



THURS OCT 1 UHCA Meeting

- Meeting begins at 6:45 pm
- Program: Community Plan Updates
- Light refreshments

University Heights Community Association October 2015

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HELP SHAPE UH!

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD / THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 UHCA MEETING

The October 1 UHCA meeting will be a presentation and discussion of the Community Plan Updates affecting UH.

For the first time since the late 1980s, residents have the opportunity to impact how their community will look for the next 25 years.

Kristin Harms and Bill Ellig, long-time UH residents, have thoughtfully studied the two plans encompassing our community and will be presented. Should these plans be implemented, the future growth of UH could change dramatically. The "Density Bonuses," for example, could allow increases of 50% to 65% of the standard limits and include exceptions to height limits and parking requirements.

UH is divided between two planning groups: Greater North Park Planning Group to the east of Park Blvd and Uptown Planners to the west of Park Blvd. For years, UHCA has voted to be in one planning group and presented more than 500 signatures supporting that position to city officials.

The deadline for submitting questions and comments about the plans is October 5. UHCA intends on sending a letter to the City Planning Department questioning the bonus densities and the boundaries of the planning groups.

Now is the time to join in on this important planning process. Your participation and comments are critical to the future of University Heights.



Density on top of density: AN URBAN FANTASY

By Tom Mullaney

Can University Heights remain a great place to live and work? Not if the City Planning Department is allowed to run unchecked.

After six years of citizen participation in the Community Plan Update, our city planners have introduced a wild card. In June, they released draft Land Use maps, specifying where commercial and residential development can go, and how much.

The problem isn't the City of Villages plan or the concept of "smart growth." The problem is excessive densities. Consider an example the south side of Meade Ave. between Florida and Texas. They want to increase the density from 20 units per acre to 73 units per acre. That's *three and half times as high* as the currently allowed maximum—a truly a huge increase.

Bonus System

The stated goal of the "Incentive Zoning" is to provide "extra public benefits." These include parks, plazas, and additional public parking. The real goal, we can figure out, is to allow very large densities.

November UHCA meeting preview

Senator Marty Block will be attending UHCA's November 5 meeting. He will discuss the 2015 legislative year and explore legislative ideas that would benefit our community in 2016. Senator Block will talk about his ongoing work to fight human trafficking, protect elders from abuse, support veterans and military families, and provide greater opportunities for quality higher education in California. Senator Block will share some of his legislative accomplishments over the past year, including his work as the Chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Education and the Banking Committee.

December UHCA meeting preview

Honor those who serve us at our December 3 meeting. We're not talking just about those who serve in our military, but those who serve and us and our community every day, be it your mail deliverer, the UPS or FedEx driver, the refuse collection people, the waiters at your favorite neighborhood restaurant... their friendly service make our lives and our community so much better!

Contact Nan McGraw for nominations: nmcsan@aol.com

Here are some of the reasons why the density bonus isn't needed:

Current categories allow ample density. These are sufficient to meet General Plan goals for added housing and transit-oriented development.

Density on top of density. The city already has an Affordable Housing Density Bonus, which allows up to 35% more units. The new "bonus density" would add to that.

Sky is the limit. The city's program would also allow exceptions to height limits and reduced parking requirements. *Taller buildings with more cars on the street!*

Public facility deficiencies. *Traffic congestion and park crowding would surely get worse.*

BRING USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO THE OCT & NOV UHCA MEETINGS

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Existing system can require what's needed. *Citizens should not have to "make a deal" to get needed design features or public facilities.*

Uptown Neighborhoods

Five neighborhood groups in Uptown have sent resolutions to the city, opposing the density bonus. The Uptown Planners supported those neighborhood groups, noting issues of infrastructure, height limits, and neighborhood character.

Action

If you object to "density on top of density," you can send your comments to the Planning Dept.: MPangilinan@sandiego.gov.

Tom Mullaney is an author and former director of Friends of San Diego Architecture.

president's corner by Bernie Horan

My husband, Dan, has a wonderful saying he invokes on occasion: "Life is change. If you don't like change, you don't like life." San Diego has recently distributed Community Plan Updates that outline changes to the vision the city has for its various neighborhoods, including University Heights (UH). The plan update has zoning changes for University Heights, principally development along the main thoroughfares in our neighborhood, Park Boulevard and El Cajon Boulevard, as well as the current Board of Education property. Several

people are upset about these changes and want to fight for no change at all. I'm not going to say that people who don't like change don't like life, but I will say that arguing for no change at all is unrealistic. And well thought out change can make our vibrant neighborhood even more vibrant.

Of course not all change is good. The University Heights Community Association (UHCA) Board has been reviewing the updated plans. We have concerns. The biggest are the "density

bonuses" which the city is potentially allowing in our area. With density bonuses, the zoning restrictions for density would be relaxed if the new development contributed something that the city feels is valuable for quality of life in our neighborhood, perhaps an art installation as part of the project, a large public fountain or a small public park. I think it would be great to have more public art in our neighborhood. But no one who wants additional apartments or condos that don't have sufficient parking, which would result in even more cars

looking for parking spaces on our already overtaxed public street.

