

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

TOPIC: MEET YOUR NEW COUNTY SUPERVISOR - NATHAN FLETCHER, DISTRICT 4



University Heights Community Association June 2019

A NATIVE PLANT TREASURE IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

If you took a walk around our Point in March and April, you were treated to a stunning spring bloom. There were dozens of plant species profusely flowering. The native shrubs grew tremendously during the winter and were fully leafed out in subtly beautiful shades from dark green to grey-green to blue-green.

Here are excerpts from Senior Park Ranger Levi Dean's April report: "At the Point we installed erosion control netting and seeded with native seeds to address erosion on the hillside caused by recent rain events. We have also removed non-native plants and planted approximately 150 native plants along the trail." Among the native plants se-

lected for the restoration project are two species of Monkey Flower, two species of Dudleya and two species of native California sunflowers. The dominant shrub along the edges of the east side of the canyon is the very fragrant, needle-leaved Artemesia Californica, known as coastal sage though it is in the sunflower family.



Photos: Terry Weiner

"The blue cones were placed on the new plants to protect them from the elements (ground squirrels and extreme sun exposure). This work was completed by ranger staff, a contracted Alpha Project crew, as well as volunteers who attended our monthly volunteer events at the Point held every 1st Saturday of the month from 1:30-3:30pm.

This quarter we had only 6 volunteers attend our events, so spreading the word to help us increase our volunteer numbers would be helpful. At Golden Gate and Cleveland St. we worked with Environmental Services and SDPD to address homeless encampments below the storm water outfall drain. We have also installed temporary fencing and signage to deter people from entering drainage. So far our efforts seem to be working and we plan to monitor the area closely throughout the summer months."

Please join us on the next first Saturday of the month and help clean up trash, assist with watering and enjoy the beautiful breeze that blows up from the west. We meet at the corner of Golden Gate and Rhode Island St. To contact Ranger Levi with questions: Levi Dean Senior Park Ranger, Open Space Canyons Program, City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department, ldean@sandiego.gov. Phone: 619-235-5262 — Terry Weiner

LOOKING AHEAD

NO UHCA MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST

LOOK FOR THE JULY/AUGUST UHCA NEWS INCLUDING SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN UH

UPCOMING UHCA MEETING: SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

MOVIES IN THE PARK:

THE INCREDIBLES
SATURDAY JUNE 22, 7:45PM
TROLLEY BARN PARK
FREE POPCORN AND CANDY

COME MEET NATHAN FLETCHER

Meet your new County Board Supervisor, Nathan Fletcher, at the June 6 meeting. Supervisor Fletcher is focused on improving the quality of life for people who live and work in San Diego County, expanding mental health services, protecting the environment, tackling climate change, addressing housing affordability and improving services for our homeless population. He promises to protect the rights of underrepresented and immigrant communities, and improve transit accessibility for people across San Diego County. Join us to welcome him to our community.

COOKIES WITH THE COPS: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

University Heights Community Association (UHCA) is kicking off the summer months with our legendary Cookies With The Cops event. Officers from San Diego Police Department's Western Division will be on hand at three different locations in University Heights. This is your opportunity to meet with neighbors and discuss issues of concern to you. UHCA began Coffee With The Cops 30 years ago when crime stats were high. We met with neighbors several times a year at vulnerable spots; and working together, we shut down drug and prostitution operations. Because of being proactive with Zone Watch, Neighborhood Watch and Next

Door we live in a safe community. But issues do pop up. For instance, in Zone 3 several bike thefts occurred. Thanks to Zone 3 Coordinator Mary Lange's communication among her E-Tree recipients, one suspected perpetrator was recently arrested. Please join us at one of the three locations to meet, greet and thank our police officers.

