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UCHS Student Speaks About Black History Month

University City High School student Kirena Godwin spoke about the significance of Black History Month at a student-led Black History Month Flag Raising Program last month at San Diego Unified School District's Eugene Brucker Education Center.

Over 200 students from Black Student Unions attended the event. Besides the student speeches, there were poems and songs before the raising of the Black History Month flag. Congrats to Kirena for the special accomplishment.



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Play Ball...UC Del Sol Kicks off 2025 Spring Softball Season

by Stephanie Cheng

UC Del Sol kicked off the 2025 Spring Season with an exciting Opening Day celebration! The event featured a full day of softball games, a bounce house, silent auction fundraiser, team banner parade, and even a fun pie-the-coach contest. It was an incredible day, bringing together both returning players and newcomers out on the field, making for an unforgettable start to the season.

A huge thank you to all the family and friends who came out to support our teams and join in the festivities! Best of luck to all our teams this season! For more info about UC Del Sol, go to ucdelsol.com.

Editor's Note: University City Little League's Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 1 at Standley Park starting at 9:00am. UCLL.org for info.



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Summary of University City Planning Group (UCPG) Meeting - February 11, 2025

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

The UCPG election was at the top of the agenda on February 11.

UCPG ELECTION - CANDIDATES

Seat	Current Member	Candidate(s)	Term Expires
R1-C	Andy Wiese	Andy Wiese	2028
B1-B	Vacant		2027
B1-C	Linda Bernstein		2028
R2-C	Daren Esposito	Daren Esposito	2028
B2-B	Vacant		2027
B2-C	Neil DeRamos	Neil DeRamos	2028
R3-A	Vacant	Josh Kenchel	2026
R3-B	Vacant	Sasha Treadup	2027
R3-C	Jon Arenz	Jon Arenz	2028
B3-A	Vacant		2026
B3-B	Vacant		2027
B3-C	Anna Bryan	Anna Bryan	2028
R4-C	Henry Taylor-Goalby	Apolo Madrigal	2028

The resident seats each have at least one candidate.

UCPG ELECTION - VOTING

Voting will be available on March 11 in person at our meeting location, 9980 Campus Point Drive, third floor patio outside our meeting room, from 5PM to 8PM. All residents over 18 of the University City Community Planning area may vote, regardless of UCPG membership. For UCPG members only, we will have drop off ballot boxes available in the two UC libraries during opening hours from Monday March 3 to Monday March 10. We will close early balloting at 7PM Monday March 10. Election material, including ballots for each seat with a candidate, will be available on the City website here by Friday February 28:
www.sandiego.gov/planning/community-plans/university/planning-group

UCPG – Regular Agenda

As part of the changing format for UCPG meetings, we had public comment at the beginning of the meeting, followed by the Pure Water report.

UC San Diego presented an action item, the UCSD Banner District. This initiative aims to enhance UC San Diego's visibility, create a welcoming environment for visitors and prospective students, and strengthen its presence in the region, reinforcing the university's identity as a destination for education, culture, and innovation. The streets included in the banner district are the portions of roads adjacent to the UC San Diego campus - Regents Road, Genesee Ave., and North Torrey Pines Road together with La Jolla Shores Drive and Torrey Pines Scenic Drive. We recommended approval for the UC San Diego banner district and that UC San Diego reach out to the non-profit institutions adjacent to the campus to get their feedback on the project and report back to the UCPG. The vote was 12 yes with one member voting no, saying the banners would be too dominant in the area surrounding UC San Diego.

The UCPG added the "UC Library Improvements CIP" to our CIP list. This CIP, separate from the original UC library renovation CIP, is designed to use the \$1.9M in State funding granted to the UC Library in a recent bill by Sen. Toni Atkins together with additional city funds. This project includes facility improvements such as interior/exterior paint, new flooring/carpet, sound dampening in the community room and other items to be determined. The UCPG was pleased to add this project to our CIP list unanimously.

The final agenda item was the 10210 Campus Point project by Alexandria which included a mobility initiative. The project includes the potential for up to 2200 units of housing on site. The mobility initiative includes two new "road cuts" from Campus Point to Genesee for better access to and from of Genesee, and better fire safety. It also includes adaptive ("smart") signal technology from the I-5 along Genesee to Nobel Drive that will integrate with a UC San Diego adaptive signal project for La Jolla Village Drive, North Torrey Pines Rd., and Regents Road. The Campus Point project includes a new subdivision map of parcels in the 100 acre-plus campus, a Site Development Permit that allows for up to 60 dwelling units per acre in the city's airport Transition Zone, and a deviation in the EMX zone height limit from the current 120-foot height to a 180-foot height. Discussion of the project ranged from the height limit increase to environmental issues, mobility, noise, and fire safety. The site is largely surrounded by the Multiple Species Program Area (MHPA) and there were questions about the impact of a large number of residents on the adjacent MHPA. The community has not yet had a higher density residential project this close to the MHPA. There were questions from both the board, including our Miramar representative, about future noise complaints from residents given the experience with some newer residential developments in Mira Mesa. The Alexandria mobility initiative promises a significant improvement to the area's access to transit and access to the site by car. The UCPG had questions regarding exclusive bike lanes that do not extend to the of Campus Point Drive. Much of the site is currently surface parking lots; these are to be replaced under the proposed project to a smaller number of parking structures and the addition of a large "central park" and additional recreation areas. Although scheduled as an action item, ARE agreed to defer action until the March 11 UCPG meeting to allow additional discussion of this complex project.



UCCA President Jemma Samala

Well, what do you know – it's springtime! How time flies when you're having fun...or when you don't have enough of it!

I will continue to spend some time with all of you, although I'm going to switch off my Saturdays with a Wednesday night every other month. Please continue to come and share your community concerns with me, as did Tim Garfield last month, pictured above with me. We do make note of what is at the top of your minds, and try to help when we can or refer you to who can help.

Back to springtime. A season of growth and renewal. First, I love to grow "things" in my garden – see my beautiful basket of greens, laid so nicely upon my fake green grass. But we also want to grow in our University City community. Now, I'm not talking about exponential growth in housing development, I'm pretty sure most of you don't want that, but growth in the community in what we (UCCA) can do for our neighbors. And that's what I'm excitedly looking forward to in 2025.

How, you ask? A few ways actually. First, we are going to expand our programming by establishing a position to focus on issues relating to our senior community - we call it Senior Watch. Valerie Upham has graciously agreed to come on board with UCCA and spearhead these programs. (More on this below.)

