

**NEXT UHCA MEETING
MAY 2**

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

TOPIC: CREATIVE RECYCLING OPTIONS
Speaker: Louise Batchelor, Owner of EnviroGreen



University Heights Community Association May 2019

NEWS

SOMETHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN

That's the message to University Heights residents from San Diego Unified School District Board member Richard Barrera, who is leading a process that will decide the future of the district's Normal Street administrative center. In other words, it's time to get real. The district has the need, the money, and the power to break ground as early as 2021.

On April 3, the first of a series of community visioning exercises took place at the Ed Center auditorium. Lee Dulgeroff, SDUSD Chief of Facilities Planning and Construction, asked the audience to suggest what should happen on the property. Top priorities included a park, restoration of historic buildings, high density mixed-use development, a library or community center, and a dog park. For the next round, the district will return with scenarios based on what might be possible physically and financially.

However, the school district will not decide if it should stay or go until it knows if what the community wants is feasible and whether a new administrative center can be accommodated on the site. That means the UH community has some choices to make. The more historic buildings we save, the larger the park we demand, or the more mixed-use develop-

ment we want, the less room there will be for the 180,000 square feet of office space and 750 parking spaces the district needs. The district could build vertically on a smaller footprint, but it is no doubt hesitant to suggest such a thing, given the "fear of heights" and worries about "community character" such a suggestion might provoke.

Obviously, no one wants a tall, ugly office building at the gateway to our community. But would a tall, well-designed building, properly sited, that might even come to be recognized as an iconic landmark at the nexus of three communities and two major transit corridors be acceptable? Would a tall, well-designed, and properly sited residential building where you or your elderly parents could continue to live affordably in the neighborhood be a problem?

The philosopher William James said you can't know what you truly believe until you are forced to act. This is such a situation. It is time to choose. Do we really want to make it more difficult for our teachers, our elders, our children, or our friends to continue to live with us in UH because we are afraid of shadows or traffic? In an age when we can see the possibility of hailing a driverless car, is

parking really so important?

Nobody wants poorly designed development, tall or short. But can we accept density or height in perhaps the one place where it will work best? Do we have the courage to envision dramatic change for a now woeful site that once hosted stunning architecture, a site that has been the center of education in San Diego since before a single home was ever built in University Heights?

Someday, we will be gone and those who follow will either applaud or lament what we advocated or fought. Let's all reexamine our motives and rethink our beliefs before voicing our opinions as we continue this process with the school district. Something is indeed going to happen, so let's get it right.

— *William Smith, Member, Uptown Planning Committee, and Member, UHCA Board of Directors*

LOOKING AHEAD

**JUNE UHCA MEETING:
THURSDAY,
JUNE 6, 2019**

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**TOPIC: COUNTY SUPERVISOR
NATHAN FLETCHER**

Come meet your new County Supervisor, Nathan Fletcher, who was elected in November to represent University Heights as part of the Fourth Supervisorial District.

**CYCLE IN THE
HEIGHTS
AND
FREE MOVIE NIGHT**

**ET
SATURDAY
MAY 18, 7:30 PM
TROLLEY BARN PARK**

**COME MEET LOUISE BATCHELOR
AT OUR MAY MEETING**

Be sure to join us at our May 2nd meeting to meet Louise Batchelor, owner of EnviroGreen, Electronic Recycling Services, which can recycle anything that plugs in, including vacuum cleaners, audio-visual equipment, computers, and other electronics.

Louise has a way of making recycling an exciting experience. EnviroGreen offers TerraCycle, a free recycling program funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers to collect and recycle hard-to-recycle waste such as corks, 3D printing materials, rigid plastic cups, alkaline batteries, aluminum cans, art supplies, athletic balls, etc.

EnviroGreen has an IT and refurbish-

ing department that will repair and upgrade any computer for a very reasonable price or refurbish it for resale.

This is also an incredible place to shop for restored electronics. In its showroom, the company offers consumers working computers or laptops starting at \$80 and other cool retro electronics.

The company also partners with San Diego Urban Corps to provide computer repair/diagnosis classes to its members, and it employs four interns to provide job training while they work toward their high school diplomas.

Come hear about all the recycling options that may have never occurred to you!



