

NO UHCA MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 6, 2018



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University Heights Community Association July & August 2018



NEWS

SCHOOL BOARD'S DECISION ON ED CENTER PROPERTY REUSE ED CENTER SWAP: NO DEAL

On May 29, the Board of the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) announced its unanimous vote to reject all offers from developers to acquire the SDUSD property at 4100 Normal St., commonly known as the Ed Center, in a property exchange. The School District had 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 were received from interested applicants by March 15, and the School Board met in closed session on May 29 to reach its decision. Prior to the meeting, in open session, the Board took public comment on the issue, at which several UH residents and members of University Heights Community Association (UHCA) pleaded with the Board to keep the property public and to insist on a world-class development appropriate in appearance, scale, and use to the surrounding neighborhood.

In anticipation of this hearing and decision, the Board of the UHCA had previously submitted to the SDUSD Board a lengthy and persuasive position paper summarizing the concerns of UH residents based on responses to several community surveys and a list of priorities regarding the property. The position paper was supported by multiple relevant references to the

City of San Diego Uptown Community Plan, the California Education Code, and the California Government Code.

With the rejection of the several proposals for private ownership and development of the property, the School Board now intends to pursue a bond measure on the November ballot to finance a new or upgraded facility to serve as administrative headquarters for SDUSD, which may or may not be located on the Normal St. site. In any event, the Board intends to keep ownership and control of the entire property, including the 1910 historically designated Teachers Training Annex, the 1935 WPA Annex 2, and the 1953 Eugene Brucker Education Center building.

SDUSD Board Trustee Richard Barrera, the featured speaker at our March UHCA meeting, appeared again at our June 7 meeting to announce the Board's decision to the community, to provide an update on the Ed Center issue and the process going forward, to encourage support for the bond measure in November, and to discuss options for the future use of the property if the bond measure passes. Mr. Barrera fielded a wide range of questions regarding the Ed Center property and the School Board's intentions. The variety and quality of the questions once again reflect the intense

interest in the UH community about what happens with this property. We all agree that the Ed Center site, a unique property, is the gateway to University Heights and that UH residents really care about what happens to the property.

Mr. Barrera acknowledged the effect of the community's involvement on the Board's decision to reject all the proposals for private development of the site, noting that, "Community advocacy highly influenced the decision." He understands that it is critically important to UH residents that the future use of the property, whatever it may be, must be fitting and appropriate for the neighborhood and that this process requires thoughtful consideration and robust community involvement to provide maximum community benefit.

Mr. Barrera encouraged the adaptive reuse of this historic property. Therefore, UHCA has drafted a new survey based on the priorities of UH residents about the future use of the Ed Center property. UHCA is grateful to everyone who responds to the surveys and comes to our monthly meetings. Your participation continues to make a positive impact in our neighborhood. If you want to participate in our new survey, we will post it on our website in the near future and publish it in the next issue of the UHCA News.
-Maureen Markey & Stuart McGraw

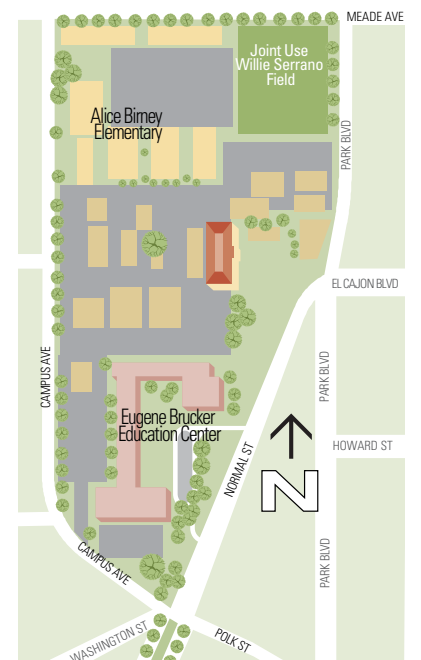
LOOKING AHEAD:

THE NEXT UHCA MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

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

TOPIC: HOUSING IN SAN DIEGO

Come join us at our September 6 meeting which is all about housing in San Diego. Are you interested in new development in the neighborhood? Fair housing in San Diego? What low income/affordable housing units really are and how they get built? We are still working out the details, but you can visit our website (www.uhsd.org) in a few weeks for an update.



Ed Center site on Normal St.
Illustration: Paul Farris.

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW!

The University Heights Community Association (UHCA) was formed in 1983 in response to the proposed development of condos on the property that is now Trolley Barn Park. Since then, we have grown from a small number of active residents to having more than 325 paid members, more than 100 volunteers, and multiple involved committees. We also are a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization and your dues help us fund a variety of activities and advocacy strategies. This year alone we have:

- Distributed 4,800 community newspapers every month throughout the community to residences and businesses.
- Hosted the UH130 celebration on Park Blvd., celebrating the 130th anniversary of our fine community with hundreds of

residents and neighbors. Thanks to the many businesses that participated in this remarkable event.

- Sponsored Movies in the Park. With funding from SANDAG (Cycle in the Heights) and the County of San Diego, we will have three family-friendly movies in the Trolley Barn Park this summer. Just like last year.
- Gave away six bikes to deserving Alice Birney students.
- Cleaned up UH - around the entrance to 163, but also on the Vermont Street Bridge and Texas Street.
- Persuaded the city and Caltrans to work together to clean up the canyons before other fires happen.
- Received funding from the County of San Diego to install colorful street pole banners on Washington St. and Park Blvd.

- Advocated for undergrounding utilities to happen in UH before my expiration date happens!
- Repainted the benches in Trolley Barn Park.
- Sponsored the first annual Ostrich Nest Tag Sale, which was a great success and will become an annual event.
- Revived a Recycling Day in the Heights.

All of that and the year is not even half over! We also organize and sponsor numerous events and programs in the community on an annual or quarterly basis, several of which have occurred regularly for more than 30 years.

- Sponsor annual Lights in the Heights every December for the last 15 years.

- Sponsor Holiday Caroling at several locations throughout UH every December for at least 20 years.
- Maintain an active Neighborhood Zone Watch program for the last 30+ years, including regular Cookies (or Coffee) With the Cops events at several locations to allow neighbors to meet and greet the police officers who help keep our neighborhood safe.

Without your membership and involvement, none of these could have happened. Don't hesitate to volunteer, so you can play an active part in making these events happen. What a great community we live in. -Carol Neidenberg

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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.

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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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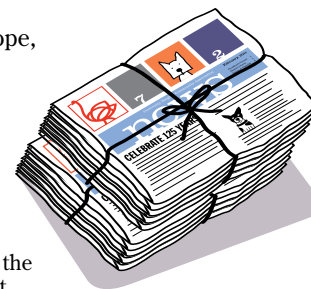
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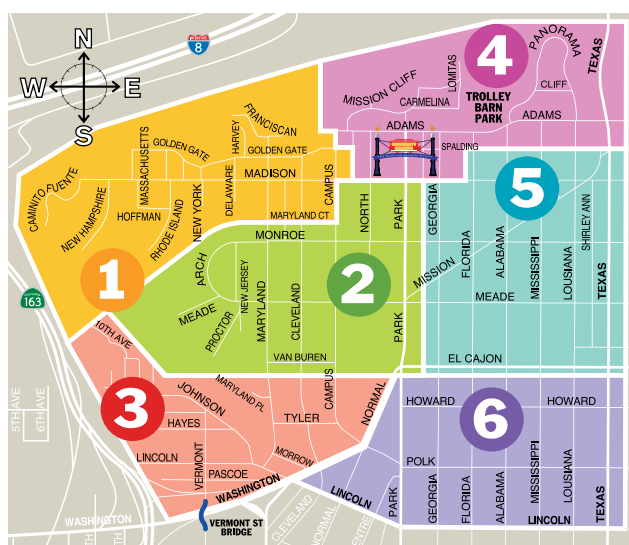
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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BOUNDARIES AND ZONE WATCH



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

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Non-Emergency Suspicious Activity, Homeless Outreach Team, etc. 619-531-2000
 Online: non-emergency problems: www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done
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 Online: www.sandiego.gov/city-hall/departments
SD City Services emergency 619-527-7500
 Online: www.sandiego.gov/city-hall/departments
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2-1-1 San Diego
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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)
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

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 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
UHDC University Heights Community Development Corp 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

Https://getitdone.force.com/ Download and use this app if you see a non-emergency problem in the city. For example, potholes, dangerous sidewalks or subs, graffiti, 72-hour vehicle violations, etc.