We also want to pay a little more attention to our volunteers. Instead of a short announcement at the last Summer Concert, we plan to have a special event in September just for them (if you want to be a part of it – volunteer to deliver newsletters or be a Neighborhood Watch Captain.)

And finally, we plan to expand our popular Holiday Lights event to a Saturday afternoon/early evening to create a Holiday Lights Market atmosphere. Entertainment, food, crafts, shopping, and of course lighting of the Christmas Tree and Menorah. Lots of volunteers are needed to plan, so if you would like to help out, please contact me at jemmasamala@gmail.com. Those that have seen the inside of my house, know that the holidays are really my favorite time of the year, and I hope to bring that special feeling to the community.

Help us not only grow and renew our services to University City through volunteering, but also through your support of your paid memberships. Your support helps us continue the work in beautification, street banners, Neighborhood Watch, community grants, support of local events, and our University City newsletter – hand-delivered by over 100 volunteers! Together we make University City...more than just a neighborhood!

Jemma
Thinking Locally, Acting Neighborly



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT - Senior Watch

What is Senior Watch? It's a new program area that UCCA is pursuing as a direct result of neighbors reaching out to me about concerns or suggestions about senior-related issues. These concerns include seniors being unable to provide upkeep of their yards, what happens to seniors living alone when there's an evacuation in a wildfire, scams targeting the senior community.

The focus is not all negative, some is uplifting and positive. I was approached about getting a "Blue Zone" designation for University City, and we're going to figure out how that's done – we do have a great number of active UC residents in their 90s and 100s keeping us youngsters on our toes! And apparently, we're already considered a "Naturally Occurring Retirement Community" or NORC – communities where 25% of residents are over the age of 50. What that actually means (do we get special benefits), I'm still trying to figure that out.

Senior Watch is a work in progress, and I'm so glad Valerie Upham has agreed to get on board with UCCA to get it started. And if you're like me and plan to live in UC, well for a long time; we all have a vested stake in focusing on our senior neighbors – because that'll be all of us! If you want to help, email me at jemmasamala@gmail.com.

Calendar

March 2025

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

JEMMA at STARBUCKS OPEN HOURS

Wednesday, March 5, 5:30 – 7:00pm
Starbucks on Governor Drive

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS

Sunday, March 9, 2:00am
"spring forward" clocks one hour

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, March 9
7:15-7:30am – meet & greet
7:30-9:00am – work
Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3203 Governor Drive, supplies provided

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, March 11, 6:00pm
9880 Campus Point Drive, Third Floor
Zoom available
Info: planuniversity.org

FRIENDS OF THE NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 – 7:00pm

St. PATRICK'S DAY

Monday, March 17

UCCA GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 5:30pm
In-Person Meeting
UC Library on Governor Drive

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY BIMONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 4:00pm

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Thursday, March 20

UC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 26, 6:15pm
Standley Rec Center

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, March 27, 7:00pm
For meeting details, call: 858.552.1651

CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

Monday, March 31

SPRING BREAK - SDUSD

March 31 – April 4

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 UC local libraries and other public areas. An online version can be found at: universitycitynews.org



Inside SDPD:

Being an Effective Witness

provided by the
San Diego Police Foundation,
sdpolicefoundation.org

Law enforcement officers are often referred to as trained observers. They are trained to see details that the average citizen may overlook. They are trained to accurately relay this information to others in an organized, concise manner – sometimes under duress. It is not that they have better memories than everybody else, rather, it is due to their training in observational psychology (the study of human physical characteristics and actions) and their daily reliance upon it. You too can learn how to develop your abilities of observation.

When you call the police to report a crime, one of the first questions the dispatcher may ask you is, "Is this an emergency?" An emergency is any situation requiring immediate assistance. These are divided into two categories:

1. Crimes against persons. (These are considered high priority.)
2. Crimes against property.

Example of questions you may be asked:

- Where exactly did (or is) this crime occurring?
- Where is the exact address or landmarks?
- What exactly happened?
- Are there any injuries?
- When did it occur? Is it still occurring? How long ago? (Time frame: 10 minutes ago, an hour ago, yesterday)
- Who was involved? Suspect? Victim?
- What was the suspect's last direction of travel? (Example: landmarks; name of streets, etc.)
- Were there any weapons involved? (Remember, anything can be considered a weapon...a fist, gun, knife, car, hammer, bat, etc.)

You will be asked a series of questions regarding the suspect. The most important observations are the things that won't change.

- Gender
- Approximate age
- Race
- Eyes
- Tattoos, scars or birthmarks (What type of tattoo?)
- Weapons? Gun? Knife? Stick? Remember, a walking cane can be used as a weapon.
- If the suspect is on foot, where was he/she last seen and what direction was he/she going?
- Name: If you know who the suspect is, let us know.
- Clothing description
- Hair color and style (including facial hair – mustache, beard, goatee, etc.)

Vehicle

- License plate number. Very important! We can determine who owns the car with this information.
- Make and color (Ford, Chevy, Toyota, etc.)
- Model (Camry, Accord, etc.)
- If you don't know what model, is it a 2-door, 4-door, pick-up, SUV?
- How many occupants?
- Last direction of travel.

The sooner a crime is reported to the police, the higher the chances of apprehending the suspect. Remember that the more descriptive you are, the better opportunity for officers to catch the suspect.

Don't Fall for Unpaid Tolls Scam

by District Attorney Summer Stephan

If you've received a text message saying to pay your FasTrak lane tolls by a certain date to avoid a fine and keep your license, it's a scam. Messages about unpaid tolls have been hitting cell phones and email accounts from coast to coast. Scammers are pretending to be tolling agencies in hopes of hooking drivers to steal their money or their identity.

In this age of technology, we're used to getting bombarded with unwanted emails and texts offering services, selling products or asking for support. We either tune them out or delete the messages altogether, except when we're told we owe money. That's exactly when your Spidey senses should kick in.

If you get a text out of the blue asking to pay unpaid tolls with a link that takes you to a page to enter your credit card information, stop. It's a phishing scam. These scams trick innocent people into going to phony websites that look legitimate, leading unsuspecting victims to click on links that download malware and give access to private information. This could lead to extortion, identity theft and financial ruin.

If you receive a text or email from someone purporting to be from a toll agency or any other authority asking you to pay or face consequences, do not click on unsolicited links and do no deal with the person sending the message. Instead, directly contact your financial institution or the company the bad actor may be impersonating.

