

NEXT UHCA MEETING APRIL 5

ALICE BIRNEY ELEMENTARY
AUDITORIUM / 4345 CAMPUS AVENUE
6:45 pm CRIME WATCH, 7:00 pm MEETING

UH HISTORY—KRISTIN HARMS

Our featured speaker at the UHCA meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2018, will be Kristin Harms, who will present on the early history of UH.



SAVE THE DATE

Event: UH 130
Date: Saturday, April 28th
Time: 5 pm - 8 pm
Place: 4600 block of Park Blvd.
(under UH sign)
Tickets: At Twigg's
(Park Blvd. & Madison Ave.)
\$10 for adults, free for children under 12.
Participating establishments include many of the restaurants on Park Blvd.
Live Music from 5:30-9 p.m.



University Heights Community Association April 2018



ON THE BOULEVARDS

COME CELEBRATE UH 130

We all know that University Heights (UH) is one of San Diego's oldest communities, but many may not know that San Diego's 'first streetcar suburb' is 130 years old this year, having been founded in 1888!

Well, we're certainly not going to let a birthday go by without a party to celebrate. And where else does the UH community gather to celebrate other than on Park Boulevard? In the 4600 block of Park (the block with the UH street sign) and adjacent areas, the University Heights Community Association (UHCA) and the Park Boulevard merchants are hosting UH 130, an evening celebration offering food and music to all comers.

Participating establishments as of this writing include: Ban Thai Restaurant (4646 Park); Cecilia's Fine Jewelry (4669 Park); El Zarape (4642 Park); Muzita's Abyssinian Bistro (4651

Park); Madison (4622 Park); Meraki Cafe (1735 Adams); Red House Pizza (4615 Park); Park 'n' Rec (4612 Park); Small Bar 4628 Park); Soltan Banoo (46745 Park); Park House Eatery (4574 Park); Plumeria Vegetarian Restaurant (4661 Park); and Twigg's Bakery and Coffeehouse (4590 Park). Each establishment will offer special tastes, drinks, samples, or discounts to anyone who purchases a ticket celebrating UH's 130th anniversary.

Besides food, Bill Watson and his International Silver String Submarine Band will perform live music on the front patio at Park 'n' Rec from 5pm to 9pm.

To participate, stop at Twigg's at the corner of Park and Madison on the day of the event and purchase your hand stamp for \$10 per person. Children under 12 years of age are free.

Then stroll the boulevard from Park House Eatery to the corner of Adams, sample food and treats from our local businesses, and enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors in the very heart of our wonderful community. — Philip J. Gill is the Special Projects Contributing Writer for UHCA News. If you are a business owner, shopkeeper, or restaurateur in University Heights with an upcoming special event, new menu items, holiday business hours, a remodel, or what have you, email me at philip@art-design-and-style.com. I'll do my best to get you included in the On the Boulevards column in the next issue. Submission deadline is the 3rd of each month for the following month's publication.



LOOKING AHEAD: THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

The topic for our next meeting is: Gardening in all its glory! It's that time of year when we start to look forward to flowers and fresh fruits and vegetables from our gardens. Bill Tall, owner of City Farmers

Nursery, will be our guest speaker for May. Come join us in May for an interesting and lively discussion on an annual, but perennially popular, topic. That pun is intended!

PUTTING THE "UNIVERSITY" IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

The potential exchange or sale of the Education Center site by the San Diego Unified School District has been in the news a lot lately and is generating considerable interest and concern in the community. Not only is the 130-year old Ed Center site the birthplace of University Heights, it is also the forerunner of San Diego State University.

Learn more about the history of this significant site at the next UHCA meeting on April 5. Our featured speaker will be Kristin Harms, long-time UH resident and former Chair of the UH Historical Society. Kristin will discuss

the early history of University Heights, including the Ed Center site.

Founded in 1888, University Heights is one of San Diego's oldest and most livable communities with a fascinating early history shaped by education, transportation, water, and the 1915 Panama-California International Exposition (the latter also gave us Balboa Park).

Wondering why the ostrich is the UH mascot or where Trolley Barn Park got its name? To find out, join us at the meeting on April 5! —Kristin Harms



San Diego Normal School, c. 1899. Photo: Courtesy of UH Historical Society

STREET SEEN

FRESHEN UP FOR SPRING

Springtime has arrived and with it a primordial urge to refresh our homes. Although it may be daunting to some, a little professional help can save precious dollars, whether you are just fixing it up or going for a total redo with paint and furnishings. Luckily, within our UH neighborhood are award winning interior designers, cabinetmakers, furniture designers, and sources for decorative hardware.

UHCA member Dawn Harrison,
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Digs-Design, Photo: David Harrison

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Bill Smith who was elected to the board of Uptown Planners. Bill represents University Heights and is also a board member of UHCA. And congratulations to Tom Mullaney and Bob Daniels, representing Mission Hills, who were reelected to the board.

MEMBERSHIP

JOIN TODAY AND HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE! OUR SUCCESS IS LARGELY DEPENDENT ON VOLUNTEER EFFORTS FROM AREA RESIDENTS LIKE YOU.



NEW / RENEWING MEMBERS

GOLDEN OSTRICH
Kelly Kaldenberg,
Mary Anne Stevens



BUSINESS

Chuck Mitchell, Bear Hair; Mark Kastner, Circle of Living; Stephen Riley, BFD (Big Front Door).

HOUSEHOLD

Katherine Lapinsky, William Ellig, Dawn Sassi & Bernard Dambon, Elaine Bisconti, Valerie Berg, Jeffrey Harding, John Robinson, Victoria Bietz & Dhaval Patel, Steve Shia, Adele Chernow, Maria Pomares & Gary Aguirre, Judy & Weston Riffle.

