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Fireworks Brings New Meaning to UCHS Friday Night Lights

University City High School football fans had a new Friday Night Lights experience at their recent Homecoming Game. At the end of the game on Friday, October 18, there was an explosive fireworks show to celebrate the special Homecoming night.

While the fireworks show was meant as a surprise for the students, as those things go, the word did eventually spread out to the community to prepare them for impending noise, and to safely guard pets. All permits were in place, with the San Diego Fire Department on hand for the first ever fireworks show at the high school. Who knows, the homecoming fireworks may become another University City tradition?

While UCHS fell short against Scripps Ranch, they continue to fight to secure a second CIF championship in three years. Go Cents!



Thankful for the University City Community Association Join UCCA Today – 2025 Membership Drive

Thanksgiving will soon be here and we look forward to staying safe and healthy so that we can enjoy the winter holidays. We, the volunteers at University City Community Association, are looking for ways to keep the 'thanks' in Thanksgiving. We give thanks to the many UCCA members who, through their UCCA membership dues, help support and fund many events and projects in University City, including special activities at our local schools and at Standley Park.

UCCA continues to publish a print newsletter, host public meetings, and provide news and information to UC residents through emails, website updates, and social media postings. We thank our newsletter advertisers without whom we would not be able to publish our monthly print newsletter with over 100 volunteers delivering 6,000 copies.

We're also thankful for all the volunteers who give tirelessly to our community through various volunteer organizations such as UCCA, the Parks Council, EdUCate!, PTAs, UC Cluster, UC Planning Group, Community Recreation Group, Garden Club, Fire Safe Council, and UCCA's own University City News newsletter delivery team, and Neighborhood Watch Street Captains.

Now is the time to join UCCA or renew your membership for the 2025 calendar year to continue UCCA's efforts to support our UC community. Our monthly meetings continue to provide a forum for residents to discuss concerns such as neighborhood safety, traffic issues, local development, neighborhood cleanup, and more. They are also a chance to hear regular updates from local law enforcement, fire/rescue officers, state and local leaders. Send in the enclosed membership envelope, or go to universitycitynews.org and go to the "Join UCCA Today" tab.

Thank you all for making University City more than just a neighborhood!

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Lifetime University City Volunteer Spotlight



SANDY LIPPE: A Legacy of Service and Dedication to Community

by Vince Reardon

Sandy Lippe's journey began in Stratford, Connecticut—a town that shares its name with the birthplace of the legendary William Shakespeare. It seems fitting that Sandy, an English major who devoted her life to education and community service, would later leave her own lasting mark, creating something truly meaningful for her community.

After teaching high school English both in New Jersey and in San Diego, she moved to UC in the 1970s, where her true legacy unfolded. For the next 35 years, Sandy threw herself wholeheartedly into community volunteerism, leaving an indelible mark on the neighborhood she called home.

She and her late husband, Ernie, a dentist, settled in their home on Angell Avenue, which she fondly called 'special' for the close-knit friendships they formed up and down the block. She and Ernie had two children – Wendy and David, and years later four grandchildren. "UC is a wonderful place to live," she often said during our conversation. "And while there's been a lot of turnover, younger families are moving in, contributing to the community that keeps this neighborhood thriving."

Sandy was proud to help revive the University City Community Association in 2001, serving as president alongside board members Carol Pietras, Darlene Ventimiglia, Mary Ann Guerra and Barry Bernstein. She also played a key role in launching UC's first Fourth of July Celebration, now the community's largest event. Inspired by childhood memories of Stratford's July 4th festivities, Sandy wanted UC to share in that same fun and excitement.

Sandy and her friends organized the first Christmas tree lighting at Standley Park, using a donated tree from the former nursery at the east end of Governor Drive. Over time, the tradition expanded to include both a menorah and a Christmas tree during the holiday season. Furthermore, she spearheaded the installation of community banners on light poles throughout University City, funded by a generous donation. "I couldn't believe it when I approached a local bank for support, and they handed me a check for \$10,000 for the banners!" she recalled.

Sandy also served on the Standley Park Recreation Council and worked alongside Debbie Knight, executive director of Friends of Rose Canyon, to successfully oppose the construction of the Regents Road Bridge, which would have connected University City to La Jolla. Additionally, she collaborated with then City Councilman Scott Peters on a tree-planting initiative. "Scott offered free trees to anyone on Governor Drive willing to plant them in their front yard. I knocked on more than a few doors. Now, when I drive down Governor and see those trees, it fills me with pride," she shared.

Like Shakespeare leaving Stratford for London, Sandy is preparing to leave University City for Encinitas to be closer to her daughter Wendy. When asked what she will miss most, she replied, "The very, very close friendships I have with people here." As Sandy embarks on this new chapter, her deep roots in UC will remain, a lasting legacy of her decades of service, dedication, and love for the community she has helped shape.



UCCA President Jemma Samala

Always be thankful! I have a t-shirt with that saying, and I love to wear it on Thanksgiving Day, as well as any day really. Because it's important to have gratitude for what you have, and when you think about it, we have so much to be thankful for.

Yes, I've had health problems, but very thankful for being in a great location for medical coverage and working for an organization that provides excellent benefits (shout out to Vista Hill Foundation). And speaking of location, okay, I'm going to get all rah rah about University City now – how grateful am I to live in this community! Let me count the ways:

- Proximity to about everything. We have quick access to parks, shopping, entertainment, restaurants, public transport, freeways, libraries, schools (excellent neighborhood schools and the university), and the beach!
- Neighbors that care. People we meet at the schools, sports leagues, community groups, going on walks, at Starbucks, and the Buy Nothing Facebook group - University City residents care about what happens in the neighborhood and each other. We are a giving community.
- Our University City Community Association. Come on. You have to admit we tie the community together by providing communication and a forum to express issues of importance, through these newsletters and public meetings.