Aerial view of the Education Center property on Normal Street

UHCA ANNUAL RECYCLING EVENT

Make sure you join us for dumpster day, electronics recycling, and paper shredding at UHCA's annual recycling event on Saturday, May 18, from 8 am to 1 pm at 4345 Campus Ave. (next to Birney parking lot, just north of Van Buren). Participating companies include: EDCO

(dumpsters for yard trimmings and junk, 8 am-1 pm); Data Disposal (on the spot paper shredding @ \$6 per banker box, 9 am-noon); and EnviroGreen (e-waste disposal and destruction of hard drives, 8 am-1 pm). See the ad inside for details

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



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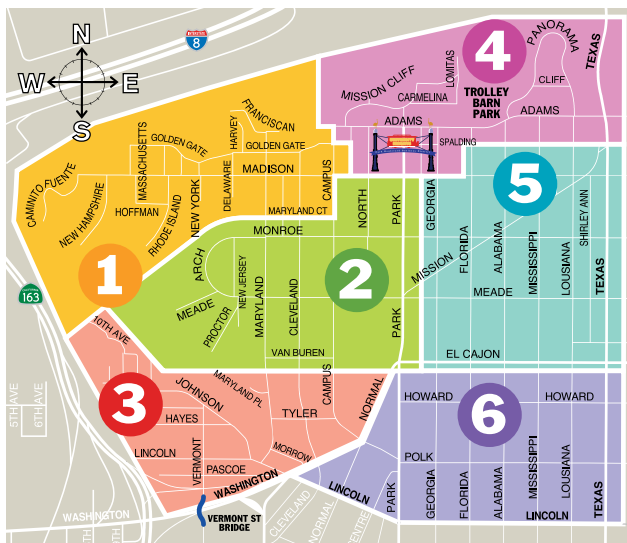
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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BOUNDARIES AND ZONE WATCH



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

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CRIME WATCH SIGNS

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



SLOW DOWN SIGNS

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

UH PHONE BOOK

Emergency • Police • Fire • Medical	911
Non-Emergency Suspicious Activity, Homeless Outreach Team, etc. Online: non-emergency problems: www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done	619-531-2000
SD City Services non-emergency: street lights, pot holes, etc. Online: www.sandiego.gov/city-hall/departments	619-527-7500
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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
Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) Vacation home security check, welfare of home-bound, patrolling business districts, homeland security support	619-692-4945

SDPD Community Relations Officers: David Surwilo (dsurwilo@pd.sandiego.gov) Ricardo Pinon (rpinon@pd.sandiego.gov)	619-692-4858 619-692-4821
SDPD Western Division 5215 Gaines Street	619-692-4800
Shopping Cart Pick-Up Service	800-252-4613
Suicide Prevention—National Suicide Prevention Lifeline For immediate confidential, suicide crisis counseling 24 hours a day, seven days a week, call toll-free, San Diego County Access & Crisis Line, 1-888-724-7240. Other resources: Lifeline Chat at suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat, 1-800-273-TALK (8255). #BeThe1To at www.bethe1to.com; Website: up2sd.org; call local hotline at 888-724-7240 for live chat, 4-10 pm weekdays	
UHCDC 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: Report Online: apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/ email photos: Graffiti Hotline:	911 cericson@pd.sandiego.gov 619-257-7500
SD Vector Control mosquitoes / ticks / rats Online: vector@sdcounty.ca.gov	858-694-2888

Https://getitdone.force.com/ Download and use this app if you see a non-emergency problem in the city like potholes, graffiti, etc..

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

DISASTER CONTACTS

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAROL NEIDENBERG

Who doesn't like May? If there was a month popularity contest, May undoubtedly would be at the top of the list. For me, it conjures up many sweet memories, beginning, of course, with the days leading up to the end of the school year. You still can almost envision those lazy summer days at the beach and the smell of barbecues. And if you're in college, well, you're already at the finish line.

The month may have gotten its name from Maia, the Roman goddess of honor and reverence. It may have also referred to the goddess Maia; or be named after maiores, meaning elders. It's appropriate that May is the month we honor our mothers (May 12 this year for those who need a gentle reminder!). For without your mother, you wouldn't be reading this article!

Flowering plants are always appreciated for Mothers' Day, so stop by Eden on Park Blvd and pick up a living reminder of your love. You also can't go wrong with a mani-pedi treat or a facial. If your mother doesn't have a green thumb,

there are many wonderful places in UH to take her for a delicious brunch, with or without a mimosa, or a special dessert from Twiggs (order in advance so as not to be disappointed). Be sure to make a reservation for the restaurants. Places like Park House and Madison will be packed with loving children like yourself trying to pamper the most important person. I know my mom would have been happy with a pizza slice from Red House or a hot, decaffeinated coffee drink whether we sat indoors or outdoors. Take the time out to thank the special women in your life.

If you can't decide among the nearby restaurants, cafes, or bars, no need to look any further. You can't go wrong with a gift card and a notes of thanks. If none of these suggestions feel right, invite your mom to a picnic at the Trolley Barn Park on May 18 and watch E.T. together, an all-time classic family movie. Can't beat free – thanks to the county for a grant, the city for helping us with the movie, and our sponsors for their continued support. Happy May!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The April UHCA meeting began with Crime Watch, where Officer David Surwilo addressed recent bike thefts in Zone 3. Participants in NextDoor and Zone Watch displayed photos online of a possible suspect, which enabled SDPD to make an arrest. Officer Ricardo Pinon has been reassigned to a Crime Prevention program, working with gang youth. We wish him well.