JOIN, RENEW OR DONATE ONLINE AT UHSD.ORG.



Clip & Return to: **UHCA PO BOX 33032 San Diego, CA 92163**

Many thanks to all our members for your dues and donations, which go directly to programs and events that make UH the wonderful community it is. We greatly appreciate your support.

Yearly Membership

- \$25 Household
- \$45 Membership & mailed UHCA News
- \$75 Business Membership
- \$100 Golden Ostrich

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City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Volunteer Your Time on a UHCA Committee!

- Beautification & Planning** Keep UH beautiful.
- Blockwalker** Help deliver newsletters to UH residences and businesses.
- Marketing & Merchandising** Promote UHCA via marketing/advertising, visual arts, photography, and product merchandising.
- Membership** Help meet record goals for 2018 membership and meeting attendance.
- Neighborhood/Zone Watch** Join your neighbors to keep UH safe.
- UHCA News** Write 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.



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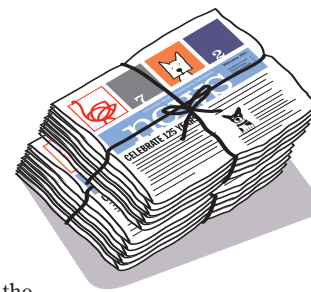
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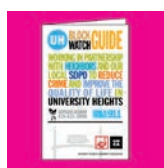
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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BOUNDARIES AND ZONE WATCH



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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NEW CRIME WATCH SIGNS

Be on the lookout for the new signs that are now up. If you know of an old dilapidated sign that should be given priority, 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
Non-Emergency Suspicious Activity, Homeless Outreach Team, etc. 619-531-2000
 Online: non-emergency problems: www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done
SD City Services non-emergency: street lights, pot holes, etc. 619-527-7500
 Online: www.sandiego.gov/city-hall/departments
SD City Services emergency 619-527-7500
 Online: www.sandiego.gov/city-hall/departments
 Storm damage: fallen trees, flooding, clogged storm drains
Alert San Diego reverse 911 notification to mobile phones for emergencies
 Requiring evacuations www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego/
2-1-1 San Diego
 Free Community Resources Cal Fresh, Medi-Care, Covered California, etc. 211 or 858-300-1211
Abandoned Vehicles 858-495-7856
Alice Birney Elementary Office 619-497-3500
Animals / Non-Emergency 619-767-2675
Brush and Weed Abatement 619-533-4444
Code Violations 619-236-5500
Crime Stoppers Tip Line 888-580-TIPS (8477)
Department of Environmental Health public health/rats/rodents 858-694-2888
Downed Power Lines / SDG&E 800-411-7343
Emergency Water / Sewer Repair / Sink Holes 619-515-3525
Narcotics suspicious drug house / anonymous 619-531-2468

Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) 619-692-4945
 Vacation home security check, welfare of home-bound, patrolling business districts, homeland security support
SDPD Community Relations Officers:
 David Surwilo (dsurwilo@pd.sandiego.gov) 619-692-4858
 Ricardo Pinon (rpinon@pd.sandiego.gov) 619-692-4821
SDPD Western Division 5215 Gaines Street 619-692-4800
Shopping Cart Pick-Up Service 800-252-4613
UHCDC University Heights Community Development Corp 4452 Park Blvd 619-297-3166
University Heights Public Library 4193 Park Blvd 619-692-4912
UH Zone Watch Coordinator Nan McGraw nmcsan@aol.com 619-260-0668
Graffiti: In Progress Emergency: 911
 Report Online: apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/ email photos: cericson@pd.sandiego.gov
 Graffiti Hotline: 619-257-7500
SD Vector Control mosquitoes / ticks / rats 858-694-2888
 Online: vector@sdcounty.ca.gov

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

"If not us, then who? If not now, then when?" – *John E. Lewis, U.S. House of Representatives*

I was recently reminded of the power of these two sentences. They refer to taking responsibility and not standing by and letting others roll up their sleeves. This is what we are asking of you, kind readers, to help the community by being involved.

Why is this so important now? One key principle in a democracy is citizen participation, respect, and patience. Officials are elected to represent those governed, which includes listening to the voices of the citizens. For those of you who attended the March UHCA meeting, for example, you might remember Richard Barrera asking the audience about volunteering at Birney Elementary. Seeing few hands being

raised, I posed another question and asked who volunteers throughout UH. One by one, unpaid citizens stood up, representing the UHCA Board of Directors, the Beautification Team, the blockwalkers, the UHCA News authors and photographers, and the event and library volunteers. It was gratifying to see how many participate and give their time to better UH.

Although we all don't agree with potential plans, including increased density, I believe most of us want a similar outcome; and that is, to improve our community and leave it in better shape for our children and their children. So to the SD Unified School District Trustees and other decision makers, I say the time to listen is now. Your decision will significantly impact UH. Working together, we can build the future and help this 130-year-old neighborhood stay a wonderful place to live and work.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The March 1 UHCA meeting opened at 6:45 pm with the Crime Watch portion. SDPDCCommunityRelationsOfficerRicardo Pinon and Deputy City Attorney Han Hershman announced the swearing in of the new Police Chief David Nisleit February 27.

UHCA President Carol Neidenberg began the very well-attended meeting with announcements about the upcoming board elections at Uptown Planners and the Greater North Park Planning Committee. University Heights is split between two planning groups (Uptown Planners west of Park Boulevard and Greater North Park Planning east of Park Boulevard). It is important to have representatives on both planning boards.

UH has been awarded a grant for Movies in the Trolley Barn Park. More info will be available soon.

