

## NEXT UHCA MEETING APRIL 4

Alice Birney Elementary  
Auditorium / 4345 Campus Avenue  
6:45 pm CRIME WATCH, 7:00 pm MEETING

TOPIC: TOWER GARDENS: SUSTAINABLE  
FOOD GROWTH

Speaker: JulieAnn Engel



University Heights Community Association April 2019



# NEWS

## EDITORIAL

### LET'S SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

It seems that over the years, some UH residents have been led to believe that a new UH library would be built in the historic Teachers Annex building on the School Board property on Normal St. In an effort to determine whether this idea was feasible or just a pipe dream, several representatives of UHCA and the Friends of the UH Library met recently with senior officials of the San Diego Public Library (SDPL). Based on representations made at that meeting, we do not believe that a city branch library will ever be built at that location for the following reasons:

1. The City will never agree to build or fund a library on property that the City does not own. The Teachers Annex is located on property owned by the School Board, not the City.

2. Even if the City was willing to build a library on that property, there is no public money available for a new branch library at that location.

3. If the Teachers Annex building is renovated with funds from the school bond measure that passed in November 2018, the building must be used for educational purposes, and a City branch library does not qualify. If the renovated building was created as a joint use project with the City and the School Board, there would be insufficient space for a branch library.

4. California's State Librarian, with senior SDPL staff, toured the Teachers Annex building for the specific purpose of determining the feasibility of renovation of the Teachers Annex into a library and stated his opinion that the Teachers Annex building is not feasible or practicable for a library.

We think it is time to pursue and discuss realistic and feasible adaptive reuse of the Teachers Annex building, as well as the other buildings on the School Board property, in order to achieve an outcome that will be both beneficial and aesthetically pleasing to the community. This property is the crucial gateway to University Heights and its appropriate development and use should be of primary concern to all of us.

**ALERT! The School District will hold its first design charrette, which is open to the public, at 6 pm on April 3 in the auditorium at the Eugene Brucker Education Center on the School Board Property on Normal St. The main discussion topic will be whether there is a sufficiently strong community consensus to keep the**



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Education Center on the Normal St. property. If the School Board decides not to keep its Education Center in UH, the discussion of any other related issue becomes moot. Your opinion matters. Please attend the meeting on April 3 to participate in the discussion about keeping the Ed Center in UH and how the School Board should proceed in the redevelopment of the entire property.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**MAY UHCA MEETING:  
THURSDAY,  
MAY 2, 2019**

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**TOPIC: UHCA'S ANNUAL RECYCLING  
EVENT**

We have extended an invitation to a representative from Surfrider to discuss recycling issues.

## INSPIRING OPTIMAL HEALTH WITH SUSTAINABLE FOOD GROWTH

Please join us at UHCA's monthly meeting on Thursday, April 4, for a discussion of tower gardens and sustainable food growth for health and wellness. Our featured speaker, JulieAnn Engel, will focus on the topic of sustainable food growth, why it's important, and how it benefits our bodies and the environment. You may be more familiar with JulieAnn as the Tower Garden Lady if you have seen her vibrant towers of gorgeous leafy greens and vegetables at the Hillcrest Farmers Market on Sundays. Come hear about a fun, easy, and creative way to eat healthier and grow your own food! JulieAnn has been eating from her Tower Garden for more than 3 1/2 years. The taste is extraordinary, and the freshness and nutrition unsurpassed! Perhaps JulieAnn will provide some free samples of her delicious production at the meeting.

The Tower Garden is a patented, vertical, hydroponic, soil-free growing system, constructed from hardened polyurethane, that allows you to create a garden with a lot of plants in a small space. Although it was originally designed for urban farms, rooftop gardens, and commercial grow-

ing operations, it can be used practically anywhere, indoors or out. [Wikipedia]

JulieAnn is a Certified Health and Wellness Coach and a Health Consultant. She combines her 25 plus years in pharmaceuticals, integrative health, and medical marketing, with leading edge holistic solutions, to provide creative health options for her clients. Through her business, Inspiring Optimal Health, JulieAnn helps people solve the puzzle of creating and maintaining optimal health, wellness, and vitality by focusing in 4 key areas: Sustainable Food Growth, Whole Food Nutrition, Energy Medicine, and Virus Relief. JulieAnn believes that the body has a profound ability to heal, if given the right tools. She is passionate about helping people find that combination of tools, so their bodies can shift into optimal health, wellness, and vitality. Her experience tells her that the journey starts with the food we eat.