I could go on and on, but I am also really thankful for the friends I have made by living in UC, such as Connie Culp (who was in the first UCHS graduating class) and Gigi Esguerra, who I both met through our kids attending Spreckels. We all love our University City, and want to leave a legacy for those who come after, whether it be our own kids or others.



I'm thankful that I was given the opportunity to do so as your UCCA president, and there is so much more I would like to see UCCA do to give back to the community. I hope you are all thankful enough for the UC Newsletters, the public meetings, Neighborhood Watch, sponsorship of local events, and the legacy we can all provide by becoming a paid member of UCCA. Please send in your membership forms today, or hand it to us in person at my next Starbucks hours on November 9 or the next UCCA General Meeting on November 19.

Jemma

Thinking Locally, Acting Neighborly

P.S. I'm really thankful for friends like Don Hotz who gave me some great Halloween decorations pictured at top!



Andrea and Dave in front of their UC Pirate House, 2023 edition.

If you have some to recommend for the Volunteer Spotlight, email jemmasamala@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ANDREA AND DAVE LYNCH

Community volunteers come in many forms, even as pirates! Arrgh. For years (decades), they have been transforming their home for a Halloween tradition – the UC Pirate House. Free of charge, they open up their pirate-themed decorated front yard to the neighborhood. To help them pull it all off, a dedicated group of 20+ volunteers helps decorate, organize and even store items for the big Halloween night event. Hundreds walk through the haunted pirate landscape, and I believe last year there were over a 1,000 attendees, with no advertising, just local word of mouth. (Big shout out to all their neighbors too, for their patience with the crowds.)

While they both have volunteered for other community groups (Centurion Foundation, UCLL, EdUCate), they'll forever be known in our University City history books, as the ones with the Pirate House. And be on the lookout, because the pirates are known to make special appearances, such as during other holidays and past covid lockdowns. Thanks Andrea and Dave for bringing such joy to your neighbors!

Calendar

November 2024

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

NATIONAL GRATITUDE MONTH

**DAY OF THE DEAD/ALL SAINTS DAY
DIWALI**

Friday, November 1

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 3, 2:00am

Set clocks back one hour to "fall back"

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 5

JEMMA at STARBUCKS on SUNDAY

UCCA's President Open Hours

Stop by to discuss UCCA and University City, and **turn in membership forms!**

Saturday, November 9, 9:00 to 11:00am

Starbucks on Governor Drive

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, November 10

7:15-7:30am – meet & greet

7:30-9:00am – work

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3203 Governor Drive, supplies provided

VETERAN'S DAY

Monday, November 11

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, November 12, 6:00pm

9880 Campus Point Drive, Third Floor

Zoom available

Info: planuniversity.org

UCCA GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 19

5:30pm – Meet & Greet: **turn in membership forms**

6:00pm – General Meeting

UC Library on Governor Drive

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

No November meeting.

For December meeting details, call: 858.552.1651

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 28

DINNER WITH SANTA & HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Friday, December 13 at Standley Rec Center

5:15pm Dinner; 6:15pm Holiday Lighting Events

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MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025**

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IN MEMBERSHIP FORM ON PAGE 14**

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

Crime Prevention: Creating Safer Neighborhoods Together

by Barbara Gellman,
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Ensuring the safety of our neighborhoods starts with community effort and awareness. Crime prevention isn't just the responsibility of law enforcement; it's something we all play a part in. Here are some practical steps to help make our neighborhoods safer:

1. Build Strong Relationships with Neighbors

A connected community is a safer community. Get to know your neighbors, exchange contact information, and look out for each other. Establishing a Neighborhood Watch or simply staying in communication can deter potential criminals.

2. Improve Lighting and Visibility

Dark, poorly lit areas provide cover for criminal activity. Ensure that your home's exterior, including entrances, driveways, and backyards, is well-lit. Encourage neighbors and local authorities to install or maintain streetlights in communal areas.

3. Secure Your Home

Lock doors and windows when you're not home, and consider adding extra security like cameras, alarm systems, or smart doorbells. These measures not only protect your property but also act as deterrents to potential criminals.

4. Stay Informed

If you notice suspicious activity, report it to local law enforcement right away. 911 for crimes in progress or 619-531-2000 for non-emergency events.

5. Engage with Local Law Enforcement

Attend community meetings or events where law enforcement is present. Establishing a relationship with local officers can prove a direct line of communication and foster collaboration on neighborhood safety.

By working together, we can create a neighborhood that feels safe and welcoming for everyone. Let's take proactive steps to protect each other and our homes! If interested in being part of the solution, please contact me at bggellman@yahoo.com; every street should have a Neighborhood Watch Captain.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH UPDATE

From Captain Hara in response to community members asking about non-emergency response times:

*When you call SDPD, all dispatchers must answer emergency 911 calls first, and calls are **not** answered in the order received. So if a 911 call comes in, it jumps to the front of the line ahead of all non-emergency calls regardless of their wait time. Last year, that meant 703,000 911 calls jumped ahead of the 520,000 non-emergency calls. This is why 911 average wait times for 911 calls was only 5 seconds.*

We are one of the best performing 911 centers in California. 90% of 911 calls are answered in 15 seconds or less. The wait times average for non-emergency calls was just over 6 minutes. If you look at other 911 centers in big cities, you will see we are a top performer even though we are short staffed.