Our October UHCA meeting is devoted to discussing the Community Plan updates. If you want to be aware of the changes and able to write your city reps about these changes before they become set in stone, now is the time. By November, it will be too late. Come to the October meeting and get informed. As they used to say at weddings, if you have objections, speak now or forever hold your peace.

uhca news

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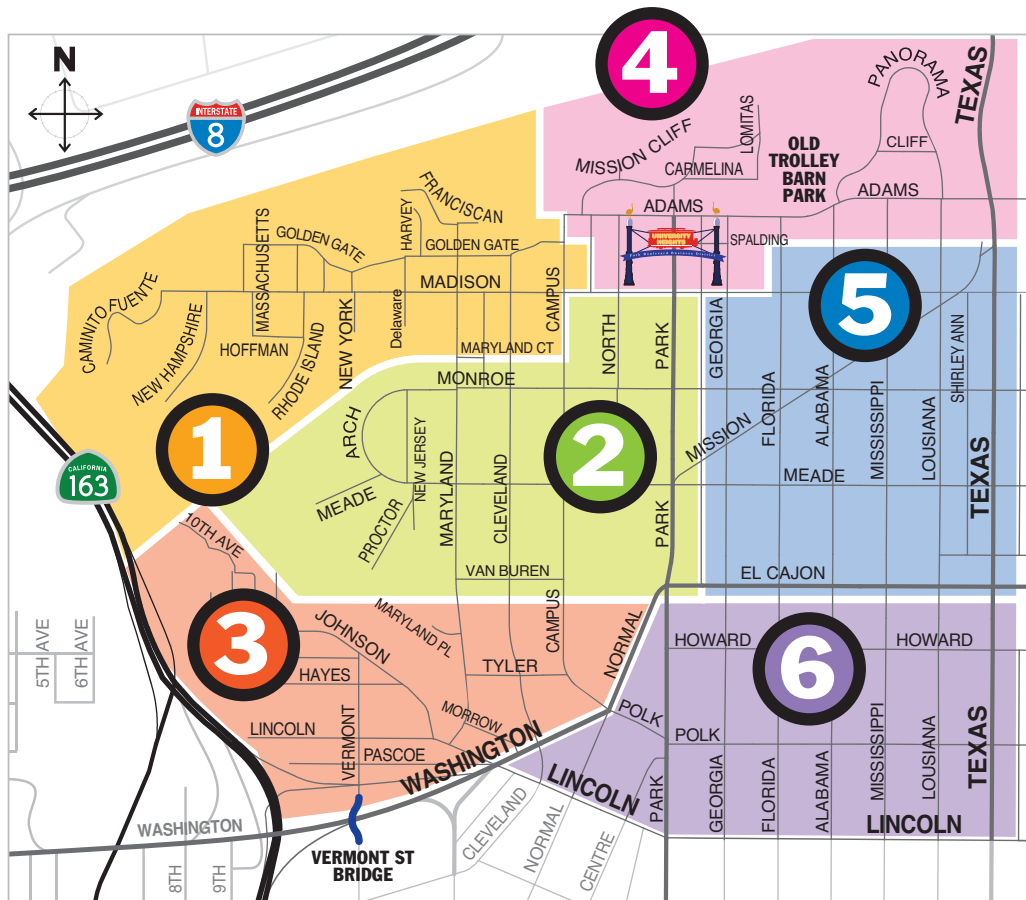
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University Heights Map: Boundaries and Zone Watch



The bold street names on this map define the boundaries of the community of University Heights. Every block and apartment/condo should have an established Neighborhood Watch.

A zone is a neighborhood within University Heights as defined by the 6 zones on this map.

The blocks within each zone are linked together via a *Zone Watch Coordinator*, who manages an email list of participants wishing to receive crime watch information. For questions or for more info contact either your zone's coordinator or Christopher Hutchinson.

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- Membership** · Help exceed goals for 2015 membership and meeting attendance.
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- 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 various events and general meetings.



University Heights Community Association

CITY PROPOSES INCREASED DENSITY FOR UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

By Kristin Harms

In the latest versions of the Community Plan Updates for Uptown and North Park, the City of San Diego has proposed increased density as well as density bonuses for a few key parcels along Park Blvd. in University Heights (UH), which could significantly impact parking and traffic in our community.

UH straddles both the North Park and Uptown planning areas, and the Community Plans for both areas are being updated for the first time since 1988. These updates will set the course for a number of important areas in UH over the next 25 years.

If you are concerned about increased traffic and parking problems in University Heights, the community at large has until October 5, 2015, to submit comments to the city on the Community Plan Updates for North Park and Uptown. For more information and to take action, please visit <https://uh2050.wordpress.com>.

Areas of Proposed Density Increases

Even though the parcels below are currently occupied, if they are sold at some point in the future, the following land use designations proposed by the city would take effect. Please note that “du/ac” means “dwelling units per acre.”

Site 1: New Vision Fellowship Church, 4353 Park Blvd.

Current Land Use: Church, two buildings, parking lot.



City-Proposed Land Use: Community Commercial (0-73 du/ac) as well as a density bonus that would allow for up to an additional 36 du/ac (74-109 du/ac).



Example: The Egyptian (108 du/ac)

Site 2: Both Sides of Park Blvd. from Adams Ave. to Meade Ave.

Current Land Use: Neighborhood Commercial (0-29 du/ac).

City-Proposed Land Use: Neighborhood Commercial (0-29 du/ac) as well as a density bonus that would allow for up to an additional 15 du/ac (30-44 du/ac).



Conceptual Development

Site 3: Commercial Building on SDUSD Site, 4304 Park Blvd.

Current Land Use: Office Commercial (0-29 du/ac).

City-Proposed Land Use: Community Commercial (0-44 du/ac), as well as a density bonus that will allow up to an additional 29 du/ac (45-73 du/ac).



Conceptual Development 73 du/ac (5 stories)



UHCA Beautification & Planning Committee Report

By MaryBeth Chruden

Feel the satisfaction of giving to your community. Meet new and wonderful people. We have opportunities to match your time, skills, and energy. Join the Beautification & Planning Committee, or simply volunteer for a time-limited task without coming to meetings. Make a big impact by taking on a leadership role.



For example, we need people to spearhead as well as assist in putting improvements in on Washington St. If you have limited time, volunteer once a week, once a month or once a year. UH needs your help turning in service request forms to the City of San Diego and Caltrans, picking up trash on the Washington St. medians, at the freeway entrance to Highway 163 or the Vermont St. Bridge, attending our semi-annual clean ups and cleaning and decorating the bridge for the holidays. Email me at mb552@aol.com and we can talk about what works best for you!