- 5:30 pm: Mystic Mocha (Alabama at Mission)
- 6:15 pm: bfd (big front door) and The Original Pickle Store (Park and Polk)
- 7:00 pm: The Point (Rhode Island at Golden Gate)

BIKES FOR BIRNEY KIDS

For the third consecutive year University Heights has been recognized as a bike friendly community and awarded the iCommute Go by BIKE Mini-Grant. As a result, University Heights Community Association (UHCA) was excited to host our very own red carpet movie premiere, ET at the Trolley Barn Park on May 18. Again, UHCA,

thanks to Bikes for Kids, donated four bikes to eligible students at Alice Birney Elementary who, through an art contest, were the lucky winners. — Tommy Cope & Greg Sorini

Winners: Westley Grade 1, Journey Koob Grade 2, Miko Polk Grade 2, Naol Grade 3

MEMBERSHIP

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



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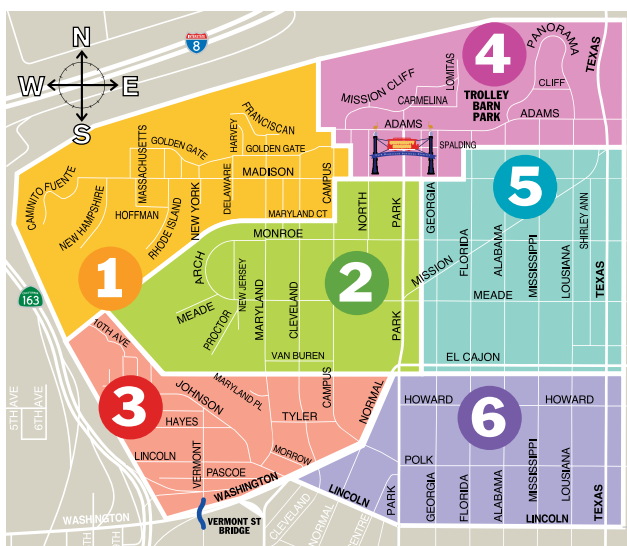
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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BOUNDARIES AND ZONE WATCH



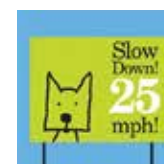
Zone Watch Coordinators manage email lists of participants wishing to receive University Heights crime watch information and updates. Download more on the UH Zone Watch program at uhsd.org or contact your zone's coordinator, or Nan McGraw.

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CRIME WATCH SIGNS

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



SLOW DOWN SIGNS

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

UH PHONE BOOK

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Department of Environmental Health public health/rats/rodents 858-694-2888
Downed Power Lines / SDG&E 800-411-7343
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Narcotics suspicious drug house / anonymous 619-531-2468
Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) 619-692-4945
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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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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
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 Graffiti Hotline: 619-257-7500
SD Vector Control mosquitoes / ticks / rats 858-694-2888
 Online: vector@sdcounty.ca.gov

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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

Longer days, picnics at the beach, and movies in the park. A delightful image of a San Diego summer.

Are you worried about the heat being like last year? I know I am. What can an individual do to make a difference? University Heights is on a transit corridor. Yet when looking into the MTS buses, I don't see many passengers no matter the time of the day. San Diego, like the rest of Southern California, is a car-centric city so it makes perfect sense that the City Council is allowing housing developers to increase density in exchange for fewer parking spaces and promote the use of public transportation. Here's where I wonder if the phrase "build it and they will come" will apply to our inner core. Will people rent or even buy when there's fewer or no parking spaces for a personal auto? I don't know.

Parking spaces, for example, are extremely precious in San Francisco and many residents have never taken or now complain about the shabby condition of BART. The city at the apex of global innovation also witnessed start-ups like

Uber and Lyft. One unfortunate consequence of this creativity resulted in public transportation ridership being down and an additional 15,000 cars being on the streets.

When thinking about walking across Washington at the intersection of Lincoln, I get nervous. A decade or so ago, the city came up with a solution to a problem with cars entering the 163 ramp; that is, to create a single lane and install temporary cones. Despite public outrage, the absurdity of that so-called solution is astonishing. Lights on the Vermont Street Bridge would also encourage walking to Hillcrest and other neighborhoods. Together better lighting and safe pedestrian walkways would encourage less reliance on cars.

What can you do? Write letters, attend UHCA and City Council meetings, and voice your concerns to our elected officials. Your voice — your vote — is important. Become an activist and help San Diego meet its ambitious climate goals by biking, walking, using public transportation, and driving strategically.