Bill Smith conducted the regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Party on Park, Tag Sale, Movie in the Park, Recycling Event, Petition to clean debris under the Vermont Street Bridge for fire safety, and future Beautification Cleanup in June.

Bill Smith gave an update on the Ed Center and the Charrette process (see article in this issue).

REPORTS: Tyler Renner for Councilmember Chris Ward: Golden Hall is now being used as a homeless shelter. Joint use field at Birney will be closed on Monday, April

9, for repairs to the field. Carpenters Union will plant and paint in the Trolley Barn Park. For pot holes, use Get It Done app or call Tyler.

Brandon Torres for Supervisor Nathan Fletcher: Supervisors will begin evening budget meetings to accommodate working people. Next meeting is Thursday, June 13, 6 pm. at County Administration office.

Supervisor Fletcher will be the guest speaker at June 6 UHCA meeting. Elaine Sinsuan, Branch Manager of UH Library, invited all to participate in National Library Weeks's activities.

Our guest speaker, JulieAnn, the Tower Garden Lady, displayed her personal garden of gorgeous leafy greens and vegetables. Her presentation included power points and a demonstration of how easy the system is, its efficient use of space, and ease of cleaning, as well as the health benefits of freshly picked produce. JulieAnn is a Certified Health and Wellness Coach who can be found Sunday mornings at the Hillcrest Farmers Market. — Nan McGraw

NEW CITY OF SAN DIEGO SOURCE OF INCOME PROTECTION

The California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Cal. Gov. Code §12955) prohibits discrimination based on source of income. However, its definition of source of income does not include Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and other rental assistance.

The San Diego City Council voted in 2018 to include vouchers and other rental subsidies and assistance in source of income protection for tenants. (S.D. Mun. Code §98.08). The new law, which went into effect October 18, 2018, protects prospective tenants and existing tenants.

The new law includes protection for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers; non-profit rental subsidies issued by organizations such as those assisting veterans, homeless, disabled, and/or elderly persons; and security deposit assistance programs.

Housing providers are no longer allowed to state a preference for tenants without a housing subsidy. Usually, housing pro-

viders will state "No Section 8" or "No Vouchers." Housing providers will also be unable to opt out of accepting rental subsidies for existing tenants, which they were previously able to do with Section 8 vouchers.

Tenants with rental assistance still need to meet rental requirements, which means they must meet the housing provider's requirements for credit score, rental history, references, and background checks. Tenants also need to meet income requirements, but only for their portion of the rent. Income by all adults in the household can be aggregated to meet income requirements.

Although the new protection is in effect, there is no civil penalty for housing providers who violate the municipal code until August 1, 2019. For more information or for assistance, please call (844) 449-3500 or visit www.lasds.org for upcoming trainings. — *Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.*

UHCA ANNUAL RECYCLING EVENT

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on items you can recycle at this popular event.

EnviroGreen is a socially and environmentally responsible company that is certified to collect E-Waste by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control. The goal is to find a place for electronics before they are doomed to life in a scrapyard or broken down for the metals. Nothing collected goes into the landfills or to third world countries.



platters, microfilm, and microfiche, as well as staples, paperclips, comb-binds (plastic), and spiral binds (plastic).

EDCO provides containers to collect bulky household items that will not fit in your black trash container. It also takes Compostable Green Yard Waste. EDCO will not accept any hazardous waste: no paint, tires, motor oil, chemicals, or other hazardous waste; no dirt, rocks, asphalt, concrete, sand, or demolition debris; no treated or lead-based painted wood or lumber.

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Don't miss this opportunity to clean up your yard, your old files that need shredding, your outdated electronics, and the rest of your "stuff." — *Nan McGraw and Maureen Markey*



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HOW TO MAKE YOUR BIKE HARDER TO STEAL AND EASIER TO RECOVER

No bike can be fully theft proof, but you can make theft more difficult and recovery easier.

Theft Prevention

Know your serial number. Most bikes have a serial number. If your bike isn't labeled with one, check with the store where it was purchased.

Fill out the paperwork. Most major

lock manufacturers have an anti-theft guarantee that will reimburse you for the value of your stolen bike if you can prove the theft involved their correctly employed lock. The rules of these programs are precise and often require advance registration.

Leave identifying marks and take several pictures. Engrave your driver's license number on the bike, but also leave your info in the seat tube. Bike

thieves rarely look there and if the thief or future owner takes it to a bike shop, someone can find the note.