Tired of the way 163 is maintained?

The link below is to turn in a maintenance request form on any Caltrans road like the Highway 163 entrance. It is pretty quick and easy but important to give a very specific description of the location of the problem. The more people who turn in a request about the trash that spills down onto the entrance from the homeless camps or into the canyon under the Vermont St. Bridge, or the tree trunks that have not been cleaned up, the more likely Caltrans is to act on it sooner rather than postpone the needed maintenance.

Thanks for your support in this effort! www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/msrsubmit/

FALL Clean UH Up!

Fall clean ups are usually the first or second Saturday in November. Watch for the announcement in the November UHCA News and help Clean UH Up!

Fair Housing: Reasonable Accommodations & Modifications

By Branden Butler

Persons with disabilities face discrimination at the highest levels in rental housing. The most common type of housing discrimination faced by persons with disabilities is a housing provider denying a reasonable accommodation or modification that is necessary for the tenant's disability.

absent a finding of undue financial or administrative burden or a direct threat to the housing provider or property. A request for a reasonable accommodation may be made at any time during the tenancy.

Under the 1988 amended “Federal Fair Housing Act” (and related state laws), a reasonable accommodation is a change in a rule, policy, practice or service that may be necessary to allow a person with a disability the equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. An example of accommodation would be allowing someone to transfer to a quieter unit because noise aggravates his or her mental health disability.

A reasonable modification is a structural change made to existing premises, occupied or to be occupied by a person with a disability in order to afford such person full enjoyment of the premises. Reasonable modifications can include structural changes to interiors and exteriors of dwellings and to common and public use areas. A request for a reasonable modification may be made at any time during the tenancy. An example of a modification is a tenant with a mobility disability who needs grab bars installed in the bathroom. If the tenant makes a request for a modification, it is at the tenant's expense in a non-subsidized building.

A more common example is a waiver of “no pet” policy to accommodate psychiatric service dogs or assistive animals for a tenant with disability. While a housing provider may have a rule banning dogs, if the disabled tenant requests an accommodation and provides verification of the disability and the assistive animal dog is necessary for the disability, the accommodation must be granted

Branden Butler, Esq., is a senior attorney at Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc. To understand your rights, check out at the HUD or Department of Justice's websites or call Branden at (619) 471-2623.

Happening in the Heights



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- Contact John Ciccolella for details



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— Thurs, Oct 1: 7 pm
— Fri, Oct 2 & Sat, Oct 3: 8 pm
— Sun, Oct 4: 2 pm
- **BRIGHT HALF LIGHT:** Vicky & Erica's relationship is revealed through snapshot scenes ricocheting back and forth over a 40-year period.
— Thurs, Oct 29: 7 pm
— Fri, Oct 30 & Sat, Oct 31: 8 pm

OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 	28 			1 UH REC COUNCIL Birney School Lib. 5:30 pm UHCA MEETING Birney Auditorium 6:45 pm Curbside Recycling & Yard Waste Collection	2	3 The Point Cleanup 1:30-3:30 pm Laughter Workshop Trolley Barn Park 10:30 am-12:30 pm
4 Hillcrest Farmers Market Lincoln & Cleveland 9 am-2 pm	5	6 Uptown Planners Mtg Joyce Beers Center Uptown Center 6:30 pm	7 UHDC Meeting Birney School Lib. 5:30 pm Toni Atkins "Public Office Hours" UH Library 6 pm	8 uhca news Deadline for Nov Issue Articles & Advertising	9	10 Laughter Social Trolley Barn Park 10:30 am-12:30 pm
11 Hillcrest Farmers Market Lincoln & Cleveland 9 am-2 pm	12 COLUMBUS DAY	13 HILLCREST TOWN COUNCIL Joyce Beers Center Uptown Complex 6:30 pm	14	15 Curbside Recycling & Yard Waste Collection	16 PREVIEW BOOK SALE (Members Only) Friends of the Library UH Library 3-6 pm	17 Laughter Yoga Trolley Barn Park 10:30-12:30 Friends of the Library BOOK SALE 8 am - 4 pm, UH Library Buchanan Canyon Cleanup 9 am, Johnson between Lincoln & Hayes
18 Hillcrest Farmers Market Lincoln & Cleveland 9 am-2 pm	19	20 North Park Planning Committee North Park Christian Fellowship 2901 North Park Way 6:30 pm Friends of UH Library Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Library Task Force UH Library 6:30 pm	22	23 	24 Laughter Social Trolley Barn Park 10:30 am-12:30 pm
25 Hillcrest Farmers Market Lincoln & Cleveland 9 am-2 pm	26	27 uhca news Comes out 	28 UH BOOK CLUB & SALON UH Library 6:30 pm	29 Curbside Recycling & Yard Waste Collection	30 	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN Laughter Social Trolley Barn Park 10:30-12:30 pm

Keep Norbert Contest Photos Coming!

By Andy Cameron

Halloween is creeping closer and all those brown and yellow lawns gives the feeling that fall came a little early this year. Trick or Treat on Maryland Street is shaping up to be one of the biggest ever, thanks to the creative and hard-working neighbors up and down Maryland St. As always, if you'd like to get involved or need help lighting dark areas of your neighborhood, contact us at trickrtreat@cox.net or go to our Facebook page: Trick-Or-Treat on Maryland St.

Norbert is happier than a goulie in a graveyard seeing all those photos people have been sending in, but he still hasn't picked a favorite yet - you know how fickle dragons can be!

There's still plenty of time to submit your best photo as an attachment to trickrtreat@cox.net or mail to Norbert the Dragon, 4378 Maryland Street, San Diego, CA 92103. All entries must be received by October 10, 2015, and must include your name,



address, phone number, and a brief description of the photo, including the date the photo was taken.

