

NEXT UHCA MEETING THURS, FEBRUARY 7

City Council & Community Policy
Priorities for 2019

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

Featured speaker: Councilmember Chris
Ward, San Diego City Council, District 3



University Heights Community Association February 2019

NEWS



THE NEW NORMAL

Major change appears to have become the new normal for Normal Street between El Cajon Blvd. and University Ave. Early last year, the DMV unveiled its plan to rebuild (and now, perhaps, move) its Normal Street field office. Then Lennar, the nation's largest homebuilder, announced a 375-unit project where Normal St. meets Park Blvd. Not to be outdone, the City of San Diego allocated \$2 million to make the long-awaited Normal Street Promenade a reality.

Now, the future of the SDUSD Education Center is back in the spotlight following the district's successful bond measure in November. The school board pulled the plug on a controversial land swap earlier in the year, and now hopes to pursue an "authentic, collaborative" process that engages the UH community and results in identifying the highest and best use for its 11-acre property along Normal Street from Park Blvd. to Washington St.

First on the district's agenda is identifying the organizations, community leaders, and interested citizens who might

want to join its task force. A small group, including UHCA representatives, met in December to help identify stakeholders, define the process, and begin gathering the many ideas proposed over the past decades, from libraries to dog parks to parking structures and beyond. District officials plan to meet with stakeholders in January, then host a task force kick off meeting in February. Their goal is to arrive at consensus around a shared vision by mid-year.

The officials were clear that the eventual design must meet the needs of administrative center employees, while respecting bond measure spending constraints and joint-use facility regulations. They also pointed to a board resolution that commits the district to adaptive reuse of certain historic buildings, public access to green space, and exploring the feasibility of a shared paid parking structure.

The school district needs 175,000 square feet of modern (air conditioned) office space to consolidate staff for efficient communication. This might entail build-

ing several tall structures in order to activate more of the site for public use. The district alluded to the school district's status as one of the city's largest builders and property owners; the presence of schools in nearly every community; and their public use as meeting spaces, polling places, and emergency shelters. SDUSD leadership made it clear the Ed Center site should be viewed as a major public asset, function as an important community gathering space, and become treasured as a neighborhood amenity.

None of this will come to be until the school district and the UH community give a positive answer to the critical "threshold" question: "Should the district administrative center stay or go?" If it relocates, the district will continue to own the site, but would likely execute a joint occupancy agreement with a private entity, resulting in mixed use development.

However you feel about the future of the site, arguably one of the most important developable parcels in Southern California, the University Heights community will be well served to participate in the process with an open mind and generous spirit. That would be a "new normal" everyone can appreciate. — *William Smith, Member, Uptown Planning Committee, and Member, UHCA Board of Directors*

LOOKING AHEAD:

THE NEXT UHCA MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

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TOPIC: UPDATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE EDUCATION CENTER PROPERTY

Come join us at our March 7 meeting to hear Richard Barrera discuss the future of the Education Center property in the wake of the successful bond issue in the November 2018 election. Richard Barrera is the District D Representative for the San Diego Unified School Board.

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Thank you.

— *The UHCA News Editorial Board*

KAIROA BREWING COMPANY OPENING

The doors are nearly open at Kairoa Brewing Company. The smell of malt and hops is in the air at the intersection of Park Blvd. and Madison Ave., and the neighborhood is abuzz. The small batch brewery and full restaurant will be serving up beer and food by the end of January.

The rooftop deck is ready for action and will be a dynamic gathering space with

indoor and outdoor seating. It boasts a deluxe view of the University Heights sign, unique to Kairoa. While overlooking the iconic sign, owner Shanan Spearling describes the rooftop deck, "This will be the hub of the restaurant. It's got everything: a view, it's dog-friendly, and it has a small kids' area, as well as a private event space."

With the brewery on the bottom floor, patrons can get a glimpse of the brewing process while enjoying the beer made just several feet away. Guests can also grab a snack or a full meal with bar seating and full tableside service. A kids' menu will be included so the whole family will have ordering options.

Dog owners will be pleased with the pet-friendly dining addition to the neighborhood. "Outdoor dining is



one of the perks of living in San Diego, and we wanted to take advantage of the agreeable weather year round. By having the rooftop deck, we are able to bring all facets of neighborhood life together in one spot," says Spearling. Dog owners on their evening stroll will have a built-in pit stop if they get a craving for a beer and a sunset view.

On weekends, Kairoa will serve brunch to the hungry crowd with favorites like eggs benedict; Kiwi feed, a version of a classic New Zealand breakfast; and veg-an chilaquiles. For those who don't enjoy beer, mimosas will also be featured on the brunch menu. See everybody there soon! — *Elizabeth Zaranka*



UHCA NEEDS VOLUNTEER BLOCKWALKERS!

Blockwalkers are those special people who deliver the UHCA News every month within University Heights. We need blockwalkers to cover several blocks or to be available as backups when regular blockwalkers are on vacation.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nan McGraw at nmcsan@aol.com or 619-260-0668.