If all else fails, email TRenner@sandiego.gov at Councilmember Chris Ward's office.



DISASTER CONTACTS

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAROL NEIDENBERG

Summer brings images of long sun-filled days at the beach and backyard barbecues. But what about San Diegans who are homeless or those who can't afford stable housing?

In multiple surveys, housing, homelessness, and the cost of living are cited among the top concerns of Californians. In University Heights, we have the opportunity to make a difference by working with the School District to create something that Jane Jacobs would be proud of: a community-centered, adaptive reuse or redevelopment of the 11-acre Ed Center property. To paraphrase Ms. Jacobs, cities can provide something for everybody only when they are created by everybody.

We asked your opinion and we got it. Based on the responses to various surveys and the Uptown Community Plan, the UHCA Board drafted a position paper on the adaptive reuse of the Ed Center property. On May 31st, this paper was sent to the School Board and Councilmember Chris Ward stating that the Ed Center is prime real estate, one of the most important public assets in Southern California. Recognizing the economic realities and should redevelopment occur, our priorities are:

- Support the preservation and reuse of historic buildings.
- Maintain the institutional use of these buildings.
- Preserve and maximize public green

space including the addition of a dog park and an aquatic center.

- Conduct a traffic study and mitigate parking impacts by constructing underground or above-ground parking structures.

In conjunction with our Councilmember, we also distributed surveys asking residents if they'd like to see restrooms added to the Trolley Barn Park. So far, the responses have overwhelmingly supported restrooms with the condition that they are locked at night and kept clean. During the next few months, UHCA will continue asking residents for their opinions. If you haven't already filled out a survey, please do so on our website (www.uhsd.org).

Imagine one day swimming in a nearby pool, enjoying our fabulous year-round weather in public parks, walking your dog safely – all in a unique neighborhood with diverse housing options that are affordable, well-designed, and conveniently located to public transportation. We understand that to get all of this will require a compromise that most likely includes the use of higher density buildings. Whatever happens in the next few years, the planning process must include the active involvement of the community. Be involved, join us, and let your voice be heard so that this vision of a future University Heights becomes a reality.

Wishing you a safe and healthy summer.

PLUME

Once again, we honor Tommy Cope for all the work he has done to make University Heights (UH) a better place to live. We're fortunate that Tommy and his wife Filly Gaines moved to UH in 2010 and soon afterwards joined UHCA's Beautification Committee. After several weekends of picking up trash and weeds, Tommy volunteered to help manage the rehabbing and repainting of the Vermont Street Bridge. Three years later, Tommy developed the unique bike scavenger hunt for the UH125 celebration.

2017 and again on May 19, 2018. After several successful bike events, Tommy certainly deserves the title of "UH Bike Czar."

After graduating from SDSU with a degree in Marketing/Communications, Tommy worked in action sports, media, and marketing and sales. For the past six years, he has worked as an account manager for a solar finance/renewable energy company, although those who know him realize that he lives for snowboarding, surfing, rock climbing, and sailing—no matter where that is in the world.

Next year, we'll be seeing Tommy carrying another mode of transportation. A baby carriage. Congratulations to Tommy and Filly for their leadership and advocacy! We bestow a bike basket filled with plumes for Tommy and all he has done to promote biking in UH.



Tommy Cope surfing in New Zealand.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The June 7, 2018, meeting of the University Heights Community Association (UHCA) opened with President Carol Neidenberg's announcements.

- UHCA received grant funds for the summer Movies in the Park series.
- UHCA is sponsoring a community recycling event on June 30, 2018. Thanks to Nan McGraw and Sol Schumer for planning.
- Three Birney Elementary School students won bikes and 3 received Target gift certificates as winners of the art contest requiring students to draw a picture of an ostrich riding a bicycle in Trolley Barn Park.
- UHCA donated funds and Beautification Committee volunteers painted the benches in Trolley Barn Park.
- The UH branch library is still accepting book donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month from 9 am until noon at the back entrance to the library.
- Isabel Schechter reported that the next library used book sale will take place the weekend of July 20, which will be the Grand Reopening of the Friends of the Library section downstairs following renovations after a flood in 2017 damaged the floors.

Tyler Renner reported for City Councilmember Chris Ward and distributed a newsletter with details.

- The Regional Task Force on Homelessness had been hampered by a city law that an encampment could be tagged, but then could not be moved until 72 hours later. The law was changed so that removal will now be permitted only three hours later since the City is opening a storage space for homeless people's encampment belongings.
- The San Diego ban on styrofoam may go forward.
- The city budget, which should be final in about 2 weeks, looks like a good fiscal year budget.
- University Heights is scheduled for 2019 undergrounding of power lines thanks to many letters from UH community members and with help from Councilmember Ward.

Rachel Lares Jamieson reported on the formation of a UHCA Community History Committee as a vehicle for preserving the 1953 Eugene

Brucker Education Center building on the School District property.

Toni Duran reported for State Senator and President Pro Tem Toni Atkins and distributed a newsletter with details.

- Annual Stand Down event is collecting socks and underwear for homeless veterans.
- The state budget must be passed by midnight on June 15.
- The legislative year is over.

Our featured speaker, Richard Barerra, a Trustee of the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), discussed the school Board's rejection of all the proposals it received in response to the RFP it issued several months ago. Besides the information covered in the article on the front page of the News, Mr. Barerra made the following salient points:

- SDUSD needs a new administrative center.
- There is no money available for a new administrative center.
- In 2008 and again in 2012, citizens passed bond measures that raised \$5 billion for infrastructure improvements to our schools, but that is \$2 billion short of what was needed and does not include money for an education administrative center.
- The School Board is very reluctant to trade away public land to a private developer in order to get a new admin center; therefore, the School Board rejected all the proposals by private developers to acquire the SDUSD property at Normal Street.
- Thus SDUSD staff is drafting a bond measure to address the issue of a new admin center.
- Generally, people accept paying for schools, but they are less willing to accept funding a new administrative center.
- SDUSD will meet on June 22 to vote to place the bond measure on the November ballot.

Cory Brucker, the son of Eugene Brucker, spoke about the history of the Eugene Brucker Education Center building, which is named after his father who was a teacher for 40 years.

— Maureen Markey & Kurt Hermansen, UHCA Secretary

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JULY 2018

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8 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	9	10 Hillcrest Town Council Joyce Beers Center, 6 pm Friends of the Library, UH Chapter UH Branch, 6 pm Board of Ed Meeting Eugene Brucker Auditorium (sandiegounified.org), 5 pm	11	12	13 Trolley Barn Park Concert Moonlight Serenade Orchestra 6:00 pm	14 Pride Weekend 
15 Pride Weekend Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	16	17 North Park Planning Committee North Park Christian Fellowship, 2901 North Park Way, 6:30 pm	18 UH Library Task Force Meeting TBA	19 Comic Con   Curbside Recycling & Yard Waste Collection	20 Comic Con Trolley Barn Park Concert It's Never 2 L8 6:00 pm Preview Book Sale UH Library, 3-6 pm	21 Comic Con Book Sale (open to the public) Friends of the Library, UH Library, 8 am-3 pm
22 Comic Con Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm Bag O' Books Sale Friends of the Library, UH Library, Noon-4 pm	23	24 Board of Ed Meeting Eugene Brucker Auditorium (sandiegounified.org), 5 pm	25 UH Book Club & Salon UH Library, 6:30 pm	26	27 Trolley Barn Park Concert Sonic Epidemic 6:00 pm	28
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AUGUST 2018

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BALBOA PARK: PRIDE OF PLACE

Balboa Park (then called “City Park”) was established 150 years ago, on May 26, 1868, in the heart of San Diego. It showed incredible vision for a city with just a few thousand residents. Today, Balboa Park is one of the world’s special public landscapes, offering a unique amalgam of experiences. A horticultural hub and an arts and culture mecca, this urban park also offers a huge array of recreational opportunities. Balboa Park is truly the people’s park.

