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UCCA GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 17,
One & One begins at 6:00pm
General Meeting begins at 7:00pm
UC Library on Governor Drive

Send your questions for Chief Wahl in advance to
uccaeditor@gmail.com

UNIVERSITY CITY... more than just a neighborhood!

University City

NEWS



EdUCate!'s 15th Annual Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2:00 – 6:00pm at Standley Park. The Craft Fair will open early at 1:00pm. Come join our University City community in support of our five (5) UC public schools.

There will be a beer & wine garden, games play area, craft fair, and entertainment, including our traditional Principal's Challenge, DJ, live band, and showcases from local dance and sport teams. Del Sol will be serving up brats, dogs and burgers, UCHS Baseball will offer pretzels and candy, along with other food vendors including Sabor Tacos, Finest City kettle corn and smoothies, and Caked cookies.

A donation of \$184 (Dollar-a-Day) gets two (2) VIP wristbands for unlimited beer/wine. Unlimited games wristbands are \$20. Complimentary trolley service travels the length of Governor Drive from 2:00 to 6:00pm.

EdUCate! is accepting sponsorship opportunities for major, beer garden, and game sponsors and vendor booth sign-ups. [UCCA is a sponsor.] For more info, go to uc-educate.org/events/Oktoberfest. If you would like to volunteer, use the QR code below to sign-up.



Don Hotz Named UCCA Volunteer of the Year

The last summer concert is traditionally when the University City Community Association thanks volunteers. This year UCCA recognizes and thanks Don Hotz for his many years as the Newsletter Distribution Coordinator (6,000 copies) and board member, which included years as UCCA Treasurer. Using his creative talents, Don also helped produce a video to accompany the song "More than just a Neighborhood" that was voluntarily written by Greg Zinser and Tom Ventimiglia. Don was also active with the University City Community Foundation, helping get much needed improvements at Marcy Park. Don is pictured center above, with Marc Schaefer (rep for State Senator Brian Jones) who presented Don with a Certificate of Appreciation, and UCCA President on the right.

UCCA additionally thanked the over 100 volunteers that deliver newsletters, the numerous Neighborhood Watch captains, UCCA board and committee members (some pictured below), plus volunteer photographer Greg Hom and UCCA Historian (not pictured because he took the photo). UCCA is always looking for volunteers, including residents to distribute the newsletters. Contact universitycitynews@gmail.com if you would like to become a community volunteer. And if you do see a volunteer delivering newsletters, and keeping the neighborhood safe and clean, remember to thank them for all they do, and for helping make University City more than just a neighborhood!



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Guidelines:

1. Your article should be approximately **250 words or less**, sent in a **Word document** and attached to an email (not within the email).
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.
5. UCCA does not guarantee publication.
6. Submitted materials may be published on the Internet.
7. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles as needed.
8. Articles or ads considered to be political will not be accepted.
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 OCTOBER 2024 issue: SEPTEMBER 12

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the October issue is **September 12, 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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*UCPG Liaison: Katie Rodolico

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*Wendy Lee: Street Banners

*Vince Reardon: Newsletter Committee

*Non-Voting Position

SUMMARY OF UCCA GENERAL MEETING July 10, 2024 at University Community Library

Excerpts of Minutes taken by
 Katie Rodolico, UCCA Secretary

President's remarks: Thanks to all who participated in the 4th of July UC Celebration, including many UCCA board members. The UCCA board approved UC Celebration sponsorship of \$1,000.

Public Safety

Office Anderson Brown: The Call Center is almost fully staffed, meaning shorter wait times. Calls for service are slightly down year over year. Top calls are: larceny, car theft, vandalism, simple assaults. All of the crime numbers are down from last year. He encourages the community to use Get It Done for non-emergency reports and requests. The city is implementing more street cameras, which help find stolen vehicles and crime investigations. Last month, there were 10 arrests, 7 accidents, 1 hit & run, and 0 DUI.

Public Project Reports

Pure Water – Mariah Almasco and Clem Wassenberg: Active work on three tunnels: at SR 52, Rose Canyon, and I-805. Work has been completed on Nobel between Town Center and Via Las Ramblas. Next phase on Nobel will be from Via Las Ramblas to Lombard. Also active work on tunneling operation under Rose Creek and the Amtrak tracks. At San Clemente, the tunnel is completed under the freeway ramp and San Clemente Creek. Parking lot restoration will occur after contractors are done.

UC Improvement Project: Water mains and sewer mains are being replaced on some streets west of Genesee. Projects start at the bottom and move up the hill. Streets will be closed for through traffic, but open for residents, who will be notified. Contact reema@tworiverspr.com for questions.

City of SD Trash Services Study – Paula Roberts, Aqua Community Relations Group: In 2022, voters approved Measure B, amending the People's ordinance. The City is restricted to charge no more than actual collection costs, but can charge less. After the City conducts their survey, a plan will be introduced, initiating a 45-day period of "protests." Meetings will be rolled out, including Open Houses, next one is September 9 at the La Jolla Library. Single-family homes and complexes with 4 units or less will be covered in this new city fee, complexes with more than 4 units will have to provide their own trash service.

Elected Official Representatives

Zach Burton for Councilmember Kent Lee: Thanks to Parks & Rec and Nobel Library for the movie in the park; thanks for UC Celebration. Budget highlights include expedited pot hole repairs, new street lights funded, year-round aquatic activities.

Codi Viera for Congressman Scott Peters: Introduced bipartisan bill 'Fix our Forests', which encourages active forest protection. A Congressional App Competition is in place, with a "Hackathon" this fall. Service academy nominations are due in October.

Evan Bridgham for SD Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer: In a new fiscal year, with new grant funding. More funding is allocated for the Shallow Rent program which helps seniors who are close to eviction stay housed, giving \$500/month and case work to at-risk seniors.