Here are common phishing scams:

- A delivery notice purporting to be from Amazon, UPS or FedEx saying a delivery is late or can't be made.
- A utility shut-off message from SDG&E saying services are scheduled to be shut off.
- A computer pop-up or email message saying your anti-virus subscription, such as McAfee, has expired and must be renewed today.
- Pop-up ads purporting to be from Microsoft warning your computer has been hacked.
- A text from a toll agency saying you have unpaid tolls.
- Scammers want you to react quickly, so stop and check it out before you act.
- Contact California's tolling agency using a phone number or website you know is real — not the info from the text.
- Report and delete unwanted text messages, using your phone's "report junk" option.

Don't click, call or answer if:

- You get a phone call you didn't expect saying there is a problem with your computer.
- You get a message that a foreign spammer attacked your system and you need to pay to protect your banking information.
- If you are asked to make payment in Bitcoin or wire transfer, it is a scam.
- Never, under any circumstances allow anyone to install remote access software onto your computer or device.

The DA's Consumer Protection Unit is comprised of Deputy District Attorneys, Investigators and Paralegals dedicated to protecting consumers and law-abiding businesses from fraudulent or unfair business practices. To report a consumer complaint, you can call 619.531.3507 or email consumer@sdcdca.org.

FROM the MAYOR'S DESK

News and information from
San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria



Expanding Homeless Shelters for Women, Families, and Seniors to Get Off the Street

The City and our San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) are adding 210 shelter beds for women, their children, and seniors experiencing homelessness. The new Rachel's Promise Center for Women and Children, to be operated by Catholic Charities, Diocese of San Diego, will replace the existing 40-bed Rachel's Promise shelter set to close this summer. This expansion builds on recent efforts that added 263 shelter beds across three facilities, helping maintain and grow capacity following the closure of Golden Hall. This also builds on the work we've done over the past four years to more than double shelter options and help nearly 5,000 people move into housing.

The proposed 210-bed facility will provide residents with meals, showers, case management, therapy, life skills classes, and help accessing public benefits. It will offer congregate, semi-congregate, and non-congregate layouts to meet diverse needs. The SDHC Board of Commissioners voted on the proposal Friday, with City Council reviewing it now. Additionally, the City continues to evaluate long-term shelter options, including potential sites on Second Avenue and expanded capacity at the Veterans Village of San Diego. This proposed expansion reflects my ongoing commitment to building a robust, compassionate response to homelessness in collaboration with SDHC, the City Council and homelessness service providers. For more information, visit: insidesandiego.org/new-shelter-downtown-unhoused-women-and-families-receives-approval

City Consolidations Save Millions While Preserving Core Services

I've directed a series of operational changes that will save more than \$5 million annually while maintaining the services San Diegans count on. These tough-but-necessary decisions will help keep officers on patrol, fire stations fully staffed, roads repaired, and outreach efforts ongoing to help people exit homelessness. Effective immediately, these changes will streamline City operations and reduce costs:

- **Mayor's Office Consolidation:** I am assuming the role and responsibilities of City Manager by eliminating the role of Chief Operating Officer and all executive team members will now report directly to me. This merger, which also consolidates the Department of Government Affairs and the Office of Boards and Commissions into the Mayor's Office, reduces five positions and saves over \$925,000 annually.
- **Department Realignments:** Key departments will move into others to create better operational synergy and ensure continued progress:
 - **Sustainability and Mobility:** Integrated into Planning, Transportation, General Services, and Capital Projects, saving \$914,000 annually.
 - **Race and Equity:** Now part of Human Resources, preserving equity work and saving \$460,000 annually.
 - **Child and Youth Success:** Moved to the Library's Youth and Family Services Division, saving \$265,000 annually.
 - **Cultural Affairs:** Now a division within Economic Development, where its grant activity aligns with ongoing efforts.
- **Additional Management Reductions:** We've eliminated 16 additional vacant management positions, reducing overhead costs by \$2.8 million each year.

In total, the operational efficiencies enacted today result in a reduction of 31 positions and will yield an annual savings of \$5.3 million. While these decisions are not easy, they are necessary to protect essential services and maintain our City's fiscal health. My team and I remain committed to transparency, responsible fiscal management, and putting residents' needs first as we navigate these budget challenges together. For more information, visit: insidesandiego.org/mayor-gloria-enacts-operational-efficiencies-and-reductions-save-taxpayer-dollars-and-preserve-city



Councilmember Kent Lee

February was filled with vibrant Lunar New Year celebrations across District 6 and the City. My family, staff, and I truly enjoyed joining our community in these festivities. Our office was honored to host a Lunar New Year celebration at San Diego City Hall, welcoming the Year of the Snake. From all of us on the District 6 team, we wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous year ahead!

I also want to extend my gratitude to the University City Planning Group for inviting me to their February meeting. I appreciated the opportunity to hear from those in attendance both in person and virtually, to get updates on various local projects, as well as to share several of the challenges we expect with the upcoming budget process this Spring. Most of all, I want to recognize all that the planning group does as community volunteers to help shape our neighborhood's future.

As we step into Women's History Month, I'm proud to recognize the recently retired Sergeant Major Rosalia Scifo as a Woman of Distinction, honored by Mayor Todd Gloria and the San Diego City Council. SgtMaj Scifo, who helped run the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at MCAS Miramar, retired last June after reaching the highest enlisted rank and as the second highest billet as a female Sergeant Major. We want to thank her for her thirty years of dedicated service and for inspiring the next generation of women in the military.

Mark your calendars! On March 22, as part of the San Diego Unified Aspen Challenge, our office is collaborating with District 6 students to host a No-Cost Dumpster Day for residents. For the second year in a row, more than 130 students from 12 San Diego Unified high schools—including three in District 6—are tackling critical community issues with creativity and problem-solving skills. This initiative aligns with the city's commitment to fostering youth leadership and community-driven change. We invite you to join us and dispose of any accepted items—see details below, and we hope to see you there!

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

DISTRICT 6 NO-COST DUMPSTER DAY

SATURDAY

MARCH 22

9AM-12PM

(or until bins are full)

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

✓ TRASH, FURNITURE, METALS, APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS

NOT ACCEPTED:

✗ HAZARDOUS WASTE (LIGHTBULBS, BATTERIES, PAINT, OILS, FLAMMABLES), MATTRESSES, CONSTRUCTIONS DEBRIS, TIRES

MIRA MESA HIGH SCHOOL

Please help us by entering from Marauder Way

Please dispose of unaccepted items separately by visiting sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling

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, March 31 for Cesar Chavez Day.

North University Community Library

FEATURED EVENTS

Ramadan Storytime and Craft: Monday, March 3, 11:45am-12:15pm. Toddlers and preschoolers will assemble a craft.

