 All Star season. The 8U, 10U, and 12U All Star teams showcased their skills over the five weeks of intense tournaments, securing two championships.

Good luck to the 12U team as they head to the States Tournament in Lancaster to face off against teams from across California.

Register for Fall Ball

Get ready for Fall Ball Registration for Fall Ball opens on July 8. Whether you're a returning player or new to the league, everyone is welcome to join us. Visit ucdelsol.com for registration details and more information.

Join the Board

If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to president@ucdelsol.com.

Seed Library Grand Opening

by Melissa Martin, UC Branch Library Manager

Please join us for the UC Seed Library Grand Opening on Saturday, July 13 from 2:00-3:30pm. "Check out" seeds, do some garden-themed crafts, borrow a book on gardening from the new collection, check out the refurbished seed catalog and more! The UC Garden Club will host a special presentation on seed collecting and you will be able to browse and borrow from a dedicated gardening book collection. Learn about growing zones and hear about upcoming programs by the San Diego County Master Gardeners. Many thanks to the UC Garden Club and the Friends of the University Community Library for their support as we grow our new little seed library.



Explore the Shore!

Seal Society of San Diego

Tuesday, July 30 • 3 p.m.
North University Community Branch Library

Do you know what's living among the shores of La Jolla? In this exciting, hands-on program for children and adults of all ages, we explore the vast ecosystems and animals that call the La Jolla Shores home! Special focus will be given to our local pinniped species; California Sea Lions and Harbor Seals.

We will discuss best practices for viewing/interacting, their natural history, behaviors, their conservation, and ways you and your families can become a community scientist to support the Seal Society of San Diego in protecting species for years to come!

UC Planning Group Meeting Update

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The UCPG meeting for June 11 had some simple action items and a large information item scheduled. The UCPG voted unanimously to approve an amendment to its newly adopted Terms and Conditions that permits board members to attend meetings and vote remotely without excuse or notice. The UCPG still encourages members of the board and public to attend meetings in person when possible.

The UCPG will have a booth at the UC Celebration on July 4 at Standley Park. Stop by and say hello!

The UCPG heard an update about the Los Penasquitos Lagoon project. The city will begin work on this project in 2025 to restore the sensitive and unique habitat of the Lagoon. A feature of the project is a five-year Phase 1 restoration followed by a five-year study to measure the effectiveness of Phase 1, to be repeated in subsequent phases of the project. A near term benefit will be the substantial reduction of flooding in some Sorrento Valley commercial areas during "10-year floods".

The City Council Land Use & Housing subcommittee, chaired by D6 CM Kent Lee and Vice Chaired by D1 CM Joe LaCava, met on June 13 to consider Blueprint SD, the University Community Plan, and the Hillcrest Focused Plan amendment, and their associated draft Environmental Impact Reports. We were encouraged that Council Members Lee and LaCava shared our concerns with affordable housing, preservation of groceries, and the need for up to date and school sensitive traffic analysis on the proposed Governor Drive lane reductions. CM Lee moved and CM LaCava seconded the recommendation to approve staff's draft community plan with the addition of a Governor Drive traffic study taking school drop-off and pick-up times into account.

Andy Wiese, UCPG Plan Update Subcommittee Chair, presented to LU&H regarding four key areas of the draft Plan:

1. Land Use Intensity.

The UCPG has consistently argued for a land use scenario with a maximum density of 145 Dwelling Units / Acre (145 DU/AC). This Community Scenario provides room for 22,500 new dwelling units and 55,000 jobs. Our concern is not with density per se but the form, design, and location it will take. Mesa Nueva on the east UC San Diego campus is an example of 8-10 story housing with studios to three-bedroom units and an attractive street life. We asked that LU&H recommend considering the Community Scenario in the Draft EIR so it could be a possible choice by City Council.

2. Parks Deficit.

The plan has a Parks Master Plan point deficit of 4,000 points at buildout, so approval of this plan does not serve the needs of an additional 40,000 people. We are equally concerned with the proposed deficit in Rec Centers and Aquatic Centers. We see these problems as a red flag, showing that the plan is overbuilt. We asked that LU&H recommend addressing these deficits in the final UC Plan and suggested in our report specific recommendations on how to achieve this goal.