Mary Anne Stevens announced the University Heights 130th Anniversary Party to be held April 28 on Park Boulevard from 5-8 pm. The cost will be \$10.

The next day, April 29, will be the First Annual UH Tag Sale held in the Trolley Barn Park from 9 am-1 pm.

Bill Smith and Bill Ellig talked about the future of the Education Center property, an 11.2 acre parcel in UH. Bill Smith announced preliminary results of the

UHCA survey about the future use of the Ed Center property. Priorities are: #1—a park and #2, a library. Bill Ellig produced historical photos of the property. The survey he and Kristin Harms conducted produced these results: 1) preserve and reuse of the Annex building; 2) a park; 3) residential; and 4) dog park. Surveys are still being collected so please submit one.

Our guest speaker was Richard Barrera, representative for District D (which includes University Heights) on the San Diego Unified School Board. He stated that the existing buildings housing the Department of Education are not adequate and outdated; that there is no money to rehab the existing buildings which were built in 1951; and that the only way the district can raise money is through a bond measure. The School Board wants to swap this land for a new home better suited to its needs. The swap would not include Birney School. Mr. Barrera's criteria for an acceptable swap: Birney School will not be touched; the Teachers Annex could be saved for community needs; discussions about the future of this property will involve the community; and the district must be served with an adequate facility.

A lively question and answer session followed Mr. Barrera's presentation. Carol closed the meeting with a rousing and passionate speech about what a community can do when it comes together! –*Nan McGraw & Bernie Horan*

KEY DECISION-MAKERS OUTLINE PRIORITIES AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR ED CENTER SITE

San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) Board Member Richard Barrera and San Diego City Councilmember Chris Ward spoke to a packed house at the UHCA meeting on March 1st about their priorities for the Ed Center site at 4100 Normal Street and the City's approval process, should the site become available for development.

The School District issued an RFP in December 2017 to exchange three school properties, including the Ed Center site, for one property to become the new District Central Office. Proposals are due from interested applicants by March 15.

Mr. Barrera outlined four core values that will drive his decision in the selection process:

1. Alice Birney Elementary School cannot be touched.
2. The Teachers Training Annex will be preserved.
3. Whatever happens to the Ed Center property will be the result of robust community input.
4. The District's interests must be served.

Councilmember Ward emphasized

that any proposal approved by SDUSD must undergo a long and robust review by the City with ultimate approval by the City Council. Mr. Ward also said that the Ed Center site is a special property that requires thoughtful consideration to provide maximum community benefit.

Both Mr. Barrera and Councilmember Ward acknowledged the efforts of UHCA, UHCD, the UH Library Task Force, and various individuals for their interest and support in bringing the community together and soliciting community feedback on community priorities for the Ed Center site.

Both speakers ended with a call for a coalition of all interested UH organizations and individuals to participate in a discussion of the future of the Ed Center site, should it become available for development.

To stay updated on news about the Ed Center site, please follow the UHCA News, the UCHA website at uhsd.org, and a website created by Kristin Harms and me at edcentersite.com. Please visit edcentersite.com to view a video clip of Mr. Barrera discussing his core values. –*Bill Ellig, University Heights Resident, Member of Uptown Planners.*

SURVEY RE FUTURE USE OF THE ED CENTER PROPERTY

As explained in last month's News, the San Diego Unified School District will be exchanging their property at Park Blvd. and Normal St. for a property elsewhere in San Diego. There is still time to take the following survey in order to further our goal of providing crucial community input on this important issue as the SDUSD goes through the process.

Please check as many potential uses of the property as you wish to indicate your preference. To submit your entry, please do one of the following: tear out the survey and return it to UHCA at the next community meeting on April 5, or email your response to Stuart McGraw UHCA Treasurer and Board member of Uptown Planners) at stumcgraw@gmail.com, or mail your response to UHCA, PO Box 33032, SD, 92163. Additional copies of the survey will be available at the UHCA meeting on April 5.

Q What use would you like to see on the Ed Center property?

- (A) Residential (apartments, condos, etc.)
- (B) Commercial/ retail
- (C) Mixed use (residential and retail)
- (D) Institutional (for example, library, community center, etc.)
- (E) Park (playground, gardens, dog park, etc.)
- (F) Other (fill in the blank _____)

Thank you for your participation and your interest in keeping our neighborhood the best in San Diego.

NOTICE

On April 1, 1957, the BBC reported that Switzerland had a bumper crop of spaghetti due to an unusually mild winter. The television newscaster gave a full description of the harvest, complete with pictures of people picking spaghetti from trees. The reporter relayed stories of massive spaghetti plantations in Italy, battles to control dreaded spaghetti weevils and instructions for growing spaghetti trees at home. It was, of course, an April Fools joke. TV trivia enthusiasts consider this to

be the first April Fools joke broadcast on television. Many viewers were actually taken in by the hoax, because in 1957, spaghetti was still thought of by many British people as some kind of exotic foreign food. April Fools Day, in one form or another, is one of our oldest holidays. The ancient Celts and Romans had a spring holiday for playing practical jokes. –*Adapted from an article in the SDUT.* See if you can recognize the several April Fools jokes in this issue!