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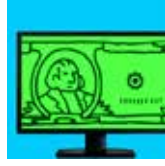
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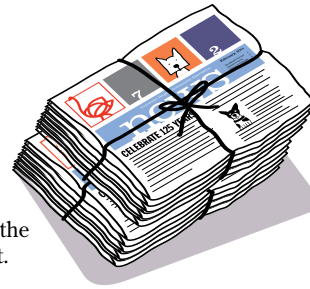
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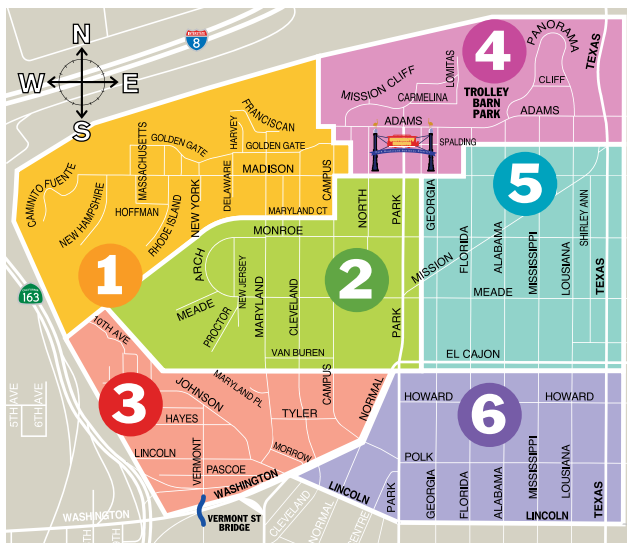
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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BOUNDARIES AND ZONE WATCH



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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.

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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)
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SDPD Western Division 5215 Gaines Street 619-692-4800
Shopping Cart Pick-Up Service 800-252-4613
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAROL NEIDENBERG

Love, love, love
Love, love, love
Love, love, love
There's nothing you can do that can't be done
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung
Nothing you can say but you can learn how to play the game
It's easy
There's nothing you can make that can't be made
No one you can save that can't be saved
Nothing you can do but you can learn how to be you in time
It's easy
All you need is love
All you need is love

I recently returned from Colombia, S.A., where litter was rare and people were friendly. Stepping out of a Lyft in San Francisco, my mind for whatever reason was on what has happened since John Lennon wrote those lyrics more than five decades ago during the Summer of Love. Once considered the most desirable of American cities, San Francisco is shamefully unaffordable, and many sidewalks are unpassable with drug paraphernalia and the homeless.

My cynical self believes that John Lennon was a bit too naïve when he wrote those lyrics. A lot has changed since

1967, but then much has remained the same. The country isn't embroiled in a war in faraway Southeast Asia, yet our troops are still in places that most Americans would have a hard time finding on a map. The country is as painfully divided as it was in the late 1960s.

We're also divided in San Diego and here in University Heights. Take housing for example. Who doesn't want more housing? Who doesn't want our colleagues, friends, children, and grandchildren to remain close by and not have to move to Sacramento or Syracuse? We need more housing, affordable housing for everyone, although the push back (the NIM-BYism) is strong: Yes to increased density, yes to smart growth, yes to mass transit. But not in our neighborhood, not on our block, not in that building.

In this New Year, let's vow to become more tolerant, more respectful, and more generous. Let us start with University Heights, working together to create a better place to live. One that's affordable, safe, and aesthetically pleasing. May you prosper, be compassionate, and help others to see that John Lennon's dream might come true. Let's all pledge to take the first step.

February, after all, is the month of love.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The December 6, 2018, meeting of the University Heights Community Association (UHCA) was very well attended, considering the evening was extremely wet and blustery! President Carol Neidenberg opened the meeting with a welcome, an exhortation to join UHCA and purchase UHCA merchandise for holiday gifts, and several announcements.

Marcia Sorini managed the Giving Tree, our annual holiday fundraising program for most-at-need kids at Birney Elementary School. Donations purchase gift certificates for the families, which are then presented to Birney. The total take for the evening, more than \$1,000, was presented to Amanda Williams, the principal of Birney, and the PTA rep. Thank you to all the generous people in UH who donated and to Marcia for making the Giving Tree a success.

Several new bicycles and helmets were donated and given to Birney students. A big thanks to Bikes for Kids Foundation for the donation, and thanks to Stu McGraw and Greg Sorini for picking up the bikes.

Thank you to Paul Farris for all the award certificates and graphics he created for our various holiday events in the neighborhood. Also to Susan Holts for creating the gift baskets for our raffle prizes.

Bill Smith explained that the annual Lights in the Heights would be an on-

line event this year.

Tyler Renner reported for City Councilmember Chris Ward. He began with an apology that Councilmember Ward was not present. He had planned to be, but his car flooded and he was unable to attend. Tyler promised to get Councilmember Ward to a meeting in the new year.

Carol Neidenberg, assisted by Greg Sorini, presented awards to a dozen blockwalkers, those dedicated individuals who hand deliver the UHCA News to nearly 5,000 homes and businesses ten times per year. The awards were followed by a raffle, with three beautiful gift baskets awarded to the winning blockwalkers. Thank you to Twiggs for donating gift cards for the baskets.

Of course, the December meeting was also our annual dessert potluck, and we had several long tables full of extraordinary and delicious desserts. The leftovers (yes, there were some) were donated to the firefighters at the local fire station and the volunteers at the Friends of the San Diego Public Library.