Join us at the April meeting as we welcome spring with a lively discussion of tower gardens and sustainable food growth with JulieAnn. —Maureen Markey



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### CELEBRATE PARTY ON PARK

Evening Festival on Park Boulevard  
Saturday, April 13, 5-8 pm

Food & Drink Samplings  
Live Entertainment

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Community Association 1984-2019

### SECOND ANNUAL UHCA TAG SALE

TROLLEY BARN PARK, SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019, 9 AM TO 1 PM

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All funds we raise from booth registration goes toward improving Trolley Barn Park. All money you make selling is yours. Register online now to reserve a table. Visit our tag sale page on the UHCA website: [www.uhsd.org](http://www.uhsd.org), or email us at [tagsale@uhsd.org](mailto:tagsale@uhsd.org)

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- Membership** Help meet record goals for 2019 membership and meeting attendance.
- Neighborhood/Zone Watch** Join your neighbors to keep UH safe.
- UHCA News** Write articles, edit articles, take photos or sell ads; these are just a few of the many ways to contribute your talent, creativity and energy to our paper.
- Program & Events** Plan and oversee the various events and general meetings.



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## UHCA NEWS

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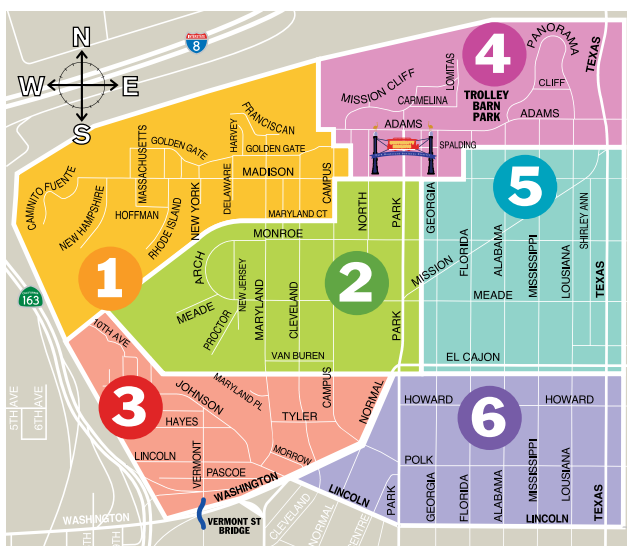
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## UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BOUNDARIES AND ZONE WATCH



Zone Watch Coordinators manage email lists of participants wishing to receive University Heights crime watch information and updates. Download more on the UH Zone Watch program at uhsd.org or contact your zone's coordinator, or Nan McGraw.

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### CRIME WATCH SIGNS

UHCA installed new signs recently. If you know of an old sign that should be replaced or a location that needs a sign, please email UHCA Secretary Kurt Hermansen at: kdh@habeaskurtus.com.



### SLOW DOWN SIGNS

Speeding on neighborhood streets in UH is a chronic problem. Shaving time off trips by speeding has small benefits and high risks. Set your alarm clock 15 minutes ahead and slow down.

## UH PHONE BOOK

**Emergency • Police • Fire • Medical** 911  
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**Crime Stoppers Tip Line** 888-580-TIPS (8477)  
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 Graffiti Hotline: 619-257-7500  
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 Online: vector@sdcounty.ca.gov  
**Https://getitdone.force.com/** Download and use this app if you see a non-emergency problem in the city like potholes, graffiti, etc..  
**If all else fails, email** TRenner@sandiego.gov at Councilmember Chris Ward's office.

### DISASTER CONTACTS

In case of a major disaster such as an earthquake or fire, have two out of state contacts on speed dial. When the power is off cordless phones won't work. Have a basic phone you can plug into a phone jack that you can use for calls.

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAROL NEIDENBERG

First there was "Hoarding: Buried Alive" on A&E. The episodes were so profoundly depressing and gave me such anxiety that I cancelled cable. Then came Marie Kondo. I read her best-selling book and watched the Netflix series about how decluttering could change my life. I rummaged through drawers and closets, asking myself if I've chosen to keep items that "spark joy." A week later, I tossed bundles of clothes and small household items into a large plastic bag and I called AMVETS. That was January, and I haven't touched another drawer or closet since then.