Author Naomi McLean will be featured at **Toddler Storytime** on Wednesday, March 5, at 10:00-11:15am. She will read from her book *Truck Walk*. The program is for children 1 to 3 years old.

Holi, Festival of Colors: Sunday March 9, at 2:00-4:00pm. Music and dance performances, face painting, and arts & crafts.

Spring Into STEAM: Forensic Investigators: Saturday, March 29, at 2:00-3:00pm. In this Fleet Science Center workshop, participants will use scientific principles to classify "mysterious powders," calculate the pH of soils, and perform chromatography to separate pigments. Target ages: 9 to 12 years old. Signups are required.

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Nowruz/Persian New Year Display: March 1 - 31. In celebration of Nowruz (Persian New Year), the local nonprofit Persian Cultural Center (PCC) will display cultural objects and handicrafts during the month of March in our lobby. PCC is a nonprofit, non-religious, and non-political 501(c)(3).

Chess Club: Thursdays from 3:00-5:00pm. We welcome players with all levels of chess experience, from beginners to advanced. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Coiners Coin Club: Tuesday, March 18, 6:00-7:30pm. Founded in 1959, the San Diego Coiners Club was created to share information and educate people about collecting coins.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Lego Club: Mondays from 5:00-6:00pm. Come build your creations while making new friends! All Legos will be supplied by the North University Community Branch Library. Your creation may even be featured in our display case!

Toddler Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:00-11:15am. Join in as we read, sing, dance, and play at Toddler Storytime. Come and build essential early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Designed for children ages 1-3.

Bilingual Mandarin Chinese Storytime 中文故事時間: Sunday, March 30, 2:00-2:30pm. Ms. Lily will present stories and songs in Mandarin. All ages are welcome.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Knitting & Crochet Circle: Fridays from 9:30-11:00am. Practice your fiber craft in good company, showing off your latest projects, getting support, and making friends. All levels are welcome.

Holding Silence and An Open Heart in Meditation: Sunday, March 2, 16, 23, and 30; 3:00-4:45pm.

Fiction Lovers Book Club: Saturday, March 8, 10:00am-12:00pm, discussing *Circe* by Madeline Miller.

Amantes de la Lectura. Novelas Hispano-Americanos en Español: Saturday, March 15, 2:00-4:00pm. This book club is intended for adults, with an advanced level of Spanish, who are interested in venturing into and/or expanding their Hispanic-American literary culture. *Peregrino Transparente* by Juan Cárdenas will be discussed. If attending, RSVP to tlampell21@gmail.com.

Friends of the North University Community Library Meeting: Tuesday, March 11, from 6:00-7:00pm.

University Community Library (Governor Drive)

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Family Board Games: March 1 & 7, 3:00-6:00pm. Play: Ticket to Ride, Monopoly, Scrabble, Catan, Azul, Uno or bring your own game to share. Low key & family-friendly!

Cooking with Healthy Adventures: Grains in a Jar: March 6, 4:00pm. Ages 8 & up. Learn how to make healthy and delicious meals that are easy to create in a short amount of time. Take home recipes and something yummy to eat!

Celebrate Nowruz at the library! March 8, 2:30to 4:30pm. Crafts, refreshments and check out our traditional Haft-seen table. Make your own Nowruz greeting card to send Persian New Year's greetings to friends and family. Decorate and paint an egg as part of the Nowruz custom. Take home a packet of lentil seeds to grow sabzeh, include it in your Haft-seen table.

Puzzle Competition: March 29, 1:00 to 4:00pm. Start Spring Break with a fun activity with friends and family. Sign up teams of 2-4 people and race to complete a 500-piece puzzle within a 3-hour time limit. Winners take home a new puzzle of their choice. Drop-in players are welcome.

CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

Signing Storytime (new series through June): First Mondays, 11:45am. Learn basic ASL words through an engaging storytime. Next classes: March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2

Children's Craft (Take Home): March 11, 2:30pm – Create a cute leprechaun and find the gold at the end of the rainbow!

Toddler Storytime & Craft: Wednesdays, 10:30am. Sing and dance and listen to stories with Ms. Jackie! Join us on March 12 for a special story time about Ramadan.

Children's Craft (In-person): March 25, 2:30pm – Crayon rubbings with lots of texture and colors.

FOR TEENS 13-18

Dungeons & Dragons @ the Library, Tuesdays evenings at the Library. Middle school and high school students are invited to join a 4-session D&D campaign, March 4 to 25. The leader will assist in creating characters and provide a brief orientation for the group at the start of the first session.

ADULT PROGRAMS

English Conversation Group: Fridays: March 7, March 21, 10:00am-11:00am. Meet with other people to practice and improve your beginner's English-speaking skills.

Art for Adults with Ms. Saeda (new series running through June): Third Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. Enjoy the creative art process in a calm, relaxing environment with an experienced instructor. No registration required. Next meetings: March 18.

Lectures at the Library (San Diego OASIS): Frida Kahlo. March 20 at 1:00pm. Sometimes known as a Surrealist painter, Frida Kahlo (1907-1954) is probably Mexico's best known artist, known for her vibrant colors, unflinching self-portraiture, and her celebration of the indigenous culture. We look at her life and art.

Paint and Sip: March 26 at 4:00pm. Fun and relaxing program with Ms. Tamanna who leads you through creating an (almost) masterpiece of art. Enjoy refreshments while you paint. No previous experience is needed. Class size is limited.

Neurodiversity 101: Thursday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. Learn about the most common neurodevelopmental experiences plus actionable steps to not only improve your own functioning.



Time your meals and fight Alzheimer's symptoms

What if the key to better brain health isn't just what you eat, but when you eat it? This is one of the questions being explored by Dr. Paula Desplats' lab and the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at UC San Diego in their TREAD study, which investigates how mealtimes affect Alzheimer's disease symptoms.

Circadian rhythm regulates various systems in the human body by synchronizing physiology with the environment. Disruptions in this rhythm are closely associated with Alzheimer's Disease (AD), impacting memory, behavior, and sleep patterns.

Emerging research indicates that daily eating and fasting cycles can significantly regulate circadian rhythms. One of the most effective methods to leverage the benefits of fasting is time-restricted eating (TRE), which involves limiting meals to a time window of 6 to 12 hours per day. In their most recent study, the Desplats Lab discovered that modifying feeding times in mouse models of Alzheimer's disease led to substantial benefits, including reduced brain pathology, improved sleep, and enhanced memory.

Now, the TREAD study is looking to translate these exciting findings to patients by investigating the effects of 14 hours of nightly fasting. Extending nightly fasting aligns food intake with the body's natural wake phase, optimizing nutrient processing, enhancing sleep quality, and sharpening cognitive functions. Participation in this study could unlock new ways to manage memory decline and improve the quality of life for millions.