Your Bike's Missing, Now What?

File a police report. This is essential, especially in making an insurance claim.

Register your bike as stolen. List your stolen bike in the National Bike Registry. If your bike is recovered, police in any

jurisdiction will notify you.

Check Craigslist and Facebook pages. Search the web, local garage sales, and swap meets for your bike. If you find it, arrange a time to meet the seller. Contact police for assistance but remember, the seller may be an innocent third person.

Notify bike shops. Send a flyer to local bike shops with as much identifying information as possible. Include make, model, color, serial number, parts you've swapped in, and your emergency contact info. Bike mechanics hate bike theft and will be happy to watch for your bike.

Tell everyone you know. Notify everyone you know that your bike's been stolen. Use social media with a photo of your bike.


If you find it, lock it. If you see an unattended bicycle that you suspect is yours, use your own lock to secure it and call the police. Most bike companies make hundreds of bikes with the same make, model, trim, and color, so be certain it's your bike.

Bike theft can be frustrating, but with a little effort, you can reduce your risk and increase your chances of recovering your ride.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 UHCDC Meeting 4452 Park Blvd. Suite 104, 6:30 pm	2 UH Rec Council Meeting Alice Birney Library, 5:30 pm UHCA Meeting Alice Birney Auditorium, 6:45 pm	3	4 The Point Clean Up Golden Gate btwn RI & Del 1:30 - 3:30 pm
5 June News articles due Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	6	7 Uptown Planners Meeting Joyce Beers Center, Uptown Complex, 6 pm	8	9 	10	11
12 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm 	13	14 Hillcrest Town Council Joyce Beers Center, Uptown Complex, 6 pm Friends of the Library UH Chapter, UH Branch Library, 6 pm Board of Ed Meeting Eugene Brucker Auditorium 5 pm	15 UH Library Task Force Meeting UH Branch Library, 6:30 pm	16	17 Preview Book Sale (Friends members only) UH Library, 3 - 6 pm	18 Book Sale (open to the public) UH Library, 8 - 3 pm UH Recycling Event 8 am-1 pm Movie in the Park Trolley Barn Park, 7:30 pm
19 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm Bag O' Books sale (open to the public) UH Library, 12 noon-4pm	20	21 North Park Planning Committee North Park Christian Fellowship, 2901 North Park Way, 6:30 pm	22	23 	24	25
26 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	27 	28 Board of Ed Meeting Eugene Brucker Auditorium 5 pm	29 June UHCA News out UH Book Club & Salon UH Library, 6:30 pm	30	31	

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

RESTAURANT REVIEW

SMALL BAR RETURNS

After a decade of slinging burgers and craft beer, Small Bar and Grill on Park Blvd temporarily closed its doors in February. The neighborhood darling underwent a quick refresh of its interior and menu with the help of a newly expanded leadership team that now includes Trust Restaurant Group. Original chef/owner Karen Barnett is still very much involved with the team. Together with Trust Restaurant Group, she's also working with Frank McGrath (a Small Bar partner) of Adams Avenue's Polite Provisions who designed an innovative cocktail menu. The Park Blvd institution's dark walls have been transformed with bright paint, a splash of color on the iconic arches, and stylish lighting.

The updated menu boasts elevated bar food like fried cauliflower with chili aioli, fish tacos sprinkled with ancho salsa, and a 10-oz. ribeye and fries accompanied by a bourbon and roasted jalapeño butter. McGrath's cocktail menu features playful drinks such as "Franks refresher" combining cognac, sparkling wine, raspberry, and lemon. Punch bowl options to share include "a ghost on the dancefloor" with berry infused tequila, Peychaud's bitters, spar-

klung rosé, and lemon. The extensive craft beer list that kept original Small Bar patrons loyal still remains with 36 brews on tap.

Some menu favorites also made a comeback, such as the wings and nachos (although the veggie burger will be greatly missed). Events like Steak Night have returned, along with the much-loved jukebox. One can find a few other remnants from the old Small Bar, like the "on the air" sign above the bathroom.