Marc Schaefer from State Senator Brian Jones: UCCA was selected as an Honored Non-Profit of the Year. Working on legislation for clearing homeless encampments after the Grants Pass Supreme Court decision; and on a bill to place sexually violent predators so they are not close to schools. Will be offering a CHP class – Age Well Drive Smart program.

Community Groups

Chris Nielsen, UCPG: A CIP (Community Improvement Projects) list was generated and approved by UCPG, which included: Genesee/Governor Bike Boxes and leading interval pedestrian signs; cooling at Standley Rec Center, three overlook parks identified in the Plan Update, UC Gardens landscaping and/or more parking, and expansion of University Community Library (funds to study renovation project).



UCCA President Jemma Samala

I looked at the calendar, and summer was over. Where did those months go? And who decided that the school calendar should be pushed up two more weeks in August? I feel so old now, when I say “back in the day” school didn’t start until after Labor Day, that’s the traditional start.

I’m glad some traditions don’t change. Especially living in University City, there are certain events I look forward to every summer: the UC Celebration (especially the Pancake Breakfast – thank you Knights of Columbus), Banana Split Day, and Sundays at the Summer Concerts. I wasn’t able to make each one, but when I go, I love the casual atmosphere and catching up with friends and neighbors. And I’ve introduced my mom to this summer tradition too (she’s pictured with me top left).

I’m reminded of one past summer concert where some of us friends were able to get together and catch up, bringing our dogs. You see, we became friends through our sons, who all played baseball in UC Little League and / or at University City High School. We used to talk about baseball all the time, now it was about our dogs – all female by the way. Our boys were all grown up now, and the dogs were now the main focus of our lives. This photo brings great memories of friendship, and in particular our Chow Shepard Scarlet. You see, at 15 years old, she succumbed to a fast growing tumor on her tongue, and the best thing to do was compassionately let her go to sleep. You see me standing with Scarlet on the left, then Sandie Bee, Cyndie Waldichuk, Jamie Rios, Sharon Risse and Heidi Lapp. I don’t see them enough these days, but living in our UC neighborhood, we were able to share many memories together, including the love of our fur babies.



During August, we had National Dog Day. But every day is dog day right? So we’ll start showing more of our UC dogs in future issues, in memory of Scarlet. My next morning of open hours at Starbucks, is Saturday, September 21, 9:00-11:00am. Come by and share your concerns, feedback, and your own fur baby memories. Any dog living in UC has won the family lottery being in such a dog-friendly community.

Jemma

*Thinking Locally, Acting Neighborly
(and proud dog mom)*



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

SUMMER CONCERT COORDINATORS

**ANDY FREEBURN and
JOHN SCHINDEL**

You may recognize these two guys as the ones who walk around the summer concerts with the donations buckets. And they have a vested interest in getting attendees to fork up, they spend lots of time each year planning out the summer schedule and all the logistics for the summer concert events. And on many occasions, they need to “check out” the bands at other venues before deemed worthy of playing in University City.

Plus, both Andy and John are major volunteers in the UC Celebration planning, and are on the Community Recreation Group. John is current president of the CRG, and Andy is a past president of our own UCCA. When you think about the many neighborhood traditions that we hold so dear in University City, know that these two guys are probably involved somewhere behind the scenes. Thank you Andy and John for your dedication to UC!

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

Calendar

September 2024

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 2

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, September 8

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, September 9, 6:00pm

9880 Campus Point Drive, Third Floor

Zoom available

Info: planuniversity.org

FIRST DAY OF HISPANIC MONTH

Monday, September 15

ONE ON ONE:

SDPD CHIEF SCOTT WAHL*

6:00pm

&

UCCA GENERAL MEETING

7:00pm

Tuesday, September 17

UC Library on Governor Drive

*Rescheduled from August

JEMMA at STARBUCKS on SATURDAY

UCCA’s President Open Hours

Stop by to discuss UCCA and University City

Saturday, September 21, 9:00 to 11:00am

Starbucks on Governor Drive

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, September 26

For meeting details, call: 858.552.1651

MIRAMAR AIR SHOW

September 27, 28 & 29

SAVE THE DATE

OKTOBERFEST by EDUCATE

Saturday, October 5

2:00 – 6:00pm

Craft Fair opens 1:00pm

For info: uceducate.org

RENEW YOUR UCCA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025

GO TO UNIVERSITYCITYNEWS.ORG, OR MAIL
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



National Night Out in UC

by *Barbara Gellman*,
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Nine street captains had parties for National Night Out and were awarded a Certificate of Recognition by Senator Brian Jones for their dedication to the betterment of our community.

All involved gathered their neighbors for a very fun and food filled evening with Officer Brown stopping by to chat at some locations. The constant hum of conversation and laughter, permeated the evening as neighbors reconnected; this is just one of the events that makes our neighborhood special.



Neighbors gather in cul de sacs and backyards



SDPD Officer Brown and State Senator Brian Jones Rep Marc Schaffer recognize Iris Clauss (left) and Marlese Pinney (right) for their Neighborhood Watch Captain efforts

Officer Anderson Brown, SDPD Community Liaison and other SDPD officers dropped by the NNO parties to discuss neighborhood concerns. Thanks to the following NW street captains: Annette Lau, Iris Claus, Alexandra Haag, Marlese Pinney, Bonnie Kutch, Lawrence Banks, and Barbara Gellman. Marc Schaffer from Brian Jones delivered certificates of recognition to each one.



SDPD Officer Brown talking with UC residents during NNO



WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Talkin' about your feet. Put on a pair of colorful, conversational design socks for this next season. Don't be left out in the cold, place your best foot forward and create a splash whether a child, man or woman; we can all use an attention getter. Your \$5.00 donation for a pair of these socks, that normally retail for \$9.00 - \$12.00, are a bargain. Email: bggellman@yahoo.com for the latest flyer of styles, all in stock, ready for a quick pick up. Stop by our booth at the Octoberfest event October 5 and immerse yourself in our socks.