If you want to learn more about the study and help us advance the fight against Alzheimer's, please don't hesitate to contact us at TREAD@health.ucsd.edu or 858.822.3182.

What's Your Library Story?

by Helen Leibowitz

With the failure of passage of Prop. E in the last election, the Mayor has called for cutbacks to the City departments of 20% except for police and fire. For the City as a whole, including the libraries, this means a hiring freeze for all but the most critical positions. The libraries could also be facing a cutback in open hours and delay in maintenance and upgrades. The Matching Fund will also face reduction from the current \$1.0M to \$750K. All departments are evaluating additional sources of revenue.

Have you got a personal story about your library? Do your children benefit from the toddler story and craft times or after school programs such as "Do Your Homework at the Library"? Have you had help with filling out tax forms, have you joined a book group, gone to Oasis talks, had help researching a project by knowledgeable staff? Do you use the computers? Do you rely on the branch to keep your kids safe after school? Today's library is so much more than just books, but there are plenty of those too!

The Friends urge you to let your elected representatives know the personal relationship the library has with you and your friends and family. Call or write your City Council member and the Mayor's office with your story. It really makes a difference.

Sights & Sounds Showcase

by Andrea Lehman

Spring is here and that means it's time for UCHS Music Department's "Sights and Sounds Showcase." In its 11th year, this annual event brings together an array of performances from our talented community, including students, faculty, staff, and community members. You never know what you're going to get, but the show is always full of amazing performances from opera singing to punk rock, with music, dance, and song.

It is also one of the largest fundraisers for UCHS Music, which supports Marching Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Color and Winter Guards, and Percussion and all of the students who participate in these programs. Please mark your calendars to join us on March 22, 5:30pm social hour, 7:00pm concert, at the UCHS Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at: www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/sights-and-sounds-2025-university-city-hs-music-programs-benefit-concert

Tickets include a reception before the event with light refreshments and a silent auction that will also be online for those unable to attend. Auction items cover dining, entertainment, and educational options with local restaurants, recreation, and museums. If you are able to support and donate items to our auction, where your business will be displayed and promoted, please reach out to Andrea Lehman, assttreasurer@uchscf.org. Thank you for being patrons of our UC musical and artistic community!



Running for Fun

by Veronica Vidal Praeger

Did you know? Spreckels Elementary has a running club! Running Club is an opportunity for students from UTK to Grade 5 to start the day with a healthy habit. It's a chance to get outdoors, see friends, and walk or run a few laps. We also invite parents and family members to join us for some quality time before the school day begins.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (weather permitting) Running Club meets on the dirt track on campus for 20-25 minutes of running, walking, and socializing. Each participant receives a rubber wristband with a QR code; as they complete a lap around the track, a parent volunteer scans the QR code with their smartphone, logging the miles automatically. The school's dirt track measures approximately 0.16/mile, meaning that 6 times around the track will add up to 1 mile.

Though Running Club is not competitive, we publish a leaderboard to great excitement among our runners. Currently we have 124 students on the roster – and collectively they've covered 2,400 miles since October 2024! Interested students are welcome to sign up for Running Club at any time. We welcome all paces and abilities for fresh air and exercise in a welcoming, encouraging environment. Permission slips are available in the school office, or online at spreckelspta.org.

COMMUNITY SHORTS

TAX FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE

Forms 1040, 1040 SR, 540, 540 SR, 540 2EZ forms and booklets, 3514 SP are available in the lobby of the local libraries.

FRONT PORCH PANDEMIC JAZZ JAM

The Front Porch Pandemic Jazz Jam continues to play each Thursday starting at 3:30pm, weather permitting. They will perform for two hours, non-stop, no breaks. Come watch them at: 5626 Bloch Street. Bring chairs and a picnic. Free for all.

UC BLOOD CHAMPS

The UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile will be at the Sprouts/Starbucks/Round Table Marketplace on Governor Drive, Saturday, March 8 from 8:00am-1:30pm for your Free Blood-Donating Pleasure. So, 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. Walk-ins welcome – make sure to bring your ID. The remaining 2025 Blood Drives are scheduled for: May 10, July 12, September 6, and November 1.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR UC CELEBRATION

The University City Celebration Committee for the 4th of July has started planning meetings. If you would like to volunteer, the scheduled meetings are on: March 26, April 30, May 28, and June 25. Meetings begin at 6:15pm and held at the Standley Rec Center, 3585 Governor Drive.

Booth reservations can be online at uccelebration.com, with questions directed to Tom Cartier at uccc.booths23@gmail.com. Entertainment questions can be sent to John Schindel at jschindel1@san.rr.com. The committee will be working hard in continuing this annual UC tradition's activities – 5K, Pancake Breakfast, Bike & Pet Parade, games, vendor booths, book barn, opportunity drawing, entertainment and food. Best of all, the community comes together to celebrate the 4th of July holiday. Sponsors are needed as well. Volunteer and help out if you can.

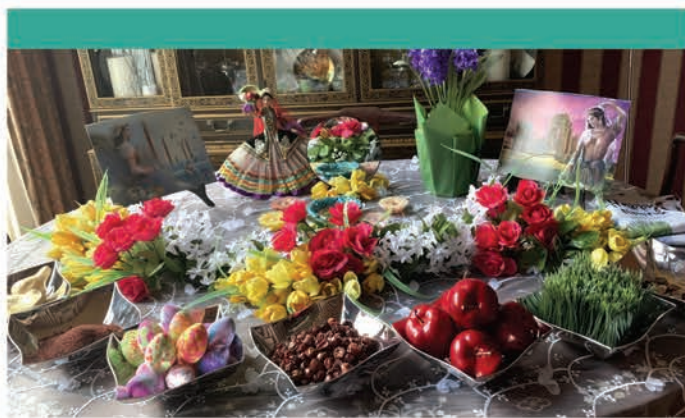
University City Racquet Club Welcomes New Club Management and Expands Tennis Programs for All Ages



The University City Racquet Club (UCRC) recently entered into an agreement with HJK Ventures to offer new tennis programming and instruction for all ages and skill levels. HJK will also be managing the tennis club's pro shop. The Board is seeking to create a friendly and welcoming culture that encourages folks to learn or return to the great game of tennis. Matt Previdi, the General Manager of HJK Ventures, reports that since taking over the responsibility of tennis instructional programs on February 1st, the club has quickly become abuzz with activity, from private lessons to group clinics to after-school junior programs to a Sunday afternoon social, yet competitive, Sip 'N Serve tennis for younger adults. There is something for everyone.