As you can see from this article, a lot of hard working and dedicated people contribute to the success of UHCA. Join us and become a part of the success story of this wonderful community!

— Maureen Markey, UHCA Vice President, & Carol Neidenberg, UHCA Pres-



IN RETIREMENT, GUARANTEES MATTER

A recent study revealed that 79 percent of Americans plan to continue working once they're "retired."¹ Why do so many expect to postpone a typical, leisure-filled retirement? One theory points to the decline of pensions and the need to replace the income stream that used to come—guaranteed—from a past employer. Today, only 48 percent of private sector employers offer defined contribution or traditional defined benefit pension plans.² And traditional defined benefit plans are disappearing. In 2015, just 20 percent of Fortune 500 companies offered defined benefit pensions to new employees.³

With private pensions becoming rarer, guarantees in retirement may be few and far between, but it doesn't make them any less important. For starters, guarantees might make you happier. Research suggests that retirees get more satisfaction from each dollar of Social Security and pension income than they do from any other source of income.⁴ That's because you're more likely to be confident spending money when you know another check is right around the corner.

Guarantees can also help you be a more confident investor through market ups and downs. Guarantees can be the guardrails you need to stay the course when investing, knowing that you have some protection built into your portfolio. And, with Americans living longer than ever before,

guarantees in your overall retirement plan, which can be provided by annuities, may help assure that your money lasts as long as you do. Guarantees are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuer.

Just as no two retirements are alike, not all guarantees are alike, so it's important to understand the options available to you and to identify what, in your own retirement, you want to guarantee.

—Scott Schechter

¹ Ben Steverman, "Working Past 70: Americans Can't Seem to Retire," Bloomberg, July 10, 2017.

² "Employee Benefits Survey," Retiree Benefits," Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 2017.

³ Jerry Geisel, "Fortune 500 Continues to Shed Pension Plans," Business Insurance, February 22, 2016.

⁴ "What Makes a Successful Retirement?" Research, February 2014

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PLUME

Our annual Caroling in the Heights was a huge success on December 7. Many Plumes go to Chamber Bravura, the internationally known a cappella youth choir. Their spectacular voices and occasional humorous antics entertained approximately 300 UH neighbors for three hours at five different locations. Thank you to our young entertainers, their director Katherine Girvin, and the

hosts who so graciously welcomed University Heights neighbors to their locations: bfd (Big Front Door), Pemberley Realty, and Mystic Mocha. Thanks also to bfd, Pemberley Realty, Mystic Mocha, and Twiggs for providing delicious refreshments, and to the volunteers who helped organize, serve, and clean up. Plumes to all of you!



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PET OF THE MONTH



In 2011, my husband decided we needed to add a puppy to our household. I was reluctant, being a cat person. We looked at the shelters and also at rescues. Second Chance Dog Rescue was holding an adoption event at the Petco in Grossmont Center.

We arrived and the two puppies my husband was interested in were already adopted. But I walked over to the puppy playpen and a woman handed me a puppy. It was instant love. Her name was Carly Simon. Yes, after the singer; in fact the entire litter was named after singers: Carole King, Donna Summer, Elvis Costello, and James Taylor.

We brought Carly into our family. A couple days later we took her out for a short walk and we ran into a neighbor walking her puppy, Sadie. The two were drawn to each other. The puppies played while we chatted. It turns out this was Carly's sister Carole King! Who would think her sister would be adopted by a family three blocks from us!

After that, we started fostering dogs for Second Chance, two of which, Jake and Buddy, were adopted by neighborhood families. That's how we "foster failed" and added Bella to the mix. And we currently have another foster, Gidget, living with us. So if you see the pack walking by, say hi! — *Diann Nephew*



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3 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	4	5 Chinese New Year Uptown Planners Meeting Joyce Beers Center, Uptown Complex, 6 pm Board of Ed Meeting Eugene Brucker Auditorium 5 pm	6 UHCDC Meeting 4452 Park Blvd. Suite 104, 6:30 pm	7 UH Rec Council Meeting Alice Birney Library, 5:30 pm UHCA Meeting Alice Birney Auditorium, 6:45 pm	8	9
10 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	11	12 Hillcrest Town Council Joyce Beers Center, 6 pm Friends of the Library UH Chapter, UH Branch Library, 6 pm Board of Ed Meeting Eugene Brucker Auditorium 5 pm	13	14  HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!  Curbside Recycling & Yard Waste Collection	15  Preview Book Sale (Friends members only) UH Library, 3 - 6 pm	16 Book Sale (open to the public) , UH Library, 8 - 3 pm
17 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm Bag O' Books sale (open to the public) UH Library, 12 noon-4pm	18 	19 North Park Planning Committee North Park Christian Fellowship, 2901 North Park Way, 6:30 pm	20 UH Library Task Force Meeting UH Branch Library, 6:30 pm	21	22	23
24 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	25	26 March UHCA News out Board of Ed Meeting Eugene Brucker Auditorium 5 pm	27 UH Book Club & Salon UH Library, 6:30 pm	28		

STREET SEEN

WRAP UP SOME LOVE IN A GIFT

For the red-hued and heart-shaped holiday this month, you'll find everything you need by shopping local boutiques, food establishments, and plant nurseries for the people and pets in your life.