WATER WISE PARADISE

We are fortunate to have lived in University Heights since the early 1980's and have fully enjoyed all the benefits of this great neighborhood. We love the friendly neighbors and the convenience of being able to walk to shops and restaurants nearby. And the central location is stellar.

Over the years our yard has gone through a few renovations. We converted our back yard to water wise plantings several years ago. We removed all of our lawn and converted the area by planting natives and other drought resistant plants in the space. Drip and micro-spray irrigation is supplied to those plants where required. Our water bill is a fraction of what it was previously. Yet the back yard area is beautiful and much more interesting with all the varieties of plants that we've incorporated into it.

We also added some fruit producing trees into the garden over the years which includes citrus, apple, apricot, loquat, pineapple guava, avocado, fig and peach. We also enjoy our vegetable garden with many varieties of tasty veggies that we use in the kitchen. We have a

cutting garden with a bounty of blooming plants that provide flower bouquets that we enjoy in the house.

Many of these trees and smaller plants provide a fabulous wildlife habitat attracting butterflies and birds. Our selection of plants provide food and habitat for these visitors including milkweed for butterflies, different sages for the hummingbirds and the many small birds that come to our garden just to name a few. We also have a variety of what we call 'canyon critters' that visit our yard routinely. These include skunks, opossums, raccoons, grey fox and an occasional coyote. We are always happy to share the space with our furry and winged neighbors that stop by during different times of the year.

Our garden provides us a quiet refuge where we can just sit and enjoy what we like to call our little slice of heaven. Entertaining in the garden also provides us an opportunity to share the space with friends and family. All of the hard work that goes into the garden always pays off when we hear the 'oohs and ahs' from visitors. — *David Holts*



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The May UHCA meeting opened with a report from SDPD Officer David Surwilo speaking of scams, to be wary of emails and phone calls. Also, if you wish to report traffic/speed issues you can request a traffic study. There is a SDPD shift change in progress.

The UHCA meeting was conducted by Greg Sorini. Announcements included the upcoming Movie in the Park: May 18: *ET* and the upcoming Recycling Day, also on May 18. More movies will be shown throughout the year. Dates TBD.

Tyler Renner, from Councilmember Chris Ward's office, announced city budget hearings are taking place. The latest homelessness data shows the numbers are down, and a "Continental Crosswalk" at Cleveland Avenue and Washington Street will be installed for safety reasons. The Carpenter's Union, staff from Ward's office, and Michelle Chicarelli of Park and Recreation had a cleanup and painting in the Trolley Barn Park Friday, April 26th. Questions about the flashing slow down speed sign on Madison were addressed. Concern about 5G, advanced wireless systems, were brought up and directed to contact our federal representative, Congresswoman Susan Davis.

Brandon Torres, from Supervisor Nathan Fletcher's office, announced "Understanding the proposed County of San Diego Budget" forum on May 21 is from 6:00-8:00 pm at Johnson Elementary School Auditorium, 1355 Kelton Road, San Diego, 92114. A Coffee with Supervisor Fletcher May 18 is from 9:00

am-10:30 am at Communal Coffee, 2335 University Avenue, San Diego, 92104. Supervisor Fletcher will be our guest speaker at the June 6 UHCA meeting.

Javier Gomez, from State Assemblymember Todd Gloria's office, introduced himself as our new representative from Gloria's office. He announced several bills introduced by Gloria: one is the bill prohibiting Gun Shows at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Elaine Sinsuan, Branch Manager of University Heights Library, announced the many programs offered to adults and children at the library. See her article on page 9.

Our guest speaker was Louise Batchelor, owner of EnviroGreen, Electronic Recycling Services. She and her staff of 10 upcycle 70% of products they receive. Their warehouse at 9596 Chesapeake Drive San Diego, 92123 will accept anything that plugs in or is battery operated. They sold 5000 refurbished computers last year. Louise stressed the importance of proper recycling and the need to achieve zero waste by 2030. One thing that gums up the recycling process is plastic wrap such as Saran Wrap and grease (no greasy pizza boxes). EnviroGreen offers recycling for hard to recycle items through a program called TerraCycle, a free recycling program funded by brands such as Crayola-like products, Arm and Hammer products and more. Compostable trash bags are a good thing. Check out EnviroGreen at www.E-wastepickup.com. — *Nan McGraw*



Photos: David Holts

OUR UH HISTORY

LEST WE FORGET: MARY DEBRUNNER

Before Janice and Eric DuVall started the University Heights Community Association in 1983, community activists in the late 1970s and early 1980s were instrumental in preserving important areas of University Heights.