Get It Done



Use the Get-It-Done app to request Homeless Outreach services and report Encampments

by *Diane Ahern*

San Diego's Get-It-Done website and smartphone app have a feature that allow users to request Homeless Outreach services and report Encampments. Whether the user makes a service request for Homeless Outreach or reports an Encampment, Get-It-Done also records the location and any submitted pictures to create a map with a location and an image of the problem.

The report is forwarded to Homeless Outreach Specialists, the Environmental Services Department, the Mobile Crisis Response Team, and/or the Neighborhood Policing Division as appropriate. Get-It-Done is for non-emergency reports only. For emergencies, dial 9-1-1. For other Police-related non-emergency issues, call 619.531.2000.

If you or someone you know are experiencing homelessness or in need of assistance, dial 2-1-1 to be connected with an Outreach Specialist. For more information about the reporting and service request features of Get it Done, visit sandiego.gov/get-it-done

Get It Done

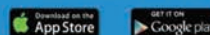


Simple and easy to connect with the City:

- Report non-emergency problems
- Schedule appointments
- Obtain information

sandiego.gov/get-it-done or download your mobile app today!

"Get It Done San Diego"



City of San Diego Bicycle Master Plan Update (BMPU)



The City of San Diego is in the process of refreshing its Bicycle Master Plan, which was last updated in 2013. This citywide effort will result in new bicycle facility recommendations and prioritization of active transportation projects to meet the City's Strategic Plan, General Plan, and Climate Action Plan goals. The Bicycle Master Plan Update (BMPU) will also include an increased emphasis on equity and serving areas with the greatest needs. The City is seeking to understand current bicycling patterns and priorities by asking residents to fill out a community survey. For more information about the Bicycle Master Plan Update and to participate in the survey, visit: sandiego.gov/BMPU

Miramar Air Show Returns

The Blue Angels return to the MCAS Miramar Air Show in late September. This year's event will include ground displays and flight simulators; an innovation and tech expo; and military air/ground demonstration teams. The daytime air shows will also feature civilian aerobatic teams, aerial solo acts, vintage aircraft and warbirds.



Aircraft, performers, and exhibitors are expected to arrive at MCAS Miramar beginning Wednesday, September 25; practice day is expected to be Thursday, September 26. The Air Show is open to the public on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 27-29. The Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) is scheduled at 12:30pm; the US Navy Blue Angels and Fat Albert are scheduled to perform at 3:00pm. All performances and schedules are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit: miramarairshow.com.

District 6 Councilmember Kent Lee

As we head into the fall season, I'm reflecting on the wonderful memories my family made at summer events here in District 6, especially in University City — from Summer Movies in the Park to the Annual University City 4th of July Celebration. Thank you to all the fantastic volunteers who made the annual UC Celebration possible and to all the community groups who participated!



The City Council is gearing up for a busy fall, with many public hearings and plenty of legislation on the calendar. We also have so much to celebrate in the district, from community celebrations to new and long-awaited infrastructure upgrades and much more. In the meantime, our entire office and dedicated community team remain at your service. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

At the end of July, the City Council unanimously approved a long-awaited update to the University Community Plan, concluding a six-year public process that resulted in a new blueprint to create more capacity for homes, jobs, and public amenities in the area — with a particular focus on growth opportunities in the North UC/UTC/Torrey Pines corridors. The community is one of the region's most critical hubs for innovation, transportation, and our regional economy — serving as home to UCSD, many life science institutions, and several stops on the recent \$2 billion Blue Line trolley expansion. Ahead of the final vote, I also secured a requirement for an updated and more thorough traffic analysis prior to the implementation of any traffic calming measures on Governor Dr. This future analysis would specifically keep school impacts during peak-period traffic patterns in mind and would help the City use the latest data when evaluating much-needed improvements to promote safer streets. As we now work to implement the plan, I am committed to working with you to ensure the City delivers on necessary community infrastructure, improved parks and open space, and additional affordable housing as part of our long-term vision for the University Community.

Finally, the City of San Diego's Arts, Culture, and Community Festivals (ACCF) City Council funding program has been renewed for Fiscal Year 2025 and we invite eligible UC-serving organizations to apply! City Council Offices award funding to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for community, social, environmental, cultural, and recreational needs for lawful public purposes. The ACCF applications are now open (to September 13, 2024). For more information about the programs and application processes, visit sandiego.gov/citycouncil/accf.

Many parents, like me, have started another school year. Alyssa and Oliver had a great first few weeks of school, and I'm wishing all our students, teachers, staff, and parents a fantastic year ahead. We look forward to seeing UC residents in the community soon!

All the best, Councilmember Kent Lee

If you have any concerns our office can help with, please contact me or my University City representative, Zach Burton, at zburton@sandiego.gov.

AGE WELL, DRIVE SMART

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL'S SENIOR DRIVER EDUCATION CLASS

Hosted by Senator Brian Jones





CHP's Age Well, Drive Smart is a **FREE** senior driver education class to assist drivers aged 65+ with safety tips on aging and its effects on safe driving and how to improve driving performance.

Some insurance companies offer discounted premiums with a certificate of course completion. Check with your insurance provider to confirm if this program is eligible for a discount.

Saturday, September 28, 2024
11:00AM - 12:00 Noon
University Community Branch Library
 4755 Governor Drive
 San Diego, CA 92122

RSVP
 Call (760) 796-4655 or email senator.jones@senate.ca.gov

In Partnership with the University City Community Association

SENATE MINORITY LEADER

BRIAN W. JONES

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, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

What's Happening at the Libraries?

North University Community Library

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Robotics Class (Ukrainian Language): Friday, September 6 and 13 at 4:00 – 5:45pm The nonprofit Slavic Refugee and Immigrant Service Organization will present an educational robotics event for children, in Ukrainian.