The New York Times recently published an article with the headline, "Somebody is Going to Want This Stones Album, Right?" Who wouldn't want a vinyl Mick Jagger? The author wrote about how difficult it is to get rid of belongings with emotional ties. Isn't it human nature to want to hold on to a cherished memory from a family member, a friend, or our childhood? I admit to feeling guilty about not being able to get rid of those emotionally charged things and other items as well.

As the NYT writer suggests, give your sister that little black dress that you wore to your college graduation and that you can no longer fit into. Unfortunately, my sister lives in a one-bedroom apartment in Manhattan and has significantly less space than I do. I've tried giving things to my San Francisco millennial daughter. She was not interested. She advised me to take photos and then donate the items.

The good news is that Julie Rubtchinsky lives in University Heights and has inspired me to declutter. I signed up to be a seller for the April 7 Ostrich Tag Sale, and I invite you to be one also. For those who like strolling on Sunday through a community-wide yard sale, come by and buy things that bring you joy.

And there's also the UHCA Recycling Event on May 18. Drop off those items that can't be thrown in the trash or recycled. You'll be doing your part by keeping the landfills a bit emptier and helping the collective us achieve happiness.

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

March meeting began with Crime Watch. Officer Ricardo Pinon announced: Western Division has a new lieutenant, Dan Meyer; SDPD has 43 new officers; Department would like to hear from citizens about repeal of vehicle habitation and oversize vehicle ordinance.

Vice President Maureen Markey welcomed everyone, encouraged volunteering, and announced upcoming events: UH Community Tag Sale, Party on Park, and Bike in the Heights with Movie in the Park.

### Other Announcements:

- MaryBeth Chruden: Please sign petition to city for thorough cleanup under Vermont St. Bridge; Spring Cleanup during Rock 'N Roll Marathon, June 2.
- Nan McGraw: UH Recycling event (including electronics) May 18, 8 am-1 pm.
- Pam Isaacs: Nearly 70 compliance complaints, mostly about fences (Zone 2), filed with city. If you have been the subject of a complaint, contact pamisaacs1@gmail.com.
- Elaine Sinsuan (new UH librarian): Residents can apply for nutritional benefits through CalFresh program on March 11; Poetry contest March 8-April 8 for children 12-18.

### Political Reps Updates and Announcements:

- Tyler Renner—for Councilmember Chris Ward.

- Brandon Torres—for County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher (unable to attend but sent update.)
- Toni Duran—for State Senator & President Pro Tem Toni Atkins.
- Zach Bunshaft—for Congresswoman Susan Davis.

Bill Smith introduced our speaker Richard Barrera, District D representative on the San Diego Unified School Board, and moderated the Q&A. Mr. Barrera provided a brief summary of events regarding development of the Ed Center property. Main question for the District is whether the School Board should redevelop the Education Center at the Normal St. location or build a new Ed Center at a different location. In any event, the next question is what should be done with the Normal St. property. Because any improvements will be funded by the bond measure (passed in November 2018), development can be for educational purposes only. The District wants to hear from the community before it decides whether to stay or move. The School Board has planned a charrette (a public workshop/ planning session, where citizens and designers collaborate on a vision for the property) at 6 pm on April 3 at the Ed Center (Eugene Brucker) auditorium.

Q&A following Mr. Barrera's presentation included the following topics:

- It is likely there will be an environmental impact report.
- Not yet decided whether current Ed Center (Eugene Brucker building) will be demolished or remodeled. Community input welcome on the issue.

## SCHOOL NEWS

# ROO NEWS

## MUSIC TAKES CENTER STAGE



Decades ago, music education was offered at many public schools. Today, with dwindling funding and modern priorities, it is exceptional to find a public school with music classes. At Roosevelt International Middle School, music is the heartbeat of a strong International Baccalaureate Program that offers students several electives including art, engineering, ASB, peer mentoring, band, and orchestra.

For the 2019-2020 school year, Roosevelt's vibrant music program takes center stage with an expansion to six classes for students of different skill levels. Seventh and eighth graders, in band or orchestra, will receive more instruction and rehearsal time at the appropriate level than previously. These classes are integrated into the regular school schedule, from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm. Classes are taught by an energetic jazz musician, Nathan Elias Kocivar. "It is a dream come true to share my love of music with students at such a capacity."

Music is a performing art, so band and orchestra students are given many opportunities to perform beyond the classroom, including music festivals (Knott's Berry Farm, Coronado

JazzFest, CMEA), outreach programs, school concerts, and special events. "It was inspiring to be surrounded by so much music at JazzFest," says Samantha Chamberlain, 8th grade keyboard player. "I learned to listen more thoughtfully to music from great musicians and to my fellow students in order to produce awesome music as a team."