CHP Age Well Drive Smart Class

by Diane Ahern

As the California Highway Patrol (CHP) likes to say, "Driving is Freedom." Keeping that freedom as we get older is the focus of the "Age Well, Drive Smart" program. UCCA was pleased to partner with the Office of State Senator Brian Jones and the CHP to present the safe driving program for those aged 65 and older. For more information about Age Well, Drive Smart, visit: chp.ca.gov/Programs-Services/Programs/Age-Well-Drive-Smart

Officer Salvador (Sal) Castro from the CHP lead a lively discussion and shared many issues that could be factors in a collision as well as safety tips for older drivers:

- Factors that could lead to a collision: Inattention while driving such as talking with passengers, adjusting the radio, and talking or texting on a mobile device.
- Additional factors that could lead to a collision: Unsafe speed (either too fast or too slow for conditions), driving under the influence (DUI) of prescription medications, drugs, or alcohol, following too closely, and drowsy drivers.
- California Vehicle Code 23123.5: Handheld devices such as phones may be used by adults over 18 in the car with a hands-free device that must be mounted. Drivers may not use any handheld device while driving. It must be used in a hands-free mode.
- Google Maps and other route mapping software: Enter the destination before starting your trip; and the device must be used in hands-free mode.

Officer Castro summed up his presentation by reiterating that to be a safer driver at any age, the driver needs to take away the distractions of a cell phone and texting, pay attention to driving, buckle up your seat belt, leave a safe distance between your vehicle and the surrounding traffic, and adjust your speed for road and weather conditions. He feels driver safety is about making the necessary choices to be a safer driver.

Voters Have Options – Information from the San Diego Registrar of Voters

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5 but elections are no longer a one-day event. Every active registered voter received a ballot in the mail nearly a month before Election Day. In-person voting opportunities are available over multiple days. There is no need to wait until Election Day to vote. You can vote in the comfort of your home or vote in-person by visiting a Vote Center near you. For more information, visit: sdvote.com

- Starting Saturday, November 2, over 200 Vote Centers and the Registrar's office will be open daily from 8:00am to 5:00pm through November 4.
- On the final day of voting, Tuesday, November 5, all Vote Centers, official ballot drop boxes, and the Registrar's office will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.





MARCY PARK RENOVATION

by *Ruth DeSantis, President*
University City Community Foundation

The long awaited renovation of Marcy Park is finally underway. This beloved neighborhood park, located in southwest UC, will be partially closed for the next year while the City makes the following improvements:

- New play area for ages 2-5 on existing circular footprint
- New play area for ages 5-12 adjacent to chain link fence
- Shade structures in 2-5 play area
- 18" tall concrete wall/seating encircling the 2-5 play area
- ADA walkway access to ADA play equipment in the age 2-5 play area
- Timed overhead lighting in front of the park and near play areas
- Poured in place rubber surfacing under play areas

One eucalyptus tree will be removed and several flowering trees will be added to complement the trees already donated by UCCF. The City is using the design plan we submitted a decade ago, and the new park will be nature themed with muted colors as the community requested. No open green space will be lost, and the tenor of the park should remain unchanged. The park will remain leash-only and no dog run will be installed due to size restrictions.

This project could not have happened without support from neighbors. Resident donations over these past 15 years went to repaint the existing play equipment, replace missing trees, purchase concrete garbage bins, install a 3 level fountain and add park benches when City funding wasn't available. Volunteers rolled up their sleeves and helped clear decades old brush and debris from the perimeter, and we pushed to have the sand replaced and a new chain link fence installed. Our initiative showed the City how much this park means to the community, and inspired former Councilmember Barbara Bry to earmark her discretionary funds to get the project off the ground. We are very grateful to her, and to Director of Park and Rec, Andy Field, who helped locate the millions of dollars needed for construction. This project simply would not have happened without support from many people, including those who serve without pay and take their time and energy to advocate for our community on boards like UCPG, UCCA and the Standley Park Rec Council. It's true what they say; it takes a village.

UCCF will host another movie in the park next fall as part of our ribbon cutting ceremony once construction is complete. We look forward to celebrating with you in 2025!

For more info about the project and UCCF, contact Rgdesantis@gmail.com.



Councilmember Kent Lee

Dear University City Neighbors,

The holiday season is a joyful time, as well as a special period of reflection and gratitude. As the season begins, I especially find myself reflecting on the strength and resilience of our Northern Division officers as the San Diego Police Department mourns the loss of an exemplary person and public servant, Officer Austin Machitar, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty on August 26. I am grateful for the dedicated officers who continue to serve the community with dignity and professionalism during this very difficult time. My heartfelt condolences go out to his colleagues and family. Additionally, I wish his partner, Officer Zachary Martinez, a swift recovery as his family and the department support him during this time. For those who would like to provide support for these families, I would encourage you to visit the San Diego Police Officers Association website (sdpoa.org) to learn more.

Our office has been busy these past couple of months! It is hard to believe that we are already in the process of creating the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. I remain committed to advocating for key University City projects such as the expansion of the University City Library and renovation of the Standley Recreation Center. Both facilities are aging facilities that need critical updates. To read more about my Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Priorities, go to the website link: www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd6/budget.