In response to the park’s increasing maintenance needs, the Balboa Park Conservancy was established in 2011 to serve as the City’s partner to advocate for the greater good of Balboa Park, in collaboration with other park and community organizations. Housed in the House of Hospitality, the Conservancy manages both that facility and the Balboa Park Visitors Center, the busiest in the region. The organization is deeply engaged in gathering baseline data and expertise to help advocate more effectively for the park and to inform priority park projects for sustainability and impact.

The challenges are massive because Balboa Park is complex. The Conservancy collaborates with more than 85 stakeholder groups to make transparent, informed decisions. Providing funding, volunteers, expertise and other resources, the Conservancy convenes the community to create and implement a shared vision.

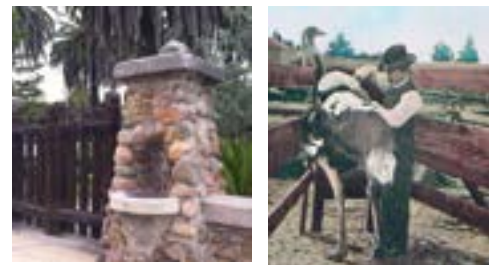
As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Park’s founding in 1868, it is important to consider the future of Balboa Park. How will we sustain this crown jewel? What can we do to enhance the incredible experiences and assets that are already here? What is our creative vision for the future of Balboa Park? How will we implement the park’s master plan and serve the next generation of park users? The Conservancy is not only asking these questions, but taking important steps to tackle these core concerns.

To learn more about the Conservancy visit www.balboaparkconservancy.org.
—Tomás Herrera-Mishler

From 1913 to 1940, several hundred trolleys were stored and serviced overnight in this massive red brick barn. The floor contained over 7,500 feet of trolley track. When the trolley system was discontinued in 1949, the building was converted into a warehouse by San Diego Paper Box Co. and razed in 1979. The property remained undeveloped until 1991, when, through community effort and actions, the site was transformed into Old Trolley Barn Park. Note the two cobblestone entrance columns replicating those along the former Mission Cliff Gardens wall.

The cobblestone wall marking the southern boundary of the former Mission Cliff Gardens and the cobblestone remains of a drinking fountain are part of what was once an ornate trolley waiting station. The redwood gate was at the entrance to the Harvey Bentley Ostrich Farm (relocated from Coronado in 1904) that became a popular local attraction both for bird viewing and riding. The feathers were used for ladies’ hats, boas and shawls.
- UH 125 Heritage Tour Guidebook 2013

TROLLEY BARN PARK HISTORY HAS AN OSTRICH CONNECTION



How The Park Came About Trolley Barn Park Timeline

1979 The Trolley Barn torn down after failed efforts to historically designate the 66 year old building.



1979 96 condominiums proposed by developer Hooper, Goode & Associates.



December 1983 Hooper-Goode abandons condo plans and instead intends to build 136 apartments.

December 1983 Neighbors, Janice and Eric DuVall, spearhead efforts to lobby the city to purchase the property for a park. They felt the project did not conform to the Uptown Community Plan and would have a huge impact on schools, sewers, traffic and parking.



January 1984 Apartment project jumps from 136 to 150 units with two five story, 75-unit towers.

January 1984 Nearly 200 people attended the first meeting of the University Heights Community Association. The purpose: to persuade the City Council to purchase the site for a neighborhood park.



April 1984 City Council approves motion to consider purchase of Trolley Barn site for a park.

February 1985 City Council votes to approve purchase of site for a new park.



April 1991 Old Trolley Barn Park completed. Hundreds of people, including neighbors and local dignitaries, attend the park dedication.

1989 Despite a recommendation from the City Manager to eliminate park funding, City Councilmembers Ron Roberts and Gloria McColl are successful in sustaining construction funding in the 1989-1990 budget.



Thank You Janice and Eric DuVall. A mega-plume to you for your hard work in making our neighborhood more livable, more beautiful, and more welcoming to families.

ON THE BOULEVARDS

AWARDS, POOL PASSES, AND MENUS

The business district on Park Boulevard is known not just as home to a dozen popular restaurants, but also to the LGBT-focused Diversionary Theater at 4545 Park. It is therefore with great pride that the University Heights community congratulates Diversionary’s Executive Artistic Director Matt M. Morrow on being among the five recipients of this year’s Creative Catalyst Program grant from the San Diego Foundation.

All recipients are sponsored by a regional non-profit organization—in Morrow’s case, the La Jolla Playhouse. According to press reports, Morrow will use his grant award to develop a theatrical production that blends technology and art working in conjunction with local cast, musicians, stage managers, and students at the Art Institute of San Diego and the University of California San Diego Game Development Studio.

One of my favorite things to do on a hot summer afternoon in University Heights is to head for the pool at the

historic Lafayette Hotel at 2223 El Cajon Blvd. to cool off, especially on weekdays when the Johnny Weissmuller pool, designed by the 1924 Olympic swimming champion and the most famous Tarzan of them all, is rarely busy.

Well, that fun used to cost \$10 for a day pass. No more. Beginning January 1st, new management quietly eliminated all day passes. If you want to take a dip in the refreshing waters of this Olympic-sized swimming pool, a designated historic landmark, you were expected to pay \$300 for a 6-month pool club membership. But on June 1st, management reinstated the \$10 day use fee (and increased the cost of the 6-month pool club membership to \$350).

One of lower Park Blvd.’s most popular sandwich shops, Big Front Door at 4135 Park is moving! But don’t fret—they’re not leaving the ‘hood! BFD, as it is more commonly called, is moving 371 feet to the south along Park, where they will open in expanded accommodations on the ground floor/street lev-

el in Jonathan Segal’s new Park and Polk apartment building at 4075 Park. BFD will occupy the retail space to the left of the residents’ front entrance. This is definitely an upscale move for BFD, considering that two bedroom/two bath lofts in the concrete and glass edifice begin at \$2895 per month. Best of luck in your new digs, BFD!

And in case you haven’t noticed, there’s already a UPS Store, the first in UH, on the ground floor of the same building, to the right of the residents’ front entrance. — Philip J. Gill

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 whatever, email me at philipjgill@gmail.com. I’ll do my best to get you included in the On the Boulevards column in the next issue. Submittal deadline is the 3rd of each month for the following month’s publication.

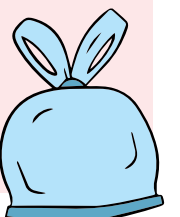
SAVE THESE DATES: SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK



*Selection of movies subject to change based on availability. Dates will not change.

KEEP UH CLEAN

We need small plastic bags for dog poop. Recycle your plastic bags & bring them to the September meeting.



FOOD AND BEVERAGES

GOT DANISH? GET IT AT TASTE OF DENMARK EAT LIKE A DANE

If you've never tried Danish food, you are in for a treat at Hillcrest's new restaurant, Taste of Denmark. The enterprising young couple who own the restaurant, Tina and her husband, Bjerke, are from Jutland, Denmark. They're new to San Diego, love it, and went out on a limb to open this little restaurant. Bjerke is cooking in the back kitchen while Tina acts as hostess and server.

Their rye bread is freshly baked and chock full of nutritious ingredients, including an abundance of sunflower seeds. It rivals any I've eaten in Denmark. I hope they sell it by the loaf soon. What Danes do with potatoes and cream borders on sinful. I don't know how the Danes manage to stay so lean. Well, maybe it's because they walk or bike everywhere.