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

HANNA'S GOURMET FRESH FROM AROUND THE WORLD

On Easter morning, when I break my fast, I'll be heading straight away to Hanna's Gourmet for breakfast. I've been deprived of her delicious menu since my last meal there, breakfast in early February. I chose the Eggs a La Marrakesh, a cinnamon-scented ground lamb with baked eggs, red pepper, and tomato sauce, topped with feta cheese and fresh mint, served with pita bread. Delicious. But April 1, I will splurge on something more calorie laden. Beckoning me is the Pastrami Benedict, poached eggs on an English muffin with sliced pastrami, topped with chipotle cream sauce and micro herbs. Or perhaps the Berry Ricotta Pancakes, topped with strawberries, blackberries, and blueberries and drizzled with chocolate sauce. Many more delicious decisions may prompt me to change my mind before Easter. The breakfast items are available on the lunch menu on the days Hanna's is not open for breakfast.

Of Hanna's salad selection for lunch and dinner, the Pear Salad with mixed greens, hazelnuts, cranberries, and gorgonzola cheese is one of my favorites. For a main course, the cilantro noodles with seared salmon is tops. All the ingredients

are fresh and prepared with exquisite care.

Hanna has monthly, themed family-style dinners. I hear they are fabulous and fun. I am sorry to have missed March's Italian-themed dinner, but I'm eager to see what's in store for April. The themed dinners feature a fixed-price menu, with two seatings, at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm, for \$40 per person.

Hanna's is tucked in between other businesses on the north side of Adams Ave. between Idaho and Utah Streets. For a comfortable atmosphere and delicious food, check out Hanna's Gourmet. *-Nan McGraw*

Hanna's Gourmet
2864 Adams Avenue
San Diego 92116
619-280-5600




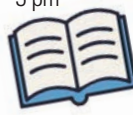


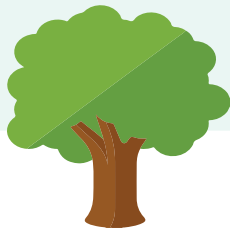


Hours:
Wednesday-Friday: 11 am-2:30 pm.
Reopen 5 pm-9:30 pm.
Saturday: 8 am-9:30 pm.
Sunday: 8 am-3 pm.
Closed Monday and Tuesday.

EATING OUT IN UH

American Market	4395 Cleveland Ave.	296-8333
Bahia Mexican & Seafood	1985 El Cajon Blvd.	542-0540
Bahn Thai	4646 Park Blvd.	299-6363
bfd (big front door)	4135 Park Blvd.	255-4100
Circa Restaurant	2121 Adams Ave.	296-9152
Cueva Bar	2123 Adams Ave.	269-6612
El Zarape	4642 Park Blvd.	692-1652
Flavors of East Africa	2322 El Cajon Blvd.	955-8778
Grains	2201 Adams Ave.	269-5999
Great Maple	1451 Washington St.	296-8268
Hope at Lafayette	2223 El Cajon Blvd.	780-0358
Hundred Proof	4130 Park Blvd.	501-6404
Lestat's on Park	4496 Park Blvd.	501-6638
Loving Hut	1905 El Cajon Blvd.	683-9490
Madison	4622 Park Blvd.	296-6566
Mama's Bakery & Lebanese Deli	4237 Alabama St.	688-0717
Meraki Café	1735 Adams Ave.	269-9618
Muzita Abyssinian Bistro	4651 Park Blvd.	546-7900
Mystic Mocha	2105 Mission Ave.	688-0858
Park Boulevard Deli	4504 Park Blvd.	295-1362
Park House Eatery	4574 Park Blvd.	295-7275
Pizzeria Bruno Napoletano	4207 Park Blvd.	260-1311
Pizzeria Luigi	2121 El Cajon Blvd.	294-9417
Plumeria Vegetarian Cuisine	4661 Park Blvd.	269-9989
Pomegranate Restaurant	2312 El Cajon Blvd.	297-4007
Pop Pie Co.	4404 Park Blvd.	501-4440
Red Fox Steak House	2223 El Cajon Blvd.	297-1313
Red House Pizza	4615 Park Blvd.	546-7430
Small Bar	4628 Park Blvd.	795-7998
Soltan Banoo	4645 Park Blvd.	298-2801
Sprouts Market & Deli	4175 Park Blvd.	291-8287
Summer's Market	4602 Park Blvd.	296-0504
Twiggs	4590 Park Blvd.	296-0616
Twisted Taps (brews & chews)	2302 El Cajon Blvd.	542-9927
Wing Stop	1901 El Cajon Blvd.	297-9464

Restaurants that have supported UHCA and its programs with advertising and/or gift cards are indicated in **bold**. Please support those businesses that support UHCA.

APRIL 2018 National Decorating Month and Fair Housing Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter April Fools Day Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	2 	3 Uptown Planners Meeting Joyce Beers Center Uptown Complex 6:00 pm	4 UHCDC Meeting 4452 Park Blvd. Suite 104, 6:30 pm	5 UH Rec Council Meeting Alice Birney Library, 5:30 pm UHCA Meeting: Alice Birney Auditorium, 6:45 pm UHCA News Deadline for May Issue	6	7 The Point Clean Up 1:30 - 3:30 pm Golden Gate btwn RI & Del.
8 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	9	10 Hillcrest Town Council Joyce Beers Center, Uptown Complex, 6 pm Friends of the Library, UH Chapter UH Branch Library, 6 pm	11	12 Holocaust Remembrance Day  Curbside Recycling & Yard Waste Collection	13	14
15 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	16	17 North Park Planning Committee North Park Christian Fellowship, 2901 North Park Way, 6:30 pm Tax Day Deadline 	18 UH Library Task Force Meeting UH Library, 6:30 pm	19	20 Preview Book Sale (Friends members only) Friends of the Library, UH Library 3 - 6 pm	21 Book Sale (open to the public) Friends of the Library, UH Library, 8 am - 3 pm 
22 Earth Day  Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm Bag O' Books Sale (open to the public) Friends of the Library, UH Library, noon - 4 pm	23	24 May UHCA News out	25 UH Book Club & Salon UH Library, 6:30 pm	26  Curbside Recycling & Yard Waste Collection	27 Arbor Day 	28 UH 130th Anniversary Party 4600 block of Park Blvd., 5-8 pm 
29 UHCA Tag Sale Trolley Barn Park, 9 am-1 pm Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	30 					

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Allied ASID, **Digs-Design**, working out of her home studio, offers a range of services to fit individual needs and will even consult on small jobs for an hourly fee. She's great at whole house space planning, kitchen and bath design, furniture shopping and organization, or whatever you need.