Bilingual Storytime: French: Monday, September 9 at 11:45am – 12:15pm. 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.

Teen Advisory Hybrid Meeting: Saturday, September 14 at 4:00 – 5:00pm. We are planning future events, and teen "imagineers" are needed. Join us using this Google Meet link: <https://calendar.app.google/RjTAWLvVj2jhp6ey6> or meet in person on the Children's Patio.

Little People, BIG DREAMS Storytime: Monday, September 23 at 11:45am – 12:15pm. This is a special story time for kids to dream about their interests and share stories of inspiring people who have dreamed big and accomplished amazing things.

Introduction to Programming with Python: Saturday, September 28 at 3:30 – 4:30pm. Discover the power of Python programming and learn the fundamentals from expert instructors. For grades 4-12. Registration is required.

ALL AGES

Knitting & Crochet Circle: Friday, September 6 and 20 at 9:30 - 11:00am. This is a knit and crochet group where you can learn how to knit/crochet, knit/crochet in good company, show off your latest projects, and get to know your fellow neighbors.

Chess Club: Every Thursday at 3:30 – 5:30pm on the Children's Patio. Chess is played by over 600 million people and is the most popular game in the world. We welcome players with all levels of chess experience from beginners to advanced. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Bridge: Learn the Game from a Master: Saturday, September 7, 14, and 28 at 10:00am – 12:00pm. The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL Bridge Unit 539) will provide free instruction in this "Basic Bridge Course". Participants learn all the details of bidding and playing the cards. Space is limited to 24 participants. Email bridgefun1430@gmail.com to register.

Lecture Series: Finding Your Quantum Sense: How to Enhance Mindfulness, Perception, and Creativity: Saturday, September 14 at 1:30 - 3:00pm. Author Robert Glick will discuss his 2024 book, *Finding Your QUANTUM SENSE - How to Enhance Mindfulness, Perception, and Creativity*. Visit www.quantumsensation.com for more information.

Celebrity Memoir Book Club: Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 – 7:30pm. The Celebrity Memoir Book Club selects a celebrity memoir to read and discuss each month. This month's selection is: *Making It So* by Patrick Stewart.

Queendom: Every Friday at 11:00am – 1:00pm. Russian/Kazakh-speaking women in San Diego meet regularly to learn and grow together, and to encourage "leaning in" by stepping outside of their comfort zones.

University Community Library (Governor Drive)

ALL AGES

Through the **Exposure Photo Fellowship**, artist John Raymond Mireles has fostered connections with San Diego immigrant communities, engaging in community outreach and personal interactions. With this collaborative process, Mireles created a series of environmental portraits, capturing the essence of foreign-born and second-generation individuals who are integral to the city's fabric. The New Colossus is on view throughout the city, including nine library locations, through October 31. The image at University Community Library features Amand from Haiti, and is located next to the Circulation Desk.

CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

Toddler Storytime & Craft – Wednesdays, 10:30am. Sing and dance and listen to stories with Ms. Jackie!

Children's Craft: Rug Tufting. Wednesday, September 4, 2:00pm. Students will learn about the artistic and cultural significance of rugs from various regions of the world and create their own soft, fluffy, plush rugs to act as personal safe spaces that reflect their ideal worlds.

Children's Craft: Tuesday, September 10 - Melted crayon suncatcher, ages 10 and up. Under 10 years requires an adult present to assist with heat elements.

Children's Take-Home Craft: Tuesday, September 24 - 3D Paper Pumpkins

Signing Storytime with Ms. Jennifer: Monday, September 30, 11:45am. Perfect for babies and toddlers.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Age Well Drive Smart: Saturday, September 28, 11:00am. Learn useful tips on how to stay safe on the road and be aware of common issues that can confuse or trip up good drivers.

Mahjong Meet-up: 1st Saturday, 9:30am – 12:30pm, and 4th Saturday, 2:00pm – 5:30pm. The library has three mahjong sets but we highly recommend that you bring your own 2024 card and mahjong set if available.

Biomimicry presented by San Diego OASIS: Tuesday, September 10, 12:30pm. Learn about the remarkable adaptations of marine organisms and get a sense of the immense potential of biomimicry to shape a sustainable and technologically advanced future.

Therapeutic Arts with Ms. Saeda: Tuesday, September at 12:30 - 2:00pm. Date TBD. Please call library for final date(s). Experience the joy of creating art in a peaceful environment.

English Conversation Group: Fridays: September 6, September 20, October 4, October 18, 10:00 - 11:00am. Meet with other folks to practice and improve your 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.

Qi Gong: Thursdays, 9:30am-11:30am

Qi Gong: 2nd Saturdays, 9:30 to 11:30am (next class September 14 - inside).



Alliance Française San Diego: Bridging Cultures Through Languages and Culture

The Alliance Française de San Diego (AFSD), located in University City, is a vibrant cultural and educational association promoting French language and francophone cultures within our community. Part of a global network of over 820 AF centers, our chapter offers a rich array of programs for all ages and proficiency levels, fostering cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

Language education is central to their mission. "We provide French language classes, tailored to meet the needs of students, professionals, and children alike. Our experienced, trained to teach French as a second language and passionate instructors employ dynamic teaching methods that make learning French both effective and enjoyable" says Executive Director Julie Ripoll. The nonprofit association is certified by the Department of Education of California and the San Diego Unified School District, ensuring high-quality education.

Spoken by 300 million people worldwide, the French language goes beyond France. "We like to highlight the diversity of francophone cultures". They host numerous cultural and social events, including exhibitions, discussions, cooking and art classes, and the growing San Diego French Film Festival. These events act as a bridge between cultures, enriching the multicultural fabric of the city.

The organization also collaborates with local schools, universities, and cultural institutions to expand its reach and to make culture accessible to all with, for example, free movie screenings for school students. "The Alliance Française San Diego is more than just a language school—it's a community." concludes Julie Ripoll, inviting everyone to explore the beauty of French language and francophone cultures. To learn more: afsandiego.org.

UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- Friday, September 6, 6:30pm @ Bonita Vista High School
- Friday, September 20, 6:30pm @ Morse High School
- Friday, September 27, 7:15pm @ Westview High School
- Friday, October 4, 7:00pm Home vs. Mira Mesa High School**
- Thursday, October 10, 7:00pm Home vs. Brawley High School**
- Friday, October 18, 7:00pm Home vs. Scripps Ranch High School**
- Friday, October 25, 7:00pm @ Mission Bay High School
- Friday, November 1 7:00pm @ La Jolla High School

Home games are in **bold**. Tickets are \$12 for adults and student without an ASB card, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and seniors aged 65 and over. Tickets are good for both Varsity and JV teams (JV games start at 4:00pm). Snack bar on premises. Stadium is handicap accessible.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Curie Elementary

Would you like to see a child smile ear to ear after reading a book? Curie Elementary will be starting the Everyone A Reader (EAR) program this school year, 2024-2025. The school is seeking volunteers to tutor students (grades 1-3) to improve their reading proficiency using the SD County's Office of Education Everyone A Reader (EAR) program. Volunteers will be assigned 5-6 students and work with them 15 minutes per session, twice/week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule with a 5 minutes transition time between students.

The time commitment is about 4-5 hours/week. A training period of 2 hours (by video or live trainer) will be provided before tutoring the students. A SDUSD volunteer application, a background check and a negative TB test or a completed questionnaire at the school nurse's office will be needed. Please contact Kenway Hoey, Volunteer EAR Program Coordinator, Curie Elementary at khoey2010@gmail.com if you wish to help out with this program. Thank you.

Doyle Elementary

School has started and Doyle Elementary is looking for reading tutors to work one-on-one with 2nd and 3rd grade students who have been identified by their teachers as needing help. Once you are trained, tutoring time is about an hour and a half each day. You may choose to tutor one, two or three days a week from the same group of students. Days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings during the school day.

This program was started in 1995 and is a part of many county schools. It is provided and administrated through the County Board of Education and is called Everyone a Reader (EAR).

For the safety of the students, there is a basic background check (no fingerprints) and a clear TB test is required. For Doyle School information, please contact Carol Parham at cjparham@gmail.com. Thank you.



UCSD Surplus Sales

by Diane Ahern

The UC San Diego Surplus Store serves as an outlet to re-utilize, liquidate, recycle and dispose of excess and decommissioned university property. Surplus Sales also offers recycling services to UCSD Departments for various metals, electronics, video monitors, and refrigeration equipment. Available Surplus items are listed by category, sale type, and description. The items can be viewed and purchased at the Surplus warehouse Monday through Friday between 10:00am - 3:30pm, walk-ins welcome. The Surplus warehouse is located at 7835 Trade St. San Diego Ca, 92121 Behind Ste. 100 (Northeast corner of the building). For more information, visit the Surplus Sales website at: surplus.ucsd.edu

COMMUNITY SHORTS

UCUC FOOD DRIVE – SEPTEMBER 8

University City United Church’s (UCUC) summer’s end food drive for the benefit of Community Christian Service Association (CCSA) will take place on Sunday, September 8 from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the UCUC parking lot, located off of Gobat Avenue, directly behind the Church’s 2877 Governor Drive location. Donations of **unopened** and **unexpired** packaged food items, baby food and diapers as well as personal care products are welcomed. (CCSA is not able to accept or distribute any food item that is past its “expiration”, “sell by” or “best by” date.) Fresh fruits and vegetables are the perishable foods that we are able to accept and which are always in great demand. Special needs this month include rice (1 lb. bags), pasta, beans (1 lb. bags), pasta sauce (plastic jars), cereal/oatmeal, cans of fruit and vegetables, peanut butter (16oz. plastic jars) and boxes of macaroni and cheese. UCUC is grateful to those in the neighborhood who generously dropped off donations at our July and/or August drives. Information about UCUC may be found at www.ucuc.org

SAN DIEGO BLOODMOBILE ON SEPTEMBER 14

The UC Blood Champs, the UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile will be at the Sprouts Marketplace on Governor Drive on Saturday, September 14 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. Remaining 2024 dates is November 16; and in 2025 they are: January 11, March 8, May 10, July 12, September 6, and November 1. UC collects better than 53.9% than the average Bloodmobile Blood Drives, so thank you UC!

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!

FRIENDLY VISITORS, SISTER PROGRAM TO LA JOLLA MEALS ON WHEELS

La Jolla Friendly Visitors originated in 2013, as a free sister program to La Jolla Meals on Wheels. Our objective is to provide companionship to our in-home neighbors by matching them with an appropriately screened and trained volunteer who shares similar interest and background. We are continuously looking for clients and volunteers to participate in this program. We ask our volunteers make a commitment to visit their senior, one to two hours per week. Our goals are to reduce isolation that may come from being homebound, to increase our clients’ quality of life, and to give them a broader experience of community. If you are interested, please visit us on our website: www.lajollamealsonwheels.org.



BACK PACKS FOR KIDS A SUCCESS

Thank you to our wonderful University City community for the outpouring of back packs and school supplies at our “Back Packs for Kids” campaign! Everything has been taken to the SDUSD Children and Youth in Transition office and will benefit homeless children, foster kids and other children in need. The school district and Coldwell Banker are so thankful for your support!



UC Pride Has a Busy Summer

by Claire Shaughnessy

Summer 2024 proved to be a fruitful time for connecting in University City. For the first time, the UC Pride group hosted a booth at the UC Celebration. It was so popular! We offered many colorful items for folks to wear to show their pride and allyship. We sold braided bracelets and rainbow UC logo stickers for a low price to cover the cost of our booth and the give-aways. We also collected donations for the high school GSA.