One of those preservationists, Mary Yee DeBrunner, was a longtime resident of Mission Cliff Drive, who was instrumental in saving our canyon

slopes. As a member of Uptown Planners in the 1970s, for years she fought developers from encroaching into our canyons. Mary worked tirelessly to preserve the canyon near her home. The development on Fairmount Avenue had developers salivating at the possibilities. She succeeded in saving the canyon. Sadly, Mary passed away a year ago May. We are so grateful for her activism. — *Nan McGraw*

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UH BEAUTIFICATION

VERMONT ST. BRIDGE CANYON UPDATE

After two fires under UH's historic Vermont Street Bridge in 2018 this community took action. When Caltrans completed cleanup of the dead brush and trees in their portion of the canyon under the bridge, we utilized the assistance and support of Councilmember Chris Ward and his representative Tyler Renner to get the City to do the brush abatement on their portion. In the end, the work done was insufficient to prevent future fires as we face another dangerous fire season.

Early this year University Heights Community Association Beautification Team volunteers began a petition campaign to the Mayor to bring more attention to this issue. Between volunteers posted on the bridge, canvassing our neighborhood and online signing we procured over 600 signatures!

On May 2nd and 6th your UHCA volunteers presented a powerful Power Point presentation to City Council during both the Transportation and Storm Water and the Fire Rescue Department budget hearings.

Many thanks to the residents who attended those meetings to cede their time to MaryBeth Chruden so she could present our request to allocate funds for a thorough clean up.

It took a neighborhood of concerned citizens to accomplish this. Special thanks to MaryBeth for her excellent presentation skills and to Bill Smith for his input and knowledge of power point.

We will keep you posted on the results of our efforts and further steps needed to see this through.

— *Deborah Morrison*



MaryBeth Chruden presenting at City Council Budget Hearing
Photo: Deborah Morrison

JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 The Point Clean Up Golden Gate btwn RI & Del 1:30 - 3:30 pm
2 Beautification Team Spring Cleanup 9-11 am, Gateway (Lincoln at Washington) Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	3	4 Uptown Planners Meeting Joyce Beers Center, Uptown Complex, 6 pm Board of Ed Meeting Meeting Cancelled	5 July/Aug News articles due UHCDC Meeting 4452 Park Blvd. Suite 104, 6:30 pm	6 UH Rec Council Meeting Alice Birney Library, 5:30 pm UHCA Meeting Alice Birney Auditorium, 6:45 pm Curbside Recycling & Yard Waste Collection	7	8
9 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	10	11 Hillcrest Town Council Joyce Beers Center, Uptown Complex, 6 pm Friends of the Library UH Chapter, UH Branch Library, 6 pm	12	13	14 Flag Day Preview Book Sale (Friends members only) UH Library, 3 - 6 pm	15 Book Sale (open to the public) UH Library, 8 - 3 pm
16 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm Bag O' Books sale (open to the public) UH Library, 12 noon-4pm	17	18 Board of Ed Meeting Eugene Brucker Auditorium 5 pm North Park Planning Committee North Park Christian Fellowship, 2901 North Park Way, 6:30 pm	19 UH Library Task Force Meeting UH Branch Library, 6:30 pm Cookies With The Cops 5:30-7:30 pm Curbside Recycling & Yard Waste Collection	20	21 Summer Begins 	22
23 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	24	25 Board of Ed Meeting Eugene Brucker Auditorium 5 pm	26 UH Book Club & Salon UH Library, 6:30 pm	27	28	29
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FOOD AND BEVERAGES