Sixth graders may take an introduction to music class after school where they can prepare for band or orchestra classes later on. Learning about music fundamentals is essential to success in playing an instrument in 7th and 8th grades.

Come hear Mr. Kocivar's band and orchestra students perform at Roosevelt's annual IB Fest on April 30, 2019, at 5:30 pm. Be ready to groove to the beat!

Are you a new fall of 2019 Roosevelt student? If so, you are cordially invited to arrive at 5:00 pm on April 30 for the annual New Student Soiree, complete with campus tours and your first Roosevelt uniform-approved t-shirt! — Jennifer Ayala, parent of students at Roosevelt and Birney and a Board Member of the Friends of Roosevelt Foundation



• One or more buildings cannot be demolished as they have official historic designation, including the Teachers Annex, listed on the National Registry of Historic Buildings. Apparently a 2009 historic survey identified 8 "historically significant buildings" on the property.

• District could relocate the Ed Center to the site of Central Elementary or the Ballard Center in Old Town, or District could purchase new property for an Ed Center.

• Permanent dog park on the property is possible as part of the redevelopment, but would require separate funding as it is not an educational use, which is required for the use of bond funding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. — Ron Shaheen for Kurt Hermansen, Secretary, UHCA

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# CYCLE IN THE HEIGHTS AND MOVIE NIGHT

For the third year in a row, University Heights has been recognized as a bike friendly community and awarded the iCommute GO by BIKE Mini-Grant. As a result, UHCA is excited to host our annual Cycle in the Heights and Movie Night at Trolley Barn Park on May 19. Our very own free, red carpet movie premiere will feature the film E.T.

Building upon the success of last year's Cycle in the Heights event, UHCA has upped the ante and will donate four bikes to eligible students selected by the faculty at Alice Birney Elementary. The accompanying art contest will help the school promote safe biking for students and encourage biking as an extension of everyday fun and exercise. The students receiving the bicycles will be honored at Movie Night. The event will also include activities and

free games, such as corn hole, hula hoops, lawn bowling, and many more.

Cyclists and movie goers should plan to arrive at the park by 7:00 pm, as the movie will start promptly at 7:30 pm. Residents are encouraged to ride bikes to the movie. Bike stalls will be provided, so UH attendees can find the perfect spot to watch E.T. Friends can spread out on blankets or grab their favorite chair and a free bag of popcorn and enjoy a cult classic. As a bonus, cyclists will receive a valet ticket for exclusive entry into a raffle for prizes.

Please accept this complimentary movie voucher, and join your friends and neighbors for an unforgettable evening under the stars at Cycle in the Heights and Movie Night. — Tommy Cope, UHCA Bike Czar

## RESTAURANT UPDATE

# THE RED FOX CONTINUES

The Red Fox Steakhouse and Bar will remain at the Lafayette Hotel until June. Jim Demos, co-owner and general manager of this iconic restaurant and bar, is still going through the city's planning and permit process for the restaurant's anticipated move across the street, to a location at the northeast corner of Mississippi Street and El Cajon Boulevard. Once the lease expires in June, the interior furnishings will be dismantled and

stored until the new Red Fox restaurant is completed.

In the meantime, we can continue to enjoy the restaurant, the bar, and the piano bar. It's a blast from the past and our very own Cheers. While you're there, be sure to meet Jim and his dad and co-owner John, who is often there holding court with patrons.

Also, take the time to notice the carved figures from Charles of London on the back of the bar, the trim around the doors, the Tudor paneling, and the fireplace with its finely carved mantel bearing the date of 1642. The mantel's three arched panels tell the story of Rebecca and Isaac as found in Genesis, chapters 24 and 27. These furnishings came from the original Red Fox Room in Surrey, England. It was dismantled in 1926 and shipped to the U.S. for the actress and mistress of William Randolph Hearst, Marion Davies. After her death, the furnishings were stored for years until they found a home at the Lafayette Hotel's Red Fox Steakhouse.