Did you know that tennis ranks highest among exercises for living longer? From a study published in the journal *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* that tracked nearly 8,600 adults in Denmark over roughly a quarter century. The researchers found that tennis players had the biggest gains in life expectancy over sedentary individuals, adding 9.7 years to their lives, longer than the gains realized by any other sport.

HJK Ventures has been the premier provider of tennis instruction at Balboa Tennis Club, so the volunteer Board is excited that HJK will be offering high-quality coaching and expertise to players of all ages and skill levels at UCRC. Visit ucrcennis.com for more details, or stop by UCRC to experience top-tier tennis instruction firsthand. We look forward to seeing you on the courts! More info at: ucrcennis.com.



Nowruz

New Year Celebration

Saturday, March 8 • 2:30p - 4:30p

Celebrate Nowruz at the library! There will be a station to make your own Nowruz greeting card to send New Year's greetings to friends and family. You can decorate and paint an egg as part of the Nowruz custom. Take home a packet of lentil seeds to grow Sabzeh and include it in the traditional Haft-seen table.

Refreshments
will be provided



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New Law for 2025: No Parking Within 20 Feet of an Intersection

by Diane Ahern

The City of San Diego is educating San Diegans about a new state law that aims to protect people crossing the street. The so-called “daylighting” law prohibits vehicle parking within 20 feet of any marked or unmarked crosswalk to improve approaching drivers’ range of vision and make them more likely to see pedestrians, skateboarders and others in the intersection.

The California state legislature passed this law (AB413) in September 2023, and it will be enforceable beginning January 1, 2025. For the first 60 days, San Diego Police will issue warning notices to vehicles parked in violation of the new law, and ticketing will commence after the warning period concludes.

This law will improve safety on our streets, prevent needless crashes, and save lives. It will also bring the City closer to its Vision Zero goals. Vision Zero is a concept adopted by many cities worldwide, which aims to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries for all road users.

On January 1, 2025, the City of San Diego may begin issuing citations under California Vehicle Code (CVC) 22500 (N). A 60-day grace period will be in effect starting January 1, 2025, until March 1, 2025.

It is important for San Diegans to know and understand that beginning next year (January 2025) they could be ticketed for violating this rule, even if there is no signage or red curb in the area explaining where parking is prohibited. This rule applies to both private and commercial vehicles.

- For more information on AB413 enforcement in San Diego, visit: sandiego.gov/parking/enforcement/daylighting
- For more information about Vision Zero, visit: sandiego.gov/vision-zero

HISTORY OF TASTE OF THE TRIANGLE

by Kendra Cole

EdUCate! is a non-profit foundation created in 1993 to raise supplemental funds for the five UC public schools. Our founders decided to raise funds for those “out of pocket” extras that the school district could not provide. The original volunteers included Deb Horwitz, Mary Kay Hewitt, Drs. Bruce Robbins and Elaine Hanson. The first meeting was a small “tea and cookie” event in a bank lobby. Back then, school foundations were not commonplace and tasting events weren’t available every weekend. But everyone knew good schools were key to a good neighborhood, and the idea of adding some private and business support to the schools’ budgets resonated deeply.

In 1994, the first Taste of the Triangle was held in the Bank of America lobby where guests were served treats from a few local restaurants, such as Lorna’s and The French Gourmet. The event was so successful, EdUCate! board members knew it needed to get bigger.

The Board recruited Rashmi Bhargava and Louise Edwards, the first Co-Chairs of Taste. Two instrumental women who, with no budget, visited, patronized, and begged the local restaurants to support Taste. They built Taste into EdUCate!’s signature event, where it still stands strong. Today, Taste includes a VIP reception, music, dancing, auctions, and lots of tastes from excellent restaurants.

Continue the tradition and come join us for our **2025 Taste of the Triangle** on **Friday, March 21, 7:00-10:00pm** at **Farmer & the Seahorse**. Tickets can be purchased at uceducate.org/taste-of-the-triangle/.

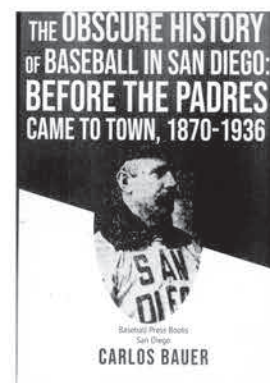
The majority of EdUCate! funds are distributed to schools through teacher and principal grants. It is the front line educators who best know classroom and school needs that determine how EdUCate! funds are used.

EdUCate!’s activities are overseen by an all-volunteer board of directors, composed of parents, local business owners and other members of the community. Contact us at information@uc-educate.org if you’d like to get involved!

UC Resident Releases Book on Obscure San Diego Baseball History

The Obscure History of Baseball in San Diego 1870-1936, recounts the 66-year struggle of San Diego to become part of Organized Baseball. Presented is a year-by-year chronology of San Diego’s record in winter league baseball, semipro ball, and two failed attempts at fielding ballclubs in minor league baseball before the Padres formed an integral part of the Pacific Coast League in 1936.

Author Carlos Bauer went to Adams Elementary and Mission Bay High School, and has lived in University City since 1993, after spending most of his adult life in Spain and Chicago. Bauer grew up with the Pacific Coast League Padres and has spent nearly 40 years researching California baseball. He is considered the leading expert on minor and independent league baseball in the state. His book is available on Amazon.





MASTERING THE SPRING GARDEN

by *Jemma Samala*

Master Gardener Heather Holland gave a presentation to the UC Garden Club last fall about winter gardening, and she returned in February to talk about spring gardening. Approximately 30 attendees received very informative tips about planting for the spring. Heather provided so much information, you really had to keep up with your notetaking. Topics covered included:

- The benefits of gardening for your health.
- Basic Needs of a garden: location, container or bed, amended soil, sunlight and water.
- Types of seeds to plant in the warm season, and how to start from seed, then how to plant them.
- Edibles need 6-8 hours of sunlight to grow their fruit. Vegetables without fruit can get by on less.
- Know your growing zone, and you will also have different zones within your own garden—some areas get more sun than others.
- Our local soil is usually clay; best to use raised beds with amended soil. Vermicomposting is easy with banana peels, egg shells, avocado skins and shredded paper.
- Make sure to know different water needs, and best to have an irrigation system.
- Make sure to harvest frequently.

One of Heather's reasons for being a master gardener is education the community, and especially children. She gave a shout out to Curie Elementary's school garden program, and how lucky we are to have that for our neighborhood. To get on the UC Garden club email list, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.