My luncheon companion and I shared a sampler of Remoulade sauce, rye bread, pickled red cabbage, a goat cheese spread, and the beautiful creamy potato salad with a sprinkling of chives. For a main course we had

a classic open rye sandwich with Frikadeller, a savory combo of beef and pork meatballs, with pickled red cabbage. Delicious.

I'm ready to return to sample other dishes such as the pan fried pork belly, Danish Tavern style. It all sounds calorie-laden but there are options from which to choose that are not so rich. Fish dishes such as hot smoked salmon on a bed of spinach, topped with a poached egg and hollandaise sauce,

and stuffed leek rolls: juicy rolls of seasoned ground meat sculpted around leek sticks and pan fried to perfection. I've been to Taste of Denmark twice now and have not been disappointed. The next time I'm ordering dessert, I'll get the red grod med flode, a red berry cold soup with cream.

Tina and Bjerke are open every day except Tuesday, from 11-4 pm. Street parking is available, but you may have

to walk a block or two. After my food selections, a block or two of walking would be just the beginning of needed exercise. - Nan McGraw

A Taste of Denmark
142 University Avenue, Suite E
(between Fiesta Cantina and the French Table)
619-209-3636
Hours: 11 am - 4 pm,
every day except Tuesday



Left: Tina and Bierke, owners of Taste of Denmark, Right: Welcoming appetizer selection served as soon as you arrive, Photos: David Holts

PÂTISSERIE MÉLANIE BUTTERY CROISSANTS WITH JOIE DE VIVRE

In the Art Deco period, a pale blue-green color, sometimes called eau-de-nil, was popular. Melanie Dunn, with her love of Art Deco, Paris, and a minimalist Nordic aesthetic, has chosen that romantic tint for the walls of her tiny Pâtisserie Mélanie, though she describes it as more the mint green shade of one of her macarons.

Melanie, her husband, Axel Schwarz, and their young daughter live above the shop in their live-work loft, so for official purposes this is a home kitchen. My first impression of Pâtisserie Mélanie, of color and restraint, the sparse, perfectly styled displays, all spoke to me as sophistication more likely to be found in New York, Paris, or San Francisco. The somewhat hidden location, with an address on Park Boulevard, but an entrance found on the Essex side of the

building rather adds to the experience.

Melanie's dream for a real French pastry shop took a few years to realize. A former Crawford High School English teacher when she decided to change professions, she went to Paris for three summers and finished her training to be a pastry chef at Le Cordon Bleu in 2014. The plan was to start working on the retail boutique until the end of the school year and then open in February 2016—until she discovered she was pregnant. Motherhood took over and she finally opened her pastry shop this spring.

The small batches of delights include handmade sablés in chocolate/pistachio and other flavors; macarons in espresso, chai, matcha, and more; croissants both plain and chocolate;

lemon and chocolate tarts. Regional favorites like gemlike cannalés Bordelais and the Breton kouign-amann (say queen-ahMAN) are in her repertoire. At this stage, you usually won't find everything everyday and certain items sell out early. Seasonal additions include homemade jams this summer. You also will find a very small selection of children's books and toys, vintage and retro glassware, and cookbooks.

Melanie is looking to grow the patisserie by training bakers in her homemade methods while searching for a larger location. We hope she'll find someplace in University Heights. Despite the rather limited hours, Pâtisserie Mélanie is worth the trip. -Phyllis Kessel

Pâtisserie Mélanie
3788 Park Blvd., Ste. 4, Hillcrest
619-677-2132
Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 8am-2pm



A sampling of treats at Pâtisserie Mélanie

EATING OUT IN UH

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Mama's Bakery & Lebanese Deli	4237 Alabama St.	688-0717	Twisted Taps (brews & chews)	2302 El Cajon Blvd.	542-9927
Meraki Café	1735 Adams Ave.	269-9618	Wing Stop	1901 El Cajon Blvd.	297-9464
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University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC)

PRESENTS

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Summer in the Park

WOW! WOW!! It's summer again and the University Heights Community Development Corp. (UHCDC), is ready to observe its 22nd Annual Concert Series in the Old Trolley Barn Park at Adams Avenue & Florida Street. Liz Grace & The Swing Thing will lead off the event on Friday evening July 6th. Our Summer in the Park banners went up in May to set the stage for the sounds of great music that will soon have us getting into the swing of the event, either sitting relaxing to the music, performing dance steps in front of the stage or enjoying socializing with family and friends. Let's celebrate in this great neighborhood park for another five Fridays of fun, ice cream, and a choice selection of bands and vendors.

The five free Friday evening concerts in our own Trolley Barn Park will present three new bands, one former group, and our local perennial favorite. The fun starts on Friday July 6th with Liz Grace and her renditions from the Great American Songbook and ending on August 3rd with Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra and California State Senator Toni Atkins as our guest. In between there will be the Moonlight Serenade Orchestra, It's Never 2L8, and Sonic Epidemic. We'll be treated to a great medley of musical styles featuring Boogie-Woogie & Swing, Big Dance Band Music, Classic Rock, and 70's Hits.

The concert series is just one of the many ways the UH CDC has helped to make University Heights such a great place to live. For example: Design and installation of an Orchid Award UH Street Sign and gateway ID signs, kiosk at Trolley Barn Park, art gate at Birney Playing Field; banners along Park Boulevard and Adams Avenue; UH Historical Society historic designations and two historic districts; Historical Resources Board awards for the San Diego Unified School District Historic Survey, UH Library Mural, UH Library Task Force; UH Recreation Council oversight of Trolley Barn Park, Birney Playing Field and UH Point Open Space; bicycle racks in the park; San Diego School District support for the Teachers Training Annex as the new University Heights Branch Library; over 120 new parking spaces.

Concerts are the result of the hard work of the all-volunteer UH CDC board in partnership with the UH Recreation Council, and the City's Park & Recreation Department. Included in the success of the

event are the All-events Co-Sponsors: Anderson Plumbing, Heating & Air, California State Senator Toni Atkins, H.G. Fenton Company, Red House Pizza, Kairoa Brewing Company, Ross Lopez and Mark Ballam, Park & Rec, Roxanne Govari & Her Pemberley Realty Team, Mary Anne Stevens and Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center that is also our Event Promoter. The many individual donors whose generous contributions from within and outside our community are another important part of the event sponsor levels.

There are many others who participate with a booth during the concerts. We welcome non-profits as well as other organizations. All of the neighbors nearby who join the celebration and graciously assist our visitors are stakeholders in the success of the series.

With our concerts growing in popularity each year it is important to remember some of summertime's friendly Friday evening facts (your visiting friends will need to know all this before they come over, too). First, parking is at a premium on a regular Friday night in the Heights and tougher still during concert season. Walk, take the bus or ride a bike and remember to be courteous to the neighbors. Don't block driveways, red curbs, bus lanes or other restricted areas, and deposit your trash in park containers before you go home.

Second, make your picnic planning easy, pick up a pizza at our local pizzerias, order take out for your picnic dinner or eat beforehand at one of our great University Heights restaurants for a short walk back to the park. And remember at every concert there will be ice cream treats from Mrs. Frostie.

As a few last reminders – the park will have three porta potties (handicap & standard) for your comfort. Also, there is never, ever, any glass allowed in the park-too many bare kids' feet to worry about. Citywide park restrictions also apply to alcoholic beverages and smoking. Please keep your dogs on a short leash so they don't snack on other people or their food. We try to have plenty of trash containers around so that you can help us in keeping the park tidy.

Now turn the page for information on all the bands. And remember to donate to next year's Summer in the Park concerts when Josie comes around or when you stop by the UH CDC booth to say thanks.