Last month, the District 6 University City Community Representative, Zach Burton, attended the EdUCate! Oktoberfest. We want to thank everyone who stopped by to say hello. Zach and I delivered meals on behalf of Mama's Kitchen, a local organization making a tremendous impact by providing medically tailored meals to those in need. I also had the honor of attending the UC Peace Pole Rededication Ceremony at Standley Park, which was refurbished by Change Begins With ME and rededicated on the International Day of Peace. Finally, I enjoyed taking my kids to one of District 6's most exciting annual events—the MCAS Miramar Airshow. It was their first time attending, and I'm so thankful for the dedication of our military and their families. Special thanks to Colonel Erik Herrmann and the team at MCAS Miramar for hosting us!

Marcy Park Renovation

I'm excited to share that work will soon begin on the renovation of Marcy Neighborhood Park in University City. Our office will be hosting a community celebration open to the public. Stay tuned for more details. This long-awaited project will replace and expand the playground while improving pathways, curb ramps, walkways, and other essential features. Last year, I advocated for and secured \$750,000 in funding to bridge the financial gap for this project, and I'm thrilled to see it included in the budget. Spaces like Marcy Park are crucial for bringing communities together, and I'll continue to push for more City funding to improve these vital public spaces.

If you have any concerns our office can help with, please 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.

All San Diego Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, November 11, for Veterans Day.

All locations will also be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, 2024, for Thanksgiving Day.

North University Community Library

Friends of the North University Community Library Meeting: Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00-7:00pm

The Friends of the North University Community Library are a nonprofit that supports the programs and initiatives of our home library. We are seeking bookstore volunteers and we will recruit for the following positions in 2025: Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. High school students are welcome to join.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Qazaqsha story time (Жас тобы: 2-5 жас): Every Wednesday at 3:30-4:30pm. Join in as we read, play and learn Qazaq language. Qazaq language is a part of Turkic language family and close to Turkish, Kyrgyz, Uzbek, Tatar and Azerbaijani languages. Come and master Qazaq language, dive in the ancient nomadic culture. Designed for toddlers 2-5. Note: This storytime is not bilingual and is primarily in the Qazaq language.

Bilingual Korean Storytime: Fridays, November 1 & 15 at 2:00-2:30pm. We will be reading and singing in Korean and English! 우리는 한국어와 영어로 읽고 노래할 거예요!

Mandarin Chinese Storytime 中文故事時間: Sunday, November 24 at 2:00-2:30pm. Ms. Lily presents stories and songs in Mandarin. All ages are welcome.

Seed Starting (Grades 3-5): Friday, November 22 at 4:00-5:00pm. Join us for an exciting event all about exploring the fascinating world of plant lifespans and how to kickstart your very own plant-raising journey! We'll dive into the life cycles of various plants, from sprouting seeds to blooming beauties, and discuss what makes each one unique. Registration is required.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Meeting: Saturday, November 9 at 4:00-5:00pm. Calling all teen imagineers: We are planning future events at the North University Community Branch Library, and your help is needed. Bring your friends and let's brainstorm!

ADULT PROGRAMS

English Corner (English Conversation): Every Wednesday at 4:45-5:45pm. Community members with a basic grasp of English language can have fun themed conversations and build relationships with one another. We will talk about ourselves, our cultures, and more.

Knitting & Crochet Circle: Every Friday, 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. All skill levels are welcome.

Memory Evaluation Screenings: Tuesday, November 19, at 12:00-3:00pm. We are hosting free and private 30-minute memory screening appointments led by Sharp Neurocognitive Research Center. Annual memory testing is highly recommended for adults ages 50 or older, or even earlier if you're experiencing memory problems that concern you. Please call library staff at 858.581.9637 to schedule a 30-minute appointment.

University Community Library (Governor Drive)

CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Children's Craft (In-person): Tuesday, November 12, 2:30pm – Create gift tags or a woodland pop-up scene with cute animal stickers.

Children's Take-Home Craft: Thanksgiving Week. Make cute pinecone creatures (turkeys, owls), or a leaf wreath.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Art for Adults with Ms. Saeda: Thursday, November 14, 4:00pm. Enjoy the creative art process in a calm, relaxing environment with an experienced instructor. No registration required.

Game Time for teens/adults: Friday, November 15, 3:30 to 6:00pm. Come and play Ticket to Ride, Monopoly, Scrabble, Catan, Azul, Uno and more with others game lovers. Low key & friendly!

International Film Series: Saturday, November 16, 3:00pm. This month's screening is Tangerines, which is followed by a brief discussion, along with refreshments. Synopsis: During the war in Abkhazia, an Estonian man stays behind to wait for his lucrative crop of tangerines. After a fire he must care for two soldiers, each from opposing sides, who each vow to kill the other once they recover.

Calligraphy 101: Tuesday, November 19 – 12:00 to 1:30pm. Learn the basics of Italic calligraphy using a broad edge pen. After the program, you can check out library books to find out more about the art of calligraphy and take home a list of resources so you can learn more at home. Perfect for the beginner calligrapher. Register through the library website. Class size is limited to 10 people.

Mahjong Club (open play): 1st Saturdays, 9:30am – 12:30pm; and 4th Saturdays, 2:00 – 5:30pm.** Space available for 12 players. Beginners are welcome. Three mahjong sets are available for use and we recommend that you bring your own 2024 card. *The Mahjong Club will not meet on the 4th Saturday in October 25 due to election preparations.* Stay tuned: another mahjong class is planned for next spring!

English Conversation Group: Fridays: November 15, December 13 10:00 to 11:00am. Meet with other people 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, 9:30 to 11:30am
- 2nd Saturdays, 9:30 to 11:30am (next class: December 14)
- 2nd Saturdays, 9:30 to 11:30am (next class October 12 - outside)

MORE FROM THE LIBRARY

University Community Branch Library will host the San Diego County Registrar of Voters Vote Center for the Presidential General Election. The ballot drop box is located on the parking lot side of the building and will be open continuously through Election Day. It will close promptly at 8:00pm on Tuesday, November 5.