PARTY ON PARK

For three Saturday evening hours on April 13, Park Boulevard from Adams Avenue to Meade Avenue transformed into an excited sea of people weaving their way from Bahn Thai to Pop Pie, Co. Just about every business and restaurant on Park Boulevard participated in the event offering samples and discounts. Live music by Billy Watson & his International Silver String Submarine Band and Fast Heart Mart Trio whirled through the excited crowd of locals and visitors. The annual event, hosted by the University Heights Community Association gave anyone who purchased a \$15 wristband access to more than 20 restaurants and shops. Each business offered bites to eat and drink. Park & Rec passed out a cucumber vodka cooler, Madison had massive ravioli, and Stella Jean's Ice Cream offered a 15 percent discount on their

scoops. The Original Pickle Store and Big Front Door from farther down Park made their way up to dole out samples. Long-time University Heights residents mingled with newcomers and those whose first time it was in the neighborhood. The event was part food festival, part restaurant walk, and part international food fair and it couldn't have been more fitting way to show off our diverse community. So much has transformed along the three-block section of Park Boulevard in the past year and Party on Park offered the perfect way to let our community shine and to celebrate all it's accomplished. A special thanks to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to plan and execute a knock-out event. If you couldn't make it this year, be sure to mark your calendar for next year's festival. — *Justine Hall*



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RHODE ISLAND AT GOLDEN GATE



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Summer in the Park

6 to 8 pm Friday Evenings
 Adams Avenue & Florida Street
Come out this summer for fun and free entertainment right in your own neighborhood! Bring a picnic dinner or try mobile vendor Mrs. Frostie for ice cream treats, or visit any of our University Heights restaurants for a bite before or after 'Summer in the Park'!



July 19 | **Sully & The Souljahs**
R&B, Funk to Soul & Reggae

Please, no alcoholic beverages, no glass containers and no unleashed dogs!



July 5 | **It's Never 2L8**
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July 12 | **CogniZen**
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Aug 2 | **Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra**
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Watch For the Special Band Line-up Insert in the July issue of the 'UHCA News'!

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Visit our website at www.uhcdc.org for web links to bands appearing at 'Summer in the Park' 2019!

OUR UH HISTORY

ANOTHER NEW HISTORIC DISTRICT IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS: MELHORN & SON

A century ago in University Heights, as the area experienced a population boom spurred by the 1915-1916 Panama Exposition and veterans returning from WWI, a father and son team of home builders who had recently arrived in San Diego, set to work developing small craftsman bungalow houses with "Colonial Revival influences" along the 4500 blocks of Texas and Louisiana Streets, bounded by Monroe Avenue on the south and Mission / Madison Avenues on the north.

The modest working-class homes in this development, built between 1924-1926 within convenient walking distance to the Adams Avenue streetcar line, now form one of the newest historic districts in San Diego, named for that father and son team of Master Builders, Martin V. and William Melhorn.

The Melhorn & Son Historic District was officially designated by San Diego's Historical Resources Board this past October after two informational workshops over the summer and two

hearings in the fall. Fifty-two percent of the homeowners in the proposed district officially supported the designation via the HRB's online and mail-in poll, and no appeals were filed after the designation. Additionally, many homeowners in the new district have already applied for Mills Act property tax relief to assist them in restoring and maintaining the historically significant attributes of their properties.

Merging the 29 parcels on Louisiana and Texas streets into an expanded

Shirley Ann Place Historic District had been considered, but because Shirley Ann Place was developed by William Melhorn alone, after his father passed away in 1925, and because the Spanish eclectic style on Shirley Ann Place is significantly different from the craftsman bungalows built by the father and son team, the HRB decided that Melhorn & Son should be a separately designated district, whose homes may now proudly bear brass plaques marking their place in San Diego's architectural history. — *Judith Annicchiarico*



Photos: Kesler Randall

PLUME

Just in case the month of April passed you by, UHCA sponsored two wildly successful events: The Ostrich Nest Tag Sale in the Trolley Barn Park on Sunday, April 7, and the Party on Park that was held on Saturday evening, April 13-where else but Park Boulevard from Meade to Adams Avenue! Both were huge undertakings thanks to **Julie Rubtchinsky**, organizer extraordinaire for the Tag Sale, and **Bernie Horan & Mary Anne Stevens** for everything they did to make the Party on Park.