Our UC Pride group gathered every week at the summer concerts. We put up our UC Pride banner so new families to UC, or new to our group, could find us. We welcomed and connected many folks while listening to music in our beautiful park. People old and young, neighbors of longstanding and new ones, celebrated summer together.

Summer also brought us the San Diego Pride Parade and an opportunity for our UC Pride group to join San Diego Unified School District and their electric yellow school bus to march in the Pride Parade. Our UC neighborhood had many representatives, and we even made it on the parade television live feed.

UC Pride is a group of LGBTQIA+ affirming folks here in UC and the surrounding communities. We support our LGBTQIA+ students, teachers, parents, and community members. Contact me if you’re interested in joining us as we move into our autumn activities and say a wistful goodbye to summer.

City looks for public feedback on waste collection fee proposal

In 2022, San Diego voters approved an amendment to the “People’s Ordinance” to allow the City to charge a cost-recovery fee for trash and recycling collection services the City provides to residential properties. Now the City wants to hear from San Diegans who receive trash and recycling collection services from the Environmental Services Department (ESD).

The City will host an Online Questionnaire and a series of open house meetings to evaluate the level and types of service provided by ESD and how that would impact the cost of waste collection for residential properties. Developing a fee structure would allow the City to provide enhanced and more tailored services, such as increased recycling collection frequency and replacement bins at no additional charge.

- Check out the Event Calendar for upcoming Open Houses and Meetings: cleangreensd.org/participation/
- Complete the Online Questionnaire to share your service preferences: cleangreensd.org/questionnaire/



Recreationally Speaking

by Diane Ahern

Marcy Park Renovations

As announced at the August Standley Community Recreation Group (CRG) meeting in August, the long-anticipated renovations and upgrades to the Marcy Neighborhood Park, 5504 Stresemann Street, are expected to begin in September. The Parks & Recreation Department's Marcy Neighborhood Park project team is working through some details and will provide more information as it becomes available.

The scope of work is expected to include a renovation and upgrade of the existing playground and the installation of ADA compliant walk ways, curb cuts, and an ADA parking spot. All dates are subject to change and more information will be forthcoming at the September Community Recreation Group meeting. The next CRG meeting will be Thursday, September 26, at 7:00pm at Standley Recreation Center, 3585 Governor Drive.

Swanson/Standley Aquatic Center

The pool complex on Governor Drive at Mercer Drive (Swanson Memorial Pool and Standley Aquatic Center) issued a joint program guide for Fall 2024. For the current Hours & Program Guide, visit: sandiego.gov/pools

- Swanson Pool (the warm water pool) will be closed for yearly maintenance from September 23, 2024 to October 18, 2024.
- Swanson Pool continues to offer Aquatic Body Conditioning and Arthritis Water classes as well as a Youth Swim Team and Recreational Swim.
- Standley Aquatic Center (the SDUSD joint use pool) now offers Aquatic Body Conditioning classes as well as Lap Swim, Recreational Swim, and a Youth Water Polo Team.
- Standley Aquatic Center is closed to the public on Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information about programming at City Parks & Recreation facilities, visit: sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation

UC PEOPLE: SARAH LEVY



University City's Newest Olympian

by Vince Reardon

UC resident Sarah Levy recently made her mark on the global stage by winning a Bronze medal with the U.S. Olympic Women's Rugby Team at the Paris 2024 Games. Her achievement reflects the dedication and hard work that have propelled her to the elite level in her sport.

Born in Cape Town, South Africa, Sarah moved with her family to San Diego at the age of three. Rugby was already in her DNA, as a close family member had played on South Africa's national team. During her time at University City High School, Sarah showcased her athletic talent across various sports, including soccer and cross-country track.

But it wasn't until she went to Boston's Northeastern University in 2014 that she discovered her true passion: women's rugby. From the moment she joined the Northeastern Huskies, she was "grabbed by the sport," ultimately becoming team captain.

After graduating in 2018 with a degree in health sciences, she began playing with the New York Rugby Club in the Women's Premier League. "A couple of years later I joined USA Rugby, competing in the more traditional 15-player version of the sport," Sarah, 28, said.

"Eventually, USA Rugby invited me to be one of 23 women to train for the seven's team [a 7-player squad] at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista for the next Olympics cycle." Based on performance, Sarah was chosen for the 2024 women's rugby team.

Sarah did not wait to shine. In her Olympic debut in Paris on July 28, she marked the occasion by scoring the first try (a touchdown in American football) for the U.S. team as they triumphed over Japan in their opening match, 36-7. Despite this personal best, Sarah said, "My biggest moment came when we beat Australia in the final seconds of the game to win the Bronze Medal."

Today, Sarah is finishing up a doctorate degree in physical therapy and planning to train for the next Olympics in Los Angeles in 2028. "I do want to play again," she said. And so does all of UC, Sarah!



You are warmly invited to celebrate International Day of Peace during a community Re-Dedication Ceremony for our beloved and recently restored University City Peace Pole.

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Annual event held on the first Saturday in August at Standley Park, sponsored by the Community Recreation Group.



Photos courtesy Greg Hom



SUMMER CONCERTS Sundays at the Park

Sundays in July and August were spent listening to different bands performing in the early evenings, as the sun sets. Music genres ranged from classic rock to country folk. But no matter the types of music being played, all generations enjoyed the good times with family, friends and neighbors, with plenty of room to spread out and get up and dance! Sponsored by the University Parks Council with funds raised from the UC Celebration and donations collected at the concerts.