Friday Evenings – 6 to 8 pm

*Trolley Barn Park
in University Heights*

Adams Avenue & Florida Street

2018 BAND LINE-UP

JULY 6

**Liz Grace &
The Swing Thing**

Great American Songbook Music

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Big Band Music and Dance

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It's Never 2L8

Classic Rock, Pop, and Dance Band

JULY 27

Sonic Epidemic

Rockin' The Hits of the 70's

AUGUST 3

**Sue Palmer and Her
Motel Swing Orchestra**

Boogie Woogie & Swing

Visit our website at www.uhcdc.org for links to bands appearing at *Summer in the Park 2018!*





University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC)



july 6 | **Liz Grace & The Swing Thing**
Great American Songbook Music

LIZ GRACE & THE SWING THING is an uptempo, swingin', jazzy, hot band that's ready to bring a smile to your face with favorites from the 30's-60's; songs from the Great American Songbook. The Swing Thing lineup includes: Jon Garner, renowned jazz guitarist; Doug "Walker of Bass" Walker, the only left-handed double bass hepcat in town; Drummer Mark Markowitz on vintage drums; and Liz in a matching vintage dress! Mark and Liz grew up around big band swing, jazz and rock music: Liz in front of the record player, singing along to Woody Herman and Peggy Lee; Mark behind his father's drum kit, listening to Buddy Rich, Gene Krupa and his father. You'll hear a modern, groovy twist to songs like "Fly me to the Moon" and "Ain't Misbehavin'", and Nancy's hit "These Boots Were Made for Walkin'". So get to the park on July 6th to welcome a rat-packy, sassy quartet ready to get you up out of your chair and boogie!
www.facebook.com/lizgraceswingthing/

Sponsored by: Mary Anne Stevens
Red House Pizza • Kairoa Brewing Company
Community Appreciation Night



july 13 | **Moonlight Serenade Orchestra**
Big Band Music and Dance

MOONLIGHT SERENADE ORCHESTRA The Moonlight Serenade Orchestra had its origins in the Chula Vista Community Band, which was formed in July 1996 with a group of 7 to 14 musicians. It has evolved over time, and in 2004 under the direction of Bob Tutelman, the group has since grown to almost 40 musicians. In 2012 it became a non-profit foundation under its present name. The orchestra plays a wide variety of Big Band Swing sounds, Latin Rhythms, Quicksteps, Swing Dancing, Waltzes, and even Rock and Disco. It has a repertoire approaching 500 musical numbers. The Orchestra is frequently featured at Balboa Park's *Twilight in the Park* concert series where people delight in dancing to their music. The Orchestra typically plays as a 19-piece ensemble, but for its performance on July 13th the orchestra will use its "small" big band configuration, but don't let that keep you from revisiting and dancing to all those great Big Band Sounds. www.moonlightorchestra.com

Sponsored by: Roxanne Govari & Team Pemberley Realty
Community Appreciation Night



july 20 | **It's Never 2L8**
Classic Rock, Pop and Dance Band

IT'S NEVER 2L8 is a four piece female led, rock, classic rock, pop and dance band based in Coronado, California. Their setlist of timeless, uber-popular, upbeat dance tunes, and the incomparable vocalizations of lead singer Deanna Haala, is guaranteed to get you up on your feet! IT'S NEVER 2L8 is a rare combination of four accomplished singers who, in addition to each singing lead on various tunes, also add in sparkling harmonies on many others! Over the past twelve months, they have had multiple bookings at top venues such as Humphrey's, Coyote Bar and Grill, Belly Up, Coronado *Concert in the Park* series, San Diego County Fair, and numerous other top quality clubs and gatherings! Dance, sing, clap your hands, and join us in the park on July 20th, and we think you'll agree, that regardless of your age or your musical tastes, IT'S NEVER 2L8 to rock and roll!
www.itsnever2l8rocks.com

Sponsored by: Anderson Plumbing, Heating & Air
Community Appreciation Night





Presents the 'Summer in the Park' 2018 Entertainment Line-up



july 27 | **Sonic Epidemic**
Rockin' The Hits of the 70's

SONIC EPIDEMIC 2018 San Diego's Sonic Epidemic last performed at our *Summer in the Park* concert series in 2014. The majority of the band are children of the 70's and their musical tastes were formed by the great horn bands of that time. Playing in the style of Blood, Sweat and Tears, Chicago, Tower of Power, & others, the five horns and the driving rhythm section will transport you back to one of the most exciting, enjoyable, and memorable times of Rock and Roll! Sonic Epidemic band members include: Lisa Hightower – Vocals; Barry Dorr, Paul Kurokawa, Edison Salvatore and Tim Luey – Horns; and James Townsend, Chris Becker, Bruce Grafrath, and Tim Luey – Rhythm section. Pick up your dinner and come on over to Trolley Barn Park on Friday, July 27th and enjoy the horn-blowing sounds of Sonic Epidemic! www.sonicepidemic.com

Sponsored by: Park & Rec • H.G. Fenton Company
Friends of *Summer in the Park* – Community Appreciation Night



aug 3 | **Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra**
Boogie Woogie & Swing

SUE PALMER AND HER MOTEL SWING ORCHESTRA For the 22nd Annual *Summer in the Park* event, Sue Palmer and her dynamic band of Swingers will be closing the summer concert series in swingin' style on Friday evening August 3rd. Sue & her group are one of a kind, and that is why we bring her back year after year to our Trolley Barn Park Concerts. Sue Palmer is the Queen of Boogie Woogie, and she reigns rightfully at our *Summer in the Park* event while seated in front of her keyboard. Anyone who has been to one of her shows, including our past concerts, knows that the fun starts when Sue and her irrepressible sidekick musicians turn up the power. That lineup includes lead singer Deeja Marie, her daughter Sharifah, trombone player April West, drummer Sharon Shufelt, guitarist Steve Wilcox, sax player Johnny Viau, bass player Pete Harrison, and, of course, Sue on keyboard & accordion. Watch for Sue's new album *Gems, Volume 1, 1980-2018*. But nothing can compare to Sue and her band's live performances to impel you to jump up to practice your swing and jitterbug moves. So be ready to do just that when you head to Sue's concert on August 3rd. www.suepalmer.com

Sponsored by: Ross Lopez and Mark Ballam
Toni Atkins, 48th President Pro Tempore California State Senate
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July - August at Trolley Barn Park

Join the Crowd At This Season's *Summer in the Park* Concerts!
For more information about the University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC), its organizations, activities, and *Summer in the Park* entertainment, visit www.uhcdc.org.

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Make payable / mail to: **UHCDC** P.O. Box 3115, San Diego, CA 92163 **(619) 297-3166**

All sponsorship levels are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. All donations go to support 'Summer in the Park'. 'Summer in the Park' 2018 is yet another example of the University Heights Community Development Corp. (UHCDC) and its affiliates working for the benefit of our community.





University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC)

The UH CDC in partnership with the UH Recreation Council initiated *Summer in the Park* twenty-two summers ago in an effort to bring neighbors, businesses, families, friends and visitors together in a community friendly atmosphere. Since that time the outpouring of support from every section of our community has been fantastic.

These efforts have worked so well that this participatory style of community development has been applied to all of its programs. The UH CDC events and projects illustrate how the all-volunteer board of the UH CDC, a non-profit, public benefit 501(c)(3) organization, works continuously to better the University Heights neighborhood.

Summer in the Park All-Events Co-Sponsors

QUEEN BEE'S ART AND CULTURAL CENTER Many thanks to Alma Rodriguez and her Queen Bee's team for joining our concert series as a Co-Sponsor and Event Promoter. The Center is a multi-purpose venue centrally located in North Park. Its mission is to support local musicians and artists by opening its space to a wide variety of concerts and events. The Center also donates 18% of its profits to helping homeless youth in San Diego through various charitable organizations. Queen Bee's is located at 3925 Ohio Street, San Diego, 92104. For information call (619) 255-5147 or visit www.queenbeessd.com.

TONI ATKINS, CA STATE SENATOR, one of San Diego's political icons, is a third year Co-Sponsor who will be present at our August 3rd concert featuring Sue Palmer. Toni has been a constant presence in San Diego representing us for eight years as City Council member for Council District 3, when she also stepped in as interim Mayor. Toni went on to become our State Assembly rep for the 78th District in 2010. Her colleagues elected her as the first Speaker from San Diego in 2014, which she held for two years. In 2016 Toni was elected to represent our area as a State Senator and currently will continue to represent San Diego as the 48th President pro Tem of the California Senate.