Some regulars expressed dismay when they found Small Bar wasn't quite the same after its remodel. In 2009, when Small Bar first opened its doors, President Obama had just been inaugurated, the iPhone 3 was the newest phone, and Netflix was still mailing out DVDs. When so much has changed in the past decade, should we expect a beloved neighborhood watering hole to stay exactly the same? — *Justine Hall*

SMALL BAR AND GRILL
4628 Park Blvd #101B
(619) 795-7998
<https://www.smallbarsd.com/>



Photos: David Harrison

NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

A couple of new projects being built in our neighborhood are at the Northeast corner of Park Blvd and Monroe Ave, and the Southwest corner of Washington St and Lincoln Ave. According to documents filed with the City:

PROJECT #1

Address: 4505 Park Blvd.
(NE corner at Monroe Ave.)
Owner: Dominic Tucci, Calavo Builders, Inc.
Title: Park & Monroe
Scope: Mixed Use
Floors: Four above ground, plus a basement level
Levels: *Basement:* Underground parking spaces: 10 residential, 2 commercial; alley access
1st Floor: Restaurant w/ patio on Park Blvd. side, plus 5 additional commercial parking spaces
2nd Floor: Three office space areas
3rd & 4th Floors: Five two-story apartments, w/ balconies; 1,245-1,495 sq. ft. each

Notes: Building to have a rounded corner at Park Blvd & Monroe Ave, w/ owner's name "TUCCI" (similar to Kairoa at NE corner of Park Blvd & Madison Ave.)

PROJECT #2

Address: 1445 Washington St.
(SW corner at Lincoln Ave.)
Owner: Michael Keeler, Washington Hillcrest LLC
Title: Washington Crossing
Scope: 35 Apartments
Floors: Five above ground (about 60 ft. tall)
Levels: *1st Floor:* 30 parking spaces
2nd-5th Floors: 27 one-bed room apartments: 571-698 sq. ft. each. 8 two-bedroom apartments: four 942 sq. ft. and four 1,014 sq. ft. each. Some have balconies. Three (10% of total) affordable (very-low-income) units.
Other: Center courtyard, 420 sq. ft. Recreation Room, 660 sq. ft. Storage on 1st floor — *Sol Schumer*

EATING OUT IN UH



American Market	4395 Cleveland Ave.	296-8333
Bahia Mexican & Seafood	1985 El Cajon Blvd.	542-0540
Bahn Thai	4646 Park Blvd.	299-6363
bfd (big front door)	4075 Park Blvd.	255-4100
Cueva Bar	2123 Adams Ave.	269-6612
El Zarape	4642 Park Blvd.	692-1652
Flavors of East Africa	2322 El Cajon Blvd.	955-8778
Grains	2201 Adams Ave.	269-5999
Great Maple	1451 Washington St.	296-8268
Hope at Lafayette	2223 El Cajon Blvd.	780-0358
Hundred Proof	4130 Park Blvd.	501-6404
Kairoa Brewing Company	4601 Park Blvd.	295-1355
Lestat's on Park	4496 Park Blvd.	501-6638
Loving Hut	1905 El Cajon Blvd.	683-9490
Madison	4622 Park Blvd.	296-6566
Mama's Bakery & Lebanese Deli	4237 Alabama St.	688-0717
Meraki Café	1735 Adams Ave.	269-9618
Muzita Abyssinian Bistro	4651 Park Blvd.	546-7900
Mystic Mocha	2105 Mission Ave.	688-0858
The Original Pickle Store	4075 Park Blvd., # 101-B	841-1108
Park Boulevard Deli	4504 Park Blvd.	295-1362
Park House Eatery	4574 Park Blvd.	295-7275
Pizzeria Bruno Napoletano	4207 Park Blvd.	260-1311
Pizzeria Luigi	2121 El Cajon Blvd.	294-9417
Plumeria Vegetarian Cuisine	4661 Park Blvd.	269-9989
Pomegranate Restaurant	2312 El Cajon Blvd.	297-4007
Pop Pie Co.	4404 Park Blvd.	501-4440
Red Fox Steak House	2223 El Cajon Blvd.	297-1313
Red House Pizza	4615 Park Blvd.	546-7430
Small Bar	4628 Park Blvd.	795-7998
Sprouts Market & Deli	4175 Park Blvd.	291-8287
Stella Jean's Ice Cream	4404 Park Blvd.	501-8252
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Real News

NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

TEXAS STREET WIDENING

At its February 10 meeting, the Public Facilities Subcommittee of the North Park Planning Committee (NPCC) explored the impact of Mission Valley development on the University Heights and North Park communities. Widening Texas Street from Interstate 8 to El Cajon Boulevard was listed as a potential traffic mitigation, but this proposal has been rejected in the past. NPCC does not support eminent domain in the residential neighborhood

along Texas Street and voted this down at the February meeting. The committee is considering requests for pedestrian and bike access improvements to the east side of Texas similar to those on the west side.

For more information: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/missionvalley>. — *Randy Wilde, Member, North Park Planning Committee*



Traffic backing up on Texas Street today
Photo: David Holts



Texas Street early 1960s

TEXAS STREET ENHANCEMENT

I can't express enough my sincere appreciation for UHCA's shared concern regarding the discussion to widen Texas St. Until recently, I had no idea that the concept of widening Texas St was even being considered. I did review the Mission Valley Plan and to my surprise found no direct mention of the widening of Texas St. But it appears that there is plan for a Disney-ish Arrial Tram up Texas St, then potentially along Mission St. However, I did find the plan to widen Texas St. buried on page 426 of the Environmental Impact report for this project.