Photos courtesy Greg Hom and Jemma Samala

UC Celebration FUN RUN & 5K Top Finishers

Fun Run (One Mile) Top Finishers

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| Under 8 Boys – Harrison Knik | Under 8 Girls – Hanna Gheen |
| 9-14 Boys – Dmytro Glustova | 9-14 Girls – Emilie Petrova |
| Adult Male – Akbar Rahman | Adult Female – Cassie Ferguson |

5K Top Finishers

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| U20 Male – Caden Hicks | U20 Female – Simone Woodward |
| 20-49 Male – Jake Needle | 20-49 Female – Keiko Suzuki |
| 50+ Male – Robert Coulson | 50+ Female – Tracy Wright |

Congrats to all participants!

A full listing of race results can be found at uccelebration.com.





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Entertainment for all: Key of She, Phil Marcus Trio, and hula dancers.



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Starting off the day with a hearty Pancake Breakfast organized by the Knights of Columbus. You know it's going to be good when the UC resident Chef Michel of the French Gourmet is cooking.



Young and old look forward to the pet & bike parade with the Bernstein Family leading the way, and UC's Mission Bay Montessori Academy (located next to Marcy Park) provides the marching band.



Thank you to the UC Celebration committee for organizing the event, with Randall Tonini as chair. Big thanks to all the day of volunteers. Many more photos of the 4th of July celebration can be found on universitycitynews.org. Photos courtesy of Greg Hom.



CPUS members: Seated: CPUS Chair Andy Wiese and UCPG Chair Chris Nielsen; Back row: Petr Krysl, Jason Morehead, George Lattimer, Joanne Selleck, Roger Cavanaugh, Dinesh Martien, Katie Rodolico, Carole Uribe, Keith Jenne, Debby Knight, Laurie Phillips. Not pictured: Veronica Ayesta, Kristin Camper, Melanie Cohn, Anu Delouri, Aidan Lin, Rebecca Robinson

UC Planning Group Meeting Update

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The University Community Plan was passed by the City Council on July 30. This action by the Council was preceded by passage of Blueprint SD, the amendment to the City's General Plan, and the adoption of the associated Environmental Impact Reports for Blueprint, the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment, and the University Community Plan Update. The Mayor signed the ordinance adopting the UC Plan on August 7.

I am immensely proud of the record of service by the University Community Plan Update Committee, chaired by Andy Wiese, whose members served the entire six years, devoting thousands of volunteer hours analyzing, debating, and ultimately improving the resulting community plan. The Subcommittee held over forty public meetings, and together with City Planning, we took thousands of comments from members of the community on the plan. Many community concerns were addressed, at least in part, including affordable housing, improved mobility options, inclusion of a traffic study for Governor Drive prior to any changes under Complete Streets, and additional policy language regarding retention of grocery stores in our retail plazas.

I want to publicly thank each member of the Plan Update Subcommittee and the University Community Planning group for their tireless work on the plan update.

This community is the most biodiverse in North America and we are pleased that as part of the plan update, an additional 166 acres of open space will be dedicated as parks and transferred to the management of Parks & Rec. We are also hopeful that the three proposed linear parks included in the plan can become a reality soon. We thank City Planning for strengthening the language in the plan for the MHPA.

Thanks to City Planning for countless hours of agenda planning and review meetings with Andy Wiese and myself, and to our Planner, Suchi Lukes, for her calm, professional demeanor, and clear answers to community questions.

Thanks to Michaela Valk, the Mayor's community representative, for attending just about every UCPG and Plan Update meeting and helping to keep the process on track. Thanks to community representative Zach Burton from Councilmember Lee's office, and to Councilmembers Lee and LaCava for guidance on the plan update.

Andy Wiese, Plan Update Subcommittee Chair and Professor of History specializing in Urban Planning at SDSU, together with his profound knowledge of our community, provided the update process with unique perspectives and insights and the ability to conduct the plan update meetings. There is no way the plan update in its present form would have been possible without Andy's leadership and careful attention to detail. Our entire community recognizes his consummate skill and holds him in their highest regard. I'll thank him one more time.

Finally, I would like to thank the UCCA and specifically Diane Ahern for being our invaluable partner, providing a consistent information forum for the plan update and the UCPG and making the process work.

The UCPG will meet in a different location on September 10 only: the La Jolla Institute for Immunology, located at 9420 Athena Circle (just west of Regents Road on the east UC San Diego campus) in their first-floor conference room. This meeting will be hybrid. Everyone, including UCPG board members, may attend either in-person or via zoom. We will return to our regular meeting room at Alexandria's Grad Labs in October.



Pure Water San Diego Update

The Pure Water construction crews made notable progress on pipeline installation and tunnel construction in the University City area. Work will continue through the end of the year as part of the Morena Northern Pipelines & Tunnels project. Construction activities include tunneling in three locations and pipeline installation along Nobel Drive and Genesee Avenue.

Approximately 14,568 linear feet of pipeline and 1,188 linear feet of tunnel have been installed to date. Construction notices are shared online at UTC.PureWaterSD.org. For questions, email PureWaterSD@sandiego.gov or call 833.882.7973.

In August, Pure Water construction crews began a new construction phase on Nobel Drive between Lombard Place and Genesee Avenue. Crews will continue installing one 48-inch wastewater pipeline and one 30-inch brine pipeline for the Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels project in University City.

The southbound lanes of Lombard Place will close, and one lane in each direction will be open in the northbound lanes of Lombard Place. After each shift, steel plates will be placed to allow cars to drive over the pipeline trench, and all lanes of Lombard Place will be open.

Working hours will be from Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 5:30pm and occasionally on Saturday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. This work continues through Fall 2024. For more info about ongoing Pure Water construction in University City, refer to the Construction Notices at: bit.ly/PureWaterUniversityCity



San Diego City Council Adopts the University Community Plan Update

by City of San Diego City Planning Department

On July 30, the San Diego City Council unanimously adopted the University Community Plan Update. This plan, along with the Citywide General Plan, provides a long-range vision and serves as the framework to guide neighborhood growth and development over the next 20 to 30 years.