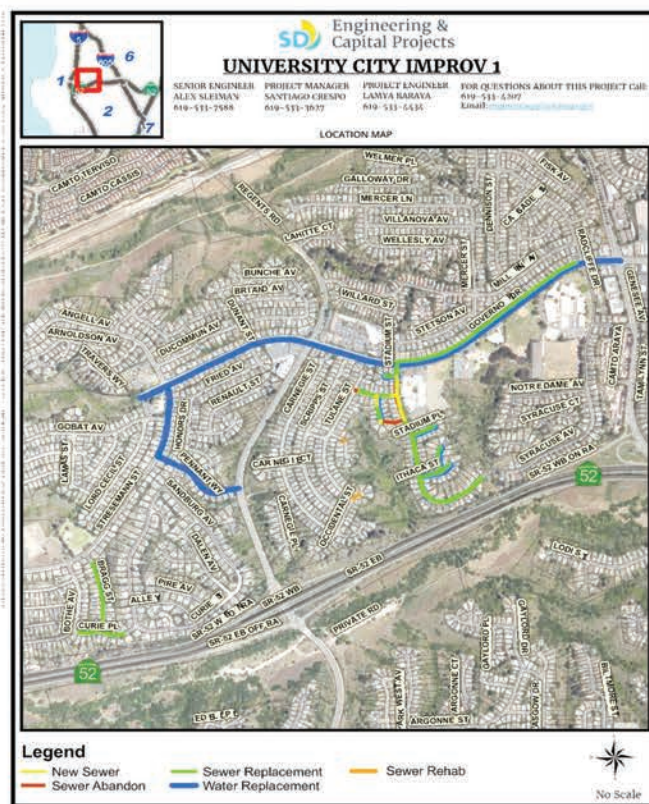
3. Zoning and Displacement

A third key concern in the Plan is the potential for displacement of both residential housing and community serving retail, particularly in the retail centers adjacent to the Nobel Drive Trolley station. These are the principal community shopping areas in north UC, and the only shopping plazas and accessible grocery stores on the Blue Line north of downtown. The UCPG recommends that a Community Village / Community

Commercial (CC-3-9) zoning replace the Plan's proposed zoning of EMX-2 that does not require housing and unnecessarily pits high tech and bio tech development against community serving retail and housing, a natural for this area.

4. Urban Public Spaces.

Specifically, we asked LU&H to hold firm on the 5% Urban Public Spaces requirement for new development over a given size. No requirement in the proposed regulations requires existing developments to provide these spaces, but this is a modest proposal to require new development to provide publicly accessible park amenities in exchange for significant increases in development intensity. City Planning estimates that as many of 3,400 points will come from Urban Public Space requirements for residential development, and the draft Plan includes these points in our park points total. The UCPG supports these regulations and recommends they be strengthened and expanded. The City Council will consider the University Community Plan on July 30, 2024.



Governor Drive CIP Improvements Underway

A City of San Diego Capital Improvements Program (CIP) project is underway to improve the water and sewer infrastructure in the University City area. The University City Improv. 1 project will replace approximately 10,170 linear feet (1.93 miles) of existing water mains and install approximately 8,896 linear feet (1.68 miles) of new sewer mains.

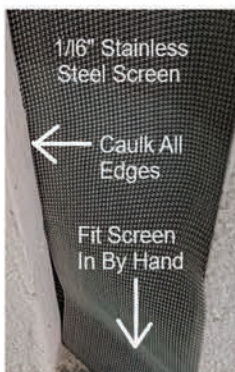
Preparation for work has begun on some residential streets west of Genesee. This project will be conducted in phases. An initial round of notifications has been distributed to residents along impacted streets to-date. Affected streets include: Governor Drive west of Genesee, Honors Drive, Pennant Way, Bragg Street, Curie Place, Stadium Street, Syracuse Avenue, and adjacent streets. For more info, refer to the above project map; or for questions and more info, contact the project community liaison at: reema@tworiverspr.com

When Fireproofing Your House, Don't Forget the Vents

by Fire Safe Council President Lou Rodolico

Houses, especially houses built before 2007, have soffit vents which allow air in to clear out water vapor that can build up in attic spaces. This reduces the risk of mold. Unfortunately, the standard back then was to use a quarter inch galvanized screen to keep birds out. It keeps birds out but lets termites, bees and fire embers in. Embers can enter during a conflagration or neighbor's house fire. The city is recommending a one sixteenth of an inch stainless steel screening. This will only allow embers that are 64 times smaller than the quarter inch screen, it also has the added benefit of stopping bees and termites as well.