Here's to Jim and John's future success and a smooth transition to the future home of the Red Fox Steakhouse. Cheers. —



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# APRIL 2019

April 3rd — Anniversary of University Heights Sign!  
April 6th — Anniversary of Trolley Barn Park Grand Opening

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> April Fool's Day	<b>2</b> Uptown Planners Meeting Joyce Beers Center, Uptown Complex, 6 pm	<b>3</b> 22nd Anniversary of the UH Sign SD Board of Education Design Charrette Ed Center, Eugene Brucker Auditorium, 6 pm	<b>4</b> UH Rec Council Meeting Alice Birney Library, 5:30 pm UHCA Meeting Alice Birney Auditorium, 6:45 pm	<b>5</b> May News articles due	<b>6</b> The Point Clean Up Golden Gate btwn RI & Del 1:30 - 3:30 pm  28th Anniversary of the Grand Opening of the Trolley Barn Park
<b>7</b> Tag Sale 9 am-1 pm, Trolley Barn Park  Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Hillcrest Town Council Joyce Beers Center, Uptown Complex, 6 pm  Friends of the Library UH Chapter, UH Branch Library, 6 pm  Board of Ed Meeting Eugene Brucker Auditorium 5 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> PARTY ON PARK
<b>14</b> Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> North Park Planning Committee North Park Christian Fellowship, 2901 North Park Way, 6:30 pm	<b>17</b> UH Library Task Force Meeting UH Branch Library, 6:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Good Friday Passover (begins at sundown) Preview Book Sale (Friends members only) UH Library, 3 - 6 pm	<b>20</b> Book Sale (open to the public), UH Library, 8 - 3 pm
<b>21</b> Easter Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm  Bag O' Books sale (open to the public) UH Library, 12 noon-4pm	<b>22</b> Earth Day	<b>23</b> May UHCA News out Board of Ed Meeting Eugene Brucker Auditorium 5 pm	<b>24</b> UH Book Club & Salon UH Library, 6:30 pm	<b>25</b>  	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				



# NEIGHBORHOOD TAG SALE



Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:00<sub>am</sub> - 1:00<sub>pm</sub>  
Trolley Barn Park

## It's not too late to register!

Spring is here - time to clean out those closets and organize those drawers. Sell your used items at this year's second annual community yard sale. Register to sell or come shop for some great finds!

Registration & more details at: [www.uhsd.org](http://www.uhsd.org) (Click "**Events**")

Pre-Registration required • Open to all San Diego residents • Fee is \$30 (\$20 for University Heights Community Association members) • Spaces are limited, so sign up soon!

# PARTY ON

## UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

## RESTAURANT WALK & MUSIC

**APRIL 13 • 5-8PM**

### UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS RESTAURANT WALK & MUSIC

Join us for this fun-filled annual evening event on Park Blvd from Meade to Adams Ave featuring tasty treats, international food and drink samples, and/or discounts on food, drink and merchandise with the purchase of a \$15 wristband. Kids under 12 free.

**MERCHANTS INCLUDE:**

Bahn Thai • BFD / Big Front Door • The Original Pickle Store • Cecilia's Fine Jewelry  
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Original Skin & Body Care • Park & Rec • Park Blvd Deli • Parkhouse Eatery  
Pemberly Realty • Plumeria • Pop Pie, Co • Red House Pizza • Small Bar  
Stella Jean's Ice Cream • Twigg's Bakery & Coffeehouse • Yipao Coffee Patio

**LIVE MUSIC 5-8 PM:**

Billy Watson & His International Silver String Submarine Band  
Performing at Pemberly Realty 4645 Park Blvd.

Fast Heart Mart Trio Performing at Original Skin & Body Care 4416 Park Blvd.

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BUSINESS DISTRICT



**\$15**  
Per Person.  
Children Under 12 FREE.

**TICKET / WRISTBAND SALES**

- \* Twigg's Park & Madison
- \* Original Skin & Body Care 4416 Park Blvd.



Paul Harris

# BIG CHANGES ON NORMAL STREET

At its March 5 meeting, following spirited public comment (and an election that will replace seven of its members), Uptown Planners endorsed the city's decision to move forward on its Normal Street Promenade concept.

The idea to turn an underutilized street into public space surfaced 30 years ago in the 1988 Uptown Community Plan as a "linear park" intended to include green space and a playground. The park morphed into a promenade when it became clear that the city did not own the land under the street, but only a right of way for transportation. Thus creating a destination like a park or playground would not be allowed.

Meanwhile, SANDAG was pushing hard to complete a key portion of its

Eastern Hillcrest Bikeway, which runs along two blocks of Normal Street from University Avenue. It offered to pause its already delayed project to give the city time to design, fund, and secure approval for the promenade, but the train would be leaving the station soon. The Uptown Planners vote came just in time, which means the new Normal Street will be ready as early as 2021.