Have you ever ventured into **Park Blvd. Artworks and Borrelli Design & Cabinetry** on Park Blvd. near Meade Avenue? Mike Borrelli, CKD, CID, an expert in cabinetry for decades, has for years run his UH design studio that can offer exceptional help with kitchen and bath, home theater, and home office design and installation. He and his team have racked up dozens of

design awards over the years. Stop in and you'll find a display of design ideas plus full working kitchens showcasing Miele, Blue Star, and Jenn-Air appliances. You can test cook on these with your own pots and pans, by appointment. Occasionally chefs come by and cook up a feast on site.

Upstairs in Borrelli's building, find one of San Diego's premier interior

UH BEAUTIFICATION TEAM REPORT

A TYPICAL BEAUTIFICATION TEAM MEETING

A great deal of change is coming to El Cajon Boulevard with new construction everywhere, but one landmark remains: The Lafayette Hotel. So what does the Lafayette Hotel have to do with the UHCA Beautification Team? The Hope Lounge in the hotel is where the team gathers for its monthly meetings.

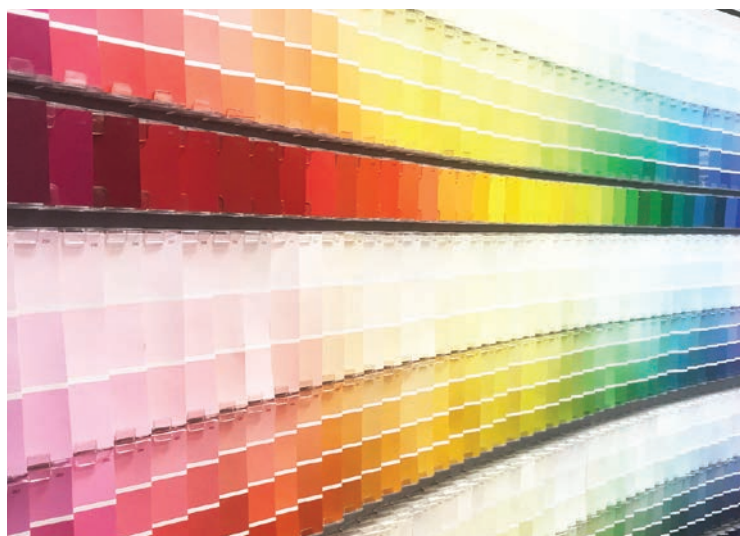
During these meetings the team reviews projects completed in the preceding month and makes decisions regarding future initiatives. For example, the agenda for February's meeting included reviewing the Texas Street cleanup, which was conducted by a group of college-age volunteers provided by New Visions Church and supervised by team members. The team also reviewed the prepping for painting of fifteen benches in Trolley Barn Park the same day, which was accomplished by another group of college students from New Visions under the guidance of other team members. Additional discussions centered on the priming and painting of all 33 benches in Trolley Barn Park, the power washing of the Vermont Street Bridge, and the annual cleanup of Washington Street and the 163 onramp. Finally, the agenda included discussions of the ongoing support of the community tree initiative, additional landscaping along the 163 onramp, ongoing maintenance of the Park Boulevard bus stop garden, and team support for the April 29 Tag Sale in Trolley Barn Park.

This may sound like a lot of work, and indeed much is accomplished at each meeting. But most participants arrive at 6 pm or earlier for the 6:30 meeting and order food and refreshing adult beverages in the lounge. Participants catch up on what has been happening in everyone's lives and have something to eat and drink throughout the meeting.

So if you are interested in both camaraderie and civic engagement, join us at our next meeting to become a Beautification Team member or to just have a good time and learn of the team's continuing efforts to keep University Heights beautiful. The meeting dates are published on the NextDoor website and on the University Heights Facebook page. Feel free to contact me for information on upcoming meetings or events. Hope to see you at our next meeting at the iconic Lafayette Hotel. -Rod Girvin, UHCA Beautification Team Leader, crgirvin@cox.net



Top: Borelli Design & Cabinetry Bottom: J.P. Walters Design Associates



Dunn-Edwards Paint, Photos: Paul Farris

designers, Jim Walters, ASID, **J.P. Walters Design Associates**, who also has his own collection of furniture designs. From a new dining room or bedroom to a whole home interior, this is an award-winning firm.

Across the street at the **Original Skin & Body Care** salon, Lisa Getz is proposing a version of a design makeover for neighborhood alleys. Her inspiration: the Alleys in Action in Normal Heights last February.

Dunn-Edwards Paint, at Florida St. and El Cajon Blvd., has the goods on color for both exterior and interior applications and is a friendly, welcoming

place. Asst. Manager Dave Green and staff have paint chips, brochures of appropriate colors for different architectural styles, and, from Wednesday through Sunday, a color adviser with design training to assist you.

Hanging a mirror to reflect a view out a window, virtually creating another window in your wall, is space enhancing, as is the old Parisian trick of mirroring a whole wall. **Torreon Imports** on University Ave. near 10th St. has an endless variety and options for anything in mirrors.