A huge thank you goes out to the many volunteers who helped at these events. We also extend a big thank you to the good natured Tag Sale sellers as well as to Rachael who made those wonder-

ful balloons for the kids and Yipao for setting up early and making those much needed caffeine drinks. Home Start sent a truck & staff person to help the sellers donate unsold merchandise. To the many businesses that participated in the Party on Park, thank you for making it such a fun and tasty event.

The events were so successful that before the Tag Sale, Julie had turned away sellers. Likewise, Mary Anne and Bernie ran out of Party on Park tickets by 6:30 pm that evening. Both were so well-re-



Mary Anne and Bernie


ceived that we promise to make them annual events. We give buckets of ostrich plumes to the organizers and the many volunteers who made these events another example of what makes University Heights a unique community!

A NOTE FROM JULIE

It was another great year for the Ostrich Nest — now officially an annual event in our University Heights neighborhood. Thank you to all who participated and attended this 2019 UHCA community tag sale. It was a beautiful day and lots of people were out having fun selling and buying. This year's additions were a hit — including the Yipao coffee tent and Island Mist ukulele group.

A very big thank you to our Ostrich Nest volunteers, without whom we would not be able to run this event. To MaryBeth Chruden, Bill Smith, Stu McGraw, Kristie Edgmond, Carol Neidenberg, Jeff Rubtchinsky, Josh Stager, Rod & Nancy Girvin and Peter & Patti Roehrs and Brent Orlesky - THANK YOU! — *Julie Rubtchinsky*

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IN MEMORIAM BEVERLY GINSKY

Many of you living near Madison Avenue and Maryland Street will fondly remember beloved Bev, who walked dogs daily around the neighborhood. Bev lived and raised her kids in University Heights since 1954. Sadly, Bev recently passed. A memorial mass is scheduled for Saturday June 8, 9:30 am, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1638 Polk Avenue.

LIBRARY NEWS

THE UH BRANCH LIBRARY BETWEEN THE COVERS

The University Heights Library is ready for summer and would like to introduce this year's Summer Reading Program, "It's Showtime @ Your Library!"

- For ages 16 & up. Please register: • Hullabaloo. June 12, 4:30pm. Enjoy a free concert by award-winning band Hullabaloo.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

- Morning Story Time: Thursdays at 11am. • Arts & Crafts: Saturdays all day. • Puppet Storytime with Caroline & Penelope: June 1 & 15 at 11:30am.

Please check our Facebook page, online calendar or give us a call at 619-692-4912 for any further questions.

The library will also have weekly fun, family oriented programs throughout the summer which will take place every Wednesday at 4:30pm from June 5—August 14.

FEATURED PROGRAMS:

- Zovargo. June 5, 4:30pm. Meet and learn about animals from all over the world. • Father's Day Craft. June 11, 4:30pm. Design a coffee mug & fill it with treats.

Library Hours table with days of the week and times.

PETS OF THE MONTH

CUPCAKE & KEA

Last July we adopted our little dog, Cupcake the Chi-weenie, as a companion for our senior dog, Carlos.

an emergency c-section, she recovered and bonded with Cupcake at the foster home in Ramona.



Both the girls were rescued by PAWS 4 Thought Animal Rescue, a foster-based 501c3 rescue that is always on the lookout for good fosters.

Cupcake was found in a field in Mexico. She was pregnant and later delivered nine healthy puppies while in foster care.

THE FRIENDS OF THE UH LIBRARY WHAT I DID WITH MY SUMMER VACATION

Memorial Day cook-outs are over, school is out, and the lazy days of summer are here.

at the beach, or the guidebooks to the best biking trails in San Diego.

Whatever you do this summer, just remember that our branch library is here to help you make the most of it!

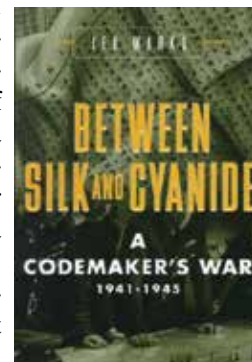
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Hopefully you no longer have to write those essays, but if you did, what would you write about?

You could write about all the fun arts and science programs you and your kids participated in.

UH BOOK CLUB AND SALON BETWEEN SILK AND CYANIDE A CODEMAKER'S WAR, 1941-1945 BY LEO MARKS

In 1942 twenty-two year old Leo Marks left his father's famous bookshop, 84 Charing Cross Road, and went off to serve in the British armed services.



memoirs, one can understand why General Eisenhower credited the SOE, particularly its communications department.