MARY ANNE STEVENS Mary Anne is a long time University Heights resident and booster in her role as a Co-Sponsor of the concerts for many years as well as providing free shuttles for the Arts Open/Taste of UH event each fall. Mary Anne supports our community with her time and money in many ways. She has served as president, vice-president and treasurer of the UHCA and still serves on its board. Mary Anne is a well known established realtor associated with Coldwell Banker, and her expertise is hard to beat. She can be reached at (619) 871-0635, maryanneshomes@gmail.com or visit her website www.maryanneshomes.com.

ROSS LOPEZ & MARK BALLAM We are very thankful that Mark Ballam and Ross Lopez again are lending their support both as Co-Sponsors to this year's concerts and to assist in setting up and taking down the events. Ross Lopez is a long time homeowner and property owner in UH. He is an active UH CDC board member and Chair of the University Heights Historical Society. Mark J. Ballam serves as a managing director for the Center for International Business Education and Research at San Diego State University. He is a native of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and has lived in San Diego with his married partner, Ross Lopez, since 2005.

ROXANNE GOVARI & HER PEMBERLEY REALTY TEAM Roxanne started her career in real estate with Coldwell Banker in 2000. In 2008 she wanted to be closer to where she lives and established Pemberley Realty in University Heights at 4637 Park Boulevard next to her family's Soltan Banoo restaurant. Roxanne's logo of her kids and a bicycle evolved when she saw a bicycle at a fundraising auction at her son's school. It has become a perfect ambassador to promote her business and support the school at the same time. Roxanne publishes a monthly e-newsletter; and hosts a number of activities for clients and friends. Roxanne is one of our longest Co-sponsors, and in so doing shows us that she and her team are "committed to excellence because we care." Contact information: (619) 778-0577 or www.pemberleyrealty.com.

PARK & REC A fourth year return to our list of Co-Sponsors is the neighborhood food and entertainment venue "Park & Rec". Located in the former Bourbon Street establishment at 4612 Park Boulevard and having undergone an expensive remodel, co-owners John Pani and Andy Zlotnik, are appealing to a broader demographic from the neighborhoods in which they are located. They do not cater to any age, but the experience they have been aiming for is one of a neighborhood place. Pani also owns Hotel Vyvant in Little Italy and Waypoint Public in North Park. Park & Rec has comfortably settled in UH as part of our community. Contact Park & Rec at (619) 795-9700.

H.G. FENTON COMPANY Another 4th year return as a Co-Sponsors is H.G. Fenton Company. Four years ago they joined our concert series because of their development of a mixed-use 165-apartment complex in the 2000 block of El Cajon Blvd. between Florida and Alabama Streets. H.G. Fenton Company, a family-owned San Diego real estate company, has proudly entered its

second century of service providing quality working and living experiences through responsible development and management practices. The Company creates lifestyle opportunities where employees flourish, residents live well, and businesses succeed for over 1,100 businesses, and across 14 apartment communities totaling over 3,300 homes in San Diego County. Visit online at www.hgfenton.com.

KAIROA BREWING COMPANY & RED HOUSE PIZZA are joint Co-Sponsors this year as well as sharing a joint venture to combine the founding principles of Red House Pizza by providing fresh ingredients with a creative flair. Kairoa is driven by a love of food and beer and steered by the talents of two brothers. The name is a tribute to the owners' shared New Zealand heritage. Kairoa will be a full service restaurant with shareable plates to enjoy with friends and family. Their plan is to design the former Mueller College building into a community-minded space for dining and a kid-friendly area.

ANDERSON PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR has moved for a second year as Co-Sponsor after three years as a Band Sponsor. Since 1978, Mary Jean Anderson and her family have been serving San Diego with plumbing, heating & air conditioning maintenance and new installation services. The company slogan is 'Nobody WOWs clients like we do!' and the entire team at Anderson Plumbing, Heating & Air is dedicated to this! Thanks again to this long established company for its fifth year of support! Call (619) 449-7646.

SAN DIEGO PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT San Diego City's Park & Rec Dept. works in partnership through the local UH Recreation Council & Open Space Advisory Group in providing oversight to Trolley Barn Park, UH Point Open Space, Buchanan Canyon Open Space, Birney Joint Use Turf Field at the corner of Park & Meade, and the West Lewis Mini Park in Missions Hills.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS RECREATION COUNCIL & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY GROUP The UH Rec Council is an advisory committee to the San Diego Park & Recreation Department with specific jurisdiction over Trolley Barn Park, UH Point Open Space, Buchanan Canyon Open Space, Birney Joint Use Turf Playing Field, and West Lewis Mini Park in Mission Hills. In 1996 it received a charter from the City through a grassroots effort by UH community members. The UH Rec Council meets at Birney Elementary library the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm. Our district Area Manager attends all meetings. Community members are welcome to attend. Info: (619) 297-3166.

FRIENDS OF 'SUMMER IN THE PARK' The individuals who have donated to this year's concerts and because of their strong support & appreciation, the UH CDC is hereby acknowledging them as a community Co-Sponsor of the event.

Additional Summer in the Park Sponsors

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EXHIBITORS UHCA - *T-shirts, Caps, Coffee Mugs*; UH CDC - *Tote Bags, T-shirts, Books, Brochures, Led Flashlights*; UHHS - *Walking Tour Guides & Memberships*

REFRESHMENTS Mrs. Frostie - *Ice Cream in a variety of flavors and toppings; sundaes, cones and cups.*

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These people, groups, businesses and volunteers help to make the Annual *Summer in the Park* Concert Series the great success that it is!

Community Appreciation Nights are held July 6th, July 13th, July 20th, July 27th and August 3rd. Voluntary audience donations will be solicited by UH CDC on these dates. Donations will be used for next year's *Summer in the Park* Concert Series.

LIBRARY NEWS

THE UH BRANCH LIBRARY BETWEEN THE COVERS

There is still time to join the Summer Reading Program. All ages (grown-ups too) can log your books online at SanDiego.gov/SummerReading, and come into the library to receive your prizes once you reach ten books or ten hours. The program runs until August 1st, and prizes can be picked up until August 15th.

Also, be sure to come by on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm for some fun programs for all ages:

- July 11: Magic of Rafael & Katia. An astounding show full of magic and mystery.
- July 18: Mad Science (Jangula). Explore the sounds and inhabitants of jungles with this fun and interactive educational show.
- July 25: Pacific Animal Production (Passport to Animal Adventure). Meet animals from around the world and learn how they survive each day.
- Aug 1: Craig Newton (Journey Through Music). Take a journey through America's musical history with great songs and ten different instru-

ments, including the guitar, mandolin, flutes, violin, banjo, and trombone.

We also have ongoing Story times several times a month. We hope you can join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month (July 7 and 21, August 4 and 18) for Morning Storytime with Caroline and Penelope.

We also have story time weekly starting July on Thursdays at 11:00 am. *-Rebecca Smith, Acting Branch Manager, University Heights Branch Library, (619) 692-4912, uhstaff@sandiego.gov.*



Library Hours:

Monday	9:30 am – 6 pm
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BOOK CLUB AND SALON: BOOK SELECTION FOR JULY 2018

A CONFEDERACY OF DUNCES BY JOHN KENNEDY TOOLE

John Kennedy Toole's posthumously published comic masterpiece has a distinct Rabelaisian flavor because of its irreverent hero, Ignatius J. Reilly. Like his creator, Ignatius is a man at war with contemporary times, out of touch with his emotions, a modern day Don Quixote. Set in New Orleans in the 1970s, the novel is highly colorful, humorous, and implausible. It is packed with original characters, inhabitants of New Orleans' lower depths, and filled with the most outlandish series of high and low comic misadventures.

Toole wrote this novel in Puerto Rico during a hitch in the U.S. Army. In 1966 it was rejected by Simon & Schuster. In 1969 at the age of 36, Toole committed suicide, and his mother

then struggled for seven years to get the novel published. She reached out to the novelist Walker Percy whose efforts got the book published by Louisiana State University Press. In 1981, twelve years after the author's death, the novel won the Pulitzer Prize.