VOTING CENTER SCHEDULE @ UC LIBRARY

(inside the community room):

Saturday, November 2	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, November 3	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, November 4	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, November 5	7:00 am to 8:00 pm

For general election questions, call 858.565.5800. Voter registration info: sdvote.com/content/rov/en/Registration.html

Council District 6 Open House for its Trash and Recycling Services (Cost-of-Service) Study on November 12

As part of its public process to evaluate residential trash and recycling services and potential new fees, the City will host a second round of Trash Study Open House events in each City Council District. The District 6 event will be held at the University Community Library on Tuesday, November 12 from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the community room.

Each Open House features information tables staffed by members of the study team who can answer questions. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

- Learn what residents told the City at Round 1 Open Houses and by completing online surveys.
- See what nearby cities charge for solid waste services.
- Share your priorities and needs for future services.

Results will help influence the study team's reports to the City Council. Learn more about study activities at cleangreensd.org



Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, November 9 · 10am-5pm

Stock up on fiction, children's books, find a great cookbook, paperbacks, puzzles, bookmarks and more—all at great prices. **BONUS: Enter an opportunity drawing for a beautiful book-themed quilt! (6 tickets/\$5 or 1 ticket/\$1)**

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Doyle Elementary

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.

UCSD – International Services

The UC San Diego International Services & Engagement's (IESO) English-in-Action (EIA) Conversation Program is looking for University City volunteers who will enjoy meeting with an international student, scholar or spouse for 1-2 hours on a weekly basis to assist them in improving their English conversation skills and to share our American culture. Participating in EIA is very rewarding, as it provides considerable cultural insight and a deeper appreciation for diversity which helps volunteers gain a greater respect and appreciation for other cultures.

No knowledge of foreign languages or teaching experience is required. EIA volunteers attend an orientation session and have access to the materials and resources of the International Students & Programs Office. Volunteers can work with participants individually or in small groups and typically meet for 1-2 hours/week at a location that is convenient for both, including remote meetings, on campus or off campus. To apply or for more information, please visit our website: eia.ucsd.edu Questions? Please email Shelly Taskin at eia@ucsd.edu.

New Real Estate Practices Affecting Buyers & Sellers

by Katie Dunahoo, Realtor

How we buy and sell homes in California has changed in the last few months. The National Association of Realtors settled a class action suit earlier this year that required changes to how real estate business is conducted nationally and in California. Payment to the buyer's agent/broker has been modified. The terms include:

- Listing and Buyer Representation Agreements must disclose that compensation is negotiable.
- Offer of compensation to a buyer's agent is no longer allowed to be displayed anywhere in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS).
- Buyer Representation Agreements between the buyer and their agent must clearly disclose the amount of compensation due to the buyer's agent/broker.
- Local MLS rules require a buyer's agent to have a signed Buyer Representation Agreement prior to showing an MLS listed home.
- Sellers can choose to pay the buyer's agent's compensation, in total, partially or not at all. It is negotiable.

Just like before, most sellers opt to negotiate with buyers and pay the buyer's agent's compensation. Most buyers choose to work with their own reputable agent to realize their dream of home ownership.

COMMUNITY SHORTS

T-SHIRT COLLECTION AT STANDLEY REC

The San Diego Community College Emeritus Pastel Art Class is collecting used men's, women's, teens, elementary school-aged t-shirts to make grocery bags for the food bank. Grocery stores cannot sell plastic bags starting in 2025. They are trying to get a head start on making bags for the food bank from the old t-shirts. A collection bin is located at the Standley Recreation Center. So, as you clean out the closets and drawers at home, please donate your used t-shirts.

SAN DIEGO BLOODMOBILE – NOVEMBER 16

UC Blood Champs: The UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile will be at the Sprouts Marketplace on Governor Drive, Saturday November 16 from 8:00am to 1:30pm. If you're 17+, healthy, looking incredible, feeling spectacular, and want to help people anonymously, you can sign up at: mysdbb.org or call 619.400.8251. Appointments are encouraged. Special shoutout to early sign upper Pamela M! For the November Blood Drive, each blood donor will get a free Comic-Con Blood Donor T-shirt.

For future planning, the 2025 Bloodmobile Blood Drives at the Sprouts Marketplace, are scheduled for: January 11, March 8, May 10, July 12, September 6 and November 1 – all eight weeks apart.

9th ANNUAL PIE GIVEAWAY

The Ahern Team will continue their annual Thanksgiving Pie Giveaway on Tuesday, November 26, beginning at 3:00pm at Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive. Choices are either a pumpkin pie or an apple pie. One pie per household. Supplies limited to what's on hand – so get there early!

LOCAL RESIDENT PUBLISHES STAR WARS CROSSWORD PUZZLE BOOK

UC resident James Floyd has published *Star Wars Crossword Puzzles and Other Word Games from a Galaxy Far, Far Away...* The officially sanctioned book is out for sale on November 19 and each puzzle is in the shape of a Star Wars character, scene, ship, etc. Pre-order through online booksellers. James is having two signing events in San Diego this month: Launch Party, Saturday, November 16, 1:00pm at Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore at 3555 Rosecrans St #107; and Book Signing, Saturday, November 23, 2:00-4:00pm at Branes & Noble/Bookstar Loma Theatre at 3150 Rosecrans Place.