BENCH Home opened barely a year ago near the heart of Kensington, but owner/buyer Helen Bonar has been studying fashion merchandising and working in retail for much longer. Her enthusiasm for design came together when she conceived of this store near their home. With her Scottish husband, Niven, and two children, the name **BENCH** is cobbled together from the first initials of the family members. Home is added to the name, a nod to Helen's full design service from the shop.

The retail shop itself contains several rooms of home goods, fashion, children's items, some furniture, and handmade art, jewelry, and candles. This month you'll also find a sumptuous

protea bouquet and special Valentine items including cards, all curated by Helen. She often brings back unique items while travelling on holiday. You never know what you'll discover when stopping by. Helen, a native of Alabama, brings her warm southern brand of hospitality to her business, whether you need new pillows, some space planning, accessorizing, or a full-on interior makeover.

Other boutiques on Adams Avenue that have home goods, cards, and fashion that we've covered before include **Maven** and **Kiko & Sven**. On Park Boulevard in University Heights, two favorites could provide you with unusual tokens of love. First is the new location for **bfd**, which has expanded its hours and menu since moving into the Park and Polk / Segal building.

Across the street is **Hessian Global Goods**. This big, red, Ali Baba cave is

known for special coffees and teas plus two stories of kitchenware like coffee pots, teapots, towels and mugs, and unending pieces of folk art, both large and small.

In amongst the eateries and bars in the heart of University Heights is a tiny green **Eden**, a plant shop with containers, cards, and hanging plants you can tie a bow on. Between Meade and Adams on Park Boulevard there's even more. The point is to shop local and support your local businesses. You'd be surprised at what you'll find with a stroll on the avenues. — *The Unknown Shopper*

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Photo: Dawn Harrison



Above, an interior view and selection of what you may find when you visit **BENCH Home**.
Photos courtesy of **BENCH Home**

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

RESTAURANT REVIEW PLUMERIA

Plumeria was one those places that I always walked past, meaning to try, but hadn't yet gotten around to actually going. If you're in a similar boat, run- don't walk- right now over to Park Blvd to secure yourself a seat at Plumeria. You'll thank me. The vegetarian eatery places a strong emphasis on acquiring ingredients from only the highest quality sources and that attention to detail shines through in each of their flavor- fueled, Thai inspired dishes. The restaurant is 100 percent vegetarian, meaning all menu options are free from fish sauces or any animal products (aside from the option of adding eggs to certain dishes). Carnivores will leave happy, too, with Plumeria's extensive menu featuring soups, curries, and noodles, to name a few.

The red curry, recommended by our waiter, mixed just the right amount of spice with fresh, steamed veggies. But the real standout was the Vegan Curry

Rice: a mix of jasmine rice, beans, golden raisins, cashews, and onions, stir fried with curry powder and topped with a chili-lime sauce that I'd like to order in bulk. Another honorable mention goes to the peanut sauce accompanying the fresh spring rolls that boasted just the right amount of spice.

Plumeria owner, Pimwara Thongchua, is also the name behind local favorites like Chi Extraordinary Kitchen, the Thai Joint on Adams Avenue, and Hillcrest's Asian Bistro. She's also planning to expand into Encinitas, where after a series of pop up events, Plumeria Encinitas is set to open. While the Park Blvd location is on the more casual side, it makes for a fun date night with a few cozy two- person spots, and longer tables that are ideal for groups or families. You can also do take out and enjoy the fabulous flavors in the comfort of your own home. I'd recommend ordering double: take one dish for now and save the second for later. — *Justine Hall*

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EATING OUT IN UH



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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
Sprouts Market & Deli	4175 Park Blvd.	291-8287
Stella Jean's Ice Cream	4404 Park Blvd.	501-8252
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

NEW CAFÉ OPEN IN UH

There is a new cafe in UH, Yipao SD Coffee. The owners, Jairo and Maria, are from Colombia, which has a great coffee culture. This couple has worked hard to transform an empty lot into something

fun and colorful. Their location is on the north side of Madison, just west of Park. The cafe opened in late January. Stop by and welcome this new business to the neighborhood.



Owner Jairo Martinez setting up new Yipao SD Coffee
Photo: Harrison Photographic

LET A VALENTINE COCKTAIL SWEEP YOU OFF YOUR FEET

This classic Hurricane Cocktail variation should sweep you off your feet for Valentine's Day. What's more romantic than passion fruit? And we're going to spice it up with some Burlesque Bitters to make what I call:

The Whirlwind Romance

Combine the following ingredients in a cocktail shaker:

- 1 oz fresh squeezed lime juice
- 2 oz Liquid Alchemist Passion Fruit Syrup
- 3 oz Malahat Spirits Rum (white rum)
- 3 dropperfuls Bittermens Burlesque Bitters

Crush ice using a Lewis bag and mallet or mechanical ice crusher. Fill a Hurricane or Collins glass with the crushed ice. Add ice cubes to the shaker, shake, and strain into the glass of crushed ice. Top with ½ oz float of Seven Caves Barrel Aged Rum. Add a reusable straw and enjoy!