Send in your favorite photos of Norbert the Dragon and he will pick the winners. People posing with Norbert or Norbert on his own, Halloween or otherwise, makes no difference as long as Norbert the Dragon is there. Winners will be announced in the November UHCA News, online at Norbert's blog page, Facebook pages and Nextdoor.com. Norbert will personally — or dragonally — hand out the prizes on Halloween evening.



EATING OUT IN UH (619)

Adams Avenue Grill	2201 Adams Ave.	298-8440
Bahia Mexican & Seafood	1985 El Cajon Blvd.	542-0540
Bahn Thai	4646 Park Blvd.	299-6363
bfd (big front door)	4135 Park Blvd.	255-4100
Circa	2121 Adams Ave.	269-9152
Cueva Bar	2123 Adams Ave.	269-6612
DeMi Café Café	1735 Adams Ave.	788-4216
El Zarape	4642 Park Blvd.	692-1652
Flavors of East Africa	2322 El Cajon Blvd.	955-8778
Great Maple	1451 Washington St.	255-2282
Hope at Lafayette	2223 El Cajon Blvd.	780-0358
Lancer's Bar	4671 Park Blvd.	298-5382
Lestat's on Park	4496 Park Blvd.	282-0437
Loving Hut	1905 El Cajon Blvd.	683-9490
Mama's Bakery & Lebanese Deli	4237 Alabama St.	688-0717
Muzita Abyssinian Bistro	4651 Park Blvd.	546-7900
Mystic Mocha	2105 Mission Ave.	688-0858
Park Boulevard Deli	4504 Park Blvd.	295-1362
Park & Rec	4612 Park Blvd.	795-9700
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
Red Fox Steak House	2223 El Cajon Blvd.	297-1313
Red House Pizza	4615 Park Blvd.	546-7430
Small Bar	4628 Park Blvd.	795-7998
Soltan Banoo	4645 Park Blvd.	298-2801
Summer's Market	4602 Park Blvd.	296-0504
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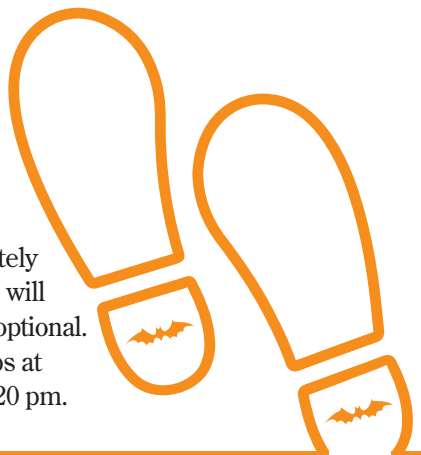
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Fourth Annual Halloween Walk

By Sharon Nelson

Join me for the 4th annual Halloween walk from Trolley Barn Park at 6:30 pm to view fire-breathing dragons, Frankenstein, Wizard of Oz & numerous gravestones and other tomfoolery to see the locally famous Norbert the Dragon.

We will walk as a group - as parking is at a real premium this wicked night — to see approximately 20+ decorated homes along Maryland St. There will be numerous trick or treaters out; costumes are optional. Flashlights are suggested. Plus the #11 bus stops at Adams at Florida St. in either direction about 6:20 pm.



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INTERESTED IN A Community Garden? IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

By Jill Roughan

We have long wanted to start a community garden and now have motivated residents to organize this project. We have started a Facebook page, "University Heights Community Garden Project," that will list project updates, meeting times, and general gardening tips.



members of the community and to start with a small project to learn from and create an effective model for future gardens.

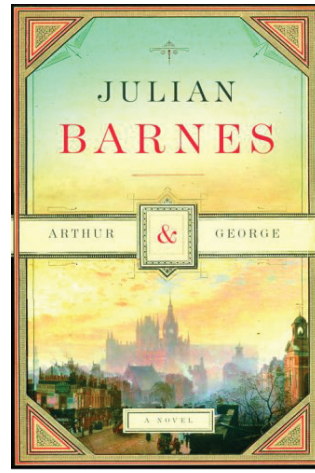
Just recently, we were graciously offered a small plot by local resident, Sanam Govari, owner of the Soltan Banoo restaurant on Park Blvd, to be a community garden on her land in exchange for tomatoes. How great is that!

Ideally, we'd like to obtain a larger plot to accommodate more community members. If you know of one, please let us know. If you're interested in helping out, please check out our Facebook page for regular meeting times or contact me at jer775@hotmail.com.

We also have a local resident with experience in community gardening and farming that has offered to volunteer her time to help use this small space efficiently. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to work with

Our next University Heights Garden Project meeting is November 7 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at the above email address for details.

October Book Club & Salon: *Arthur & George* by Julian Barnes



The *Arthur & George* Masterpiece Mystery! television series that debuted last month, is based on Julian Barnes' 2005 novel of the same name. It centers on a true case in England that did, in fact, involve the two parties of the title — George Edalji, a young Anglo-Indian solicitor accused of cruelty against farm animals, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who brought his fame, resources, deductive reasoning and tenacity to correcting a gross injustice. Their stories are told in alternating chapters, giving the reader a clear background on each character.

George was the English-born son of a Parsee and his Scottish wife. He always considered himself an Englishman, while Conan Doyle was of Irish ancestry, born in Scotland, raised Catholic and educated by Dutch Jesuits. Their very different lives intersected when Conan Doyle drew outraged attention to the wrongful conviction of George for the series of horse and livestock mutilations known as the "Great Wyrley Outrages" of 1903. Edalji's case and Conan Doyle's championing of his cause helped lead to the creation of England's Court of Criminal Appeal in 1907.