Water Capture for your Garden (Mindful Gardening)

Thursday, March 13, 4:00pm
University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive

Learn how to set up water capturing options for your garden, through gutter systems, drip areas, drip chains, rain barrels, and more.



Photos courtesy Greg Horn

UC Garden Club & Fire Safe Council Talk About Using Your Backyards to Help in a Wildfire

by *Jemma Samala*

The University City Garden Club and Fire Safe Council (FSC) joined forces in February to bring information to UC residents about home hardening as a preventative measure during fires, and how to use your pool water to extinguish fires. Karen Neudecker graciously let us use their beautiful backyard as an example in February.

Diane Ahern, UC FSC Vice President, (pictured above left) shared with attendees the importance of the small steps recommended for Zone 0 – within 5 feet of your home, in creating a fire break around your house. CalFire offers three easy first steps in establishing your Zone 0:

- **Remove garbage bins from the side of structures.**
- **Keep woodpiles and other flammable materials away from walls, garage, or attached deck.**
- **Use hardscaping like gravel, pavers, or rocks instead of plants. Concrete and noncombustible rock mulch works too.**

Once those are established, other recommendations include: Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris, and pine needles; Prune away touching or over-hanging branches from the roof to a distance of at least 10 feet; Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration; Rake and remove flammable vegetation, such as leaves and needles or wood mulch, from underneath your deck and away from your home; and Use non-wood, low-growing herbaceous vegetation – succulents or other fire-resistant plants are recommended choices. More information about defensible space can be found at: ReadyForWildfire.org, and sandiego.gov/fire/ready-set-go.



If you do happen to have a fire in your backyard, and you or your neighbor has a pool, you can easily use the pool water to douse a fire and not worry about taking water pressure away from firefighters. Richard Patchett, Blue Moon Pools, (pictured above right) showed how to check if the skimmer is at the correct level, then attach a hose to the pump and reverse it to pull the water away from the pool and onto a fire. For questions, richardp@bluemoonpool.com.

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UC PRIDE UPDATE: NEW WEBSITE AND ACTION

by Claire Shaughnessy

Neighborhood pride group, UC Pride, launched our new website, UC-Pride.com, on February 12, National Freedom to Marry Day. UC Pride is a social activism and support group started by local LGBTQ+ folks and allies. We are dedicated to making University City a more welcoming neighborhood for all. Former UCHS GSA student leader, Clay Shaughnessy, is quoted on the website, saying, "Having a community presence as LGBTQ+ people is more important than ever. We're here, we're queer, we're human, and we deserve representation. Visibility matters! Let's share our joy and love of life with our neighbors." Bookmark the website and check back often to learn about our events.



Many UC Pride and Spreckels Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Group members attended a Pro-Democracy rally at the waterfront as part of a 1,000 person protest. We marched to protect LGBTQIA+ rights, support trans youth, preserve democracy, and promote peace. Two days later, members of UC Pride spoke at the County Board of Supervisors meeting opposing a motion to ban transgender girls grades K-12 from playing sports in San Diego. Many UC Pride members commented online. The motion did not pass, and Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer affirmed trans youth and their right to play without discrimination, like all students.

We're giving away clear 3"x5" UC Pride car stickers to sprinkle rainbows around UC. Please email claire@uc-pride.com to provide your address for delivery.

Little Free "DEI" Library

Given the attacks on the LGBTQ community and the rollback of DEI initiatives and protections, we thought it was important to increase access to voices and perspectives in our own neighborhood. There is a new Little Free "DEI" Library on Millikin Ave (between Ohm and Hurd) with books and educational resources celebrating diversity and LGBTQ rights. There are also red "Know Your Rights" immigration cards free to take. We welcome you to come by and pick up a book!



Electric Waste Band: Keeping the Dead Alive, One Jam at a Time

by Vince Reardon

"What a long, strange trip it's been." For UC resident Robert Harvey, those iconic words from the Grateful Dead's *Truckin'* perfectly capture his musical journey.

Growing up in Illinois, Harvey started out playing saxophone and piano before settling on the acoustic guitar. In college, he discovered the Grateful Dead at RFK Stadium in Washington, DC, in 1986, and their free-spirited, improvisational sound — along with their tribal sense of community — has captivated him ever since. What began as a personal passion soon blossomed into a shared mission with the band he helped form during law school.

Today, Harvey leads that band, the Electric Waste Band, a San Diego staple at Winston's in Ocean Beach, boasting more than 1,700 Monday night performances since 1992. The band is known for its dynamic, high-energy interpretations of the Dead's legendary songbook — a living tribute to the band's spirit of musical exploration.

Over the decades, the Electric Waste Band, which has seen 15 musicians cycle through its ranks, has transported audiences with intricate jams, soulful lyrics, and a communal vibe that keeps fans coming back week after week. Perhaps their most famous bandmate was the late basketball great Bill Walton, a diehard Dead fan who played congas with the group for nine years.

The band's dedication to preserving the Dead's legacy — while keeping each performance fresh and unique — has earned them notable recognition. In 2019, they received Certificates of Recognition from the City of San Diego, the California State Assembly, the California State Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives for their contributions to the community.

In 2024, the Electric Waste Band was inducted into the San Diego Music Hall of Fame — the first band to receive the honor. For Harvey, the trip just keeps getting better. Karl Strauss Brewery even created a beer in the band's honor: Electric Waste Beer, a red IPA brewed with ingredients inspired by Dead songs, including sugar magnolias, scarlet begonias, and rosebud(s) (the name of one of Jerry Garcia's guitars). But perhaps Harvey's most unforgettable musical experience was jamming with original Dead guitarist Bob Weir and longtime Dead collaborator Jeff Chimenti at Sweetwater Music Hall in Mill Valley — a dream come true for any devoted Deadhead.

Believe it or not, this lifelong Dead fan is also a practicing lawyer at Dillon, Miller, Ahuja & Boss LLP, where he specializes in real estate, contract, and title insurance claims.

For Robert Harvey, the music never stops. What started as a spark in a stadium decades ago has evolved into a life filled with unforgettable jams, deep community connections, and a genuine reverence for the Grateful Dead's enduring legacy. And as Harvey looks ahead this summer to more gigs, more festivals, and more nights of music that transport fans to another place, one thing is clear: What a long, wonderful trip it's been.





Costa Verde Center at Nobel and Genesee has a New Owner

by Diane Ahern

As reported by the San Diego Union Tribune in February, the shuttered Costa Verde Center, which takes up 13.9 acres just opposite Westfield UTC in University City, has a new owner with a different vision for the former strip mall that likely features housing as a primary use.