We have everything but the local rum and fresh limes here at Collins & Coupe! — *Gary McIntire*

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FAREWELL TO SOLTAN BANOO

After two wonderful and prosperous decades bringing authentic Persian food to University Heights, Soltan Banoo restaurant closed in January. Family members Mahin and Sanam (mother and sister of Roxanne of Pemberley Realty) started one of the first restaurants in our business district, in the smallest space imaginable on the west side of Park Blvd. That was Caspian Corner in the 4600 block of Park Blvd on the west side of the street. It was the dream of Mahin, who immigrated from Iran to New York in 1988.

give the enthusiastic neighbors a taste of her cooking. Once the customers tasted her delicious dishes, the rest was history. The popularity of this restaurant and its enthusiastic and appreciative clientele grew to the point that Soltan Banoo had to move to a larger place. When the opportunity to buy the property across the street came up, they jumped at the chance to have that bigger and better place and in 2003 they opened Soltan Banoo.

When her daughters, Roxanne and Sanam, moved to San Diego, Mahin picked up her suitcase, some hobby crafts, and her dreams and followed them to California. One year later, they all opened a gift/teashop to sell Mahin's crafts and show the folks of UH how good tea can be. Mahin couldn't keep still and had to

After a delicious 15-year run at Soltan Banoo, regrettably, we no longer have this fine establishment in University Heights. But we still have Roxanne who will continue the family tradition of neighborliness and community spirit. We will sincerely miss Soltan Banoo, and we hope Mahin and Sanam come back to visit us in UH! — *Nan McGraw*

LIBRARY NEWS

THE FRIENDS OF THE UH LIBRARY WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT OUR LIBRARY?

Whether you celebrate Valentine's Day this month or just take advantage of the opportunity to get cheap candy the day after (yum!), any day is a good day to express your love for our branch library!

What do you love most about our library? We asked some of our patrons and here's what they said:

- "I don't have to buy every new book and movie out there. I can get it from the library for free."
- "It's so quiet and it's a good place to read and there's a lot of books."
- "The staff...they're so beautiful, really helpful; they're like second mothers."
- "It's a place where you can come and relax and see friends."

The Friends of UH Library love our library so much that our volunteers give countless hours of their time to support our branch. We also provide financial support to help buy books and equip-

ment as well as sponsor programming. We couldn't do this without your membership dues and donations.

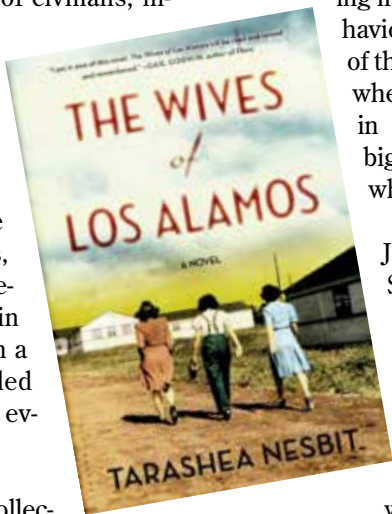
This month, we encourage you to show your love for special friends by giving them a gift of a Friends of the UH Library membership or making a donation in their honor. We will be happy to send your special someone a card letting them know about your thoughtfulness. Donation forms are available at the front desk of the library.

Thank you for your support. — *Isabel Schechter, Secretary, Friends of the University Heights Library*

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UH BOOK CLUB AND SALON THE WIVES OF LOS ALAMOS BY TARASHEA NESBIT

In TaraShea Nesbit's first novel, the reader shares the stories of the wives who followed their scientist husbands to New Mexico's Pajarito Plateau in the early 1940s. Thousands of civilians, including young couples just out of university, lived behind what was referred to as the Manhattan Project. While their husbands worked a few miles away in the Tech Areas, the wives, some with advanced degrees of their own, lived in barely finished houses in a military town surrounded by barbed wire, where everything was a secret.



friendships were forged, children grew up, and Los Alamos gradually changed into a real community. But boredom and gossip were the mainstays, often resulting in uncomfortable social behavior. The destructive force of this WWII research project when the bomb was dropped in 1945 would bring even bigger challenges for those who had been involved.

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

UH BOOK CLUB & SALON
Wednesday, February 27, at 6:30 pm
San Diego Public Library
University Heights Branch
4193 Park Boulevard (at Howard Avenue)
619-692 4912

The story is told by the collective narrative of all the women in one communal voice. Their average age was twenty-five. They came from Berkeley, Cambridge, Paris, London, and Chicago. And they arrived in New Mexico ready for adventure. While the bomb was being created, babies were born,

THE UH BRANCH LIBRARY BETWEEN THE COVERS

The library is excited for the new year and beyond! Make it part of your 2019 plans to visit us for books, music, movies, magazines, computer use, resources, programs, and more. Families with young children, have you checked out our systemwide *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* program? The aim is to read to young children 1,000 books before they start kindergarten. When the first 25 books have been read, the child will earn a library card lanyard and holder. Child participants will earn further reading badge stripes per 100 books. Anyone can read to the child, even your librarians during story time. Favorite books may also be counted more than once. Register today at www.sandiego.gov/1000books.