For many years, the author was prevented from publishing his account by the British Official Secrets Act.

Join the Book Club & Salon discussion. The book will be available at the UH Library's front desk during May and June.

UH BOOK CLUB & SALON Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:30 pm San Diego Public Library University Heights Branch

Between Silk and Cyanide tells of Marks's obsessive quest to improve the security of agents' codes.

Advertisement for Andy's Plumbing, featuring the name, services, contact info, and license number.

POLITICAL NEWS

FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR

I SUPPORT PARKS

San Diego has many, many neighborhood, municipal, regional and state parks for residents to enjoy. And like communities across California, we can always do more to create new parks, improve existing parks and enhance access to parks for families who've not benefited from them.

That's why the Legislature passed SB 5 in 2017, legislation that placed Proposition 68 on the June 2018 statewide ballot. And it's why voters approved Prop. 68, making it possible for nearly \$1.3 billion to be spent on park projects throughout the state over the next few years.

Specifically, San Diego is well-positioned to compete for some of the nearly \$255 million that will be awarded later this year to create new parks in disadvantaged communities – another \$395 million for disadvantaged communities will go out in future years. On top of that, the city will be eligible for a per-capita portion of \$185 million to create and improve local parks (community groups in University Heights can contact their city officials and let them know how park projects in their neighborhood might benefit from this funding).

Similarly, San Diego County will be eligible for a per-capita portion of \$13.9 million in our unincorporated areas. And our area will also benefit from a per-capita

portion of \$37 million to improve regional park infrastructure.

That's a lot of numbers, but the point is, thanks to you — the voters — real money will be coming home to the San Diego region to enhance our ability to enjoy parks for recreation and relaxation, to spend time with our families and friends, or to catch a little alone time for private reflection or a good book.

As someone who loves to use parks to walk the dogs, go for a hike with my spouse, or experience museums and other cultural resources, I'm proud of all of us for making this happen. — *Toni G. Atkins, President Pro Tempore & State Senator for California's 39 District, which includes University Heights*



FROM YOUR STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER

HOW PARKS CAN BE A COMMUNITY ASSET

This June brings an unusually green beginning to our summer season, as we turn our attention to the many recreational opportunities and beautiful outdoor spaces San Diego offers. I too look forward to the impending legislative recess, when I can spend time connecting with constituents and enjoying community activities across the 78th Assembly District. It's no surprise that these events often take place in parks and green spaces, which are the heart of the community.

Thanks to past activism and the continuing efforts of dedicated volunteers, University Heights' Trolley Barn Park is a wonderful example of how parks can be precious community assets. My neighbors in University Heights remind me how much all of my constituents value their parks. Parks provide countless benefits. They drive economic prosperity and urban vitality, connect communities and neighbors, improve physical and mental health, enhance youth education and development, and provide many environmental services. That's why I am proud to use my role on the State Assembly's Water, Parks, and Wildlife committee to protect and enhance the green spaces in our region as well as across the state.

Anyone who has listened to me speak knows that my top priority is addressing our housing affordability crisis. And protecting our environment for current and future generations is close behind. Parks and green spaces are intimately connected to both issues. The affordability, livability, and development prospects of future housing all depend on the quality of our civic infrastructure. Parks and green spaces are a vital component of that infrastructure. Parks are a necessary complement to new and existing housing, transportation, and commercial development and must be a significant component of strategies to intelligently manage our region's growth in the future.

The City of San Diego's Parks Master Plan process is an opportunity to enlist community expertise to make that vision a reality. I am committed to state actions and partnerships with local jurisdictions to elevate the role of parks in smart growth and environmental justice strategies. Every community deserves access to safe, high-quality outdoor spaces.

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

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UH BEAUTIFICATION

TROLLEY BARN PARK

For over 100 years a huge trolley barn on Adams Avenue a block east of Park Boulevard dominated the University Heights neighborhood. After it was demolished in 1980, plans were made to build two five story apartment buildings on the site with 75 units in each building. In response, community members came together to form the University Heights Community Association which worked with the city to have the site turned into a neighborhood park. As a result of these efforts, Trolley Barn Park was officially dedicated in 1991.