So my initial questions were: Is this plan still alive, and does the North Park Planning Committee have the authority to stop it? It does seem to make some sense to improve the northbound, east side of Texas between Madison and the I-8.

Obviously, this widening plan would affect not only my residence directly (especially if eminent domain is used), but also our wonderful community. In my 18 years as a homeowner on Texas St., I have become aware of the increase in traffic congestion, as well as noise, pollution, and multiple car accidents on my street. The traffic situation on Texas St. has become quite congested the last few years because the Mission Valley corridor design needs drastic improvements. We neither want nor need a four-lane freeway through Zone 5 of our community in order to remedy the Mission Valley problem.

As we all know, Texas St. (or Texas Heights as I call it) is one of the gateways to not only University Heights, but also Uptown. I believe improvements such as updated pedestrian and bike access, trees, and landscape beautification would help with the overall traffic issues and improve

Zone 5 of University Heights. Traffic circles instead of street lights and left-hand turns would decrease both traffic congestion and pollution from idling cars, and improve blighted sections like the Texas St Market, similar to the transformation of Mueller College into Kairoa Brewery.

My wife often jokingly calls the west side of University Heights, UH-Prop-er, and our area UH-Improper. So again, I do appreciate the help and consideration for our section of University Heights. I would very much welcome further conversations about this topic. — *Doug Storm*

Editors' Note: UHCA has requested a traffic study of Texas Street from Madison Avenue to El Cajon Boulevard. We would like to see traffic calming, especially at the Madison Avenue southbound merge.

UH BEAUTIFICATION

TEAM REPORT TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING

Spring has arrived, and most of us are well into spring cleaning in our houses and yards. The same is true for the UHCA Beautification Team. In the past month, team members removed campaign signs that had not been taken down from light poles after last November's election. Team member Richie Yesh, along with two community volunteers, cleared out the knee-high weeds along Park and Meade that had sprouted up after last winter's rains. Throughout the month, team members removed graffiti that had accumulated over the winter and provided volunteers to support the annual Tag Sale in Trolley Barn Park.

Much more is in the planning stages for the next two months before summer arrives: an annual spring cleanup in Trolley Barn Park, and the annual Rock and Roll Marathon cleanup at Washington and the 163 on ramp. And the team is discussing a mini-cleanup along Texas Street to clear out the weeds that have grown over the wet winter and to remove the trash that has accumulated since our last major cleanup of that site.

We will be sure to publicize all upcoming events. We welcome all volunteers to help keep our community clean and beautiful for all of its residents and visitors alike. — *Rod Girvin, UHCA Beautification Team Leader, rgirvin@cox.net*

PLUME

PAUL FARRIS

Graphic Designer Extraordinaire

Who's Behind Those Foster Grants? None other than our own Paul Farris. You might recognize him as a resident of University Heights (UH) for the past 20 years. He usually wears shorts (no matter what the weather is), a baseball cap, and sunglasses – greeting every person and dog in sight. Paul is the talented wizard behind the curtain who rebranded UHCA and helped put UH back on the map, so to speak.

First, he redesigned the UHCA News from a newsletter with a black and white format to a full 12-page newspaper, with bold colors, headlines, and distinctive graphics. That redesign led to a redesign of the UHCA webpage. After that, it would be hard to name any UHCA-sponsored event in the past eight years that wasn't designed by

Paul: Movies in the Park, Caroling in the Heights, t-shirts, mugs, sweatshirts, street pole banners, Party on Park, recycling day, to name just a few. Besides the stylized, strutting ostrich symbol for UHCA, my favorite is the UH125 historic brochure and all other material related to that celebration.

Some years ago, Paul's talent enabled him to move from St. Petersburg, Florida, to NYC's Parsons School of Design. From that point on, there was no stopping him. He moved to LA and worked for Saul Bass, the prestigious graphic and film title designer (think of Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho and Vertigo), where he developed identity, packag-



Paul Farris and friend in Trolley Barn Park

ing, and branding systems for AT&T, United Airlines, Lawry's Foods, and the Library of Congress, among many others. Paul's creativity is extraordinary as is his willingness to pitch in and give back to this community.

We often say that no person is irreplaceable. Yet this is one person who would be hard to replace as his talent and generosity are unparalleled. We hope we never have to say goodbye to him but if we do, his image will certainly be carved into the Mt. Rushmore of University Heights or at least into our hearts.