Also, for kids ages 4 to 14 who like to color, there will be a coloring contest from Feb. 1 to 11, 2019. Pick up a coloring page at the library. Three winners will be contacted to pick up their prizes before Valentine's Day.

Featured programs:

- African Drums with Nana Yaw. Feb. 6, 4:30 pm. Learn rhythmic drumming techniques. Fun for all ages.
- Flax Insect Taxidermy Mount with ToshWerks. Mar. 6, 4:30 pm. Gild and mount an amazing insect to create a unique wall hanging. For ages 7 and up. Register online: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/flax-insect-taxidermy-workshop>
- Decorative Soapmaking. Mar. 20, 4:30 pm. Create & design your

scented soaps. For ages 16 and up. Register online: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/decorative-soapmaking>

Regularly scheduled programs:

- Pajama Story Time: Wednesdays (except the last Wed. of each month) at 6:30 pm.
- Morning Story Time: Thursdays at 11 am.
- Arts and Crafts: Saturdays all day.
- Puppet Storytime with Caroline and Penelope: 1st & 3rd Saturdays (Feb. 2 and 16 and Mar. 2 and 16) at 11:30 am.

As a reminder, the library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18, for Presidents' Day. Please check our Facebook page, online calendar, or give us a call at 619-692-4912 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*



Library Hours	
Monday	9:30 am – 6 pm
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Friday	9:30 am – 6 pm
Saturday	9:30 am – 6 pm
Sunday	Closed

WEBSITE GRANT NRP GRANT TO FUND UHSD.ORG REDESIGN

UHCA's website is due for a much-needed facelift. Thanks to a \$10,000 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP) Grant, obtained through the County Board of Supervisors (with special thanks to Ron Roberts), it's going to get one.

As the only community association in University Heights, UHCA has a civic duty to keep residents accurately informed, foster genuine discussion, and provide a reliable voice that can be heard and a forum where it can be used. UHCA takes this responsibility very seriously, as UHCA News and our monthly meetings have carried this load for many years. It's time for our website, uhsd.org, to step up its game. A properly designed website updated regularly with highly local content has the potential to become an invaluable community asset.

If you would like to meet new people, sharpen your skills, build a track record, or enjoy the satisfaction that comes from creating something important and making it grow, we want to talk to you. We are putting together a small team to define project requirements, select a development partner, and manage the site. We need content creators who look around and think "I could write an article about that!"; a marketing manager who can't wait to build website traffic; and a webmaster to keep it all going.

We're working on a tight deadline, so please contact William Smith at wsmithjr@msn.com immediately if you like to show the world what is possible when a little money and a lot of motivation come together. — *William Smith*



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SCHOOL NEWS

BIRNEY BUZZ



Despite the frigid-for-San Diego winter, returning students are warming hearts at Birney Elementary through acts of kindness. The Great Kindness Challenge is underway as students and staff alike focus on demonstrating compassion, an important part of being an International Baccalaureate learner.

The returning students are excited to let the University Heights community know the 12th annual Run for the Green is just around the corner. Beginning on February 4, and culminating in a school-wide run on March 15, students will be collecting pledges for this jog-a-thon style fundraiser to support International Baccalaureate learning materials and certifications.

Kids, families, and the entire community participate in making this a successful event. The kids collect pledges

leading up to the event and are eligible for prize tickets to be raffled at the closing assemblies. UHCA has generously donated bikes that will be prizes for a few hard-working Birney Bees. Community members are welcome to donate on our website. Go to: <http://friendsofalicebirney.org/donate>.

If you own a business in University Heights, consider being a corporate sponsor of Run for the Green. We'd love to see your logo on our special t-shirts, made just for the occasion. Email info@friendsofalicebirney.org for details.

Last year Run for the Green raised an amazing \$42,200 plus. This year we would like to exceed that amount, but we can't do it without the generous support of our neighbors and community! — *Sara Persson*



Students showing the love at Alice Birney Elementary.

ROO NEWS



A GENIUS LAB FOR BUILDERS, CODERS AND HIGH-TECH TINKERERS

At the end of a school day, many students go home, and others go to their extracurricular activities; but Nathan Beifuss, an eighth grader at Roosevelt International Middle School, goes to his elective class. Gateway to Technology (GTT), which integrates design thinking with engineering skills, is part of Roosevelt's International Baccalaureate (IB) program. "GTT is a great opportunity for students to use their creativity and problem solving skills," says Marci Sponsler, science teacher.



Nathan Beifuss with a prosthetic arm he helped develop in a team effort at Roosevelt's after school MESA club.

Last summer the GTT classroom was transformed into a "Genius Lab" with state-of-the-art equipment including a ProWise interactive board; a 3D printer; retooled robotics kits; and Carvey, Laser and Vinyl Cutters. "My favorite is the Vex mechanic kit because it allows me to translate my creativity into something physical," Nathan says.

Nathan also participates in MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement), a weekly after-school club led by Birk Zeunges, a Roosevelt teacher. Students are encouraged to build a science or engineering project for the annual competition at San Diego State University. "We build contraptions without rushing through projects. Mr. Zeunges is very knowledgeable and engaging," according to Nathan. In the fall, MESA participates in the San Diego Maker Faire in Balboa Park to showcase students' work.