Julian Barnes is a contemporary English writer of postmodern literature. He has been shortlisted three times for the Man Booker Prize: *Flaubert's Parrot* (1984), *England, England* (1998), and finally won the prize for *The Sense of an Ending* (2011). He has written crime fiction under the pseudonym Dan Kavanagh.

The Book Club meets on **Wednesday, October 28, at 6:30 pm**. The book is now available at the UH Library's front desk. New members are always welcome!

UH Book Club & Salon
UH Branch Library
4193 Park Blvd (at Howard Avenue)
(619) 692-4912

UH's Newest Little Free Library Opens

By Jannelle Morshead



and better our already phenomenal neighborhood.

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, give a book" free book exchange. It has a unique, personal touch, and there is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community.

With the help of my father and friends, we opened another University Heights' "Little Free Library" last month just like the one on Maryland.

I built the library with the help of my dad, David Morshead, while visiting him in Oregon this past summer. It took us a few days to design and build this fun project together.

I was inspired to build a Little Free Library because I had seen many of them throughout neighboring communities such as Kensington and Mission Hills.

The concept of the Little Free Library involves promoting literacy and the love of reading. My hope in building this free book exchange is to continue developing a sense of community in UH as we share skills, creativity, and wisdom across generations.

The newest Little Free Library is located at 4581 Louisiana St. in UH.

I wanted to be one of the first residents in UH to open a Little Free Library

The first Free Library is located at 4445 Maryland Street.

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Between the Covers: What's Happening at the University Heights Library

By Kim Schmidt, Librarian

The August Book Sale: a Rousing Success

Congratulations to the University Heights (UH) chapter of the Friends of the Library for a very successful book sale on August 15. The final numbers are not in yet, but rumor has it, that the sale netted more than \$2,500! My staff and I so appreciate all the hard work that our Friends chapter members did to prepare for and run the sale. The proceeds go to support the library collection, programs, and equipment through the City of San Diego's matching fund program. The library relies heavily on the donations received by the UH Friends chapter. Thanks again, Friends for your support.

October Library Programs

We have had a good deal of interest in our upcoming visit from the Senior Mobile Technology Lab. Sponsored by the Consumer Center for Health Education and Advocacy, a project of the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, this free program offers instruction to those over 60 years old who are interested in learning to surf the Internet, send and receive e-mail, learn to use Facebook, YouTube or Skype, and more. The instructors will provide a limited number of laptops. Persons attending are encouraged to bring their electronic devices (laptops, tablets, smartphones, etc.) with them to use during the seminar. If you are a senior, please join us on Tuesday, October 6, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the library.

On tap for our young patrons is an evening of Spooky Science with Krypton Yvonne. Her program is always fun and educational and full of surprises. Spooky Science will be on Wednesday, October 28 at 6 pm.

Meet Toni Atkins, California State Assembly Speaker and Her Staff

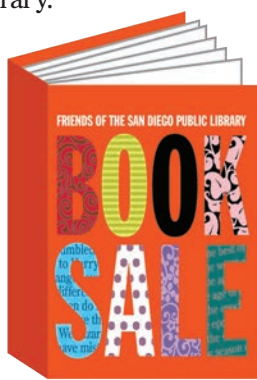
The UH Library is honored to be chosen as one of the local venues for Public Office Hours for Speaker Toni Atkins and her staff. Please feel free to drop in, say hello, ask questions, and discuss your concerns. The "Office" is open to the public at 5 pm on the first Wednesday of every month. The next session will be on October 7.

Become a Friend of the University Heights Library

If you enjoy the services and programs provided by the UH Branch Library, you need to know that our programming depends on the generosity of donations from the community. One of the best ways you can help support the library is to join the Friends of the UH Library. For a minimum donation of \$10 (\$5 for students and seniors), you can sign up for an annual Friends membership. Just stop into the branch and ask a staff member for a membership envelope. Help our library to be fabulous, make new friends, join Friends of the UH Library.

Friends of the Library Book Sale – Saturday, October 17 (8 am – 3 pm) and Sunday, October 18 (noon – 4 pm)

Find great bargains on books, DVDs, CDs and vintage vinyl at the Friends of the San Diego Public Library Book Sale. All proceeds for the book sale go to support the Friends of the San Diego Public Library. Please join us.



Regular Monthly Programs for Kids

Also on tap are the library's regular weekly/monthly programs for children, including:

- Arts and Crafts for Children with Ms. Kira - every Saturday at 10:30 am
- Story Time for Children of All Ages - second and fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 am
- Story Time for Babies, Toddlers, and Younger Children every Friday at 10:30 am.

All programs are free to the public. Please drop in!

Library Hours:

Sunday closed
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Birney Buzz

By Kim Schultz

School is back in full swing at Birney, and our October is as packed as any in recent memory.

October 2: Star Party at Birney.

The San Diego Astronomy Association will set up their telescopes on Birney's campus for stargazing. This is a fun event for students and concessions will be available from the Birney PTA.

October 8: Friends of Alice Birney Elementary (FOABE) meeting.

October 12-30: Birney PTA Fall Fundraiser.

Refer to birneypta.com for the link to make purchases; a portion of all proceeds will benefit the Birney PTA.

October 15: PTA meeting.

October 30: Birney's annual Costume Parade and Pumpkin Walk.

November 6: Jump Rope for Heart

to benefit the American Heart Association; the entire school will jump rope on the Birney blacktop.

Finally, mark your calendars! The FOABE is excited to partner with the University Heights Community Association to host the **3rd Annual University Heights Urban Harvest Festival and Pumpkin Trebuchet Toss on Saturday, November 7, 12 pm to 4 pm.** More than a 1,000 people are expected to attend this free family event, offering live entertainment, arts and crafts, games, food, and finally, the longest pumpkin tosses in UH. If you missed our trebuchet in action last year, you won't want to miss out this year. Bring your old jack-o-lanterns to be smashed into compost for Birney's garden. Organic gardening was never so much fun!