The March 5 decision, however, was not without controversy sufficient to attract news crews to what is normally a non-controversial event. Some wanted to hold out for a grassy linear park; others feared street and parking changes would hurt business, and limited pedestrian traffic would attract the homeless. Still others thought the promenade might later evolve into

a park if the money and will became available to acquire the underlying land, and that parking spaces should not trump public places.

Ironically, concern about the source of foot traffic might just turn a negative into a positive. The DMV is a ready source for a large number of people killing time and looking for a pleasant place to sit while they wait for an appointment. The DMV might want to consider building an adjoining Transit Information Plaza into a possible mixed-use project, with a kiosk out front to replace their card table and a coffee cart to better serve their customers. — *William Smith, Member, Uptown Planning Committee, and Member, UHCA Board of Directors*



## UH BEAUTIFICATION

### FINISH CLEANING THE VERMONT ST. BRIDGE CANYON, PLEASE!

After last year's two fires in the Vermont Street Bridge Canyon, Caltrans' massive brush abatement in the western end of the canyon, and the City of San Diego's limited effort in the eastern end, we are still not satisfied that UH and Uptown are sufficiently protected from a potentially damaging fire. Why? The City has not finished its job.

The UHCA Beautification Team made a huge push in February and March to get 500 plus petition signatures, asking the City to meet the Fire Marshal's citation expectations for brush abatement. We stood at the bridge on weekends, attended local meetings, and polled every person we knew to gather signatures. Everyone who knew or learned about the fires was eager to sign. We got news stories on Channels 8 and 10.

We also started a letter-writing campaign to influence Mayor Faulconer. Our goal: Get the Mayor to add a line item to his proposed 2020 budget to complete the brush abatement required by the Fire Marshal. The Mayor will release his proposed budget on April 12. Our next goal is to persuade the City Council to add the same line item to the final budget. The City takes public comment in May.

You can still help. If you have not signed a petition yet, do that at uhsd.org. On the opening page is an article with the link to the petition. Write a letter to Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, City Administration Building, 202 C Street, 11th floor, San Diego, CA 92101, or kevinfaulconer@sandiego.gov. Go with us to a City Council meeting in late April or early May to present the petitions. Check our Facebook page for the dates: [www.facebook.com/UniversityHeightsCommunityAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/UniversityHeightsCommunityAssociation).

Thanks for caring about the safety of University Heights and Uptown and taking action! — *MaryBeth Chruden*

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LIBRARY NEWS

# THE UH BRANCH LIBRARY BETWEEN THE COVERS

The University Heights Library and the Friends of the University Heights Library are proud participants in National Library Week's Libraries = Strong Communities, sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country, from April 7 to 13. Check out our display about challenged books. Try to recognize a past picture of staff from your community library. Advocate by sharing a simple story or short statement about why your local library is important to you and add it to our poster board.

San Diego Public Library's Spring into STEAM's "Dive In" is a science program series for kids 9 to 12 years old. Programs are at all library locations from March through May 2019. Our library will feature Making Waves by the League of Extraordinary Scientists & Engineers on Wednesday, May 29, at 4:30 pm. Children also have a chance to work on their own D-I-Y project by making a self-watering plant or a water filtration system. Submit a photo of the project or bring the completed project into the library for a SD Puzzle Cube Prize (while supplies last). Please visit [sandiego.gov/steam](http://sandiego.gov/steam).

**Additional programs:**

- Spin, Pop, Boom by Mad Science. April 17 at 4:30 pm. Learn about crazy chemical reactions, the amazing properties of acids and bases, and the greatness of gravity! Discover the forces that act on roller coasters, see combustion in action, and create a colorful chemical reaction rainbow. A great

family event for all ages.

- Calling all teens ages 12 to 18. Win a gift card to Westfield Mall! Provide a poem promoting our library in honor of National Poetry Month by April 8. Include your full name, age, grade, and contact information (email and phone number).

**Regularly scheduled programs:**

- Morning Story Time: Thursdays at 11 am.
- Arts & Crafts: Saturdays all day.
- Puppet Storytime with Caroline & Penelope: April 27 at 11:30 am.