Would Nathan consider a career in engineering someday? "Absolutely. I would like to study mechanical engineering because I enjoy building anything and I'm pretty good in math." In his free time, Nathan reads, plays soccer, practices martial arts, and fiddles with his personal 3D printer.

MESA is part of Roosevelt's popular and free after-school program, funded by the Friends of Roosevelt Foundation. Help fund MESA's future competitions by donating today to www.friendsofroosevelt.org/contribute. — *Jennifer Ayala, parent of students at Roosevelt and Birney and a Board Member of the Friends of Roosevelt Foundation*



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THE OSTRICH STORY OF UH

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University Heights is one of San Diego's oldest communities, one with a colorful and exciting history. Our story began in 1888 when the College Hill Land Association subdivided the land that bordered the City Park for the purpose of developing the University of Southern California College of Fine Arts. The lots were sold at "reasonable prices" and part of the cost was to go into a college building fund. However, a national recession halted the construction. In 1898, the land was donated to build a Normal School, a teacher training college.

1904, the Harvey Bentley Ostrich Farm moved to UH and enjoyed great success because of the popularity of ostrich feathers in women's fashions. The farm also was open to the public and visitors could ride the birds for a fee. In 1913, a trolley car barn was built next to the farm. The barn was used for repairs and downtime storage of the trolley cars until the 1940s, when buses replaced the street cars. From 1949 until 1986, the property was the home of the San Diego Paper Box Company. In 1979, the property was sold and the building was demolished.

Today this historical site is the Trolley Barn Park, a crowning achievement of UHCA. The Park, inspired by the original Mission Cliff Gardens, won a prestigious AIA Orchid Award in 1992. One hundred and thirty years after its beginnings, UH remains a vibrant neighborhood and the ostrich graces our pages as a reminder of our community's proud heritage.

At the end of North and Adams, the San Diego Cable Railway Company developed The Bluffs, a park that eventually was purchased by John D. Spreckels just before the turn of the 20th century. This 20-acre botanical garden, Mission Cliff, was the end of the line for the streetcars Spreckels owned and was considered the city's premier public park. In





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UH BEAUTIFICATION

UHCA 2018 BEAUTIFICATION TEAM REPORT CARD

The year 2018 was a busy and gratifying one for the UHCA Beautification Team and its supporting volunteers.

In June the team held its first major cleanup of the year along Washington Street and the 163 on-ramp. Because dedicated volunteers worked every week to keep that area looking great, we decided to hold the second major and much-needed cleanup along Park Blvd. and Meade Ave. adjacent to the Birney Joint Use Field. We coordinated with Birney parents who did a cleanup on the school campus at the same time. Both were well attended by new and past volunteers.

With the support of the Park and Rec. Dept., all 33 benches in Trolley Barn Park were sanded and painted by team members and other volunteers. The team continues to work with the City Parks and Recreation Department's University Heights Recreation Council to ensure our park is maintained and upgraded for the benefit of our community as well as monitoring issues with the Birney Joint Use Field.

As another major project we continued our effort to get free city trees

installed throughout UH. In addition we coordinated with Birney parents on the watering of the city-installed crepe myrtle trees along Campus and Meade.

Ongoing team activities included watering the succulents near the 163 on-ramp, refreshing the UH Library garden, graffiti removal, and cleaning and weekly trash removal at the Vermont Street Bridge. Team members also supported these UHCA community events: Recycling Day, the first annual Ostrich Tag Sale in Trolley Barn Park, and Caroling in the Heights. In addition, the Beautification Team worked throughout the year to address the ongoing problem of homeless encampments and the need for brush abatement under the Vermont Street Bridge.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who last year worked to keep University Heights beautiful and safe. Planning has begun for Beautification Team projects for this year. New volunteers are always welcome. — *Rod Girvin, UHCA Beautification Team Leader, crgirvin@cox.net*

GARDEN OF THE MONTH

We moved to University Heights in October 2017. Although many people begin renovations on the home interior, we chose to focus on the exterior. As a landscape architect, I couldn't help it.

In the front yard, we wanted to create a low water use garden that would complement the Spanish style of our home. We replaced the concrete paving with hexagonal terracotta tile and colorful ceramic Spanish tile. We also replaced the lawn with a colorful ground-plane combination of succulent plants and ornamental grasses that include Blue Flame Agaves, several types of Aloes, Senecio, Lion's Tail, Santa Barbara Sage, Euphorbias, Sedges, and Atlas Fescue.

To balance the front elevation view of the house and provide shade along its sunny south side, a Thornless Chilean Mesquite tree was positioned opposite a small Dragon Tree. This new landscape is supported by a water-efficient

subsurface drip irrigation system. To provide an edge, we added a small traditional garden wall accompanied by a classic Spanish iron gate.

In the backyard, to create an inside-out space, we installed a glass-stacking sliding door system to open up the kitchen so that it effortlessly flows out to an outdoor patio space. For the patio space, we used the same hexagonal terracotta tile from the front yard, and installed a planter with Bromeliads and a large Dragon tree as the backdrop. Adjacent to the patio, we built a natural wood deck. We added a large Southern Live Oak tree in the middle of the deck that provides shade to an intimate seating area surrounding a fire pit. We chose natural limestone walls and steps to surround the deck and added a colorful Spanish tile plinth as a backdrop to the space. We incorporated traditional Talavera pottery to add splashes of color all around. — *Brad Lenahan*



After Front



Before Front



After Back



After Back



Before Back

POLITICAL NEWS

FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I know it's already February, but this is my first chance to say Happy New Year to my friends in University Heights! I am pleased to share my thoughts with you as we progress into 2019.