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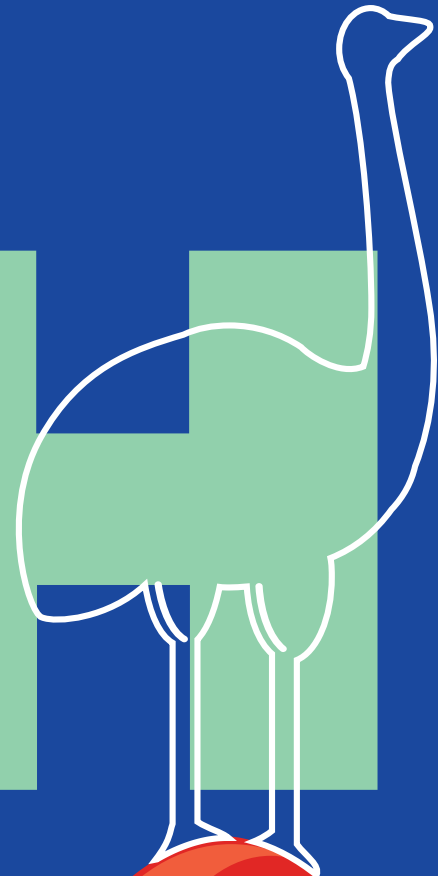
Speaking of Paris, interiors like the Parisian-style downtown creperie, **Minou**, by Café Chloe's owners, are an inspiration.

Local foodies cheer **bfd** and Sheep Riley, our favorite deli/sandwich guru, for making a good deal with architect Jonathan Segal to move over to his new building, **Park and Polk**, and anchor that sleek building for the gastronomic benefit of all. -The Unknown Shopper

ABSOLUTELY FAMOUS

Our name recognition has just zoomed upward. University Heights was featured in not one, but two major local magazines in March. A lengthy piece in **San Diego Home/Garden** spotlighted longtime local resident Phyllis Kessel, aka Phyllis Van Doren, and all the unique treasures she has discovered in UH and nearby. The photography was by another UH resident, David Harrison. A multi-paged feature in **San Diego Magazine** on the best San Diego neighborhoods includes UH—with a great photo down Park Blvd., with our beloved UH street sign front and center! Perhaps now people will stop confusing us with University City or thinking we are a mere extension of North Park!

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Sunday, April 29th
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Trolley Barn Park

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

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LIBRARY NEWS

THE UH BRANCH LIBRARY BETWEEN THE COVERS

Happy April! National Library Week is April 8-14, and we hope you'll celebrate by visiting the UH Library. This is the 60th anniversary of the national celebration that was started by the American Library Association as a way to encourage reading and public support for libraries. If you value your local branch library (and we hope you do), consider joining the Friends of the University Heights Library in April. This all-volunteer group helps support the University Heights Library through membership dues, book sales, and charitable contributions. Annual membership is available for \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for individuals, and \$20 for a family. Lifetime memberships are available for a one-time contribution of \$250. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the Library soon.

encounters. No registration is required.

And on Wednesday April 25 at 4:30 pm we'll be hosting Discover the Cosmos, geared toward kids aged 9-12. Registration is required for this program that teaches kids why our solar system is unique, along with fascinating facts about our neighboring planets. To register, contact the branch at 619-692-4912 or go online to sandiego.gov/steam. Discover the Cosmos is part of the San Diego Public Library's Spring into Steam science-focused workshop series, which occurs during the months of March, April, and May at all 36 branch libraries in the city. For other workshop offerings, dates, and locations, see sandiego.gov/steam.

—Holland Kessinger, Librarian, University Heights Branch Library, (619)692-4912, uhstaff@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 UH Library gets crafty every Saturday at 10:30 am with an Arts & Crafts time for kids of all ages, and our toddler storytime takes place the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 11 am. Special programs this month include Move It, presented by the Living Coast Discovery Center on Wednesday, April 18, at 4:30 pm. Kids will learn about animals that call San Diego home through fun dance moves and up-close animal

THE FRIENDS OF THE UH LIBRARY 1,000 BOOKS AND BEYOND!

Do you remember the last book you read? Do you remember the first book you ever read? How about a special book your parents used to read to you?

Research shows that the more young children hear books read to them, the more prepared they will be to learn to read upon reaching kindergarten, and the greater school success they'll have later in life. I started reading young, and look at me, I'm now the Secretary for the Friends of UH Library!

To encourage reading in children, the San Diego Public Library is offering an early literacy program, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, for kids ages 5 and younger. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to share 1,000 books with their little ones before they begin school and to receive rewards for books read.

1,000 books may seem like a lot of books, but if families read just one book each night, you will have read 1,000 books together in less than three years. Families can create an account for their children in Beanstack, at <https://www.sandiego.gov/1000books>, and log each book they read to their children. The program (and the learning) never ends, and the rewards are many, including:

- Registration: Bookmark
- First 25 books: Lanyard with plastic library card holder
- Every 25 books: Digital badge
- Every 100 Books: Smart Stripe
- 1000 Books: Smart Stripe & Certificate of Completion

So, start reading now and get on the path to success! —Isabel Schechter, Secretary, Friends of the University Heights Library.