WESTFIELD UTC SEES LARGE CROWD AT UNIGLO

UNIGLO recently opened at Westfield UTC, drawing over 1,000 people at the grand opening. The Japanese clothing brand is described as offering casual dress clothes, simplistic designs, much like The Gap. The store is located at the former Forever 21 location, across from Zara.

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:15pm - DINNER WITH SANTA

6:15pm - HOLIDAY LIGHTING & ENTERTAINMENT

STANDLEY REC CENTER

More info in the December UC Newsletter

UCCA and the Standley Rec Center Community Wish Roger Hughes a Fond Farewell

by Diane Ahern



After a long career at Parks and Recreation, Standley Center Director Roger Hughes has officially retired. Community volunteers, including those of us at UCCA, have enjoyed working with Roger to help facilitate the Spring Egg Hunt, the Movies in the Park, the UC Celebration on the 4th of July, the Summer Concerts, the Banana Split Ice Cream Social, Oktoberfest, Dinner with Santa, the Holiday Lights Celebration, and many other events at Standley Park.

Anabel Wood will be the acting Center Director until a permanent Center Director is named; Claudia Glenn will continue her role as Assistant Director. Roger is looking forward to an active retirement including participating in the Over the Line tournament, golfing, fishing, and ocean cruising. He says he already has a Caribbean trip planned for early next year. We all wish Roger an enjoyable and long-lasting retirement.



Preparing the Fall Garden

by Jemma Samala

The UC Garden Club had their October meetup at the University Community Library, during their scheduled event about Edible Fall Gardening. The presentation was led by Heather Holland, a UCCE Master Gardener, whose motto to us was "you're not pushing the envelope unless you're killing a few plants." She shared that the 5 basic needs are: 1) The right plant in the right place; 2) container or bed; 3) nutritious soil (amended); 4) sunlight; and 5) water. The cool planting season is from October to February, and it's the time to plant: beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard, chives, cilantro, kale, lettuce, onions, parsley, radish, scallions, turnips; also: fava beans, green onions, peas, spinach; and a little later potatoes.

Since most of UC doesn't have the best soil to grow in, she recommends using 80% bagged potting soil and 20% soil amendment, which could include compost, worm castings, fertilizer and composted chicken manure. Heather also covered such topics of how to plant seed, irrigation, fall herbs and flowers, fruit trees. She also stressed the importance of harvesting your crops. Lastly, she mentioned the importance of supporting school gardens, and used Curie Elementary as a prime example, and pointed out their use of their teepee as the base for growing a Three Sisters Garden: corn, beans, and squash. Heather will be returning for the Spring. To get on the UC Garden Club email list, contact: jemmasamala@gmail.com.



UCCA Honors A Veteran of Our Own

UCCA wants to recognize our own veteran, Barry Bernstein, a past president of UCCA and longtime community volunteer. The photo above is of Barry taken sometime in 1965/1966, post war. Barry was in the U.S. Army and upon leaving active duty, after serving a two-year stint, was a 1st Lieutenant. His duty included a 13-month tour of duty in Korea, three miles from the DMZ at the Army installation called Camp Casey. Thanks Barry for your service then, and for your many years of service to the University City community.

Mission Bay Montessori Academy Veterans Day Assembly

Mission Bay Montessori Academy students and staff invite our University City community to join us as we honor the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This special event is a heartfelt tribute to our veterans and a valuable opportunity for the community to come together in appreciation of their sacrifices and dedication.

Date: Tuesday, November 12 **Time:** 8:45am

Location: Mission Bay Montessori Academy

Address: 2640 Soderblom Avenue, San Diego, CA 92122

Program Highlights: Veteran Guest speaker, Student-led tributes and speeches, Musical performances by the MBMA Choir, and a moment of silence to remember those we have lost. If you are a Veteran, please let us know you are coming! To RSVP or for more information, please contact Michelle Rumley michelle.rumley@mbma.class.com.

VETERANS DAY EVENTS

Mt. Soledad: Saturday, November 9, from 11:00am to 12:00noon, the Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial will host a ceremony dedicated to honoring Korean War veterans, their families, and those who remain missing in action. The Korean War was often referred to as the "Forgotten War." Mt. Soledad was founded in 1952 during the Korean War, the memorial was initially chartered with a mission to honor veterans of WWII and the Korean War. Today, nearly 6,600 black granite plaques cover the site, each telling the story of a life lived in service to our country. For info, as well as parking and shuttles: soledadmemorial.org/veterans-day-2024-info

Miramar National Cemetery: Monday, November 11 at 4:00pm. The Veteran's Day Ceremony is open to the public, free to attend and plenty of free parking. Keynote Speaker is Rear Admiral Joseph Buzzella, Commander, 11th Coast Guard District, and will honor the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard. Miramar National Cemetery was dedicated in January 2010, and the first burial occurred on November 22 of that year. For more info: miramarcemetery.org.



A Life of Service and Resilience: The Remarkable Journey of Captain Jack Ensch

by Vince Reardon

Jack Ensch thought he had it all figured out. After college, he and his then girlfriend Kathy planned to settle down as teachers in their home state of Illinois. But fate intervened when a U.S. Navy recruiter crossed his path, sparking a passion for aviation that led Jack down a path neither he nor Kathy could have imagined. To sweeten the deal, a few of his classmates had already signed up.

Married after graduation, Jack convinced Kathy that a four-year stint in the Navy would be just a brief detour — an adventure, a once-in-a-lifetime chance to travel the world and experience exotic cultures. Afterward, they would return to Illinois and teach. But life had other plans, and what started as a short detour turned into a 30-year journey filled with triumphs and hardships.