The library will be closed on Monday, April 1, in honor of Cesar Chavez Day. Please check our Facebook page or online calendar or give us a call for any further questions. Thank you from everyone at the University Heights Library. — *Elaine Sinsuan, Branch Manager, University Heights Library, 619-692-4912, [sandiego.gov](http://sandiego.gov).*



**Library Hours**

Monday	9:30 am – 6 pm
Tuesday	11:30 am – 8 pm
Wednesday	11:30 am – 8 pm
Thursday	9:30 am – 6 pm
Friday	9:30 am – 6 pm
Saturday	9:30 am – 6 pm
Sunday	Closed

# THE FRIENDS OF THE UH LIBRARY LIBRARIES = STRONG COMMUNITIES

The 2019 National Library Week will take place April 7-13. This year's theme is Libraries = Strong Communities, and we will offer a variety of programs to showcase our branch library as a great community resource. Please join us for one or all of our programs!

**4/8: Frequently Challenged Books (aka Banned Books)**

From classics like *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and *Beloved* by Toni Morrison, to popular sci-fi like *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins and *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley, and even kids' books like *My Mom's Having A Baby!* *A Kid's Month-by-Month Guide to Pregnancy* by Dori Hillestad Butler, and *Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey, you've probably read several banned books without even knowing they were banned. Come find out about Banned Books and check out a few!

**4/9: Who's Who in Your Library?**

To recognize our dedicated staff on National Library Workers Day, we will have a photo display of the staff at various stages of life. Your job is to figure out who's who! And be sure to thank our staff for all of their hard work!

**4/11: Why Is Your Library Important?**

For Take Action for Libraries Day, share a brief story or statement about why the library is important to you. We

will share it with our elected officials as they prepare to vote on the city budget, including library funding!

**UH Branch Book Shop**

You know that the monthly Friends of San Diego Public Library book sale takes place at our branch. But you don't have to wait for the monthly sale to find a book bargain. The UH Friends has a book sale bookshelf just inside the library entrance that is open whenever the library is open! Pick up a book and support our branch.

**Friends of UH Library Meeting**

To get involved, please join us at our monthly meeting and learn more about the work we do to support our branch. Our next meeting is on April 9 at 6:00 pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our branch library. As always, feel free to contact us with your input at [friendsoftheuhlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheuhlibrary@gmail.com). Keep informed about our branch by following the UH Library on Facebook@[universityheightslibrary](https://www.facebook.com/universityheightslibrary). — *Isabel Schechter, Secretary, Friends of the University Heights Library*

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## UH BOOK CLUB AND SALON *THE NIGHTINGALE* BY KRISTIN HANNAH

*The Nightingale* is a tale of two sisters' bravery in occupied France during World War II. Viann and her younger sister Isabelle take very different paths after their mother's death and their father's subsequent withdrawal as a parent. Older sister Viann turns for comfort to her boyfriend, becomes pregnant, resulting in marriage at the age of 16. The more rebellious younger sister Isabelle gets expelled from a number of boarding schools.

detained as a prisoner of war in Germany. Isabelle joins the Resistance, leading fallen airmen involved in the liberation of France to safety, guiding them to Spain over mountainous terrain.

The author, through her background research on occupied France, provides in her narrative a tribute to the brave women who each in her own way fought behind enemy lines.

Join the Book Club & Salon discussion. New members are always welcome! The book will be available at the UH Library's front desk during March and April.

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Then the Germans conquer France, and the sisters' lives change drastically but in different ways. When WWII erupts and Viann's husband is sent to fight, the sisters' father sends Isabelle to assist her older sister. As the war progresses, it is not only the sisters' relationship that is tested but also their strengths and their moral commitments. Viann is forced to take in a German Captain in order for her and her daughter to survive after her husband is captured and



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POLITICAL NEWS

FROM YOUR STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER

# TROLLEY BARN PARK THE JEWEL OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

The University Heights Community Association (UHCA) was started 35 years ago, around the fate of a large vacant lot on Adams Ave: Allow a developer to build a massive condominium project with inadequate parking—or, a better idea according to the community, persuade the city to buy the property and build a much-needed pocket park for the community.

On April 6, 1991, the cornerstone of University Heights opened: Trolley Barn Park. What some may have seen as just a park brought a significant improvement to the quality of life in this urban neighborhood. This beautiful park was the result of dedicated community activism. As a result of that activism, children now have a place to play, adults have a place to recreate, and the community has a place to gather.

As a member of the State Assembly's Water, Parks, and Wildlife committee, I recognize that one of the most important elements of our quality of life is the network of parks, open spaces, and recreational opportunities that are places for not only us to enjoy, but our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren too. That's why this past year I supported SB 5, a substantial, \$4 billion investment in state and local parks, as well as environmental protection projects such as climate adaptation and natural resources restoration.