Most homes also have air exit vents which should also be covered with the one sixteenth inch stainless steel screening. Other things we can do to improve the survivability of our home: remove all combustible ground cover within 5 feet of your home; replace flammable wood siding or engineered wood panel siding (Masonite) with non-combustible materials and cover fascia's and other exposed combustible elements with non-combustible materials as much as possible. There are also fire and ember resistant vents which require removing the existing vent assembly.



We are starting to see insurance companies and governing authorities taking the fireproofing of houses much more seriously. In University City, a house sale recently fell through because the buyer could not acquire fire insurance. Further the state is moving to allow catastrophe modeling for communities which does not bode well for south UC, where only one of the three planned roads have been completed. Protect you and your family by fireproofing your home and don't forget the vents. For more information, visit: insurance.ca.gov/0400-news/0100-press-releases/2024/release011-2024.cfm



Coming Soon! Fire Station 52 on North Torrey Pines Road

Construction crews are busy putting the final touches on the City's newest fire station. The inside of the Torrey Pines Fire Station is nearly complete, including many of the rooms and the fire apparatus bay. Work continues on the exterior of the building and the surrounding lot. This month, the new traffic signal along north Torrey Pines Road will be turned on. The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department is expected to begin using the facility this summer. Station 52 is located on north Torrey Pines Road between Genesee Avenue and North Point Drive and will serve University City, La Jolla, and the UC San Diego campus. For more info: sandiego.gov/cip/projectinfo/UCSDFirestation



University City Fire Safe Council Wins County Innovation Award

by Fire Safe Council President Louis Rodolico

In May, the University City Fire Safe Council was presented with the 2024 San Diego County Fire Safe Council Innovation Award at the annual County Fire Safe Council Volunteer Awards Ceremony. The award luncheon featured Firefighting Officials, County Fire Safety Representatives, Politicians and Volunteers and was headlined by the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation. City Deputy Fire Marshal Chief Anthony Tosca presented our Fire Safe Council with the award. The Deputy Fire Chief gave a 5-minute presentation of our Fire Safe Council work before presenting the award.

During the presentation the Fire Chief outlined the University City Fire Safe Council's goal of helping to make the community safer by hiring a biologist to identify high risk fire areas and to publish the results. You can see the highest risk areas in red on the attached map. High resolution maps of both the 2023 and 2024 Brush Density Assessment are available on the Fire Safe Council's website at: ucfiresafecouncil.com

Our Council has been working with the city to bring brush management up to the best practice level. The University City Fire Safe Council is a satellite organization that runs under the banner of the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County, which is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit.

If you want to help support our Fire Safe Council send, your donation check to The Fire Safe Council of San Diego County, 11769 Waterhill Road, Lakeside, CA 92040 Attention: Morgan Dioli. Make your tax-deductible check payable to The Fire Safe Council of San Diego County. In the for line on your check, write in: University City FSC.

We will continue to seek ways to help UC residents with brush management, we hope to raise enough money to map all of University City. We hope to see you at our next public Fire Safe Council meeting in September.

To view the Canyon Rim Vegetation Density Assessment 2024, and to learn more about the University City Fire Safe Council, go to: ucfiresafecouncil.com

Pictured above with FSC president Louis Rodolico and vice president Diane Ahern, are (from left to right) Cipriano Vargas with the office of County Supervisor Terra Lawson Remer; Vanessa Mach with the office of State Senator Brian Jones, and Chief Anthony Tosca with the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department.

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UCCA Receives Honored Nonprofit Award

June was National Nonprofit Month, and in celebration of the month, State Senator Brian Jones invited University City Community Association to a reception where we received the District 40 "Honored Nonprofit" Award. Other nonprofits were also recognized, including Feeding San Diego; Lions, Tigers & Bears; and Saddles in Service, who received the Nonprofit of the Year Award. Last year's Nonprofit of Year was awarded to UC's very own EdUCate! Attending the reception on behalf of UCCA, pictured above, are from left: Diane Ahern, past President; Mack Langston, past Vice President; Jemma Samala, President; Senator Brian Jones; and Vice President Jim Beshears. We were all very honored to receive the award and be amongst such great nonprofit company.

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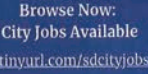

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