After nearly 30 years, this beloved park has begun to show its age. As a result, the UHCA Beautification Team, along with supporting community volunteers, has worked to address much-needed deferred maintenance and upkeep. Last spring the team sanded, primed, and painted all of the park benches, cleaned and repainted tables, and cleared the weeds that had grown over the winter. This made a huge dent in required maintenance but still left much needed painting of the metal railing on the east end of the park and the many metal light posts throughout the park.

On April 26 this overdue maintenance was completed by volunteers from the San Diego Carpenters Union Local 619. Thank you to Councilman Chris Ward's office, particularly Tyler Renner, for scheduling and coordinating this with the union and to our Parks and Recreation representative, Michelle Chicarelli, for her logistical support and participation. On the same day, Beautification Team members trimmed bushes and raked up debris that had accumulated during the winter. In the upcoming weeks, new plants will be planted by the team, and routine cleanups will continue. As a result of these ongoing efforts, Trolley Barn Park is being restored to its former glory.

The next major community maintenance project will be the annual cleanup of the 163 onramp and its immediate vicinity from 9:00 to 11:00 am on Sunday, June 2, during the Rock and Roll Marathon. New volunteers are always welcome. Thank you to all of our current dedicated volunteers who are devoting their time and energy to keeping our park and entire community beautiful. — *Rod Girvin, UHCA Beautification Team Leader crgirvin@cox.net*



Rod Girvin with team members



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SCHOOL NEWS

ROO NEWS

EDUCATION FOR THE REAL WORLD



First of all, I would like to thank the UHCA staff for generously providing Roosevelt International Middle School a platform to share our school news regularly with University Heights readers.

It is an extraordinary responsibility to educate a diverse student body of sixth through eighth graders. At this stage in their lives, students go through many changes—intellectually, physically and emotionally. Roosevelt staff and families work hard to build a stronger learning community, one committed to serving our students and preparing them for the

demands of high school and beyond.

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) school, Roosevelt offers students an engaging, rigorous world-class learning experience that stimulates minds and strengthens characters. While it's important to focus on academics, we also help students develop the positive attitudes and characteristics to be successful lifelong learners. Students learn to take a proactive role in their educational journey to become global citizens with "international mindedness"—a key tenet of an IB education.

As our society becomes more globalized, students must acquire the knowledge and skills to successfully join the new workforce. Many of the things our students participate in—project-based learning, interdisciplinary units, student-led conferences, community projects—provide practice in critical thinking, team-building, research, communications and self-reflection. All these learning experiences add depth and meaning beyond test scores. By learning side-by-side with those from different backgrounds, our students gain an appreciation for differences of worldviews and realize the strength in diversity.

The 2019-2020 school year promises to be an exciting one as we renew our 5-year IB accreditation and offer 7-period school days with block schedules. Seventh and eighth graders can explore interests by taking an elective like art, journalism, engineering/robotics, ASB, peer mentoring, guitar, choir, orchestra or band.

As this school year comes to a close, I would like to welcome new students joining us in the fall and congratulate our eighth graders on their promotion to high school. — *Christina Casillas, Ed.D., principal of Roosevelt International Middle School.*



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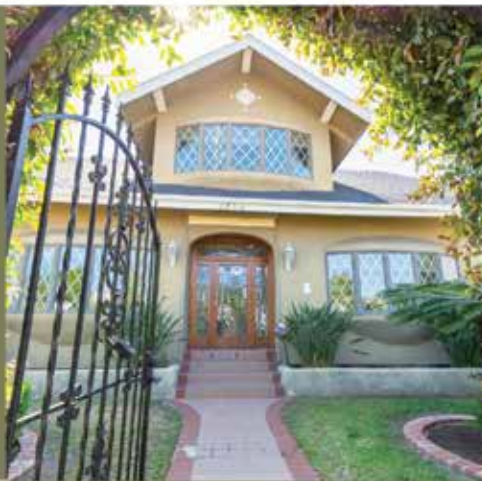
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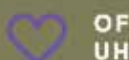
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