Studies continue to confirm that green space is vital to individual and community

health, so that's why I believe it is important we invest in these kinds of community spaces whenever possible. Trolley Barn Park is a shining example and continues to be a central meeting place with frequent community events. Volunteers diligently maintain and beautify the park as well as other spaces throughout the neighborhood.

I am grateful for the community members who stood up 35 years ago to demand Trolley Barn Park become a reality. I look forward to spending many more years in Trolley Barn Park and investing in more park space so that every community can experience the joy and recreation that we have here in University Heights.

— Todd Gloria, Assemblymember for California's 78th Assembly District, which includes University Heights



FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR

# WE LOVE OUR PARKS

Happy spring to my friends in University Heights! It's only April, but I'm already looking forward to summer, because that's when our legislative recess happens and I'm able to come home to San Diego for a month and visit the communities I represent. One of the things I love to do when I'm home is attend the University Heights Summer in the Park concert series at Trolley Barn Park and watch Sue Palmer rock her boogie-woogie piano!

If Balboa Park is the jewel of San Diego, then Trolley Barn Park is the jewel of University Heights, and I am grateful for the dedicated neighborhood activists who worked so hard to create it 35 years ago. It is a lovely park that neighborhood residents and visitors alike can enjoy, a serene place for a weekend family picnic or some nice alone time with a good book.

Every neighborhood deserves a park like Trolley Barn, and that's why I was proud to support Senate Bill 5 in 2017, which placed Proposition 68 on the June 2018 statewide ballot, proposing \$4 billion in bond funding for, among other things, new and improved local parks.

Passed with 57.6 percent of the vote, Prop. 68 generated nearly \$1.3 billion for park projects throughout the state, including \$725 million for parks in un-

derserved neighborhoods. As much as \$255 million of that funding will be awarded by January 2020 as part of a competitive grant process. San Diego should be well-positioned to receive funding to create new parks and improve existing parks.

My appreciation for places like Balboa Park and Trolley Barn Park, as well as Golden Hill Park and Bird Park closer to where I live, cannot be overstated. To me, they are magical places where I go to relax and recharge, and as a legislator, I will always make parks a priority. I'll see you this summer!

— Toni G. Atkins, President Pro Tem and State Senator for California's 39th District, which includes University Heights



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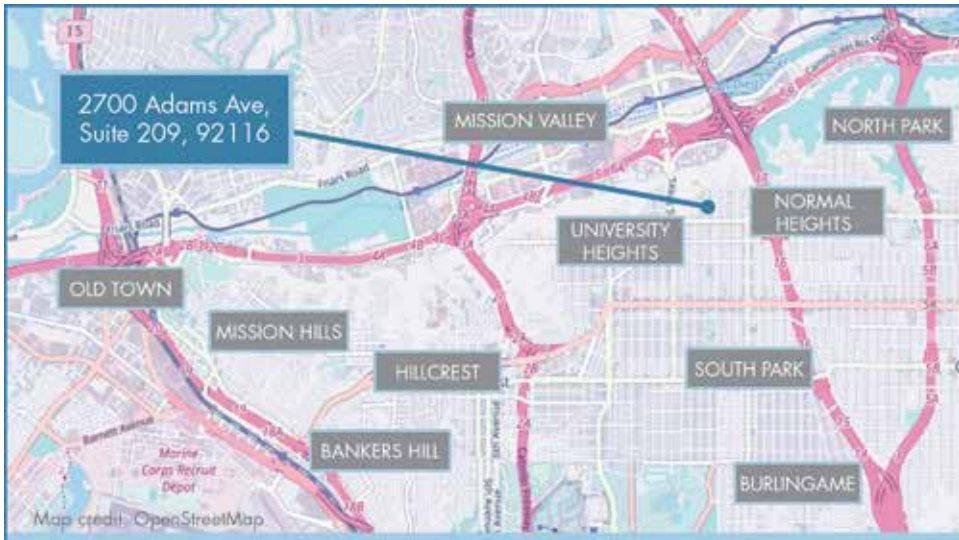
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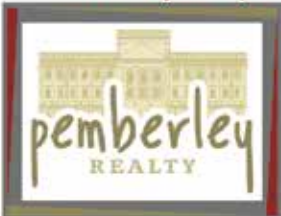


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