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

UH Book Club & Salon
 Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 6:30 pm
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THE FRIENDS OF THE UH LIBRARY A BEAUTIFUL PARTNERSHIP

The Friends of the UH Library and the UHCA Beautification Committee are partnering to make a joint community resource a beautiful place as well as a helpful one. We are also asking Friends and community members to partner with us by donating plants to help refresh the garden area. A community member is donating some clivia plants, but we need more, and we would love to have community members donate additional plants to supplement the project. If you are able to donate plants, contact us at friendsoftheuhlibrary@gmail.com.

Clivia belongs to the lily family (Liliaceae), the same family as amaryllis. Each colorful clivia flower is similar in shape to, but much smaller than, the larger trumpet-shaped amaryllis flower. Clivia flowers cluster together to form large conspicuous flower heads. There is some variation in height within the species, with certain clivias sending up 20-inch stems with flowers on top and others with flowers close to the center of the plant, nestled within the foliage. The primary flower color is orange, but

there are also rare and highly prized yellow-flowered cultivars.

Remember, the monthly Friends of the San Diego Public Library Book Sale resumes in July after the renovation of the book sale space is complete. The Grand Reopening is July 20, 21, and 22! Book donations are accepted at the back of the UH branch library every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:00 am until noon. And as usual, proceeds from the August (17,18, and 19) book sale directly benefit our UH Library branch. So clean out those book collections and donate them, especially in time for that important August sale! Thanks. *-Isabel Schechter, Secretary, Friends of the University Heights Library.*



BOOK CLUB AND SALON: BOOK SELECTION FOR AUGUST 2018

LAFAYETTE IN THE SOMEWHAT UNITED STATES BY SARAH VOWELL

Sarah Vowell's narrative is an insightful and unusual account of George Washington's trusted officer and friend, the young French aristocrat the Marquis de Lafayette. Lafayette crossed the Atlantic, drawn by an intense desire for glory and the traditional French hatred of the British, expecting to join forces with an undivided people. He encountered instead discord not only between the Continental Congress and the Continental Army, but also among the rebel and loyalist inhabitants, as well as a conspiracy to fire Washington, the one man holding together the apparently doomed patriot cause.

Although Vowell's story is full of the bickering and infighting that marks the American past and its present, her revelations of the American Revolution is just as much a story of friendships: between Washington and Lafayette, between the Americans and their French allies, and, most of all between Lafayette and the American people. Vowell

spends time on the elderly Lafayette's sentimental return tour of America in 1824, when three fourths of the population of New York City turned out to welcome him ashore. To those who greeted him on his return, he was a living reminder of the sacrifices and bravery of the revolutionary generation and what the founders hoped this country could be. The reader will find that Vowell's unconventional approach to our "Somewhat United States" is humorous, irreverent, and totally original.

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

UH Book Club & Salon
 Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at 6:30 pm
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Hello Friends and Neighbors,
 It is with heavy hearts that we find ourselves saying goodbye to our wonderful University Heights family.
 After 24 years at our Madison Avenue location it is finally time for us to seek adventure elsewhere. In order to regroup, we are temporarily relocating to a shared warehouse space as we search for our new home. Until that time we are available for floral orders delivered anywhere in the Greater San Diego area. You can place orders at 619-574-7673, email us at info@florabella.com or order online at florabella.com. Be sure to check our website for updates, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @florabellaflowers. Our love and appreciation for this neighborhood knows no bounds. Thank you for your years of support and we hope to hear from you soon. Miss you already!
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CYCLE IN THE HEIGHTS BIKE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

Lights, Camera, Action! The Second Annual Cycle in the Heights bike-in movie night certainly didn't go off without a hitch. The premiere of the cult classic *Breaking Away* was scheduled for May 19th at Trolley Barn Park. Because of shipping delays, the copy of the movie did not arrive in time for the red carpet movie premiere. However, with some quick thinking just hours before show time, organizers reserved a copy of the movie at the local library, and the event didn't skip a beat.

Building upon the success of last year's Cycle in the Heights event, the University Heights Community Association upped the ante by donating three bikes to eligible students at Alice Birney Elementary School. To qualify, UHCA created an art contest to promote safe biking among students and also to encourage cycling as an everyday extension of fun and exercise. May is bike awareness month, so children were given instructions to draw an ostrich on a bicycle at Trolley Barn Park, with

only one rule in mind—Be creative. In response, UHCA received more than 40 art submissions.

The real highlight of the evening was the six extremely talented Birney Elementary children who were honored for their bicycle-themed art work. Before the premiere of *Breaking Away*, event organizer Tommy Cope and City Councilmember Chris Ward awarded bikes to the top three children for their drawings of an ostrich on a bicycle. Because the art submissions

were so creative and fun to review, an honorable mention category was created for an additional three children, who each received \$15 gift cards.

Also, special thanks to Twiggs Coffee and Cal Coast for graciously donating gift cards to the raffle for participants who rode bikes to the movie. Truly a special evening and a fun time was had by all. Get out there and ride your bike, and also support your local library! *—Tommy Cope*



Bottom right: Tommy Cope, left, and City Councilmember Chris Ward, gave out prizes that evening. All photos, credit: Matt Gossman



UH BEAUTIFICATION

ROCK 'N' ROLL CLEAN UP A HUGE SUCCESS

Once again, UHCA's annual Rock 'n' Roll Clean UH Up event was a huge success. Our thanks go out to the twenty-one volunteers who came and picked up trash, pulled weeds, cut back overgrown bushes, weed-whacked, and generally spruced up the 163 on-ramp off Washington St.

year performed by volunteers in conjunction with UHCA's Beautification Team. As a bonus at this year's cleanup, Caltrans removed the trash and debris from a homeless camp along the east side of the onramp that many residents have complained about for several months. Thank you, Caltrans!

Coinciding with the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, when the northbound onramp to 163 is closed to traffic, the yearly cleanup is just one of many events throughout the

We also want to thank Twiggs and Mystic Mocha for the donation of gift cards for the raffle. —*Andy Lange*



Left photo: from left to right, Michelle Fenwick, Andy Lange, Mary Lange, Sheila Moss, and Jeannie Hine. Photo credit: Robert Dowell

Top photo: Gift card winner Lucie Samarkova with Ben and Ryker. Photo credit: Michelle Fenwick

SCHOOL NEWS

BIRNEY BUZZ



Birney has Pride on Saturday, July 14th as well as some of the best parking in town. Plan to park (first come, first served) in the District Annex lot for a donation to the Friends of Alice Birney Elementary School. All proceeds go directly to paying our instructors in art, Spanish, and garden.

ning Consultants, Sorted Nest, Imperial Court, Chipotle-Mission Valley, Pop Pie, Top 7 Realty, Financial Alternatives, The Baras Foundation, and Nomad Donuts. We also would like to give a special thanks to Pastor Sean and members of New Vision Church for providing lunch for teachers and staff as well as tickets to their Clean Comedy Show.

As another successful school year comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors who contributed to help us keep our award-winning International Baccalaureate status: Community Mortgage, U-31, Irish Outreach San Diego, ESP Accounting, Nexus Plan-

We will be back in September with more Birney news. In the meantime, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer. —*Ari Honarvar*

ROO NEWS



Roosevelt Middle School will be offering parking for a donation during exceptionally busy days at the Zoo and Balboa Park over the summer. Parking at Roosevelt is the best way to beat the stress and support a worthy cause at the same time. All proceeds go to Roo Friends, the educational foundation that supports enrichment activities at Roosevelt. From all of us at Roosevelt International Middle School, have a great summer! —*Laura Dadmun*

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POLITICAL NEWS

FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR

GETTING OUT OF THE HOUSE FOR SUMMERTIME FUN: FINDING NEMO SCREENS AUG. 25 AT TROLLEY BARN PARK

Looking for a fun, outdoor family activity? Luckily here in San Diego County, our options are plentiful. So pull out the lawn chairs from the garage and shake out those beach blankets, because whether you are looking to catch an outdoor movie, enjoy an adventure in a great park, or hit the beach, we have you covered.