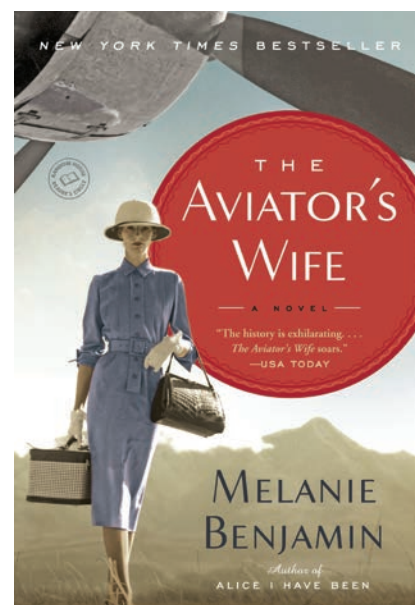
BOOK CLUB AND SALON

THE AVIATOR'S WIFE BY MELANIE BENJAMIN

Novelist Melanie Benjamin has a talent for picking intriguing women in history and making them unforgettable; for example, *The Swans of Fifth Avenue*, *The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb*, and *Alice I Have Been*. Her focus in this 2013 novel is on Anne Morrow Lindbergh who, despite her own major achievements, is viewed merely as Charles Lindbergh's wife. A naïve and romantic, Anne Morrow is thrilled when Lindbergh proposes marriage shortly after his famous transatlantic flight. Initially enthralled to serve as the impressive and attractive young aviator's crew, she soon discovers a dark side to her husband's ambitions and wishes to break free of his rigid expectations for her.

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.

UH Book Club & Salon
 Wednesday, April 25, 2018,
 at 6:30 pm
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 (at Howard Avenue)
 619-692-4912



The author's unsympathetic portrait of Charles may surprise readers anticipating more of a love story. However, Anne's life story provides a wealth of material to hold the reader's interest, including her pioneering days as an aviatrix, her despair after the kidnapping and murder of her infant son, and the controversy surrounding Charles' unpopular political views during the buildup to WWII. Benjamin's primary emphasis is on Anne's growth from helpmeet into the author of the feminist classic *Gift from the Sea*.

UHCA HIT BY LAWSUIT

An area resident has filed a lawsuit in district court suing the community association for unspecified damages for pain and suffering from the Lights in the Heights holiday lighting contest. Martha Bardell organized her neighbors on Montana Street to fill their yards with deflated blow-up ostriches in holiday garb recreating Custer's Last Stand, a nod to one of the most famous historical landmarks in Montana. But the Lights in the Heights judging panel awarded the Best Street prize to the residents of South Dakota Street, who apparently had beautiful light displays in their side yards. Dan Freed, chair of the panel, defended their choice. "If you

could have seen those side yards, they were just beautiful!" Bardell was not mollified by Freed's assurances; hence the lawsuit. The Best Street was not the only controversial choice the panel made. Best individual house was awarded to 1541 Hawaii which had a single light on its porch. "While other homes reeked of crass commercialism, 1541 Hawaii's single light reminded us of the 'reason for the season' – the light of hope born on Christmas Day," said Freed. The owners of the house on Hawaii were surprised when they won as they actually hadn't decorated at all. The single light was their porch light which they kept lit all night for security reasons.



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SCHOOL NEWS

BIRNEY BUZZ



March was buzzing with activities at Birney Elementary. The Mother Language Day celebration was a huge success, ending in students, parents, and staff dancing to international music.

On March 9th, we hosted our annual Bedtime Stories event as part of the NEA's Read Across America celebration. Students came in their pajamas with blankets and pillows to have Birney staff, parents, and community members read stories out loud.

On March 16th, Birney held its annual Run for the Green health and wellness fun run. Although the final numbers are not in, The Friends of Alice Birney Elementary would like to thank everyone who donated and participated

in this wonderful event that helps us thrive as a school and a community.

So far, our International Baccalaureate (IB) program has helped double our enrollment, achieve excellent test scores, and attract students and families from outside our district. But severe budget cuts threaten Birney's ability to offer classes that are integral to our IB accreditation. With your help, we'll achieve our goal of raising \$130,000 to support the IB program this year. Contact us at alicebirneyfriends@gmail.com or visit our website at FriendsOfAliceBirney.org for more information. - Ari Honarvar



Mother Language Day at Birney

HUGE MISSION HILLS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!

Saturday April 7th 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

On day of sale, maps and addresses of homes are available at Coldwell Banker at 1621 West Lewis St. • 619-800-1103.

80+ homes participating!

ROO NEWS



Earth Day Parking

If you are planning to attend the Earth Day Fair on Sunday, April 22, you will keep your carbon footprint smaller if you don't drive around looking for parking. Instead, park at Roosevelt! The school will open its gates off of Zoo Drive to overflow drivers at 11 am and will close at 10 pm. We will request a \$20 tax-deductible donation to support after-school clubs and sports, which are not supported by public finding. -Laura Dadmun

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

It would be great if the City of San Diego and Caltrans had unlimited resources to keep all our communities free of trash and debris on their own, but we know that's not possible. It then becomes our responsibility to alert the appropriate agency about areas that need attention. That's where the city's Get It Done website (<https://getitdone.force.com/TSWNewReport>), or Caltrans Customer Service Request (<https://csr.dot.ca.gov/>) come in. Both websites offer the user an online page to report problems with potholes, dead animals, graffiti, illegal dumping, and homeless encampments, to name just a few.

The city's website allows you to use Google maps to pinpoint an area of concern and even upload images of the problem. The Caltrans website requests the highway and direction of travel, and an optional cross street to pinpoint the location. Both are user-friendly, offer plenty of space to describe the problem, and take just a few minutes to complete. Caltrans will follow up with an email with details of your report and then notify you after the work has been completed.

Although UHCA's Beautification Team works continually to keep our neighborhoods clean, some situations may be too ambitious or hazardous for our volunteers to handle or may require specialized equipment. When that happens, file a report. I've found the typical turnaround is about two weeks from the time a report is filed until the work is done. But that quick resolution

isn't always the case, so be patient, but also persistent. Have your neighbors file a report too. A greater number of people reporting an issue results in a higher position on the priority list and a more timely resolution.