High profile sponsorships are now available to support Birney's award-winning International Baccalaureate (IB) program through garden education, art, and Spanish programs. Please contact Aryn Famiglietti at (760) 822-2572 or aryn@globalmortgagesd.com for more information.

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PET OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER PET OF THE MONTH: DARWIN

The love and companionship animals bring to our lives is unbelievable. Losing Bella after the holidays to lymphoma, we were devastated. Seven months after healing from Bella's loss and after doing some traveling, we knew it was a perfect time to give another pet a chance.

Thanks to the careful time Baja Dog Rescue took to be sure we were the right match for Darwin and after an intensive background check, it became a reality.

Darwin is a perfect match for our household as we had to get Mo and Champ's approval, our cats. And for goodness sake, cat owners – we know it is all about them... Darwin, who is four months old, has met lots of the neighbors and their companions. If we could translate what he is saying when he barks, I am sure he is saying "Gracias" as he is a wonderful Pup from down South of the Border.

ROONNEWS

from Roosevelt Middle School

By Richard Harris

The Roosevelt Middle School community is pleased to welcome Dr. Christina Casillas as the school's new principal. With her experience, we are confident she will lead us in making a good school even better.

Dr. Casillas introduces herself below:

"It is my honor to serve the Roosevelt International Middle School Community. As a child I had dreams of becoming a scientist and at SDSU pursued a Biology degree with an emphasis in Cellular Molecular Biology. During my studies, I became a classroom assistant at Lewis Middle School and discovered my passion of working with students. After earning my degree, I earned teaching credentials and an M.A. in Special Education. My teaching roles include: classroom teacher, diagnostic resource teacher and site support teacher, providing district-level assistance to schools K-12. I received my Administrative Credential from Chapman University and in 2010 and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership at SDSU. As an administrator, I served as a Special Education Administrator, Vice Principal, and, most recently, as a Principal at San Diego High School.

As a school leader, I believe that it is our collective responsibility to improve student achievement and outcome. I welcome and value parents and guardians to become actively engage in their student's education. There are many opportunities to get involved. It is my goal to work with our community to create a quality neighborhood school for our students. I am available to support every Roosevelt student, staff, and family. I'm looking forward to working with our school community to provide the highest quality education for all our students at Roosevelt International. Please feel free to contact me at ccasillas2@sandi.net.

Together with my husband, an active duty Marine, we enjoy spending time with our three children in sunny San Diego."

In Case You Missed It

By Monica Lanctot

Perhaps because of the timely topic of water conservation, September's UHCA meeting was well attended. Thanks for the updates from the representatives from Stonewall Citizen's Patrol, San Diego Public Library's UH branch, the new Community Garden initiative, and our elected officials.

Our speakers were Candace Vanderhoff from Rain Thanks & Greywater, a company founded to help those in the area learn and participate in water recycling and capture programs and methods. The audience learned that because of the on-going drought, certain wildlife populations are being decimated, including beavers, prairie dogs, and many native fish species. Much of this damage is caused by the draining of our aquifers for agricultural needs when imported water is not enough to sustain crops.

Greywater is a key method for us to create a self-sustaining irrigation environment in our homes, much like solar allows us to create our own energy. Greywater consists of water from showers, bathtub, sinks (not located in kitchen), and washing machines. An emergency code was passed in California allowing homeowners to install their own simplified greywater systems to capture water from washing machines, but anything more

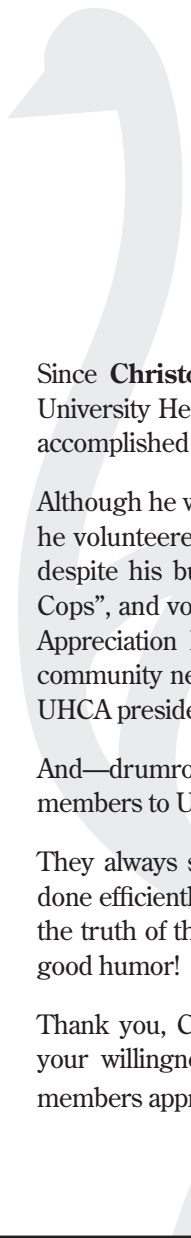
complicated requires the assistance of a professional and permits.

Candace provided a brief overview of the mechanics and workings of a typical greywater system, and also shared many interesting facts that shed light on the importance of recycling our water, including:

- 20% of energy in California is used to treat imported water for human consumption
- Hydrated plants are a good fire-break
- Emergency code was adopted in February 2010
- A 1,000 square foot surface (e.g., roof of home) x 1 inch of rain = 600 gallons of collected water

JoEllen (Joey) Jacoby, the City of San Diego's landscape design architect, also spoke about the current restrictions in place for our Level Two drought and the current programs in which residents can participate to acquire rebates for water conservation efforts or have their homes checked for any signs of leakage. She also discussed a variety of classes being offered to help residents learn about sustainable gardening and other water conservation methods. One key point Joey emphasized was the need to continue to water established trees over other greenery, as these trees are very hard to replace and are critical in helping maintain San Diego's air quality and providing habitat for our native wildlife.

Thanks to both of our fabulous speakers. For more information, please visit: www.rainthanks.com and www.watersmartsd.org.



Plume

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Thank You Christopher!

Since **Christopher Hutchinson** was elected Vice President of the University Heights Community Association (UHCA) a year ago, he has accomplished wonders for our community.

Although he was already a blockwalker and Zone Watch 4 Coordinator, he volunteered to be the Coordinator for all the Zone Watches in UH despite his busy schedule. He also organized the "Cookies with the Cops", and volunteered & coordinated the successful UHCA Volunteer Appreciation Party at Park and Rec in August. He also delivers the community newspaper to 100 of his neighbors, and has filled in for the UHCA president at various community functions and Board meetings.