LIBRARY NEWS

THE UH BRANCH LIBRARY BETWEEN THE COVERS

The University Heights Library would like to thank everyone, especially our Friends of the University Heights Library for the great support during National Library Week last month. It is a great honor to hear the stories about why the library is important. Please continue to send your written stories, either on a standard index card or a sticky note to help grow the advocacy storyboard display.

Speaking of displays, the young students from Birney Elementary provided an artwork reflective of learning experiences about their very own community. Their creative piece is located in the children's area. Please check this out during your next visit.

On Monday May 13, the library will host a CalFresh Workshop from 9:30 am to 12 pm for grocery assistance. Participants can apply and interview with Feeding San Diego for nutrition benefits (CalFresh), and, if approved, you can pick up your EBT card the same or the following day. You do not need an address or a phone number. For questions, call (858) 863-6635. Feeding San Diego's CalFresh (SNAP) workshops are a partnership with San Diego County's Health and Human Services Agency.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

- Fantastic Forces by the Fleet Science Center. May 15, 4:30 pm. Learn about friction, forces, and the laws of motion in this fun and interactive program.
- Spring into STEAM's Making Waves. May 29, 4:30 pm. Learn about the science behind marine plants.

Get up close to sea sponge, starfish, and more!

- Mother's Day Craft. May 8, 4:30 pm. Create and design an air terrarium plant as a special gift, just in time for Mother's Day! Ages 16 and up. Please register. <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/mothers-day-craft-adults-air-plant-terrarium>

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

- Morning Story Time: Thursdays at 11 am
- Arts & Crafts: Saturdays all day
- Puppet Storytime with Caroline & Penelope: May 4 & 18 at 11:30 am

The library will be closed on Monday, May 27, in honor of Memorial Day. Please check our Facebook page, online calendar, or give us a call at 619-692-4912 for any further questions. Thank you from everyone at the University Heights Library. — Elaine Sinsuan, Branch Manager, University Heights Library, 619-692-4912, sandiego.gov.



Library Hours

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

PET OF THE MONTH

BRICKLE

I'd always wanted a dog but was never allowed to have one. Finally in 2012 I was able to select and adopt Brickle, roughly 18 months old, from Labradors & Friends. She was housebroken but otherwise untrained—she didn't even answer to her name! We soon learned we had a greyhound-retriever mix who wouldn't retrieve and was afraid of water and stairs.



We renamed her for her coloring, like that old favorite, butter brickle ice cream. After extensive obedience, agility and swim training, she is an AKC Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog. We continue to practice some of her vocabulary of 50 commands every day.

When not playing, Brickle likes being bundled in her favorite orange blanket, since greyhounds

get cold easily. She loves people, Fiesta Island, running with or after other animals, and playing with her best friend, neighbor-dog Devi. Brickle is also an unofficial mascot of our UH Library! — Elisabeth Fidler (& Martha Carey)

THE FRIENDS OF THE UH LIBRARY PALACES FOR THE PEOPLE

I just finished reading *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life* by Eric Klinenberg and found it to be yet another example of how large a contribution libraries make toward creating communities. Klinenberg shows many examples of the services a library can provide that go beyond lending books: provide a comfortable, safe space for kids to do their homework instead of being on the street; create a welcoming environment for seniors to engage with other people instead of being isolated at home; and help parents connect to share advice on surviving the "terrible twos," while their little ones enjoy Story Time, instead of feeling frustrated because they feel they don't know how to raise happy children.

The library provides resources like books, movies, computers, and staff to help with research, but it also provides a community gathering place. Our library provides all that and more. From

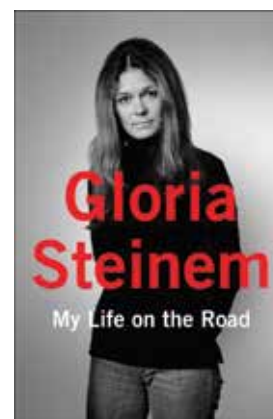
weekly kids' programming to CalFresh workshops, to book clubs, the library is a resource for University Heights residents to learn, enjoy, and connect. So the next time you need a book to read or a movie to watch, want to find a play date for your kids, or need help applying for government services, stop by our library and join in our active community.

You can find out about programs going on at our library by following the University Heights Library on Facebook@ [universityheightslibrary](https://www.facebook.com/universityheightslibrary). Hope to see you there soon! — Isabel Schechter, Secretary, Friends of the University Heights Library

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UH BOOK CLUB AND SALON MY LIFE ON THE ROAD BY GLORIA STEINEM

Gloria Steinem's personal memoir is really a people's memoir. It is a narrative of sharing stories of the places she's seen and the people who aroused her awareness of the vast differences in America. Her surprising encounters as she traveled back and forth across the country provided tales, some happy, some sad, some inspiring. She says that her purpose in writing of her travels is to tempt the reader to go on the road to explore this country.



about her time on the campaign trail, from Bobby Kennedy to Hillary Clinton; her early exposure to social activism in India; the decades spent organizing movements in America; and her involvement in the founding of Ms. magazine. You don't want to miss reading this inspiring memoir of one of the most admired feminist icons of the 20th and 21st centuries.