A newly registered limited liability company affiliated with real estate investment and management firm Global Mutual purchased the fenced off shopping center at 8560 Genesee Avenue for \$124 million from life science developer Alexandria Real Estate Equities, property records show.

The change in ownership follows closely the approval of the University Community Plan Update. The new regulatory framework, which went into effect on December 1, designates the Costa Verde property as a mixed-use, "urban village" site, allowing up to 218 residential units per acre alongside office and retail uses.

Please note: This summary is based on a much longer news item published by the San Diego Union Tribune on February 18, 2025 at: sandiegouniontribune.com/2025/02/13/costa-verde-center-near-utc-sold-for-124m/

Photo above courtesy of Stephanie Boudreau looking southeast across Costa Verde property, taken from the Vi at La Jolla Village; photo below courtesy of Sandy and Barbara Rosenthal from trolley stop; they live at the Vi at La Jolla Village.



Genesee Avenue at Decoro Street toward Rose Canyon

Pure Water Update

Throughout the spring, construction crews will continue work in the University City area as part of the Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels project. Activities will include carrier pipe installation on Genesee Avenue at Decoro Street, the north and south shaft at Rose Canyon, and at Marian Bear Park. Tunneling at I-805 will also continue throughout the spring. To reduce traffic impacts to the community, intersection work at Genesee Avenue and Nobel Drive has been postponed until carrier pipe south of the intersection is installed and current work areas on Genesee Avenue between Governor Drive and Nobel Drive have been reduced.

As of February 2025, over six miles of pipeline and over a quarter-mile of tunnel have been installed. Construction notices are shared online at UTC.PureWaterSD.org. For any questions, email PureWaterSD@sandiego.gov or call 833-UTC-PWSD (833.882.7973).

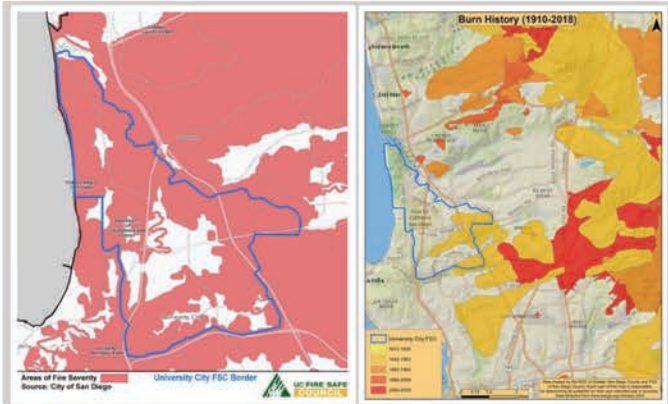


Ramp closures expected due to the Governor Drive bridge widening project at the I-805

From Caltrans District 11: 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 info about current Caltrans projects, visit: dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-11/current-projects/i805-governordr
- For more info about planned Lane Closures, visit: lcswebreports.dot.ca.gov/searchdistricts?district=11



2 million+ acres of California land designated as 'high' or 'very high' fire danger areas

by Diane Ahern, UC Fire Safe Council VP

Reflecting intensifying wildfires and updated science, new state maps designate more than 2.3 million acres of local land in California as facing "high" or "very high" danger of wildfires. In the wake of devastating fires in Los Angeles County, the Fire Marshal's office is gradually releasing updated maps for local jurisdictions. Previous statewide maps were released 2007-11.

State officials will notify 404 cities and counties about the designation changes via a rolling regional schedule. The North Coast and Bay Area designations were released on February 24, the Central Valley and Central Coast will be released on March 10, and Southern and Eastern California on March 24, according to the Fire Marshal's office. Once an updated map is released, local officials have four months to incorporate the recommendations for the new hazard rating.

This story was originally published on February 11, 2025 by CalMatters. Read and share the entire article at: calmatters.org/environment/wildfires/2025/02/california-wildfires-high-hazard-new-maps/. The above maps are illustrations created in 2021 by the University City Fire Safe Council and by the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County.

SD Fire-Rescue Department: Citizen Complaint Inspections

Complaint inspections are conducted when a citizen is concerned about a potential fire hazard. Complaints can relate to buildings or brush management/weed abatement. Only complaints within the City of San Diego and Port of San Diego are inspected by the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department.

Frequent concerns include complaints related to Brush Management or Weed Abatement such as Fire hazards to structures; visual hazards to motor traffic bicyclists or pedestrians; physical hazards to motor traffic, bicyclists or pedestrians; an impediment in the right-of-way; and an impediment to drainage.

In addition, complaints related to fire and life safety concerns or fire access and protection in and around buildings can be submitted through the fire department website. Examples of common concerns related to fire and life safety: emergency egress (locked or blocked exits); fire alarm or sprinkler malfunction and maintenance; hazardous materials storage; overcrowding and unpermitted assemblies; and fire lanes and fire access roads concerns. For more info and to file a complaint, visit: sandiego.gov/fire/fireprev/complaintinspections.



The New Trash Collection Fee and What do About It

by Mike Frattali

The San Diego voters allowed the city to charge for trash collection by approving Measure B in 2022. The monthly fee was initially estimated at \$28 per month when Measure B was up for a vote. Fast forward to today and the fee is \$53 per month and will climb to \$65 per month in 2027. Much of the increase is driven by the planned hiring of 130 more city employees. Additional planned services include weekly recycling pick up, bulk item pickup twice a year, trash bin replacement at no additional cost, and oils, batteries and electronics collection.

The proposed rate is much higher than that of other cities in San Diego County. This fee will only be applied to residents with trash pickup paid for out of the general fund. Most apartments are already paying for private trash collection.

Residents will have the opportunity to protest the fee increase. Proposition 218 requires public agencies to mail a public notice to every single property owner within their service area when proposing a rate change. The notice will contain information about the proposed rates, how it was calculated, and how to protest the new fee.

The city has indicated that residents will receive a Prop 218 protest form in the mail in April or May. If 50% plus one of the residents protest, the fee will not be approved. This is a very high threshold, since it requires a fixed number of protests: half of the 233,000 property owners plus one.

Residents can also contact their elected representatives directly to oppose the fee or request fewer services and a lower charge: sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd6

The proposed fee will be presented at a March city council meeting, and a final vote is planned at a June council meeting. Details will be posted on the legislative calendar: sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/meetings-calendar. If the rates are approved and the protest fails, the fee will go into effect on July 1 and will be paid every six months on your property tax bill starting in November.

About the author: Mike Frattali has been a UC resident since 1996 and is a member of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association and the San Diego Unified School District Independent Citizens Oversight Committee.

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by Barbara Gellman

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