And—drumroll here!—Christopher has brought in so many new members to UHCA that we can't begin the tally.

They always say, if you want a reliable volunteer who will get the job done efficiently, ask someone who is busy. Christopher certainly proves the truth of that aphorism, and he does it with unsurpassing grace and good humor!

Thank you, Christopher, for your enthusiasm, your commitment, and your willingness to "take it on." The UHCA Board and community members appreciate what you do for University Heights.

Letter to the Editor

A Plea about Speed: Please Slow Down

Unfortunately I feel compelled to use my free time to write this letter rather than being outside enjoying the day and all it has to offer. I've lived in University Heights over 40 years, have been retired seven years, and go out walking every day that it's possible.

Cars whiz by me at speeds that nearly make my blood boil. On top of that, about half are texting with their eyes not on the road and the other half are talking on their phones. I see people not even attempt to stop at the stop signs.

I talk to a lot of neighbors and when the stop was installed on Madison (cross street Mississippi), they bragged about not obeying it because they said it didn't belong there. They would just continue on as if it didn't exist.

When you see signs in the neighborhood that say speed limit 25 — that means maximum speed, not minimum as many assume!

When one leaves the stop on Maryland and Meade and heads south, you need to brake along the way or you're speeding. Do you care? If you do, you need to set an example. I've had others tailgate me because I drive the speed mandated as

safe by the city for our neighborhood's own good. If a dog, cat, or child entered the street, you'd probably run them down due to the inability to stop when you're traveling at excessive speeds.

Also, the right turn from Lincoln onto Washington is not a double right turn lane. One time someone tried to do this to me and I swung out wide preventing her from making that illegal turn. At the next red light, she got out of her car so she could swear at me. I didn't thank her. Another time I gave a guy the right of way to go straight. I was making a right turn so I was behind him. He kept slamming on his brakes trying to make me run into him. When I reached the light, he was next to me and started yelling. I explained I had done nothing but allow him to go ahead of me. He apologized and admitted he was trying to punish me for someone who was driving too fast and inconsiderately the day before. He did all this with a child in the back seat.

If you do speed, please realize the hazards you are causing or could encounter knowing that you're probably saving about 15 seconds. Also I encourage you to talk to visiting friends and family, contractors working on your house, any landscapers, or pool and spa personnel who work for you to please obey the speed limits in our neighborhood.

Otherwise, the only things that will help are speed bumps, which I clearly endorse as I don't believe anyone will slow down due to this or any other appeal.

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from your councilmember



The University Heights Vision

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

Anyone who has spent time in University Heights (UH) knows its unique character. Looking forward, what should UH look and feel like in the next decade? How should it grow? After six years of collaboration between City staff and residents, the draft community plans for Uptown and North Park are finally ready for review.

The draft plan updates include many positive elements that demonstrate goals I know are important to many neighbors. They are geared to ensuring UH is even more livable and walkable, and future development is balanced with the existing character.

The general approach for the updated plans was to place higher intensity development in appropriate areas on busier streets with access to high quality transit. Reflecting the stated desire of neighbors, city staff tried to focus more density and taller buildings on the major commercial corridors including El Cajon Boulevard. Some higher buildings are also proposed to be allowed along Park Boulevard, with a less intense zone closer to Adams Avenue.

Let's face it: older communities like UH often lack many amenities of newer developments. We have added density without enough parks, parking, and other elements that make neighborhoods more livable. The draft community plan updates include incentive zoning to help address this. If a development includes public amenities like park space, plazas, or public parking, they can qualify for density or height bonuses, which would still ensure the resulting project reflects the neighborhood character.

To address community concerns, city staff is relying heavily on something called the Community Plan Implementation Overlay Zone (CPIOZ). The overlay is a tool by which staff and the community can identify additional zoning regulations to apply to specific areas. For example, if UH wanted extended setbacks or restrictions on patios, those regulations could be added in the CPIOZ even if the underlying base zone allows them.

I'm glad that the draft community plan updates have reached this point and believe they reflect much of the input provided by neighbors over the last six years. I encourage your continued input to ensure UH grows in a way that respects its history while addressing future needs.

The draft plans that govern University Heights can be accessed online:

North Park: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/greaternorthpark>

Uptown: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/uptown>

from your speaker



Affordable Housing Update

By Speaker Toni G. Atkins

Everyone deserves a roof over their heads, a safe place to care for their families and to call home. Yet, in many states across the nation, this basic need has become a luxury that many can ill-afford. California's affordable-housing crisis is one of the greatest challenges this state faces.

California faces many housing challenges:

- According to the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), as of February 2015, roughly 36% of mortgaged-homeowners and approximately 48% of all renters are spending more than one-third of their household incomes on housing.
- California continues to have the second lowest homeownership rate in the nation, and the Los Angeles metropolitan area is now a majority renter region. In fact, five of the eight lowest homeownership rates in the nation are in California metropolitan areas.
- California has 12% of the United States population, but 20% of its homeless population—63% of these homeless Californians are unsheltered, which is the highest rate in the nation. California

has 24% of the nation's homeless veterans and one-third of the nation's chronically homeless. The state also has the largest number of unaccompanied homeless children and youth, with 30% of the national total.

That is why this year I have been joined by my Assembly colleagues David Chiu (D-SF) and Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park) to author a package of legislation that aims to make affordable housing more attainable in California.

AB 1335, the Building Homes and Jobs Act, will enable the state to invest in building more housing, making homeownership a reality for many more Californians. Assembly Member Chiu and I are working on AB 35, which would increase housing credits for very-low and extremely low-income households.