For the 11th year in a row, San Diego County Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with nine partnering cities and some great sponsors, is presenting free outdoor movies. This year's series includes screenings in our very own Trolley Barn Park. Mark your calendars for Aug. 25 for Finding Nemo and Oct. 13 for a twin bill, featuring The Princess Bride and Toy Story: House of Terror. To see the entire list of films, dates, and locations, visit www.summermoviesinthepark.com.

When the need to get outdoors a little more strikes, check out one of the county's 126 parks and preserves, many of which offer spectacular hikes for all experience levels. To help with your choice, we launched the Easy2Hike smartphone app, making it even easier to get information on hiking, biking, and riding paths. With the app, you can find and view in advance trailheads, park maps, and points of interest.

While we are on the subject of apps, the next time you are planning to go to the beach, check out the county's "Check In Before You Get In" web app. With it you can find out from your smartphone or laptop if water conditions at more than eighty local beaches are clean and safe, as they usually are.

If you forget to check in advance and arrive at the beach, only to find that occasional unsafe water warning sign, no worries. Along with the water quality app, the County Department of Environmental Health is putting QR codes on beach signs. That way, with a quick scan using a smartphone, users can find the location of the nearest clean beach.

Now, go enjoy the summer with your family and friends. And whether it's a relaxing night under the stars, hiking a county preserve, or dipping your toes in at La Jolla Shores, be sure to get out there and Live Well San Diego!

—Supervisor Ron Roberts. County Supervisor Ron Roberts represents University Heights as part of his Fourth Supervisorial District. You can follow him on Facebook at Supervisor Ron Roberts, on Twitter at @RonRobertsSD, and at www.RonRoberts.com.



FROM YOUR COUNCILMEMBER

MAKING SAN DIEGO A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE FOR EVERYONE

Many qualities make San Diego an amazing place to live: great weather, safe and friendly communities, access to a beautiful coastline, to name just a few. This City offers the chance for so many of us to thrive; however, not all San Diegans are afforded the opportunity to enjoy what we so often take for granted.

Thousands are living in a state of constant uncertainty, without a stable place to rest their heads, keep their families safe, or call home. We need to do more to ensure that those living in crisis on our streets connect with service providers, have access to our City's Rapid Re-Housing program, and are quickly assessed for permanent housing opportunities.

Our shelter system is not a long-term solution to homelessness. Rather, it is an entry point for individuals to connect with providers and housing opportunities. I intend to focus my efforts on creating a realistic pathway to permanent housing for the thousands of San Diegans experiencing homelessness.

I am committed to investing in the last mile of San Diego's housing pipeline by bringing forward creative solutions such as a flex spending pool program that will fill gaps in rental or transportation costs for individuals transitioning into permanent housing, and a work-

force development pilot program to connect homeless San Diegans with extensive job training opportunities. We need to focus on moving people into housing with the tools and resources that keep them from re-entering a cycle of homelessness.

Please visit my website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd3> to learn more about these two proposals. If you need any assistance with city services or have ideas you would like to share, please contact Tyler Renner, my community representative for University Heights, at (619) 236-6633 or trenner@sandiego.gov.

—Councilmember Chris Ward, San Diego City Council, District 3



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“BREAKING AWAY” FROM STREAMING MEDIA HOW AN OLD TECHNOLOGY SAVED THE DAY

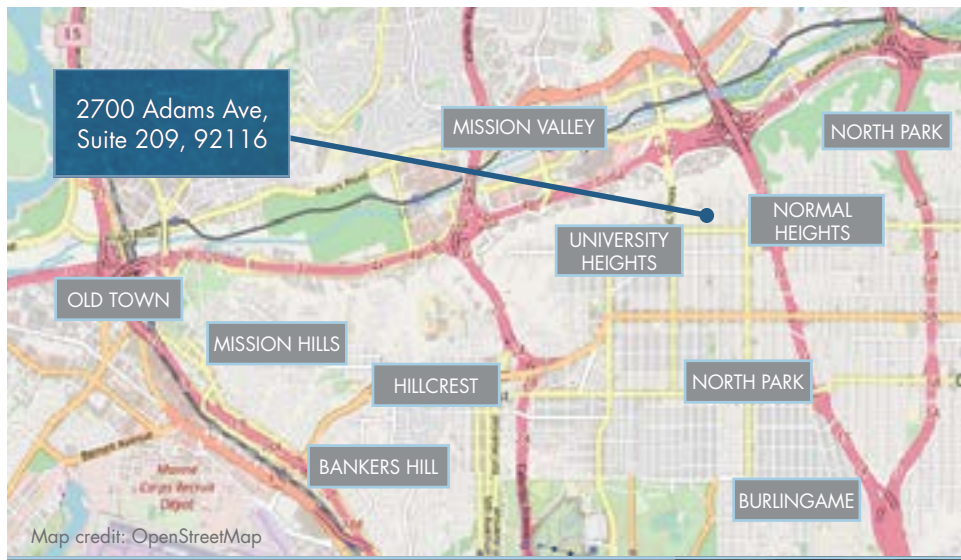
Don't get me wrong, I'm no Luddite. In fact, I just got a new phone and I love it! Finally a smart phone that's smart enough and fast enough to be a useful tool for more than calls. I email, text, watch movies, get directions, even do web searches by voice command. But recently I was reminded of the value of physical media and the public library as a repository of that media.

Our first Trolley Barn Park Movie in the Park was May 19th. We showed Breaking Away, a 1979 bike movie about midwestern kids navigating teen life in a small town. The showing came off smoothly to those watching the film. Little known to them, there was a bit of drama earlier in the day. Because of internal miscommunication, just two hours before showtime, we didn't have a copy of the movie to show!

No problem, we'll just pop over to the neighborhood video store and rent it. Oh, wait, there isn't a neighborhood video store anymore. Good thing we had those smartphones; we all jumped on them to search for video stores, anywhere. We found a couple, but none had this older movie. OK, call everyone we know to see if anyone has a copy of Breaking Away. No such luck. Things were looking bleak when I had an ephi-

pany. Where's a place that has lots of stuff that you can borrow for free? Why the library of course! Back to the smartphones to search the SD Public Library catalog and sure enough, five branches had a copy of Breaking Away available. We were saved! We quickly dispatched two cars, one south to the downtown Central Library and the other north to the Linda Vista branch. We wanted to make sure that at least one of the copies was in good shape for viewing. Both cars returned with DVDs and we gave them to the projectionists who started the movie right on time.

So while streaming media offers lots of great, on-demand content for a host of devices, sometimes being able to hold what you want to look at is more important. And remember that San Diego's beautiful downtown library and the branches throughout the city have more content available to you than you'll ever be able to consume. They have experts there who can guide you to just what you're looking for and all this is free. So if you haven't already, get yourself a library card and thank a librarian.
— Greg Sorini



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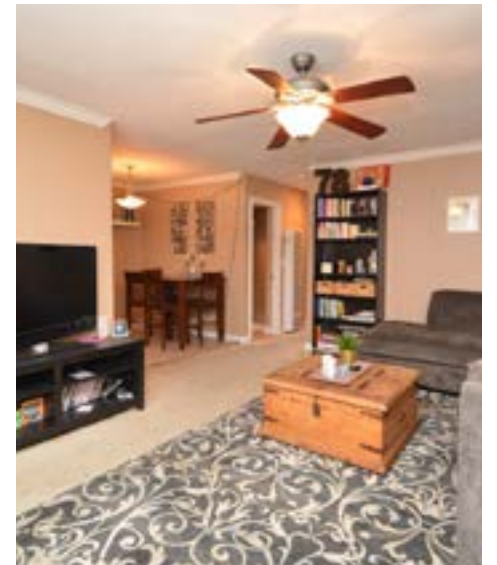


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