The only question is the proper entity with jurisdiction over a particular area. Some canyons in UH are managed by both the city and Caltrans, depending on how close the problem is to the freeway or on/off ramps. For example, Camelot Canyon, below the Vermont St. Bridge, bordered by Washington St. and the 163 onramp, is under the jurisdiction of both agencies. If you wanted to report the unsanitary accumulation of trash caused by the homeless living in this canyon, you would need to file on both websites. Caltrans' responsibility begins 150 feet west of the bridge. If you're unsure, file a report with both agencies. Be aware that if a part of a canyon is privately owned, it is then up to the property owner to handle the situation.

So, whether you are traveling through our community by foot, on a bike, or in a vehicle, if you notice something that needs to be addressed, take a moment and contact the appropriate agency. In the meantime, if you'd like to join the volunteers working tirelessly to keep UH clean, contact volunteer@uhsd.org. -Andy Lange



SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY TO BECOME PRISON

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is set to take over the School Board property in University Heights. The Department has been looking for some time for a spot to build a new maximum security prison to replace its Pelican Bay facility, notorious for housing the "worst of the worst" prisoners. The current Pelican Bay facility is old and requires such major renovations that the department concluded it would be less expensive to build a new facility elsewhere. Normally prisons are built in remote locations; however, this has made it a challenge to staff the

facilities. "The central San Diego location the school board property offers is just ideal for us being able to recruit and retain the best possible staff," said Dan Freed, head of the Department. Although having a maximum security prison next door might alarm area residents, Freed was confident the prison will not pose a threat to anyone in the neighborhood. "The prison will be surrounded by a 16-foot high, 5-foot thick wall with armed sentries. This will be the safest neighborhood in the city," said Freed. Construction on the prison could begin April 1.

FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR

HAPPY 130TH ANNIVERSARY, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Hello, University Heights, and congratulations on your community's 130th anniversary in April!

University Heights is one of San Diego's most distinctive and inviting neighborhoods. With your amazing restaurants and bars, cultural and recreational icons like Diversionary Theatre and Trolley Barn Park, and your essential small businesses and friendly residents, you have much to be proud of. I know that I am proud to have represented you for so many years, as a member of the City Council, the state Assembly, and now the state Senate.

It is because of communities like University Heights that I am honored to continue to represent San Diego as the 48th President pro Tem of the California Senate.

I am mindful that I am breaking the glass ceiling as the first woman in this leadership position, and the first openly LGBTQ person. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to LGBTQ-friendly San Diego City Council District 3 communities like University Heights for helping me become the representative I am today.

This year will be a busy one, and I believe a productive one. The Legislature has many recent achievements to build upon, and many challenges still ahead. Our economy is performing well, and our state leads in many important ways, yet the income-in-

equality gap is too big, affordable housing too scarce.

Indeed, we have work to do, but I believe that by empowering my colleagues to aggressively pursue their legislative goals and by leading the Senate with inclusiveness in mind, I can do my part to help move California forward.

Having a San Diegan as leader of the Senate – for just the second time, and the first time in nearly forty years – will be big for our city, and I am humbled to have been trusted with that responsibility. Please keep in touch with my office, at 619-645-3133. My staff and I are here to serve you should you need assistance with any state matter.

–Toni G. Atkins, State Senator for California's 39th District, which includes University Heights



FROM YOUR ASSEMBLYMEMBER

CONGRATULATIONS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Congratulations on 130 years, University Heights! For the last decade, it has been my honor to represent this community, first as your City Councilmember and now as your Assemblymember.

Every week, I travel to Sacramento to be your voice in our State Capitol and I know a primary concern not only for University Heights, but for our entire city continues to be homelessness. Like you, I believe we must do more to get folks off the street and into sustainable and supportive housing. With the State projecting a \$6.1 billion budget surplus, I believe there is no better time for us to make a significant dent in this problem and help local jurisdictions invest in more homelessness services.

So, at the beginning of February, I joined several of my colleagues to request that \$1 billion of the budget surplus go toward housing and homelessness. I'm proud to report our request was not only supported, but increased. The Assembly's Budget Chair, Assemblymember Phil Ting (D-San Francisco), introduced AB 3171, legislation I'm co-authoring, which would make a one-time investment of \$1.5 billion for homelessness services at the local level. Cities would be able to receive these dollars on a matching funds basis for efforts such

as permanent supportive housing, emergency shelters, navigation centers, and rental assistance. Because these funds will be matched, AB 3171 represents a potential \$3 billion total investment in homelessness services statewide.

This is a substantial step forward that would not have been possible without your support and feedback – not only now but over the last 10 years. So, I want to say thank you. Here's to the next 130 years!

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



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complained about much-needed repairs. A tenant's undocumented status has also been used as leverage when a landlord wants to evict tenants and their families. This law prevents landlords from disclosing a tenant's immigration status and prohibits landlords from threatening or making threats to report tenants to immigration authorities.

For more information, please contact The Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc., at (844) 449-3500 or www.lasdsd.org. -Branden Butler, Fair Housing Attorney, Legal Aid Society of San Diego

Effective January 1, 2018, California offered additional protections to immigrant tenants and moved to strengthen state law protections. AB 291, or the Immigrant Tenant Protection Act, prevents landlords from reporting or threatening to report tenants to immigration authorities.

Tenants must disclose private information to their landlords during the application process: social security numbers, workplace information, and the names of their family members. Although the majority of landlords are law abiding, some landlords use their knowledge of a tenant's undocumented status to avoid their legal obligations. Throughout California, landlords have threatened to call immigration authorities when a tenant



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