After completing Officer Candidate School, Jack was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in May 1965. He went on to graduate from Naval Flight Officer School and Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) training before heading to NAS Miramar to train as an F-4 Phantom RIO. Lieutenant Ensch served multiple combat tours between 1966 and 1968, and again from 1971 to 1972, during which he was credited with shooting down two enemy MIG-17 aircraft in aerial combat. But just as Jack's career was reaching new heights, disaster struck. On August 25, 1972, he was shot down over North Vietnam and taken prisoner, spending the next 216 days in the notorious "Hanoi Hilton."

Jack recalled, "The hardest part of captivity was the uncertainty — not knowing what would happen next." As days stretched into months, he and his fellow airmen clung to their motto: "Return with honor." For Jack, it was the camaraderie with his fellow officers and the constant thoughts of getting back to Kathy and their three young daughters — Elizabeth, Rebecca, and Christine — that kept him going. On March 29, 1973, during Operation Homecoming, he was finally released.

They moved to University City in 1975. Captain Ensch retired from the Navy in 1995, capping off a distinguished career that included over 3,000 flying hours, more than 800 carrier landings, and 285 combat missions. He was awarded numerous medals and ribbons for his bravery and exceptional airmanship, including the prestigious Navy Cross. After retirement, Jack became the Director of Military Affairs for the San Diego Padres, where he established the only military department in all professional sports focusing on supporting and honoring the military.

During these years, Kathy became a dedicated teacher, working in schools at every duty station they lived. In University City, she taught 5th grade at Spreckels Elementary in 1987-88 and served for a year as the PTA President in the late '70s. She also worked at the San Diego County Office of Education for 10 years and spent 15 years with the USS Midway Museum's education department.

Sadly, UC will soon be saying goodbye to these remarkable residents. Jack and Kathy may be leaving San Diego, but their legacy and the impact they've had on the community will remain. In the coming months, they'll be relocating to Jacksonville, FL, to be closer to their daughters and their families.



NOBEL REC CENTER HOSTS HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL & MOVIE NIGHT

The Nobel Recreation Center Halloween Carnival and Movie in the Park event was very well attended with lots of little Halloween costume-goers and their families on Friday, October 11. There were 14 carnival games that city staff and volunteers ran. The North University Community Library had a very nice booth with arts and crafts. There were also two food trucks. Plus over 100 participants for the Halloween Costume parade. The Movie in the Park event featured the movie *Coco*, and over 200 movie-goers stayed to watch the movie.



DAY OF THE DEAD STORYTIME

In honor of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), both North University Community and the University Community libraries had Ms. Jackie lead a special story time session. She read stories, sang songs and played ukulele. Afterwards, the children in attendance make sugar skulls.



SCARY SCENES AROUND UNIVERSITY CITY



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UC matesys, the UC Pirate House awaits you on the west end.





EDUCATE HOLDS 15th ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

EdUCate! hosted their 15th Annual Oktoberfest event on October 5 at Standley Park. Many in the community came out to support the annual fundraiser, with proceeds benefitting the five public schools in University City – Curie, Doyle, and Speckels Elementary, Standley Middle, and University City High School.

Thanks to the Oktoberfest committee and many day-of volunteers, and big thanks to all the sponsors: Nancy Beck, Steve & Terri Gray, Valerie Upham, Dunahoo Realty Group, Klassen Painting, California Coast Credit Union, Noni's Senior Placement, Coldwell Banker Realty, and also, University City Community Association, a proud sponsor of the event.

For more info about EdUCate! go to: uceducate.org.



Lots of entertainment for all



Left: Event volunteers help attendees, including event sponsor Nancy Beck; Right: Marilyn and Heinz get into the Oktoberfest spirit.



Kids were kept occupied with the inflatables and a local owl.



Above and below – craft, vendor and community booths for everyone.



SD Fire Rescue...and lots of beer.

Photos courtesy Jemma Samala

Meeting Update

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The UCPG had a very short agenda for its meeting on October 8. We originally had an action item to rank our CIP projects for our use and our Council office's use, but Georgia Kayser, CIP Subcommittee Chair, asked for this to be postponed until the November UCPG meeting.

On the agenda we had a short report on UCPG District 4 (UC San Diego residents) membership response, a list of those declaring their candidacy for a Voting Member seat to be elected on November 12, and candidate statements. The list of candidates for District 4 residential seats is as follows:

- R-4-A Exp. March 2026
 - Neeraj Venna
 - Mike Borisov
 - Greta Mitchell
- R-4-B Exp. March 2027
 - Emma Chavez
- R-4-C Exp. March 2025
 - Henry Taylor-Goalby

The UCPG will hold elections from 5 to 8PM at Alexandria's GradLabs on November 12 for District 4 resident seats.

The UCPG had a booth at Oktoberfest. There is always lively conversation together with UCPG membership signups. Thanks to Linda Bernstein for helping with the booth!

The UC Plan Update passed the City Council on July 30, with the ordinance enacting the plan signed by the Mayor on August 7. Ordinances enacting the CPIOZ, rezone, and 166-acre open space dedication had a second reading at City Council, which the City approved on September 10, 2024. The community plan will go into effect on December 1, 2024. The exception is the Coastal Zone, which requires certification from the California Coastal Commission.

The UCPG voted unanimously to let the UCPG comment stand as our official "decision" on the University Community Plan Update.

Small Scale Neighborhood Homes

The Planning Department has announced a new initiative designed to provide home options for first-time homebuyers, families with children, and middle-income households. Small-Scale Neighborhood Homes are townhomes, rowhomes and small-scale multiple-home buildings that are built to the same scale as surrounding traditional single homes. These types of homes are often missing due to regulatory barriers such as zoning that limits the available land where these types of homes can be built.