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

Steinem had an itinerant childhood. Every fall her father would pack the family into the car, and they would drive across the country in search of the next adventure. Therefore, it felt natural when she found herself spending much of her life on the road: as a journalist, organizer, activist, and speaker. Spanning an entire career, Steinem writes

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POLITICAL NEWS

FROM YOUR CITY ATTORNEY

THE OPIOID CRISIS

As your City Attorney, it's my job to protect San Diego and its residents. I do that in many ways, including defending the City from frivolous lawsuits, prosecuting people who damage your quality of life, supporting survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking, and advising City officials on how to follow the law.

I'm also committed to protecting San Diegans from opioid addiction. Opioid addiction kills tens of thousands of Americans and destroys countless lives every year. This national health crisis has its roots in deception, manipulation, and greed. Opioid manufacturers used dishonest tactics to manipulate doctors into overprescribing their drugs. They got rich; America got sick.

That's why my office sued Purdue Pharma, the Sackler family, and other opioid manufacturers and distributors who created the opioid health crisis. Our city joins hundreds of cities, counties, and states in seeking justice for our citizens.

Opioids were falsely marketed to doctors as safe and non-addictive. Yet one-fifth of patients prescribed opioids for ten days still take them, or a black-market alternative, one year later. Illegal labs that cook synthetic substitutes are

booming. And the national death toll easily exceeds 100,000. In 2017, a record 273 San Diegans overdosed on opioids. Our first responders (police, fire-rescue, and ambulance) are overburdened with emergency calls related to opioid use and overdose, all at taxpayer expense. Our lawsuit will recover those costs and compel the opioid manufacturers to fund drug treatment and education programs to help our addicted population and prevent it from growing. — *San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott*

Editors Note: This update from San Diego City Attorney Mara Elliott is a new feature that will appear periodically in the UHCA News.



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WHAT'S THE COST OF THE SHIRT ON YOUR BACK?



Have you ever wondered how much your shirt actually costs? That's what sixth graders at Roosevelt International Middle School are exploring in their International Baccalaureate (IB) interdisciplinary unit, "The Cost of the Shirt on my Back." This project gets students thinking about how an every-day product like a shirt is made, distributed, and consumed as our society becomes increasingly more global.

Ms. Kuncz use these special projects to introduce the IB philosophy of learning. This current unit of study focuses on international mindedness and asks students to think globally about economic, social, and political issues, to utilize skills from multiple classes in their research, and to create meaning for themselves.

Students analyze documentaries, non-fiction texts, realistic fiction, and other research materials to understand their role in globalization and the positive impact they can make through consumer choices. The final creation is an informational article that combines research and insights to illuminate a student's understanding of a consumer product. "This IB unit enables students to investigate the lives of their peers around the world, recognize their role as consumers, and gain a higher appreciation of their own lives," says Celestina Kuncz, Individuals & Societies teacher.

At the end of the unit, students will reflect on their learning experience. "I like that students are consistently reflecting on their work, that it's standards-based and that students learn through an international lens," says Katie Redman, Language & Literature teacher.

Roosevelt teachers from different disciplines collaborate frequently to bring these interdisciplinary, project-based units of study to life and make IB learning experiences more meaningful and exciting. The hallmark of an IB education is to help students become more creative, critical, and reflective thinkers. — *Jennifer Ayala, Parent of students at Roosevelt and Birney and a Board Member of the Friends of Roosevelt Foundation*

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You've seen them around: The clever wooden houses made by Andrew and Ludy (their business is Tools and Tattoos); or the chic Project #2 (Chanel # 5) dispenser boxes; or the regular, off-the-shelf doggie waste bag dispensers. UHCA has been collecting newspaper delivery bags to refill these dispensers and will continue to do so. But we need your help to map all dispenser locations in the neighborhood and to recruit volunteers to keep them filled. You can participate in UHCA's Project

Poo by completing one or all of the following simple actions:

- Contact us with the location of a dispenser near you.
- Contact us if you are willing to be responsible for maintaining one or multiple dispensers in your area (we can provide bags based on regular donations).
- Contact us if you have a recommen-

ation to add a dispenser in an underserved location.

Contact Monica Lanctot (puckinplay@hotmail.com), to provide info or learn more about Project Poo. — *Nan McGraw & Monica Lanctot*



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