The University Community Plan Update replaces the 1987 plan. It guides how land is used for future homes and jobs while addressing the need to preserve and celebrate natural, historic and cultural resources. It also identifies improvements to streets for people to walk, bike and take transit, as well as improvements to parks for people to play and socialize.

The University Community Plan Update provides opportunities for up to nearly 29,000 new homes. It focuses on providing opportunities for a variety of new homes for people of all incomes over the next 30 years and beyond, which is especially important in areas that have a higher level of resources and access to high-paying jobs and transit.

While actual home and job growth will occur based on demand and property owners' future actions, the plan provides a strategic framework to ensure that the growth meets the City's needs to best improve the lives of people living in the surrounding communities.

The updated plan reinforces the community's role as a major employment center and adds up to 72,000 additional jobs across various sectors, including office, retail, scientific research, technology institutions and health care.

The updated plan also further protects the community's canyons and hillsides by dedicating 166 acres to open space and recreation.

The plan is consistent with the Blueprint SD initiative which was unanimously adopted by the City Council on July 23. Blueprint SD is an amendment to the General Plan that will align these plans and future community plan updates with Climate Action Plan goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by placing new homes and jobs near existing and planned public transit, parks and other daily needs.

The City Planning Department thanks community members, business owners, organizations and other stakeholders for their years-long involvement in updating the Community Plan. During the nearly six-year process, the Plan Update Subcommittee, as well as the Community Planning Group, held more than 40 meetings combined. Multiple workshops, surveys and documents were also made available for the Department to receive feedback, which helped shape the overall vision for the community plan.

For more information, visit: planuniversity.org

It's National Preparedness Month: Make a Readiness Plan Today

The City of San Diego Office of Emergency Services asks residents to think about what you and your family would do in an emergency. You may not be together when disaster strikes. It's important to create both a communication and an evacuation plan. Take a look at the list below; it contains steps to help get you started. For more info, visit the Office of Emergency Services at: sandiego.gov/oes

Develop a Communications Plan

- How will you contact one another?
- How will you let family know that you're somewhere safe?
- Identify someone to alert in the event that a pet is at home alone while your away
- Understand that certain communication networks may not be available during a disaster (IE: electrical lines may be down; cellphones and computers may not be fully charged)

Document Contact Information

- Collect phone numbers and emails for out-of-town relatives, doctors, vets, schools and employers
- Make sure all family members have copies of contact information

Plan an Evacuation Route and Meeting Area

- Identify two ways out of your home
- Choose an area right outside of your home, in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire
- Choose a common meeting place outside of your neighborhood, such as a library or community center
- Identify the routes to leave your area in the event of an evacuation
- Consider those with disabilities and make sure meeting places are accessible for all

Fire Safe Council Presents

Learn about risks associated with living in an area surrounded by canyons, how vegetation around the home affects fire risk, and how to maintain access for first responders and their vehicles. At the end of the presentation, the Fire Safe Council will have 10-year smoke detectors available for those who wish to get a new smoke detector. First come first serve on the smoke detectors. People must sign in for a smoke detector beginning at 3:15 and stay for the presentation.

This University City Fire Safe Council presentation is made possible, in part, with support from the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation, SDGE, the Fire Safe Council of San Diego, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, and the San Diego Regional Disaster Fund.

Please join us: Saturday, September 14, from 3:15 to 5:00pm at the North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive.

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Decorating your Yard with Monarch Butterflies

by *Jemma Samala*

Donna Dinan's backyard was the joyous setting of the latest University City Garden Club meetup featuring the topic of "Decorating your yard with Monarch Butterflies." And the La Jolla Colony neighborhoods must really attract butterfly lovers as the speakers also live in the same North University City area, Heidi Boose across the street in the La Valencia neighborhood, and Mark Hughes from the Madrid complex – showing that you don't need a yard to raise Monarch butterflies.

Heidi and Mark provided a very informational presentation about how to attract, raise and rear Monarch butterflies. They also gave a historical perspective about the dwindling numbers of the butterfly, with the western population plummeting 99.9% in recent decades (approximately 10 million in the 1980s to 1,914 in 2021). But there is hope as insects reproduce quickly, and since they are backyard insects that migrate in North America, everyone can help out. The key...grow milkweed!



Pictured from left: Thank you to event host Donna Dinan, and presenters Mark Hughes and Heidi Boose. And thanks to the many butterflies that decided to visit during the presentation and dance away in the background.

Two types of milkweed can be found, narrow leaf (which dies out on its own during winter), and tropical (which will need to be cut back). Milkweed can be grown in ground or in pots, as shown below.



Additional information was presented and discussed life cycles, predators, disease, and the ethical dilemma of whether we are helping or hurting the Monarch butterflies. If you would like a copy of the handout and to get on the UC Garden Club email list, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.



The next UC Garden Club meetup will be on Wednesday, September 18, 5:30pm at the Curie Elementary School garden, as they share their Sage Garden Project. One parent said "The program makes fruit and vegetables more than just something that someone tells them they should eat. It empowers them to know where these food comes from and gives the ownership in the process of growing it which makes them excited to try it."

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We are equally honored by the overwhelming support from our community for the 4th of July celebration. Your enthusiasm and participation make this event extraordinary. Thank you for being the driving force behind our festivities!

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On September 14th between 3:30 PM & 5:00 PM
 Where: North University City Library Community Room
 The University City Fire Safe Council will give a public presentation on the benefits of fire hardening your home.

- 1) Home Hardening
- 2) Proximity to Canyons
- 3) Proximity of Plants to Your Home
- 4) Distance and Condition of Fire Hydrants
- 5) Access for First Responders and Their Vehicles

Refreshments will be served and at the end of the presentation 10 year smoke detectors will be handed out. Two detectors per guest.

Sign in sheet opens at 3:15. Bring Zip 92122 ID. First come First serve via sign up sheet for smoke detectors.

University City Fire Safe Council <https://www.ucfiresafecouncil.com/>



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