During the last two years, the state Legislature has made great progress on numerous fronts, such as bolstering our financial reserves, investing in programs that support struggling Californians, addressing homelessness, making record investments in K through 12 and higher education, and taking steps to prevent catastrophic wildfires.

Still, there's always more work to do. Housing affordability remains a serious issue. The threat of wildfire is only increasing as California becomes ever hotter and drier. The income and wealth gaps are too wide, and too many residents haven't felt the benefits of an expanding economy. In 2019, the Legislature will attempt to meet these and many other challenges with new bills and budget recommendations.

Our economy is cyclical, and we know another downturn is coming--and we are preparing. Already, we have nearly \$16 billion in reserves to help us prepare. Not long ago, some called California "ungovernable." But through strong leadership, sensible policies, and working with California voters, we have turned our state around. And we will continue down that path.

The first bill I introduced in the new session that started in December was Senate Bill 1, which will preserve some

of our most deeply held values, such as our desire to enjoy clean air and clean water. SB 1 is just the first chapter of what I believe will be an uplifting story in 2019.

I draw that confidence from California's long history of success, innovation, imagination, and bold action. We are the globe's fifth largest economy and, in many ways, the envy of the world. With focused leadership, creativity, and hard work, no challenge is insurmountable.

I continue to be incredibly proud to represent the residents of University Heights, and I look forward to stopping by many community events again in 2019.

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



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FROM YOUR STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER

HOUSING, HOUSING, AND HOUSING

I am frequently asked what my top three priorities are as a state legislator. My answer is the same every time: housing, housing, and housing. California's housing crisis is the most pressing issue facing our state. It intersects with virtually every challenge we face: income inequality, traffic congestion, climate action, and employment, just to name a few. Put simply, we do not produce enough housing.

ing market. One bill authorized the San Diego Housing Commission to develop and finance units for middle-income earners. The other law enables cities to offer a different development standard so more affordable units can be built on a particular land parcel than under current rules. Both are now law. These laws represent the kind of innovative solutions we need to spur housing production at the local level. The solution to the housing crisis is far from simple, and it will not be found in one single bill. It will take numerous bills coupled with local commitments and implementation. Our objective though must remain the same: a roof over the head of every Californian at a price that is affordable.

According to a report this year by the State Department of Housing and Community Development, in the last decade, California has built an average of 80,000 homes per year. That's far below the approximately 180,000 homes needed each year to keep up with growth. To that end, it is without question that the Legislature must continue to address the housing crisis this year.

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

But more specifically (and as I've worked to do) we must center our attention on the creation of more affordable middle-income housing. Not nearly enough has been done to produce housing that is affordable to middle-income earners. That is, Californians who work full-time, maybe even have two incomes, but who will never qualify for subsidized housing on the low end. But neither can they afford the saturation of luxury units at the high end.



During my last two years in the Legislature, I've authored legislation to help address this "missing middle" of the hous-

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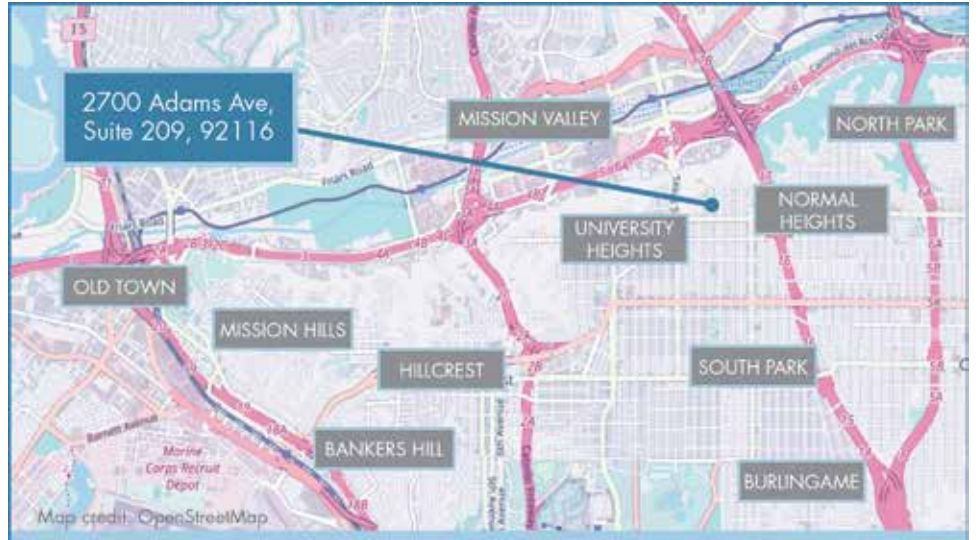
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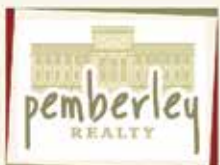
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