AB 1056, the Second Chance Program for Community Re-entry, will help guide the savings realized from the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act of 2014 (Proposition 47) and provide funding for collaborative, community-based proposals to assist formerly incarcerated persons with housing, behavioral healthcare, and other services. This bill is on the Governor's desk for consideration.

A fourth bill, AB 90 by Assemblymember Chau will help California tap into federal low-income-housing dollars by designating a state agency to administer the Federal Housing Trust Fund. This bill passed the Assembly unanimously and has been sent to Governor Brown's desk.

Toni Atkins is the Speaker of the California State Assembly and a member representing the 78th Assembly district, which includes UH.

from your supervisor



New Alert Launched To Help Find Missing Alzheimer's Patients

Free emergency service messages those in the immediate area of individual who has wandered.

By Supervisor Ron Roberts

Under the leadership of my colleague, Supervisor Dianne Jacob, the county last year launched The Alzheimer's Project, an effort to help find a cure and assist those with the disease and their caregivers.

During our discussions, I was struck by the Alzheimer's Association's estimate that 6 in 10 people with dementia will at one point wander away from their homes or other locations. It is imperative that we find these missing individuals as soon as possible, which means getting the word out to the public.

At the county, we have made great strides in public safety with alerts that range from the reverse 9-1-1 telephone system to smartphone apps such as SD Emergency.

We also have in place a registry called Alert San Diego. During a localized or

regional emergency, the Alert San Diego system can send text messages and emails to the more than 375,000 residents who have signed up for the service.

During the Alzheimer's Project discussions, it was clear to me that Alert San Diego provided us with the technology platform to create a new type of notification, which I'm calling the Silver Alert.

Starting this spring, a partnership that includes Sheriff Bill Gore began to develop the new "Critical Mission - At Risk" alert.

We activated the system and announced it publicly this month.

Under it, when an individual with a cognitive impairment or developmental disability is reported missing, we can now directly notify the public via cell phone and email.

One of the great features of this system is our ability to focus our notifications on a specific geographic area.

For example, if a University Heights resident wandered, the alerts would be limited to a zone in and around the community that was determined to be appropriate by law enforcement.

I encourage everyone with an email or cell phone to sign up for this potentially life-saving service. Visit readysandiego.org/alertsandiego on the Internet for more information.

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.



Save the Date: 10th Annual UH Arts Open/Taste of University Heights

The 10th annual UH Arts Open/Taste of University Heights is set for Sunday, November 8. The event is both a creative and culinary arts celebration. The Taste of UH is a self-guided walking tour of delectable delights showcases mouthwatering cuisines from prominent and diverse restaurants and eateries from 12 noon - 3 pm.

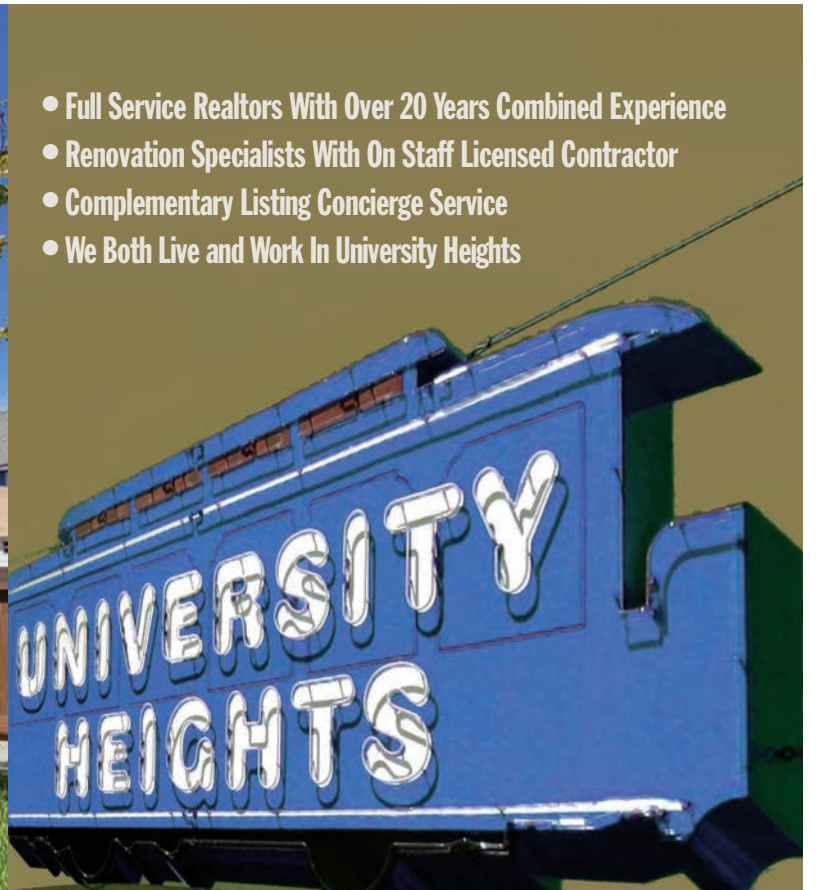
Taste tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 event day. Limited tickets are available so get yours before they sell out! Free shuttle service escort guests along the route.

The UH Arts Open is one-of-a-kind event that celebrates art in all its forms, and doesn't charge you a penny. The Open features works and talks by painters, sculptors, potters,

dancers and musicians. Hours are 11 am - 4 pm

Visitors can visit studios, check out exhibitions, chat with the artistes and watch performances. The participating establishments and troupes are worth spending time on. Diversionary Theatre, Park Blvd Artworks, businesses and restaurants along Park Blvd. host artist displays and artist's personal studios are open throughout the neighborhood.

Get your Taste tickets now! Contact the UH Community Development Corporation (UHCDC) at uhcdc@netzero.net or (619) 297-3166. For information about the UH Arts Open, view www.UHarts.org or call (619) 508-4075.



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