The Small-Scale Neighborhood Homes initiative will include home design guidelines to provide sample plans, layouts and designs, financing strategies, and Small-Scale Neighborhood Homes regulations to allow for the development of these homes in more areas in the City in a manner that will enhance the City's neighborhoods.

The City Planning Department will engage with the public and interested stakeholders to assist in developing Small-Scale Neighborhood Homes regulations. For more information, visit: sandiego.gov/planning/work/small-scale-neighborhood-homes.



Ongoing excavation of third tunneling shaft on Genesee Avenue north of Rose Canyon

Pure Water San Diego Update

Throughout the fall, construction crews will continue work in the University City area as part of the Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels project. Activities will include excavation of the third tunneling shaft on Genesee Avenue south of Decoro Street and carrier pipe installation from the recently completed shaft at Rose Canyon, along with continued pipeline installation north of the third tunneling shaft. As of October 2024, nearly three miles of pipeline and a quarter-mile of tunnel have been installed. Construction notices are shared at UTC.PureWaterSD.org. For questions, email PureWaterSD@sandiego.gov or call 833-UTC-PWSD (833.882.7973).



I-805 Governor Drive Auxiliary Lane and Bridge Improvement Project

From Caltrans: Motorists on both northbound and southbound I-805 between State Route 52 and Nobel Drive currently experience recurrent congestion and daily traffic delays during peak travel periods, due to merging and diverging lane movements.

This Caltrans project is expected to reduce the delays and emissions by improving the flow of vehicles on I-805. These delays can be reduced by constructing auxiliary lanes, the reconstruction of the on- and off-ramps and the gore and merge areas and adjacent shoulders, as well as widening of the existing Governor Drive bridge.

Construction is underway and has an estimated completion in the summer of 2025. For more information about current Caltrans projects, visit: dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-11/current-projects/i805-governordr



A Fire Can Start Any Time, Are You Prepared?

by William Beck, Former NYC Fire Chief

Here are the five leading causes of house fires.

- 1. Cooking** fires are the leading cause of home fire injuries and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths. Kitchen fires are usually ignited by grease when it exceeds 375 degrees. If you see wisps of smoke, act fast to prevent the oil from igniting. Shut the burner, cover the oil with a metal lid, pour baking soda over smaller grease fires, or use an ABC fire extinguisher. Never use water or move the burning pan as both could spread the fire.
- 2. Heating** (portable space heaters) fires are the second-leading cause of home fires and injuries. It is essential to always read the safety guidelines. Heaters that use fuel are more likely to cause a fire than their electrical counterparts.
- 3. Electrical** fires are caused by malfunctioning electrical, cords, lamps, appliances and outlets. Therefore, you should inspect these regularly.
- 4. Smoking** accounts for only 5% of all home fires but are the leading cause of deaths in home fires. While some smoke to relax, there is a likelihood of falling asleep, allowing the lit material to ignite flammables. Therefore, it would be best to smoke outside. Remember to always fully extinguish any lit butts.
- 5. Candles** are used to celebrate, see in the dark and relax. But never forget that candles are an open flame. They should never be left unattended. Always extinguish them before leaving the room or going to bed. Keep all candles at least 12 inches away from flammables.

Remember smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Install them!

Reset Your Clocks and Fall Back Into Safety

A message from the University City Fire Safe Council: Each year, daylight saving time starts on the second Sunday of March and ends on the first Sunday of November. In San Diego, daylight saving time will end on Sunday, November 3 and that's the date to set your clocks back an hour. It's also a perfect day to focus on safety.

- Check both your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to make sure they are operating properly. Consider replacing with newer models such as a smoke detector with a 10-year battery.
- Purge your medicine cabinet of unused and expired medications and check with your pharmacy for proper disposal.
- Get your vehicle ready for the darker days of winter by checking that your headlights and wiper blades are working properly.
- Take extra precautions as a pedestrian or cyclist by wearing bright, reflective clothing, using bike lights, and sticking to protected sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes whenever possible.



UCCA Helps Cut the Ribbon at Fire Station 52

From Councilmember Joe LaCava's Office: First responders, UC San Diego, community leaders, city employees, and electeds cut the ribbon, celebrating the completion of the new Torrey Pines Fire Station. UCCA was represented by president Jemma Samala. This station highlights our commitment to public safety, support for first responders, and sustainability. The communities of University City and Torrey Pines Mesa are expanding with more residences and new businesses, and UC San Diego continues its rapid expansion of on-campus student dorms, making it essential for our public safety infrastructure to meet the needs of the surrounding communities. Station 52 will enhance emergency preparedness and reduce response times. Most notably, the all-electric Station 52 includes California's first electric fire engine and first rapid EV charging station, a paradigm shift towards sustainability in the City's day-to-day operations. Thank you to UC San Diego for the land and the funding and thank you to all who contributed to the creation of this new fire station.

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Flower Box on Governor Drive

Emily is a 7th grader at Standley Middle school. She is passionate about art and has been a student at Art Scol for over a year. Emily is also an avid volleyball player, and a straight-A student. We thank SDGE for giving us permission to beautify these boxes and give artists the opportunity to showcase their talents. Emily jumped at the opportunity to paint a utility box in this community, and is delighted that the box is located in front of Curie Elementary, where she was a past student. Emily's vision is creating this box was to bring light and joy to people passing by.

UCCA uses funds collected from membership dues to help fund the utility box beautification project. If you want to see more of these projects, become a paid UCCA member today!

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